

Copy of Original FESR Visitors Log (2001)

The Visitors Log first came on-line in 2000 when the original Dashmark website was created. In 2001 entries from the original Log were transferred to a new Bravenet Services format. This was subsequently replaced with a new multi functional Visitors Forum in late January 2003. All entries from the Bravenet Log are now archived below. Please note that dates appearing within the messages are listed in US format. Archive headings are in the Australian format of day/month/year.

12/31/01 11:22:52 AM

Name: Ken & Shirley Staff
Comments: Both Shirley & I wish all members of the FESR Association, their partners and families a very Happy & Prosperous 2002. May it bring you all that you wish for.

12/31/01 09:23:29 AM

Name: John Howe
Comments: "Howie" Ex LRO(S),R53109 5/'57 to 7/'63.. Just found the site and have enjoyed reading the background to the establishment of FESRA. I've made application for awards as I did a couple of stints in the old Quickie in the appropriate time frame. Had a browse of the membership roll and after all these years found several guys who I served with. Have run off an application form and as they say, "the cheque's in the mail". Good luck to every one and I trust 2002 will be kind to you and yours.

12/30/01 08:05:32 PM

Name: C.A. Smith
Comments: I'm looking to establish contact with an old mate, DC (Desmond Collin)Smith,R51595?. We both joined January 1956,and both served on Sydney, At Watson and three years on Vendetta. Lost contact when Des went to Hobart on promotion with DCA (Airport Maintenance) I've made inquiries there but no luck. Another old mate of his, Harry Seigrist is also looking for him. Regards CA.

12/30/01 03:59:28 PM

Name: Laurie Irish Shaw
Comments: Tom Hamilton, I well remember the Mollymawk; re your interest in tug boats do you recall HMAS Emu? located at HMAS Melville in Darwin she served for a hell of a long time. Another blast from the past: Two all black sister ships, BARS I and BARS II, known as British Auxillary Rescue Ships, for years both where tied up alongside the power station at Balmain. As I recall they provided power to the Balmain area up until the early fifties, someone of your time in Pussers should remember them, regards, Irish.

12/29/01 11:32:32 AM

Name: Arthur(Butch)Jenkins
Comments: Great site (tho a tad slow in page scrolling) Good to see so many of the old & bold still around. Anyone have a contact for KW(Crash)Kennedy, Bevan Styles ,Cameron Reid all ex AH's

12/24/01 10:05:12 AM

Name: Lee 'Dutch' ANDREWS
Comments: At 2230 hours on Sunday 23rd December, 2001 former LCDR'E' Leonard George 'Polly' POLLARD crossed over the gangway to meet his maker. The crewmembers of the HMAS SYDNEY & VLSVA (Vic Inc) mourn the passing of their President. shiomate. friend and mentor. Our commiserations

to May POLLARD, Polly's partner for life. L. J. 'Dutch'
ANDREWS Editor 'The Grey Funnel Line' Official Newsletter
HMAS SYDNEY & VLSVA (Vic Inc)

12/23/01 10:45:46 PM

Name: Ken & Shirley Staff

Comments: Shirley & I would like to wish all the members of the FESR Association (Aust) and their families, a Merry & a safe Christmas, a Happy and prosperous New Year. We look forward to 2002 and the Adelaide re-union in 2003, ... where we can catch up with a lot of you again.

12/23/01 06:48:33 PM

Name: Ern Sinfield

Comments: For any ex Quiberon crew who have not been in touch, a reunion is being arranged in Launceston Tas. in October 2003. You can contact Derek Tite at dtite@southcom.com or 23 Banks Place Turners Beach Tas 7051. Have a great Christmas

12/23/01 10:55:27 AM

Name: Doug(Buck) Buchanan

Comments: Hi John After reading current F.E.S.R News have to agree with it all it is unfortunate that we didnt get a jersey as you put it we should still get our whole weight behind it .Until we can speak with one voice without RSL views we wont get anywhere .I know from personal experience every time I raised out plight at RSL sub branch no one wanted to know about it or on the other hand whats in for us.Most of the time we were represented by different bodies all with one goal in mind but coming from different tracks.I also realise a lot of people are going to want to hold on to there little associations still can only we will all come under the one umbrella with a big say powerful enough to be heard Keep up the good work .

12/22/01 07:30:23 AM

Name: Les Figg

Comments: All, I hope that each of you and your families have a very happy Holiday Season and a healthy and prosperous New Year. Best Wishes, from Les Santa Clara, CA. USA. PS: We are spending Christmas at our son's house in the Sierras - currently several feet of snow on the ground, and more expected tomorrow.

12/21/01 02:09:02 AM

Name: Jack Thompson

Comments: Tom Eather, Ex CE [WE] Had the pleasure of talking by phone to "Little Tom" other day, Tom making out best he can, has had a couple of minor strokes plus some eye surgery, wife Joan is laid up in nursing home, Tom is located Bribie Island,Qld.

12/19/01 10:00:03 PM

Name: Anonymous Surfer

Comments: Question. ... Does Joe Linaker know the difference between Seagulls RLFC and Twin Towns Services Club????? I think not. A navigator he's not.

12/19/01 07:49:50 PM

Name: Laurie Irish Shaw

Comments: To all ex-matelots old and new from any branch of the service and off all tvpes of shios and depots. plus their familv

and friends, have a bloody good festive season over the coming weeks and hopefully all of us enter the new year in good health.regards, Irish.

12/19/01 03:09:36 PM

Name: Garry (Delo) Daly
Comments: Seasons Greetings to all those pussers who did their bit whilst serving in the FESR.To all those crusty old Stokers, Mechs and ERAs that I met up with at the recent Engineering reunion in Sydney "celebrate the festive season in style" as only we old Dusty types can. Delo Daly

12/17/01 03:05:25 PM

Name: JOHN SANDAVER
Comments: We would like to wish evrone the complements of the season. Check out the new DVA Calanders for 2002 the theme is WW11 in the Pacific they are great and available from your local DVA office Regards John R63501

12/17/01 10:53:03 AM

Name: R. David Appleton
Comments: Happy Christmas and a great New Year to all, especially any of "Queenborough" commissioning crew and her union team. Dave Appleton R47521

12/16/01 08:14:35 PM

Name: Mal Hughes
Comments: Thank you all for your best wishes....you know fellas, one of the nicest aspects of this forum is just this....you know, being able to post a message and then hearing from other blokes (and blokesses ?????? hmmm I am not sure if that is politically correct....never mind I am sure that I am not either). Over the period of the (unfortunately) much shortened Naval Review/Reunion.....I had the greatest pleasure in meeting up with fellas that I joined with in 1958.....I will never forget those few days....and it started as a result of this log.....so please keeep talking, you never know just who will answer.....thank's again.....Mal H

12/16/01 06:41:59 PM

Name: Doug(Buck) Buchanan
Comments: Hi All Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year to you all. Agree with Mal news has been slow coming last few weeks for myself had a wonderful time at Ballina Reunion went over really well and a credit to the Sub Branch for the show they put on shame about March council wanted \$250 to cover Insurance thought it was terrible but on returning home to Newcastle find it is going to be a problem all over because of litigation over third party injuries we will just have to wait and see .Anyone passing thru Ballina dont miss the Naval Museum really great and new addition is a 7foot 3inch model of the Australia well worth the stop good luck to all

12/15/01 04:44:34 PM

Name: Denis Sefton
Comments: Merry Xmas and a healthy New Year to all you Ancient Mariners out there, beware of the Albatross. Cheers and beers Bodge

12/15/01 11:52:17 AM

Name: Ernie Dait
Comments: Wish all a very merry Xmas and happy new year 2001 and manv of them...from me and mv better half. And to anv out

there that I may have sailed with cheers and beers, calm seas and safe ports...Ern D Jan 1955 to Dec 1961

12/15/01 11:01:43 AM

Name: Jack Thompson

Comments: Just like to wish all a Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year. Jack Thompson. Ex Greenie 52 thru 68.

12/15/01 05:14:49 AM

Name: Bob Witt

Comments: Mal, like Tom I wish you well for your op. I must admit my nurses were pleasing to the eye, they must reserve the boys for the Gunnery types[only joking Tom]. Let us all join with you Mal grab a little brown bottle and have a coldie with all our Mates both past and present, to everyone from East to West CHEERS! Have a very Merry Xmas and New Year.

12/14/01 09:05:31 PM

Name: Tom Hamilton

Comments: Hey Mal, be careful when you get into sickbay. Before I went in last time I was looking forward to be looked after a beautiful nurse and when I woke up I found my Carer was a hairy arsed X Royal Navy Stoker. Guess you can't win 'em all. While I am here. Margaret and I wish all of you everything you wish for yourselves and families. take care Tom and Margaret

12/14/01 08:41:21 PM

Name: Mal Hughes

Comments: Hello to all Good grief !!!!! Has the cat got your tongues....here we are, just about Christmas time and the gossip has all but dried up...oh well never mind...over here in the sunny West it is beer o'clock and I have a nice cold little brown bottle next to me, it is warm outside...about 26 deg and looking good....on Thur 20 Dec I go into the repat for a hernia op.....that's what I say to my wife...secretly it is liposuction....joking!!! (about the lipo that is). They don't keep you in long now, I am out again on Saturday....I suppose that I will then be waited on hand and foot....advice please on how to cope....well fella's that's about enough from me, I hope you all have wonderful Christmas and an even more marvelous New Year.....Mal H

12/14/01 12:52:45 PM

Name: Jim Bullen

Comments: Hi, Ernie Sinfield (ex Quiberon), good to see you're keeping in touch with your old Navy mates. They were great days (although tough) 40 years ago, weren't they. All the best for '02, Ernie.

12/14/01 02:02:20 AM

Name: Shael Grenyer nee McMahon

Comments: My father CYRIL ARTHUR MCMAHON was in the Malayan police in Malacca at this time. An ex Gurka, he served until the mid fifties when he returned to UK. I was born there and wonder if anyone has any information regarding the police's involvement during this time or if anyone might have known him. He died in 1983.

12/13/01 12:30:13 PM

Name: Ern Sinfield

Comments: (no comment)

12/12/01 09:02:39 AM

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- Name: John R Carlyon
Comments: ASSOCIATION SLOPS ITEMS ARE ONLY FOR ASSOCIATION MEMBERS. APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP IS AVAILABLE FROM THIS SITE.
12/12/01 12:36:44 AM
- Name: Gary S. Champe, a.k.a. Bear
Comments: Just dropping in to wish all my Aussi comrades a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Safe New Year. Welcome Home BROTHERS and SISTERS!!! Bear
12/11/01 07:07:04 AM
- Name: Ian McClure
Comments: Looking for guys from the January intake 1964 Waller division. Have found three so far, Garry Parsons, Rob Dix & Mick Erceg. Mick has suggested we organise a get together before we are all gone as we are not getting any younger. Please email me with contact details & we will see what we can do. Would be great to meet you all after all these years. All the best for Xmas & the new year, Regards Ian McClure.
12/09/01 02:25:47 PM
- Name: Neville. w. (dixie) Lee
Comments: Hi all FESR members, Wrote to Navy Records in early November regarding update of records. On Friday rcvd a "CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE", nicely printed and fit for framing, giving all details of service plus medals and clasps issued, it is well worth having. MERRY XMAS TO ALL. REGARDS.
12/05/01 03:37:07 PM
- Name: Bob Witt
Comments: Irish, Thanks to you and all those who wished me well in my latest stint in hospital it was much appreciated. I would like to take this opportunity to wish all FESR members and those who serf our pages A Very Merry Xmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year and may all your entitlements come early in the new year. Regards Bob and Family
12/05/01 08:06:58 AM
- Name: Garry Slattery
Comments: Best wishes to all for xmas and new year, especially to those who have made this association what it is we all owe a debt of gratitude to you all and to those who have passed on. be positive, dont bitch, and accept things as they are rgds --. --
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12/04/01 03:18:54 PM
- Name: Bill Paxman
Comments: Would like to hear from Herbie Weller, ex union player, paid off late sixties, worked for Glendenning and Stacey, does anyone know where I might contact him
12/01/01 01:13:25 PM
- Name: John Cheal
Comments: Thank you all for helping me find my old shipmate, "Possum" Millard. The message was posted by Ken Staff on November 16, 2001 and within 5 days I had made contact with "Possum" after many years. Once again thank you all.
11/30/01 01:55:12 PM
- Name: Laurie Irish Shaw

Comments: Members, the following obituary notice was in the Sydney Daily Telegraph this morning. "A Naval funeral will be accorded LSET Paul Andrew Ottaway S147176 at the HMAS Watson Naval Chapel, Watson's Bay on Monday morning December the 3rd 2001 to commence at 10 o'clock, a private cremation will follow."

11/29/01 08:24:50 PM

Name: John

Comments: Hi All does anybody out there in cyberspace know anything about the new Minister for Veterans Affairs? I for one have never hear of her Cheers John FESR 1965 R63501

11/29/01 07:19:16 PM

Name: John Rielly

Comments: Irish Laurie Shaw Laurie I suggest you wait, instead Of bitching about the medals all good things come to those who wait. Those people who received their medals were awarded them in line from when they applied. I received the Naval General Service plus the AAsm plus the Asm however I applied for them 15 months ago. Regards john Rielly.

11/28/01 01:43:24 PM

Name: Dave Twiss

Comments: (no comment)

11/23/01 01:50:05 PM

Name: Laurie Irish Shaw

Comments: Congratulations Ian on receiving your just dues, wear them with pride old son, meanwhile let all us members of the FESR Association spare a thought for the wellbeing of Bob Witt and family while he recovers in hospital, regards, Irish.

11/23/01 07:54:52 AM

Name: Ian McClure

Comments: Good morning all, just recieved my AASM 45/75 W/Clasp "MALAYSIA" & RAS Badge in the mail this morning. Looks like they are getting into it now & getting them out. Hope you all have a good Xmas. regards Ian

11/20/01 06:33:32 PM

Name: Slops Orders

Comments: Just a quick note to inform members that current orders will experience a slight delay in posting as FESR Property Officer Bob Witt is still in hospital after undergoing major surgery. Items will be forwarded at the earliest convenience. Here's to a speedy recovery Bob!

11/19/01 03:19:20 PM

Name: Laurie Irish Shaw

Comments: Sixty years ago today on November 19, 1941, the Australian light cruiser HMAS Sydney, commanded by Captain Joseph Burnett, eight days out of her home port of Fremantle escorting the transport Zealandia conveying about 1,000 troops to Singapore, was lost in action with the disguised German raider Kormoran. In what was to become Australia's greatest maritime tragedy, all 645 men on the Sydney perished when Captain Theodor Detmers of the Kormoran, a converted freighter, disguised as the Dutch Straat Malakka opened fire with her concealed armament, some say she fired at least one torpedo at what must have been extremely close range. Mortally wounded, both vessels eventually sank but not before Captain Detmers managed to aet 318 of his

men away in the Kormoran's boats, Sydney, not so fortunate was variously reported as having been seen adrift and on fire some distance away. To this day controversy reigns as to the position of both vessel's final resting place, hopefully the mystery will be solved since the Australian Navy became directly involved in the search some time earlier this month, regards, Irish.

11/16/01 04:33:15 PM

Name: Ken Staff

Comments: Had lunch with an old "Birdie" mate today, John Cheal who has been looking for another old "Birdie" ... Col "Possum" Millard, if there is anyone out there knowing "Possum's" whereabouts please contact me at..... birdiehandler@hotmail.com. Thank you for your help in this matter.

11/16/01 08:29:56 AM

Name: Bill Jennings

Comments: Sorry that you had to be the bearer of bad news Joe, but thanks for letting us know. I agree with all of your comments, and although I have not seen him for a long time I am sure he will be missed by all of us Bill Jennings

11/15/01 08:17:07 PM

Name: Joe Linaker

Comments: An old Diving mate Zeke Wulf advised me today that one of the old and bold of the Clearance Diving Branch Brian "Badger" Dall passed away last Thursday and was interred today at Apsley. Not only was Badger a Member of FESR fighting for his entitlements, he was a great tutor for us compressed air divers in Ship's Diving teams many long years ago. My memories of our antics whilst members of the Sydney PDP will live forever-God Speed and Good Sailing Badger-Lest We Forget.

11/15/01 07:54:54 PM

Name: Laurie Irish Shaw

Comments: Tom, thanks for your prompt reply, I also served in the Merchant navy on the Waratah tug Brigand in 1976, we stood by the Japanese ship Eden Maru in Twofold Bay. The salvage tug HMAS Sprightly paid off and was sold as a fisheries vessel, later it was misused by Magistrate Murray Farquah and President Ferdinand Marcos in an aborted attempt to smuggle gold bullion out of the Phillipines. HMAS Reserve after service as the Pacific Reserve was renamed Polaris and attempted to tow the old Newcastle, NSW vehicle ferries to Manila, including the ex-Sydney Showboat, Sydney Queen out of Newcastle Harbour where they broke free and sadly fetched up on the beach at South West Rocks in 1972. I was on Sprightly on a number of trips to HMAS Tarangau at Manus Island in 1957, we at first towed then escorted MSL 252 back south [she was later renamed HMAS Paluma] Yes Tom, there's something about tugboats that get you in, glad to be of some help, regards, Irish.

11/15/01 03:53:00 PM

Name: Tom Hamilton

Comments: Reference Tug Boat Service Irish, I did not serve in any of the three mentioned, however, I did serve in D.T.933. She was commissioned in Sydney in 1946 and served in New Guinea between August 1946 to May 1949 when she was taken out of commission at Dreger Harbour. I joined her at Dreger Harbour (then called HMAS "Tarangau") in November 1946 to

get her ready to be Re commissioned in January 1950. "Tarangau" at Dreger was moved to Manus Island in early 1950 and the DT933 played a big part in the move. The depot at Manus was called HMAS "Tarangau" for a while then was commissioned as HMAS "Seeadler". When it was pointed out that this was the name of a German Yacht in the 1914-18 war it was changed back to "Tarangau". Probably the shortest commission of any RAN ship. DT933 steamed around the South West Pacific showing the flag at New Guinea, New Britain, The Solomon Islands and anywhere else that the WW2 Coast Watchers served. We were armed with one .303 and one pistol with a cracked barrel. Her New Guinea service came to an end in October 1951 Approval to call her HMAS 'Mollymawk' (after the black-browed albatross) was given in September 1952. In 1956 she served as a tender at HMAS "Melville" and in late 1957 was handed over to the Army who called her "AT Mollymawk" AT=Army Tug) in 1963 she was sold to Newsprint Mills Ltd. of Hobart, Tasmania. She was renamed "Kallista". Why did I rave on about Her?? In Sydney during the Congress I went to the FESR dinner and met up with Bert Langford who I had not seen since we served in the best ship in the Navy in 49-50. Meeting Bert started a roll of memories that I still treasure. Thanks for bringing up the subject of Tugs Irish. I owe you an Ale. Tom H

11/14/01 07:56:50 PM

Name: Laurie Irish Shaw

Comments: Members! any former tugboat crew out there who serve on either one of the salvage ships, all sisters namely HMAS Sprightly, Tancred or Reserve? All three salvage vessels had very interesting beginnings and subsequent careers, built in Texas during WWII by all female labour they served the RAN well in war and peace and went on to do sterling service in civvie street. I served on Sprightly while in Pussers in 1957 then I paid off in 1961 and picked up the former Navy tug HMAS Reserve. Bought by an Indonesian company, renamed Pacific Reserve and flying the Panamanian flag she effortlessly towed two ex-RAN frigates, the Burdekin and Shoalhaven to Yokohama in 47 days. There's just got to be someone still alive who served on either or all the three, regards, Irish.

11/13/01 07:48:59 PM

Name: Ken Sanders

Comments: Thank you Evil C (?) Clive, I was very happy to process your Membership this afternoon. Ken. (Not the Birdiehandler one) Cheers, Ken (The other one)

11/12/01 08:41:57 PM

Name: Bob Gould

Comments: Trying to locate any of the crew that served on H.M.A.S. Curlew 1964-1965 Borneo /Malaysia.

11/12/01 10:53:40 AM

Name: Bob Witt

Comments: Nice to see the chit chat beginning to re vitalize the site keep it rolling. Good to see Victoria up and away again, I hope you have a good turn up next Anzac day it brings a few salty tears to the old eyes and it's about the only time our chest measurements are bigger than our girth. Will be off the air for a few days catch up with you all later. Regards Bob.

11/12/01 07:55:12 AM

Name: Clive SMITH

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Comments: Les Bailey, it's good to see your message re a banner for FESR for us to march under.' After waiting all these years for recognition and not really being accepted by many of the other groups we can now proudly march in our own right. The banner will also provide a united group without the problem of which ship to march with. Now we have our medals and formal recognition lets stand proud and show them who we are. Regards CA.

11/11/01 10:01:58 PM

Name: Les Bailey

Comments: All Victorian resident Veterans of the FESR are advised that the FESR Association now has a Division in Victoria. The Victorian Division is planning to have a reunion in Melbourne in February 2002 expressions of interest are requested. At this reunion we will be unfurling our banner behind which we will be marching - for the first time - next ANZAC day. Register your expression of interest at our Email address - fesrvictoria@alphalink.com.au or contact the State Vice President - Les Bailey on 03 9244-4155 (W).

11/11/01 06:21:51 PM

Name: Bob (Porky) Aitken

Comments: Thank you all for your marvelous contributions.It's enough to make an old dusty teary eyed.You are doing a great job with a great sight.I check your sight at least a couple of times a week,I see a number of old mates mentioned,I have been able to contact a lot of them thank you once again.I am now living in Victoria(Mexico)in Alfie Cox's territory.If anyone can help me out I would really like to contact Joey JA Brown ex Mech and JR Cerberus 1964 intake. Good luck to you all Regards Porky Bob.

11/10/01 09:58:22 AM

Name: Clive SMITH

Comments: G'day Mal (Hughs), I don't know you but the fact that you were a sailor is good enough for me to say hello to you. Also hello to Bill Paxman from Vendetta,not sure which trip it was Bill but I was on it from 58 to 61 (an RP rate in those days) and it's good to see a name from the past.Regards to all CA. (Smith)

11/09/01 08:57:54 PM

Name: Mal Hughes

Comments: Hello all Another Friday evening (in the West), the end of another week...I am in the process of enjoying my end of the week beers and having my regular look at one of my favourite sites...come on fellows....talk with me/us/you/I...whatever...sure, the couple(or so) beers are having an effect, but hang on, I just like to "have a chat" OK back to you....have a good one, Mal H

11/09/01 10:36:01 AM

Name: Laurie Irish Shaw

Comments: As the RAN warship's Manoora and Adelaide proceed to sail in harm's way spare a thought for the heroic deeds of the original HMAS Sydney. Alone she engaged and drove ashore Captain von Muller's cruiser Emden off the Cocos Islands in the Indian Ocean on the 9th of November, 1914 in what was to become the newly formed RAN's first action. Sydney and a Japanese cruiser were escorting a big transport fleet carrying Australian troops within fifty miles of Cocos Island when the cable station wirelessly for help, Sydney responded and opened fire. the rest is history.

regards, Irish.

11/08/01 02:27:07 PM

Name: Bill Paxman

Comments: Would appreciate it if anyone could let me know the address to send for my NAVAL SERVICE CERTIFICATE

11/07/01 01:46:20 PM

Name: Neil McLean

Comments: How many of you receive a benefit from the DFRB or ComSuper? Are you aware that a Senate Inquiry was completed in April 2001 in relation to (in the main) benefits being indexed to wages growth and not the Consumer Price Index. The final report of the committee was that benefits be indexed to wages growth and despite the recommendation not one polly will commit to supporting the senate report, in fact in the marginal seats they have failed to respond to the SCOA'S requests for info. If you want your superannuation to support you into the future, I suggest you quickly contact your local member. More info at <http://www.scoa.asn.au> Regards Neil

11/04/01 09:47:59 AM

Name: Bob Witt

Comments: Ken, There is an old saying "Sticks and Stones will break my bones but names will never hurt me".As you well know there has been branch rivalry in the navy since time began, which has been good for moral as long as you don't take it seriously.Insnuations should be left off this Forum if someone has a gripe the meetings are the place to air them.To quote our motto "For Freedom We Served" hopefully gives everyone the right to freedom of speech whether they be right or wrong. We know who the workers are and the shirkers can never take that away from us.

11/03/01 07:02:50 PM

Name: Ken Staff

Comments: I am rather curious to know which "Branch" the President was referring to, in the Presidents report dated 10/10/01, when he said, "... the congress was not the place to air their grievances about the result of the Mohr Review to yours truly and from non-members of the Association and you can guess the Branch they came from....."

11/03/01 12:25:38 PM

Name: Ross Jennings

Comments: Good Morning again all - recently my Step father in Law passed away (ex POW Greece and those parts).Among his gear is a box of sets of Senior Service Cards - some complete sets I think e.g. "The Navy" - can anyone tell me if they are of any value to ,say, a collector or somesuch please .Many Thanks Ross J

11/02/01 07:34:43 PM

Name: Laurie Irish Shaw

Comments: Joe, what the hell is a BMW?, regards, Irish

11/02/01 02:19:42 PM

Name: Ron Hobba PO(Ex-Birdie) Radio Mech

Comments: Can anybody please tell me where you are able to buy the rainbow soap, coloured green, white and gold in color, from memory, that some sailors used for their ablutions in the bathrooms on ships and at shore establishment. on their off

paydays. I remember seeing the remnants left in the soap holders after the sailors had finished. Also, that wonderful shaving cream called "pussers' hard" that they used to lather up with prior to shaving, again on off pay days. I haven't seen it around for years and would like to buy a few cakes of each for old times sake!!

11/02/01 09:28:21 AM

Name: Ross Jennings
Comments: To Robin Pasco - Congratulations and again thanks to all those who made it possible.AASM,NGSM,ASM.regards Ross J

11/02/01 08:51:35 AM

Name: Robin Pasco R48197
Comments: Have just received my medals,could someone tell me in what order the NGSM,AASM & ASM should be worn. Thanks

11/01/01 09:55:39 PM

Name: Bob Witt
Comments: I agree with all that is being said: Let us not rest upon our laurels, there are thousand out there that need help. People are working on the Dioxin business as I understand it a conference has been initiated in Sydney we are still waiting the results. AS for Monte Bello and Maralinga bring the matter up at a meeting and put a motion to the floor, if attendance is a problem I can see no reason why a letter to our secretary requesting him to table a motion would be a problem. There the pros and cons can be thrashed out and a concentrated effort in the right direction can be instigated. [Food for thought]

11/01/01 07:36:39 PM

Name: Laurie Irish Shaw
Comments: True Ken, it's been years since I was known as "Last out and legless Laurie", brought back a flood of old memories. Jim Bullen, welcome back to the fold, I take it you're back "Uptop" again in Honkers, good to hear from you. To the "Crystal Cracker", couldn't have put it better myself, although I'm still waiting for my medals,etc there are still many more out there that don't even know we exist, regards to all, Irish.

11/01/01 06:58:50 PM

Name: Ken Staff
Comments: Hi Irish, ... I bet that was not the first time you've been "asked" to leave an RSL club.(smiles) Thanks for your warm welcome home.

11/01/01 05:37:03 PM

Name: Jim Bullen R52371
Comments: Just like to say how much I enjoy receiving my copy of the FESR newsletter, even though it has to be sent overseas to me. It keeps me in touch with all the developments. Thanks a lot Postie.

11/01/01 03:54:08 PM

Name: Ron Hobba PO(Ex-Birdie)Radio Mech
Comments: Ross I am with you. Most of us have now received our gongs and our certificates etc. We have ogled them long enough and now it is time to give assistance to those who were not so fortunate as we may have been and not rest on our laurels. Enough of, " I'k all right Jack I have mine." Lest put a bit more oompah in assistina those such as the Monte Bello

Boys, The Maralinga Boys, the Dioxins, The Abestos sufferers and after all we advertise ourselves as Post WW2-Korea-malaya-Borneo-Vietnam_PNG-Gulf-Timor and possibly Afghanistan. Lets us now give to them our support.

11/01/01 01:54:21 PM

Name: Laurie Irish Shaw

Comments: Ken, welcome back from Bali old son and I agree with what you say, there aren't enough people getting onto our site and telling us about themselves or their concerns. As a matter of interest I was quaffing a few at Wyong RSL on Saturday night with an 80 plus year old ex-W.W.II digger, his father was a prisoner of the German Navy during the first war onboard the Armed Merchant Raider "Wolf" while it was laying mines off Gabo Island in 1917. The point I'm making is that he was so pleased to find someone interested enough to listen, especially someone who'd been to sea that we had to be asked to leave the RSL as they wanted to shut up shop for the night. Next day he called round with a tattered old book of the "Wolf's" exploits and we chatted away for hours, we've become great mates; in short, there's a million stories "Out there" that need telling, let's hear them, regards, Irish.

10/31/01 09:03:23 PM

Name: Ross Jennings

Comments: I take Kens' point (Hi Ken) and must comment on something that has been ongoing with little real result as far as I can find .Of the 6000 names on the books from Maralinga and Monte Bellos there is less than 2000 of us left. I believe this is a very high attrition rate and wonder if anything is ever going to be done beside collect the names as per the recent exercise. I met a mate the other day from the Monte Bellos days and I would not have known it was him - scar tissue ,wasted .Surely the combined voice and wisdom of the FESR and NAA can advise a way of gaining help for these 'sunspots' Ross Jennings ex R54950

10/31/01 06:15:14 PM

Name: Ken Staff

Comments: Just back fom Bali and thought I'd pop in and say hi! Seems like things are very quiet out there as this is the first message in 6 days. C'mon fellas let's all keep in touch.

10/25/01 09:03:45 PM

Name: Bob Witt

Comments: To all those inquiring about the ASM click on to the following website and you can see and read details, <http://www.asacaustralia.com/medals> I hope this helps to solve your problem. Regards Bob

10/25/01 08:01:10 PM

Name: Doug (Buck) Buchanan

Comments: Ken according to the Campaign and Operational Medals book dark blue over roo

10/25/01 06:03:29 PM

Name: Ken Anderson [ex LREM R51130]

Comments: Anyone out there know which way around the ASM ribbon should be? As supplied mine has the dark blue stripe over the kangaroo but I see when looking at the Honours System site that they show it over the emu. Thanks.

10/25/01 04:19:14 PM

Name: Doug (Buck) Buchanan

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Comments: Irish have sent you e-mail with all info but for others its called Navy 2001 weekend to be held at Ballina commencing 1730 Thursday 29th Scran Night get together cost \$10 single Friday 30th Presidents Mess Night 1730 cost\$ 16 single Saturday Night 1800 Ballina;s Annual Dinner guest of honopur etc formal \$35 single Sunday March and wreath laying bring medals followed by a barbeque at 1130 \$14 single which is the farewell show to if you can see you there anyone wants further info contact me or Ian Galloway 0266867873 or Phil Harding 0266866355 Ian is the Secretary

10/25/01 12:24:34 AM

Name: Laurie Irish Shaw

Comments: Buck, could you place details of the upcoming Ballina weekend on our website? I wouldn't mind catching the train up there myself at the end of November, no doubt a few of the lads would be interested also, regards, Irish.

10/24/01 09:17:31 PM

Name: Anonymous Surfer

Comments: good job on your site! We link to sites that have new information and entertainment. Hopefully, we can exchange links! Please visit <http://www.ChangingLINKS.com> suggest your link.

10/24/01 11:06:46 AM

Name: Ken Anderson [ex LREM R51130]

Comments: In case anyone is interested I've just found out that Solomon Bros at 466 Spencer St West Melbourne tel: 03]9326 6822 fax; 03] 9326 6913, have miniatures of the NGSM [with ribbon] at \$17.60 [inc GST]and miniature ribbon at 55 cents per inch. I seem to recall a note here from some months ago in which the question of miniatures was raised.

10/24/01 08:39:06 AM

Name: Ron Chenhall (ex E.R.A.)

Comments: John Sandover, Is that "Certificate of Appreciation" as you say the same as the "Their Service our Heritage" certificates

10/23/01 08:32:05 PM

Name: Doug (Buck) Buchanan

Comments: Good site Ian lots of laughs have already sent a few cards see you Sunday 4th still have not heard fgrom anyone going to Ballina Nov29th for Navy Anniversary week been told its a great weekend

10/23/01 12:12:06 PM

Name: Ian McClure

Comments: Hi guys,thought some of you might get a laugh out of this,here's the link. www.madblast.com/oska/bin.cfm enjoy,Ian

10/20/01 11:20:12 PM

Name: Ken Sanders

Comments: Yes, Yes, Irish, and Mal, Let's talk about US. NOW. I often have trouble getting to sleep. thinking of all I should have done during the day, replying to letters, phone calls and stuff, not checking the Web Site, but, even with the help of a Scotch or whatever, I know that there're still a lot of us out there,and wish to know where are you?, what are you doing ? Do you guys feel that, no matter when, or for what reason you left Pussers,it will be ever in your Soul ? But, what are you doina to eniov yourselves now ? Let us all know. Jeez.

we didn't stop talking on the Mess deck, so let's keep it up !

10/20/01 04:22:29 PM

Name: Laurie Irish Shaw

Comments: Mal, good one old son, what about getting the ball rolling yourself by letting us know your O/N, where you live, dates and ships on which you served, some of your mates names, etc, Unfortunately there are still a few negative knockers out there, thankfully not many but don't let that deter you. Seeing that you raised the point Mal, what about hearing from some of to-day's sailors, serving or recently paid off? wer'e all not a bunch of old fogies,what ever that is regards, Irish.

10/19/01 09:50:24 PM

Name: Mal Hughes

Comments: Hello All What a good time to start talking to each other...thanks to the FEW...the medals battle has been fought and won...how about we now do one of the things that Sailors do well...ie, talk...you know, of THINGS...just as though we are together again.....I pass this thought after one of the most wonderful 3 days in my recent years.....I met up with blokes I joined the Navy with in 1958...it was as though the years had not passed....PLEASE...can we now jointly start talking with/about US...you know what I mean.....Mal H

10/18/01 08:16:27 PM

Name: Bob Witt

Comments: A quite reflection:It's good to see our entitlements are now flowing through to those who have waited so long. To those who worked so hard to get them,take a well earn Bravo you have achieved your objective. With East Timor and now the Middle East 80 to 86 getting the ASM the aim we had is well on the way. There are those who toiled and still missed out, our heart felt thanks for your effort. To those who sat on the fence and accepted their entitlement, all I ask is that before you sound off pause and reflex what you now have was achieved by those who you are now berating.

10/18/01 05:41:21 PM

Name: Doug (Buck) Buchanan

Comments: Oh hell Ron all this talk medals and now certificates is too much will the Government ever stop thanking us not that they should I say tongue in cheek.Now done to better things who is going to Ballina for Navy week tell me it is a good show 6 or so of us from Newcastle going hope to catch up with some other shipmates if going see you there

10/18/01 03:57:12 PM

Name: Ron Hobba PO(Ex-Birdie)Radio Mech

Comments: Also do not forget, after receiving your newly awarded gongs & etc., if you have not already done so, drop a line to Directorate Personnel Records at Navy Office and ask for an updated Certificate of Service which will show what has been granted to you under the heading Medals, Decorations & Commendations.

10/16/01 09:03:14 PM

Name: John Sandaver R 63501

Comments: Hi All don't forget after you get your long awaited Medals, apply for your "Certificate of Appreciation" in recognition of war service. Application form can be picked up from your local Federal M.P.As there is an election on it took me 4 days from time of applying to receiving the certificate Cheers John

10/16/01 03:15:32 PM

Name: Keith Markey R50972
Comments: Thanks again to those who answered my question on FESR award in progress !! I received a letter from Defence/Navy Medals yesterday, confirming my qualifications for AASM(Malaya)/ NGSM(Malaya)& RASB. This has taken 12 months and a week! I thought I knew that 18 months ago. Recommendation for approval will be sent to the G.G. "shortly". But when will I actually get them ? I quote their words- "Due to the administrative procedures involved, there may be a considerable delay before you can expect to receive the awards." "Such is life" KJM...

10/16/01 11:15:44 AM

Name: Doug (Buck) Buchanan
Comments: Thanks to all now is there anyone reads log that is from or familiar with Ballina am after particulars and agenda for Navy week they have starting Nov29th or there abouts would also like to know accommodation availability thanks for any help Buck

10/15/01 03:47:43 PM

Name: Laurie Irish Shaw
Comments: Buck, what can I say, congratulations on getting your long awaited and over due medals, wear them well old son, you've hung in there long enough, regards, Irish.

10/14/01 09:59:26 AM

Name: Doug (Buck) Buchanan
Comments: John have entered e-mail again old one looks O.K but try this one if all is right should get me all please take note of this as e-mail address

10/13/01 10:44:27 PM

Name: John Sandaver R 63501
Comments: Hey Buck check your email address I tried emailing you and it came back Good Luck

10/12/01 06:19:17 PM

Name: Ian McClure
Comments: Congratulations Doug,good to see you have them at last.Hopefully mine won't be too much longer.Ian

10/12/01 04:36:52 PM

Name: Doug (Buck) Buchanan
Comments: Well there is someone up there because I received my N.G.S.M ,A.A.S.M & R.A.S badge today and the good thing about it is the slap in the face it gives Bronwyn who told me when she was Minister for us that we would not get them and that was the end of it only nice thing about the letter was where she signed off so everything comes to those who wait maybe just maybe we can all wear our entitlements next Anzac Day or when we gather at the War Memorial to see our shipmates names added wish all those to get theirs yet a short wait and thanks to all and sundry who fought for our fair and just entitlements

10/12/01 02:40:13 AM

Name: Les Figg
Comments: Seeking ex-HMAS Sydney Crews: If there are any ex-HMAS Sydney crew visiting this site, you maybe interested of a messaae board at <http://aroups.vahoo.com/aroup/ferrvmen>

Drop in sometime. Cheers, Les Figg USA Santa Clara,
(ex_Adelaide), CA

10/10/01 07:50:08 PM

Name: Denis Sefton

Comments: A little "buzz" in this mornings West Australian,that if Howard wins the coming election, Bronwyn Bishop will be re-appointed to the defence portfolio.

10/09/01 05:48:57 PM

Name: Doug (Buck) Buchanan

Comments: Back online after great holiday still nothing from medal section maybe they were on holidays to.Have been reading log and believe some comments are not what this is all about bit of bad luck the big show in Sydney being cancelled but for people like us FESR guys who have been treated so badly for so long a thing like this should be easy to handle there is always another day good health to all

10/08/01 03:17:46 PM

Name: Les Figg

Comments: In search of HMAS Hawk crews. If any knows the whereabouts of any of the crews that served in HMAS Hawk tours of 1966 & 67 during the Indonesian Confrontation, I'd appreciate contact info. Below is the crew list for the Jan '66 - Sept '66 tour (courtesy of the Skipper - then LCDR John Foster): Lt Foster - I am in contact, Lt Debus, Lt Jones, SbLt Hore, Midn Hardy, Midn Gault, CPOCOX Johns, CERA Birch, POME Pete Gogol, ERA Munton, LME Johnson (deceased), ME Payne, STD Grantham - I am in contact, ABUW Gordler, LSQMG Pete Noonan, TO Glen Gilford - I am in contact, ABQMG Callander, LCK Menzies - I am in contact, CK Hain, LSBA Barr, POUW 'Blue' Cleary, ABWM Williams, RO Rod Beckinsale - I am in contact, LAMET 'Buck' Raynor, AB Ed Brown, RO Steve Singleton.

10/08/01 11:57:00 AM

Name: Keith Markey R50972

Comments: Thanks to those who replied to my request 06/1052pm. The picture is better clarified now, on the time the Dept. takes to process the requests for medals. I still have problems accepting that one department can process requests in a few months (DVA), and another is taking a year and a half for a result? both based on the same service qualifications. "such is life" KJM

10/06/01 10:52:01 PM

Name: Keith Markey R50972

Comments: Every time I visit this site, I find time to get some more history correct! I am sure I will spend a lot more time here. Something I would like to get sorted? Could someone who has received their AASM/NGSM&RASB, in the last few weeks, please post a message here (or email to me) about the date they made the application, and the date the goods arrived. Has anyone had to return the AGSM ?. I would like to fix my expectations!!. KJM

10/06/01 06:43:25 PM

Name: Robert C. Bailey

Comments: Well said Neil Mc Lean. I fully agree with you.

10/06/01 11:59:37 AM

Name: Les Church

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Comments: Any ex members of HMAS Vampire I or II wishing to join the HMAS Vampire Association, please contact me for details.
10/06/01 12:23:46 AM

Name: Neil McLean

Comments: What to do with Bin Laden THE PROBLEM When he is captured and if executed he will become a martyr. If he is captured and imprisoned his followers will gather hostages and continue with extreme acts of terrorism. THE SOLUTION When captured, get him quickly to a waiting hospital and have surgeons perform a complete sex change operation. On releasing "her" back into the community of Afghanistan "she" can then have time to reflect if the Taliban's religious laws are worth all the effort.....!

10/05/01 12:34:36 AM

Name: Laurie Irish Shaw

Comments: Bob Witt, many thanks old son, received FESR blazer patch in the mail this morning, looks great, should look even better when stitched on. Regret unable to make it into Sydney this weekend, was looking forward to swapping a few yarns with the lads, not to worry there'll be another day, regards, Irish.

10/03/01 11:00:41 PM

Name: John Symonds

Comments: To All Going to Sydney. Carry the Flag High with Pride, I can't get there, Health Problem, always happens when I make plans. Simmo Tassie

10/03/01 12:36:39 PM

Name: Ian McClure

Comments: Just a note to change my email address. Ian McClure

10/03/01 12:56:55 AM

Name: LARRY WINTON

Comments: am looking for any members of 28 ofp malaya who served 1963/1964

10/03/01 12:14:21 AM

Name: Laurie Irish Shaw

Comments: Tug old son, in the unlikely event of you ever gaining access to your nursing home computer please ask your male nurse to show you where Caps Lock is on the keyboard; then, perhaps you may be able to communicate in the less offensive lower case, regards, Irish.

09/30/01 09:27:39 PM

Name: TUG WILSON (EX WOETP)

Comments: IRISH, YOU ARE FULL OF CRAP LIKE A DEAD POSSUM. WHY TALK RUBBISH FOR THE SEVEN WEEKS YOU HAVE BEEN ON A PICKET LINE ? GET YOUR HEAD OUT OF YOUR REAR END AND LEARN TO BE AN HONEST EX PROPER SAILOR.

09/30/01 05:43:37 PM

Name: Laurie Irish Shaw

Comments: Bob, there'll be another day, but as yet I'm uncertain about getting into Sydney during the coming week. Unfortunately I work for Barloworld which is a large South African firm that has filed to sell up the company; we've been camped outside their Head Office main gate. on strike without pay for the last

seven weeks. I've just started back to work and wont get paid until midnight Wednesday so I've put everything on hold for the time being. Couldn't have happened at a worse time, I was looking forward to seeing you bloke again and having a few, hopefully I can still make it into the city, regards in unity, Irish.

09/30/01 03:34:10 PM

Name: Bob Witt

Comments: Irish, It is a pity that we have been denied our turn to march through Sydney, I was looking forward to the pleasure of marching under our own banner with all those who have worked so hard for so long. It would have felt good we can only hope our turn will come . Hope to see you if you are coming down to Sydney this week. Regards Bob.

09/29/01 03:26:53 PM

Name: Laurie Irish Shaw

Comments: Members, wouldn't it be crash hot if we marched as one unit for the first time in Sydney next week under the combined FESR Association Banner? To die for, regards, Laurie Irish Shaw.

09/28/01 09:20:10 PM

Name: China Hammal

Comments: The Australian Navy in Vietnam Veterans' Welfare Association of Western Australia (Inc) now has its own website. www.ranveteranswelfare.asn.au Please visit. Regards China Hammal

09/28/01 09:01:39 PM

Name: Mal Hughes

Comments: Along with a few other West Aussies, I will be in Sydney next week. I will be meeting up with mates that I joined up with in 1958. I wonder if any others, FESR or similar vintage, are planning to be in town at the same time. If so, PLEASE contact me to let me know, it would be nice to be able to meet the faces behind the names, and/or meet up agin with faces from the past. Many Thanks.....Mal Hughes

09/26/01 11:51:58 AM

Name: Ian McClure

Comments: I am looking for the old RAN Painting Manual ABR 19,if anyone has a copy or knows where I could borrow one please email me,it would be much appreciated. Regards Ian

09/25/01 01:25:30 PM

Name: Barry Bennetts Ex P.O. TEL (s)

Comments: Sorry, I Just had to copy this from the AUSTRALIAN Newspaper URL. What the hell is going on here - Where is our resolve and Nation Self Determination. It would not have happened 1950-1970 - not in the Navy I served with. QUOTE:Detainees won't budge from vandalised ship Michael Madigan 25sep01 ASYLUM-seekers aboard HMAS Manoora may have vandalised the ship. Government sources said yesterday that bottles had been jammed into toilets causing blockages and other acts of vandalism had also required repairs. "The navy is understandably not very happy about it," one source said. The vandalism allegations surfaced as about 200 asylum-seekers continued to refuse to leave the ship at Nauru. The International Organisation of Migration officers yesterday failed to convince them to move. UNQUOTE. Incidentally I finally received NGSM AASM RAS , and all within 40 years - well done all.

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09/24/01 09:54:59 PM

Name: Joe Linaker
Comments: Just a note to advise any Aviation Branch "Birdies" that the Reunion scheduled for Thursday 04 October in the Senior Sailors Mess HMAS Watson at 1600 is cancelled. Cheques received are returned in your envelopes. Dissapointing yes, but I am sure another opportunity will present itself in the future.

09/23/01 06:25:03 PM

Name: Bob Witt
Comments: Good news for those still going to Sydney in October the Naval Congress is still on Friday 5th - also the Dinner, Royal Auto Club that night; and Sat 6th Vampire Assoc is having a browse over the old ship with a dinner after. The FESR Assoc [those that are going] are looking at the possibility of organising a ferry or booking tables on such for dinner and night cruise of the harbour - subject to numbers. By the traffic on the web, and from what I have heard, there are quite a few still going so lets get together and have a good time.

09/20/01 09:29:29 AM

Name: Ray Norton R37182
Comments: I did my money with Ansett, now rebooked with Qantas. I agree with Tom Hamilton, see you all in Sydney.

09/20/01 08:40:00 AM

Name: Bob Witt
Comments: Couldn't have put it better Tom! We have been looking forward to October for sometime. Jill and I will be in Sydney as planned, lets hope we can all get together and reminisce.

09/20/01 04:25:37 AM

Name: Neville Newbold
Comments: First visit to an excellent site. A pleasure to identify so many former messmates. Waiting patiently for response from medals section - my acknowledgement was noted Nov 2000 so guess theres a bit more water to pass under the bridge before I hear the postman. Thanks for the effort you have put into this site to further your visitors pleasure Nev Newbold ex-CMET 1955-75. Any former MET sailors please contact me and assist in the compilation of a branch register to keep us all connected TA

09/19/01 10:35:19 PM

Name: Tom Hamilton
Comments: I have the plane booking I have the bed booked, I have the urge to meet up with old friends for a "Smokey Joe" I will see you in Sydney

09/19/01 09:20:29 PM

Name: Ian McClure
Comments: Hi guys, just recieved an email from the minister for defence, they have cancelled the Naval review in October. No need to say why. Regards Ian McClure

09/19/01 06:08:53 PM

Name: Mal Hughes
Comments: I have just read a news item posted on the Internet which advised that all RAAF and RAN shows, demonstrations, reviews etc planned for the next few weeks have been cancelled.....including the Fleet Review. Looks like it will be

back to the reunions and the fireworks.....still sounds good to me...see y'all there now. Mal H

09/18/01 05:20:42 PM

Name: Bruce Hedley

Comments: In my previous entry I failed to add that the assault was while we were in Singapore, sorry about that. Thank you.

09/18/01 05:07:29 PM

Name: Bruce Hedley

Comments: My name is Bruce Hedley,I served on HMAS Melbourne during the FESR period 18 March 59 to 28 April as an REM. I worked in the Island workshop and RMR. During this period whilst ashore I suffered a back injury whilst being assaulted by Rioters, in the process of protecting a fellow sailor and then looked after by the Redcaps. If there is any one out there who can assist me in either remembering me or being on Melbourne during this time or can recall any incidents involving Riot action during the above time frame, please contact me on my email address hedley@netcore.com.au The information is urgently required for a DVA claim. Thank you.

09/18/01 01:56:03 PM

Name: Denis Sefton

Comments: With the Onset of the American crisis, deployment of RAN ships on illegal boat patrols and ongoing commitment of Frigates in the "Gulf",will this have any effect on the Centenary bash in Sydney

09/18/01 01:13:05 PM

Name: Ken Staff

Comments: Congratulations Keith, on receiving your entitlements.

09/18/01 12:14:31 PM

Name: Keith Bebbington R/O 1956/62

Comments: Applied for entitlements on the 15th of May 2000 and received them on the 17th of Sept 2001,much appreciation to those who gave their time and energy to the cause.

09/15/01 07:34:41 PM

Name: Ron Hobba PO(Birdie)Radio Mech(X-tal Cracker!)

Comments: Thanks Irish for the kind words. Hope to catch up with you in Sydney. Don't forget, I will look after your wallet, medals & watch and you can pick them up after the march from me up at the "Cross" or in the Quarterdeck Bar!. Maybe at the El-Alemain Fountain! Who can remember when it was built, every Sat Nite. Birdies from Albatross used to empty a satchel of orange dye from Sonarbuoy markers into the fountain to change it to the broght color. "Buck" old son, thank you also for the kind words. Hope your medals etc beat the 50 year mark. You may be like the poor old original Anzacs who are still awaiting a campaign medal! As a member of your clan, being an old celt, Crnish/Scottish, (Descendant from Gibsons in the highlands around Glasgow),we wear the Buchanan Tartan!, and to you Irish, I am not an O'Hobba!! Cheers to all and take care

09/15/01 11:48:56 AM

Name: Laurie Irish Shaw

Comments: To the 'Crystal Cracker', congrats old son, there's hope for the rest of us yet, looking forward to seeing you all in Sydney for the march next month, regards, Irish.

09/14/01 03:47:25 PM

Name: Doug (Buck) Buchanan
Comments: Congrats to you Ron Hobba best of British but no they have not caught up yet. I was on Arunta 1955 and still waiting but as they say everything comes to those that wait well we should be in for one hell of a jackpot it will be interesting to see whether 50th anniversary of duty in Far East or awards arrive first anyhow you have only got what you are entitled to and a damn shame people had to fight so hard on our behalf to get this far see you

09/13/01 02:15:47 PM

Name: Ron Hobba PO(Birdie)Radio Mech
Comments: To all who may be interested, and to those who may not be but I shall tell you anyhow!. I received from the postie today clasp MALAYSIA for my AASM 45-75, for service in Sydney & Eescorts during the Borneo Banyan campaign in '64. It would seem that Navy Awards have now caught up on the backlog with Malayan FESR Vets and now it is our turn, so the AASM, Clasp Malaysia and RASB should be forthcoming, or Clasp only, to those entitled, in the not too distant future for those who have already applied. Congrats to you all. To Individuals, FESR and other ESOs who made submissions over the years, a job well done and appreciated.

09/12/01 09:24:16 PM

Name: Bob Witt
Comments: To all those interested in purchasing a blazer pocket, orders are now being accepted, they should be arriving this week. If you require them for Sydney in October have your money and orders in and we will mail them as soon as they arrive. Just click on to the Slops page and print off an order form and send it in.

09/10/01 08:39:13 AM

Name: Gary S. Champe / aka Bear
Comments: Excellent website. Information is valuable to Veterans and yours is certainly a wealth of it. Glad to have visited. I will return. Bear

09/08/01 07:23:38 PM

Name: BARRY HOLT (TIM)
Comments: Any old engineering mates out there, Sydney 1955 Warramunga 1956 to 1958

09/08/01 04:50:24 PM

Name: Laurie Irish Shaw
Comments: Erica, firstly, congrats on your site award, well earned, also got your message re Fesr, good one, hope it all comes to fruition in Sydney, regards, Irish.

09/08/01 07:07:06 AM

Name: Kev Ruwoldt
Comments: Applied for my AASM, NGSM, and RASB on the 19th May 2000. Pleased to announce they arrived yesterday 7th Sep after nearly 18 months wait. Thankyou to the then committee for all the hard yakka they put in. Hopefully during the Communicators Re-union in Canberra next year, I will run across Bronwyn Bishop and can show them to her. Regards to all and once again, Bravo Zulu.

09/07/01 10:24:48 PM

Name: KEITH ROGERS EX LM(E)

Comments: would like to get in touch with Ernie Fagan ex stoker in my time on either Bataan, Warramunga, or Queenborough 54-58 I can be contacted on (07)40556567 I notice in last newsletter that a Ern Fagan is a new member.thanks in anticipation Keith (buck) Rogers R44984

09/07/01 01:32:50 PM

Name: Erica Witt

Comments: For those who have not stopped by the slops page of late, you will be pleased to note that the new FESR Blazer Pocket will soon be available. Orders are currently being taken and stock should arrive by late September. Please address any and all enquires to FESR Property Officer Bob Witt.

09/07/01 01:16:45 PM

Name: Erica Witt

Comments: Thank you Ken Staff for your kind words re message 08/26/01 07:36:59 PM. It is nice to be appreciated. I'm glad that the new website has been accepted by members old and new. Like yourself I believe credit must be given to Lou Leboydre. It has been an honour to continue the web tradition which he began. Of course a tradition cannot be sustained without ongoing support. It is the members and visitors in general which make this website what it is today. So to all who grace these pages - thank you. As for the website's future, since the changes we have tried to the best of our ability to keep the site running and as up to date as we can. The FESR website is only one of many we currently edited on a volunteer basis so it not always easy! While we have enjoyed putting the new site together, we feel it is now time to hand the site over to someone who can give it the 'care' it needs. As such, our reign is soon to come to a close with the introduction of a new volunteer webmaster, FESR Member, Bob Bailey. Bob will be assuming the role of webmaster shortly [official announcement pending]. On behalf of the FESR, members and visitors we wish him the very best.

09/07/01 12:12:40 PM

Name: Ken Staff (Birdie)

Comments: The 42 year wait is over, ... my AASM & RAS badge arrived in this morning's mail. It has been a long hard battle to get these awards, but, I would never have had the opportunity to meet people of the calibre (no pun intended)of Noel Payne, who I would like to thank for all his efforts as well as those of the Naval Association & the FESR Association, for helping mugs like me receive these awards. ... Thanks Noel.

09/06/01 05:25:44 PM

Name: Joe Linaker

Comments: Maurie,have your request covered,check your email for details.

09/06/01 01:01:51 AM

Name: Maurie Mahnkoph

Comments: John Purcell(ex-birdie handler) living in the states for quite a few years now was wondering if someone could help him get in touch with Lindsey MacDonald ex-birdie handler or know his email address. Thanks all, Maurie

09/05/01 05:16:15 PM

Name: Keith Markey R50972

Comments: From my o/n, I was FESR oriented; 3 trips in Voyager. I started "the pension" 01/01/01 and Disab.Allow. backdated to

2000; but still await the medals. From the news of those getting them, it seems I have some months yet to wait. Enjoy the info in this site. Always a few whingers! but that hasn't changed. Good and accurate news will filter through.

09/05/01 03:36:49 PM

Name: Jack Thompson

Comments: Noel Nugent. Recently informed that a Noel Nugent, residing, Drouin, VIC, had passed away but not aware if he may have been "Nugget", Ex CE [WE] commissioned Hobart DDG39, anyone have any info.

09/05/01 02:20:31 PM

Name: Neville. W.(Dixie) Lee,

Comments: Ex Navy bods still waiting for your medals. Today I received my entitlements,, AASM AND miniture with MALAYA Clasps, N.G.S.M with MALAYA clasp, RASB, and a KOREA clasp for my ASM. Navy Office came through, they said 2/3 weeks, it was exactly 14 days from being informed. So you blokes still waiting some about 300 sets, should be on way now.

09/04/01 10:48:24 AM

Name: Ken Sanders

Comments: Ken Spresser of Brisbane, is seeking the whereabouts of Dave (sharksarse) Brock and Trevor Beutel. Any one with info may contact Ken on 07 3398 7975

09/03/01 04:12:28 PM

Name: Denis Sefton

Comments: Is it Ok to get a Mininature made for the NGSM.If so can someone point me in the right direction.

09/03/01 10:10:09 AM

Name: Ian McClure

Comments: Hi guys, just recieved a letter from the medals section. Will be issued with the AASM45/75 with Clasp Malaysia & the RAS Badge. They also say there will be a considerable delay before it will be available, hopefully that won't be too long. Regards Ian McClure(ex SAV R 62777)

08/29/01 09:16:41 PM

Name: Vic Sforcina

Comments: This message is on behalf of Merv (Minnie)Mancer who would like to contact some old shipmates. They are: Jim Gilchrist ex W/O Cook, Ron Robinson, Yeoman and Gordon Hockley who became a two and a half. These shipmates were from the era of HMAS Melbourne CV21. Minnie can be contacted Ph:08 9795 7354 or Fax 08 9795 9123

08/27/01 08:09:49 PM

Name: Ken Staff

Comments: Me again, Today I had occasion to visit my local Post Office to receive a registered letter and whilst waiting for the person behind the counter to call "next please" ... I notice one of the Australian Government's latest minted coins, ... none other than a Dollar coin celebrating 90 years of the RAN, with HRH on the face & on the reverse the RAN logo it is very nicely packaged & presented and cost \$2.15 per coin. I highly recommend that everyone get down to their local Post Office and buy one. It would be a nice gift for some one who has served with the Royal Australian Navy. I couldn't help having a small laugh to myself when I realized that there are some of our members who served with the FESR in Malava still

waiting for their medals 46 years on, that is more than half the 90 years age of the Commonwealth Naval Forces which was re-titled the Royal Australian Navy in July of 1911. Surely that itself must be some sort of a record.

08/26/01 07:36:59 PM

Name: Ken Staff

Comments: I wish to congratulate Bob & Erica Witt for their contributions as webmasters of the FESR Association website. I notice in the "latest updates" section of our website that it, the site, has been awarded a citation by winning the MILITARY WORLD SITE AWARD, dated 23/8/01. It should also be noted that congratulations must also go to the original webmaster, who passed away last year, Lou LeBoydre, without people of this calibre, this Association would not have achieved the success it has in recent times. Once again congratulations to all those concerned who have made this website what it is today.

08/25/01 04:39:10 PM

Name: Ron Hobba PO(Birdie)Radio Mech

Comments: For all ex-matelots going to Sydney for the October Review. Do not forget that in October the Sydney weather can be very warm and humid and some of us are not as young and fit as we used to be. So in case any of you may faint, I shall be collecting wallets and watches before the march and will look after them for you and will make sure that they are returned in due course otherwise you can collect them back from me at the sausage sizzle or the top end of William Street. Trust me. I'm a 'Birdie'!!

08/23/01 05:02:06 PM

Name: John Napier (Nip)

Comments: Have read with interest the comments made by a person re the Imperial Medal issue (and other medals - FESR) Surely one can ask a simple "question" on the net and receive the info they require without resorting to annoying the Navy Medals section, or the Govt, or the UK Govt to get the simple question answered. My personal question was answered well and in the format that I would expect and respect. Have a nice day, and thanks once again to Wacka and all others involved in this saga...

08/22/01 09:12:08 PM

Name: Tom Hamilton

Comments: Have just read the President's report and was surprised to see that there are people actually complaining about the NGSM. 1... Of course it is an Imperial medal, and a bloody rare one to Australian sailors. Only a couple of hundred to those who did 180 days ACTUAL MINESWEEPING, plus 7 to junior officers who served on British ships in the Malaya time in 48-50. (They also got the new AASM, Minesweepers did not) and now FESR. It is still a rare one. 2... The medal is unmounted because if you get the NGSM you also get the AASM. So are you going to get them mounted together or wear them separate? 3... No miniature issued When we got ours for the 180 days sweeping in 1948 they were unmounted and issued from the ships officer or sometimes at divisions. We brought our miniatures. 4 All medals were engraved on the rim in the old days. Wear it with pride and if you don't like Imperial medals, send it back so the government can give it to one of the Many lads who ONLY did 179 days actual sweeping and missed out. They were belatedly and grudgingly given the ASM with clasp SW Pacific. OK now I have got that off my chest I will sav to all of

you,stick with the FESR and now fight for some other poor sod's who are missing out. and the best of British luck to all of you. Tale care Tom H

08/22/01 05:20:54 PM

Name: Neville. W.(Dixie) Lee,
Comments: First time on this site. For all ex navy types still waiting for medals(AASM. NGSM. RASB). I was advised today that last monday 20th, medal,section at navy office rcvd aprox 300 sets of engraved medals for distribution. This should start by this friday, and most will be delivered by the 3rd week in Sept.

08/21/01 07:57:49 PM

Name: Trevor (Lofty) Fenton
Comments: I am looking for any shipmates I may have served with to have a chat. I served on Voyager 60-62, Vampire 64-65,shrimp boats. minesweepers from 66-72. I was paid off as a Chief Tiffy D

08/21/01 03:53:17 PM

Name: John Napier (Nip)
Comments: Thanks VM Bob Witt for the info on NGSM>> I, and a mate would never have thought to look at the rim for the Name/ON. Good to see that these medals are on the move now - I have received quite a few calls from happy ex matelots Regards to all John Napier

08/19/01 08:38:37 PM

Name: Bob Witt
Comments: Remembering: A group of our members gathered at the Southport ANZAC Park during the Vietnam Veterans Day service to remember one of our own, who after his tours of duty to FESR joined the Army and paid the ultimate sacrifice in Vietnam. John Cheal and Joe Linaker laid a floral wreath on behalf of both the FESR and FAA. Lest We Forget.

08/18/01 09:20:16 AM

Name: garry slattery
Comments: Had some good new on thursday DVA granted a 30 percent, its not much but its great to have the disease accepted. If anyone knows any ex submarine association i have some old black and white photos taken during my 4 months spent on HMSM Anchorite in 1960 they were taken by a newspaper from Auckland I often wonder if I am the first Post War RAN to serve full time in Submarines, I was a full time member not an extra, Rgds to all --. -- ...

08/17/01 01:01:46 AM

Name: douglas edward lapham
Comments: If there is a Neil Harrison native of Toowoomba Queensland member of the association please contact Doug Lapham ex stoker P>O>R59137 at email.Would also like to hear from any other ex shipmates from the good old days

08/14/01 02:11:56 AM

Name: Jack Thompson
Comments: Overseas Resident FESR Pension, age 60 or 65?, return back home, apply/set up residency for one year,believe ones assests taken into consideration to determine pension amount entitlement, satisfy requirements then one is allowed to return to family etc, pension mailed on by government. Just an add on. no retroactive dual citizenship. one must

return back home for three years to met requirements in order to get Australian Citizenship reinstated.

08/13/01 08:51:10 PM

Name: Bob Witt

Comments: Jim Napier, the NGSM apparently has no miniatures; as for the engraving, as with all Imperial awards they are engraved on the edge. Mine came today and it was engraved, they are apparently issuing them as they did with the AASM, those receiving theirs lodged claims in May 2000. Chin up fellas they are trickling through.

08/13/01 08:22:08 PM

Name: Doug (Buck) Buchanan

Comments: I read all the comments regarding medal entitlements FESR and others and wonder who is kidding who I recieved notification of my entitlements in July and the last paragraph says medals section does not hold stock of NGSMs they come from U.K then I read some have recieved them maybe they are sending them out from U.k in ones and twos I am also amazed that we cannot be given what is available in particular RASB and yes I believe there should be minatures with them I just hope the considerable delay I am told it will take is not eternity good luck to those who have their just rewards

08/13/01 07:54:12 PM

Name: ASAC

Comments: Just a reminder to all serving and ex-serving members of the ADF, if you need any advice on pensions, welfare, compensation and/or entitlements then ASAC Australia can help! Along with detailed info, links, social fourms, and medal information, ASAC also provides an on-line advocates forum. We're here to help and our service is free of charge. Stop by anytime!

08/13/01 05:23:50 PM

Name: John Napier (Nip)

Comments: Great site and thanks to all for actions on medals etc I have received my AASM,RASB and today I received the NGSM. Question - The NGSM is the larger medal only - is this normal that there are no miniatures plus no name or ON on reverse Wondering !! Regards to all

08/13/01 11:21:43 AM

Name: Les Figg

Comments: Regarding pension eligibility for Australian veterans living overseas - see the following url - <http://www.dva.gov.au/factsheets/documents/IS01%20Service%20Pension%20Overview%20.htm>. In part, this states, "Eligibility for veterans You are eligible for the service pension if you are a veteran who: has qualifying service — generally, that is, has served in operations against the enemy whilst in danger from hostile forces of the enemy; and meets the residency requirements — that is, is a resident of Australia and is present in Australia at the time of lodging the claim for service pension (additionally, Commonwealth Veterans and Allied Veterans and Mariners must have been an Australian resident for at least 10 years, although there can be some exemptions). Like Thommo, I am having difficulty understandin this, if pensions are paid to overseas Australians. Does it mean that one must have been an Australian resident at trhe time of becoming eligible? Les Figg, ex LEM(WR), R62259

08/12/01 07:20:26 PM

Name: Ken Staff

Comments: Just passing by and noticed a few of you guys have received your NGSM's etc. great news and congratulation. I am still waiting for my AASM & RAS badge which I applied for on Mav 10 2000. (not 2001). Thev (Navv Medals Office) assure

me they have it under control, so be patient fella's it shouldn't be too much longer.

08/12/01 07:19:09 PM

Name: Laurie Irish Shaw

Comments: This extract from the Sydney Sunday Telegraph is directed to all those Australians who through personal circumstances choose to reside overseas. Quote: "Pensioners living overseas will no longer have to wait to get their pension cheques in the mail. Community Services Minister Amanda Vanstone said treaties with a range of countries had enabled the Federal Government to deposit pensions directly in recipient's bank accounts in the local currency. "This means people will have immediate access to funds," she said. Of the 55,000 pensioners living permanently overseas, about 44,000 in 39 countries will be able to access the new payment arrangements. Australia pays \$334 million a year to pensioners overseas. Overseas Governments pay \$1.4 billion a year to about 273,000 pensioners living here. Unquote. What's going on here? How come Aussie Veterans like Tommo in the USA can't get their legally entitled pension? Seems like a contradiction in terms to me, or has someone got their wires crossed? regards, Irish.

08/11/01 09:19:03 AM

Name: Jock Hetherington

Comments: Salutations to all who cruise through this passageway. Regarding awarding of medals re Indonesian confrontation etc. I applied for same in September 2000, received the customary unsigned card and have heard nothing since. Has anybody out there actually had any joy in receiving medals. I am aware there are a large number of people involved, I do hope success before I snuff it Regards to all Jock.

08/10/01 10:54:15 PM

Name: Joe Linaker

Comments: Shipmates and friends of Private Barry E. Fallon are invited to join members of the FESR and FAA Associations at a memorial service on Vietnam Veterans Day, 1130am Saturday 18th August 2001 at ANZAC Park, Southport Qld. followed by barbeque and drinks presented by the Vietnam Veterans Association. Private Barry Edmund Fallon, A Company 7RAR, was killed in Vietnam 10th November 1967 during Operation Santa Fe. His grave lies in the Military section of the Southport Cemetery. Before joining the Army, Barry served in the RAN as a Naval Airman from 1954-1963. He served the FAA at HMAS Albatross and onboard HMAS Vengeance, then followed this service with tours of duty in the FESR onboard HMAS Sydney and HMAS Melbourne.

08/10/01 03:07:31 PM

Name: Doug (Buck) Buchanan

Comments: Just to let all know E-mail has changed luck to all

08/10/01 01:09:56 PM

Name: Gary Hansberry

Comments: Although not ex Navy I attended the Plaque Unveiling at Bundamba on 29 July 2001 with a friend who is ex RN and RAN and was also a member of the FESR. It was a good day. I managed to get one or two reasonable photos of the day (NOT the worlds best photographer) and would gladly send them to anyone who wants them.

08/10/01 12:14:49 AM

Name: Les Bailey
Comments: To all those FESR veterans who are still working - You may be entitled to a government pensioner bonus. If you work for more than 35 hours a week and you are 60 or over you should request an application form from Veterans Affairs - You request the form from the income support section. If you are entitled and you work till you are 65 you may get a bonus of about \$37000.00. I believe that is the maximum amount for a couple provided the veteran works for the required time. Good luck to those who apply please keep us posted as to any progress. Dont be put off if they tell you you cant apply because you are over 60 apply anyway.

08/09/01 02:17:03 PM

Name: Ken Anderson [ex LREM R51130]
Comments: Further to my previous note re AASM and NGSM, I have today, 9th August, received a letter from Canberra advising that I'll get them in six to eight weeks. Thought other out there might like to know things are moving along.

08/08/01 03:36:09 PM

Name: Laurie Irish Shaw
Comments: Good one Ron on receiving your just dues, took them long enough, I'm still living in hope, regards, Irish.

08/08/01 01:29:56 PM

Name: Ron Chenhall (ex E.R.A.)
Comments: Congrats on the good work of the medals section in Canberra. The postman just delivered my N.G.S.M.

08/08/01 12:57:31 PM

Name: Laurie Irish Shaw
Comments: Tommo, you earned your bloody pension old son and are entitled to receive it no matter where you choose to reside. Like I stated previously, why should a pensioner, either aged or veteran Affairs be denied their entitlements merely because they choose to live elsewhere? are we deemed prisoners of the country we choose to protect because we've attained pension age? are we to be penalized if we choose to reside with our overseas family merely on the whim of some Government official? The hell we are, bore it up 'em Tommo, rest assured I'll be stirring the possum this end, regards, Irish.

08/07/01 09:05:53 PM

Name: Jack Thompson
Comments: Proud to be an [EX] Australian. Denied a FESR pension as one does not reside in Australia. Denied Dual Citizenship,not retroactive. Sure hope the government keep on handing out the unlimited dole and assistantance to the no hoppers,junkies,illegals and pond jumpers, hate to see them being denied.

08/06/01 09:02:56 PM

Name: Bob Witt
Comments: There are thousands of Veterans out there who still do not know of their entitlements, or that there are organisations to help them. Remember we were in the same boat once so let's help those less fortunate and guide them to that help. For sure bring them in to the fold of the FESR but also advise them that ASAC Australia is there to assist them with their entitlements and the service is FREE! To link to the ASAC Website simply click on the button below.

08/06/01 08:13:00 PM

Name: Ken Staff
Comments: Doug Buchanan,... I couldn't agree with you more with regard to your last comment, maybe if a few more of the people making enquiries about entitlements were to join the FESR Association they would not have to ask these questions. Application forms are available on this website.

08/06/01 11:45:12 AM

Name: Doug (Buck) Buchanan
Comments: At our meeting of Naval assoc (newcastle) last Sunday a shipmate said he had heard that anyone lodging a P.T.S.D. claim and was still driving their car would get knocked back anyone else heard this if true could affect a lot of people. Always good to access site great comments but am astounded at comments wherein shipmates do not know their entitlements join assoc you will be well informed.

08/05/01 04:19:31 PM

Name: Laurie 'Irish' Shaw
Comments: Ken Staff, I entered Melbourne+HMAS+Association on my search engine and up came their Web-site at www.powerup.com.au. The HMAS Melbourne Association is located at 2 Bottlebrush Ave, Bradbury NSW 2560 and the Sec is Kevin Mitch Miller [02 46286840]. regards, Irish.

08/05/01 10:30:32 AM

Name: Ken Sanders
Comments: George Onger, a member of FESR is seeking whereabouts of ex- LSVVA Phil Suter, with whom he served in HMAS TOBRUK, and was in company with in MFV incident while attached to HMS Terror. Any info to my e-mail address would be appreciated. Ken Sanders.

08/04/01 11:22:53 PM

Name: Ken Anderson [ex LREM R51130]
Comments: Just stumbled on the site. Has anyone got any news on issue of AASM and NGSM? There was, at one stage, talk of them being handed out in time for Anzac Day 2001 At the current rate it looks as though we'll be lucky to have them for Anzac Day 2005. Thanks for the site.

08/04/01 07:32:06 PM

Name: Ken Staff
Comments: Can anyone give me a website address for HMAS Melbourne Association, or an email address of the Secretary of the same association?

08/04/01 01:00:46 PM

Name: garry slattery
Comments: I served in Tobruk in 1959 and Voyager 1962 in Far East and received ASM with FESR Clasp in April 1997, are there any other entitlements regards to all -- -- ...

08/03/01 08:34:32 PM

Name: Jim Bullen R52371
Comments: I saw a comment from Keith Bebbington, who I haven't seen for at least 40 years when we were "makkers" at Cerberus (or maybe at certain times later). Drop me an e-mail, Keith, and let me know what you've been doing all these years. Next time we meet, I hope I don't have to get on soapbox to talk you. I remember I used to get a pain in the next looking

up all that way to talk to you.

08/03/01 05:14:40 PM

Name: KEITH ROGERS EX L.M.(E) R44984
Comments: WARRAMUNGA,QUEENBOROUGH,MELBOURNE.F.E.S.R.RECEIVED LETTER TODAY FROM MEDALS SECTION THEY CANNOT LOCATE MY RECORDS THEREFORE CANNOT PROCESS APPLICATION .SEEMS FUNNY I HAVE GOLD CARD WITH D.V.A.NOW THEY WANT A STAT DEC.TO SAY THAT I SERVED IN R.A.N.ALL THIS AFTER APPLYING SOME 18 MONTHS AGO WHY WORRY ABOUT MEDALS AM I UPSET 45 YEARS LATER? WHY NOT.

08/02/01 07:06:35 PM

Name: Kev Gleeson CPO Elec (E) R 27862
Comments: To John Sandaver R63501 Re HMAS YARRA Service 1965 John Yarra qualified for both DP & QS (Disability Pension & Qualifying Service)between the following dates :- 27 May 1965 to 17 July 1965, and also 29 July 1965 to 01 September 1965 Which was operational service with regard to Malaysia, Singapore & Brunei Hope this info helps you, and you fit into these dates with respect to your claim Regards KEV

08/01/01 10:10:58 PM

Name: John Sandaver R 63501
Comments: I did service in HMAS Yarra 1965 FESR Borneo Malaya is this classed as "operational service" or "defence service"? would appreciate any help as it may help me when I go to the AAT soon Regards

08/01/01 03:23:25 PM

Name: Doug (Buck) Buchanan
Comments: passing thru always good to read comments in particular nashos medal did a little stretch with blue orchids before joining the big boys service definetly have to meet one day Irish in near future have a yarn those in bad health get better soon those in good health stay that way bye for now

07/31/01 09:56:39 PM

Name: Laurie Irish Shaw
Comments: Yes Ken what a wonderful day, a day to long remember. At long last I met so many friendly people there face to face such as your good self, Soapy Waters, Squizzy Taylor, Spooky Spooner's widow Helen, Bob & Mrs Witt, John & Mrs Carlyon, Wacker, the crystal cracker Ron Hobba, Lofly Mills, Steve in his tartan, Ken Sanders and not to forget the forward looking President of Goodna RSL, Vivvien, herself an ex-RNZN member who gave us right Royal treatment and of course the friendly staff, the list goes on. Everyone enjoyed the food plus the hospitality was second to none, I joined Pussers from Goodna in 1954 so I picked up a membership form and will send it in as soon as I recover. My brother George who lives at Lowood picked me up at closing time [last out Laurie again] and spent some time talking to Squizzy and Soapy's family saying later that he thoroughly enjoyed himself. On the XPT back to Wyong I fell in with a crowd of Nashos around my own age returning from their long overdue Gold Coast reunion and made a few friends, all in all a bloody good weekend, regards, Irish.

07/31/01 09:34:55 PM

Name: Joe Linaker
Comments: I hope ev everyone can spare a thought for our webmaster Bob

Witt, who is presently going through a number of unsavoury tests at Greenslopes hospital, followed by the mandatory waiting period for results. A testing time for our Bob who left hospital to attend the Bundamba Memorial Park service, and returned to his hospital bed on completion - we are with you mate, keep positive, the force is with you

07/31/01 06:57:33 PM

Name: Ross Jennings

Comments: To Bob and All - the Nashos' Medal has been approved by the Prime Minister according to the latest RSL Newsletter from my Branch in Geraldton. It seems it will be issued from later this year. John Howard had some reservations about it as he didn't want it denigrating the Service Medals. Anyway it's a goer. Regards Ross J

07/29/01 06:36:25 PM

Name: Ken Staff

Comments: What a great day was had by all at the Bundamba Memorial service for the FESR and later at Goodna RSL club. Congratulations to those who organised this day (29/7/01) especially Doug Murray. Thanks should also go to Goodna RSL management & staff who treated us like we were something special, it is a pleasure to enter an RSL club these days and have Navy greeted with so much gusto. Well Done Goodna RSL club, I for one will make sure I will call in again. At last, I met the "infamous" Irish Shaw who travelled up from the Central Coast of NSW to attend. There were others from as far a field as Sth Australia, Navy bands, Naval Guard of Honour, Local Pollies, Naval Chaplain, fly past of an old WW II type aircraft, what a great day it was. Once again congratulations to all.

07/27/01 06:56:22 PM

Name: Ross Jennings

Comments: Thanks for your comments Bob. You are always there - helping. Just a quick comment on another matter. You all know I went to bat for the Diamantina and Judge didn't shut the door he just didn't understand that we weren't pinning our case on escorting the 'sweepers. Anyway one of our guys tied up aft of Melbourne '60 has applied and been told he wasn't allotted so there! What the Hell difference does it make he was here in uniform serving his country and whether the 'tina was seen as just a survey ship or not it was a part of the RAN. ??? Ross J

07/26/01 08:07:59 PM

Name: Bob Witt

Comments: Ross, nothing further has come through on the Nasho's medal as yet. You can go to the Whats New page of this site and read what is going on and when anything breaks it will be added to the page. Regards Bob.

07/26/01 04:20:25 PM

Name: Ron Hobba PO(Birdie)Radio Mech

Comments: Ross J The national Service Medal is a reality. To get the full details from the horse's mouth I suggest you log on to <http://www.nashos.org.au/> and then click on to Prime Ministers press Room Report and also the Hon. Bruce Scotts' report. All details are there. Regards Ron

07/25/01 11:29:11 PM

Name: Ross Jennings

Comments: Hi again got my answers re Uncle John Larson - Thank You

those that responded. Just checking now on elder brother did the National Service Medal become a reality or is it in progress or where are we please ? Thanks All Ross J

07/25/01 09:38:26 PM

Name: patrick kitschke
Comments: (no comment)

07/24/01 09:02:16 AM

Name: John Rielly
Comments: Just passing through

07/22/01 08:18:58 PM

Name: L. J. 'Dutchy' ANDREWS
Comments: Great site but you already know that. Anyway I am just helping an old mate find his best man from 1954. Ron 'Shiner' Wright, former 'Greenie', HMAS SYDNEY is looking for his best man at his wedding, who he hasn't seen or heard of since just after that time. Ron is looking for Jack 'Stewie' Stewart also from the Korean era and also a former 'Greenie'. If there is any old pusser out there who knows 'Stews' whereabouts or has knowledge of what has happened to him, please contact me on the e'mail addy: 'dutchy@alphalink.com.au' or ring, 'Dutch' on (03) 9789 9638 Dutch

07/22/01 12:28:02 AM

Name: Steve Boyle
Comments: No comment

07/21/01 11:14:28 PM

Name: Peter Sincock
Comments: Hi there Great site. Can anyone help me. I received the GSM with clasp Borneo in 1966. Was there any minatures of this medal produced and if so where could I obtain one. I am in Adelaide. Regards Peter

07/21/01 11:36:54 AM

Name: Bob Witt
Comments: To all those going to the Bundamba Memorial the park is on the left hand side coming from Brisbane ,Lane St.is just prior to the park the Uniting church is directly opposite, parking could be a problem as for the Goodna RSL you can't miss it you can see it from the highway. See you all there.

07/20/01 12:58:39 PM

Name: Ron Hobba PO(Birdie)Radio Mech
Comments: Re Do on Sunday and instruction on FESR Newsletter:- My UBD a bout 5 years old, has no maps 214 or 216 let alone H13 and N12. Mine is a Refidex 39th edition and maps peter out on map 96 and only refs. 1-10 and A-O appear throughout book. As I was led to understand at one of our meets, the Memorial Park is on the left outbound Ipswich Rd and if you come to the Bundamba racecourse, you have gone too far. Is this correct? The Goodna RSL I have from telephone book is in Woogaroo St, Goodna (map 50 K1), is this also correct?

07/20/01 09:50:05 AM

Name: Les Figg
Comments: Vale: John Alderton 7/18/01 Sunshine Coast. Qld. He had

been in ill health for many years. I last saw him in Maroochydore in 1983. John was a Greenie on the Sydney during my stint aboard her in 1964/65. He was a hard working, hard drinking, great guy to be around. I don't know which other ships John served on, or when he paid off. Farewell John.

07/19/01 09:32:13 PM

Name: Denis (Bodgie) Sefton

Comments: Intresting Smithy,I just recieved a letter from the awards gurus,saying the NGSM clasp Malaya will be awarded later this year, as soon as stocks become available.As an Imperial award it has to be struck in the UK

07/19/01 08:07:18 PM

Name: A E Smith

Comments: webmaster Thank you for your gracious comment re my other entries. Don't know whether I managed to post a message last time (18th July), but the British government recently advised me - via a public servant - that to award me the NGSM with clasp MALAYA would be considered to be an act of FAVOURITISM! However, apart from that reaction, the CEO of the RN Medals Officer is now working on my case. Regards A.E. Smith JP seloto@telstra.easymail.com.au Villa 6 Beau Vista Villas 197 West Tamar Road RIVERSIDE TAS 7250

07/18/01 12:19:17 AM

Name: Ross Jennings

Comments: Can anyone help please ? My Uncle was RAN WW2 on loan to the RN a 'schoolie' who gained command of at least one ship as far as I can establish.His official number was (I believe) 218027 and he ended up as a two or two and a half ringer. I have written to Naval records but they say they can't find trace of John Ludwig Larson.I have his medals and he served on small craft I think MTB's or the like. he did Normandy,Murmansk convoys,one medal has the clasp'France & Germany'.Any suggestions on where to go next appreciated. Thanks Ross J

07/17/01 08:28:00 PM

Name: Ron Hobba PO(Birdie)Radio Mech

Comments: Ray Bartlett Have e-mailed to you all info as to dates, times, qualifications, ships etc. on the Borneo issue. If you qualify, and I have no idea of the date your were there or the ship, then Navy Medals will let you know if you give them details. I have included their 1800 phone No. for you.

07/17/01 02:03:14 PM

Name: Billy Bacon

Comments: G'Day Ray For your info mate I have the dates that HMAS VAMPIRE was allotted for duty in Vietnam and Borneo/Malasia they are as follows:- Operational Service Vietnam 31 May 65 - 22 Jun 65 27 Apr 66 - 09 May 66 13 Apr 67 - 22 Apr 67 28 Apr 67 - 05 May 67 14 May 69 - 25 May 69 21 Nov 72 - 26 Nov 72 Operational service Borneo/Malasia 17 Aug 64 - 05 Oct 64 16 Oct 64 - 15 Dec 64 05 Jan 65 - 10 Feb 65 17 Feb 66 - 27 Apr 66 09 Jun 66 - 16 Jul 66 24 Jul 66 - 03 Aug 66 Interesting and busy times those mid sixties eh mate hope to see you at Vampires AGM during the Federation Naval Review Regards Billy

07/17/01 11:48:54 AM

Name: Ray Bartlett

Comments: Ron Hobba firstly iam a member. I do have my entitlements. But the way I read what is being said on this site it is ONLY MEDALS FOR (1950 TO 1960) IF i interpret wrongly iam SORRY

07/16/01 10:23:45 PM

Name: Bob Gould

Comments: Served on Curlew 1964/65 in Borneo/ malaysia, anybody out there that I served with at that time.Also does anyone remember the 1st Lt,Ithink it his name was Ralph PAYNE,but am not sure.

07/16/01 09:46:45 PM

Name: Bob Witt

Comments: A.E.Smith, No need to apologise mate your welcome anytime, we all went through many frustrating years and still are. Drop by and leave a message when you like. Regards Bob.

07/16/01 08:05:57 PM

Name: Ron Hobba PO(Birdie)Radio Mech

Comments: Ray Bartlett. Good evening old son. Of course we know when the Malaya episode finished that the Indo crisis commenced. That is in part what we have been fighting for during the past 37 years or so. Where have you been?. Just about every other ex-servo organisation in Aust are across the issues. There have been medals issued, awards made etc to various ships, Army and RAAF contingents involved and to go into them in detail would take considerable amount of time. Suggest you write to Navy Office Medals, giving dates, ships and times spent in area as well as you name, rank Official No and any other info which you may have in respect to a claim asking for:-Aust Active Service Medal 1945-1975 with clasp Malaya, General service Medal Clasp Borneo Aust Service Medal 45-75 clasp "FESR". If entitled to all or any they will respond in due course. There has been much publicity of late. Sorry you have missed out. There is a membership application form on the site if you desire to join!

07/16/01 07:36:40 PM

Name: Ray Bartlett

Comments: Do you realise the Malaya Emergency(1950-1960) then went on to the Indonesian Confrontation which ended 1966.What happens there.Are we included or are we left out. We also helped Malaya.

07/16/01 04:49:30 PM

Name: A E Smith

Comments: To Webmaster. I apologise for placing another message today re 2RAR - Royal Navy personnel. Have been trying for information so long I must have utilised most websites and forgot I have already call upon you. Again Sorry.

07/16/01 04:21:16 PM

Name: Ken Monk

Comments: In reply to Bob Witt have read dismantling of dva.Maybe it should be on agenda for the big conference in october. Ken Monk

07/16/01 04:09:02 PM

Name: garry slattery

Comments: I always thought dont aive me the medals iust a chest to pin

them on

07/16/01 03:03:13 PM

Name: Laurie Irish Shaw
Comments: Doug, of course what we're talking about here is principle. A commemorative medal/citation from the normally recalcitrant Malaysian Govt would not, in itself be something one would necessarily wear alongside hard fought for campaign medals. Far from it, what it would represent would be a symbolic ending of that period of time between 1955-60 when units of The Far East Strategic Reserve came to assistance of the Government of the day on the Malay Peninsula. Like you so rightly pointed out Doug, wouldn't it be ironic if the good Doctor Whatsname came to the party before our own DVA, regards in unity, Irish.

07/16/01 02:45:18 PM

Name: John Rielly
Comments: (no comment)

07/15/01 08:23:38 PM

Name: Doug (Buck) Buchanan
Comments: have read comments re medal award from malayan govt can agree to some extent Irish.I have just been notified of my medal entitlements and without being to critical of Government (tongue in cheek) would it not be embarrassing if we asked and recieved malayan medal before our own government awards us whats rightfully ours I still live in hope that we all live long enough to see everyone in receipt of their awards.Keep up the good work kind regards

07/15/01 10:13:14 AM

Name: Ian McClure
Comments: Hi guys,need some info on HMAS Brisbane reunion for a friend(date time place & a contact)can anyone help me out please.Thanks,Ian

07/15/01 10:06:17 AM

Name: Bob Witt
Comments: Hi all,there seems to be some discussion on what we can do with our time eg: medals etc. I would like to make a suggestion there is a very interesting article on the ASAC Website - www.asacaustralia.com - go to the General Forum page and read, Dismantling of DVA Doc 1&2. I realise this is only one person's opinion but I think he has hit the nail on the head. Good reading Bob.

07/13/01 03:34:48 PM

Name: Laurie Irish Shaw
Comments: Niel, welcome to the fold. If it wasn't for the architects of the FESR Association putting their necks on the line a few short years ago with regards to our entitlements we'd all still be wandering in the wilderness, regards, Irish.

07/13/01 01:17:31 PM

Name: Neil McLean
Comments: I would like to thank all persons responsible for this site and the informative articles. As a result of visiting your site and with the help of Barry Jenkins I now suspect that the sore throat and five throat operations in the past two years I have had and the fact that two of my three children conceived after my Viet trips have suffered and still suffer from headaches of an unknown cause. Now was it the water? A bit worrvino isn't

it. My application for membership is on the way. Regards Neil
McLean Ex AB QMG R63882

07/13/01 09:38:24 AM

Name: Ron Hobba PO(Birdie)Radio Mech

Comments: If we are going to write off to Malayan Govt for gongs, why stop there. What about all the other SE asia countries. Why not the Hutt River Province. I am sure they would respond with a kellogs corn flakes boxed gong. I think the important thing at the moment is to direct any mail to the Govt re the Agent Orange-DDT issue. Not only did it affect the 12,500 sailors who served during the Viet. era, but what about those sailors who joined the ships on return to Australia and may not have gone to Vietnam. Surely the ships would still have been contaminated for months after their return. Has anyone looked at the mortality rate of the sailors 1-2 years after return of the ships. Surely some of them must have been affected. Those of us who served in FESR/Borneo & Vietnam (in my case all three) have some form of recognition but not these blokes. Don't let it be a case of "I'm all right Jack"!

07/12/01 12:11:31 PM

Name: Ken Staff

Comments: I have just been informed by Noel Payne that yet another member of FESR Association, ... passed away. Bill Bell of Kilcoy, Qld. passed away on Tuesday July 10, 2001. The funeral will be held at Kilcoy tomorrow, Friday 13, 2001, should any member wish to attend the funeral service please contact John Carlyon or Noel Payne for details. "LEST WE FORGET"

07/11/01 11:35:13 PM

Name: TUG WILSON (EX WOETP)

Comments: RE: MEDAL FROM MALAYA - YOU REALLY HAVE TO BE JOKING - IF YOU ARE SO DESPERATE TO HAVE AN EXTRA "GONG" MOVE UP THERE , YOU WILL GET A HEAP AS LONG AS YOU ARE ALIVE LONG ENOUGH TO WEAR THEM! GO AWAY IRISH, YOU TALK A LOT OF GOOD THINGS AT TIME - BUT !!!! MY SON IS A STAFF/SERGEANT IN DILI AT THE MOMENT AND NOTHING HAS CHANGED - BELIEVE ME!

07/10/01 08:57:40 PM

Name: John Rielly

Comments: HI Just passing through. Great site. Regards John

07/10/01 06:41:20 PM

Name: John Sandaver R 63501

Comments: Hear Hear on the suggestion of approaching the Malaysian Gov for just dues

07/09/01 03:09:15 PM

Name: Ron Chenhall (ex E.R.A.)

Comments: I agree with Laurie Irish Shaw suggestion of 27/6 that we should approach the Malaysian Government with regard to issuing a medal to those who served in Malaya during the Emergency as other grateful nations have done

07/07/01 06:02:28 PM

Name: Erica Witt

Comments: To Kev Gleeson CPO Elec (E) R 27862, Thanks for the information on the HMAS Stuart. It was much appreciated. Just a reminder to all while I'm here. if you need to correct

your posted details such as email addresses in the Visitor's Log, please don't hesitate to contact the Webmaster Bob Witt as he has access to the editing facility. He can be contacted direct via: admin@fesrassociation.com

07/06/01 03:53:04 PM

Name: garry slattery

Comments: regards to all.. how long does it take for dva to assess a disability claim mine has been about five months , no news as yet...

07/06/01 07:44:55 AM

Name: Robert C. Bailey

Comments: To Kev Gleeson, I have tried to e-mail you twice from your entry on the Deck Log and both times my mail comes back undeliverable. Your two entries e-mail addresses are slightly different so I tried both.

07/03/01 03:40:46 PM

Name: douglas edward lapham

Comments: greetings to anyone I may have served with between June 1962 and June 1971. I was a stoker on HMA ships QUICKMATCH SYDNEY YARRA DIAMANTINA and ANZAC. I also served at ALBATROSS LEEUWIN and KUTTABUL I completed service as a P.O.M.E. on ANZAC. MY number was R 59137 It would indeed be great to hear from old shipmates.I can be contacted at above EMAIL

07/03/01 12:27:53 PM

Name: Laurie Irish Shaw

Comments: Bob Witt, opened your new FESR Merchandise page first thing this morning. Hey! good one old son, and in full colour too very "Up-market" and professional, so impressed I printed it and a Slops Order form for future needs. Merely as a constructive suggestion how would the metal Carrier and Destroyer badges look mounted as tie-pins? or perhaps the words "FESR Association" done in similar metal as a lapel or cap badge, food for thought. regards, Irish.

07/02/01 10:01:45 PM

Name: Ross Jennings

Comments: Hi All - Can anyone help please trying to ascertain whether an old mate has time up for ASM. Shipped Melbourne all of 61 and 62 and then (I think Diamantina almost constantly) .Appreciated - Thanks Ross J

07/01/01 08:15:46 PM

Name: Erica Witt

Comments: Irish - I wish! No, that will be Australian Opera singer Erica Witt. Same name, no relation though.

07/01/01 02:47:28 PM

Name: Laurie 'Irish' Shaw

Comments: Members, my E'Mail address is shawl@free2air.com.au please ignore all others, regards, Irish.

07/01/01 02:39:59 PM

Name: Laurie 'Irish' Shaw

Comments: Erica, even as I'm sitting downstairs in my Cybershack at 1.30PM Sunday 1st July 2001, on the Central Coast at a venue called "Witt's End" Terrigal a soprano named Erica Witt is holding another one of her popular musical afternoons. Do I have the right Erica? or could it perhaps be

pure coincidence? regards, Irish.

06/30/01 07:36:02 PM

Name: Ron Hobba Ex Birdie Crystal Cracker

Comments: May all memebtrs who follow those funny codes of football in Brisbane tonight and tomorrow,(not like the game which was played in Brisbane on Friday Night at the 'Gabba), have as much success and get as good as crowd as we did and to show that I am not one eyed, c'mon the Reds and the Blues!!!!

06/30/01 06:39:04 PM

Name: Erica Witt

Comments: Neil McLean No Neil, you most certainly were not on a ghost ship as you so eloquently put it. I certainly did not mean to offend any member of the FESR by failing to include details of his or her ship and/or experiences. The page was put together voluntarily [as is the site maintained] and I selected what I could from the sources at hand. There are many ships which are not mentioned on the Vietnam page but that does not mean that their contributions have gone unnoticed. You will find that some of the links will take you to the details you seek, still, I have taken your feelings into consideration and have added a direct link to the Stuart [or at least what I could find on the net]. As suggested by Irish, it is only through recalling individual experiences can a comprehensive history be kept. If you would like to send myself or the Webmaster further information on the Stuart's term in Vietnam, we will endeavour to add it to the site.

06/29/01 09:15:55 PM

Name: Denis (Bodgie) Sefton

Comments: Thanks Bob

06/29/01 03:24:58 PM

Name: Bob Witt

Comments: Bodgie, To answer your query re mounting of medals they go as followed,AASM,NGSM,ASM. Regards Bob.

06/28/01 09:31:36 PM

Name: Denis (Bodgie) Sefton

Comments: Hey Irish, Not a bad idea,DR Mahathir has a pretty good Aussie accent,so it's worth a try.

06/28/01 09:24:48 PM

Name: Denis (Bodgie) Sefton

Comments: When we finally recieve ALL of our entitlements what is the correct mounting of the medals i.e. ASM-AASM-NGSM.

06/27/01 09:46:18 PM

Name: Laurie Irish Shaw

Comments: Members, what would you say to our Association making an approach to the current Malaysian Government with regard to issuing those of us who served their country in it's time of need, with one of their country's medals along with a letter of thanks/commendation, etc, kik the idea around, regards, Irish.

06/27/01 08:23:43 PM

Name: John Rielly

Comments: (no comment)

06/27/01 03:48:53 PM

Name: Laurie Irish Shaw
Comments: Me again, ther's an ex RN sailor by the name of Mr Joe Durkin WWII vintage who resided here on the Central Coast. Aparrently, after a wait of 57 years he received a long awaited medal just last week plus an official "Thank You." from the Russian Government in regards to his service in Arctic convoys. Unfortunately the letter is written in Russian, hey! what the hell it's a thank you from a foreign country, makes my 45 year wait seem like I'm in a hurry or something, good one Joe, regards, Irish. PS: Tug, got both your E'Mails, good on ya, we'll have an odd schooner or three one day, regards, Irish.

06/26/01 08:30:14 PM

Name: Joseph Alexander Schmitz(Smith)
Comments: I was delighted to learn about the availability of information concerning ex serving members of the military forces and their entitlements.

06/26/01 03:54:41 PM

Name: Laurie Irish Shaw
Comments: Neil, It's up to you tell US about yourself and your ship HMAS Stuart, what about your official number so someone can say "Hey! I knew him." tell us who your mates were, dates, times, ports of call, anything to establish araport, the city you live in, your interests, we all want to know. Only by you telling us can we communicate, if your from Brisbane I'll swap dits and a few schooner with you at the old Goodna RSL on the 29th of July, if not have a good one, regards in unity, Irish.

06/25/01 11:04:19 PM

Name: Neil McLean
Comments: Well, it's just not my night. After a rest I came back to the site and checked on the Vietnam pages. Again no mention of HMAS Stuart. The Stuart's actions may seem minor, however, we were there (a few time)and would expect some support from an association like this.

06/25/01 09:45:15 PM

Name: Neil McLean
Comments: HMAS Stuart is not mentioned on your site, I was on the Stuart and have a medal with clasp FESR. Maybe I was on a ghost ship?? Otherwise, you have a great site, pity about the Stuart though.

06/25/01 08:50:32 PM

Name: John Rielly
Comments: Great site just passing through. If anyone needs help with claims you can contact me at jrielly@ats.com.au Regards John Rielly Advocate

06/25/01 09:53:43 AM

Name: Ken Staff
Comments: Great to see the Western Australian members at the Sandgate RSL yesterday attending the FESR Association meeting. Should any members or potential members be in Brisbane visiting, remember our FESR Association meetings are on the last Sunday of each month and don't forget to bring your partner along, you will be made more than welcome.

06/24/01 08:56:58 AM

Name: Ken Staff

Comments: June 24, 1957, a day that will live in infamy, no it's not Pearl Harbour it's, 44 years ago today, I arrived at HMAS Cerberus to begin my Naval career. I am pleased to say, to this day I still meet old shipmates from those days long gone at the FESR Association meetings and have made a lot of new friends. Today's meeting at Sandgate RSL will be special for me.

06/21/01 03:10:21 PM

Name: TUG WILSON (EX WOETP)

Comments: ANYONE IN FRANKSTON AREA KNOW WHERE I COULD CONTACT COLIN J. EDWARDS (EX CETC) - LAST HEARD OF LIVING FRANKSTON NORTH, SERVED 70'S/80'S PHONE OR EMAIL NUMBER WOULD BE APPRECIATED.THANKS, TUG W.

06/20/01 11:30:51 PM

Name: John Sandaver R 63501

Comments: Could anybody help me I was in HMAS Yarra FESR 1965 I have RAS badge Borneo malaya medal with Malay Pensulia nad borneo clasp also the FESR madal are there anymore to come? I seem to lose track of what is and whats not Kind Regards John

06/20/01 04:51:19 PM

Name: Gavin Lee

Comments: I would like to thank Ron Hobba, Les Church and one other gentleman (you know who you are and thanks)for their replies ref: my father's service in HMAS Sydney. He received his AASM with bar Malaya and RAS badge yesterday. I am still following up on which ships he was on for days that might count towards the GSM 1962. At this stage i have narrowed it down to HMAS Vendetta, so hopefully i can pin point its time up top during the time frame of Dec 1961 to March 1963. If any members were on board and can help please let me know. My fathers details are ex POME K.B.Lee (dixie)R33729. I hate to draw this out but i have one more question for any members who might be able to help. Dad served on HMAS Shoalhaven during its second tour of Korea 17/7/54 to 26/3/55. On the last night that the ship was docked in Kure, Japan the boys got on the piss(as you do)and the end result was an all in brawl on the dock, but a fair distance up from the ship. A couple of the lads decided not to pay for their taxi and some one gave the taxi driver and bottle over the head. As a result of that incident three crew from Shoalhaven were taken off the ship by Pommy redcaps and handed over to the Jap police. One was my Dad and the other two were, 39722 Peter Crossan Lees (now deceased) 47070 Keith John Hamilton (bonehead) If any one knows of the incident or knows someone who might could you please get i contact with myself. Thanks for your time Gents Gavin Lee ex ARMY 1980-1996 (03) 9390 4171

06/20/01 12:50:16 PM

Name: John Pelgrave

Comments: Looking for an ex RAN shipmate...GRANT CLIFFORD Have tried a few different avenues but had no luck. Grant served with me on the VENDETTA and the YARRA between 1957 - 1963.Originally came from WA before joining the Navy.Any information would be greatly appreciated.

06/19/01 01:13:44 PM

Name: Laurie 'Irish' Shaw

Comments: Attention Bob Witt. conaratulations on receiving your iust

dues after so long, namely the AASM with clasp Malaya and your much coveted RAS badge, wear them with pride old son, see you in July, regards, Irish.

06/19/01 01:07:01 PM

Name: Laurie 'Irish' Shaw

Comments: To John Carlyon & members, as a supporter of National Servicemen receiving a 50th Anniversary Medal I endorse Queensland FESR members in their decision to go one better and lobby for an all inclusive Defence Medal to be issued after six months service. The inclusion of a bar ,which branch of the armed forces they served in, ie: Navy, Army, RAAF, National Service, etc is an excellent idea. No doubt the Reserves will also be eligible to receive a gurnsey, with suitable bar of course. Hope to see you all at Bundamba and my old stamping ground, Goodna in late July,I joined Pussers from there in 1954, regards, Irish.

06/18/01 07:41:26 PM

Name: Bob Witt

Comments: It's good to see the trickle continuing from Canberra I received my AASM and Ras badge today it took 10 days from signing letter to receipt lets hope everyone gets their entitlements before October. Regards Bob.

06/18/01 01:48:48 PM

Name: Joe Linaker

Comments: Have just checked in with ex-WOCK Allan Prowse who is recovering from major by-pass surgery in Greenslopes Qld.AI is an energetic member of FESR and will be back in harness in a couple of weeks.Surgery was successful so welcome to the "Ticker Flicker Club" AI.Fellas don't hesitate to send flowers or give him a call Tel:33947111.

06/17/01 12:10:39 PM

Name: Ken Staff

Comments: Noticed a small but good story which appeared on page 103 of the Queensland Sunday Mail today (17/6/01) headed...VETERANS CALLED TO ATTENTION. The story was about A.S.A.C. the ARMED SERVICES ASSISTANCE CENTRE which is, if you don't know, a service to assist both ex-service and serving members of all three armed services with free advice on pensions and welfare. The ASAC website [www.asacaustralia.com] has already received more than 10,000 hits. So why not let all your old mates know of this service and pass on the website address. They can also be reached by phoning (07) 3210 6467 or fax (07) 3210 6468.

06/17/01 11:31:25 AM

Name: Gavin Lee

Comments: In regards to Ron Hobba's email about the new Anzac Frigates and their Helo's. The torpedo storage room on board has now been cut in half on the latest ship,nuship Stuart. So where are they going to stor these Torps ??? If any one has bothered to look on any of the earlier ships you will find that this space is used as a gymn among other things. Can anyone clarify what medal if any are the ships crew of HMAS Sydney going to get for their trip to Borneo in June/July 1964 for ferrying troops and supplies. I would be interested to know as my father was a Pome on board at that time
Regards Gavin Lee

06/15/01 04:46:16 PM

Name: Ron Chenhall (ex E.R.A.)

- Comments: Hooray at last finally received my AASM 45-75 and R A S Badge today. Waiting now om NGSM which I believe will be later this year
06/15/01 11:57:24 AM
- Name: Ken Staff
- Comments: I'm looking for an old mate of mine from the early 60's, by the name of Ray Harris, I think he was in signals but definately was in the communications branch. Ray was originally from Chelsea in Victoria, I would appreciate it if anyone could help me find Ray.
06/14/01 02:57:21 PM
- Name: Ron Hobba Ex Birdie Crystal Cracker
- Comments: On a more serious note I saw on last night news, Warrant Off Leo Walsh, Army, has just retired after 50 years service. (I have no idea what made him pull the pin or spit the dummy. I would have thought he would have done a few more years and made a career out of it!) He joined pussres' at 15 and then changed later on to the Army when they found out he was probably underaged. I noticed that he has served in Korea, SE Asia and Vietnam as well as probably many other areas so I must congratulate him on achieving that length of service and dedication to the defence of our Country.
06/14/01 02:51:18 PM
- Name: Ron Hobba Ex Birdie Crystal Cracker
- Comments: Gee, I hate to tell you this from the latest "Slipstream". The Kaman Super Sea Sprite, all weather day or night helo's we are getting for the Anzac Frigates, will form the PRIMARY weapons system for the Frigates. They will be fitted with Penguin air to surface missiles, mark 46 torpedoes, MK 11 Depth Charges, sophisticated electronic and surveillance systems, imaging radar etc. (Why do we need the ships?!). Whatever happened to the poor old UC's, QMG/GI's, RP's & FC's. If they suck and crawl up to the birdies they may let them pop off a few shots on the 7.62mm ammo GPMG that the Helo's will carry!!
06/13/01 08:31:18 PM
- Name: Bob Witt
- Comments: For those wanting to view the Federation Naval Review and Fireworks Spectacular from onboard a Harbour Ferry, word is that the NAA still have spots availalbe. They will be filled on a first in, first served basis. Ferry fee includes two meals and a prime viewing position on the harbour. Cost is \$65 per head and reservations can be secured by contacting: FNCR Committee Naval Association of Australia GPO Box 711 CANBERRA ACT 2601 Cheque/Money Order to be made payable to the Federation Naval Congress & Reunion (arriving no later than 31 August 2001) For further details and to download a registration form and order of events, visit the NAA Website:
http://www.navalassoc.org.au/centenary_celeb.htm
06/12/01 10:42:46 PM
- Name: DAVE TERRY
- Comments: G'DAY TO ALL, FROM AN EX 'HANDLER/AVIATION' GREAT SITE FELLAS' LOOKING FORWARD TO HEARING FROM ONE AND ALL AND, OF COURSE SEEING YOU ALL IN OCTOBER, FOR THE BIG BANYAN
06/11/01 08:55:29 PM
- Name: Webmaster

Comments: To: A E Smith It may pay you to contact the President of the Tasmanian Branch of the National Malaya and Borneo Veterans Association, Mr Brian Seed, 15 Hill St. Bellerive 7018. [Tel: (03) 6244 4227] You can contact Brian by email at ggseed@iprimus.com.au He may be able to point you in the right direction. In the meantime if I come across anything which might help I will let you know. Best of luck. Bob

06/11/01 04:19:51 PM

Name: Gordon Bremner

Comments: G"day to all. Would like to hear from PEB who married R and lived happily in Hurstville NSW. See most of you in Canberra next year.

06/10/01 05:14:56 PM

Name: A E Smith

Comments: Can anyone remember Royal Naval ratings serving with the Australian Battalion (2RAR) or other UK battalions in Malaya during 1956? I was attached to Dog Company 2RAR whilst serving on board HMS Newcastle. It would seem that most records of this era have been destroyed and the British Medal Office will not recognise Australian Statutory Declarations from ex-UK persons that seek awardance of the GSM with clasp Malaya. As I have been working on 'Acceptance of my service since 1994' can any ex-Army or Navy personnel visiting this site remember ratings from HMS Newcastle serving with army battalions? - The UK can't! It would be helpful if you could advise me of your name, rank, and official number. Also if you were awarded the GSM with clasp MALAYA. Thank you in advance for e-mailing me on seloto@telstra.easymail.com.au Regards A.E. (TONY) Smith Private Address: Villa 6, Beau Vista Villas, 197 West Tamar Road, Riverside, Tasmania, Australia, 7250

06/10/01 12:25:30 AM

Name: Leo Levarre-Waters

Comments: Greetings from...hic...Bundaberg Gooood site...Gooooood read Real good memories working with Oz boys 1963-1967 in Far East. Regards Leo Ex-HMNZS Royalist & Waikato

06/09/01 05:46:41 PM

Name: John Sandaver R 63501

Comments: Can someone enlighten me as to when the HMAS Sydney made it's first trip to Vietnam Thanks

06/09/01 11:11:20 AM

Name: Tony (Slim) Smith

Comments: Great site. Will see all you Handlers in Sydney in October.

06/08/01 05:16:54 PM

Name: Ian McClure

Comments: Hi guys, This time I need some help. Someone some where may be able to help. Back in 1964 on HMAS Sydney a group of us was given a job of painting in the double bottoms, the paint was a black tarry looking stuff. We were only allowed to paint for short periods at a time & each time we came out we were given milk to drink. The fumes from the paint gave you the feeling of being drunk & I was coughing & short of breath. I need to find out what the paint was & what was in it if possible. It's a big ask I know but I need the info for a claim. Can anyone help me out. Regards Ian.

06/08/01 09:29:48 AM

Name: Ken Staff

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Documents appear as originally posted (i.e. unedited)

- Comments: Hi Maurie, ... Welcome to the FESR Association website, if you check this on a regular basis a lot of names you know will pop up from time to time. Don't forget to check the links as well. Great to hear from you again. Regards, Ken.
06/08/01 01:07:10 AM
- Name: Mahnkoph M.
Comments: Good to see the troops are still active and having a ball. Will keep in touch with the FESR Birdies,as well as those who did the rabbit runs on the old "Girl". Regards, Maurie.
06/07/01 11:19:31 PM
- Name: jim thorley R55067
Comments: any old mates out there ??? slip me an email
06/07/01 11:47:12 AM
- Name: Laurie Irish Shaw
Comments: Tommo, the "Greenies" project you mentioned certainly explains a lot, two cans on occasions barely wet the whistle although the PO's that doled out our rare treat certainly managed to keep themselves well oiled. I'm impressed that so many people recalled the delta winged aircraft, the things that flash through your mind. I don't know what triggered the memory but it came to me as I was writing up one of my projects on Japanese aircraft carriers on my old upstairs Windows 3.1, perhaps the name Irish explains a lot, regards, Irish.
06/07/01 10:26:46 AM
- Name: Jack Thompson
Comments: That mysterious plane that Irish mention was actually a "Greenie" project that we made out of the "Tennant Lager Cans".
06/07/01 09:18:55 AM
- Name: John Arnold
Comments: Does anyone know the wherabouts of the following Aircraft Handlers: K.R.Green R62448 - M E Goss R59202 - P R C Malcolm R62379. Thank you.
06/06/01 09:55:46 PM
- Name: Joe Galea
Comments: great site guys just visiting
06/06/01 09:29:22 PM
- Name: Joe Linaker
Comments: Re:"Operation Searchmate"Letter publication in Mondays Western Australian has evoked over 40 responses to our President in 3 days.As a consequence our membership is experiencing steady growth,and vets are going after their entitlements.Hope somebody can stir the pot in SA,and VIC and bring them in too.Cheers.
06/05/01 11:05:04 PM
- Name: Anonymous Surfer
Comments: Let us all hope and pray the military guru's knowledge is better than his Motor Boat Coxswain's knowledge of Manilla Harbour at dusk. Thank god for the Yanks ay Lindsay but that is another story.
06/05/01 08:59:51 PM
- Name: TUG WILSON (EX WOETP)

Comments: GO AWAY YOU DRIBBLING EX BIRDIES! IF IT WASN'T FOR US PROPER SAILORS YOU WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN ABLE TO GET THAT DREADED FLYING MACHINE HERE!
06/05/01 07:38:18 PM

Name: Ron Hobba Ex Birdie Crystal Cracker

Comments: Irish As a member and a "Nosey Parker" to the site, The Avro 707A came to Aust from UK in 1956 on Melbourne and was a prototype of the Vulcan although a scaled down version. Its number was WD280 and completed about 486 hours of test flying. In 1963 it was purchased by a private resident of a Melb suburb and displayed in his home before being re-sold back to the RAAF after 32 years of ownership. RAAF Museum site can expand on its history. Re Joe Linaker's comments about Fleet Air Arm Personnel, I feel quite humbled.It's is all true and we are too perfect to be conceited!! regards Ron Brisbane.
06/05/01 03:32:51 PM

Name: Bob Witt

Comments: Irish:futher to Joe's answer if you go to <http://www.raafmuseum.com.au/> you will see it and the story listed under [our aircraft] hope this helps to solve your problem. Regards Bob
06/04/01 08:57:56 PM

Name: Joe Linaker

Comments: Re:Mystery Aircraft enquiry from Irish Shaw-After consultation with former shipmate and military history guru Lindsay McDonald,we offer this solution.The a/c was a SHORT707 Delta wing experimental test prototype for development of the Vulcan Bomber.We think it went to SA for display somewhere,and a story and pic.appeared in the FAA mag."Slipstream" some 3 years ago.Mag editor is John Arnold,email address slipstream@shoal.net.au Despite our critics,we "Carrier Birdies"are good-looking,great lovers,and above all-knowledgable.Pleasure to be of service to you Irish,Cheers.
06/03/01 08:56:17 PM

Name: Bob Witt

Comments: Re the Blazer Pockets I was informed today that enquiries are in progress [for gold wire] re costing and availability. When a decision is made I will post it on the Log
06/03/01 06:34:40 PM

Name: Les Bailey

Comments: To Ken Staff The last time we met was in Sydney in 1960 I was on the Melbourne and I think you were at Albatross. Prior to that we were at the Cremorne Street State School in Richmond. I will be at the Royal Terranora Country Club, Bilambil Heights on 22 July for a week, if you like we could catch up and have a beer.
06/03/01 04:35:25 PM

Name: Peter C Wright

Comments: I Have just heard about this website down at the local ex-naval branch and thought it was a very worthwhile Assoc to get into (ex Yarra commissioning crew till 64)
06/03/01 03:02:09 PM

Name: Laurie Irish Shaw

Comments: It's me again. to-dav. sadlv is the 32nd anniversarv of the

tragic collision in 1969 between the Australian flagship, the aircraft carrier HMAS Melbourne and an American destroyer in the South China Sea. At least 56 American sailors perished on this day as their ship, USS Frank E Evans broke in two with her forward section sinking almost immediately. Melbourne's crew managed to secure the ill-fated destroyer's badly mauled aft section alongside and rescued more than 200 US sailors. Fortunately there were no casualties aboard the 20,000 ton Melbourne whose bows were badly damaged. After the rescue the flagship managed to steam at half speed to Singapore for repairs. Both vessels had been engaged in SEATO exercises with other navies when the fatal collision occurred, may those young men who perished with their ship rest in peace, regards, Irish.

06/02/01 01:56:30 PM

Name: Ian McClure

Comments: I agree also with Ken & Irish, it's about time we had a blazer pocket. Ian McClure

06/02/01 12:24:40 PM

Name: Ken Staff

Comments: I have to agree with "Irish" Shaw with regard to the idea of a blazer badge (pocket). This Association has paid its dues, and has come of age, it is time to show the world we are proud of who we are. We have enough members to justify a badge being manufactured, let's stop procrastinating and get on with it, I for one would be proud to display the FESR Association crest on a blazer.

06/02/01 11:35:46 AM

Name: Joe Linaker

Comments: May I draw your attention to "Operation Searchmate" in the FESR News section of this site. We have good initial response from letter publication in a number of newspapers across the country, and commitments to publish it are received from several others, so I thank my shipmates and friends responsible for supporting the concept. Our President John Carlyon has received responses from veterans in Townsville, Mordialloc, Chelsea and the Newcastle area thus far, and publication is expected in WA next week. I hope every one reading this will have a go with their local newspaper, some people have resided just a few doors or a town away from former shipmates for many years and not known about it. Please try it because it's quite amazing who's out there. Thanks Fellas.

06/01/01 09:53:12 PM

Name: Laurie Irish Shaw

Comments: A question to those of you who were onboard the carrier Melbourne when she arrived from UK on 6th May 1956 and tied up alongside Sydney at GI's oil wharf. What type of small, silver skinned aircraft did the Melbourne transfer by crane to Sydney's flight deck? As I recall it was an all metal, single seat jet powered delta wing fighter with tricycle under carriage not unlike a prototype of the French Mirage but wearing RAF roundels on its stubby wings. Are there any birdies out there who can remember the mystery aircraft? regards, Irish.

06/01/01 09:01:49 PM

Name: Bob Witt

Comments: Update for those requesting Ferry info re: Naval Review in October. Word is that Ferries are currently being organised

by the NAA HQ in Sydney. For those interested, please direct your enquires to the NSW State Secretary for the NAA, Mrs Jean Munro, Level 4, Anzac House, 245 Castlereagh St, Sydney, NSW, 2000 phone: 02 92645411 (Tues & Thurs) or Fax: 02 9261 1034

06/01/01 07:23:55 PM

Name: Laurie Irish Shaw
Comments: Good one Bob, on the ball as usual, noticed a few of the lads at NAA get together sporting some flash hot ship's crest and unit insignia on their jacket pockets. I reckon our FESR emblem would look great enlarged and in full colour on an approved association approved blazer, I would welcome comment from interested members. Thanks Bob for the swift reply, regards, Irish.

06/01/01 05:36:07 PM

Name: Bob Witt
Comments: Irish, to my knowledge there is no Emblem for blazer pockets, as yet I haven't taken over as Property officer this should occur after the next meeting. I am in the process of getting a slops page together hopefully it will be ready by then. In the mean time I will put your very valid suggestion to the executive and see what can be done. Regards Bob.

06/01/01 03:38:44 PM

Name: Laurie Irish Shaw
Comments: Bob, perhaps I'm loosing it but I can't seem to find the Merchandising page on our website, the old one was excellent but perhaps I've missed the new page. What I'm looking for is an FESR Association "Patch" for my blazer pocket, something that we members would no doubt wear on special occasions with pride. Mate, where's the fish? regards, Irish.

05/31/01 08:19:24 PM

Name: Joe Linaker
Comments: Happy to endorse Bob Bailey's comments on the power of this medium, in particular this website. In the relatively short time I have been connected, I too have restored contact with almost all of my Navy classmates, and now re-establishing contact with shipmates of over 40 years standing, and it's a lot of fun. It was this success that led me to initiate "Operation Searchmate". Details of this project are contained in the latest FESR Newsletter, and it is these shipmates who have kick-started it for me. The Webmaster advised me that details of Searchmate will be placed on both the FESR and ASAC sites in due course, so yes Bob this medium is tops for finding barnacle-encrusted old sailors and a great vehicle to set up reunions. Regards to All.

05/31/01 08:39:40 AM

Name: Robert C. Bailey
Comments: Hello all. What a wonderful media the internet is and this web page in particular. I made contact with an old friend of mine in February this year after a span of 36 years. I made a comment about this a couple of months ago on the deck log, since then I received an e-mail from another friend who read it in America. It has mushroomed since then. I had the pleasure of meeting up with two other mates at the May meeting at Nambour RSL. One of these gents I hadn't seen for about 20 years and the other one 37 years. The chaps I have met up with are Les Figg (USA), Mike Thomas (USA), Ken Brazier, Ken Musson & Mick Kimball (Nambour RSL) and still

to meet face to face Peter Maher(Sydney). Keep up the good work all out there and I hope to meet up with a few more of my old navy mates in the future.

05/30/01 12:30:28 PM

Name: Ian McClure

Comments: Hi Guys,the Newcastle Sub-Section Naval Assoc. address has changed.The site will grow as time goes by.Please sign our guest book & leave comments.Soon we will have an index page of all our members to make it easy to find lost mates,enjoy.Ian McClure

05/29/01 09:27:53 PM

Name: John Rielly

Comments: Just visiting

05/28/01 12:14:12 PM

Name: Ken Staff

Comments: Does anyone know the where abouts of an ex Birdie, spanner wanker, Col Poulton? I had a call from a mutual friend last night who wishes to contact him. If you can help, call me on, (07) 5536 6178 or email me at,... kenstaff@ozemail.com.au

05/26/01 07:59:30 PM

Name: FESR

Comments: Ray Norton, Re: Review and Congress, Ray you forgot to leave your email address so I will reply on the log. We are endeavoring to get the costing and availability of ferries for the Review, our State Delegate has that in hand. As for the Congress FESR will have delegates there as I understand individuals can attend depending on available seating. When I have more details I will post them on the What's New page and on this log. Regards Bob.

05/26/01 02:24:19 PM

Name: Brian "Rushie" Rushmore

Comments: Any old shipmates of Pete Hilder 14th intake of JR's at Leeuwin and served HMAS Melbourne in '67 please contact me. Pete has been admitted to intensive care at Royal North shore and is in a bad way

05/24/01 11:43:34 AM

Name: Bernard Alan Rayner

Comments: Received an email from Barry Bennetts but can't get back to him. My phone is 07 3299 7717 would like to hear from any old Quickmatch guys 1959-60 era. Also if barry can contact me again.

05/23/01 08:50:58 PM

Name: Ken Staff

Comments: On behalf of the Executive & Committee of the FESR Association, I would like to remind members that fees (\$25 GST inc.) for 2001/2002 membership is now overdue. . . . C'mon fellas lets get the lead out and get the fees into the Secretary ASAP.

05/23/01 06:10:19 PM

Name: Ian McClure

Comments: Hi guy's the Newcastle Sub Section Naval Association now has a website only 1 page at this stage but it will grow as time goes by. Regards Ian

05/22/01 08:38:55 PM

Name: Bernard Alan Rayner
Comments: Hi, This is my first visit to FESR and I like the news. I served on H.M.A.S.Quickmatch 59-60, I was on Radar, I would like to hear from any others who were there at the time. Regards, Alan.

05/19/01 11:35:29 AM

Name: Helen, Katherine, Tina & Anastasia Spooner
Comments: My name is Katherine Peart (nee Spooner), I am Ralph Spooner's daughter. Mum has asked me to let you know that Dads funeral is on Tuesday the 22nd of May 2001 at 1100 at St Mary's Cathedral, Kangaroo Point, Brisbane. Everyone is welcome to attend and say farewell to Dad. Dads passing has left us with a big space in our lives. The Navy was a big part of Dads life and ours, Dad has many friends out there who enriched his life and shared experiences with him which were always precious to him. We have to say thank you to all of the members of FESR and Dad's long standing mates for their support throughout Dad's illness. It has made a difficult time more bearable. Thank you. The Spooner family.

05/18/01 04:01:40 PM

Name: Ray Dunbar
Comments: A great site, with some good and interesting information. I'm ex RNZN and was on Royalist during the Indonesian campaign.

05/17/01 11:16:30 PM

Name: FESR
Comments: It is with regret to report the passing of ex-WOMTP Ralph (Spookie) Spooner at 1930 this evening, 17 May 2001, after a 6 month battle with brain cancer. Ralph served between 1954 and 1986. WARRAMUNGA, KIMBLA, SUPPLY, MELBOURNE etc. were some of Ralph's sea billets. During the latter part of his career he was Engineering Branch Divisional Officer in MELBOURNE. His last posting was Divisional Officer at the Junior Recruit School WA. Ralph's wife Helen will be better known to sailors as the one time editor of WifeLine in Navy News. Ralph was an active member of the naval family and got involved in the recent FESR campaign. FESR Regional Vice President for Queensland, Ralph Spooner will be sadly missed. Sincere condolences are extended to Ralph's family and friends.

05/17/01 04:20:00 PM

Name: ron chenhall (ex E.R.A.)
Comments: re asbestos diseases. After being in engineroom of Australia,Vengeance,Tobruk and Sydney and then being employed by Australian Asbestos P/ltd. I have examination for lung disease every 2 years by Dust Diseases Board in Sydney as yet no disease present. i am now 69 years old

05/17/01 02:11:37 PM

Name: Jim Bullen
Comments: Related to the point Irish Shaw brought up about the risk of asbestosis, I wonder how many of my shipmates from the Sydney, Quiberon or old Swan enginerooms have breathing problems. Just going up 5 stairs knocks the wind out of me and I consider myself pretty fit for a 63 year old. I remember that Irish mentioned to me at our Anzac Day bash in Sydney that there is some government department that examines old salts for such a problem but I didn't make a note of it. Can

anybody enlighten me on this?

05/15/01 09:42:49 PM

Name: Laurie Irish Shaw

Comments: Members, it's with increasing dismay that when I make contact with a former shipmate off the former aircraft carrier HMAS Sydney I hear that they are either suffering some form of asbestos induced cancer or are TPI pensioners. What the hell's going on? these few blokes must surely be only the tip of the iceberg. A number have mentioned to me that they believe they became cancerous from breathing the impure air that came through the ship's totally inadequate fan trunkings. If that be the case, and I've no doubt that it is, surely we as a group should be looking at getting some legal advice and seriously considering some type of class action. Could we have some discussion on the matter?, regards, Irish Shaw.

05/15/01 08:37:09 PM

Name: Ken Staff

Comments: Correction to my last entry regarding the FESR Association website. Please note the Website address is, ... www.fesrassociation.com not as my previous entry.

05/15/01 03:18:48 PM

Name: John Symonds

Comments: To all interested. George Makin Sec. of Melbourne subsection N.A.A.is putting on another FESR Day sometime after June. Needs numbers for catering.Ring George on (03)9654 1947 for more info or e-mail me.

05/14/01 02:02:41 PM

Name: Ken Staff

Comments: Had an email from Trevor Geyer today with regard to a few things happening over there in South Australia for thr reunion in 2003.They are doing a great job organizing this event. Would all SA members please note the website address shown in the "LOCAL NEWS UPDATE" for the FESR is incorrect, it is now,..... www.fesrassociation.com If you have any questions about this contact your new National Secretary, Ken Sanders at,... ken@ion.com.au

05/13/01 10:59:17 AM

Name: Ken Staff

Comments: I would like to take this oportunity to wish all you ladies out there a very HAPPY MOTHERS DAY !

05/12/01 11:06:42 AM

Name: Ron Hobba Ex Birdie Crystal Cracker

Comments: Just did a slight repait to my E-mail address

05/11/01 10:12:59 PM

Name: Bob Witt

Comments: Hi to all, just tuned in to say Hi from sunny Townsville no fish yet but will keep trying.The town is full of Yanks form the Essex and about four of our Heavy Landing ships. They had a welcome home parade for the East Timor troops as well as a presentation of their AASM enough said see you all when I get back.

05/11/01 09:49:25 PM

Name: Ian McClure

Comments: For Ron Hobba there is something wrong with your email link.Sent vou 2 emails & thev came back.can vou check it

out.Ian McClure

05/11/01 05:25:34 PM

Name: Laurie Irish Shaw
Comments: Tommo et al, if your having trouble with non-delivery of E'Mails, try contacting me on my latest ISP address, shawl@free2air.com.au. I'm currently recieving free internet through Gosford on Internet TV Australia Pty Ltd via Free2aiR with 200 megabytes of totally free download every month, regards, Irish.

05/11/01 04:24:03 PM

Name: Ron Hobba Ex Birdie Crystal Cracker
Comments: Received a letter today from Navy Medals. It looks as though they are now up to the Indonesian Confrontation. The letter said in effect,"as the result of SEAreview, clasp MALASIA to the AASM may now be awarded for service during the confrontation including participation for activities in Sabah, Sarawak & Brunei 24.12.62-11.08.66. A recommendation for the award will shortly be forwarded to the GG for approval". (I was on HMAS Sydney which took troops to Borneo in '64. I already have AASM,VLSM and RAS Baadge but others who did this trip and who have no other war service will be entitles to AASM clasp Malasia and RAS Badge.) Hope this makes sense and you put in for your entitlements. To Bob Baily, doesn't look like the Borneo Banyang will be forthcoming and see you at the Nambour meeting.

05/10/01 01:10:40 PM

Name: Ross Jennings
Comments: Just back on the air after a shift of some 1300kms to Port Hedland.Missed many comments on ANZAC day but what a thrill!! It came darned close to making up for the 40 + year wait. The ABC zoomed in on my ugly mug and many have commented since. I hope you all had a similar day and will catch up later on the news.By the way Ern Dait is in Hospital at the moment 'search and determine' exercise .Any that know him please send him a cheerio. Regards Ross J

05/10/01 12:46:44 PM

Name: Doug Brooks
Comments: The new site looks great. Even I get into the picture. Thanks to all

05/09/01 04:48:47 PM

Name: Barry Bennetts
Comments: Memorabilia Its hard to realize that 45 years ago today - i.e. 9 May 1956, HMAS MELBOURNE arrived at Sydney on her maiden voyage. What an impact she made on all of us over the ensuing years. ... And, for those ex Shipmates who served with me on Quiberon's February - May Tour 1958. Do you remember the event during this period (we were in the area- a few hundred miles or so - when the Inndonesian Navy Ship 'HANG TUAH', ex HMNS Moratai,ex HMAS Ipswich, was sunk in a bombing attack off North Borneo. The 2nd World War Mitchell bomber was piloted by an American Mercenary pilot who received \$A5000 for the operation. It seems we were closer to the action than Canberra liked to admit. It was an interesting tour, like they all were. Cheers.

05/08/01 08:15:29 PM

Name: Joe Linaker
Comments: The path to mv computer was littered with squashed

cockroaches, but delighted to advise FESR Association has negotiations underway with ferry companies which, if successful, will give us a chance to watch the Saturday action on the harbour. No further detail yet but I suggest numbers would be at an absolute premium if we are successful-our next newsletter may contain further developments if they come to hand.

05/05/01 01:21:45 PM

Name: Erica

Comments: Ken, Would like to say I could fix the date but unfortunately no can do. Bravenet uses the universal web date method which unfortunately is month first, date second.

05/05/01 11:50:28 AM

Name: Laurie Irish Shaw

Comments: To all you cane toads, beware the killer cockroach from across the border, this weekend be afraid, be very afraid, regards. Irish.

05/05/01 02:03:15 AM

Name: Richmond Derham

Comments: Hi. Was great to hear that the lads marched under the F.E.S.R banner in two states. Would love to have seen it happen here in Perth W.A. Maybe next Anzac day. Would love to hear from ex H.M.A.S Anzac shipmates 1959 era . This is a great site , Congratulations to all who have worked hard to make this possible.

05/04/01 09:57:17 PM

Name: Ken Sanders

Comments: Hi! Erica, and great thanks and blessing for the site, but guys, I'm always confused with the difference between Our 'civilised' way of notating Calendar date, and the backward way the Yanks do it Erica, is it possible to record the dates of the entries as they arrive say, tonight, 04 05 01. Then if any of us search for recent entries, we may look for it by the first numbers, the most recent days.

05/04/01 02:01:55 PM

Name: Ken Staff

Comments: Well done the boys from South Australia & NSW on your turnout for the march on ANZAC Day, it really is great to see the FESR banner's are flying proudly, c'mon the other States, lets make sure we fly the banners in ALL States at next years march, NOW! is the time to start planning it.

05/04/01 05:23:05 AM

Name: garry slattery

Comments: congrats to all who have made this possible would love to hear from anyone who is a friend of dr bob and bill wilson cryptic eh

05/03/01 09:14:23 PM

Name: Bob Witt

Comments: To Irish, Thanks for the best wishes I am now out after having a drainout and a grease and oil change, hopefully starting tomorrow my Trek north to a good fishing spot for a couple of weeks. I am looking forward to Sydney and meeting up with you and maybe downing an ale or two regards Bob.

05/03/01 08:30:56 PM

Name: TUG WILSON (EX WOETP)
Comments: DOES ANYONE KNOW WHERE "BUSTER" CRABBE (EX CEP) IS HIDING - HE'S AN OLD MATE AND I WOULD LIKE TO GET IN TOUCH. PLEASE ADVISE, THANKS, TUG.
05/03/01 06:03:12 PM

Name: Laurie Irish Shaw
Comments: Jim Bullen, good to see you online, what a top day, I for one didn't want it to finish, but sadly all good things must come to an end. Don't forget to give John Reilly a call or drop him an E-Mail in regards to medals/pension etc, he has been of great assistance to me over the past few months. Without his expert help I would be still bumping around in the wilderness, glad to meet you old son, regards, Irish.
05/03/01 05:52:54 PM

Name: Laurie Irish Shaw
Comments: Erica, thanks for your kind words re-Anzac Day, also sorry to hear about Bob Witt being admitted to Greenslopes. I've never met the man but feel somehow that I've known him for a long time. Bob! hope you get well soon. regards, Irish.
05/02/01 11:26:52 PM

Name: Joe Linaker
Comments: Anybody out there with contacts to Sydney Harbour Ferries? They would obviously be the best platform for FESR Members and their Ladies to watch the harbour action during the congress. We would like to go through the cost and availability exercise and if it's feasible, book something quickly, as many groups will have the same idea. Any starters?
05/02/01 01:09:31 PM

Name: Robert C. Bailey
Comments: Hi All, I am afraid I will have to agree with Joe about State of Origin, give it to the roaches. Up the toads. I too would like to participate in the Naval activities in Sydney from 3/10/01 to 8/10/01, it should be a fantastic event.
05/02/01 09:31:27 AM

Name: Ken Monk
Comments: Have Read about navy week ? in October does anyone know of proposed activities and what dates are involved as I am planning trip to Sydney then and would like to coordinate trip to match
05/01/01 11:25:09 PM

Name: Ken Staff
Comments: Gives us all a break, Joe, we know who is going to win the State of Origin on Sunday and they'll be wearing BLUE jumpers..... Hope this finds Vince, Bob & Ralph in good spirits. GO BLUES !!!!!
05/01/01 10:36:57 PM

Name: Joe Linaker
Comments: In State of Origin week an appropriate get well call to rugby league stalwart Vince Nolan presently undergoing major surgery in Greenslopes hospital up here in Qld. A Carrier Navy Birdie who mixed it with the best on the paddock in the 50's & 60's, he won't miss Sunday's match for quids. I can imagine him, Bobby Witt, and Spooky Spooner, all in Greenslopes, shouting the ward down on Sunday night. Get Well soon Fellas, and stick it up those Cockroaches.

05/01/01 08:33:16 PM

Name: Jim Bullen
Comments: It was great meeting up with some other old salts (such as Irish, Merv, Bevis, Art and Windy) and swapping yarns at the Sydney March, in spite of having to jump over the police horses' messages. It was splendidly organised by Windy and we were kept in step by a gunnery PO who hasn't lost his touch over the years. Yes, Irish, I also found my eyes misting as we turned into George Street. It was a great day and -- health permitting -- the first of many more for us. Sorry, Art, I couldn't make it to the Vampire working party.

05/01/01 09:48:36 AM

Name: Les Figg
Comments: Tug Wilson: Can you please indicate how long the process took for you? I lodged an application in January 2001, and have been not to expect any movement until September. Thanks & Regards, Les Figg, ex-LEM(WR)

05/01/01 09:41:32 AM

Name: Ken Staff
Comments: Congratulations to Bryan "Windy" Gale and all those members (including the RAAF) who attended and marched in the Sydney ANZAC Day march behind the FESR banner. I'm sure all members wish to congratulate you, and hopefully will follow suit next year. What about it? Let's show the rest of Australia that we were proud to have served in the Far East Strategic Reserve

05/01/01 09:09:50 AM

Name: Ron Hobba Ex Birdie Crystal Cracker
Comments: May the "Ass...es" who broke into and stole the possessions of Margaret and "Wacka", from their unit during last weekend, be speedily caught up with and appropriately dealt with, to put it mildly. Hopefully his lap top computer used in s advocacy work will be returned if the thief/theives have any sort of decency. Sorry to hear about the incident.

04/30/01 10:35:09 AM

Name: Doug (Buck) Buchanan
Comments: I most heartily concur with Irish Shaw under our own Banner and my first time in Sydney cannot express the feeling I had and am sure I speak for all shipmates that were there my only other comment is its a pity our numbers were not greater can understand fellows wanting to march with there ship but just this once guys would have been great. Am going off for 8 weeks will try to keep in touch surely someone ahs computer where I am going>In closing hope we are properly adorned at next march wherever we may be.

04/30/01 08:41:02 AM

Name: Erica Witt
Comments: Just a quick message to let everyone know that Bob Witt, FESR Webmaster, is back in Hospital. He was admitted late last night. As such, all queries regarding this site will be redirected to me whilst he's unavaiable. Will keep everyone posted ... Erica. By the way Irish, glad to hear the Sydney march went well. We were thinking of you on the day!

04/29/01 06:15:51 PM

Name: Laurie 'Irish' Shaw
Comments: Erica and Ken Staff, got your E'Mails re Sydney's Anzac Day march. Our NSW Vice President Brvan 'Windy' Gale did us

proud, due to his outstanding organizational abilities our special first day went off without a hitch. Marching with our new FESR Association banner down Sydney's crowd lined George Street as the band played Waltzing Matilda, hearing the sincere words of thanks and praise coming from old and young alike was an experience my mates and I will long cherish. Meeting and sharing several ales with mates new and old of the calibre of still serving CPOETS Mick Edwards, ex-greenie Jim Bullen visiting from Hong Kong, former birdie Don 'Woody' Herman down from Tenterfield and Merve Hampson from Victoria plus many, many others at the Automobile Club was almost too much. All in all, a day to remember. Regards, Irish.

04/29/01 05:36:31 PM

Name: Joe Linaker

Comments: With our ANZAC eve commemoration service, Annual general meeting, ANZAC Day Parade, and Social gathering, now behind us, may I say how proud I am to be a member of this Association. The FESR policy encouraging participation of partners was demonstrated wonderfully well during the ANZAC day program. From the Ladies at the Shrine, some still in mourning the recent loss of loved ones, through the Ladies marching with us carrying flags to remember the fallen, or wearing medals in memory of beloved family members, to those supporting their husbands seriously ill in hospital, and offering words of encouragement to our marchers, they did us proud. With support of this magnitude from a bunch of extremely courageous Ladies, it is easy to see why we are one of the more successful service associations functioning today. Ladies of the FESR we Salute You!

04/29/01 04:30:22 PM

Name: Joe Linaker

Comments: Saddened by Tug Wilson's footnote on the passing of "Hank" Hooton. Whilst serving in HMAS Melbourne, Geoff Beardsley and I shared many a pie at "Harry's" with Hank who possessed a wonderful sense of humour, and a kind generous nature, which endeared him to all of his fellow Petty Officers onboard at the time. His passing is sure to evoke many memorable stories amongst his former shipmates - God Speed Hank and Good Sailing - Lest we Forget.

04/27/01 09:26:48 PM

Name: TUG WILSON (EX WOETP)

Comments: ON 14/3 I SUGGESTED THAT THOSE WAITING FOR ENTITLEMENTS FROM FESR SERVICE BE PATIENT BECAUSE OF HUGE NUMBERS INVOLVED. I INFERRED THAT THE GOOD LORD AND CANBERRA WOULD PREVAIL. NO I HAVENT GOT GOD BUT HE AND THEY DID PREVAIL AND I AM PLEASED AND PROUD TO SAY THAT THE POSTMAN KNOCKED ON MY DOOR THIS MORNING (NOT WITH "THE MERCHANDISE" BARRY BENNETTS WHOEVER YOU ARE) BUT WITH 4 ADDITIONAL MEDALS WHICH I WILL ADD TO THE OTHERS I HAVE, AND DISPLAY OR WEAR WITH PRIDE AND A LOT OF MEMORIES! OBVIOUSLY, BENNETTS AND I DIFFER IN OUR OPINIONS ON WHAT THESE AWARDS REPRESENT - I KNOW - I DON'T THINK HE DOES. MY EMAIL ADDRESS IS OBVIOUS BARRY! WHILST I AM HERE, I WISH TO REPORT THE LOSS OF AN OLD COLLEAGUE - DONALD W (HANK) HOOTON (EXPOETP) WHO PASSED ON LAST WEEK. RIP HANK. HALLO SWAMPY O'DONNELL IN NEW NORFOLK, TASSIE.

04/27/01 06:27:33 PM

Name: Webmaster
Comments: Just a note regarding messages, long messages tend to get their bottoms cut off by the server. If you want to avoid lost info, simply make two entries. We all want to hear what you have to say, so feel free to double up if necessary. Also, if you make a mistake in your message, or you wish to edit the details at a later date, simply contact me and I will be happy to edit your message accordingly.

04/27/01 02:16:22 PM

Name: Ron Hobba Ex Birdie Crystal Cracker
Comments: May I first congratulate our incoming officers for the coming year on their respective appointments. I think the Memorial Service on Anzac Eve Day was a tremendous success and congratulations to all those in attendance. The roll-up on such a hot day was tremendous. My apologies for not marching alongside on Anzac Day but I did march several Divisions in front. Once a Birdie always a Birdie! but I did manage a short visit to your formation to check you all out and once again a very fine roll up. You all looked great just before March Off and I am sure the crowd gave you all the acknowledgement which you richly deserved. Just a couple of things which I did notice though that there were a few persons who had their medals mounted incorrectly. i.e out of sequence. I know as a civilian you may wear them on your hat if you wish but protocol sets a precedence in the order that they should be worn. Perhaps this could be followed up in a para or two in our newsletter in for those persons who have no electronic access to these things. Finally, may I congratulate the Nasho's on their award. Their Association has fought a long hard and drawn out battle like we did to achieve our success. Perhaps one of the coming issues that our Association should look at is the granting of a award for those who have completed a military contract for our Country including the Reserves and for a person who has been killed whilst on duties. (eg Blackhawk Disaster, Voyager, Jeeps & trucks rolling over etc). That way the families would have something to remember their loved ones. Last but not least Our Wives, the backbone of our Nation. Lets us not forget the part in which they played looking after our homes, our children in sickness and all other things whilst we may have been away on active service. It would be nice for them to receive a plaque or certificate from the Govt. to the effect" A Grateful Nation Expresses it thanks to" etc ... Hope this generates a bit of interest

04/27/01 06:35:26 AM

Name: Ken Staff
Comments: Like Bob Witt, I also wish the National Servicemen well, on the recognition "Little Johnny" has bestowed on them, but Bob, you possibly left out a word in your comment, ... Maybe it should read, ".....Are they going to strike a medal for all those Servicemen/women who VOLUNTEERED to serve their country." and not those who were drawn from a barrel.

04/27/01 01:06:32 AM

Name: Don Graham
Comments: Yes Bob Witt. My wife (WRANS 1953 - 59)asked the same question.

04/27/01 12:35:15 AM

Name: Kevin Richardson
Comments: Congratulations to all who marched in the 2001 parade. I also had to watch on TV like Erica and thought the Brisbane

Banner is something to be very proud of. This is an excellent site and very easy for us Oldies to follow.

04/26/01 10:54:08 PM

Name: Bob Witt

Comments: I am pleased for the Nasho's but what a can of worms our elected Government have opened for themselves will they never learn, what now! are they going to strike a medal for all those servicemen/women who served their country but never saw foreign service I hope so

04/26/01 10:07:03 PM

Name: Barry Bennetts

Comments: I think we all applaud the Ministers announcement today to issue a medal to all the 42,000 National Servicemen - post 1951. Interesting to note that (although the medal has not yet been designed) it was stated that it should be ready for presentation before next Anzac Day. Ironically the 3,500 sailors of the 1956-60 Malayan Emergency, will be probably still waiting their presentation post next Anzac Day. In spite of the dedicated work by certain our members to achieve "our" recognition, there were contrary to those, others who over the past 40 years were equally determined to ensure we didn't. As a member in the very forefront of our battle stated, "its all a game" - the bastards still wont accept the umpires decision. That game wont be over until the postman knocks on your door with the "merchandise" So Shipmates the game is still being played and I hope that "fulltime" is close. Incidentally, I was proud to hear of the tremendous roll out of you all in Brisbane and Sydney. Here in Canberra I did the next best thing (marched with the Malayan Veterans Association). Keep up the fight. Cheers - Barry B

04/26/01 06:31:25 PM

Name: Erica Witt

Comments: Well done to all who marched in the ANZAC parades for 2001. I couldn't make it to the march myself but watched the Brisbane parade on TV. Great to see some familiar faces [and family]. Thought the new Banner looked great! Trust the Sydney march went just as well.

04/25/01 03:18:54 PM

Name: John (archer) Austin

Comments: Keep up the good work. Great page. I keep in touch with Ray Morris and Ralph (spooks) Spooner. I served with both on the the old DI23.

04/25/01 03:18:13 PM

Name: maurie regan

Comments: I served on the Sydney in 64 on the Borneo Banyan and also the Melbourne in 67. I havent contacted or spoken to anyone since november 72. To all my mates from back then I hope life has been kind to you and I wish you well.

04/25/01 03:32:17 AM

Name: Les Figg

Comments: Webmaster: Outstanding new site! Well done! My next stop will be the membership form. Regards,

04/24/01 08:11:05 PM

Name: Ken Staff

Comments: Sadly, it was reported today (24/4/01) at the Memorial Service in Brisbane. that FESR member. Arthur IBill Povnder

passed away on Monday 23/4/01. Sincere condolences to Bill's family and friends. Lest We Forget.

04/24/01 08:00:27 PM

Name: Ken Staff

Comments: I believe congratulations are in order for the two following members..... (1) Noel Payne, past president and one of the original 8 members of the FESR Association was today given LIFE MEMBERSHIP status, Good one Noel..... (2) Bryan "Windy" Gale, NSW Vice President of the FESR, a big Bravo Zulu for him organising approx. 40 members for the NSW ANZAC Day march tomorrow. This will be the first time the FESR banner will be seen in Sydney, and from what "Windy" says, "it wont be the last." It was also great to see him at the Memorial Service & AGM in Brisbane, today. Let's hope the other States make an effort as well..... Have a good ANZAC Day all.

04/24/01 06:53:58 PM

Name: Lyndon Hackwood

Comments: I wish to contact members of the Naval Communications Detachment from the period 1960 - 1962. Please email me ASAP if this applies to you.

04/22/01 08:38:18 PM

Name: Doug (Buck) Buchanan

Comments: Great layout looking forward to Sydney March renew some old freindships tell some good yarns would like to send my best to all in Brisbane and hope the showing of the banner in Sydney for first time is as successful as it was in Brisbane depends on members so rally round shipmates lets make it a good one

04/22/01 05:50:00 PM

Name: Laurie 'Irish' Shaw

Comments: Erica, I rang the NSW Vice President, Bryan 'Windy' Gale with reference to muster times for the Anzac Day march in Sydney. New South Welshmen members of the FESR Association muster under their new banner around 0830 Wednesday in Castlereagh Street down from King St close to Martin Place. After the march we meet at the Automobile Club for the usual 'Smoldering Joseph' and hopefully spin the mother of all dits. Looking forward to meeting some 'Old' shipmates, no doubt their ranks have thinned over time along with our hair, after all it's been 45 years since I was 'Up there' onboard Sydney, have a good one, hope your day in all States is a memorable one, regards, Irish.

04/21/01 12:54:45 PM

Name: Bob Witt

Comments: There has been some discussion re: muster times for the ANZAC March. I can't speak for the other states but for Brisbane we listed 9:00 am or thereafter. Please note that this is just a generalized time and by no means set. It is gauged on the time that members have gathered in previous years. I personally make my way to under the banner around 9:15 - 9:30 am. I have a cup of tea with the Salvos and catch up with mates that I haven't seen in ages prior to the march. The march begins at about 10:30am. From experience it is good to be early but individual muster is pretty much a personal choice. Get there when you can, preferably no later than 10:00 am.

04/21/01 08:16:04 AM

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Name: Ian McClure
Comments: The new site looks great & easy to use,thanks for a job well done.Keep up the good work.
04/19/01 11:57:30 PM

Name: Joe Linaker
Comments: Delighted to log on and register my thanks to the Patriarch and Sibling of the Witt Family.Congratulations Bob & Erica for putting another top Navy site together.Congratulations to wife Jill for coping with their demands and making sure they met their deadlines.The dedication displayed by this family team for our association is a step towards our longevity in the new millennium-Bravo Zulu Guys.
04/19/01 09:50:07 PM

Name: Laurie 'Irish' Shaw
Comments: Bob and Erica, now your talking! once again you've provided a vastly improved chat-room for all us Navy types to make contact. Without these easy to use pages we'd all still be bumping around in the dark, regards, Irish. PS: Does anyone know where the Sydney branch of the FESR Association gathers on Anzac Day?. I f they do give us a buzz, many thanks, Irish.
04/19/01 06:35:20 PM

Name: Mal Hughes
Comments: Webmaster....Thank you for the time and effort you have put into this upgrade. The page is "cleaner" and more friendly....I log in every day looking forward to seeing messages from old mates, and to date I have not been disappointed. The new format will become more attractive and popular than the old....thanks again.
04/19/01 05:19:45 PM

Name: Ken Staff
Comments: I have just received an email from Mal Elliott at RSL (Qld.) who has informed me that the Anzac day march is to be brought to "attention" at 1030hrs and depending where we are in the parade will "step off", after that time. Should anyone wish to confirm this contact Mal Elliott at . . . malelliott@rslqld.org
04/19/01 02:54:10 PM

Name: Robert C. Bailey
Comments: Well done Webmaster. It is great to see the application form now accessible from this site. The site looks good.
04/19/01 02:22:31 PM

Name: Ron Hobba Ex Birdie rystal Cracker
Comments: A Bravo Zulu for a job well done and I feel sure our members and visitors to the site shall be impressed.
04/19/01 01:39:17 PM

Name: Ken Staff
Comments: Congratulations, Erica & Bob on an excellent job. It is indeed great to now see the MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION included in the new website, this will not only help potential members, but also increase the Association's membership.
04/19/01 11:47:26 AM

Name: John R Carlyon
Comments: Thank vou to Erica and Bob on updatina the web sight. a job

well done. Good one! John and Isobel

04/18/01 04:59:30 PM

Name: Les Church

Comments: The funeral for John "Mother" Mobbs is on Friday the 20th at 2.45pm at Olin Funeral Parlour 691 Old Princes Hwy Sutherland (near the overpass), then at the South Chapel at Woronora Cremetorium at 3.30pm Transferred from original log: 4/17/01 4:26:30 PM

04/15/01 11:42:08 PM

Name: Richmond Derham

Comments: I served on board H.M.A.S ANZAC Between March 59 to December 59 and would like to hear from fellow shipmates who also served during this period F.E.S.R 54345 Also if anyone from the trobruk knows a Roger Clarke who was serving around the same time ..Roger was a cook on trobruk ...Many thanks to all those people who worked hard to get what we deserve from serving up there Richmond Derham. Transferred from original log: 4/15/01 1:47:16 AM

04/13/01 02:28:11 PM

Name: Les Church

Comments: It is deep regret that I must advise all that knew him, that John "Mother" Mobbs passed away this morning from Asbestosis. Lest we forget Transferred from original log: 4/13/01 1:06:21 PM

04/12/01 03:59:58 PM

Name: Ken Staff

Comments: Shirley & I would like to take this opportunity to wish all members and their families a safe & happy Easter 2001. Transferred from original log: 4/11/01 7:13:30 PM

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Name: John Sincok

Comments: Served in R.A.N. from 62-74.Paid off from HMAS PARRAMATTA POMTP3* 74 Transferred from original log: 4/11/01 1:34:44 PM

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Name: Ian Mcclure

Comments: Hi to you all,Greta RSL Sub-Branch has now got a website,here is the address for those that would like to have a look. Transferred from original log: 4/10/01 8:19:35 PM

04/10/01 03:49:49 PM

Name: Joe Linaker

Comments: Since John 'Hank' Matheson's entry on the log I have suggested to him that all his requirments can be met on our welfare arm website at www.asacaustralia.com.au ; and this applies to all who are seeking Medals, Pensions, Disability claims and above all good advocates to walk you through the wealth of paperwork and procedures you must attend to to get things going. Contact with Hank was a result of a little thing I'm doing which is a bit of fun called 'Operation Searchmate' in which I'm tracking down former shipmates with moderate success. Have now tracked down all of my old 'Birdies' class except one, and it is suprising how many still don't know the success of the FESR campaign for recognition. 'Searchmate' could get enough legs to culminate in a big reunion at the Federation Navy review and congress if some of you that have the time. could start contactina old

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mates-It's a great buzz when you do make contact.
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Name: David Appleton

Comments: Poor overworked people in Navy Medals section, I asked about progress of my application received 10/1/2001 and was told it will be many months before it will be considered.
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04/09/01 04:08:33 PM

Name: Bill Paxman

Comments: Have recently joined the FESR and would like to thank Noel Payne and everyone else involved for a job well done. I served aboard VENDETTA 58/59/60/61/67/68/69 and would like to hear from ex shipmates. Seeking VINCE(TAFFY)THOMAS,served VENDETTA 65/66, Darwin 67/68. Both Ray Essery and I would like to contact him.
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04/09/01 04:07:24 PM

Name: John Mathison

Comments: I am interested in how to apply for my entitlements.as I served with FESR on HMAS MELBOURNE '56.'57.'58..'61.(We served together on the same deployment) as naval airmen and I was talking to Joe Liniker I beleive is a member of the association.Joe surgested I contact the FESR Association. Transferred from original log: 4/9/01 8:48:54 AM

04/09/01 03:59:22 PM

Name: Derek Tite

Comments: Can anyone help me. I am in possession of the SC's of DAVID HARRY CROSS NA1(AH3) O/N R46872 He joined in February 1962 & did 6 years. Ships:- Albatross, Vengeance,Penguin,Moreton. If you know of any family member please contact me on (03) 6425 7051 or via email Thanks Derek Tite appendix: Reference my previous entry regarding David Cross, ex birdie. His joining date should be 1952, due to the illegible writing, I mistook it as 1962. Please accept my apology for the mistake. Regards Derek Tite
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04/09/01 03:58:05 PM

Name: Irish Shaw

Comments: John Carlyon, great to see the membership list updated and my name up there at last along with the other 608 members, good one John. PS: All the gear you sent arrived intact, top quality, thanks again, regards Irish. Transferred from original log: 4/4/01 9:03:39 PM

04/09/01 03:56:48 PM

Name: Mike Hopkins For Keith Cooney

Comments: Hello. I'm putting this up on behalf of Keith Cooney who served on the Warramunga. If anyone out there knew Keith, could you drop me an email pls. Thanks Transferred from original log: 4/4/01 8:36:06 PM

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Name: Bert Lankford

Comments: There is to be a working party aboard HMAS Vampire stationed at Darling Harbour, Sydney, on Sunday April 29, 2001 at 0800hrs. Anv member of the FESR. ex or servina

member of the RAN would be more than welcome if they could donate a few hours to help out on the working party. Drinks & nibbly's after at a nearby tavern. Transferred from original log: 4/3/01 6:56:53 PM

04/09/01 03:52:31 PM

Name: Irish Shaw

Comments: On this day 12 months ago, an old mate of mine, LSFC JJ O'Sullivan passed away from cancer; I joined pussers with Sully on Oct 3rd 1954. Some knew him as JJ, his widow, Wilma needs help in finding out what ships Sully served on to enable her to ascertain if she's eligible to lodge a claim, so if anyone out there who remembers JJ or shipped with him please drop me an E'Mail, many thanks, Irish. Transferred from original log: 4/3/01 5:25:11 PM

04/09/01 03:51:26 PM

Name: Ken Staff

Comments: After spending all afternoon scanning the 35 pages of the Deck Log, I was pleasantly surprised at the comments that were forthcoming. However, one criticism, it would be to the advantage of the FESR Association if an application form was included, as many comments were made about joining, it is always better to strike when the iron is hot... for the betterment of all, let's see an application form included on the web page. Transferred from original log: 4/3/01 2:56:40 PM

04/09/01 03:38:08 PM

Name: Ken Staff

Comments: Hi all, well Shirley & I are back from Bali and have had the batteries recharged for the next 6 months. Has anything been happening other than footballers doing rude things to each other?? That is all that has been on the news for the past few days since our return. Now it is on to the AGM, Memorial Service in Brisbane on the 24th April and the Anzac Day march for all the "new" veterans, I hope that you all have a great day. Transferred from original log: 3/31/01 12:58:13 PM

04/09/01 03:37:08 PM

Name: Charles Cutts

Comments: Checking in - any old shipmates out there? I have relocated to Perth - new Email address - cfcutts@bigpond.com. Best wishes to all. Transferred from original log: 3/30/01 1:51:41 AM

04/09/01 03:35:56 PM

Name: Ern Dait Ex Ran R50721

Comments: Late news: Official letter from Navy Medals re Singapore time not counted towards the award of the NGSM bar Malaya..Was a printing error and all those that received the letter re the mistake will be re issued with another Official letter re their Awards entitlements. Should read Time in Singapore counts towards the award of the NGSM bar Malaya before 31st Jan 1959 during the malayan emergency..Regards ..Ern D Transferred from original log: 3/28/01 4:05:50 PM

04/09/01 03:34:44 PM

Name: Joe Linaker

Comments: An interesting motion put by your national committee and passed at last meeting was to purchase attractive gold navy watches and provide them to each state body for use as a major raffle prize in their state. Timeline for the raffle to be determined by each state and prize is considered appealing

enough to generate substantial funds for the cause and strengthen our interstate bonds. We need to keep firing while our mission statement goes under review and possible amendment to include the role of a search vehicle for shipmates out there who are not aware of their entitlements from FESR service. Transferred from original log: 3/27/01 9:05:33 PM

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Name: Ross Jennings

Comments: Hi John - I notice your comment and agree - but if it had been just a journo I wouldn't have risen to the bait - It was Minister Scott on our Channel 9 News. I believe he said the RSL had been involved in a proposal/suggestion to look at combining the two. He said crowds and RSL members were dropping- I don't know what planet he's been on. Regards Ross
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Name: Doug (buck) Buchanan R 49630

Comments: Just a short drop in to let members know Newcastle boys will be marching in Sydney. Myself, John Trindall, Brian Ohara & Kevin Horder will also be in Sydney coming down on 24th see lots of comments about medals for Anzac Day lets just hope they are not awarded posthumously our Assoc. has done what it can when Spooner & Cooper are added to War Memorial I believe we are 98% there all have a great Anzac reunion no matter where you be! Transferred from original log: 3/27/01 2:38:15 PM

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Name: John R Carlyon

Comments: It does not take long for a journalists comments to get people to take the bait. There is no move at this time to alter anything to do with Anzac Day or Australia Day. As we get closer to Anzac Day each year someone does their best to stir things up and once again it has been achieved. Some shipmates who served in Melbourne 56-60 have been informed that they do not qualify for the NGSM Clasp Malaya, There appears to be a mistake made when the department checked sailors records this is now being rectified. If in doubt write to Navy Medals with your service dates in Melbourne and all will be corrected. Transferred from original log: 3/27/01 11:47:52 AM

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Name: David Appleton

Comments: I can't spell and type at the same time, for hair brained read hare brained. Still means bloody stupid. Transferred from original log: 3/27/01 10:05:56 AM

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Name: Ern Dait Ex Ran R50721

Comments: According to my official notification from honours and awards re my qualifying for the awards of AASM bar Malaya, and RASB, NGSM bar Malaya. There is also a statement. NGSM is not awarded for service in Singapore. ??? Ern D
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Name: Jack Thompson

Comments: On the combining of Australia Day and Anzac Day, I'm wondering what this Minister Scott has been smoking as he is sure blowing smoke out of his rear end. Transferred from original log: 3/27/01 3:10:12 AM

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Name: David Appleton R47521
Comments: Re uniting ANZAC and Australia Days. I am president of our local RSL sub branch [Murchison vic], my wife is president of the Australia Day Committee. Neither one of us can understand how such a hair brained idea was allowed to come to light. Transferred from original log: 3/26/01 1:21:02 PM

04/09/01 03:19:48 PM

Name: Laurie 'Irish' Shaw
Comments: It's my belief that Anzac Day and Australia Day commemorate two entirely different, but important events. Australia Day on the 26th January 1788 was the day Great Britain laid claim to [some say invaded]it's latest colony, Australia. Whereas Anzac Day, 25th April 1915 was the day combined Australia and New Zealand troops stormed ashore against the Turks at Gallipoli, although a glorious defeat it was our first blooding as a nation. Like I said, two entirely different but important days on our nations calander, if it aint broke, don't try to fix it. regards in unity, Irish Shaw. Transferred from original log: 3/26/01 11:19:11 AM

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Name: Denis Sefton
Comments: Ross I could'nt agree more! Anzac day is Anzac day,no ifs no Buts and no Maybes. Transferred from original log: 3/25/01 7:33:38 PM

04/09/01 03:17:25 PM

Name: Ross Jennings
Comments: How many heard Minister Scott put up his proposal for a combined Anzac Day and Australia Day .Did I understand him to say the RSL had put the idea forward ? What are the thoughts of you guys please ? I for one think the two although based on our Love for our country and the sacrifices given thereto should maintain there separate kinds of commemorative and special identities !! Ross J ex RAN R54950 Transferred from original log: 3/25/01 11:57:08 AM

04/09/01 03:15:49 PM

Name: Joe Linaker
Comments: Have just provided Ron Chenhall with details of Quarterdeck Trophies,shop 4 River Park Plaza,Siganto Drive,Oxenford Qld 4210 Tel:0755737563.Our advices are now coming through and Gary Cannon of Quarterdeck has just done a superb job of mine and those of Spooky Spooners.As FESR members he will throw in your ribbon bars FOC and his medals are of the highest quality,cost of course depends on the number of medals you have to mount,and if you want minatures as well.Gary has an efficient postal service as well for foreigners.I think Department of Medals is to be commended on their approach to this matter-Very Many Thanks Pat Clarke in Canberra. Transferred from original log: 3/23/01 11:39:18 AM

04/09/01 03:14:36 PM

Name: Ron Chenhall
Comments: I just received a letter from Defence Personnel advising that I qualify for AASM bar Malaya, NGSM bar Malaya and RASB but AASM will be considerably delayed and NGSM not to expect it before end of year. As it is now legal for me to wear duplicates could someone advise me of a reputable supplier

as it would be nice to wear on Anzac day when we march
with the FESR Transferred from original log: 3/22/01 2:11:47
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Name: John Carlyon

Comments: There has been some difficulty contacting me via
email. Please check the spelling of my address, it is
pantomime not pantomime. For those who served on
Condamine during 53-54 will understand the address name.
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Name: Keith Rogers

Comments: Anyone knowing whereabouts of Alan Bichel ex L.m.(e)
engineers office writer H.M.A.S. Warramunga 1955-56
please contact me I would be most grateful. Either by phone
(07)40576621 or email rogerskeith39@hotmail.com
Transferred from original log: 3/18/01 10:25:04 AM

04/09/01 03:03:18 PM

Name: Ken Staff

Comments: Just a quick hello to all, both Shirley & I are heading off to
Bali tomorrow, yes I know, I hear what you are saying, but
someone has to do it. I wish to apologise for being unable to
attend the March 25 meeting, but I am looking forward to the
24 & 25th April meeting and Anzac day march. See you all
soon, Regards, Ken & Shirley Staff Transferred from
original log: 3/17/01 10:36:56 PM

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Name: Barry Jaques

Comments: Re the planned inclusion of the names of Robert Spooner
and Alan Cooper, I believe it is expected that the new panels
will be installed in the latter half of this year. Would it be
possible to order and make prepayment for a pic of the
panels and the ceremony? Transferred from original log:
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Name: Joe Linaker

Comments: Oops! Left the ASAC website address out of my last entry. It
is www.asacaustralia.com Supporter forms freely available
this site, in addition site contains interesting medals info for
FESR veterans. Transferred from original log: 3/17/01
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Name: Joe Linaker

Comments: To all who have seen fit to support our Welfare arm, the
Armed Services Assistance Centre, we register our
thanks. Supporter numbers are growing and have now
passed through the 30 mark. We hope numbers will
increase, as the funds are giving positive results, evidenced by
the messages received from grateful veterans. Our Advocates
need your help to keep the impetus on claims, so don't
hesitate to get your supporters form from: It's \$25 well spent
and receipted and recorded for you. Hope you can help.
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04/09/01 02:45:59 PM

Name: Bob [porky] Aitken

Comments: Hi all just a thank you for a wonderful site see a few old mates

mentioned, could I please ask if anyone knows the whereabouts of Joey(bomber) Brown ex CHMECH, Bob Kobe Poat ex CPOMTP or Bruce (Tamba) Hambour ex CWTR all ex Cerberus JR's 64-65 Transferred from original log: 3/16/01 6:30:11 PM

04/09/01 02:44:13 PM

Name: Mal Hughes

Comments: Calling John Carlyon...I am having difficulty in raising you via email, maybe if you respond to me I may be able to establish comms, I believe you are the man to talk with about the Adelaide reunion...Mal H Transferred from original log: 3/16/01 10:34:18 AM

04/09/01 02:42:56 PM

Name: Ross Craigie

Comments: G'Day Everyone, Anyone from the Sydney, Queenborough, Parkes, Leeuwin, Australia 1952~58 drop us a line. Ross. Transferred from original log: 3/15/01 10:23:34 PM

04/09/01 02:41:42 PM

Name: Mal Hughes

Comments: I have heard a buzz that there could be an FESR reunion planned for Adelaide...not sure whether it is later this year or in 2002...could somebody help out ??? many thanks....Mal H Transferred from original log: 3/15/01 2:25:57 PM

04/09/01 02:40:21 PM

Name: Tug Wilson [ex Woetp]

Comments: PLEASE DO NOT GET OVER EXCITED ABOUT ENTITLEMENTS I.E. MONETARY {PENSION} OR MEDALS. THE PEOPLE THAT HAVE GONE THIS FAR ON BEHALF OF ALL OF US THAT ARE DUE FOR RECOGNITION OR IN MY CASE FURTHER RECOGNITION SHOULD BE APPLAUDED FOR THEIR CONTINUED EFFORTS NOT CONTINUALLY REQUESTED FOR INFORMATION THAT IS PUBLISHED FOR GENERAL PERUSAL. GET YOUR BUM INTO GEAR AND TAKE SOME TIME TO READ THESE THINGS. IF YOU GET YOUR MEDALS FOR ANZAC DAY I WISH YOU WELL - IF YOU DONT- AND YOU MARCH - DO YOU? - THERE IS AN IMPORTANT PART OF YOUR BODY THAT SITS BELOW YOUR MEDAL COLLECTION ITS CALLED YOUR HEART. JUST REMEMBER THERE ARE A LOT OF PEOPLE WAITING BUT TRUST ME CANBERRA AND THE GOOD LORD WILL PREVAIL. SO STOP COMPLAINING AND LET IT HAPPEN. Transferred from original log: 3/14/01 9:40:13 PM

04/09/01 02:37:33 PM

Name: Ken Staff

Comments: 1. You will have show a little patience Ron, there are many records and things to be checked and you should know what Canberra is like. 2. It has only been sanctioned since January 1st, we've waited a long time now, I know a lot of the members are keen to dispaly their medals on Anzac Day, but a few months is all it will be now. Softly, Softly. Transferred from original log: 3/14/01 6:16:52 PM

04/09/01 02:36:04 PM

Name: Ron Chenhall

Comments: Does anyone know when they will start sending out medals that is aasm and ngsm. Transferred from original log: 3/14/01 10:25:34 AM

04/09/01 02:34:22 PM

Name: Webmaster
Comments: John Francis [re: Medal Entitlement] Have forwarded a response via e-mail. Trust it proves helpful. Transferred from original log: 3/12/01 9:28:46 PM

04/09/01 02:32:35 PM

Name: Ken Staff
Comments: Just back home from having Dinner with the Immediate Past President, "Wacka" & Margaret Payne at Tweed Heads Golf Club. While on the subject of Birthdays as I was earlier, it should be known that it is Margaret Payne's birthday next Friday, (16/3/01) so as I said to Tayloraye, and I'm sure I speak for most members to wish you all the best for your --th birthday Margaret and hope you have a happy day on Friday. Transferred from original log: 3/12/01 7:38:18 PM

04/09/01 02:31:06 PM

Name: John Francis O.a.m.
Comments: Request information regarding the new FESR qualifying dates. eg. I was in 'Duchess' in FESR Apr-June 1967. That, I now presume, is 'qualifying service'. Does it also give clap(s) to AASM or ASM or NGSM. Keep up good work. Transferred from original log: 3/12/01 1:39:14 PM

04/09/01 02:29:30 PM

Name: Ken Staff
Comments: I would like to take this opportunity to wish a very Happy Birthday to the FESR Association's youngest member,... Tayloraye Bailey, she is one year old this Friday (16/3/01)so once again, from Shirley and Ken, HAPPY BIRTHDAY and loads of hugs. I still don't know where she got her good looks from, certainly not you, Bob. Transferred from original log: 3/12/01 12:17:47 PM

04/09/01 02:25:12 PM

Name: Craig Snadden
Comments: Please how do I join, I served on H.M.A.S. Vampire from approx. Jan 1964 to July 1965, I think that was the time span. R62539 Regards Craig Snadden Transferred from original log: 3/12/01 5:57:18 AM

04/09/01 02:23:24 PM

Name: Ken Staff
Comments: Ran into an old Birdie mate today, "Tassie" Hartnett. He tells me that he attended the Fleet Air Arm Assoc. AGM at Currumbin last weekend and the BIG news to come out of it was, Barry Lister, the Qld. State President is to be married on the Sunshine Coast in May this year. I'm sure all the FESR birdies wish Barry well. Transferred from original log: 3/9/01 12:15:35 PM

04/09/01 02:22:09 PM

Name: Ken Staff
Comments: For all you birdie handlers, I caught up with "Butch" Jenkins on Wednesday last, he would love to hear from anyone. His email address is ..ajaj@southwest.com.au why not give him a call he hasn't seen or heard from any of the old gang for some time. Transferred from original log: 3/9/01 7:30:54am

03/08/01 06:12:16 PM

Name: Joe Linaker

Comments: While our medals, pensions, and other benefits are flowing through steadily, can you spare a thought and a supporters donation to our welfare arm - the Armed Services Assistance Centre. Opened only last November ASAC has conducted over 300 interviews for the preparation and presentation of claims. Under the chairmanship of Noel Payne, unpaid volunteers provide free advocacy services, and boast the best advocates in the country, trained and fully qualified to DVA standards. Until eligibility for government funding is established ASAC needs to keep the doors open and office functioning. Supporters will be acknowledged with name on supporters honour roll in ASAC website; and issued with a certificate of appreciation. Many Vets out there are still unaware of their entitlements. ASAC website has full details for you to make a decision, hope you can help - VMT.
Transferred from original log: 3/6/01 10:08:51 PM

03/08/01 06:05:54 PM

Name: John R Carlyon

Comments: To all members of the Association and for those who use our Deck Log, the website will be upgraded over the next couple of weeks. A new web-master has been appointed.
Transferred from original log: 3/6/01 8:55:46 PM

03/08/01 06:04:17 PM

Name: Irish Shaw

Comments: YES! received pension and full entitlements to-day Tuesday, March 6th, thanks to sound advice from Queensland advocate John Reilly, good one John, many thanks, regards, Irish. Transferred from original log: 3/6/01 7:58:37 PM

03/08/01 06:03:14 PM

Name: Ross Jennings

Comments: I am curious - the Command Paper that denied any Service Medals after January 1959 - is there any way of finding what the reasoning was - it is not as if the CT just went away and no one was under threat - curious - any comments - has anyone actually sighted the document - Thanks and all the best to everyone - Ross Jennings Transferred from original log: 3/5/01 7:56:04 PM

03/08/01 06:02:12 PM

Name: Irish Shaw

Comments: Members, let's not descend into a frivolous and vexatious slanging match, could we endeavour to keep our comments more relevant to the Association's aims and objectives? Be a little light hearted if you must but please try to maintain this vital electronic medium's portals open to more enlightened discussion, in short, cut the bullshit, regards, Irish.
Transferred from original log: 3/5/01 1:49:59 PM

03/08/01 06:00:19 PM

Name: John Larkin

Comments: An excellent site. I've sent off my application to join. Snow Larkin Transferred from original log: 3/5/01 1:03:22 PM

03/08/01 05:59:06 PM

Name: Ken Staff

Comments: Ron Hobba, would you check the email address you put with your last comment in the "Deck Log" it doesn't seem to want to accept e-mails. - Ken. Post: 3/5/01 12:37:00 PM

03/08/01 05:57:32 PM

Name: Bob Bailey

FESR Archive (www.fesrassociation.com)

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Comments: Well said Ken, I agree with you 100 o/o on your reply. I, like you have not missed a meeting since I joined the FESR Assoc, approx. 2 1/4 years ago. Transferred from original log: 3/4/01 7:17:47 PM

03/08/01 05:56:19 PM

Name: R. Hobba

Comments: Have just been reading the mail. Well said Ken old son. Do not forget to post to me, as your returning Officer, your votes for the Committee etc for the coming year. There are only a days or so left to get them to me. Transferred from original log: 3/4/01 2:10:50 PM

03/08/01 05:54:08 PM

Name: Bob Witt

Comments: The year is starting to look like one to be remembered firstly our pensions, Anzac Day just around the corner a possible mid year memorial for Spooner & Cooper and then the Fleet Review and march the first week in October I am looking forward to meeting up with old shipmates again to bad Grovenor House can't take us all. Transferred from original log: 3/3/01 9:24:56 PM

03/08/01 05:52:14 PM

Name: Ken Staff

Comments: As a past editor of the FESR News, I wish to make a few comments on the Terry Warren comment dated 2/3/01 regarding the "column" entitled 10 ways to kill etc....." 1. You are incorrect if you believe this is inserted by the executive or committee, this is inserted by the editor and no one else, that's his job, it may have been sent in by a member who wished to remain nameless, never the less it is up to the editor's discretion as to insert an article. 2. Attending meetings is and never has been a requirement for membership with the FESR Association, and I agree that a vast majority of members don't aspire to becoming president of the association. 3. I can assure you Terry, I travel 280 kms every month to attend meetings of the FESR at Sandgate RSL and have only missed one meeting in 3 years, as have many others who travel to attend, so forget the 15 minute radius 4. You have suggested a possible meeting or dining in night at Nowra or elsewhere other than Sandgate RSL club, then you should contact the NSW Vice President (Bryan Gale 02 47572092) and put your case to him, I'm sure he would love to hear from you, with regard to this matter. 5. I have passed on your sentiments regarding the lack of access to the Secretary so as to enable you to throw your hat in the ring as editor of the newsletter. Cheers and smooth sailing. Transferred from original log: 3/3/01 1:16:21 PM

03/08/01 05:50:56 PM

Name: Terry Warren

Comments: On a slightly lighter note; Bryan Gale (NSW) was asking for starters to march under the FESR banner this coming Anzac Day. I emailed Bryan on 18 February to express an interest but also to advise that I would be inter-state on the day. I'm still waiting for a reply to that email. On an even lighter note; I also attempted to email John Carlyon to toss my name into the hat as editor of the Journal. But John's email apparently doesn't work. At least not with the address shown in the Journal. Cheers and smooth sailing. Continuation of post: 3/2/01 1:27:38 PM [part 2]

03/08/01 05:43:42 PM

Name: Terry Warren

Comments: I've recently received and read the latest Journal (No 34). I notice the Journal carries the standard disclaimer "The views expressed .. do not necessarily reflect ... etc.,". On page 7 of the Journal appears a column entitled 'Ten Ways To Kill Your Veterans Organisation'. Because this column does not carry a by-line I can only assume that it was inserted by, or with the tacit approval of, the Committee. This column appears to 'tell-off' the entire membership for what appears to be mainly a collection of petty misdemeanours. If I've got that bit wrong, and they're not petty, then they should be made conditions of membership. I wasn't made aware of any these requirements when I joined. It's a fact, that the vast majority of members of all organisations do not aspire to the role of president or even committee, but are willing to join to lend their weight (of numbers) or financial support to the cause. Much better to present your case by saying we have 560 members than 5 or 6 members. As for attending meetings, I imagine that a very large number of members do not live in Brisbane, let alone within a 15 minute radius of the Sandgate RSL where most things seem to occur. Perhaps if a meeting or two, or even a dining in night, were held at the Shoalhaven Ex-Servicemens Club in Nowra NSW the member representation might be different. There'd probably be a few 'birdies' and at least one 'dib-dab' who'd be happy. Finally, don't bollock the entire Ships' Company for the misdemeanours of a few, especially when you know who the 'few' are.

03/08/01 05:42:47 PM

Name: Joe Linaker

Comments: Trying to help an old shipmate from the "Carrier Navy" who is not travelling too well. He is Roger Itchins an Aircraft Handler who needs contact from any Birdies from 2Foxtrot mess who served in HMAS Melbourne with him 59-60 on FESR Duty. He would welcome your call as a matter of urgency- Telephone 0755353517. Transferred from original log: 3/1/01 9:47:22 PM

03/08/01 05:39:54 PM

Name: Paul Reid

Comments: As well as serving on 'Melbourne' '60 -'61 I am the Chairman of the Returned Services Golf Trophy and was wondering if we could post a note about our Annual Competition on your site. It is the oldest Golf Trophy for returned Vets in Australia and was started just after WWI. We are looking for as many Vietnam Vets that we can get as our numbers now days are, with the passing of the WWII and Korean Vets getting rather small. The only stipulation for intending players is that they must have the RAS Badge and an AGU Handicap ie a member of a Golf Club. We also have the three services playing in the comp (interservice trophy played in conjunction and the Guest Speaker is normally a Senior Officer from one of the Services (done on a rotation basis)) This years event is being held on Thursday the 22nd March, at Bonnie Doon Golf Club a Private Club in the Eastern Suburbs of Sydney. Cost for the day which includes the tournament itself, a sit down dinner (Jacket and Tie) and various Prizes is \$50.00 My contact details are: paulreid@primus.com.au or AH Tel: (02)9440 2521 Would appreciate your help. Regards - Paul Transferred from original log: 2/28/01 11:03:39 PM

03/08/01 05:38:55 PM

Name: Irish Shaw

Comments: Re the Association dinner at Sandgate RSL on St Patrick's Dav. the 17th March. please accept mv apoloicies for not

attending, however I'll be in Surfer's Paradise the following week for the P&O Liner Mooltan's 50th reunion. regards, Irish. Transferred from original log: 2/27/01 8:02:28 PM

03/08/01 05:38:03 PM

Name: Ken Monk

Comments: Read Noel Paynes letter about logistic support and dioxins has there been an answer to it and has it been posted on site, also very good site have seen names that I have been able to contact after 30 years ken monk Transferred from original log: 2/27/01 8:00:51 AM

03/08/01 05:37:16 PM

Name: Robert C. Bailey

Comments: Hi Everyone, Just a short note to let you know my e-mail address has changed. Regards Bob. Transferred from original log: 2/26/01 10:31:08 AM

03/08/01 05:36:29 PM

Name: Jim Bullen

Comments: If the Monty Brown whose name is on the FESR membership list is the former Major Lamont Brown in Hong Kong in the 70s, please send Jim Bullen an email so we can catch up on old times. Transferred from original log: 2/23/01 4:45:42 PM

03/08/01 05:35:19 PM

Name: Ben Engeman

Comments: Made contact with a lot of friends at reunion in Perth and am looking forward to the Harman reunion. Transferred from original log: 2/22/01 3:14:41 PM

03/08/01 05:34:16 PM

Name: Doug (buck) Buchanan

Comments: Please note alteration to E-mail address, had a bit of trouble with server thanks for the information Bob look forward to early news Transferred from original log: 2/22/01 12:51:00 PM

03/08/01 05:33:01 PM

Name: Buck Rogers

Comments: Ex stoker R44984 - Bataan; Warramunga; Queenborough; Melbourne; Sydney; ex-FESR 55-58 any long lost mates please communicate. 07 4057 6621 Transferred from original log: 2/22/01 11:42:54 AM

03/08/01 05:31:25 PM

Name: Bob Witt

Comments: Doug Buchanan ... in reference to the names on the Honour Roll, latest news is ... as they cannot have it done by Anzac Day it will most likely be mid year. As soon as a definite date is available, I will post it on the Whats New Page at ASAC Australia and make a note of it here. Transferred from original log: 2/21/01 7:28:46 PM

03/08/01 05:29:36 PM

Name: Frederick Rubly

Comments: No comment at this time. Transferred from original log: 2/21/01 10:59:09 AM

03/08/01 05:28:48 PM

Name: Doug (Buck) Buchanan

Comments: Would like to ask how we are aoina aettina our shipmates on

roll of honour and do we plan to have a rally at the time in Canberra. I have finally received war pension and gold card medals well who knows when but feel the placing of these shipmates on the honour roll is most important we can then say we have won all. My e-mail is jandoug@tpg.com.au > I check log most days my F.E.S.R was onboard "Arunta" later served on Wagga Kookaburra & Kimbla look forward to log. Transferred from original log: 2/21/01 9:14:48 AM

03/08/01 05:27:25 PM

Name: Joe Linaker

Comments: Spent a couple of hours bedside with Ralphie Spooner last week at Greenslopes and the old warhorse is fighting a good fight as only a WOMTP can. Legacies of his fight are severely impaired vision and the inability to read newspapers or watch the telly. As a consequence the mind games become a serious challenge. He is now back home after beating pneumonia but badly needs the stimuli of some phone dialogue from old mates and members. Believe me, it has a remarkable effect! His wife Helen has approved his number for daytime calls only which is 07 38243705. He is sharp as a tack and would love to hear from you. Transferred from original log: 2/19/01 10:05:02 PM

03/08/01 05:24:30 PM

Name: Bob Witt

Comments: Ken, welcome aboard. We are attempting to access the site for an upgrade. In the meantime, why don't you click onto ASAC Australia. See you next w/end. Transferred from original log: 2/18/01 7:45:16 PM

03/08/01 05:21:08 PM

Name: Ken Staff

Comments: Pleased to report I am now on the internet and would be pleased to hear from Birdie's logging on. My address is kenstaff@ozemail.com.au Canberra member, ex stoker Lionel Fisher recently had a minor heart attack and is now at home. Transferred from original log: 2/18/01 7:07:23 PM appendix: Found to be a little out of date, needs to be updated. Transferred from original log: 2/18/01 7:01:40 PM

03/08/01 05:19:42 PM

Name: Irish Shaw

Comments: Got an E'Mail to-day from an old mate from my days in Harman in '58. Retired WO Birdie Alex 'Boxhead' Stevens now president of the local RSL and living on the NSW South Coast. Good one 'Box', great to hear from you and your family, regards, Irish. Transferred from original log: 2/17/01 1:37:42 PM

03/08/01 05:16:31 PM

Name: Robert Witt

Comments: James Bullen, If you are in doubt re: forms you can log on to the ASAC website. Go to the Advocate Forum and ask them, that way you will get it right first time best of luck . Transferred from original log: 2/16/01 8:15:34 AM

03/08/01 05:11:42 PM

Name: James (Jim) Bullen R52371

Comments: I served as a stoker on the "Quiberon" continuously from March 1957 until December 1959 and am told that I am eligible for some medals and benefits. However, I need to fill in a form called "Application to Determine Qualifying Serving by a Veteran or Mariner". Question 14 give me some

problems because I don't know how to answer the question "Did you serve Outside the country of your enlistment?" and "Period Served" and "Country or area where you served". Question 15 also gives me some problems because I am asked "Did you experience danger from hostile enemy forces, including within Australia, at a time when you were on operations against the enemy?" and "Date of Action", "Nature of enemy activity", and "Area or location of enemy activity". I will be most grateful if somebody who was on the Quiberon at that time answered these questions to the satisfaction of DVA, could they tell please tell me how they filled in these sections of their application. Transferred from original log: 2/15/01 1:52:58 PM

03/08/01 05:08:26 PM

Name: Bob Witt

Comments: To all out there who know Ralph Spooner, he is in Greenslopes Hospital with pneumonia and is need of a few aye,ayes if you can give a call he would appreciate it. I would advise contacting the hospital first. Transferred from original log: 2/14/01 1:39:24 PM

03/08/01 05:05:52 PM

Name: Irish Shaw

Comments: Got a phone call from an old Navy mate by the name of Bryan 'Windy' Gale from Wentworth Falls. We didn't serve together but met at the now long gone RITZ Hotel at Leura in the Blue Mountains and again at the old WWF Golf Club at Wentworth Falls back in 1964. Bryan, formally Vampire and Queenborough is the NSW State Vice Pres of the FESR Assoc and urgently needs marchers for this year's Anzac Day march. He can be contacted on 02 47572092 or E'Mail him at; bryan.gale@bigpond.com regards, Irish. Transferred from original log: 2/14/01 9:23:59 AM

03/08/01 05:05:01 PM

Name: Lou Butcher

Comments: Good Site. I spoke to Dimples Sheargold on the w/e and I noticed he has a D/E tie pin. How can I order one. and what is the cost. Transferred from original log: 2/14/01 7:01:21 AM

03/08/01 05:04:00 PM

Name: David Appleton

Comments: Notified today of pension backdated to Jan 1st. Thanks for all the hard work you put in. Have not seen too many ex Queenborough names. Transferred from original log: 2/13/01 3:15:50 PM

03/08/01 05:02:54 PM

Name: Ron Chenhall

Comments: Finally received my pension back dated to 1st jan. and yesterday received my gold card. no sign or info on medals yet, like to hear from ex tiffies a dying race see some names i recognise on the members list but no contact yet Transferred from original log: 2/13/01 12:55:47 PM

03/08/01 05:01:48 PM

Name: John M O'Meara

Comments: ex vendetta - great to get all latest news Transferred from original log: 2/13/01 1:19:38 AM

03/08/01 05:00:31 PM

Name: Kev Richardson

Comments: I have had occasion to require my medical records for my time spent in the navy only to find that they are held by the Department of Defence in Perth. So, if you need your medical records for any reason apply to Perth for the Navy. Have not heard from Tug Wilson since before Xmas anyone else out there that was in our group please contact me on k.ric@uq.net.au will reply. We are all getting older and need to stay in touch with each other. Should you need any help in the Queensland area contact John Carlyon at asac phone 07 3210 6467 has all the time in the world for you and all the patience and all the help that you need. Without these guys we would all still be floundering in the murky waters.
Transferred from original log: 2/12/01 10:06:50 PM

03/08/01 04:59:30 PM

Name: Dennis (Ted) Rickards

Comments: Very good informative site having, served in Sydney and Duchess in FESR I found it has a lot of ex vets info
Transferred from original log: 2/12/01 2:37:39 PM

03/08/01 04:58:20 PM

Name: Gary Aldridge

Comments: To all members, have a pleasant time, think good thoughts, be true to yourself and hope to see as many as possible on ANZAC day. In Brisbane all who previously marched under the H.M.A.S. MELBOURNE banner will this year be marching with you, thereby creating an extra position for someone else to march. Transferred from original log: 2/12/01 9:22:45 AM

03/08/01 04:56:48 PM

Name: Doug (Buck) Buchanan

Comments: Just in for browse, first time! Transferred from original log: 2/10/01 12:12:26 PM

03/08/01 04:55:53 PM

Name: Ken Monk

Comments: To Joe Linaker, are you the young compressed air diver, that was on the Melbourne in 63 along with Bill Fitzgerald, Mick Currie, and myself I wait word tried your email but had it returned. Transferred from original log: 2/5/01 6:50:26 AM

03/08/01 04:54:41 PM

Name: Jack Thompson

Comments: Wondering if anybody has info on Noel "Nugget" Nugent, Ex CE [WE], last known Navy Office 68, lived in Torrens, ACT, and Archie Barry, Ex CEA, last known Watson 65.
Transferred from original log: 2/5/01 3:03:14 AM

03/08/01 04:53:41 PM

Name: Robert C Bailey

Comments: I haven't commented on the log for quite sometime now. I enjoy reading the entries and catching up with old shipmates. I had the pleasure of catching up with an old shipmate Ken Brazier who I had not seen or heard from for over thirty four years. I called in to see him on Saturday morning and had the pleasure of meeting his good wife Pat and Ken's son Ken (jnr). My wife, daughter and granddaughter were invited back for a bar-b-que that night. We all had a wonderful time and look forward to our next get together. Transferred from original log: 2/4/01 5:36:37 PM

03/08/01 04:52:27 PM

Name: Laurie Irish Shaw

Comments: Hello again, had a delightful day at the AGM of the Central Coast branch of the NAA in our temporary premises at Woy Woy Leagues whilst our usual venue, the Bowling Club goes into refit. Later we adjourned down the road to Rodger's Park for the annual ceremony to commemorate the loss of HMAS Voyager on that tragic night of the 10th February 1964 when 82 navymen, mostly young lads were lost. The park is dedicated of course to the memory of CPO Jonathan Rodgers who went down with his ship's forrad section attempting to save the lives of his shipmates. The moving, well attended ceremony was read by our former sub-branch Secretary George Terry before the members moved to the nearby Gladesville Country Club for refreshments. All in all a very enjoyable day, regards, Irish. Transferred from original log: 2/4/01 9:33:32 AM

03/08/01 04:51:29 PM

Name: Bob (porky) Aitken

Comments: Thanks everyone for an entertaining and informative web site. You are all doing a great job. Just leaving my new address. It's been great to hear from a lot of old mates it's nice to know you haven't been forgotten completely. Bob (Porky) Aitken Transferred from original log: 2/3/01 6:08:00 PM

03/08/01 04:50:10 PM

Name: Les Figg

Comments: From: Peter Maher [mailto:steelcat@acon.com.au] Sent: Monday, January 29, 2001 3:19 PM Subject: VALE : Geoff Lenihan Former long serving sailor/Officer, Geoff Lenihan, passed away in WA this morning at 0430, following a heart attack. Geoff was almost an institution in the RAN, know to just about every "greenie" who served with him in the 50's,60's,70',80's and into the 90's. Geoff had a great memory for names and faces, and many of those names and faces are already gone. Those that are left will sadly miss him. Rest In Peace Old Mate. Peter Maher 02 9622 3546 Mob 0438 223546 Vietnam Veterans Federation on the web at vvfagranville.org.au - e-mail vvfagran@dragon.net.au Transferred from original log: 1/31/01 1:33:14 AM Appendix A follow-up to the vale notice for Geoff Lenihan. Geoff served in HMAS Sydney at least during 1964-65, when I was aboard. Les. 1/31/01 2:23:18 AM

03/08/01 04:48:59 PM

Name: Jack Thompson

Comments: Frank Gunst. Anyone have any info on Frank, was a Greenie Scribe, Harman 58, made Electrical Officer, last I met up with him was in 65. Jack Thompson Transferred from original log: 1/30/01 9:34:30 PM

03/08/01 04:42:36 PM

Name: Bob Witt

Comments: Ross, for an application form contact the secretary John Carlyon his address can be found on the home page under executive committee. Welcome aboard. Transferred from original log: 1/30/01 9:08:48 PM

03/08/01 04:41:31 PM

Name: John(Dinga)Bell

Comments: Pleased to report that Victoria is now on the move. Got letters today about Pension, Gold Card, etc. Transferred from original log: 1/30/01 1:28:54 PM

03/08/01 04:40:13 PM

Name: Ken Monk (lscd)
Comments: Have only found this page more info required to above email thanks ken monk Transferred from original log: 1/29/01 10:10:18 AM

03/08/01 04:23:53 PM

Name: Ron Hobba
Comments: I attended the Sandgate meeting today and it was well attended. Over 100 and this being a holiday weekend it was good to see. It was also good to see Ralph Spooner at the meeting with his charming wife Helen. Good on you Ralph. As I am the returning officer please make sure you get your nominations for office bearers in before the date of closure on 16th Feb. I shall accept all mail franked on 16th Feb but none received after that date. Also if you wish and you have a scanner or know someone with one, E-mail your nominations to rhobba@optusnet.com. They are slow in coming at the moment so the Interstaters and Intrastaters, extract the digits! Just a short word on the nomination form in case anyone may be confused. It is not necessary to fill out the whole list on the nomination form. You can nominate one or as many positions as you wish. Catch you all later. Transferred from original log: 1/28/01 4:46:21 PM

03/08/01 04:22:14 PM

Name: Ross Philip
Comments: Could you please send me an application form, thank you. Transferred from original log: 1/28/01 12:56:25 PM

03/08/01 04:21:09 PM

Name: Irish Shaw
Comments: YES! letter from ADF to-day, my pension OK'd no mention of medals as yet, we live in hope, here on the Central Coast, regards, Irish. Transferred from original log: 1/24/01 6:56:43 PM

03/08/01 04:20:18 PM

Name: John (Dinga) Bell
Comments: Glad to see from Joe Linaker's e-mail that the Queensland FESR members now have all their pensions & entitlements. If only we were so lucky in Victoria. John (Dinga) Bell Transferred from original log: 1/23/01 6:06:13 AM

03/08/01 04:19:03 PM

Name: Ron Hobba
Comments: Just a bit of maybe useless info for those who may be affected and in the same boat whether it be Korea, Vietnam etc. On Thursday I was speaking with Vet Affairs re pension entitlements etc. and I asked if notification had to be made to their office if, because of Sea Review results, you may have qualified, in another war zone. (In my case I already have Vietnam service and as a result of Sea Review, I again qualified on HMAS Sydney during the Borneo Banyan confrontation in 1964.) This was in case at a later date I may suffer from any after effects caused by this campaign service!! Their answer was "No", that there is no need to register with them your other war service qualifications. If any details were required by them at a later date, then those details would be available from Navy Office. Transferred from original log: 1/20/01 9:34:38 AM

03/08/01 04:14:17 PM

Name: Brian (rushy) Rushmore

Comments: A good day to all those who served in the Melbourne in '67, and to those of the 14th intake at JR School please send me your e-mail addresses. To those I know and to those who know me all the best and let's try and stick together for the sake of those who follow us. Can the webmaster please send me details on how to join the association. Yours Rushy
Transferred from original log: 1/19/01 6:44:44 PM

03/08/01 04:09:02 PM

Name: Bob Witt

Comments: It is good that things are starting to move slowly. Better to keep our cool. Patience is a virtue. Transferred from original log: 1/19/01 4:50:30 PM

03/08/01 04:07:48 PM

Name: Con [Dutchy] Sappelli

Comments: I agree entirely with the comments made by Joe Linaker. It is a thorough pity that we have to fight so hard to achieve all of the things that we are rightly entitled to. Some of those fights are slowly but surely starting to come to fruition, and this is in the main is due to guys the likes of Gordon Blake & Whacka Payne. Keep up the good work. Transferred from original log: 1/19/01 9:45:49 AM

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Name: Bob Witt

Comments: Thanks Joe for the plug, for all those surfing the net I hope you click on and enjoy a little nostalgia. Don't forget to sign the guest book that way we can keep in touch Transferred by original log: 1/18/01 10:32:14 AM

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Name: Joe Linaker

Comments: I register a congratulatory comment to Noel Payne and all the movers and shakers in the FESR, as well as DVA Queensland, for the prompt processing of our service pensions and associated concessions which we now enjoy only weeks after 01 January implementation. A simply marvellous outcome from a superbly conducted campaign capped only by the excellent advice and advocacy we have received on disability matters from Gordon Blake and his team at the Armed Services Assistance Centre. In our senior years, it is wonderful to know that our service and the subsequent medical legacies is recognized at last. To think that if we did not have the the likes of the FESR and blokes like Payne and Blake, we would still be scratching around in the wilderness like many ex-navy veterans who still don't know of their entitlements. For any "Birdies" circa 54-65 who may read this, take a look at Bob Witt's website there's a good chance you may know the whereabouts of some who appear in the pics-we need to tell them about their entitlements. Thanks from a pretty happy ex-birdie.
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03/08/01 04:02:37 PM

Name: Irish Shaw

Comments: Just a reminder that the Woy Woy branch of the Naval Association meets at Woy Woy Bowling Club on the 3rd of February 2001 for it's AGM. Drop in for a schooner or three and meet some old and not so old ship-mates, the rate we're growing we'll soon need a bigger venue, regards, Irish.
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Name: James Bullen
Comments: I served as a stoker on the Quiberon in the from March 1977 to December 1959 and was in the FESR during that time. I saw on the Naval Association webpage and the FESR webpage that I am entitled to some medals and some benefits. I saw that the Naval Association can ask a "practitioner" to help me apply for these. Can your association introduce me to a practitioner in the Sydney are. Thanks.
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Name: Bruce Blain
Comments: C'mon you stokers off the "TOBRUK" 57/58. Where are you guys ? Waiting to hear from you. Lets have some communication, and with a bit of luck we can get to-gether in Canberra shortly. Hey "Fox", are you still there ? I won a prize on the local Radio station for describing your tatto !!
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Name: Barry Musch
Comments: Hi Guys, Just a quick note to say congratulations for putting together such a great web site. I am sure many people will enjoy reading the information you have available I joined in 64 and left in 73. Spent time on Vendetta, Yarra, Vietnam Helo Flight and Melbourne. I will call in again soon.
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Name: Lyle Edmond Griggs
Comments: Message transferred from original log. Posted by: Lyle Edmond Griggs 1/11/01 7:27:43 AM - Commissioned Vendetta, served till June 1960. Living in NZ past 30 years, information requested on joining Association, also would like contact with past shipmates.
03/08/01 03:44:41 PM

Name: George Haigh
Comments: Any 1st commission crew or prior to half life refit crew . There is a reunion at the Dingley International Hotel Motel Victoria on the weekend of the 23rd of March 2001 contact George Haigh at Email address or at 97865882 for more info
Regards George Haigh Transferred from original log: 1/9/01 12:04:49 PM
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Name: Ron Hobba
Comments: Well, the medals, badges and entitlements are almost here after 40 odd years for the Emergency and 37 years for the Borneo banyan. Congratulations to all who will eventually receive them. Do not forget there are a couple of other things that you are entitled to unless you have already done so once you are officially informed. No.1... Expression of Thanks certificate under "Their Service is our Heritage" signed by Local Federal Member of Parliament, Prime Minister and Minister of Vet Affairs. This is available for Malasian Emergency, Indo Confrontation, Vietnam, WW2, Korea etc. etc. Available on application from local Federal MP Office. It Looks nice framed next to your medals etc. No.2.... Have your Naval Service Certificate updated with your new Medals, Decorations and Commendations by Personnel Records. Also looks excellant on the wall on the other side of your medals. Don't be shy in asking they are your entitlements! Transferred from original log: 1/8/01 7:35:19

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Name: Tug Wilson

Comments: HALLO TO ALL WHO MAY REMEMBER THIS OLD GREENY 1958 - 1978. EX WOETP (ONE OF THE ORIGINALS) SERVED IN TOBRUK/PENGUIN/VENDETTA/SYDNEY/PARRAMATTA/STALWART/MELBOURNE AND OF COURSE CERBERUS ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS. I WOULD LIKE TO HEAR FROM ANY OLD "PARTNERS IN CRIME" Transferred from original log: 1/7/01 9:07:45 PM

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Name: John Rielly

Comments: Hi Con(Dutchy) Sappelli! I forgot to you give my contact number Ph(07)54987539 Email jrielly@ats.com.au Posted by: John Rielly 1/5/01 7:18:05 PM Hi Dutchy Sappelli! I would be pleased to help you with dates regarding your time in the FESR for medical claims. Also anybody out there who is having the same problem.The best thing to do is ring me after 1900 hrs any day of the week. John Rielly Advocate. This is a free service Transferred from original log: 1/6/01 10:46:47 AM

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Name: Con (dutchy) Sappelli

Comments: Hi I have only just this moment discovered this site and it was pleasing to see some familiar names. I would appreciate if anyone could advise me on claims for medical conditions as a result of service during the FESR. During one trip I was involved in an incident which has rendered me official blind in my right eye. However all the rethoric I am getting from all concerned is sorry it was outside the stipulated dates which in total amounted to some 18 days(actual FESR time). I wonder what the deployment was classed as for the other 9.5 months, if not FESR? Transferred from original log: 1/5/01 10:11:13 AM

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Name: A/Ime James (Jim Popeye) Bullen

Comments: Hi, there. I was a stoker on the Quiberon from March 58-Dec 1959. I was wondering if someone knows the whereabouts of my old shipmates ME1 Keith Dixon (a.k.a. "Wolfie, Beast of the East") from Perth and "Hooks" Johnny O'Connor from Brisbane. I later heard that "Wolfie" became a commonweath policeman, while "Hooks" went back to Brisbane. I'd like to hear from anybody who remembers me. Thanks Transferred from original log: 1/4/01 4:50:21 PM

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Name: Erica Witt

Comments: For those unsure about the upcoming changes in regards to the SEA Review, Pat Clarke [Acting Director Honours and Awards from the Department of Defence] has released an update which helps clarify a few of the grey areas. A copy of this update can be found at the ASAC Australia website on the What's New page. For a direct link try www.asacaustralia.com/whatsnew.htm Transferred from original log: 1/4/01 1:49:47 PM

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Name: A/Ime James (popeye) Bullen R52371

Comments: I was on the Quiberon 1958-59. I'm going to join the Association again. Transferred from original log: 1/3/01 6:41:17 PM

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Name: John Fleming
Comments: Happy New Year to you all. I served in the R.A.N between 1962 and '73 as a stoker / mechanician. I am enjoying making contact after 30 odd years with old shipmates such as "JC" Fullard and Stan Hoskin of H.M.A.S Vendetta fame. I think this new fangled internet thingy is a wonderful way of keeping in contact and up to date with matters of importance and general interest. A big thanks to those who worked on our behalf to get recognition for FESR service. I remember Admiral Mike Hudson from Vendetta days. Good luck and Good health to you all. Regards, John Fleming. Transferred from original log: 1/3/01 4:03:47 PM

03/08/01 03:08:25 PM

Name: E. Rowyn
Comments: Anyone after information on medals might want to check out the ASAC Australia Website as they have an entire section devoted to Medals. They also have a link to an on-line application form. The address is: www.asacaustralia.com
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Name: Bob Witt
Comments: Jim, The address you are after is Department of Defence PO Box E33 Queen Victoria Terrace CANBERRA ACT 2600 attention Director of Naval Personnel Services. Transferred from original log: 1/2/01 7:54:22 PM

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Name: Jim Ogden
Comments: Having just discovered your web page I am interested in finding out more information about where to apply for the FESR medals. Could anyone please help me out with the address for the Naval Medal Section, Canberra regards Jim. Posted by: Jim Ogden 1/2/01 3:46:45 PM revised address for jim ogden Posted by: Jim Ogden 1/2/01 3:46:01 PM No comment at this time.

03/08/01 03:02:51 PM

Name: Irish Shaw
Comments: OK, so it's me again, if your Aussie, male and aged between 48 and 68 there's a giant 50th National Service reunion to held on the Gold Coast in July 2001. If you were one of the 287,000 poor bloody Nasho's "called" up since 1951 and want to meet some old mates you can get the details for the cost of a local call by phoning: 1300 30 40 46. regards, Irish. Posted by: Irish Shaw 12/31/00 10:31:34 AM Hi there, here we are on the last day of the Millenium, the day before FESR legislation becomes effective: to this end i've included an item from our locally printed newspaper The Australian Senior, Vol 24, No 3, Dec 2000 on page 5 that's perhaps of more than passing interest to our cause: "The Federal Government will legislate to make War Veterans and War Widows a special needs group under the Aged Care Act. Federal Aged Care Minister Browyn Bishop said the Aged Care Act would be amended before the end of December. The decision follows intense lobbying by the RSL. Mrs Bishop said veterans as a group were ageing faster than the average population. The number of veterans who needed aged care would increase by 80% in the next 10 years and peak around 2007." regards in unity, Irish. Transferred from original log: 12/31/00 11:05:34 AM

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Name: General Messages
Comments: Transferred from original log. Posted by: Robert C. Bailey [bob] 12/29/00 9:26:04 AM - Jim Ogden, could you check your address you typed in the log please. Posted by: Robert C. Bailey [bob] 12/29/00 9:23:07 AM - Hi everyone. I hope you all had a very Xmas and you all have a happy and prosperous New Year. This is a great site, I have made contact with several old mates who I thought I would never come into contact with again. I have tried to contact a couple who signed on this page but am unable to due to the e-mail address they typed in when they signed in is incorrect. Posted by: A J .jim. Ogden 12/28/00 1:10:22 PM Have only discovered your web page today.Great to see some familiar names on both your membership list and web pages. Having now logged on please send m/ship application, ex L/S P.T.I. R.52319.Voyager 1957/60. Posted by: Jim Mullins 12/28/00 12:37:44 PM Robin Pasco is that you out there? Remember our trips to Melbourne in the A30 and Morris Minor.Please report lad!! email:jimul@wn.com.au

03/08/01 02:59:09 PM

Name: How to join FESR
Comments: R.D.Appleton to join the F.E.S.R contact the Secretary John Carlyon 13 Mitchell St.LAWNTON QLD 4501. ph/fax 0732857395 and welcome aboard. To all out there A VERY MERRY XMAS and NEW YEAR.Bob Witt. Enquiry posted by: R. D. Appleton 12/22/00 4:42:07 PM - How do I join Association ? R47521 ex Queenborough email: rdavidapple@hotmail.com Transferred from original log: 12/22/00 5:25:22 PM

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Name: Ron Hobba
Comments: Molly.... Are you sure the sailors name was "Bomber" Brown? To me those dastardly deeds were done by none other than "Bungy" Williams. I think you may have your sailors mixed up. signed Ron.(I will E-mail my address and phone No to you off the Net!!) Transferred from the original log: 12/21/00 7:31:57 PM

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Name: Mal Hughes
Comments: Molly, I can't help you to find "Bomber", but is it possible that another young lady, who also frequented the same high class hotel in those years, may be known to you....she had a speach impediment which unfortunately limited her conversation to a sometimes indistinct "nuff, nuff".....just wondering. Transferred from original log: 12/21/00 6:10:55 PM

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Name: Jack Thompson
Comments: Wishing all a merry Xmas, joy to you and your families and a good and prosperous New Year. Transferred from original log: 12/20/00 8:38:05 AM

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Name: D.J. Dennison
Comments: No comment at this time. Transferred from original log: 12/19/00 12:58:55 PM

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Name: Molly Morgan

Comments: I am hoping that your Association may be able to help me in finding a sailor I met in Sydney in the 60's. We were very good friends and lost track of eachother over the years. I first met him at this hotel in Woolloomaloo in Sydney which I thinks was called the "Rockers" He used to do this funny dance on the bar with a screwed up page from the Sydney Morning Herald until someone from the fire brigade stopped him. His name was Bomber Brown and he said he was a Commander Stoker who flew Naval helicopters at times. As I was just a naieve country girl I was soon seduced by him and we spend a few lovely nights at a Double Bay Motel. He was then transferred to Flinders where he had to do another Stoking Course. We kept in contact for awhile and he was living in "F" Block. I then found out I was pregnant and wrote and told him. He wrote back and said he had just received a new posting to fight for Queen and Country and had been posted to HMS Britannia and that he would write. I did not hear from him and wrote several letters. They were returned to me "Unknown at this address". We then lost contact with eachother. over the years. If there is somebody out there who knows "Bomber, could you please pass this letter on to him. I would dearly like to catch up with him after all these years. PS He may not recognise me now as my teeth have been fixed up, those terrible warts that I used to get have cleared up and I have lost over 35 kgs in weight. Also, my son Bill, who is now 37 years old would dearly like to meet his Dad. Love to you all....Molly Morgan Transferred from original log: 12/18/00 6:57:17 PM

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Name: Irish Shaw

Comments: By way of a long shot enquiry, I arrived with my family in this country as migrants from Northern Ireland on the old P&O liner Mooltan, setting foot on Sydney's No3 Walsh Bay on the 16th March 1951. Next March it will be fifty years since that event, is there anyone 'out there' that recalls the Mooltan, perhaps even sailed on her either as a migrant, crew member or as a member of the armed forces when she was a troopship during WWII? regards, Irish. Transferred from original log: 12/14/00 7:21:54 AM

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Name: Bruce Hedley

Comments: Just getting up to date with all the latest news. I agree that it is realy good to see the names of the old ship mates that i have known over the years. Keep it up, it realy makes it all worth while. Merry Xmas to all. Transferred from original log: 12/13/00 8:21:54 PM

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Name: Bill Jennings

Comments: GREAT SITE, IT WAS GOOD TO SEE SOME NAMES OF OLD SHIPMATES. IT HAS BEEN TOO LONG Transferred from original log: 12/13/00 6:59:59 PM

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Name: Irish Shaw

Comments: There's been much debate over the years and justly so, re the effects of prolonged exposure to asbestos, dioxin, talc, carbon-tet, agent orange, etc. Has any thought been given to the cumulative effects of lead based paints liberally applied by the RAN in confined, poorly ventilated spaces such as messdecks,engine-rooms. wardrooms. aallevs. sick-bavs

etc? Sorry to be a worry wart, but I think it's a matter worth investigating, regards, Irish. Transferred from original log:
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Name: Ron Hobba

Comments: Thanks Ross Jennings for that info on the bill having been passed with those amendments. I am glad they were pointed out to me as I may have had a spot of trouble in trying to read them otherwise!! Cheers Transferred from original log:
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Name: Bob Witt

Comments: It's great to see such strong support here at FESR. Much has been achieved but there is still plenty to be done. Come January there will be many of us who will need the support of an Advocate so lets get behind those who made the review happen, who pushed hard for the Bill to be past, and who will be there long after the Act comes into force. Wacker and crew have done a marvelous job and many of us are going to benefit from their endeavours. Now it's our turn to help them. ASAC [Armed Services Assistance Centre] is open and ready for business. Drop by and lend your support to those who made a difference. Sign a fourm, leave a greeting, contact an Advocate, even ask your question on-line, and that's not all ... want to know what was said during the passing of the Bill, or where to find an on-line version, visit ASAC's What's New page. Come on fellas, its the least we can do! www.asacaustralia.com Transferred from original log:
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Name: Ross Jennings

Comments: I wonder if anyone has access to the Vet Act and the time to look at the implications of the amendments passed last week ? copy herewith Thanks Ross Jennings Schedule 4-- Amendments relating to service entitlement anomalies Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986 1 Subparagraph 6D(1)(a)(iii) Omit "31 August 1968", substitute "24 June 1965". 2 Paragraph 6D(1)(b) Repeal the paragraph, substitute: (b) was, at any time during the period from and including 1 August 1960 and including 27 May 1963, in the area comprising the territory of Singapore and the country then known as the Federation of Malaya; 3 Subparagraph 7A(1)(a)(iii) Omit "subject to subsection (1A),". 4 Paragraph 7A(1)(b) Omit "(not being war or war-like operations so engaged in as part of, or in association with, the British Commonwealth Far East Strategic Reserve in the area described in item 3 of Schedule 2 (in column 1) during the period specified in column 2 of that Schedule opposite to that description)". 5 Subsection 7A(1A) Repeal the subsection. 6 Schedule 2 (table item 3, column 2) Omit "27 May 1963", substitute "31 July 1960". 7 Schedule 2 (table item 5, column 2) Omit " 28 May 1963 to and including 19 April 1967", substitute "1 August 1960 to and including 16 August 1964". 8 Schedule 2 (table item 6, column 2) Omit "30 September 1967", substitute "16 August 1964". 9 Schedule 2 (table item 7, column 1) Repeal the cell, substitute: The territories of Malaysia, Brunei and Singapore and the waters adjacent to those countries. Ross J Transferred from original log:
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Name: Original Log Entries

Comments: Transferred from original log. Posted by: Ian McClure
12/12/00 7:47:18 AM Just like to wish everyone a merry
Xmas & a prosperous new year, Bye for now. email:
ianlucy@markerman.com Posted by: Joe Linaker 12/11/00
8:28:12 PM Hi Fellas, Just a note to register an appreciation
of this Deck Log. I am taking a break in the west with some
"Rellies" over Xmas, and the log has allowed me contact with
blokes I have not seen for nigh on forty years. What a
marvellous tool, just find a name that rings a bell, click on
it, and bingo! It also has a desirable snowball effect and the
list of "must sees" is growing. Joining the FESR Association
a couple of years ago has certainly re-invigorated what was
becoming a some what boring retirement. We have re-
kindled many friendships, established many new ones, and
added another dimension to our social activities-We are most
grateful. Posted by: Barry Jaques 12/9/00 10:15:51 PM No
comment at this time. email: barryjaques@austarnet.com.au
03/08/01 02:24:47 PM

Name: Ron Hobba.

Comments: As the returning officer for the coming annual election of
office bearers for the Association, do not forget to post of
your nominations, correctly filled out, to me. I have only
received ONE nomination to date. The return address for me
is published in the last copy of FESR News. Nice to see the
appropriate legislation has been passed by the Senate
before closing down for the year. Is "John Reilly" the John
Reilly I know? Merry Christmas to all and compliments of the
season. Transferred from original log: 12/9/00 9:03:06 AM
03/08/01 02:23:05 PM

Name: Irish Shaw

Comments: Good one John, your sentiments heartily endorsed, regards,
Irish. Transferred from original log: 12/8/00 7:46:45 PM
03/08/01 02:21:31 PM

Name: John Reilly

Comments: I would like to thank Noel John and the other boys who were
the main fighting party who got us our recognition. The bill
was passed in the Senate at 0230 Friday 8th December. So
all of us should be very proud of those fellows. Three cheers
Regards John Rielly Transferred from original log: 12/8/00
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03/08/01 02:19:13 PM

Name: John Lennon

Comments: Great site. Are there any "purple empire" boffins out there
who can let me know what was the HP of the steam
catapult on HMAS MELBOURNE? Any clues, links or
advice greatly appreciated. Transferred from original log:
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03/08/01 02:18:14 PM

Name: Bruce Blain

Comments: First time I've viewed the deck log, and enjoyed the whole 24
pages. How are all you "old fellas" that served on the Tobruk
57/58 going? I was the youngest onboard, remember?
Xmasday '57 I was Commander (E) for a day. May I wish all
out there, a Very Merry Xmas, Good Health, and Great New
Year. Transferred from original log: 12/6/00 10:36:19 AM
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Name: Bob Witt

Comments: Any one out there know a Mark Eckart? Possibly served on

the Vengence as a Birdie? Need details. Please contact me ASAP. Transferred from original log: 12/3/00 7:01:28 PM

03/08/01 02:16:12 PM

Name: Irish Shaw

Comments: Terry, lucky the digger wasn't in Malaya with the RAN, I've been 'Home' since 1956, and my seven middle-aged children and eleven plus grandchildren would like to see my medals. My only wish is to live long enough to see them myself and march proudly on Anzac Day with old comrades. Unfortunately not with my old mate, L/Smn,FC, JJ O'Sullivan, aka 'Sully' that I joined Pussers with in October 1954 who recently passed away fom cancer. Rest in peace Sully, we will remembered them, regards, Irish Shaw. Transferred from original log: 12/3/00 3:00:24 PM

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Name: Terry Warren

Comments: and on the subject of East Timor and the AASM, some members of 3RAR received the medal without the East Timor clasp. The Department might be getting the medals out, but is the issue complete? Noticed an article the Courier Mail last weekend where a digger from 6RAR was complining that he had been home from East Timor since February and hadn't received his medal yet. Lucky he didn't go to Vietnam! Transferred from original log: 12/1/00 8:14:09 PM

03/08/01 02:14:14 PM

Name: Irish Shaw

Comments: I draw your attention to an article of some relevance to us printed in the Daily Telegraph on Thurs 30 Nov 2000 under the heading, EAST TIMOR MEDALS. More than 10,300 Australian troops who served in East Timor since September, 1999 have now received their service medal, Veteran's Affairs Minister Bruce Scott said yesterday. Mr Scott said, that accounted for 90 per cent of those eligible to receive the Australian Active Service Medal with East Timor Clasp. He said 11,500 AASM's had been approved for issue since the Australian Defence Force began operations in East Timor on September 20 last year. [1999]. Disputing claims that a third of soldiers who served in East Timor would have to wait a year to receive their ASSM, Mr Scott said 90 per cent of medals had now been issued. Transferred from original log: 12/1/00 10:28:01 AM

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Name: John Sandaver

Comments: I have just obtained a copy of "report of Proceedings" in other words ships movements. This can be done through the Aust War Memorial in Canberra If you want to know more email me John Transferred from original log: 11/30/00 10:10:52 AM

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Name: Barry Jaques

Comments: I now believe there is hope in the world. It's incredible after all these years that the names of Robert Spooner and Alan Cooper will at long last be on the Roll of Honour where they belong. However I still wait to see the actual event. A terrific effort by all concerned. Cheers! Transferred from original log: 11/29/00 5:42:32 PM

03/08/01 02:11:05 PM

Name: Irish Shaw

Comments: To Jack Thompson and Bob Willas. Fellas. all mv other

E'Mail is getting through, not sure what the problem is but hang in there. Perhaps it will sort it'self out meanwhile, if it suits you keep in contact through this FESR chat room. 1st posting: Irish Shaw 11/26/00 3:01:47 PM In calculating days accumulated in the prescribed operational zone has regard be paid to the time spent as part of the combined fleet that took part in Operation Albatross in 1956? Onboard Sydney during this period we not only exercised with units of the RN, RAN and RNZN but various ships of other nations as well who'se names escape me after all this time, in the largest concentration of naval vessels since WWII. Perhaps someone out there in Cyberdom can refresh my memory, after all it's been almost 45 years since I was there and Harry de Wheels has sold more than a few pies since then.
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Name: Tom Hamilton

Comments: Lets get honest on this Medal Discussion lads. There is no such thing as a Semi-Official medal. If the Queen sanctions a commorative medal,(IE The Greek War Medal)it becomes official and can be worn with your other service and war medals. The only way to buy a real medal is by BLOOD,SWEAT AND TEARS. Any other brought medal is a Commorative Medal and should be worn on the right side. Some of us waited four years of wearing the ribbon before receiving our NGSM's.(Minesweeping) No,I am not going to get into a slanging match,so give it your best shot and get it off your chest. You waited this long for the medal,you know you will get it,so why spoil it by giving ammo to people who want to put us down? Transferred from original log: 11/24/00 1:14:42 PM

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Name: Messages

Comments: Transferred from original log. Posted by: Bill(Jock)Liddle 11/22/00 7:10:29 PM - I HAVE NOT VIEWED IT YET BUT IF IT IS NAVY IT IS No 1 ANY VINTAGE "BEAGLES OUT THERE ? email: billliddle@bigpond.com Posted by: Irish Shaw 11/22/00 10:23:36 AM Attention Jack Thompson, great to make contact after all these years, I believe it was 1958 at Harman when we last met. At long last my Internet is back up and running and my new E'mail is: shawl@tpg.com.au I've been living in Wyong on the NSW Central Coast now for a couple of years and stumbled onto FESR's site purely by accident a couple of months ago, then my computer shit it'self; give us a call. Posted by: R.A.Bannon 11/21/00 8:06:35 PM Well done email: R.A.Bannon@bigpond.com Posted by: Irish Shaw 11/21/00 7:32:29 PM Hi Bob Whillars from WA! email: shawl@tpg.com.au

03/08/01 02:03:52 PM

Name: Kevin Eastley

Comments: Well be beat them on a lot of things. Congrats to Wacka and his committee, and I must thank Leon O'Donnell for his info coming thru whenever nexessary. Not to forget Gibbsy and Sir Richard. A bit of a letdown for those like me who joined the Melbourne when she came out from Ukkers in 56, and done the 2 trips in 57 and 58. Dunced by one day, but as Wacka said, 4 years ago I had nothing. Now I am very pleased. So lets get in and support these people who have helped us, they deserve it, remember what Mrs. Bishop said. Cheers Transferred from original log: 11/17/00 9:57:08 AM

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Name: Steve Clements

Comments: Dear Sirs This is the first time that I have opened this page. My name is Steve "CLEM" Clements and I served a total of 23 years in the RAN. I discharged from the PNF on the 07 July 1999. More to the point, my father, WALLACE ALFRED CLEMENTS, also served in the RAN as a radio operator. Part of his career held him in service at HMAS TERROR in Singapore in the very early 60's and as a result of this and other postings, he was awarded the FESR with clasp. I will find out the exact details so as you post them on to your web page. Sadley dad passed away two weeks before his 60 birthday in July 1997 and he is dearly missed. I hope that this may be of some use to your files and please do not hesitate to contact me with any queries as I have a great deal of information regarding his Naval career. As a footnote Mum was awarded a gold card as it was proved that dads passing was attributed to his Naval career. regards Steve Clements Transferred from original log: 11/13/00 2:31:07 PM

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Name: Jack Thompson

Comments: For Irish Shaw. Been in contact Bob Willis, your e- mail address from your posting comes up undeliverable, Bob getting located on net, forward your posting on to him, give me buzz back. Jack Transferred from original log: 11/12/00 10:41:03 PM

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Name: Barry Bennetts

Comments: Some Very Good News. Bob Gibbs has just rung me and informed me of the following: One long last struggle is Over - It was learnt today that the AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL - has agreed to INCLUDE the names of Robert William SPOONER and Alan Campbell Cooper - on the Memorial's Roll of Honour- as those naval personnel who died on service with FESR. Well done. Transferred from original log: 11/12/00 8:21:11 PM

03/08/01 02:00:13 PM

Name: Joe Linaker

Comments: Thanks Fellas for all the info and options on the medals,it seems Ralph"Spooky"Spooner has got it all organized pretty well,and in my view thats the way to go-Thanks Spooks for doing the homework. On another matter-THE ARMED SERVICES ASSISTANCE CENTRE,I place a call for some help with the furnishing of the offices in the Brisbane CBD.I understand they are rather spartan at the moment,and could do with some pieces in reasonable nick to make the interviewing,preparation,and processing of veterans claims a little more pleasant for them and their families.Desks,Chairs,and some waiting room items would be most welcome.As one who has gained immeasurable benefits from "Wacka" and the blokes of the FESR,I think it is the least we could do to back them with the venture.If there is anybody out there who has retired from commercial interests,who can lay their hands on a "Freebie"or two for ASAC I am sure it would be appreciated-Please contact John Carlyon.Subscriptions would also help-I picked up a form off their ASAC Test site only \$25,they helped me,so I'm helping them. Transferred from original log: 11/12/00 7:39:46 PM

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Name: Ron Hobba

Comments: I forgot to mention in my previous note that miniatures die struck gongs cost about 22 South Pacific Pesos each compared to about 7.5 for die cast. Keep a good eye on your medals out there as there are many who prey on the clubs etc. to steal from the unwary. If you are in the habit of having a few sherberts and leaping out all in the room, don't leave your coat behind take it with you as the gongs represent value to collectors. EG The VLMS was the last of the Imperial gongs with the Queens profile appearing. In comparison to others, there were not a great many issued and those who received them are fairly young so not many are available to collectors and they command a fairly high price to collectors who wish to have a full collection. A bit of CDF is needed so they are not flogged by anyone. I have a set of die struck that I wear to Marches Etc and the originals stay at home. I am also told, although I have not seen it, that the AASM given by the GOVT is not as good as quality metal as in others and when mounted with other medals it tends to wear a little where the medal mounted next to it rubs against it. (That is if they are swing mounted). I have not seen it happen on mine but as I said I mainly wear the replicas. Hope that may help some of you in your decisions of what to do and what to buy as you only get the one issue and cannot come back for a second bite of the cherry if you lose them or they wear. You have to pay for the next lot if the Govt will sell them to you. Transferred from original log: 11/12/00 2:15:45 PM

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Name: John Sincock

Comments: Served R.A.N. 1962-74. Enjoyed your site. Keep up the good work,B.Z. Regards Evil. Transferred from original log: 11/12/00 11:28:49 AM

03/08/01 01:57:11 PM

Name: Ron Hobba

Comments: Gentlemen!! Do not get caught. There are Die Struck medals and there are Die Cast Medals. The die struck are a quality medal which are stamped into metal at a considerable force and pressure and are hard to differate from originals. They will last a lifetime. The cost is about the \$50 mark. The die cast as it implies are a cast medal with the metal poured into a cast and dependant on the number which may be made is dependant on the quality of the medal which you may receive. Maybe yours will be the 100th and the cast is worn. They do not last very long and currently are being flogged at about \$17 buckeroos. Hope this may help in any of your decisions. Just ask an old Birdie PO Radio Mech who has been there and done that. The FESR medal which was mentioned is a beauty. Hope this is of assistance. Don't forget on top of the price of the medal it costs about \$10 for having it mounted and the miniature \$5. Add all that to each of any other medals which you may have, to have them all mounted together, at \$10 a piece, and costs start to escalate. Especially if you look at buying a set or two for each of your grandkids!! regards Ron Hobba Transferred from original log: 11/11/00 8:00:33 PM

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Name: Ralph Spooner

Comments: Sorry about the two no comments my computer skills let me down again. Maybe the cheaper replica medal is of a inferior metal could be worth a check. Ralph Spooner 11/11/00 7:05:28 PM No comment at this time. Ralph Spooner 11/11/00 7:05:28 PM No comment at this time. Transferred from original log: 11/11/00 7:10:48 PM

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Name: Barry Bennetts
Comments: Re Ralph Spooner on NGSM Replicas. Ralph, dont pay \$50. There is a supplier 'Militaria Collectables' - Noosa Heads. He supplies Aust. Replica Medals to Government specifications. In fact this supplier is the "official" supplier for the ribbons, so they are genuine. The medals themselves are in fact the BEST available. The cost is \$17 for the FS Medal and \$7.50 for the Clasp Malaya. Incidentally are you aware that there is a Semi-official Commemorative medal designed by our own Bob Gibbs, struck courtesy of the HMAS Sydney and VLSA Assoc. A lovely medal to accompany the rest. Cost \$40, and represents who and what we are. Dont hold your breath re getting your medals for ANZAC Day. Those "people" are still playing the game - a game they resent having lost - and they are in no great hurry in providing us with the spoils, fought for over the past forty years. Good luck Shipmates. Cheers and Beers. Barry Bennetts (1951-1965) Transferred from original log: 11/10/00 9:42:02 PM

03/08/01 01:53:44 PM

Name: Ralph Spooner
Comments: I have written to Honours and Awards (Defence Navy) and enquired about the award of the NGSM and will the recipients be informed before Anzac Day 2001 my letter has been acknowledged however I have had no answer as yet. I may be jumping the gun but I have approached a firm in Brisbane and explained that there may be a considerable wait for the issue of the NGSM and people will want to parade the award as soon as possible. The firm can have the NGSM struck as a replica from sterling silver at a cost of \$50.00 (fifty) but they will need a least 100 orders to set the process of stamping up if any body is interested you can contact the firm on. Colonial Coins and Medals (Peter Brooks Manager) 07 3229 3949 or 07 3221 8460 Anzac Square Building 218 Adelaide Street Brisbane Qld 4000 Ps He also has some AASMs in stock which are a good replica. The firm will require a deposit on order. As I said I may be jumping the gun but an old sailor gotta do what an old sailor has gotta do. Regards to all Transferred from original log: 11/10/00 4:07:53 PM

03/08/01 01:52:55 PM

Name: Terry Powell
Comments: Great site! served on DUCHESS in 65,66 as an ABFC so I would like to support the ASSOC. whip through a membership form and I,ll fill it in. keep up the good work!! Transferred from original log: 11/10/00 1:20:25 PM

03/08/01 01:52:03 PM

Name: Ross Jennings
Comments: With the wins the FESR has had recently we have come a long way - It is interesting to think what Judge Mohr or anyone of that legal training and mentality would have made of the way Ships were pulled out active areas after 27/28 or 29 days - so the crews missed out on active service. Often this occurred only after a direct order was given to the Captain. Just Curious...Regards Ross Transferred from original log: 11/8/00 6:09:24 PM

03/08/01 01:50:32 PM

Name: Joe Linaker
Comments: Just some very good news everyone. Noel "Wacka"Payne is not lost to the Wilderness.He is the Main Man of the new

ASAC Operations out of Brisbane,an organization you will hear more about in due course.For those who hit our site,who are not members,the ASAC is going to be a big help to you if you have any entitlements from DVA.We,of the FESR are now enjoying the fruits of "Wacka's" labours,you can too,as an attractive,comprehensive website for ASAC will be online soon.Join the FESR guys and keep checking the log. Transferred from original log: 11/6/00 10:33:50 PM

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Name: Original Log Postings

Comments: Transferred from original log. Posted by: Denis (Bodgie) Sefton 11/5/00 9:48:51 PM checking out your deck log and saw George M Mills name,is that "Horse" Mills---T.I.man ex Anzac mid 50's, also "Reebop" Galotta if you read this contact me re Anzac assc. Posted by: Graham Bence 11/5/00 4:25:14 PM PS How do you join my address is 9 Roland Ave Strathmore VIC 3041 Posted by: Graham Bence 11/5/00 4:08:52 PM Wonderful web site Posted by: George A Mills 11/5/00 9:49:17 AM please advise how we go about joining thanks Posted by: Russ Ames 11/3/00 3:35:58 PM Any members interested in purchasing a miniature of the NGSM from Christies in Sydney should be advised that the medal they are currently selling is incorrect. The face is correct but the makers have somehow put the reverse of the Queens South Africa Medal (Boer War) on it. The one I purchased has Britannia with the words 'South Africa' I'm not sure the 10/12 nautical mile limit got that far. The proper reverse has Britannia riding a two horse chariot. I've advised Christies. My reference: Spinks Catalogue of British Awards and Medals (Joslin) Posted by: Irish Shaw 11/1/00 1:48:38 PM How do you join? how does one become a member of FESR? Posted by: J A Mullins 10/31/00 10:21:47 PM WOCOXSM Rtd FESR Queenborough 1956/57 Vendetta 1959/60 Didn't know you existed, What a great job!! Well done Navy!! Please send application form to join. Jim Mullins 9 Chloe Street Busselton West Aust 6280. Posted by: Arthur Bushe-jones (bushe) 10/30/00 10:45:34 PM Stocker on Queenborough 58/59 FESR. Would like to here from any from the stockers mess deck during that time frame.

03/08/01 01:46:40 PM

Name: Original Postings

Comments: Transferred from original log. Posted by: John Carlyon 10/30/00 8:26:34 PM Just cchecking to keep you all honest Posted by: Robert Bell 10/30/00 3:02:53 PM Served H.M.A.S. Vampire 1960 to 64 how do I join your ranks info please Posted by: Irish Shaw 10/30/00 2:28:12 PM Hi! Jack Thompson formally from HARMAN 1958, I was there then and remember you and big Bob Willas, Cook [O]also Aub Lawson, Cook [S]. I spent most of my time at Belconnan Posted by: John Sandaver 10/29/00 10:17:34 PM Hi does anybody know how if its possible to get hold of a copy of a section of a ships log in the mid sixties Regards John

03/08/01 01:44:51 PM

Name: Jim Hoppitt

Comments: Have just been pointed in this direction. Served on Quardant 55-57 and Vendetta 50-60 as a Sig & L/Sig[LTO] Transferred from original log: 10/27/00 2:31:34 PM

03/08/01 01:44:05 PM

Name: Irish Shaw

Comments: My father, Jack Shaw was a mercant seaman in the North Atlantic durind WWII and was awarded the Atlatic Star and

the 1939-45 medal. It wasn't until 1980 that the RSL, in their infinite wisdom decided to give recognition to his medals, thirty five years he waited, he died soon after and I can tell you, he was not impressed. Of late I'm beginning to know how he must have felt. Transferred from original log: 10/26/00 1:44:41 PM

03/08/01 01:42:54 PM

Name: Previous Log Entries

Comments: Transferred from original log. Posted by: Irish Shaw 10/26/00 1:38:06 PM No comment at this time. Posted by: Ross Jennings 10/26/00 9:30:46 AM I read the FESR Newsletter last night with dismay that Noel has 'pulled the pin' after again being under attack from various members and non members. After all the work and the family strain it is a pretty poor effort for people to take out frustration caused by Governmental 'bloody mindedness' on Noel. Sorry to see you go Noel and THANKYOU - Bravo Zulu for all your work..enjoy some family time..Ross Jennings Posted by: Vic Sforcina 10/25/00 3:49:32 PM We have the Albany (WA) sub-section of the Naval Assn off the ground so if you know of any ex pussers in our area, let them know we meet at the NRC unit ,TS Vancouver on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 1930 or contact me at bellavic@wn.com.au

03/08/01 01:41:35 PM

Name: Irish Shaw

Comments: I see Ken King is a member, are you the K N King from Upway who joined October 1954 with Irish and Gino Cooper? I was with the FESR on the Sydney in 1956 and paid off in 1961 only to be back uptop a month later on a Merchant Navy salvage tug, bumped into RS Yokky Shaw on the Voyager in Hong Kong June 1962. Posted by: Laurie [Irish] Shaw 10/24/00 8:05:25 PM Ex ship's cook Sydney 56, joied 54 to 61, any cooks out there ? Transferred from original log: 10/25/00 1:43:35 PM

03/08/01 01:40:26 PM

Name: Neville Mcwilliams

Comments: I served on HMAS Tobruk April 57 to Jan 59 in Malaya. I am currently the Secretary of the RSL Sub Branch in Bunbury Western Australia and am also a Sub Branch Welfare Delegate. I would be pleased to hear from any who remember me and would like to be kept up to date with any information that might be of benefit or interest to our member here in the West. Regards Neville RAN R49078 Transferred from original log: 10/25/00 1:43:35 PM

03/08/01 01:39:34 PM

Name: John Napier

Comments: Good stuff and enjoyable reading from an old FESR guy off the "Quickmatch" - looks as if all is well after many years! regards John (Nip) Transferred from original log: 10/18/00 3:36:02 PM

03/08/01 01:38:25 PM

Name: Russell Hutchison

Comments: Need some HELP!!!!!! Any one who served on HMAS SYDNEY on 2nd trip to Vung Tau Sept 65 as well as HMAS STUART and SYDNEY on 9th trip around Jan/Feb 68. What I would like if there is any one out there who has any information about any events that happend to or from Vung Tau or whilst at anchor at Vung Tau. any events such as seeina/hearina bomb exolusions. hearina small weapons/and

or machine gun fire from shore or American Patrol Boats, aircraft dropping bombs or missiles, the dropping of scare charges. If any one can remember any thing could you please send me a detailed email to any of the above email address. Any information would be greatly appreciated as I need any thing on this to support my appeal with the AAT. THANKING anyone that can help with this request THANKS ONCE AGAIN Russell Hutchison ex Flag Waver Stuart 67/68 ex ORD/CO Sydney Sept 65 Transferred from original log: 10/17/00 9:30:22 PM

03/08/01 01:37:07 PM

Name: Garry (delo) Daly

Comments: Cheers to all , just cheeking Transferred from original log: 10/16/00 3:47:22 PM

03/08/01 01:36:15 PM

Name: Lawrence Shaw

Comments: Well done mate, my namme is Laurie Shaw, known as 'IRISH' and I served nboard HMAS Sydney from February 1956 until February 1957 Transferred from original log: 10/16/00 1:50:58 PM

03/08/01 01:35:15 PM

Name: Dave (Rick) Rickard

Comments: HI THERE TO ALL YOU FESR PEOPLE OUT THERE IN THIS NEW FANGLED WORLD WE ARE ALL TRYING TO GET USED TO CALLED 'CYBERSPACE' WHAT A GREAT WAY TO RENEW OLD FRIENDSHIPS THOUGH. MANY OF YOU MAY BE INTERESTED IN RELIVING THE OLD ERA WE SERVED IN BY READING MY NEW BOOK - 'IN THE NAVY' WHICH COVERS THE LATTER PERIOD OF THE FESR DURING THE SIXTIES & SEVENTIES. VISIT THE WEBSITE AT: users.senet.com.au/~pmmail Transferred from original log: 10/12/00 9:59:36 PM

03/08/01 01:33:17 PM

Name: Joe Linaker

Comments: Have now joined the deck log in the rank of PC Dummy.From one who is about to recieve all of the benefits fought for by the FESR Association I am most grateful to everyone who contributed to the most tenacious lobby I have experienced,particularly the founding members.Browsing the log,I noticed several blasts from the past,Butch Jenkins my infamous Vice-President of the "Best Mess in The West and a great Chief Writer,Brian Wedlock.I look forward to life on the web,well done Noel "WACKKA Payne you are a power in the land. Transferred from original log: 10/9/00 8:24:36 PM

03/08/01 01:32:29 PM

Name: Bob Aitken (porky)

Comments: Just checking, thanks again, you have enabled me to contact some real old mates,and re acquaint myself with some ex Cerberus JR's 64-65. Just a word of warning all you ex stokers, tiffies and EMP,s make sure you all have anual chest CT scans the asbestos took thirty five years to show up in me.Good lusk to everyone. Transferred from original log: 10/9/00 1:59:25 PM

03/08/01 01:31:21 PM

Name: Les Figg

Comments: Any ex-sweeper guys out there? The following link to the UK Ton Class Minesweeper site mite be of interest. <http://www.tonclass.freeuk.com/welcome.htm> They are

calling for submissions to their newsletter on the topic of RAM Tom Class Minesweepers. I serve in HMAS Hawk from July 65 until May 67. I'd like to hear from others who served in Hawk or Gull during that time. Regards, Les. Transferred from original log: 10/9/00 11:31:12 AM

03/08/01 01:30:15 PM

Name: Log Entries [mixed]

Comments: Transferred from original log. Posted by: John Harrison 10/8/00 9:29:39 PM Regards people I have remembered from 40 years ago. I am onside with the "Forgotten" sailors, just because we took the other forces, and supported them we were not!! according to the government supposed to be there. We were only on exercise. PLEASE read the HEMLEY PLAN now available through freedom of information 30+ years later. I will try my skills to get it into this log, but wait and bear with me. Interesting!!! email: skipper@optusnet.com.au Posted by: Fred Rubly 10/7/00 7:59:06 PM No comment at this time. email: frubly@hotmail.com Posted by: Garry (delo) Daly 10/6/00 2:13:10 PM - Just checking email: gdaly@globalpacificgroup.com.au Posted by: Greg Palmer 10/6/00 1:55:12 PM Ex bunting tosser 1963-1984. Derwent, Vendetta, Parramatta, Swan, Tobruk. Cerberus, Harman, Kuttabul, ANZUK, Moreton email: gspalmer@tpgi.com.au Posted by: Ron Hobba 10/5/00 7:20:15 PM I have just finished reading Admiral Hudson's report & recommendations re recognition of AB Spooner & A Cooper for inclusion in the AWM Roll of Honour and may I say thank you Admiral for your time and effort and for all you have done in bringing this matter to what we hope will be a successful resolution in the not too distant future and also for your contribution in assisting and achieving the end results thus far for FESR members Yours aye Ron Hobba email: rhobba@optusnet.com.au

03/08/01 01:27:08 PM

Name: Log Entries

Comments: Transferred from original log. Posted by: Marty Grogan 10/3/00 4:04:44 PM No comment at this time. email: functions@westbrighton.org Posted by: Ross Jennings 10/3/00 11:12:39 AM Many Many Thanks to all who replied to my rather strained communication of Friday - I have heard from Noel and the NAA and everything is now much clearer. I hope I did not cause any upset to anyone or join the 'rumourmongers' as what was said was straight from the Medals section. This website has been a tremendous help and I appreciate the work done by all. There is no friendship like those that have developed in the Services - All the Best Ross J email: ross.jennings@health.wa.gov.au Posted by: Rob Gaehl 10/1/00 4:27:05 PM Signing on. Thanks to the committee for all the good work. email: robgaehl@today.com.au Posted by: Jack Thompson 9/29/00 10:20:24 PM Changed e-mail address, recently met up with Mike Thomas, Paul Konrath. Good Health to All. email: aussie64@peoplepc.com

03/08/01 01:24:35 PM

Name: John Rielly

Comments: Hi Ross Jennings & all those other boys out there that want the latest on the result of the review send me your Email address and I will forward you the info. I would like to say thanks to our President Noel Sect. John and all those fellows that started this Association off on that great day at the Sandgats RSL, if it wasn't for all those guys we wouldn't have anything. I know I have not been to many meetings. but I

am fully behind all you fellows. I still do the Pension Welfare Work for fellow Veterans. So if anyone out there has any problems you are welcome to contact me by Email Or my Ph/Fax is (07)54987539. Regards John Rielly Ex Quickmatch Queenborough Melbourne. Transferred from original log: 9/29/00 7:17:31 PM

03/08/01 01:23:46 PM

Name: Ross Jennings

Comments: I have just been told by the Medals section that we (NAVY) are NOT included in the one day qualification for the AASM it is only Airforce and Army - I haven't seen Noels' Newsletter yet - being in the West we are on 'snail mail'- I hope someone can tell me this is wrong - as if not we didn't get the NGSM (applying the 12 mile limit to the Melbourne??) and now the AASM is in question - I feel pretty chockers. Thanks Guys if you can correct this ..Ross J Ex R54950 'Greenie' Transferred from original log: 9/29/00 12:13:58 PM

03/08/01 01:22:51 PM

Name: Congratulations

Comments: Transferred from original log. Posted by: Garry (delo) Daly 9/29/00 10:37:14 AM - Cheers to any old shipmates email: gdaly@globalpacificgroup.com.au Posted by: Charlie Cutts 9/27/00 12:19:54 PM - Congratulations to all those who have devoted so much time and effort over the years to finally get the recognition we were denied for so long. Great work, and I urge all who will benefit to join up and show solidarity among old shipmates. email: cfcutts@attglobal.net Posted by: Peter 'chips' Dales 9/26/00 7:08:27 PM - Congratulations @ well done on the victory for just recognition. email: pdales@bigpond.com

03/08/01 01:20:03 PM

Name: Alan Heithersay

Comments: Transferred from original log. Posted by: Alan Heithersay 9/20/00 10:09:48 PM Hi, I served as a sparker on Warramunga in the FESR. How do I join your Association?

03/08/01 01:18:55 PM

Name: Paul Mooi

Comments: I served on HMAS QUIBERON from 1962 to 1964 and did 2 trips "up top". We were involved in some skirmishes, Saigon and the Indonesian Confrontation. Any news about medals seems to lop off QUIBERON's service, although I have a RAS Badge. What's going on!? Tranferred from original log: 9/20/00 4:23:47 PM

03/08/01 01:17:37 PM

Name: Max Bronson

Comments: Hi all Served HMAS Sydney 1964 during the Indonesian Confrontation. Interesting sight Transferred from original log: 9/19/00 3:32:12 PM

03/08/01 01:14:23 PM

Name: Peter "buncha" Keys

Comments: Has anyone heard of any progress on the Sea Review project? When Tim Bloomfield departed he said on 18 Aug he expected the Minister to make a formal announcement in about 3 weeks. Transferred from original log: 9/18/00 8:57:44 PM

03/08/01 01:13:15 PM

Name: Spike Jones

Comments: Thanks! to all who replied to my enquiry as to the whereabouts of Peter Jurd. Now I seek your indulgence yet again. Does anyone know the whereabouts of ex POME Michael Mensley (Mick) Mullins? I know this is not the purpose of the site but the chance to catch up with a few old mates is too good to miss. An excellent site, and great source of information and scuttlebutt. Warmest regards to all, Spike
Transferred from original log: 9/14/00 9:25:17 AM

03/08/01 01:12:26 PM

Name: Noel (Irish) Mclean

Comments: Great to hear from anyone from 10th intake J.R.T.E. JAN.65. or indeed anyone I have served with in SYDNEY.1966. YARRA 11/1966 - 12/1968 SWAN (comissioned)01/1970 - 5/1971 STUART 10/1971 - 12/1972, PARRAMATTA 7/1974 - 11/1976 (paid off) Transferred from original log: 9/11/00 10:04:48 PM

03/08/01 01:10:47 PM

Name: Don Graham

Comments: Served 1949 - 1971.Ex Greenie.Interesting and informative site.Hope our uptop victories continue. Transferred from original log: 9/6/00 9:34:40 PM

03/08/01 01:09:51 PM

Name: Jennings Ross

Comments: Transferred from original log. Posted by: Jennings Ross 9/5/00 11:23:19 AM Hi does anyone out there know what the release in the Sunday telegraph 3rd September is about ? It refers - to a new medal of honour - for recognition of defence personnel(it says soldiers but then goes on to include Mayalaysia Emergency)and then the Indonesian Confrontation - it says a new clasp SE Asia ?? Thanks Ross Jennings

03/08/01 01:09:05 PM

Name: Mal Hughes

Comments: Transferred from original log. Posted by: Mal Hughes 9/4/00 4:50:55 PM After reading the recent comments in the deck log regarding the NGSMS (today), I rang Navy Medals who advised me that, until the regulations had been revised, they could not approve any medal applications. I asked how long it may be before the regs were re written...the response was "It will be a long time, however, put in an application and we will send you the standard response!!". I could not get any info as to which ships/times etc. I read the Ministers press release, which did not enlighten me much at all. Does anybody have any CONCRETE information since the press release ???

03/08/01 01:08:10 PM

Name: Log Messages

Comments: Transferred from original log. Posted by: Garry (delo) Daly 9/4/00 1:40:41 PM Just cheeking Posted by: Paul Boase 9/2/00 10:36:11 PM No comment at this time. Posted by: Kev Gleeson(tobruk 1955-57) 9/2/00 6:01:31 PM To view Media Release The Hon Bruce Scott MP.Wed 30 August 2000, log in on :- www.minister.defence.gov.au/2000/23900.htm re South East Asian Service 1955-75 Posted by: Kevin Mongan 9/1/00 12:44:01 PM Great page - a credit to its creator.

03/08/01 01:06:35 PM

Name: Robert (bob) Sell

Comments: Transferred from original log. Posted by: Robert (bob) Sell

9/1/00 12:18:47 PM Talk about a blast from the past!! G'day to all.

03/08/01 01:05:30 PM

Name: Ralph Spooner

Comments: Transferred from original log. Posted by: Ralph Spooner 8/31/00 10:11:45 PM Well said Ron Hobba we still have several thousand of our ship mates out there who have the opportunity to belong to one of the best run organisations (FESR) that grew out of six determine men who told "Bronwyn Bishop it was not all over and the matter was not closed" we now have 557 members in all states that supported us but we need more I believe there is still some fighting to go so what about fellows 50 cents a week is all it costs , we will go from strength to strength Posted by: Ralph Spooner 8/31/00 10:01:56 PM No comment at this time.

03/08/01 01:04:21 PM

Name: Ron Hobba

Comments: Transferred from original log. Posted by: Ron Hobba 8/31/00 6:45:26 PM Congratulations to all members and to all those who have contributed in some form to bring about the recommendations announced by the Minisyer on 30.8.00. To all the others who have not contributed or who have waited on the sidelines or who have perused the site waiting to see how it affects the individual, this is what the Association can do, so how about joining and doing your little bit no matter how small!!! To those who continued serving after 31st October 1971, do not get your medals mounted yet. There may be something more offering under the ANZUK or SEATO treaties!!

03/08/01 01:03:19 PM

Name: Barry Bennetts

Comments: Message transferred from original log. Posted by: Barry Bennetts 8/31/00 1:19:43 PM For those who are not yet aware. Read Ministers' Press release 30 August. from Dept. of Defence Web page. I have just queried Naval Medal & Honours Section, in Canberra and have been told (off the cuff), that HMAS QuickyMaru and HMAS QueenBee, tour 1956-57. accrued 82 days, therefore qualifying for the NGSMS. To all my old shipmates "Long Awaited well done" , to all the others good luck in your quest for the "28 days". Cheers and Beers . Barry Bennetts ex RS(S)

03/08/01 12:19:03 PM

Name: Delo Daly

Comments: Transferred from original log. Posted by: Delo Daly 8/30/00 3:38:43 PM just checking, regards to all long lost mates

03/08/01 12:18:11 PM

Name: Bob Joicey

Comments: Transferred from original log. Posted by: Bob Joicey 8/29/00 2:37:24 PM Anyone knowing the whereabouts of Allen Simpson UW rating ex HMAS Gull 1966, could you please contact me.

03/08/01 12:17:16 PM

Name: Gary Aldridge

Comments: Transferred from original log. Posted by: Gary Aldridge 8/24/00 9:17:57 PM QUITE INFORMATIVE, STILL TRYING TO FIND IF THERE IS AN H.M.A.S. SUPPLY ASSOCIATION OR IS THIS SHIPS COMPANY COVERED BY F.E.S.R. ASSOCIATION?

03/08/01 12:16:17 PM

Name: Mixed Messages
Comments: Transferred from original log. Posted by: Garry (delo) Daly 8/23/00 9:07:02 AM No comment at this time. Posted by: Garry (delo) Daly 8/22/00 3:52:18 PM No comment at this time. Posted by: Garry (delo) Daly 8/22/00 3:27:20 PM Just cheeking for old mates names and info Posted by: Les Church 8/22/00 11:27:24 AM Vale For the interest of members that might have known him Ray Owen ex Ldg Sig late 40's to early 60's passed away this morning from Asbestos. Posted by: Garry (delo) Daly 8/21/00 2:38:24 PM Noel Have only recently learnt of your endless efforts. Am an ex stoker served on Parramatta ,Derwent ,Yarra on FESR, would like to join the Association. Can you email me an application Regards Delo Daly Posted by: Daly 8/21/00 2:02:20 PM No comment at this time. Posted by: Peter Woolford 8/21/00 11:03:33 AM No comment at this time.

03/08/01 12:13:40 PM

Name: Kev Gleeson
Comments: Transferred from original log. Posted by: Kev Gleeson 8/20/00 3:09:47 PM I like to visit this page several times a week, to keep up on all the recent dits.Its great to see that more of our members are coming out of the woodwork and contributing.I have been able to catch up on a few old mates through this log. Going through the membership list I noted in the list Donald James McCaskill. I would like to know if you were Don McCaskill that served on the old pirate ship HMAS KOALA as our signalman, (I was the EM1 and later LEM.).Hope to hear from you Don Kev Gleeson CPO Elec (E) 27862

03/08/01 12:12:32 PM

Name: Ralph Spooner
Comments: Transferred from original log. Posted by: Ralph Spooner 8/20/00 12:25:53 PM I had a message from loury Fern ex Eng pusses that there is approximatley six jobs to be had at the Murgon meat works if any member knows of ex MTPs with a Qld 2nd or 1st class steam ticket with frige experiences can apply through Loury Fern on 07 3283 2611 training will start early September.

03/08/01 12:11:45 PM

Name: Terry Powell
Comments: Transferred from original log. Posted by: Terry Powell 8/15/00 2:31:24 PM just found the site via GUN PLOT.I was on DUCHESS in 64-65 as an ABFC.didn,t see HARPIC on the members list!.keep up the outstanding work---will try and join the ASSOC soon.

03/08/01 12:10:58 PM

Name: Jack Thompson
Comments: Transferred from original log. Posted by: Jack Thompson 8/13/00 1:21:48 PM Been making contact with old mates/greenies from Vengeance/Melbourne, any one have info on "Buck" Buckingham,originally from WA, Gus Heffernan, originlly from Kyogle,NSW. In 58/59 I was at Harman with "Big" Bob Willis and Aurb Lawson, both Cooks, Bob was originally from WA, any info would be appreciated. Being out of the country for past thirty two years lost a lot of contacts, only been working the net this year. Mini re-union next week, Paul Konrath and I meeting up with Mike Thomas. Enjoy your site. Regards to all. Jack T

03/08/01 12:10:00 PM

Name: Peter Woolford
Comments: Transferred from original log. Posted by: Peter Woolford
8/8/00 1:15:33 PM have found you site to be very informative
i am an ex birdie 64-73 have recieved 45- 75 medal + fesr I
am interesred to join your ass could you please email any
info. regards Peter

03/08/01 12:08:52 PM

Name: Various Entries
Comments: Transferred from original log. Posted by: Ross Jennings
8/7/00 2:12:47 PM It's gone awfully quiet out there on the
issue of the NGSM . I know we are waiting on the NAA
submission and sensible comment but is anything
progressing ? I don't know if anyone else has struck this one
but at a Vet Affairs interview theother day I was told even
with Active service you must have been allotted to gain
Service Pension and Gold Card.I thought the two went
together - or am I naive at this supposition ? Thanks for any
comment Ross J Ex Greenie R54950 Posted by: Robert C
Bell 8/4/00 8:52:00 PM Just read the 17 pages and have
readjusted my memory bank.Great job done by wacka and
cohorts .I served on ANZAC 1955-58 and really enjoyed the
occasion .It was a unique episode in my life and never to be
forgotten.I am an ex Signalman R50258.Have been in touch
with John (rebop)Gullotta who is President of the Hmas
Anzac association based in Melbourne but with branches in
other states.Bill (Scotty)Paterson ex stoker is Secretary and
welcomes any interested exAnzac to get in touch .He is on
phone 0359662700 and fax0359662774.my email
,bellrc@dragnet.com.au Posted by: Jeff (atsa) Harris 8/4/00
4:56:40 PM No comment at this time.

03/08/01 12:07:24 PM

Name: Dutchy Andrews
Comments: Transferred from original log. Posted by: 'dutchy' Andrews
7/30/00 1:45:10 PM For all our old mates who happened to
have served with retired LCDR. John Alexander 'Johno'
JOHNSON, I am sorry to have to pass on the sad news that
'Johno' was promoted to heaven on the 18th June, 2000.
'Johno' was a former 90 day wonder who was promoted to
the wardroom but never forgot where he came from. A true
gentleman respectful of and respected by all ords as well all
skippers who knew him. Love to Norma and Smooth seas,
full sails and safe harbours. Norma can be contacted on the
following address; Lot 111 Caponi Road, Barragup 6210.
She would love to hear from his shipmates. Vale 'Johno' in
the Mariner's Keeping.

03/08/01 12:06:14 PM

Name: Entries [various]
Comments: Transferred from original log. Ian Mc Farlane 7/29/00 8:37:04
PM Just got back from a drive to WA. The Black Duck is still
a shit of a sea bird. Crook for two days after. But nearly as
good as XXXX' NEARLY. Meet a Bloke sume would know,
and some don't want to know,Alan BIRCH, at HASLAM
SA,on YORKE PAN. . He now lives in PERTH and is traveling
around OZ. for the next few years. Thanks to all in the
fight.To wacka and john and all all I can say is "Stick It To
The BASTARDS" Ron (Pincher) Martin 7/28/00 10:02:43 PM
Just Looking Thanks. Hmas Melbourne and Quickmatch 50s-
60s George Haigh 7/28/00 9:48:50 PM Any Cooks out there
HMAS Melbourne 1958-1959 HMAS Vendetta 1961-63
Bruce Hedley 7/24/00 7:41:59 PM No comment at this time.

03/08/01 12:04:47 PM

Name: Entries [mixed]
Comments: Transferred from original log. John (dinga)bell 7/23/00 7:09:34 PM Am looking for Laurie (IGGLE) Schwarze. He was on Queenborough 1956/57. Trevor Leggo 7/15/00 9:12:30 AM Good website Ray Bartlett 7/15/00 9:11:29 AM I'm looking for Kevin Burkett.He was an O/S He came from TASSIE.Can anyone help.

03/08/01 12:03:46 PM

Name: Kevin Eastley(beast)
Comments: Message transferred from original log. Posted by: Kevin Eastley(beast) 7/13/00 11:35:56 AM Have just caught up with latest on our deck log. We won't be beaten, Mrs Bishop found that out to her detriment. If we keep lobbying we'll get there. Anyway I thought Tim Bloomfield was in the Navy!!!!!! Congrats to Wacka and crew for the work. We have a Re-union this weekend at Orford in Tassie, Sir Richard usually goes as does Bob Gibbs. We should therefore be up to date , hopefully before drinkies. Don't give up.

03/08/01 12:02:28 PM

Name: Robin Pasco
Comments: Message transferred from original log. Posted by: Robin Pasco 7/11/00 8:31:23 PM Great site, joined 52 as SBA then changed to seaman branch 54. Jioned Vengeance then to Japan to bring back RAAF 77 Squadron and on to Uk for Melbourne.Watson for radar courses (2) then to Albatross air traffic control.Finally to Quickmatch (Quicky Maru)58-59.Served in FESR in Melbourne & Quickmatch was witness to the tragic loss of Robert (tiddly) Spooner when Tobruk was hit with star shell.I went through recruit training with him where he nearly drowned off Frankston when the cutter from Vengeance sank with the loss of 2 stokers during a training excise.

03/08/01 12:01:28 PM

Name: R. Hobba
Comments: Message transferred from original log. Posted by: Ron Hobba 7/10/00 6:56:46 PM If it is the fatty (Col) Faulkner I think it is, he was an Electrical C rate. I either met him at the Electrical School at Cerberus or on the Sydney in 64 as an O/D. I was also on it in 67 during Vietnam runs. I was a "Birdie" crystal cracker. I think Darkie Collins was also on the 64 trips as well as "Derps" Underwood a seaman together with Boof" Parker another seaman who enjoyed his drop during runs ashaore and I don't mean from the Mangolia man in Singers. Can't help you with Cols address. Good to see you on the FESR Net

03/08/01 12:00:15 PM

Name: Les Figg
Comments: Messages transferred from original log. Posted by: Les Figg 7/9/00 4:31:09 PM Any leads on the whereabouts of Col (Fatty) Faulkner would be much appreciated. I served with him in HMAS Sydney during 64/65 and he was in HMAS Gull during 66/67 while I was in HMAS Hawk. The last I heard of him was 30 years ago when he was living in/near Burnie, TAS. Thanks & Regards, Les. Posted by: Les Figg 7/9/00 4:27:34 PM Greetings All. I Just surfed in and found this site most interesting. It is good to see such a forum for 'old salts' to make contact. Originally from Adelaide, I served in the RAN from 7/63-11/69. During that period I was a greenie (EM/LEMWR) and served in HMAS Svdnev. HMAS Hawk.

HMAS Perth, with periods at Cerberus, Kuttabul, Warratah and Encounter. I have lived in the US since 1978, and am just now discovering the many RAN related sites. Great job!

03/08/01 11:59:09 AM

Name: G. Haigh

Comments: Message transferred from original log. Posted by: George Haigh 7/9/00 1:35:06 PM I owe a vote of thanks to the FESR and The Naval Association for what they and other have achieved I Feel the government has a lot to lose if they keep stuffing us around I see a few names on the membership list of Cooks I served with 57/63 Hi Eric Creighton, and Bobby Fenton, How ya going Yaggy send me an email if you have the chance.George Haigh Ex Hmas Sydney Melbourne and Vendetta

03/08/01 11:58:00 AM

Name: Mal Hughes

Comments: Message transferred from original log. Posted by: Mal Hughes 7/5/00 11:37:04 AM My Wife, Jenny and I have just arrived home after taking a bit of a break during which we were in Sydney for a few days. This is the first time I have been back there since I paid off in Jan 1970.....the changes just blew me away....where is the ROCKERS, who put the 5 star cafe outside the main gate to GI.....where is GI.....I guess time is marching on !!!!!!! , my thanks also to all who are fighting the NGSM fight....Mal H

03/08/01 11:57:03 AM

Name: Rc Dinga Bell(sig)

Comments: Message transferred from original log. Posted by: Rc Dinga Bell(sig) 7/3/00 10:22:45 PM Enjoyed the read and very informative this is my first log on I would like to join regards

03/08/01 11:55:44 AM

Name: Ralph Spooner

Comments: Message transferred from original log. Posted by: Ralph Spooner 7/1/00 4:44:13 PM According to Tim Bloomfield's email 30 June 2000 to all addressees in his address book I don't think he has taken much notice of Admiral Hudson's common sense approach to the issue when defining areas of operation and Commanding Officers discretion on where he places his ship during his patrol duties, whether it be three miles or twenty three miles it is irrelevant. The ship is still on patrol now the operational areas are said to be 3,5,10 or 12 nm from the coast.The mind boggles.The 28 day rule has never been challenged for the award of the NGSM.

03/08/01 11:54:53 AM

Name: Barry Bennetts

Comments: Message transferred from original log. Posted by: Barry Bennetts 6/30/00 12:35:16 PM Re NGSM issue. Please read Admiral Hudson's "very" recent letter, highlighted in the Naval Association Web page. He attacks Bloomfield's assertion re 10 mile limit. Also, I spent the arvo last Friday with Bob Gibbs who was in Canberra and he confirms that the "game" is certainly not over. We have powerful friends pitching in there for us. Cheers and beers - Barry Bennetts

03/08/01 11:53:27 AM

Name: Ross Jennings

Comments: Message transferred from original log. Posted by: Ross Jennings 6/29/00 12:31:52 PM As we were too far away to attend the FESR meetina on the 24th .- Can anyone tell us if

anything was reported about Commander Bloomfields' letter and if the NAA letter or Noels' personal visit has had any results so far ??? Many Thanks Ross J

03/08/01 11:52:24 AM

Name: Ray Bartlett

Comments: Message transferred from original log. Posted by: Ray Bartlett 6/28/00 5:32:11 PM Anyone know the whereabouts of Ross Kingsford Leon who served on HMAS Vampire. From 19/8/1966 To 18/3/1969.

03/08/01 11:51:18 AM

Name: Robert [Bob] C. Bailey

Comments: Message transferred from original log. Posted by: Robert C. Bailey [bob] 6/25/00 7:20:35 PM I like Ron Hobba had a fantatic night at the dinner last night. Good food, wine and company, you could not ask for more. The ladies who organised it did a superb job. Well done ladies and I thank you from the bottom of my heart.

03/08/01 11:50:03 AM

Name: R Hobba

Comments: Message transferred from original log. Posted by: Ron Hobba 6/25/00 1:57:57 PM Thanks for the great night at the dinner. Fine food, wine and company. For those who did not make it you missed a good run and will be pleased to know that "Wacka" was in good form.

03/08/01 11:49:01 AM

Name: Gordon Love

Comments: Message transferred from original log. Posted by: Gordon Love 6/25/00 9:42:11 AM Still looking for all members who sailed on the H.M.A.S "TOBRUK".

03/08/01 11:48:10 AM

Name: Peter [Buncha] Keys

Comments: Messages transferred from original log. Posted by: Peter (buncha) Keys 6/22/00 9:49:19 PM My email address pekay@primus.com.au Posted by: Peter Keys 6/22/00 9:39:01 PM Today (22 June) I have received the FESR News for July and I was surprised to see Wacka's letter to Bruce Scott regarding the 10 mile limit and reference to letters some FESR members appear to have received. Information in the FESR News implies that letters to FESR members from Defence have said that the members are not entitled to the medal because of the 10nm limit. Is this the case? It would have been better to have included the text of the letters in the FESR news so we could see who was affected. Can somebody please send me an email to explain this new development?

03/08/01 11:47:01 AM

Name: Harpy Boulton

Comments: Message transferred from original log. Posted by: Harpy Boulton 6/22/00 3:36:15 PM Some old names in this site

03/08/01 11:45:59 AM

Name: Robert [Bob] Witt

Comments: Message transferred from original log. Posted by: Bob Witt 6/21/00 8:31:34 PM RE: Cdr.T.Bloomfield's acknowledgment letter. The way I read it is, the A.A.S.M Ras Badge and Repa Benefits are in. Only the N.G.S.M. is under attack. The pararaph prior to his section 4 indentation. only mentions

the N.G.S.M. with ship movements in and out of Ops' area [Malaya]. He clearly states; "there have been a number of views expressed to the Ops' area" [who's they?] Then we have section 4. The then Gov. Gen. 1952? defined the Ops' area, and who is entitled, as "any person subject to military law, serving in Malaya, including waters contiguous for a distance of 10 nautical miles." My query is who are they to express their views! Is it Defence, or Parliamentarians? It can't be Vet. Affairs as their May/June Issue, page 3, heads "26.6 M over four years to extend for entitlement to (ADF) personnel. Who served in SEA 55-75. Some 1,800 veterans will become eligible to receive full recognition for FESR service." Also, if they can now refer to Sir William McKell for their criteria for acceptance, why then can't we in turn claim back dated pensions denied to us since we turned sixty? Once again they are true to form, when we win they change the rules. Looking forward to the next meeting and dine-in night. Bob Witt. 1954-1960

03/08/01 11:44:49 AM

Name: Ern Dait

Comments: Messages transferred from original log. Posted by: Ern Dait 6/18/00 7:39:04 PM You can find the criteria for the ngsM 1915 - 1962 and a listing of all clasps at www.btinternet.com/~stephen.stratford/ngs.htm Regards Ern D

03/08/01 11:43:50 AM

Name: Ron Hobba

Comments: Messages transferred from original log. Posted by: Ron Hobba 6/16/00 6:48:36 PM Wacka Have just read your latest flimsy dated 14.6.00. All the best in Canberra and here's hoping you may be able to knock a bit of sense into some of the blockheads down that way after their interpretation re the 10 nm limit. Catch you at the dinner and taaake it easy if you can.

03/08/01 11:42:43 AM

Name: Ross Jennings

Comments: Message transferred from original log. Posted by: Ross Jennings 6/15/00 4:27:05 PM To All: In Cdr. Tim Bloomfields' letter acknowledging my application for the medals there is a paragraph which has caused me concern .Paraphrased to show the way I have read it... " to satisfy the eligibility criteria of the Imperial award of the NGS M Malaya , ship movements in and out of the Operational area of Malaya for the period of the Emergency 01 Jun 1955 to 31 July 1960 need to be confirmed . " There have been a number of views expressed in relation to the Operational Area, however, this was clearly defined by the then Governor General in 1952 as follows : " Section 4 of the defence act – serving in Malaya including the waters contiguous to the coast of Malaya for a distance of 10 nautical miles seaward from the coast be declared to be 'on active service'. And – 'do hereby declare that persons subject to military law serving in Malaya ,including waters contiguous to the coast of Malaya for a distance of 10 nautical miles from the coast are on 'active service'. I hope I am reading it wrongly but it appears to me this definition may mean we have to show 28 days within the 10 mile limit to qualify ? Surely after all the other definitions and items that we have fought so hard to get clarified this is not going to be the case. HMAS Melbourne is recognised with 48+ days under the VEA 6D up to July '60 but I feel she would be pushing to get 28 days of that within the 10 mile limit. Similarly the CIDA report showed some 70+ davs attached to the Far East

Strategic Reserve how this relates to the above definition I'm jiggered if I know. Any body out there got any thoughts on this ? Thanks Ross Jennings Ex Moran 43 R54950

03/08/01 11:41:39 AM

Name: Robert C. Bailey

Comments: Message transferred from original log. Posted by: Robert C. Bailey 6/12/00 8:21:35 PM I haven't been on for a long time, just going to say hi to all out there. Looking forward to meeting up with you at the dinner and meeting on 24/6/00. I will also be looking forward to the information that Noel will be bringing back from Canberra.

03/08/01 11:40:43 AM

Name: Ron. Hobba

Comments: Message transferred from original log. Posted by: Ron. Hobba 6/11/00 3:33:24 PM No comments this time. Just an update of my new Email address. Catch up with a few of you at the dinner on the 24th.

03/08/01 11:39:19 AM

Name: R. Spooner

Comments: Message transferred from original log. Posted by: Ralph Spooner 6/9/00 11:33:47 AM Glen Riethmuller I am surprised you missed my email address in the deck log are you still living just north of Mackay I was up there 10 years ago but missed you we haven't had a beer together since the Maroubra Junction pub with Moses Crain and Col Dodds wasn't a bad watering hole those days . My email address helral@iprimus.com.au give me a buzz Spooks

03/08/01 11:37:46 AM

Name: 'Dutchy' Andrews

Comments: Messages transferred from original log. Posted by: 'dutchy' Andrews 6/4/00 1:43:50 PM G'day 'Wacka'. Just checking out the website. Letting all FESR members & former RAN surfers know of a few mates that have recently passed to that ship's graveyard in the sky and for one, not being able to realise the recognition so richly deserved. The first is LSFC John Joseph O'Sullivan, aka 'Salty' or 'Sully' or 'J.J.' Only two months of pain (Mellanoma Cancer). FESR 1955 - 60 and will be sadly missed. For our more recent FESR boys 65 - 71, CPOMTP Laurie Wayne Horby, aka 'Bear', and only 50 years young. Also much missed. All the best fellas and keep punching. Posted by: 'dutchy' Andrews 6/4/00 1:43:20 PM G'day 'Wacka'. Just checking out the website. Letting all FESR members & former RAN surfers know of a few mates that have recently passed to that ship's graveyard in the sky and for one, not being able to realise the recognition so richly deserved. The first is LSFC John Joseph O'Sullivan, aka 'Salty' or 'Sully' or 'J.J.' Only two months of pain (Mellanoma Cancer). FESR 1955 - 60 and will be sadly missed. For our more recent FESR boys 65 - 71, CPOMTP Laurie Wayne Horby, aka 'Bear', and only 50 years young. Also much missed. All the best fellas and keep punching.

03/08/01 11:36:37 AM

Name: Mixed Entries

Comments: Messages transferred from original log. Posted by: George Haigh 5/31/00 8:53:39 PM Who called the Cook a what? Posted by: John Gorin 5/31/00 12:05:12 PM Great to see this organisation get off the ground. Hello to all who may remember me from my time between 1954 and 1961. Would be glad to make contact. Posted by: John Carlvon 5/30/00

9:17:36 PM No comment at this time.

03/08/01 11:31:23 AM

Name: Various

Comments: Messages transferred from original log. Post 2: Glen Riethmuller 6/3/00 3:26:32 PM Even though I am not a member of your organisation, to browse your "view" page is a bit like a blast from the past. Quite a few familiar names appear and jog the old memory cells. Any of my old compatriots are welcome to send me an e-mail any time and the chances are that I will answer, that is, assuming my devilish device doesn't fail me again and again and again. Best wishes to all. Post 1: John Sandaver 6/3/00 9:05:30 AM Hi I was wondering if 2 of your members R.J. Moore and P.R. Wood served on the YARRA in 1965? if so would like to make contact Regards John

03/08/01 11:29:03 AM

Name: Charles F. Cutts

Comments: Message transferred from original log. Posted by: Charles F. Cutts 5/30/00 2:40:25 PM As I have only recently been accessing the Naval Association and FESR Association websites I was unaware of the excellent work being done to 'right the wrongs' which we suffered. Please accept my congratulations on achieving justice for the FESR contingent of which I am one. I wish to join the Association soonest. Can you email me an application as I live in Jakarta and 'snail mail' takes 14 days to reach me from Australia. Best regards to all, Charles Cutts, ex-Melbourne 1958

03/08/01 11:28:07 AM

Name: George Haigh

Comments: Message transferred from original log. Posted by: George Haigh 5/27/00 5:15:57 PM One of the forgotten few ex Navy Malaya FESR Veterans wishes to thank the Association for the tremendous effort and time put into this issue to gain equality for all veterans of this and other campaigns

03/08/01 11:26:03 AM

Name: Jack Thompson

Comments: Message transferred from original log. Posted by: Jack Thompson 5/20/00 2:08:21 PM Just recently informed of your organisation. I have been out of the country past thirty two years so I've lost contact with a lot of old mates. I shipped Vengeance, Melbourne, Gascoyne, Sydney and commissioned Hobart, was stationed Harman[twice] Coonawarra, Watson and Rushcutter. Would appreciate anybody who may recall me giving me a buzz. For Roger Garrett, formerly of Longreach, I recently made contact with Shorty Moffatt, Coonawarra 60. Also Rudi Bianchi sent me over recent April newsletter, very enjoyable. Good luck and regards to all. Jack Thompson. Ex CPO E [P]

03/08/01 11:25:11 AM

Name: Roger Hardwicke

Comments: Message transferred from original log. Posted by: Roger Hardwicke 5/19/00 9:38:19 PM Well done but I am terribly disappointed that the ships that did Borneo HMAS SYDNEY HMAS PARRAMATTA HMAS YARRA HMAS VAMPIRE all missed out as they were after 1960. The commission didn't even mention them even though submissions were made. Now there are the "forgotten war"

03/08/01 11:24:20 AM

Name: Barry Jaques
Comments: Message transferred from original log. Posted by: Barry Jaques
5/19/00 10:19:42 AM Have a look at the amendment to the Act
at
<http://scaleplus.law.gov.au/html/pasteact/0/444/0/PA000450.htm>
and go to 6D. Operational service—other post World War 2
service

03/08/01 11:23:32 AM

Name: Michael Nash
Comments: Message transferred from original log. Posted by: Michael
Nash 5/16/00 5:29:55 PM Do you know the words to the
Roochacha, Father Abraham's or the Naval version of the 12
Days of Christmas? How about the Naval version of "Twas
the Night Before Christmas" or the History of the Navy? What
about the "Laws of the Navy" or other Naval poems? Do you
know what a Matelot is or the origin of Naval terms like:
Mess, Grog, Splice the Main Brace, Make and Mend or Son
of a Gun? I'm trying to put together a collection of all of the
above plus any other pussers songs, poems, jokes and dits.
But to do so I need your help, particularly from any longer
serving or ex members out there who would have been
taught these things when at recruit school or when first at
sea. If you have anything that I could use (no matter what it
is) please send it to me via e-mail, fleet mail or Australia post.
My details are as follows: E-mail - mjnash@tpgi.com.au,
Fleet Mail -LSET Nash, 3 FWD Mess, HMAS Melbourne,
Australia Post - Michael Nash, 315/27 Park St, Sydney,
NSW, 2000. At the end of the day I am hoping to publish a
collection of the above, whether it be to the general public or
just internal to the Navy I don't know yet, but it will be
available in some form. Thanks for your help. LSET Michael
Nash HMAS Melbourne

03/08/01 11:22:25 AM

Name: Don 'icky' Buntine
Comments: Message transferred from original log. Posted by: Don "icky"
Buntine 5/15/00 10:05:24 PM Sorry I was unable to attend
the Reunion in Brisbane but I reckon I have a believable
excuse!! I attended the RAN Band Association Reunion in
Sydney with over 200 Ex Bandies and their wives/partners.
We had a great time and on ANZAC Day we had the BEST
BAND on Parade! I kid you not!! No doubt many stories will
filter back to you "Wacka", and I would believe them all,
especially coming from very believable Musicians. As an "Ex"
Muso' who served between 1954/62 and found out later that
we had been "duded' by the Canberra Mob, I wish to thank
you and the boys for all the hard work leading up to the
"review", and of course, the excellent result! I prevailed on
my local R.S.L. Sub-Branch to write to the Victorian H.Q. of
the R.S.L. to ask all Victorian Sub-Branchees to write to their
local Federal Politicians and express their disgust at the delay
in settling our case. Hope it helps!! Once again, Thanks for
all your hard work! Don "Icky" Buntine

03/08/01 11:21:04 AM

Name: John Hegarty
Comments: Message transferred from original log. Posted by: John
Hegarty 5/15/00 3:59:27 PM Very Interesting came across
some names I would like to catch up with

03/08/01 11:20:16 AM

Name: Barry Bennetts
Comments: Messaae transferred from oriainal loa. Posted by: Barrv

Bennetts 5/11/00 9:05:49 PM Sorry I missed the 2K reunion. Did however, march here in Canberra with the CB'ers. I was pleased to be able to give a verbal submission to the Mohr Enquiry. Being Tel (S), Branch I was able to give a very detailed account of Sigint involvement during the three tours I had between 1956-60. Hopefully my joining application will shortly follow. Best of cheers to all my old shipmates.

03/08/01 11:19:11 AM

Name: Bob Witt

Comments: Message transferred from original log. Posted by: Bob Witt 5/11/00 10:55:59 AM After 40 odd years I am still trying to believe we have finally made it. To Wacka and the Exec. a very BIG thank you bobwitt@optusnet.com.au

03/08/01 11:18:09 AM

Name: Peter (Buncha) Keys

Comments: Message transferred from original log. Posted by: Peter (buncha) Keys 5/10/00 11:32:50 AM Congratulations to the Executive for the results of the FESR element of the Review, particularly to Wacka. There are a number of people who deserve great credit for the success of the Review, but I think the enthusiasm, drive and professionalism of those who developed the case from the early days and nursed it through have been inspirational. In my view, while recognising that many people have been involved in this exercise, I think Wacka deserves most credit. I would even go so far as to recommend that he be made an honorary birdie! My phone for old shipmates 02 6287 5869

03/08/01 11:15:17 AM

Name: Various Posts

Comments: Messages transferred from original log. 3rd posting: Ken O'keefe 5/10/00 9:26:07 AM A very big congratulations gentlemen, it was a long exhausting fight but you won, well done, you deserve it!!!! Home Page 2ns posting: Kevin Grose (speed) 5/9/00 10:18:48 PM congratulations and thank you to you all. "UP SPIRITS!" 1st posting: Paul Mooi 5/6/00 10:33:15 PM A very informative website. As a representative of the Cairns Sub Section of the NAA, I'll keep an eye on this site.

03/08/01 11:13:21 AM

Name: Jennings

Comments: Message transferred from original log. Posted by: Jennings 5/4/00 2:08:16 PM Can anybody tell me what the Vet Affairs and other bodies are investigating besides costs that will take until June to decide whether they are going to act on Judge Mohrs' recommendations ? As an ex greenie I may be slow but I thought the research and the findings of the Judge were extremely thorough and competent.Regards Ross J ex R54950

03/08/01 11:12:03 AM

Name: John Sandaver

Comments: Messages transferred from original log. 2nd posting: John Sandaver 5/4/00 1:09:39 AM Hi all anybody out here on the yarra march65-sept 65 r63501 or anzac aug64 dec64 1st posting: John Sandaver 5/4/00 1:01:01 AM Hi all anybody out here on the yarra march65-sept 65 r63501

03/08/01 11:10:43 AM

Name: Trevor Rigby

Comments: Messaae transferred from oriainal loa. Posted by: Trevor

Rigby 4/29/00 9:41:52 PM Congratulations to FESR executive on a thorough and professional submission to gain recognition for FESR service 1955 - 1963. I served on Sydney (1957), Melbourne(1958 -1959) and Yarra (1962 - 1963) and would welcome contact with any FESR members who served on above ships during the times referred to. Best wishes to you for the next round.

03/08/01 11:09:45 AM

Name: Bob Witt

Comments: Messages transferred from original log. 2nd posting: Bob Witt 4/26/00 5:33:31 PM Served 1954-1960, birdie, HMAS Sydney, HMAS Melbourne. bobwitt@optusnet.com.au 1st posting: Bob Witt 4/26/00 5:28:49 PM Congratulations on the success of the reunion, accolades to the organizers for a job well done. The functions were thoroughly enjoyed by all. The ANZAC march was well represented [Wacker must have grown ten foot tall!] Prior to the march, standing by our banner, I was approached by a number of ex-bods who congratulated the FESR on their success in getting the review the recognition it deserved. I was deeply moved by the sincerity in their handshakes and well wishes. Once again, congratulations to all. Bob p.s. Butch Jenkins, read your message on the deck log ... where's your brother Harry?

03/08/01 11:08:05 AM

Name: Helen And Ralph Spooner

Comments: Message transferred from original log. Posted by: Helen And Ralph Spooner 4/21/00 4:55:48 PM Terry Peckover ex CPOETP and wife Pam if you are on the net get in touch with Helen and Ralph I believe you must be living in WA my address helral@iprimus.com.au

03/08/01 11:06:43 AM

Name: Ian Mcclure

Comments: Messages transferred from original log. Posted by: Ian Mcclure 4/21/00 9:41:14 AM Hi everyone just dropped in to wish you all a happy & safe easter from Ian & Lucy.

03/08/01 11:04:36 AM

Name: Phil Clements

Comments: Message transferred from original log. Posted by: Phil Clements 4/20/00 9:06:25 PM My phone number is 0249977213. I joined pusses in feb 63 at ceberus as a junior bandy then tranferred to leewuin as a jr later joined duchess in 64 till march 65 then to cerberus for rate training, left the navy in dec 65 on medical. if the any old mates that rember please contact me on the above number. have read the log and heard of great things happening for fellow shipmates . keep up the good work and are lookin forward to more info comming. served during the malasin confrentation in 65 and apparently were pulled out 3 days before war service was due to be granted to the 1st crew on dutchess on her maiden voyage overseas in the ran.

03/08/01 11:01:56 AM

Name: Tony Rees

Comments: Message transferred from original log. Posted by: Tony Rees 4/14/00 3:28:26 PM Captain Peter Mervyn Rees (Dec'd) was my father and I am compiling a detailed history of his service in the RAN (1942-1976). I am looking for contributions, comments etc. anything is most welcome and appreciated. Stories, humorous, favourable (or not) photos and other information is what I am searchina for. I am also lookina for

the 'Good Looking Australian', an ABC-TV promo film made in 1973 when my father was CO of HMAS Brisbane, as he was featured. It was first broadcast in Sep 1973 and was shot on B/W 16mm film. The film together with 'out takes' was presented to HMAS Brisbane I understand. Can anyone help me locate a copy? Some of the ships my father he served in: HMAS Shoalhaven, HMAS Culgoa, HMAS Murchison, HMAS Tobruk, HMAS Melbourne, HMAS Quiberon CO 1963~64, HMAS Parramatta CO 1968~70, HMAS Brisbane CO 1973. Looking forward to hearing from you and thanks for reading through this! Tony Rees Box 358 Carina Brisbane QLD 4152 Australia Fax 07-3216-8327 coralsea@csi.com

03/08/01 11:00:47 AM

Name: Various Messages

Comments: Messages transferred from original log. 3rd posting by: Pat Welburn 4/12/00 7:55:52 AM Congratulations for a job well done by you all. 2nd posting by: Gordon Love 4/9/00 9:47:10 PM With the enquiry entering its final stage we all must continue to act as one. United we can achieve justice for all - divided we are just fodder for the boys in Canberra. Noel you have demonstrated your talents as a great President -but please learn to delegate. 1st posting by: Bob (porky) Aitken 4/4/00 4:39:21 PM Good to see what you guys are all doing. I did a few trips myself. Keep up the great work. Ex DUCHESS and VENDETTA.

03/08/01 10:59:13 AM

Name: 'Junior' Watt

Comments: Message transferred from original log. Posted by: "junior" Watt 4/2/00 12:00:06 PM Stumbled onto site by accident. Great reading. I served 64-73 Sydney, Moresby, Stalwart, sweepers and patrolies. Ex JR and proud stoker. I am in the process of trying to organise a reunion of ex-Moresby crewmembers especially the period 65-70 have found 22 so far. Contact me on 0266286405 or jakkwatt@hotmail.com

03/08/01 10:58:14 AM

Name: Spike Jones

Comments: Messages transferred from original log. Posted by: Spike Jones 4/2/00 11:34:20 AM Peter Jurd, e-mail me please. I was going through my old, old, old black and white photos recently and found a photo taken on Supply that may bring back some memories. Keep on keeping on old timer. Spike Jones. Ex Cerberus JR. 1st posting: Leonard (spike) Jones. 4/1/00 10:28:43 PM It's great to see some of the old names are still with us, Ziggy Krzywoszyja, Ralph (Spook) Spooner, Peter Jurd etc. I have just had a visit from Murray Sells (ex WOMTP3*) and was appalled to hear how many of our mates have passed on prematurely. Keep on keeping on. Spike. R59903

03/08/01 10:56:47 AM

Name: G. Todd

Comments: Message transferred from original log. Posted by: Gordon Todd 3/28/00 1:25:54 PM Spooks, How are you mate? Good to know that you are still around, it is wonderful to have this new toy to check out the Visitors Books on the ex-pussers sites and catch up with people that you hav'nt communicated with for over 30 years and it is also great to know that people are still hanging in. Regards Toddy.

03/08/01 10:55:34 AM

Name: Ralph Spooner

Comments: Message transferred from original log. Posted by: Ralph Spooner 3/26/00 10:02:29 AM Giday Pop Pearson just discovered your name on the deck log give me a call some time on helral@iprimus.com.au . Tom Shaw is that the Chippie we served together at Kuttabul FMP early seventies if it is can you send me a couple of wainners at Randwick next month . Hope to hear from any of my old friends on the net.

03/08/01 10:52:51 AM

Name: Ron Hobba

Comments: Message transferred from original log. Posted by: Ron Hobba 3/24/00 8:29:54 PM Interesting to read some of the old names that are coming out of the paintwork. Just like a three badge cocky, I served on the same ship as most of you did. HMAS Cerberus!! I remember you all well. Apart from that there was Sydney, Melbourne, Albatross and a few of the Naval air Squadrons in between postings back and forth to Cerberus to do Electrical Communication and radar courses. I even ran into a few of you ashore "up top". Don't forget that \$20 I lent to you. Catch you at the AGM & Re union. Ron Hobba 64-74

03/08/01 10:51:37 AM

Name: Ralph Spooner (Spooks)

Comments: Messages transferred from original log. Posted by: Ralph Spooner (Spooks) 3/24/00 11:53:00 AM Hi I am still alive paid off from Moreton after thirty years service ships served on Vengeance Sydney Melbourne Warramunga Stuart Swan Banks Kimbla Supply Woomera last posting was Warrant Officer assisting the Engineer QLD at Naval Head Quarters Brisbane In civilian life I worked steaming the boilers at the Princess Alexandra Hospital .I am now in retirement living in QLD I joined the ranks of the FESR Association a couple of years ago glad I did it is a great organisation and great friends I think we will go from strength to strength. Ralph And Helen Spooner 3/24/00 11:15:35 AM No comment at this time.

03/08/01 10:50:14 AM

Name: Gordon Todd

Comments: Message transferred from original log. Posted by: Gordon Todd 3/23/00 2:47:25 PM I did not know that this area of the FESR site existed. An ex-PO Stoker, I did the 1969 trip on Vampire, a great ship which I served on from late 1967 to end of 1969 and have some fond memories. I visited Sydney in January 2000 and stayed at Darling Harbour, I took time to wander around Vampire on my own for about two hours reminiscing especially about the "Dustys Bus Stop" Port side of the After Bathroom, this was the gathering spot for all Engineering People much to the discust of Capt. Goble and the XO Peter Blackman especially when entering and leaving harbour, I think the comments were, "Engines, get your bilge rats off the upper deck". Some Dits were spun there, the Engineers Regulating Office which was next to the after Gun Turret on the 69 FESR trip and still looks the same after 30 years, I was the Engineers Writer and Kev "The Reverend" Johnson, was the reg Chief Stoker. The "Bat 69" news paper was typed, edited and printed in the Engineers Office by myself and a Kellick Cook whos name I have forgotten, he could play a mean guitar and lived in the Stokers mess, if anyone remembers this persons name please let me know. A great crew, I have some wonderful photos of crossing the line race day with all these sailors done up, mostly in drag, and I used to wonder where they got this gear from. maybe their

wardrobe. When all the media hype was on about the Navy Line ceremonys I has to get these photos out to show people that a lot of it was blown out of all proportions. I would love to hear from any one who served with me during my career from Jan 1966 to Jan 1976. I served on Anzac, Melbourne, Vampire, Perth, Sydney, Kimbla and short periods on Duchess, Moresby and at Albatross and I was at Cerberus, Creswell and FMP Kuttabal and Rocky Time on Labuan. I live and work at Tully in North Queensland where I have been since I paid off. Regards, Toddy

03/07/01 04:37:07 PM

Name: Stan Church

Comments: Message transfered from original log. Posted by: Stan Church 3/20/00 1:05:37 AM Hi to all the old salts, going thru the deck log I noticed a few names. If anyone wants to get in contact with any of these ex-stokers send me a e-mail Dutchie De Rooy, Tim Schofield, Les Leggett, Bob Foster, Rodney Harris, Tom Andrews. Bill Senn, Hope to hear from someone OLD STOKER Churchie

03/07/01 04:35:32 PM

Name: Tony Weekes

Comments: Message transfered from original log. Posted by: Tony Weekes 3/13/00 5:48:24 PM I am very interested in your fight as I was in HMS Crane in the Far East Fleet 1959.along with Taranaki and Tobruk,I agree there is one rule for shore Personnel(Army/Air Force) another for afloat people-I am trying to get justice from the British Gov for"my time" in Cyprus and the Fareast.How come a Royal Warrant from the same Queen can distinguish between "her subjects" for the same Service ie Brits/Australians.Also,I was under the impression that having the Articles of War read to a ships company,put them officially on active service?That is what we were told off Cyprus,officialdom now does not agree,still the Brit Politicians always have been two faced-

03/07/01 04:34:15 PM

Name: D. Henderson

Comments: Message transfered from original log. Posted by: D.henderson 3/12/00 7:07:18 PM 1966 to 1973:-HMAS Duchess/Vampire.I am looking for any ABWM,s 6/67 HMAS Cerberus;- Harrison,Barry,Meehan,Walker,Aird and Phillips,for a (PISS UP) reunion. If you know any of the above please contact me by the telephone number (02) 49532232.

03/07/01 04:31:10 PM

Name: Various Posts

Comments: Transfered from original log. 10th: Tom Shaw 3/10/00 1:39:21 PM I found your web page most interesting as an ex member of the RAN with three periods of service in FESR. I could not open the membership application button on the membership page. Sign me up please. 9th post: Ross Jennings 3/9/00 2:38:43 PM No comment at this time. 8th post: Colin G Parry 3/8/00 10:46:20 AM served on HMAS Duchess & Yarra (FESR) 7th post: John Arnold 3/4/00 9:22:44 AM Well done to all concerned with the with the review submission! Thank you to Ken Staff for his efforts as the editor of the FESR News, and all best wishes to his replacement, Ralph Spooner. 6th post: Ross Jennings 3/3/00 2:29:40 PM Excellent result ! Congratulations Noel,Bob Admiral Peek ,John and all - surely Vet Affairs and the others won't contest the decision? Shame it's such a short time to this ANZAC Dav .Thanks for all vour efforts FESR Board -

Ross Jennings Yes - I'm extremely disappointed about the result for the Tina but it's only the first attempt for recognition for Her and Crew . 5th post: "Keghead" Weaver 3/2/00 4:55:20 PM From meeting held today 2 March 2000 Canberra attended by Noel Payne and John Carlyon. Recommendations for AASM/NGSM/RAS Badge. Full report when they return "home". "Keghead" Weaver Canberra 1730 2 Mar 2000 4th post: Robert Rae 2/27/00 5:28:15 PM Excellent submission on the FSER claim and look forward to a positive result.Much appreciated. 3rd post: John Rielly 2/19/00 7:14:11 PM Very Good 2nd post: John Rielly 2/19/00 7:14:01 PM Very Good 1st post: R.ayliffe 2/19/00 5:19:10 PM Very Good

03/07/01 04:28:26 PM

Name: Ron Chenhall

Comments: Message transfered from original log. Posted by: Ron Chenhall 2/16/00 1:29:48 PM I joined the R.A.N in 1952, served on the Australia,Vengence, and joined H.M.A.S. Tobruk in 1955 and served until1957. I was E.R.A. and done two tours with the F.E.S.R. Found the web page very interesting and recently joined the F.E.S.R association. i am waiting patiently for any result of the inquiry and would like to hear from any old shipmates I am present;y at my daughters in Missouri U.S.A and will return to Australia in two weeks .I can be contacted at loron@emunet.com.au

03/07/01 04:27:25 PM

Name: Kev Gleeson

Comments: Message transfered from original log. Posted by: Kev Gleeson 2/15/00 8:47:59 AM I read right through the log looking for fellows I knew.I think I have found an old shipmate from HMAS Tobruk.GORDON LOVE,who was an EA in Tobruk. I served in Tobruk 1955 to 1957,until I payed off from Navy, I was Chief Electrician in Tobruk Official Number R27862. Living in WA, I have had little contact with ex TOBRUK sailors,with the exception of RON WHITMORE (GUNGA),who lives near me,so we see a lot of Ron and family.Ron (GUNGA) served in TOBRUK acouple of times,and was PO Electrician 1955. I met three more TOBRUK fellows at the Review in Perth 17-19th August 2000,we had not seen each other since 1957 (our appearamces had changed)They were, Graeme Willmore an EM1,Ships Cook Willis and Stoker Evans. Gordon what ever happened to Bill Smalley (Kingkong)? MY E-mail kevalgleeson@telstra.easymail.com.au

03/07/01 04:26:00 PM

Name: Kevin James Gleeson (kev)

Comments: Message transfered from original log. Posted by: Kevin James Gleeson (kev) 2/12/00 4:57:53 PM 21 Hird Place Phone/Fax 08 9339 8881 Carrington Park Palmyra WA 6157

03/07/01 04:22:22 PM

Name: Gordon Macgregor

Comments: Message transfered from original log. Posted by: Gordon Macgregor 2/9/00 7:10:14 PM I stumbled across this site by accidently. WHAT JOY, I too served in the Far East Strategic Reserve (1969). So nice to heard the stories of other peoples experiences. It really takes me back in time. Could someone furnish me with details on how to join this Association. That I might lend my surpport, if only by weight of numbers to those deserving members who didn't get their reconnection.

03/07/01 04:21:29 PM

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Name: Gavin Ryan
Comments: Message transfered from original log. Posted by: Gavin Ryan
2/9/00 5:58:05 PM Bravo Zulu!

03/07/01 04:20:17 PM

Name: Murray Turner
Comments: Message transfered from original log. Posted by: Murray
Turner 1/30/00 12:10:57 PM i'm the secretary of the
h.m.a.s.vendetta association. we where lucky to be the only
australian built destroyer to serve on the gunline in 1969/70.
it was a great adventure for us all and we have been able to
keep in close contact over all these years. now it will be even
eaiser to do so through web sites as yours. keep up the good
work and i look forward to visiting again. your site was given
to me by ohter members of our association.

03/07/01 04:19:10 PM

Name: Richard Bence
Comments: Message transfered from original log. Posted by: Richard
Bence 1/25/00 10:53:09 PM Great web page, we that is my
wife and myself are always willing to help our fellow ship
mates. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Noel and
the committee for all the good work they have done and are
doing. HMAS Sydney and active member of the FESR 2nd
posting: Richard Bence 1/25/00 10:51:15 PM Great web
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our fellow ship mates. I would like to take this opportunity to
thank Noel and the committee for all the good work they have
done and are doing. 1st posting: Richard Bence 1/25/00
10:48:45 PM Great web page

03/07/01 04:17:42 PM

Name: John Rielly
Comments: Message transfered from original log. Posted by: John Rielly
1/25/00 7:25:23 PM This is a great tribute to the man that
formated it. Best of luck to all shipmates. I am always on
hand to help any Veteran with Welfare work or any claim
forms that have to be filled in. This is a free service as I am
the pension welfare Officer for the north side of Brisbane. If
any body wants to ring me any night after the cheap rate
applies I am home most nights. John Rielly Ph (07)54987539

03/07/01 04:16:42 PM

Name: Terry Warren
Comments: Message transfered from original log. Posted by: Terry
Warren 1/21/00 11:15:41 PM Splendid website but only
stumbled on it by accident. Congratulations to all concerned.
Even saw a few familiar names in the members list (Ivan
Bignold must be about 110 by now !!) Served in 'Sydney' '63-
'66 and 'Duchess' '71, including the first half of the year trip
'up top'. Now, just how does one join ?

03/07/01 04:15:40 PM

Name: Frank Wardle
Comments: Message transfered from original log. Posted by: Frank
Wardle 1/20/00 2:09:35 AM enjoy reading about FESR. I
have the ASM with FESR bar.I served on the Melbourne.Can
any tell me as i live in the UK anything about war service
home loans.

03/07/01 04:14:43 PM

Name: Hobba R.
Comments: Messaae transfered from oriainal loa. Posted by: Ron Hobba

1/14/00 7:11:49 PM Robert Baily, Thanks for the bagman offer Bob. I will hold your wallet and watch during this years Anzac Day March in case you may faint. I will see that they are passed on to you family. Trust me, I'm a Birdie!! See you and Cheryl at the Feb. meeting. Did you receive any response regarding your mail about the Freemasons? We will have to publicise our Remembrance meeting. Catch you all later. Ex Birdie Petty Officer Electrical Communications

03/07/01 04:12:36 PM

Name: Phil Newland

Comments: Message transferred from original log. Posted by: Phil Newland 1/12/00 6:42:28 PM Interesting Site - Good to see some action in this area for RAN Received FESR Medal last year for Vendetta Trips. Phil Newland - ex LEMP R63888 (Joined Nov 64 - Paid off Dec 75) HMAS Hobart 2nd Trip to Vietnam in 1968

03/07/01 04:11:29 PM

Name: Various Messages

Comments: Messages transferred from original log. 1st post: Robert C. Bailey [bob] 1/9/00 7:35:02 PM Hi to all, I hope you all had a very merry xmas and happy new year. An excellent site, I love reading the messages from all the visitors to the site. to Ron Hobba, I do not owe you any money from our trips up top, but am willing to act as your bagman for a small commission. 2nd post: Ron Hobba 1/9/00 4:06:10 PM Still an excellent site. Happy new year to all. Don't forget, to those I lent money during runs up top and forgot to repay me, I will be pleased to hear from you!! 3rd post: Paul Reid 1/9/00 1:52:00 PM All the best to everyone in 2000 and beyond. A good site. 4th post: Jeff "atsa" Harris 1/6/00 2:20:50 PM served 1962-82 including fesr service in yarra(1964 & 65) vendetta(1968)& torrens 1972 would like to hear from anybody serving in these ships or any others who can remember regards atsa

03/07/01 04:08:42 PM

Name: L. J. Hackwood

Comments: Message transferred from original log. Posted by: Lyndon John Hackwood 1/4/00 7:08:28 PM Good information all round, keep updating the news on the FESR 1955/70 CLAIM.

03/07/01 04:07:20 PM

Name: Frank Priest

Comments: Message transferred from original log. Posted by: Frank Priest 1/2/00 10:58:48 PM Like other people who have responded to this site, I stumbled across it by accident!! I am an ex-navy member serving in the Navy from July 1967 to July 1973. During the Vietnam conflict I served on the HMAS DUCHESS. That tour also encompassed a trip 'up top' (FESR) during late 1968 - early 1969. I would like to hear from shipmates who also served on the 'Duchess' during this period. Keep up the good work.

03/07/01 04:05:20 PM

Name: Various Topics

Comments: The following posts were transferred from the original FESR Log. 1st post: Alan Connolly 12/30/99 10:27:06 AM No comment at this time. 2nd post: Tony Weekes 12/29/99 5:41:12 PM having just viewed this information can anyone tell me more, I served in the Royal Navy in HMS Crane in 1959 along with Tobruk and Taranaki, We were not given the NGSM Malava even though I personally went "up country"

twice officially on duty. I am aware that non combatant Army and Air Force personnel were given the a medal after 48 hours with a UNIT in 'country" 3rd post: Allan Prowse 12/27/99 9:22:35 PM Had a look at the web site, very impressed all involved deserve a pat on the back. Joined as a cook(1957) finished my time as a W.O.CK(1977).Any old mates wish to contact me please do so. 4th post: John James Rielly 12/20/99 7:49:21 PM Great presentation keep up the good work Regards John 5th post: John (wakka) Payne 12/19/99 11:21:37 AM Good site. Full of useful info. Regards

03/07/01 04:00:59 PM

Name: Various Posts

Comments: The following posts were transferred from the original log. 1st post: Charles Cutts 12/17/99 6:15:50 PM Very informative and enlightening. I look forward to further news. 2nd post: Ian McClure 12/13/99 1:09:28 PM Hi have at last obtained an application to join the Association, it will be in the mail today. Wishing you all a very merry Christmas & a prosperous new year. Keep up the good work guys. Ian (ex sav)1964-73. 3rd post: Tony (pop) Pearson 12/11/99 8:15:54 PM A very interesting site, found like most browsing. Served R.A.N. 62-82 as a stoker rising to the dizzy height of WO. Will follow up the address to join as I think as we age we are going to need these resources more and, well hopefully not more. Keep up the good work. One of the few names I recognised was Ralfh Spooner, Gidday, and Best wishes to all, POP 4th post: Bruce M. Herd 12/11/99 6:38:37 AM Have you considered including a membership form on this site as does the Naval Association as this is a convenient way for net surfers to sign on? I think the info you provide on this site is really valuable. Keep up the good work. 5th post: Bruce M. Herd 12/11/99 6:38:17 AM Have you considered including a membership form on this site as does the Naval Association as this is a convenient way for net surfers to sign on? I think the info you provide on this site is really valuable. Keep up the good work. 6th post: Peter Hughes 12/7/99 1:01:19 AM Found this site whilst surfing the net.....will forward it onto my Dad as he served in SEA on Dutchess & Vendetta...Merry Christmas to all

03/07/01 03:58:04 PM

Name: Gordon Love

Comments: Message transferred from the original log. Posted by: Gordon Love 12/6/99 8:47:32 PM Merry Xmas to all and looking forward for something to celebrate in 2000 after 45 years by Government shear buck passing and head in the sand from a wide range of politicians and public servants who wouldn't have a clue what service life was and could not care less if it was not bringing in a lot of votes. - disillusioned. Dear Lord I sincerely hope my faith that justice will finally be done for ALL and their families who served when called upon by the Government of the day.

03/07/01 03:56:56 PM

Name: Xmas Messages

Comments: Both messages transferred from the original log. 1st Posting: Bob Bailey 12/5/99 12:36:51 PM Hi to all. Just a short note to wish you all a very merry xmas and a happy new year. 2nd Posting: Ian Mc Farlane 12/4/99 5:07:50 PM No entry at this time except to MERRY XMAS to all, and to the committee, well done for 1999. Ian Mac.

03/07/01 03:55:03 PM

Name: Jennings
Comments: Message transfered from original log. Posted by Ros Jennings 11/30/99 11:34:52 AM I guess all of you out there that have heard would remark on the tragedy of losing Lou and not even knowing until the FESR News arrived.I for one will miss his input and helpfulness .I hope Noel and the Crew will pass on to the family our condolences. Selfishly ,perhaps, I hope someone will come forward to continue to support this vitally important contact point. Ross J
03/07/01 03:53:10 PM

Name: Trevor Fenton
Comments: Message transfered from original log. Posted by: Trevor Fenton 11/28/99 10:17:03 AM Like to hear from anyone who served on voyager in 1960-62, Vampire 1964/5. and minesweepers from 1967-72
03/07/01 03:52:15 PM

Name: Barry Jaques
Comments: Message transfered from original log. Posted by: Barry Jaques 11/26/99 3:39:34 PM Our thoughts and prayers for Lou's family at this sad time. One of the blessings of this life was to have crossed tracks with Lou in the Navy and DCA.
03/07/01 03:50:51 PM

Name: John 'Blue' Boulton
Comments: Message transfered from original log. Posted by: John "blue" Boulton 11/25/99 9:14:11 PM Don't know whether I qualify for membership,but I fully support your efforts and wish you well as I am convinced that you deserve success and recognition, CDF dictates that you will eventually get the right result regards JB
03/07/01 03:49:43 PM

Name: Barry Bennetts
Comments: Message transfered from original log. Posted by: Barry Bennetts 11/25/99 10:32:28 AM 3 Days into this new communications mode - took some time for me to let go the "key". My service was 1950-1965. Three tours of the FESR 1955-60. HMA QuickieMaru. Queenbee and Quiberon. Ex RS(S). Have had a lot to do with Bob Gibbs re submissions etc. Would love to become a member of this Organisation. Please email me some details. Many thanks. Barry
03/07/01 03:48:52 PM

Name: Lyndon John Hackwood
Comments: Message transfered from original log. Posted by: Lyndon John Hackwood 11/21/99 6:59:00 PM Well presented and well researched....very factual...keep up the good work. Ref FESR.....Our day of recognition will come yet....
03/07/01 03:47:46 PM

Name: T. Hamilton
Comments: Message transfered from original log. Posted by: Tom Hamilton 11/21/99 5:23:11 PM Just saying Gday to all. I have no problems that I know of. If you know of any for medon't tell me.
03/07/01 03:46:31 PM

Name: J (Dingy) Bell
Comments: Message transfered from original log. Posted by: John (dingy) Bell 11/20/99 7:33:54 PM Does anyone know of a "Queenborough" Association ?

03/07/01 03:45:06 PM

Name: Jim Reardon
Comments: Message transfered from original log. Posted by: Jim Reardon 11/20/99 8:50:04 AM Have just come across this sight. Very well done and congratulations to all those dedicated committee members who are fighting on behalf of all who served in FESR I commissioned HMAS MELBOURNE and was in Malayan Emergency in 1956. I attended the three day Public Hearing in Sydney. Very informative. Some very bitter ex-matros and senior Naval officers expressing their concern at non recognition for their efforts while with FESR I have a letter from the defence department stating an application for the NGSM would be raised on my behalf .Medals & Pensions by Sir Richard Peek, states Melbourne and Yarra were awarded the Imperial General Service Medal has any one received it? Would like to hear.

03/07/01 03:44:03 PM

Name: R. Jennings
Comments: Message transfered from original log. Posted by: Ross Jennings 11/18/99 6:54:06 PM Just checking all the messages and one query. Bernie Verwayen - were you Electrical and around about Moran 43 - 1958 .I think I may know you . I was Electrical and joined in Nov 58 . Ross Jennings

03/07/01 03:43:03 PM

Name: Kevin Eastley
Comments: Message transfered from original log. Posted by: Kevin Eastley 11/18/99 9:38:26 AM Once again a very good idea. Thanks for all the info on the inquiry, We can all but hope. Beast

03/07/01 03:41:58 PM

Name: Ross Jennings
Comments: Transferred from original log. Posted by: Ross Jennings 11/15/99 5:17:04 PM G'day Arthur, I am visiting Ross Jennings, in Geraldton W.A. Ross brought your E-mail to my attention. We had just been reminising as to how it was still possible we were still alive after our time in Pussers and the exposure to hazardous materials. In particular the wide use of carbon tet as a general cleaning fluid in the electrical branch. Not to mention the very common practice of using it as a dry cleaning fluid on the #1's before stepping. This of course usually ment the application of a hot iron to said saturated uniform. I shudder to think what we were inhaling. I personally have seemed to as of this date to have escaped unharmed, Ross on the other hand has serious respiratory problems. I have been living in the States for the last 30 odd years. I will be back by Dec 1. Contact me at rcaudwell@aol.com Regards Robert(Prof) Caudwell ex Poe(WR) R54917

03/07/01 03:41:03 PM

Name: Gordon Love
Comments: Message transfered from original log. Posted by: Gordon Love 11/14/99 7:07:42 PM Would like to hear from anyone who served on the HMAS Tobruk 1955-56

03/07/01 03:40:04 PM

Name: Ross Jennings
Comments: Messaae transfered from oriainal loa. Posted bv: Ross

Jennings 11/12/99 6:36:21 PM Hi ! What an excellent job the Committee and everyone has done .I feel we'll win this time (at last!) Anyone out there who remembers Robert (Prof) Caudwell ex Vietnam run and R 54917 he's over from the States and stopping at our place 0899 38 2778 from tomorrow morning for a couple of days. Please make contact Ross Jennings 12/11/99

03/07/01 03:39:13 PM

Name: Wally Flatt

Comments: Message transfered from original log. Posted by: Wally Flatt 11/9/99 9:13:53 PM Being a Ex FESR person (Vendetta '65 to '66) I have found this site to be very informative.keep up the good "word" Wally

03/07/01 03:38:01 PM

Name: Noel Coss

Comments: Message transfered from original log. Posted by: Noel Coss 11/7/99 10:45:52 PM I served on Supply 69/70 FESR - no recognition - would like to hear from others. very interesting reading. Thanks to everyone in their effort to resolve our issues.

03/07/01 03:36:53 PM

Name: R. Hobba

Comments: Message transfered from original log. Posted by: Ron Hobba 11/5/99 7:44:14 PM just keeping up to date on everyting

03/07/01 03:35:35 PM

Name: Jock Hetherington

Comments: Message transfered from original log. Posted by: Jock Hetherington 11/3/99 3:40:06 PM Came across this site by accident. As a former member of the FAA R.A.N. 1963-1984 and having served on HMAS SYDNEY 1964/65 I have often wondered as to how our service during the Indonesian /Malay conflict never rates a mention. Perhaps someone could enlighten me. Regards to all Jock.

03/07/01 03:34:42 PM

Name: Mal Hughes

Comments: Message transfered from original log. Posted by: Mal Hughes 10/27/99 7:59:55 PM In the membership page I saw 3 familiar names. Is it possible to pass my regards on?????:- Max Bean Bob Davis Bernie VerWayen

03/07/01 03:33:34 PM

Name: Robert Bailey

Comments: Message transfered from original log. Posted by: Robert C. Bailey 10/27/99 7:58:04 PM Hi to all, if there was anyone trying to contact me since i signed on the other day you would not have been able to reach me as i put the wrong email address in. It should have read rbailey44@hotmail.com

03/07/01 03:29:07 PM

Name: Various Messages: no comments at this time

Comments: Messages transfered from original log. Post1: Robert C. Bailey 10/27/99 7:42:05 PM No comment at this time. Email: rbailey44@hotmail.com Post2: Noel Coss 11/7/99 7:51:06 PM No comment at this time. Email: anc@fan.net.au Post3: Ross Jennings 11/14/99 2:47:07 PM No comment at this time.

03/07/01 03:26:02 PM

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Name: Bob Gould
Comments: Message transfered from original log. Posted by: Bob Gould
10/25/99 5:45:24 PM Great section recognised some names
among the membership list.

03/07/01 03:24:49 PM

Name: B. Verwayen
Comments: Transferred from original log. Posted by : Bernard Verwayen
10/24/99 10:56:43 AM As usual very good Lew could you
place the following on the notice board. VOICES FROM
VOYAGER by CARLA EVANS Aavailable from the writer post
paid at\$25.00 Carla Evans 86 Booderabbi Dve Clifton
Springs Vic 3222 Ph 03-52513440

03/07/01 03:22:20 PM

Name: Robert C. Bailey
Comments: Message transfered from original log. Posted by: Robert C.
Bailey 10/20/99 10:08:47 PM I joined pussers 4/1/61 as a
Junior Recruit R93160 "Yagan Division", Cerberus 62,
Vampire 62/63, Sydney 63/65, Albatross 65/67, Waratah
67/68, Stalwart 68 Compassionate discharge 5/8/68. I would
like to congratulate Noel Payne and his fellow office bearers
of FESR on the excellent work they have been doing and the
results they have achieved to date.

03/07/01 03:21:15 PM

Name: Gavin Lee
Comments: Message transfered from original log. Posted by: Gavin Lee
10/20/99 9:41:52 PM In regards to your ongoing fight for
justice for FESR recognition, i am an ex royal australian
corps of signals soldier who served in cambodia with untac
92/93. We were given the ASM 1975 with clasp cambodia,
and now that has been upgraded to the AASM 1975. For
what reason ? no one seem to be able to tell us at this
stage.The AASM is for active service and the ASM is for
peacekeeping roles which was what i was doing at the time.
So there you have it, another anomaly. For the record i am
the son of Kevin (dixie)Lee exPOME 47 to 72.

03/07/01 03:20:13 PM

Name: Paul Briggs
Comments: Message transfered from original log. Posted by: Paul Briggs
10/19/99 9:38:24 PM What I have read since I found this
page has been most enlightening. keep up the good work.
Paul [Oscar]

03/07/01 03:19:17 PM

Name: Ron Hobba
Comments: Message transfered from original log. Posted by: Ron Hobba
10/9/99 7:05:19 PM Noel. Many thanks for the E mail update
on the submissions. I will pass copies around wherever
possible Yours Aye Ron

03/07/01 03:18:25 PM

Name: John Dalton
Comments: Message transfered from original log. Posted by: John Dalton
10/4/99 5:27:29 PM Congratulations on an excellent site,and
good luck on the outcome of the review. HMAS
WARRAMUNGA 1955/96

03/07/01 03:11:55 PM

Name: Len Kingston-Kerr
Comments: Messaae transfered from oriainal loa. Posted by: Len

Kingston-kerr 10/4/99 11:45:16 AM A well maintained page.
Bravo Zulu. Congratulations and thank you to all involved
with the review,for a job well done.

03/07/01 03:08:42 PM

Name: No comment at this time.

Comments: Messages transfered from original log. Post 1 by: Phil
Harding 10/1/99 3:51:20 PM No comment at this time. Post 2
by: Ron Hobba 9/28/99 4:22:48 PM No comment at this time.
E-mail: rgh@telstrabigpond.com.au Post 3 by: Michael A
Bradford 10/2/99 11:54:19 PM No comment at this time.
Email: mab@tpg.com.au

03/07/01 03:05:21 PM

Name: R Jennings

Comments: Message transfered from original log. Posted by: Ross
Jennings 10/2/99 2:04:25 PM Thanks for the replies so far - I
was dismayed at the comment by Noel(latest FESR NEWS) -
I hope I misunderstood that the announcements of the
recommendations may not be available until next Anzac
Day.I had hoped if we were successful to wear the results of
this Review on that Special Day. Ross J

03/07/01 03:03:59 PM

Name: Paul Mooi

Comments: Message transfered from original log. Posted by: Paul Mooi
9/30/99 11:21:33 AM This site is very professional. By
browsing through it,I gain that it may not be too relevant to
me, as the FESR Association appears to be concentrating on
the 1950s and up to 1960. Although I did several trips "Up
Top" between 192 and 1965, it seems that I will have little, or
no, recognition for this. Still, I'll keep tabs on this site and I
may contact John Carlyon.

03/07/01 03:01:31 PM

Name: Jennings

Comments: Message transfered from original log. Posted by: Ross
Jennings 9/30/99 9:39:36 AM Been many times awaiting any
updates on the Review - Final submission re HMAS
Diamantina sent off Monday 27th - Regards Ross J R54950

03/07/01 03:00:32 PM

Name: Allan 'Shorty' Moffatt

Comments: Message transfered from original log. Posted by: Allan
"shorty" Moffatt 9/27/99 8:04:22 PM Have enjoyed reading all
your items, very well done. Keep up the good work. Hope our
Review in Sydney was succesful, as would appears has
been in other States.

03/07/01 02:59:32 PM

Name: Ian Mc Farlane

Comments: Message transfered from original log. Posted by: Ian Mc
Farlane 9/26/99 8:56:25 PM Cook 14-'57 FND, Paid off
SYDNEY-'58,then Melbourne,Melville[clearing boom
depot]'60,Vandetta '60-'61,FND FC1's,West Head & Mail
Office,paid off late '64. Congratulations to all founding
members of FESRAssoc. Well done. Mac.

03/07/01 02:58:29 PM

Name: Roger Hardwicke

Comments: Message transfered from original log. Posted by: Roger
Hardwicke 9/26/99 6:44:28 PM Great to see I am Ex HMAS
Parramatta 1964/65 HMAS Svdnev 1964 when we went to

Borneo and the government wont recognise it. HMAS
Melbourne 1965/66. Keep up the good work

03/07/01 02:57:36 PM

Name: Bernard Verwayen

Comments: Message transfered from original log. Posted by: Bernard
Verwayen 9/26/99 2:03:21 PM A very good site Lew but can
you spell my name right on the Membership roll I served
FESR HMAS Quiberon 59/60 Hmas Voyager 63 any
greenies please make contact

03/07/01 02:56:42 PM

Name: John Harrison

Comments: Message transfered from original log. Posted by: John
Harrison 9/25/99 12:57:34 PM Joined pussers Jan 61. Moran
class, R57554. Served Melbourne 62/64. and Vendetta
65/66. RAS. Borneo, and Sydney escort to VangTau. And
were still blueing the system, lets go for it.

03/07/01 02:55:45 PM

Name: Butch Jenkins

Comments: Message transfered from original log. Posted by: Butch
Jenkins 9/21/99 1:51:09 PM No comment at this time.

03/07/01 02:54:14 PM

Name: John Symonds

Comments: Message transfered from original log. Posted by: John
Symonds 9/18/99 10:44:18 PM I served with the R.N. H.M.S.
Crane from 57 to 59 then transfered to H.M.A.S. Quiberon
before going to Flinders for a spell.. I applied to R.N. for
the NGSM Malaya & was told I wasn't entitled.. I received the
ASM FESR last year after a long wait. THEY say that all
things come to those who wait... Thank you to all those who
are hard at work and not waiting John.

03/07/01 02:53:18 PM

Name: Paul Briggs

Comments: Message transfered from original log. Posted by: Paul Briggs
9/17/99 8:54:34 PM No comment at this time.

03/07/01 02:52:04 PM

Name: Tom Hamilton

Comments: Message transfered from original log. Posted by: Tom
Hamilton 9/17/99 6:41:35 PM Congratulations Noel and Gday
John and all you other ODs. Am having a ball over in the old
country,so much to see and do.Hitting the road for three
weeks on monday and if we survive will be home in october.
Glad to see that the inquiry is on line,sure hope it turns out
well for the younger members. Will have a pot of Quiness to
toast its success.

03/07/01 02:49:39 PM

Name: Russ Graystone

Comments: Message transfered from original log. Posted by: Russ
Graystone 9/12/99 1:38:43 AM Excellent news! Will add you
to my links on my next update. Cheers and Beers!

03/07/01 02:48:30 PM

Name: Ken O'keefe

Comments: Messages transfered from original log. Posted by: Ken
O'keefe 9/8/99 5:57:12 PM I forgot to wish you all the very
best of luck, you are suffering a travesty of justice that should
never have been allowed to happen.Ken Follow-up posted

Ken O'keefe 9/8/99 5:47:14 PM Hi folks. Ive just heard of a medal distributed by your organisation. I think it has a dark blue ribbon with a white stripe down either side. Could you tell me a bit more about it, ie, its name, pre requisites prior to sale etc. Is there any chance you could send a photie of the gong and ribbon to me via email ?? Kind Regards Ken O'Keefe

03/07/01 02:47:20 PM

Name: Rob Gaehl

Comments: Message transfered from original log. Posted by: Rob Gaehl 9/8/99 1:50:48 PM No comment at this time.

03/07/01 02:46:25 PM

Name: John (Dingy) Bell

Comments: Message transfered from original log. Posted by: John (dingy) Bell 9/7/99 7:32:19 AM Stores branch, Queenborough, 56/57. Would like to know how the sailors from the New Zealand Navy who also served in the Malayan campain got on as regards to veteran entitlements. Good to read the comments that are posted.

03/07/01 02:45:22 PM

Name: Andy Cowley

Comments: Message transfered from original log. Posted by: Andy Cowley 9/2/99 9:21:10 PM Great site,worthy fight,hope your efforts bear fruit.Am ex Sig./LTO was on Quiberon for cuppla trips 1958-1960.plus Vendetta and Supply later on.Keep it up guys, will watch with interest.

03/07/01 02:44:30 PM

Name: Russ Ames

Comments: Message transfered from original log. Posted by: Russ Ames 9/2/99 6:20:12 PM On this site there is an article concerning the Veterans Entitlement Act 1986 the author of which is the DVA itself. It oulines the policy for recognising service during Korea and Malaya and is quite specific about ships/units allocated for duty in connection with warlike operations in these theatres. It then lists eight RAN ships in Malaya up to 1957. Does this mean that those ships companies are over the line? Those who haven't read the article should do so. Its very interesting and should be brought to the attention of the review.

03/07/01 02:43:36 PM

Name: Russ Ames

Comments: Transfered from original log. Posted by: Russ Ames 9/1/99 3:30:43 PM Interesting reading

03/07/01 02:42:48 PM

Name: W. K. (Grassy) Mcgrath

Comments: Message transfered from original log. Posted by: W. K. (grassy) Mcgrath 8/31/99 3:40:44 PM Served in Vengeance,and Warrumunga.Both ships in operational areas. Have made submission to FESR inquiry and believe it is going well. The only drawback mybe convincing the Government that we were actually on active service. Good Luck to all, See you at the Reunion in 2000.

03/07/01 02:41:28 PM

Name: Brian Wedlock

Comments: Message transfered from original log. Posted by: Brian Wedlock 8/31/99 10:16:36 AM Stumbled across vour site

while looking for other things. Ex VENDETTA 1964/65 and again 1970/71. Keep up the good fight.

03/07/01 02:39:03 PM

Name: Dutchy Andrews

Comments: Message transfered from original log. Posted by: Dutchy Andrews 8/19/99 8:46:24 PM Pleasure to sign your deck log. HMAS SYDNEY & VLSVA (Vic.Inc.)will be calling soon and the home page will allow you to reciprocate. Keep up the fight and GIBBSY sends his love. Email: dutchy@alphalink.com.au

03/07/01 02:37:09 PM

Name: Dick Adams

Comments: Message transfered from original log. Posted by: Dick Adams 8/19/99 2:04:15 AM congrats on the home page and I hope you are successfulwith your claim.

03/07/01 02:35:58 PM

Name: Mike 'Scratch' Boyd

Comments: Message transfered from original log. Posted by: Mike "scratch" Boyd 7/30/99 11:14:16 AM Good to see someone cares!

03/07/01 02:34:58 PM

Name: Jim Mcferran

Comments: Message transfered from original log. Posted by: Jim Mcferran 7/19/99 10:41:52 PM Stumbled on the site, linked from Vietnam Vets Page. Served on H.M.A.S Sydney 68/69. Interesting site. Regards Jim

03/07/01 02:34:00 PM

Name: Marko Markovic (ex Ran) 7/18/99

Comments: Message transfered from original log. Posted by: Marko Markovic (ex Ran) 7/18/99 4:40:04 PM Great Page. I visit this page regularly.I am a West Australian member of the FESR Assoc. See you all at the 2000 reunion. Marko

03/07/01 02:32:45 PM

Name: Ern Dait

Comments: Message transfered from original log. Posted by: E Dait 7/13/99 8:21:34 PM it has been a 40 year injustice lets hope this will be put right....ern dait ex a/b hmas queenborough & hmas quickmatch. fesr 1956 to 1957 & 1959 to 1960...best regards

03/07/01 02:31:46 PM

Name: G. Love

Comments: Message transfered from original FESR log. Posted by: Gordon Love 7/12/99 3:07:32 PM Looking forward to the review See you there GORDON.

03/07/01 02:24:09 PM

Name: Kevin Easterly

Comments: Message transfered from original log. Posted by: Kevin Eastley 7/13/99 11:13:02 AM keep up the good work chaps. Its been a long haul, but somehow I think we may win.Thanks for email Lou, I will pass msg to B.J.

03/07/01 02:22:11 PM

Name: China Hammal

Comments: Messaae transfered from oriainal loa. Posted by: China

Hammal 7/10/99 10:44:43 PM Anyone who remembers me please make contact. It's great to catch up. China Hammal

03/07/01 02:21:20 PM

Name: Bob

Comments: Message transfered from original log. Posted by: Bob 7/9/99 2:59:22 PM "Parramatta", Vung Tau, June 1965 - Please advise if u saw 'rustbucket' converted a/c carrier i.e.,merchant hull with flight deck.

03/07/01 02:20:27 PM

Name: Ross Jennings

Comments: Message transfered from original log. Posted by: Ross Jennings 7/9/99 2:50:57 PM Excellent idea. Through this page hope to catch up with any ex Moran 43 Class of '58 or sailors who remember Ross or 'Mother' Jennings R54950

03/07/01 02:19:24 PM

Name: Bob Freeman

Comments: Message transfered from original log. Posted by: Bob Freeman 7/9/99 1:52:49 PM To put it mildly - Thanks for your time and help Noel.

03/07/01 02:17:36 PM

Name: Joseph Charlton

Comments: Message transfered from original log. Posted by: Joseph Charlton 7/7/99 4:30:36 PM Hi Noel Just keeping in touch. Regards Joe

03/07/01 02:16:38 PM

Name: Max Clark

Comments: Message transfered from original log. Posted by: Max Clark 7/1/99 1:44:08 PM Warramunga 1957

03/07/01 02:15:30 PM

Name: Mal Hughes

Comments: Message transfered from original log. Posted by: Mal Hughes 7/1/99 1:29:44 PM I served aboard HMAS Queenborough during the subject period. I have received the GSM (Malay Peninsula) and the RAS Badge. However the attitude of successive Governments and their professional advisers fls me with disgust. I am also active in trying to obtain official recognition for those involved in a variety of Military Disasters, starting from the Voyager/Melbourne collision, I was aboard Melbourne that night..so I am well aware of the indifference and lack of the will to understand. I have completed and posted my membership application and offer my services should they be of any use. I am a Partner in a firm of Certified Practising Accountants based in Rockingham West Aust. I look forward to being part of the battle !!!! Cheers Mal Hughes

03/07/01 02:02:20 PM

Name: Graeme Mant-old

Comments: Message transfered from original log. Posted by: Graeme Mant-old 6/29/99 9:15:42 AM No comment at this time.

03/07/01 02:01:21 PM

Name: Gordon Love

Comments: Message transfered from original log. Posted by: Gordon Love 6/28/99 10:04:17 PM Having all this up to date information on the net is a great plus for our association.

03/07/01 02:00:23 PM

Name: Derek Tite
Comments: Message transfered from original log. Posted by: Derek Tite 6/26/99 9:44:41 PM Excellent web site, Very good information re FESR. Keep up this splendid site, it's well worth the visit

03/07/01 01:59:22 PM

Name: No Comments At This Time
Comments: Two messages transfered from original log. 1st posting: Phil Mc Dowall 6/24/99 4:05:29 PM No comment at this time. Email: tatts@southwest.com.au 2nd posting: Steve Murray 6/23/99 12:50:33 PM No comment at this time. Email: SRMURRAY@bigpond.com

03/07/01 01:54:56 PM

Name: Kevin Eastley
Comments: Message transfered from original log. Posted by: Kevin Eastley 6/23/99 10:42:32 AM Wwd. 23rd June 99. Good morning all. Yesterday I attended the first of the sittings for the inquiry into us in Malaya, at Hobart before Brig.General Mohr. There was about 20 there, as well as inquiry staff. We all thought we went well, and we put our submissions well. We were lucky as we had Michael Hodgman QC with Admiral Hudson representing us. Mr. Hosdgmán gave his services free of charge. The inquiry is also sitting today. I think everyone who is affected by this should attend when it sits in your state. Make sure when you attend to take any relevant documents, photos, letters from Navy, DVA, Defence to produce. You may not think it is important but Mr. Mohr will look at everything.He was particularly interested in anything to do with allotment.I urge everyone to support this cause, we have the firepower, so lets hit the target. Best of luck. Follow-up post read: Kevin Eastley 6/23/99 10:46:44 AM Just to add to my previous comment. We had A.B.C. TV coverage, and our local TV station there, and it was on both News bulletins last night. Also the Hobart Mercury was there, and gave us a good half page write up in todays edition. Cheers.

03/07/01 01:53:56 PM

Name: No Comment At This Time
Comments: Two messages transfered from original log. 1st posted by: Gary Kenny (not Kennedy) 6/22/99 10:42:33 AM No comment at this time. e-mail: conmere@r130.net 2nd posted by: Michael Vredenburg 6/21/99 1:55:00 PM No comment at this time. Email:kahikov@yahoo.com

03/07/01 01:51:58 PM

Name: Doug Brooks
Comments: Message transfered from original log. Posted by: Doug Brooks 6/21/99 12:40:53 PM Congratulations and thanks for all the hard work . Looking forward to Brisbane 2000 .

03/07/01 01:50:57 PM

Name: Kevin Eastley (Beast)
Comments: Message transfered from original log. Posted by: Kevin Eastley(beast) Tasmania 6/21/99 10:43:38 AM Just had a quick look this time, looks excellent. Some of us over here are off to Hobart today, Tuesday 21st june, for a meeting with Rear Adm Hudson and Rear Ad. Kennedy. So look out Mr. Howard, here we come.

03/07/01 01:49:39 PM

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Name: John Edge
Comments: Message transfered from original log. Posted By: John Edge
6/19/99 12:22:29 PM ex hmas melbourne 1965/66 awarded
the fesr probably through your efforts r63598
03/07/01 01:48:31 PM

Name: Richmond Derham
Comments: Message transfered from original log. Posted by: Richmond
Derham 6/18/99 1:30:28 AM I congratulate you on a great
and informative web site.I served on H.M.A.S ANZAC
(F.E.S.R.) Between 11/03/59 to 07/12/59 as a ship's cook.
During this period 3 weeks was spent ashore on H.M.S
TERROR: Singapore Naval Base. We will win in the
end,keep up the good work.. R.C.Derham
03/07/01 01:47:27 PM

Name: Jim Oconnor
Comments: Message transfered from original log. Posted by: Jim
Oconnor 6/17/99 5:08:58 AM Well done Lou. The site looks
good. regards Jim OC
03/07/01 01:40:04 PM

Name: Ames Russell
Comments: Message transfered from original log. Posted by: Russ Ames
6/15/99 7:56:45 PM Interesting stuff. Obviously a lot of good
work has been done by a lot of people. Let's hope it bears
fruit at last. I served with FESR on Warramunga (57)
Quickmatch (59/60) and QueenB (61)
03/07/01 01:39:10 PM

Name: Ronald George Hobba
Comments: Message transfered from original log. Posted by: Ronald
George Hobba 6/14/99 11:14:41 AM An excellent informative
site. Congratulations to all responsible
03/07/01 01:38:05 PM

Name: Tom Hamilton
Comments: Message transfered from original log. Posted by: Tom
Hamilton 6/13/99 8:56:53 PM Finally got here,have been
looking at the site since it started and decided to finally
scratch my name. Keep up the good work. BZ.
03/07/01 01:36:45 PM

Name: Mick 'Punchy' Obrien
Comments: Message transfered from original log. Posted by: Mick
(punchy) Obrien 6/12/99 5:30:59 PM I SERVED FROM 59-
66.SERVED ON ANZAC 60-61,QUEENBOROUGH 61-
63,VENDETTA 64,YARRA 64,DERWENT 64-66,PAID OF
YARRA 66 IN MELBOURNE.SERVED WITH A LOT OF
GOOD MATES SOME THAT I HAVE NOT SEEN FOR
OVER 30 YEARS.TERRY (RED)ANCHOR,ROCKY
LITTLEFIELD,ROD WILEY,DAVY WATTERS,WALLY
JARRETT,ALEX SCHULTZ (WHO IS NOW MY ADVOCATE
FOR VETERANS AFFAIRS) LETS ALL HOPE THAT THE
WORKING PARTY CAN GET THE ENTITLEMENTS A LOT
OF YOU RICHLY DISERVE.
03/07/01 01:35:02 PM

Name: Billy Paul
Comments: Message transfered from original log. Posted by: Billy Paul
6/10/99 12:32:00 PM Welcome to the wonderful world of
Cyberspace. A very informative web page, keep up the good
work. and remember. these pages are now available to

millions of viewers, some of who wouldn't even know where Australia is, so we might be able to educate some of them in the finer arts!!

03/07/01 01:33:35 PM

Name: Richard & Yvonne Bence

Comments: Message transfered from original log. Posted by: Richard & Yvonne Bence 6/8/99 10:21:30 PM I wish to thank the founding members of the FESR for all their hard work and dedication. As we are doing studies on the effects of "that stuff" the yanks strayed which we all know effected a lot of ex-naval, HMAS Sydney and escorts personnel and their children. I would like to take this opportunity to ask of anyone who has information regarding this matter to e-mail Richard & Yvonne Bence.

03/07/01 01:32:14 PM

Name: Ian J. Mc Clure

Comments: Message transfered from original log. Posted by: Ian J.mcclure 6/8/99 11:02:06 AM I have just had a look at your website & found it very informative ,I was on the Sydney in 1964(indonesion confrontation).I would be very interested in joining your association.If an application can be emailed to me that would be great.Keep up the goob work,regards Ian.

03/07/01 01:30:46 PM

Name: Glynn 'Jingles' Spencer

Comments: Message transfered from original log. Posted by: Glynn "jingles" Spencer 6/3/99 5:07:25 PM My first Visit I served on Vampire from 63-65

03/07/01 01:29:18 PM

Name: Don Delosa

Comments: Message transfered from original log. Posted by: Don Delosa 6/2/99 1:18:29 PM I served in Derwent in 1971/2 with a side trip to Vietnam as a po/uc(s/m). Will join. Did the survey navy ever get a mention for the work done in the Arafura Sea during the Irian Jaya alert?

03/07/01 01:28:16 PM

Name: Weed Smith

Comments: Message transfered from original log. Posted by: Weed Smith 6/1/99 11:00:46 AM Although I do not own a computer I am more than comfortable with seeing this new technology... I intend to look at getting my own computer and I'm nearly 66.

03/07/01 01:27:10 PM

Name: Lew Lewis

Comments: Message transfered from original log. Postd by: Lew Lewis 5/31/99 11:39:14 PM Greetings from an ex RN Stoker whos first ship as a sprog was HMS ARK ROYAL zooming up and down the Malacca Straits in 1965 as part of the Far East Fleet of the time

03/07/01 01:25:52 PM

Name: Eddie Pearson

Comments: Message transfered from original log. Posted by: Eddie Pearson 5/31/99 9:43:11 PM I served Fesr 1962-1964. HMAS Parramatta. We took the Sydney with troops to Borneo a place called Jesselton.

03/07/01 01:24:57 PM

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- Name: Kev Ruwoldt
Comments: Message transfered from original log. Posted by: Kev Ruwoldt 5/30/99 5:28:36 PM have only just logged into the internet today and am impressed with what i have found to date. regards
03/07/01 01:23:29 PM
- Name: Bill Wiseman
Comments: Message transfered from original log. Posted by: Bill Wiseman 5/26/99 10:45:19 PM Great site I haven't been a member long but are great mates wih the SA mob and have been for many years. I wasn't FESR in Malaysian days. Received my benefits from Vietnam (Sydney,Escorts) and FESR between "65-71" We had to fight for our benefits, keep up your fight you will win.
03/07/01 01:22:09 PM
- Name: Ray Bartlett
Comments: Message transfered from original log. Posted by: Ray Bartlett 5/26/99 5:15:24 PM Great to see this site.Will be there in 2000
03/07/01 01:19:18 PM
- Name: Phil Kairl
Comments: Message transfered from original log. Posted by: Phil Kairl 5/26/99 10:19:27 AM A well done site, very informative and appreciated. A membership app is on the way.
03/07/01 01:18:02 PM
- Name: Alan 'Frappier' Lehman
Comments: Message transfered from original log. Posted by: Alan "frapper" Lehman 5/25/99 8:36:29 PM It's good to see something like this get off the ground. I served on Derwent and we did one escort trip in and out of Vung Tau. I got the medal, but I am not as deserving as some personnel who did trip after trip and were exposed to whatever chemicals the yanks were using. Does anybody know??. I am interested in joining the association. Thankyou
03/07/01 01:16:06 PM
- Name: John Van't Hoff
Comments: Message transfered from original log. Posted by John Van't Hoff 5/25/99 3:08:21 PM POEP 66-75. A very informative & interesting site. Congratulations to all who devote their time & energy to this and all of the other RAN related sites.
03/07/01 01:14:45 PM
- Name: John Farrell
Comments: Message transfered from original log. Posted by: John Farrell 5/24/99 6:17:16 PM Served FESR on Paramatta,Duchess& Yarra 1966 - 1972. Didnt know this organisation existed until today. Well done to the people behind the scenes.
03/07/01 01:13:33 PM
- Name: J Lennon
Comments: Message transfered from original log. Posted by: J Lennon 5/23/99 6:42:30 PM I'm not a member of the FESR, however I did serve on the Melbourne 1971 & Sydney 1972. I notice the cut off date for the FESR is 1971. Did Melbourne qualify for FESR service in 1971.
03/07/01 01:11:53 PM
- Name: Noel Payne

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Comments: message transfered from original log. Posted by: Noel Payne
5/21/99 8:24:20 AM We are on our way. With the
announcement of the Review we have a chance to put our
case in open forum. We also get the opportunity to examine
the case that has been made against us over the years. We
must stay united.

03/07/01 01:10:15 PM

Name: Keith Bebbington

Comments: Messsage transfered from original log. Posted: 5/22/99
12:16:24 PM A very interesting and informative site,obviously
ever mindful of improvement.I would suggest that all present
members encourage their ex shipmates to join FESR
irrespective of whether they are on the internet or not-simply
to support a worthwhile group

03/07/01 12:15:27 PM

Name: W Waldock

Comments: Message transfered from original log. Posted: 5/20/99
10:48:48 PM Well done fellars I have just joined the
association and am looking foreward to see this page from
time to time.

03/07/01 12:13:24 PM

Name: Lou Leboydre

Comments: Message transfered from original log. Posted: 5/18/99
2:26:38 PM This is a test logon. I would appreciate any feed
back or errors. Regards FESR Information Technology Mess