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Message started by Joe_Linaker on Dec 24th, 2007, 7:50am

Title: **FROM THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT-**
Post by **Joe_Linaker on Dec 24th, 2007, 7:50am**

T'was the night before Christmas- so on behalf of the National Executive our wives & families may I extend best wishes for the Festive season to our members across the country, their families, our widows, our friends and our enemies at this special time of the year.

2008 holds great optimism for our association. We are now members of the Kindred Organization Committee of the RSL, Kindred Affiliates of the NAA, and member of the State Advisory Council of the Australian Veteran & Defence Services Council, so I can pursue our issues of concern through them as well. For information, I will be presenting our Membership initiative to the KOC in February.

The composition of the Prime Minister's Veterans Advisory Council will be important and like most ESOs we are invited to contribute our thoughts on this new body by Minister Griffin. I hope they get it right.

Medal, Memorial, and other issues are being reworked for presentation to the new Minister in 2008. On that note, every best wish for a safe & happy New Year- Take it easy on the corners!

JL.

Title: **Re: FROM THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT-**
Post by **Cyril Doc Rice on Dec 28th, 2007, 7:18pm**

:) ;)

Thanks for that Joe

and may we all have a prosperous New Year. :) :) [smiley=lolk.gif]

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Message started by DofExB on Jan 11th, 2008, 5:30pm

Title: **POSITION VACANT: Webmaster**
Post by **DofExB on Jan 11th, 2008, 5:30pm**

The position of FESR Webmaster is currently vacant.

Requirements: a basic understanding of web editing (html or similar); some knowledge in regards to moderating a YaBB forum; and alot of patience!!!!

Duties include editing the website (you'll be free to change or reorganise at your own discretion); and administration of the Visitors Log (YaBB forum). The webmaster coordinates and appoints forum moderators and reports directly to the National Executive.

Those wishing to submit an expression of interest please feel free to do so.

Title: **Re: POSITION VACANT: Webmaster**
Post by **Webmaster on Jan 11th, 2008, 8:37pm**

Congatulations Erica - it looks great - well done - Ross

Title: **Re: POSITION VACANT: Webmaster**
Post by **DofExB** on **Jan 11th, 2008, 10:36pm**

Thanks Ross ... am looking forward to a well deserved rest. :)

Title: **Re: POSITION VACANT: Webmaster**
Post by **Bob Witt** on **Jan 12th, 2008, 5:22pm**

Thank you Erica for all the work you have done to bring this new site together and for all the hard work you have put in over the years to keep it up and running so that we could converse once again with old shipmates. To both you and Ross what can I say but "BRAVO ZULU " you both have done a stirring job and they will be very big shoes to fill but enjoy your retirement go with our blessings and may the wind be always at your backs. THANK YOU BOTH.

Title: **Re: POSITION VACANT: Webmaster**
Post by **irish50561** on **Jan 12th, 2008, 5:44pm**

Well done Erica the new format looks and feels good, a hell of a lot of hard work has obviously gone into the re-engineering of this fabulous website, great stuff. Regards. Irish.

Title: **Re: POSITION VACANT: Webmaster**
Post by **DofExB** on **Jan 12th, 2008, 8:36pm**

Thanks Pop, thanks Irish ... much appreciated! [smiley=girl.gif]

Title: **Re: POSITION VACANT: Webmaster**
Post by **seashells** on **Jan 13th, 2008, 7:24am**

Sorry to hear your leaving Erica... Anyway you have done a great job and it's refreshing to see what you have achieved for us members :)

[smiley=smiley_hug.gif]

Title: **Re: POSITION VACANT: Webmaster**
Post by **Tom29216** on **Jan 13th, 2008, 6:20pm**

Thank you for your time and patience Erica.
It is nice to know you will not be far away from the site.
So Stay Safe and we all love you.
:'(

Title: **Re: POSITION VACANT: Webmaster**
Post by **DofExB** on **Jan 14th, 2008, 7:49am**

Cheers John (seashells) and Tom the support after so much hard work is much appreciated!

[smiley=word_thankyou.gif]

Special cheerio to Tom ... best wishes to both yourself and Margaret ... don't be a stranger. [smiley=helmsman.gif]

Title: **Re: POSITION VACANT: Webmaster**
Post by **ceeveedee** on **Jan 31st, 2008, 5:40pm**

Who is looking after the site at present, and will there be someone in the future????

Title: **Re: POSITION VACANT: Webmaster**
Post by **Bob Witt** on **Feb 6th, 2008, 4:06pm**

Unfortunately ceevee dee to date no one has put up their hand for the position of Webmaster. The site has been revamped to make looking after it easier which hopefully will entice a willing candidate. For now the site will remain static.

Title: **Re: POSITION VACANT: Webmaster**
Post by **DofExB** on **Feb 9th, 2008, 1:12pm**

A current FESR member with web experience is sought for the position of Webmaster. Those interested are encouraged to submit an expression of interest.

Title: **Re: POSITION VACANT: Webmaster**
Post by **Ernie D** on **Feb 10th, 2008, 11:34am**

Thanks Erica
From the bottom of our hearts . The site is, has, always, been a credit to you. It keep all us old salts, and those not so old from losing anchorage and drifting away into that vast ocean out there! It keeps the old/new Fleet together.
Kind Regards..Ernie "D"

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General >> Bulletin Board >> Website Upgrade

<http://fesrassociation.com/cgi-bin/yabb2/YaBB.pl?num=1198973185>

Message started by DofExB on Dec 30th, 2007, 10:06am

Title: **Website Upgrade**
Post by **DofExB** on **Dec 30th, 2007, 10:06am**

Upcoming Changes to the FESR Website (including Visitor's Log)

Over the coming months the FESR website is set to undergo a major upgrade. As a result there are currently issues regarding server space and general disturbances in relation to the everyday function of the forum. Some topics will randomly be deleted when circumstances necessitate; others will disappear without warning when the site experiences problems with allocated bandwidth and space reserves. I would also like to take this opportunity to remind members of the issues re copyright; in order to avoid infringement and subsequent litigation some articles and images are removed. Images are welcome if they relate to the article (such as personal photographs) and clipart is acceptable if deemed royalty free or freeware. In saying this, it's best to keep attached images to a minimum in order to preserve space on the server. Space is required to build the new site behind the old; there will no doubt be further topic reductions as a result. I trust members will understand and bare with myself and appointed moderators during this difficult phase. If your topic disappears please don't take it personally.

Thank You

Title: **Re: Website Upgrade**
Post by **DofExB** on **Jan 7th, 2008, 1:46pm**

Please note that the upgrade to the forum has now officially commenced.

Please do not be alarmed by disappearing topics; I shall be saving as many as I can in the 2007 archives. In saying this, space restraints still apply and unfortunately some messages will be permanently deleted from the system (removal will be random).

Title: **Update**
Post by **DofExB** on **Jan 9th, 2008, 9:58am**

With the exception of one or two messages, all messages for 2006 and 2007 have now been archived. These

Note that over the coming days the Visitors Log will be undergoing a restructure. Members are asked to bear with the inconvenience and downtime as the upgrade is rolled out accordingly.

Thank You

Title: **Re: Website Upgrade**
Post by **Cyril Doc Rice** on **Jan 9th, 2008, 4:39pm**

:) ;)

All in your capable hands Erica. Good job is well worth doing What would we do without you?
Thanks a million :) ;)

Title: **Re: Website Upgrade**
Post by **DofExB** on **Jan 11th, 2008, 5:24pm**

The upgrade is now complete ... thank goodness. It's been one nightmare after the next with failing systems and incorrect coding but hopefully all is well now. I'm just about to reopen the board to the public and shall keep my fingers crossed for a good reaction.

The first thing you'll notice is a new design. It's suppose to symbolise stormy seas, a hard feat to accomplish when working with the Association's colours of yellow and green. The swirled background represent rolling waves - BE NICE - I think the site looks fresh which is what I was aiming for. Hopefully the changes will be well received.

Regular visitors to the website will note that the main webpages have been downsized. This was done in an effort to attract a new webmaster (don't want to scare off potential recruits). Any member out there with a little web editing experience, in particular in regards to administering a YaBB forum, then please email or PM me with your expression of interest.

The position of Webmaster is vacant as of now. Ross tended his resignation towards the end of last year but held on until I could bring the site up to date. For that I thank him kindly. He's now ready to step down and I would like to take this opportunity to thank Ross on behalf of members and guests. As a newbie he did a fantastic job!

In addition to Ross' resignation, I am also hereby tendering my own. After seven years of overseeing the FESR National Website it's time I took a step back and let go. The site is functioning well and is ready for a take over! I have written a personal thank you to members (now in the archives under December 07).

Once again, I'd just like to say thank you to all. It's been a pleasure.

::) ;D :D [smiley=dankk2.gif]

Title: **Re: Website Upgrade**
Post by **Paul** on **Jan 12th, 2008, 8:48am**

Erica
The thanks go to you , apart from all of your previous work you will be leaving a fresh new face and it is a credit to you. Please enjoy your well deserved break , you've earned it.

Best Wishes
Paul

Title: **Re: Website Upgrade**
Post by **DofExB** on **Jan 12th, 2008, 8:48pm**

Thanks Paul ... much appreciated! [smiley=animal_penguin.gif]

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General >> Bulletin Board >> Pussers Paint

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Message started by **Joe** on **Nov 6th, 2007, 3:46am**

Title: **Pussers Paint**
Post by **Joe** on **Nov 6th, 2007, 3:46am**

I am toying with the thought of putting in a claim with DVA. One problem I have which I didn't have before I joined Pussers in April '63 is chronic asthma. This first developed (and is on my medical records) in early 1965. It has been ongoing since that time. The only thing that I can really attribute it to is being exposed to paint.

My question is : Does anyone know who the manufacturer and supplier was of shipside grey, red lead and other paints used in pussers at that time? I also recall painting the safe (where they kept the moolah and other important things under lock and key) at old Kuttabal with so called 'fire proof paint' which was as thick as mud.....anyone know what was in that lot?

I'm just trying to do my homework prior to lodging a claim because if they toss it out and I have to go to a hearing I want to be prepared (knowing me if I don't do my homework first I'll just toss me hands in the air and call 'em all a mob of b*stards and do nothing!).

Look forward to any assistance available and thanks in advance.

Chookas
Joe White
(ex Writer)

Title: **Re: Pussers Paint**
Post by **ronaldo** on **Nov 6th, 2007, 7:28am**

Joe

Here is a good site for you to have a dekkko at. Taken from an article in Navy News, date not known. Should be a good start for you as every sailor and his dog used this item at one time or another during his service.

<http://www.defence.gov.au/news/NAVYNEWS/editions/4902/feature/feature08.htm>

Danger: Zinc Chromate is Still Around

Recently, onboard a MWV, a Senior Sailor passed by a civilian contractor, covered in a yellow powder, walking off the ship. He immediately went to the scene and discovered that zinc chromate had been removed from a bulkhead utilising air tools. An emergency clear ship occurred and the area was cleaned, using proper PPE.

Personnel need to be aware of the health implications associated with zinc chromate if found during maintenance.

Zinc chromate dust has the potential to cause short-term health effects such as skin irritation, rashes, ulcers and irritation of the eyes, nose and throat.

The National Occupational and Safety Commission (NOHSC) determined that there is sufficient evidence to establish a casual association between human exposure to these substances and the development of cancer.

Zinc chromate, as a dry film, is inert and presents no risk if it stays that way. It's only when it is disturbed by sanding, grinding and welding activities that it presents a health risk.

Before maintenance work of a compartment or piece of machinery, first consult the ship's paint register, which indicates areas of zinc chromate coverage.

Areas not recorded in the register are to be tested for zinc chromate, using test kits, prior to any sanding, grinding and welding work that may generate paint dust or smoke. If you are unsure of an area, consider several small scratch tests of the area to possibly uncover the distinctive yellow paint.

If a patch of zinc chromate is discovered, all personnel should leave the immediate area and close the compartment down. Warn all personnel and the immediate vicinity, and then inform the OOD of the potential contamination area.

Any work involving the potential for removing zinc chromate should be conducted in accordance with the Australian standard for removal of lead-based paints (AS 4361.2 – 1998 and Technical Directive 34/05 Rev 1), since the methods of dealing with zinc chromate and leaded paints are the same.

For most jobs requiring small areas of zinc chromate to be removed, paint stripper (used in accordance with its MSDS) will be effective without generating dust. The FIMA, or the BOHSCO of your home base, will also have/hold established procedures for dealing with zinc chromate.

The same would I guess, apply for 'Redlead' or I guess any other paints which contained lead.

The Navy could not now, say that it was not a dangerous item. Especially in our days when no warnings were given.

Ron

Title: **Re: Pussers Paint**
Post by **Joe** on **Nov 7th, 2007, 1:05am**

Thanks Ron, thanks Seashells - onto it!!
Chookas
Joe

Title: **Re: Pussers Paint**
Post by **Webmaster** on **Nov 8th, 2007, 8:01pm**

Hi Joe and all - if you find anything re 'shipsides grey' particularly who supplied and the chemical content -and the same for the yellow chromate can you post and advise me if possible - rosco38@bigpond.com - I am like you building a case and don't want to get 'shot down' - it gets harder after 40+ years to prove these things - Regards Ross

Title: **Re: Pussers Paint**
Post by **Joe** on **Jan 9th, 2008, 4:04am**

Can one assume that "red lead" and "ship side grey" contained that crap? Might explain a few things! I bet the DVA has already rejected all attempts to claim on paints though - if anyone knows otherwise would love to hear of it.

Title: **Re: Pussers Paint**
Post by **Ernie D** on **Jan 12th, 2008, 11:33am**

Joe, Ross

I dont know if this will be of any help, but they use to store a chemical on board in our time for filling fire extinguishes that they used for electrical fires. I think they called it (from memory) Carbontetrachloride/or chlorinetetrachloride? On the q class they use to store a lot of it in the switch board compartment in one of the aft seamans mess, as well as many other places around the ship!

Beside its main use as an extinguisher for electrical fires, we also used it as a drycleaner for removing stains on our Num 1's etc, etc, great for ironing with, this is of course when sailors were expected to maintain their own gear themselves. what they never told us Joe, Ross, was that this chemical was deadly, especiall if heated, it used to change its chemical mix to phosgene gas, a deadly gas used in the 1st world war in europe.

Many of us had unknowingly breathed in these fumes because of the confinement and lack of fresh air and circulation of (especially in the tropics) in the old type of messdecks provided for the ships crews in those past days back in the 40's through to the late 60's/70's. 1/2 the time the fans were not working properly, and the only time you could put out a windscoop, was to check with the bridge watch, to make sure there was not going to be a change of course during the night! Hope this might be of some help to you both, Joe/Ross.
Regards...Ernie "D" ::)

Title: **Re: Pussers Paint**
Post by **Joe** on **Jan 14th, 2008, 5:39am**

Thanks Ernie and Seashells - seems the deeper we dig the more we find! I remember smelling that stuff - with blokes ironing their clobber etc as well. I wonder what other little secrets there were on our warships that everyone took for granted but which were actually quite deadly over a long period? Also did the "Powers that be" know about them?

Title: **Re: Pussers Paint**
Post by **Ernie D** on **Jan 14th, 2008, 12:58pm**

Joe this was a well known fact that Carbontetrachloride was used in filling extinguishers, used for electrical fires. As a matter of fact I am almost certain (on the "Qclass") that the greenie's were responsible for maintenance and recharge of these extinguishers. They had no special storage area fo the liquid refiller just use to fit them in where ever they could and refill them wherever they could as it was needed, (evaporation), so they would top them up. We use to help ourselves to the liquid containers whenever we required to remove stains etc, not knowing in those days, that the rest of the crew in the mess were sucking it up as well, involuntary of course, by the fumes! The same as tobacco smoke Joe, which is and can be a claim in such badly aired compartments of old....Regards
Ernie "D" ::)

Title: **Re: Pussers Paint**
Post by **Joe** on **Jan 15th, 2008, 5:41am**

Yes mate, we certainly know about the cigarette smoke!! Didn't smoke until pussers and then couldn't afford not to smoke the "Duty Frees"! The other thing that literally 'took my breath away' was the fogging for cockroaches. Everyone (almost) off the ship and these blokes dressed in zoot suits from head to toe ripped in and sprayed the gear around everywhere. Back on board about 24 hours later there was white powder everywhere. Of course we were all dressed in our hazmat gear (shorts and sandals - maybe a shirt) and away we went with brooms, cloths mops and buckets and made it all ship shape.....wonder what that did to our systems??? I know that even nowadays when we have the pest bloke out for the annual squirt around we take off for a few days - and you can still smell the crap he uses when you get back. Of course the stuff of today is non toxic to humans or so I'm told. It's probably alright because the birds have a big blow out eating the dead spiders and insects without apparent damage to themselves. Still makes me feel crook and bugg*rs the breathing for a few days.

Title: **Re: Pussers Paint**
Post by **Joe** on **Jan 18th, 2008, 3:31am**

...but I love me laser printer....I love my mobile phone too and I know that's giving me cancer and sending me mad and the bill make me want to top meself - now this! What next...don't tell me that my wife is toxic too..pleeze!!!!!!!

Title: **Re: Pussers Paint**
Post by **Joe** on **Jan 22nd, 2008, 4:32am**

The women do like a chat don't they!!!

Title: **Re: Pussers Paint**
Post by **Joe** on **Jan 23rd, 2008, 3:23am**

Quote "Paint

Most indoor and outdoor paints produced before 1950 contained substantial amounts of lead. If you strip or sand old paint that contains lead, you could breathe in lead particles. Since 1976, the amount of lead in interior paint has been limited by law. Although the lead content of exterior paint is not regulated, Australian paint manufacturers have voluntarily ensured that no lead is intentionally added. Exterior paint with lead carries a warning label."

..before 1950. Since 1976... Now the only bit that I'm particularly interested in is from 1963 to 1975.....!!!

Anyway I guess the term 'red lead' says it all for one particular pussers paint!!!!
Interesting article - thanks Seashells.

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Message started by **kim payne** on **Jan 19th, 2008, 7:14pm**

Title: **HMAS Curlew - Ships bell**
Post by **kim payne** on **Jan 19th, 2008, 7:14pm**

Hello, My name is Kimberlee Gawen,

My Late father, Ralph Finaly Payne (dec Nov 1982) served on the HMAS Curlew.
I was Christened in sydney Aug 1963, (Kim Payne) along with two boys, Adam Palmer and Simon Marable. I was told our names were to be engraved on the ships bell. Can anyone confirm this? or know the where abouts of the Bell?

I have a bit of information about the Curlew and a few photos.
I hope someone out there can help me or even if anyone can remember my late father I would appreciate any information.
Thank you for your time in reading this request.

Title: **Re: HMAS Curlew - Ships bell**
Post by **ceeveedee** on **Jan 20th, 2008, 10:45pm**

Seashells. the way I, and others, read your post was.....
that in May and June 1975 etc.....and you then mentioned Darwin and Tracey, then went on to say Her crew are entitled to the following medals if they served on her at the time.....

Quote:

Quote:
In May and June 1975 the minehunters HMAS Curlew, was one of three minehunters that surveyed the approaches to Darwin and the harbour itself, locating trawlers sunk during Cyclone Tracy, and other navigational hazards.
Her crew are entitled to the following Medals if they served on her at the time-The Australian Active Service Medal 1945 to 1975 with Clasp Malaysia
General Service Medal with Clasps Borneo and Malay Peninsula
Australian Service Medal 1945 to 1975 with Clasps FESR and PNG

I agree that for FESR times Curlew crews were entitled to medals, but not for Darwin and/or Tracey, as you state in your post. That is why I made the remark.

Quote:

I wish some folks would check out the articles themselves...

I wish some people would re read their posts before they post them onto message boards. Then misunderstanding may not happen as frequently as they do.

Also, when you edit your post AFTER a post has been made, pointing out a possible error, have the decency to admit that you have changed your post, so it does read more correctly, and not try to make the other person out to be wrong.

PS... your edited post still doesn't read right!!!!!! I have a copy of it and the first post as well so don't try to worm your way out of this one!!!!!! ;D ;D ;D ;))

Title: **Re: HMAS Curlew - Ships bell**
Post by **Bob Witt** on **Jan 21st, 2008, 4:32pm**

Not everyone who served in the FESR got the PJM most who served prior to their independence were denied recognition. Also the Navy had to do 180 days because of the 12 mile limitation

The Malaysian Government has set the following eligibility guidelines:

The PJM will be awarded to Australian Defence personnel, who served in the prescribed areas from 31 August 1957 to 12 August 1966, or to 9 August 1965 for service in Singapore (the point at which it separated from the Federation of Malaysia);

Service until 31 December 1966 will also qualify for those personnel who were posted to Malaysia for service prior to 12 August 1966, but failed to qualify for the medal before that date;

Awards will also be made to those whose service was cut short as a result of death or injury as a result of service in these areas;

Around 40 former members of the Australian Army who were recruited by the Government of the Federation of Malaya to serve as Lieutenants in the Malaysian Police Force are also eligible for the award; and

The Department of Defence will receive applications, verify the service and eligibility and facilitate the approval to wear the award in accordance with guidelines for foreign awards.

Title: **Re: HMAS Curlew - Ships bell**
Post by **Joe** on **Jan 22nd, 2008, 4:00am**

Hey Kim Payne,
How's the search going? Did your Dad get his medals? I hope so. Wouldn't it be something else to find the bell!!!! Then all we'd have to do is to 'convince' the holder to relinquish it.....

Kim - have you ever caught up with the other two boys?? One of them might know what happened to the bell.

Keep hunting and the best of luck to you.

Chookas

Joe

Title: **Re: HMAS Curlew - Ships bell**
Post by **kim payne** on **Jan 28th, 2008, 3:11pm**

Thank you to those that gave me some information re the bell from the HMAS Curlew. I must admit I hadn't thought to try and locate Simon or Adam. that might be my next project to locate them. I will also try the HMAS Curberus Museum.

Thanks once again.

Kimberlee

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General >> Bulletin Board >> Help with VEA schedules -

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Message started by Webmaster on Dec 11th, 2007, 8:20pm

Title: **Help with VEA schedules -**
Post by **Webmaster** on **Dec 11th, 2007, 8:20pm**

Hi All - I have just spent many frustrating hours trying to work out how to find anything in the VEA that is in english and understandable - I have a fair grasp of our language (I thought) - but help is needed - please can someone tell me (a) where to find Schedule 2 Item 3 and what it actually says ? and also please Section 6D(1) - bushed, baffled and bewildered - Ross
Thanks to any who can help R

Title: **Re: Help with VEA schedules -**
Post by **Joe** on **Dec 13th, 2007, 4:01am**

Hey Ross, sounds to me mate like a little legal jargon. Did you put in a claim and they have ordered a hearing or something? To me it sounds like you (via your learned legal friend also known as your solicitor) has to serve papers (like a brief I guess) on the Repatriation Commission and they are advising you how to go about it. There must be some Advocates out there with some knowledge in this area. PEOPLE ROSS NEEDS HELPanyone home??????????

Title: **Re: Help with VEA schedules -**
Post by **Joe** on **Dec 14th, 2007, 4:56am**

I smell a scandal brewing Ross...go get 'em mate. Must be plenty of others out there effected by this sort of thing. Very interesting that Navy can change and/or lose records and it's just bad luck but you have to have every bit of paper etc from 35 - 50 years ago.
Bet yer life Christmas is going to be a beauty for us this year - full family type affair for the first time in years - can't wait....hurry up Santa!

Title: **Re: Help with VEA schedules -**
Post by **Cyril Doc Rice** on **Dec 14th, 2007, 8:27am**

:-/ :-/

Rosco

I could never figure out the "records" of that period either.

I do remember that during the period you mentioned that we were "officially" on the SEATO exercise "Sealion", but what that entailed is, apparently, what N.O. "thought" what we were doing and what we were actually doing, appear to be two different things ::) ::)

Title: **Re: Help with VEA schedules -**
Post by **Ernie D** on **Jan 1st, 2008, 10:05am**

Ross
HMAS Melbourne 17 Mar 1958 03 Apr 1958
23 Apr 1958 13 May 1958
18 Mar 1959 28 Apr 1959
07 Apr 1960 28 Apr 1960
06 May 1960 20 May 1960
06 Jun 1960 16 Jun 1960.....

These are operational dates for Hmas Melbourne according to rear/admiral Christopher Angus Ritchie and, according to The Veterans Entitlement act (VEA) this is confirmed. ie just one day is an entitlement to AASM, 28 days (NGSM) But
Then along comes DVA(department of veterans affairs) along with the guidance of Navy Office. They say, Admiral Ritchie wrong! You had to be within 18klm of the Malayan Coast to have time counted for an award. Hmas Melbournes days were brought down from admiral Ritchie's 48 days for that tour of operational service, to just a total of 4 days. Singapore dont count towards an award after 31/9/ 1959.
Something drastically wrong eh! On the one hand rear/admiral Ritchie signs an instrument for allotment for Hmas Melbourne as 48days then DVA and Navy Office reduce/change it to (It was only actually 4 days) for Navy. Army/RAAF instruments all ok though, I wonder if those soldiers we use to take up to Honkers on occasions lost their time towards an award? I know we certainly did in naval ships. This needs investigating..Regards,,,Ernie "D"

Title: **Re: Help with VEA schedules -**
Post by **seashells** on **Jan 2nd, 2008, 9:36am**

An excellent post Ernie

>:(

Site for previous post of information for...

**Instrument for Allotment of Persons under the Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986
Malayan Emergency 1 September 1957 to 31 July 1960
Schedule 2 Item 3**

http://www.vrb.gov.au/service_eligibility/inst60.pdf

and some further, maybe unrelated info...

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https://www.navy.gov.au/reserves/files/Reserve_News_7_April_2005_Vol12_No3.pdf

Summary on the Admiral

Admiral Ritchie's naval career really got underway when he graduated from the Royal Australian Naval College in 1968 and subsequently led to several sea commands, one of which HMAS Brisbane, resulted in his participation in the first Gulf War in the Arabian Gulf. Senior staff appointments in flag rank have seen him as Maritime Commander Australia, Deputy Chief of Navy, Head of Capability Systems and Commander Australian Theatre before promotion to Vice Admiral to head the Royal Australian Navy. During his period in uniform he demonstrated great strengths not only as a naval officer, but also as a leader and promoter of industry, to which he was particularly focused and adept at getting their best results.

[smiley=military_ship08.gif]

Title: **Re: Help with VEA schedules -**

Post by **Joe** on **Jan 3rd, 2008, 2:17am**

What a scandal!!!! Why doesn't the meedjja grab hold of that issue and give it some airplay? Looks as if RA Ritchie was a 'somebody' and one would have thought his input would have been accepted - what's that you say - Oh yes DVA and \$'s - I understand!!!!

Title: **Re: Help with VEA schedules -**

Post by **Ernie D** on **Jan 3rd, 2008, 9:32am**

To add a little bit more drama to their plot!

When it comes to the issue of an award, they know exactly what ship you served on, who the whole crew were, those that are entitled to an award, those that are not, if your warship was within the required distance off the coast, those that were not within the required distance, how many days you missed out on. They can tell you you only have 89 days not 90 or 27 not 28! or 74.5 days

But, when it comes to making a claim or trying to get the date of an incident that you witnessed and occurred, mysteriously their not sure who the crew was, dates and times become vague, records can not be found! How many times have you seen " can you get any of the crew to back up your statement" to prove this incident occurred. The dept doesn't know who the crew were!

But, you can bet your bottom dollar, when it comes to an award request, they know all who served on her, when she slid out of the required distance from the coast so as not to be awarded, no they say, she didnt slip back in the required distance on that tour, and they always know the reason your not entitled to that particular award, because they know exactly where your ship was in the ocean at any particular time, from 1955 - 1971, or so they say!

With all the interest they ever showed in us (FESR) 53 years ago and over the years since, I dont think they would have cared or known where we were at anytime to be honest! But of course now we are entitled to make a claim, they know and remember everything, especially if your not entitled. Can you remember were you were exactly back then? did you count the days you were within the required distance off the coast for an award, apparently they did, even though in those days we were not entitled to claim for active service except for army and RAAF?
Regards...Ernie "D"

*these are my thoughts only and not necessarily those of the FESR association...Ernie "D"

Title: **Re: Help with VEA schedules -**

Post by **seashells** on **Jan 3rd, 2008, 9:05pm**

Ernie... you forgot to mention WRITEWAYS >:(... who quite often refutes any claim and by firing broadsides into the veterans claim with lies and UNRESEARCHED info >:(
:-/ :-/

But everything is on RECORD right!
or is just missing conveniently for them >:(

Title: **Re: Help with VEA schedules -**

Post by **Ernie D** on **Jan 3rd, 2008, 11:37pm**

Seashells

Roger Doger spot on, need I say anymore! But I hope the ESO'S and the top lads from the FESR do, and I am sure they will. this can never be rested, but they better hurry before we all cross the bar and miss out and the grand children will never know!...

Regards.....Ernie "D"

Title: **Re: Help with VEA schedules -**

Post by **Joe** on **Jan 4th, 2008, 4:46am**

It's quite remarkable really that the records kept by Defence are so piecemeal. Seems they don't have all my medical records so, naturally enough, half the things that happened to me - didn't! Maybe I'm wrong but as a seventeen year old lad I certainly didn't think of keeping every piece of paper or making a note of absolutely everything that was going on around me at the time. I'll bet that even if I did they would still challenge it and say that because they didn't have a copy it couldn't be real!!!

You are so Right Ernie - every day that passes brings us closer to another of us passing as well - bit like Defence playing Tombola with only half the balls in the basket eh?

Title: **Re: Help with VEA schedules -**

Post by **seashells** on **Jan 4th, 2008, 10:12am**

The DVA have used Writeways to research most if not all claims and their reports always says **the incident never happened?** >:(

An interesting reading concerning **Writeway** can be found at

http://www.navalassoc.org.au/borders/DVA%20Senate%20Estimate%20Questions_June2006.pdf

go to page 38

Title: **Re: Help with VEA schedules -**

Post by **seashells** on **Jan 6th, 2008, 5:48pm**

Some bits and pieces

HMAS Melbourne became the flagship of the Australian Navy and remained so until she paid off when the flag transferred to HMAS Stalwart. In September 1956 Melbourne commenced the first of what were to be many deployments to the Far East. The Australian Government committed naval forces to the British Commonwealth Far East Strategic Reserve (Known as "Up Top" by sailors) in 1955, which provided for an annual visit from an aircraft carrier for a minimum period of 3 months. She maintained that commitment with the BCFESR (Later the FESR) and then ANZUK, and participated in many exercises conducted under the auspices of the South East Asia Treaty Organisation (SEATO). The flight deck pennant was changed to "M" and all her aircraft had the M painted on the tail. In 1958, 817 Squadron disbanded, and that October, 805 Squadron (Sea Venoms) was embarked.

From 1959 through to the late 1960s, Melbourne served in the Far East Strategic Reserve. She took part in exercises (JET & SEATO) and escorted HMAS Sydney (then used to ferry troops and vehicles) to Vietnam, although Melbourne never entered the war zone thus depriving her crew of any war service medals or DVA war service benefits.

HMAS>Melbourne 1958-59. Would urge every Member who served on the old flat top during the Malay Emergency (FESR) go to this Website.
members.optushome.com.au/hmasmelbourne/Letters_to_the_Editor.htm

As a lot of things have been changed regarding the Awarding of service medals for that Era. And you could be missing out on some of the Medals you are Entitled to. As this government will not voluntarily pass this information on to you.

HISTORICAL & SERVICE INFORMATION

<http://www.vrb.gov.au/index/aat-h04.html>

as retrieved on DEC 2007

My current writing project is a history of the RAN in Malaya and Malaysia between 1948 and 1972. From 1958 onwards RAN personnel were posted on loan to the RMN to fill a variety of billets to assist in the operation and development of the new navy. I've have decided to interview a representative selection of personnel from the RAN and RMN of that period to get their views on how the whole operation went.

While it has proven possible to track down a number of the officers through the Naval Officers Club (of which I am not a member), we are having some trouble tracing the senior sailors. Dave Ruffin suggested you as the person most likely to be able to help on this.

One difficulty is that we do not even have a complete list of who they were. Officers are listed in the records and in the Navy List, but sailors were often just referred to by their rank and category. I guess this is because most of the correspondence on the files came from DNOP and not from DSP. I have a few names, to wit:

POSN R.F. Hankinson

CPO (SV) G.A. McMahon

CEC C.F. Mitchell

PO EWR L.I. McKay
CPO SOP2 R. Crofton
CPO Rad W.A. Flynn
But there must have been many others, of both Supply and Engineering categories.

Title: **Re: Help with VEA schedules -**
Post by **jr67** on **Jan 7th, 2008, 7:12am**

Seashells I wear medals and have Vet affairs recognition for service in Vietnam aboard Melbourne the dates are as follows:

HMAS Melbourne 31.5.65-22.6.65
25.4.66-06.5.66

Port to Port 35.5.66-09.6.66

let us keep the facts right as we have enough opposition in high places... :-?

Title: **Re: Help with VEA schedules -**
Post by **seashells** on **Jan 7th, 2008, 10:25am**

JR67... No one is disputing you, what you are referring to was taken from **HMAS Melbourne, R21, 1943 to 1969** website

<http://users.gld.chariot.net.au/~dialabull/R21%20History.htm>

It refers to escorting HMAS Sydney etc and not entered war zone. However... if you had read on you would of seen this **"As a lot of things have been changed regarding the Awarding of service medals for that Era. And you could be missing out on some of the Medals you are Entitled to. As this government will not voluntarily pass this information on to you."**

I rest my case ;)

Title: **Re: Help with VEA schedules -**
Post by **Bodgie Sefton** on **Jan 7th, 2008, 12:30pm**

Rosco, Schedule 2 Item 3 relates to time spent in the Malayan Emergency after June1957. Prior to that it was Schedule 2 Item 2

Try this website if it still exists.

www.vrb.gov.au/servicr_eliigibility/shipservice.html

Title: **Re: Help with VEA schedules -**
Post by **Webmaster** on **Jan 9th, 2008, 7:26pm**

Thanks Bodgie and all - it is certainly a nest of worms - I appreciate all your comments and will do a bit more research now - can't help being a little cynical - we are granted four days towards the AASM which is rubbish as I have the official ROP's for Melbourne 1960 and she docked in Singapore three times and sailed from HMS Terror Dockyard and once sailed up to Butterworth (had to be within the 18kms limit if you look at the coast line up to Penang) so there is still many unanswered questions -
Have a Great New Year
Ross J

I can't get the darned ROP's to copy and paste but WILL - stand by

Title: **Re: Help with VEA schedules -**
Post by **ceevee** on **Jan 16th, 2008, 11:21pm**

May I just say that there is a difference in dates for awarding of medals/awards, etc and payment of pension and compensation.

The purpose of "Honours and Awards" is to recognise the service of members of the Australian Defence Force, past and present. If you served in specified areas, you may be entitled to an AWARD.

If you suffer a disability that is determined to be caused by your service, your claim is dealt with by "DVA", under the VEA Acts of 1930, 1970 up to 1986, SRCA, MCA 1994, MRCA 2004 (for service personnel injured, etc after 2004) and the MRC (Consequential and transitional Provisions) Act 2004 serving and 2004

So the ships dates for eligible service (found at the link below), has nothing to do with receiving medals. Purely for pension purposes

http://www.vrb.gov.au/service_eligibility/shipservice.html

Title: **Re: Help with VEA schedules -**
Post by **ceeveedee** on Jan 17th, 2008, 12:04am

Schedule 2 Item 3

VETERANS' ENTITLEMENTS ACT 1986 - SCHEDULE 2

Item 3.

The area comprising the territories of the countries then known as the Federation of Malaya and the Colony of Singapore, respectively.

The period from and including 1 September 1957 to and including 31 July 1960

http://www.austlii.edu.au/cgi-bin/sinodisp/au/legis/cth/consol_act/vea1986261/sch2.html?query=schedule%202

and

VETERANS' ENTITLEMENTS ACT 1986 - SECT 6D Operational service--other post World War 2 service

(1) This section applies to a member of the Defence Force who, or a member of a unit of the Defence Force that:

(a) was assigned for service:

(i) in Singapore at any time during the period from and including 29 June 1950 to and including 31 August 1957; or

(ii) in Japan at any time during the period from and including 28 April 1952 to and including 19 April 1956; or

(iii) in North East Thailand (including Ubon) at any time during the period from and including 31 May 1962 to and including 24 June 1965; or

(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;

but so applies only if the member, or the unit of the member, is included in a written instrument issued by the Defence Force for use by the Commission in determining a person's eligibility for entitlements under this Act.

(2) A person to whom this section applies is taken to have been rendering operational service during any period during which he or she was rendering continuous full-time service as:

(a) a member of the Defence Force; or

(b) a member of a unit of the Defence Force;

while the person was in the area described in paragraph (1)(a) or attached to the Far East Strategic Reserve (as the case may be).

(3) For the purposes of subsection (2), the operational service of a person to whom this section applies:

(a) is taken to have started:

(i) if the person was in Australia on the day (relevant day) from which his or her unit was assigned for service as described in paragraph (1)(a) or attached to the Far East Strategic Reserve (as the case may be)--on the day on which the member left the last port of call in Australia for that service; or

(ii) if the person was outside Australia on the relevant day--on that day; and

(b) is taken to have ended:

(i) if the member was assigned for service in another country or area outside Australia (not being an operational area)--the day from which the member was assigned to that other country or area, or the day on which the member arrived at that other area, whichever is the later; or

(ii) in any other case--the day on which the member arrived at the first port of call in Australia on returning from operational service.



Title: **Re: Help with VEA schedules -**
Post by **Ernie D** on **Jan 17th, 2008, 9:29am**

Ceeveedee/Ross

Take a look at these, interesting I hope

http://www.vrb.gov.au/service_eligibility/inst60.pdf :-/

http://www.vrb.gov.au/service_eligibility/service.html#_mala

This is the instruments signed by Admiral Ritchie, Which without his signature on an instrument, there would be no war service or DVA pension! Melbourne qualifies here for 44 days
Regards ...Ernie "D"

Title: **Re: Help with VEA schedules -**
Post by **Ernie D** on **Jan 19th, 2008, 12:34pm**

I dont see the point in the above if an official instrument says 44 days and it can be reduced to 4 days, in Melbournes case.
Ernie "D" :-/ ;) :o

Title: **Re: Help with VEA schedules -**
Post by **Webmaster** on **Jan 29th, 2008, 10:15pm**

Hi Ernie and all - thank you for your frequent and valued input. I will now take a RDO (Rostered day off) and pursue the many contacts provided - re the 4 days stated that we finally and reluctantly were awarded the AASM (for HMAS Melbourne) that is piffle and can be and will be (by me) a part of a letter to these clowns - I paid for the ROP's from the War Museum Office? and have the exact days alongside ...they either tell blatant lies or do not have a clue where to ascertain what we did - I have had three letters re the NGSM each telling me I don't qualify and each with a different reason - wonderful stuff.. I believe we did get 28 days in ..BUT ..I also believe that is not needed as I am sure the Melbournes' BWO and other areas were used in support of troops ashore and to keep ships at sea alerted to any CT activities and that would qualify those on board ..?? as per the warrant for the NGSM.. one day in support etc etc .. comments ..Thanks Ross

Title: **Re: Help with VEA schedules -**
Post by **Joe** on **Jan 30th, 2008, 3:01am**

Give 'em b*ggery mate! More power to yer. Go with a calm head and a good heart and don't let them break either no matter if it be win lose or draw - we know who is right!!!! Good luck.
Chookas
Joe

Title: **Re: Help with VEA schedules -**
Post by **seashells** on **Jan 30th, 2008, 6:32am**

Good luck with the claim and give them "HELL" but dont let them break you
cheers

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Message started by Webmaster on Jan 30th, 2008, 6:30pm

Title: **VEA appeals -time frames please**
Post by **Webmaster** on **Jan 30th, 2008, 6:30pm**

Hi All - when I got knocked back for my VEA claim for Chest - date Feb 2006 - I then said yes I want to appeal and lodged the papers to do so - since then I have seen several chest physicians and done hundreds of hours of research - The Lancet et al - now we are into two years this coming Feb since I said yes I want to fight and am nearly ready but have a 'niggle' in the back of my mind..can anyone tell me what the period is allowable for final lodgement of the appeal please - I am sure I have a letter in my files (down in Toodyay) that says 3 years is allowed ..can anyone confirm or show me where to look - after all this work I'd hate to be told - sorry too late .. I have appealed 5 points out of 11 and you only have to win one.. I'll attach the letter one day when the dust settles it may help others - Regards and Thanks to all for the support and friendship so readily available.. Ross J r

Title: **Re: VEA appeals -time frames please**
Post by **ceeveedee** on **Jan 30th, 2008, 10:27pm**

Normally the time frame for appeals is 3months or twelve months.

Go to this link then in the numeric section on left hand side of page scroll down to these facts sheets.

<http://www.dva.gov.au/factsheets/default.htm>

DP66, DP67, DP68, VRB 01, VRB02, VRB 03, VRB04, VRB 05

Sounds to me like you don't have a Trained Pension Officer or advocate working for you, as that person would have told you the procedures. Anyone who tries to do a pension on their own is likely to run into problems.

Anyway read those fact sheets, but I would suggest you will have to submit a new claim, and in doing so, if your case is then successful you will only have your payment backdated for three months prior to the date your new claim is received by DVA. Sorry I can not give you better news.

If you have been in ongoing contact with DVA re this claim, you should receive back pay from the original claim (2006 and three months back pay.)

Title: **Re: VEA appeals -time frames please**
Post by **ceeveedee** on **Jan 30th, 2008, 10:33pm**

I forgot to add

Quote:

I have appealed 5 points out of 11 and you only have to win one..

Not sure what you mean with this one?. You can only appeal the original decision, which states clearly the reasons for the decision, on the first page of your decision letter.

Title: **Re: VEA appeals -time frames please**
Post by **Joe** on **Feb 1st, 2008, 5:49am**

So many aspects..they make it so hard..it's so wrong!
It's not as if they are asking a fit young person to pursue these avenues - it's just wrong.

Title: **Re: VEA appeals -time frames please**
Post by **Webmaster** on **Feb 2nd, 2008, 3:40pm**

Thanks all I really appreciate your advices and help - this is what makes this website a great place to meet and share and help each other - as we can see there are so many areas and corners they don't tell you about but pushing ahead and will keep you all advised of the outcome - if I could add an attachment as a sample of what I am presenting I will - Best regards Ross

Title: **Re: VEA appeals -time frames please**
Post by **Joe** on **Feb 2nd, 2008, 11:53pm**

"PS:...Dont show your hand till the dealin's done" now where have I heard that recently.....

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General >> Bulletin Board >> just hello

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Message started by leslea on Jan 9th, 2008, 11:11am

Title: **just hello**

Post by **leslea** on Jan 9th, 2008, 11:11am

[smiley=happy.gif] [smiley=grin.gif] Hello

Dropping in to say hi to all

we are experiencing pretty hot weather crying out for rain

all lawns and gardens dried up and seeing the Mighty Murray so low here is scary you can walk across it

Too hot for golf A/C gets work out so does the P/C ;D

Are there a few of the girls around here could have a chat about the hedge or something nice was advised that chocolates or tim tams bring out the girls but I would much prefer a nice Dry White or Champers !

Cheers Leslea

Title: **Re: just hello**

Post by **Cyril Doc Rice** on Jan 13th, 2008, 8:50am

:)

Just in case you think that you were being ignored, I can tell you that is not the case, so welcome aboard.

You appear to arrived at the moment the site was due to undergo a remake.

So two fresh faces.....good sign for the future ;) ;)

Title: **Re: just hello**

Post by **DofExB** on Jan 13th, 2008, 3:07pm

Greetings Leslea and welcome to the FESR Visitors Log. You indeed arrived at a time when the board was undergoing a major upgrade. Hopefully things will settle down and you'll get a little more feedback as the regulars drift back to shore.

As for myself, I'll take the Tim Tams!

[smiley=word_mmmmchocolate.gif]

p.s. feel free to update your profile at any time via the Dry Dock, I recently introduced a number of new avatars for both males and females.

Title: **Re: just hello**

Post by **Joe** on Feb 6th, 2008, 3:28am

Hey Leslea,

You still out there or did the Champers and chockies do you in?

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General >> Bulletin Board >> Ex-Pussers in USA ANZAC Memorial / Meet & Greet

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Message started by Les_Figg on Feb 7th, 2008, 5:50am

Title: **Ex-Pussers in USA ANZAC Memorial / Meet & Greet**

Post by **Les_Figg** on Feb 7th, 2008, 5:50am

For those who have not heard of me, I am an ex-Pussers Greenie living in Santa Clara, CA (ex-Adelaide), I served from July 1963 until November 1969, serving in HMAS Sdney, Hawk and Perth.

For the past 4 years I have organized am Meet & Greet which turned into an ANZAC Memorial held in Cayucos, CA. We have a core group of 12 regular participants, with 4 or 5 others who have been once or more.

We welcome any and all ex-Pussers to participate.

PS: If you know of any ex-Pussers living in the US, please pass on my contact details.

Well, it's that time again....

I have just spoken with management at Cayucos Beach Inn about reservations for the weekend of April 25/26. Unfortunately, they are pretty full that weekend and can't accommodate us. I have therefore made a tentative reservation for the previous weekend – April 18/19.

Please get back to me ASAP with your intentions regarding participation this year, and that the 4/18-19 date is OK?

I hope this finds everyone well, as are Lynne & I.

Looking forward to hearing from you.

Best Regards,
Les

Title: **Re: Ex-Pussers in USA ANZAC Memorial / Meet & Greet**
Post by **oldmech** on **Feb 10th, 2008, 3:31pm**

Les,

Over the past few years I have always admired your work in gathering any of our countrymen who are in the States together for Anzac Day.
Again this year I wish you well with this enterprise.
Unfortunately I don't know any ex-pats in your area mate, so am unable to help personally.

CoIN

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General >> Bulletin Board >> Ahhhhhh That's better

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Message started by **Joe** on **Feb 12th, 2008, 11:03am**

Title: **Ahhhhhh That's better**
Post by **Joe** on **Feb 12th, 2008, 11:03am**

ZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZ!!!!

Chookas
Joe WHITE
Happy?

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Message started by **Bob Witt** on **Feb 7th, 2008, 8:16pm**

Title: **F.A.A Reunion Itinerary information updated 6 February 2008**
Post by **Bob Witt** on **Feb 7th, 2008, 8:16pm**

This year, 2008, will mark the 60th anniversary of the founding of the Fleet Air Arm, and two major air days and a reunion are being planned. Hundreds of serving and former FAA members are expected to gather at Nowra for the

day will be published as it becomes available. At this time, the plans are:

Wednesday, October 22: 0900 - 1500 White Ensign Club (WEC), registrations

Thursday, October 23:

0900 - 1200 registrations WEC

1000: Dolphin Watch Cruise (arrange own transport - pay on entry) - Huskisson

1300: Ordnance mini reunion - Bomaderry RSL Club

1700: SE / Photographers mini reunion - Worrigeer Sports Club

1800 - 2030: Wardroom Cocktail Party - HMAS Albatross Wardroom

TBA: Pensacola aircrew mini reunion - time and venue still not decided

Friday, October 24:

1000, 1100, 1300, 1400: Coach tours Albatross, 2 coaches each trip

1000: Dolphin Watch Cruise (make own way)

1300: Engines / Airframes mini reunion - Bomaderry RSL Club

1300: Photographer's BBQ - Ron Bachelor's residence

1930: Beat to Quarters - Entrance to Shoalhaven Entertainment Centre

1800 - 2300: Anniversary dinner - Shoalhaven Entertainment Centre - coaches leave from Stuart's depot for pickups.

Combined group, serving members and FAAA

Saturday, October 25:

0900 - 1030: Federal Council Meeting WEC

1000 - 1600: Reunion BBQ - WEC area, buses will leave depot (Stuarts Coaches) at 0900 for Museum and return from Museum at 1630. Air show 1100, lunch from 1230, drinks provided.

1300: Aircraft Handlers mini reunion - Bomaderry RSL Club

1800 - 2300: NSW annual dinner, Bomaderry Bowling Club. Coaches leave depot at 1715, returning home at 2315

1900: Aircrew man's mini reunion - HMAS Albatross Senior Sailors Mess

Sunday, October 26:

0900: Reunion Church Service - Lawn service at the WEC (all denominations)

1000: Air Show - BBQ lunch starts at 1230 - liquid refreshments are being catered for by WEC

Golf: The following golf clubs are in the local area - Nowra, Worrigeer Sportsman's Club, Worrigeer Golf Course

Bowls: There are a number of bowling clubs in the local area if anyone wishes to have a 'roll up'.

There may be some minor changes but this program is almost set in concrete.

Contacts for further information

General information: Greg Wise, email gregwise@pacific.net.au, or Denis Mulvihill, email djmulvi@shoal.net.au

Safety equipment/photographer reunion: Phil Robertson or Ron Batchelor, email ronbatch@shoalhaven.net.au

Aircraft handlers reunion - Alec Stevens - phone 4421 4104 or email

Engines/airframes reunion - Don Parkinson, phone 4421 8695 or email jandon39@hotmail.com

Aircrewman's reunion - CPOA Grant Jesser (02) 4424 3805 or email Grant.Jesser@defence.gov.au

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Title: **Re: F.A.A Reunion Itinerary information updated 6 February 2008**

Post by **leslea** on **Feb 7th, 2008, 8:49pm**

I went to the 50th reunion there were heaps of ex-wrns there we had a ball is the provisions for us again ? :-?also what about all other rates :question

Title: **Re: F.A.A Reunion Itinerary information updated 6 February 2008**

Post by **Bob Witt** on **Feb 12th, 2008, 12:03pm**

I would assume that it will be as before [smiley=event_celebration02.gif]

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General >> Bulletin Board >> Remember the Shoe Bomber

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Message started by Webmaster on Jan 9th, 2008, 6:46pm

Title: **Remember the Shoe Bomber**

Post by **Webmaster** on **Jan 9th, 2008, 6:46pm**

Hi All - I don't ordinarily get into this sending of American Court decisions but this one should have made headlines everywhere but of course didn't - Have a Great Australian New Year - Ross

Remember the guy who got on a plane with a bomb built into his shoe sole and then tried to light it?

Did you know his trial is over?

Did you know he was sentenced?***

Did you see/hear any of the judge's comments on TV or radio?

Didn't think so.**

* Everyone should hear what the judge had to say,**

**

Ruling by Judge William Young, US District Court.***

Prior to sentencing, the Judge asked the defendant, Richard Reid, if he had anything to say. His response: After admitting his guilt to the court for the record, Reid also admitted his "allegiance to Osama bin Laden, to Islam, and to the religion of Allah," defiantly stating, "I think I will not apologize for my actions," and told the court "I am at war with y our country."

Judge Young then delivered the statement quoted below:***

January 30, 2003, United States vs. Reid.**

** Judge Young.**

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"Mr. Richard C. Reid, hearken now to the sentence the Court imposes upon you. **

On counts 1, 5 and 6 the Court sentences you to life in prison in the custody of the United States Attorney General. On counts 2, 3, 4 and 7, the Court sentences you to 20 years in prison on each count, the sentence on each count to run consecutively. (That's 80 years.)

On count 8 the Court sentences you to the mandatory 30 years again, to be served consecutively to the 80 years just imposed. The Court imposes upon you for each of the eight counts a fine of \$250,000 that's an aggregate fine of \$2 million. The Court accepts the government's recommendation with respect to restitution and orders restitution in the amount of \$298.17 to Andre Bousquet and \$5,784 to American Airlines.

The Court imposes upon you an \$800 special assessment.**

** The Court imposes upon you five years supervised release simply because the law requires it. But the life sentences are real life sentences so I need go no further. **

This is the sentence that is provided for by our statutes. It is a fair and just sentence. It is a righteous sentence.

Now, let me explain this to you. We are not afraid of you or any of your terrorist co-conspirators, Mr. Reid. We are Americans. We have been through the fire before. There is too much war talk here and I say that to everyone with the utmost respect. Here in this court, we deal with individuals as individuals and care for individuals as individuals. As human beings, we reach out for justice.

You are not an enemy combatant. You are a terrorist. You are not a soldier in any war. You are a terrorist. To give you that reference, to call you a soldier, gives you far too much stature. Whether the officers of government do it or your attorney does it, or if you think you are a soldier. You are not, you are a terrorist. And we do not negotiate with terrorists. We do not meet with terrorists. We do not sign documents with terrorists. We hunt them down one by one and bring them to justice.

So war talk is way out of line in this court. You are a big fellow. But you are not that big. You're no warrior. I've known warriors.. You are a terrorist, a species of criminal that is guilty of multiple attempted murders. In a very real sense, State Trooper Santiago had it right when you first were taken off that plane and into custody and you wondered where the press and the TV crews were, and he said: 'You're no big deal.'

You are no big deal.**

What your able counsel and what the equally able United States attorneys have grappled with and what I have, as honestly as I know how, tried to grapple with is why you did something so horrific. What was it that led you here to this courtroom today?

I have listened respectfully to what you have to say. And I ask you to search your heart and ask yourself what sort of unfathomable hate led you to do what you are guilty and admit you are guilty of doing? And, I have an

it comes as close to understanding as I know.

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**It seems to me you hate the one thing that to us is most precious. You hate our freedom. Our individual freedom. Our individual freedom to live as we choose, to come and go as we choose, to believe or not believe as we individually choose. Here, in this society, the very wind carries freedom. It carries it everywhere from sea to shining sea. It is because we prize individual freedom so much that you are here in this beautiful courtroom. So that everyone can see, truly see, that justice is administered fairly, individually, and discreetly. It is for freedom's sake that your lawyers are striving so vigorously on your behalf, have filed appeals, will go on in their representation of you before other judges. **

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We Americans are all about freedom. Because we all know that the way we treat you, Mr. Reid, is the measure of our own liberties. Make no mistake though. It is yet true that we will bear any burden; pay any price, to preserve our freedoms. Look around this courtroom. Mark it well. The world is not going to long remember what you or I say here. The day after tomorrow, it will be forgotten, but this, however, will long endure.

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Here in this courtroom and courtrooms all across America, the American people will gather to see that justice, individual justice, justice, not war, individual justice is in fact being done. The very President of the United States through his officers will have to come into courtrooms and lay out evidence on which specific matters can be judged and juries of citizens will gather to sit and judge that evidence democratically, to mold and shape and refine our sense of justice. **

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See that flag, Mr. Reid? That's the flag of the United States of America. That flag will fly there long after this is all forgotten. That flag stands for freedom. And it always will.

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Mr. Custody Officer. Stand him down."

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So, how much of this Judge's comments did we hear on our TV sets? We need more judges like Judge Young, but that's another subject. Pass this around. Everyone needs to hear what this fine judge had to say. Powerful words that strike home. God bless America!

Title: **Re: Remember the Shoe Bomber**
Post by **Barney_Barnett** on **Jan 10th, 2008, 7:11am**

I don't know how you find some of these things Ross, but I enjoyed that one. I could nearly hear America the Beautiful playing in the background. Wouldn't it be nice if we had Judges and SMs with that sort of guts in our system. :(
Take care folks,
Barney :)

Title: **Re: Remember the Shoe Bomber**
Post by **sluggo** on **Feb 15th, 2008, 9:43am**

its just as well he didnt do it here in Australia, because the judge would have slapped him on the wrist and told him to go outside and steal a car and go home and not be a naughty boy again, we need some of those judges here,,,,regards,,,Shep

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Message started by Ernie D on Feb 14th, 2008, 1:52pm

Title: **Pusses photo's**
Post by **Ernie D** on **Feb 14th, 2008, 1:52pm**

Can any member of the crew, inform me as to /or if, pusses kept the photo's that were taken of ships crews. I realise there would be a hell of a lot if they did! However, I am hoping there may be a chance they might have.
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Ernie "D"

Title: **Re: Pusses photo's**
Post by **ceeveedee** on **Feb 14th, 2008, 7:08pm**

Ernie,

If you mention any particular ship you might find someone out there with one you are looking for. Try the Naval Museum at Cerberus and ther Navy News.

Title: **Re: Pusses photo's**
Post by **Bob Witt** on **Feb 14th, 2008, 8:15pm**

Ernie,
ceeveedee could be right ,in all my time I was never involved maybe the Carriers had to manyhands? Just a thought maybe there is a Naval Phot website that could help.

Title: **Re: Pusses photo's**
Post by **Ernie D** on **Feb 16th, 2008, 7:25am**

Thanks Crew Will check it out and post results, just in case any more old salts like me, who may be looking for past photographs in navy time, years gone by...
Much appreciated...Ernie "D" [smiley=3D_photo.gif]

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Message started by Rosco on Feb 18th, 2008, 6:13pm

Title: **Atomic Test in Monte Bellos ADF Medal**
Post by **Rosco** on **Feb 18th, 2008, 6:13pm**

Hi All from a mate of mine in the USA -
I read in the latest issue of Navy News that ADF is issuing a medal to all those who took part in the Atomic tests in the Montebello's. Something there about including those that were involved in the monitoring
Anyone know anything about it or is it scuttlebutt ?
Regards to All
Ross J

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Message started by Bob Witt on Feb 19th, 2008, 11:01am

Title: **Out with the Pen and Pencils**
Post by **Bob Witt** on **Feb 19th, 2008, 11:01am**

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Message started by DofExB on Feb 10th, 2008, 12:23pm

Title: **Reminder: Forum Rules**
Post by **DofExB** on **Feb 10th, 2008, 12:23pm**

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