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A Note from the Editors

G'Day from Up-Top!

With our Unit Ready Workup behind us we are now well and truly in the middle of our Up-Top Deployment. The ports of Surabaya in Indonesia and Georgetown, Penang in Malaysia are behind us as we continue on our tour of duty. At the time of writing we are currently in Singapore before we depart on Exercises with the naval forces of Malaysia, Singapore, New Zealand and the United Kingdom. *Ballarat* continues to be in company with HMAS *Parramatta* and HMNZ Ships *Te Mana* and *Te Kaha*, just as we were off the WA coast in March. The only difference now is that we have more ships to play war games with. On completion of our exercises there will be time for another port visit or two before we return to Sydney once more. Then get ready for Sea Swap Mk II. That's right dear reader; the mighty *Ballarat* crew will become the Spectacular *Parramatta* crew and vice-versa on return to Sydney. This chance for the two ships to work-up and sail in company should ensure a much smoother transition the second time around.

Don't worry though, *Parramatta* also has a newsletter. It doesn't matter whether you follow the crew or the platform, we've got you covered. Until then, enjoy your month's edition of the Eureka Shaft.

From the Captain's Chair.....

Welcome to our South East Asian version of your Eureka, Shaft, written to you from the South China Sea and as we commence the long run home. Though many might not believe (no....we haven't just been up here as tourists) it has indeed been an incredibly busy period for us as we move through our commitments supporting wider Australian government initiatives in Indonesia, Malaysia and Singapore. As we bade farewell to the sunny (and dry) climes of Perth and pushed North it was apparent that many of your loved ones had not had the benefit of being "Up Top", this being Navy parlance for South East Asia. This was never more evident as when we received our visit from King Neptune and his court as we crossed the equator to bring the shellbacks before the court and become polliwogs. More on this later. For many, a good exchange rate and the lure of a variety of food have been a wonderful change to doing naval exercises. Most will be coming home with tales of chilli crab, nasi goreng and a satays being the order of the day. It has been the culinary delight. For those on the bridge, it meant that life got a whole lot busier as we went from the relatively quiet sea lanes of Australia to the busiest piece of water in the world carrying the lifeblood of the world's economies; the Malacca Strait. There has been some issues with people getting places on the DCO family cruise this weekend due to where they live. I have contacted DCO and they note that DCO Sydney is only applicable to people living in the immediate city area. For those in Parramatta, Liverpool and North of Chatswood, you have your own DCO contacts who will be able to assist. Thankfully, our contact officer at DCO Sydney who has been supporting us throughout the deployment, has been able to assist in getting a few more on the cruise. I trust that this provides some small support. As you will note from my previous forewards, we have set a date for families day on Friday 24 June and for the *Ballarat* ball at the Sydney Hilton, Saturday 25 June. This is part of our last hurrah with *Ballarat* as we get ready to Sea Swap to HMAS *Parramatta* and begin another journey. I would love to see you all there at one or both of these engagements. Ask your loved one for details. Again as always my great thanks for your support as we continue to go through a busy 2011. Most importantly I trust that this finds you well, and to all our mums out there, Happy Mothers Day for Sunday 08 May; we are all thinking of you. Terimah Kasi, See you later and....enjoy your Eureka Shaft.



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Surabaya Port Visit

By LSCSOAC Neale Merrick

A.k.a. "FREDDIE SIERRA 388"

Surabaya is Indonesia's second largest city, and boasts a population of a little over 2.7 million. It is the capital of the province of East Java, located on its northern shore at the mouth of the Mas River.

The name Surabaya is derived from the Javanese words 'Sura' meaning shark, and 'Baya' meaning whale. The locals believe these two creatures fought each other long ago to gain the title of the strongest animal in the area.

To Indonesians, Surabaya is known as the city of heroes. Some say its due to the importance of the battle of Surabaya in galvanising Indonesian Independence, other say its because of six members of HMAS *Ballarat* who saved a young ladies car which had wound up precariously perched on the precipice of disaster (about a metre high ledge). With budgie smugglers well and truly hidden under suitable attire, and not a second thought, the band of brothers heaved the car back to safety to the roaring applause of onlookers. Some will tell you it was just a Nissan Micra, but whatever it was, I'll tell you right now that the only reason it is still driving today is due to the humanitarian super human efforts of those fine young men in animal hats.



Those fine young Samaritans in animal hats

But I digress... Surabaya is one of the largest commercial ports in Southeast Asia. The transit into the port included numerous warning blasts on the ships horn, and *Ballarat* weaving through merchant ships like an afternoon drive home from work on the Eastern Distributor.

Climate wise, Surabaya features a tropical wet and dry climate, with distinct wet and dry seasons, put quiet simply it's hot, really hot, and sticky. And when it's been sticky for too long it rains flat out, still maintaining hotness, and then maybe an hour or two later its back to being hot and sticky.



As far as language goes, most citizens speak a dialect of Javanese. When it came to street traders or took-took drivers, the words they didn't understand were 'no', 'too much', and a blatant disregard for personal space.

Surabaya's economy is quiet strong being such a large trading port; the IDR (rupee) is valued at roughly 9089 IDR to a single AUD. It was hard trying to constantly explain this to Clubs who could not grasp the concept and tried to repay me 20 dollars Aust with one 10,000 Rupee bank note (about AU\$10).

The Surabaya night life was ripe with well behaved sailors belting out mellow beats such as Bryan Adams, Extreme, Foreigner and of course Bon Jovi at one of the many local Karaoke bars. A far sight from a traditional karaoke bar, in this instance it was a building with forty different rooms where you hire the room and sing amongst one another with no interaction with other like minded groups. And yes, the CD will be on sale close to return to Australia.

Surabaya was a good non-expensive way to start the overseas portion of our trip. Much fun was had by all, and *Ballarat* represented the navy well both in and out of uniform. The Fleet Commander attended *Ballarat's* cocktail party and was impressed by the professionalism showed by all personal involved. For now we are a day out of Penang (at time of writing) where I'm sure there will be much more to report on.

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Penang Port Visit

By LEUT Brett Davis

Penang was a busy and rewarding port for the Ballarat crew. Here are just a few of the things that happened over the Easter and ANZAC weekend.

Giving a Helping Hand

HMAS *Ballarat* recently arrived in Penang, Malaysia to conduct a port visit over the Easter weekend. Whilst most of their families and friends back home enjoyed the long weekend and all that goes with it, some of *Ballarat's* crew were hard at it helping to assist those in need.

On Saturday the 23rd of April, members of *Ballarat's* Ships Company volunteered to assist Royal Malaysian Navy (RMN) personnel as part of their community outreach program. The aim of project was to help make repairs and commence restoration to the wooden parts of a house, as well as clean up the surrounding area.



Work begun, with walls and half the roof removed

The house belongs to single mother Rahani Pokok Machang, who has struggled to maintain the house she and her four children reside in since her husband passed away in 2005. The roof leaked whenever it rained resulting in damage to the electrical wiring, and two of the main supporting pillars were infested with termites.

After making their way to the site, the *Ballarat* crew were welcomed and work commenced with removal of the existing walls, floor and roof, leaving only the bare support structure intact. The local District Minister attended and welcomed CMDR Blackburn and his crew to Malaysia with an official exchange of gifts.

Then it was back into the swing of things replacing two of the pillars before replacing the floorboards on the second level. Whilst awaiting the delivery of the roofing material, everyone was treated to a banquet of local Malay food

that whilst spicier than many were accustomed to, proved to be a huge hit.



Group photo after clean-up, prior to rebuild

It was unfortunate that only a little over half of the roofing was repaired before the afternoon monsoonal rains arrived causing the cessation of work for the remainder



The Buffer takes charge of the chiselling on the main post





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of the day. RMN personnel assured everyone that the work would continue without *Ballarat* in the coming days and heartfelt thanks and goodbyes were exchanged.

Football Follow-up

Ballarat was also challenged to a soccer match in Penang against local RMN personnel on the morning of Sunday the 24th of April. It was a mini-reunion of sorts, with members from each team having spent the previous day together repairing the house.

At full time the scores were locked at two goals apiece, so the decision was made to play an extra twenty minutes to gain a result. Unfortunately for *Ballarat* the locals managed to score an additional three goals in the period to claim victory on the day.

Ballarat's soccer captain LSMT Brian Compagnoni praised the RMN side for their skill, tenacity and exemplary sportsmanship.

Lest We Forget

Malaysia has long been an Australian ally in times of war and peace. Both nations are members of the Five Power Defence Arrangements (FPDA) that exist between Australia, Malaysia, Singapore, New Zealand and the United Kingdom. FPDA is part of a regional security initiative that has been in place for nearly 40 years. This visit was a lead up to *Ballarat's* involvement in exercise Mastex and Bersama Shield; joint military exercises held between the five countries to help maintain local security and strengthen the bonds between our nations that go back World War II.



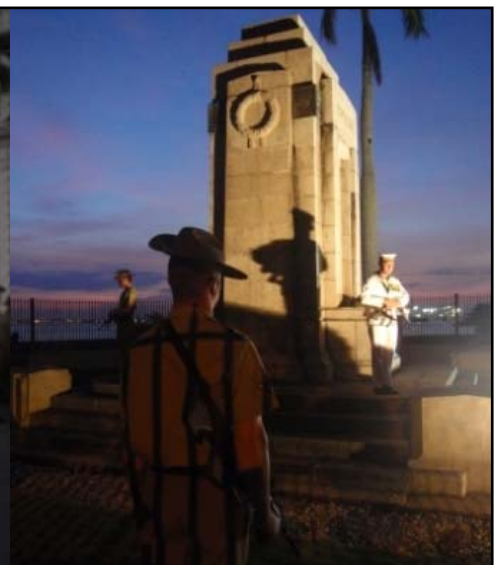
Senior Australian and Allied Defence Force personnel

Ballarat's crew enjoyed an Anzac Day Dawn Service at the Cenotaph at picturesque Fort Cornwallis in Georgetown. Also in attendance were Army and Air Force personnel stationed in Penang, as well as representatives from the New Zealand Defence Force. All personnel that could be spared eagerly attended the Ceremony, and *Ballarat's* very own LSBM Brett Howard contributed to official proceedings as part of the catafalque party.

After the Service was completed personnel were invited back to the 'Hostie'; the Australian All Ranks Club in Penang for a traditional gunfire breakfast. The hospitality displayed by local Australian, New Zealand and Malaysian military personnel was a true representation of mateship, and a fitting tribute to the Anzac spirit.



(Left): Ballarat personnel on parade at the ANZAC Dawn Service.



(Right): LSBM Brett Howard as part of the Catafalque Party.

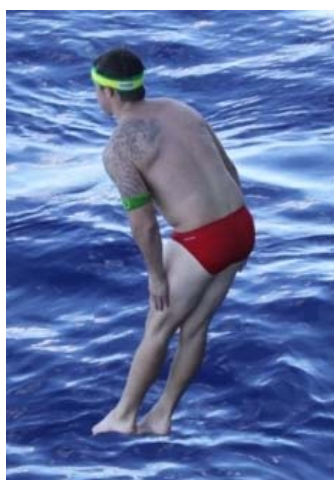


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From ASAC's to BBBB's, come join me on the couch with LSCSOAC Neale Merrick?

By LSMT Scott Giffin

His extreme good looks cause his body temp to rise, bringing on waves and waves of perspiration, thus leading to his choice of 1980's sporting attire. Let's learn more about the life of Neale Merrick.

Editor's Note: The views expressed in this interview, particularly about the Clearance Diver course and 'Budgie Smugglers', are not indicative of the views of the remainder of the Ballarat crew. In fact they are unlikely to be the views of anyone that has not had their budgie smuggler drawstring done up way too tight.

So, where did it all begin, what influenced you to join the navy?

I'm from a family heavily involved in defence, at the time I was the son of a RAAF WO (old man) and CPL (old duck) and brother to a Fighter PILOT and LSCSO. So aside from their influence it was this or a bakers apprentice and not sure if I could manage the early starts... turns out I can, because I do plenty of shift work here.

So rumours are you're an ASAC, what exactly does this entail?

An ASAC stands for Anti Submarine Anti surface Aircraft controller, basically aside from meaning I'm a

dreamboat, I control Aircraft such as S70B and AP3C in tactical or non tactical environments. Or in basic terms I use the aircraft as a weapon to find and attack submarines so that we (the ship) don't have to get too close.

Is it true it's the hardest course in the navy?

No not quite, ASAC Course has the second highest failure rate of all junior sailor courses, second only to Clearance diver, now seriously how mentally demanding do you think clearance diver course is? Having said that all ASAC's who successfully complete the course get a 'Freddie' number. Mine is 388, and at this time I believe there have only ever been 392. Less than 50 of these are still active.

You boost around in tennis rig quite a bit. Is there some underlying fetish, or do you just sweat a lot?

Hmmm by tennis rig I think your referring to PT rig. As for sweat I wouldn't say I sweat abnormally, however sweating is the body's natural cooling system. What happens is small droplets of sweat seep through the pores and onto the surface of the skin and when a breeze hits the sweat droplets it cools the body surface. Now assuming that I'm always hot... (No debates there, very good, I'll carry on.) I would always be excreting small droplets of fluid to try and cool myself down. It's a vicious cycle that will never be solved until I become not hot...

And what's with you and clubs bringing back the budgies?

Ah budgie smugglers, well in all honesty, Matty "Hollywood" Croese and I have started the *Ballarat* Boys Bringing Back Budgies or BBBB's for short, its a worthwhile cause where, extremely ridiculously good looking males parade around at swimex's, hotel lobbies, night clubs, etc, in nothing but their Speedo's. I understand that this concept maybe hard for members of the general public to understand but they simply aren't as ridiculously good looking as us. I know you understand Giffo...

And furthermore, Matty and I are not life partners.

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Spin us your fave Warrie.

Hmmm as far as Warriees go, most of those that immediately spring to mind may not be received that well by this magazine, so I'll spin a couple of clean family orientated ones.

My mother was working at defence force recruiting for a period of about three years. In that time she managed to wrangle her three sons as well as her best friends two sons into the defence force...

I'd say defence owes her commission!

Aside from that, in my six years in the navy I have been lucky enough to play numerous sports, overseas and at home, and cross deck to three different nation's ships. I was landed ashore on a deserted island in the Great Barrier Reef for a day, have visited more than 8 different countries and sailed into every major harbour in Australia. All this before reaching the age of 25... How good is the Puss! That leads me into the next answer.

Where will we be seeing you in the future?

You'll be seeing me on here being jovial as always, excessive clothes optional of-course, hopefully MR behind us and sailing to the gulf for the next chapter of new and exciting adventures.

And finally my last word is this, have you guys ever noticed that it is easy to get over whelmed, or even under whelmed, but you can never be just whelmed... Let us ponder this...

This is Neale "The Voice" Merrick, your "Freddie Sierra 388" signing off.

Ummm, thanks Neale.

Editor's Note: Cross decking involves a few selected members of the crew being afforded the opportunity to visit another ship (typically a foreign ally's warship) whilst at sea. Usually the two ships will exchange personnel, be it for a few hours or (much less commonly) a few days onto their deck. Hence, the expression: cross deck.

Typically there is not of opportunity to conduct cross decking.

Jack Speak

The Matelot's Dictionary

Old School Jack Speak!

ADRIFT – This is the accepted Naval word for anyone or anything that cannot be found when it is wanted.

AVAST – Avast! means Hold! Enough! Finish! It comes from the Italian word "Basta".

BLEAT – A Naval slang word for a grumble, used as both noun and verb.

DHOBEY – Services' slang name for Laundry - both the firm who does the work and the materials which are washed; from Hindustani.

DOGSBODY – Common slang name for someone of very little importance.

GOFFER – Naval name for a non-alcoholic drink such as lemonade. Another more modern meaning is giving a salute (chucking Sir a Goffer).

THE GOLDEN RIVET – An old mythological story was that one of the rivets in the lower parts of the ship's hull was made of gold. The golden rivet is as fabulous as the Key of the Starboard watch and a left handed screwdriver and, like them, has covered many a new entry with confusion. In other words, it didn't exist.

GONG – Common slang name for medals and decorations.

MAKE-AND-MEND OR A MAKERS – The official naval name for a half day off. It comes from the old pipe "Hands to Make and Mend Clothes", the traditional occupation for the hands when no official ship's work is to be carried out.

THE OGGIN – Modern sailors' slang for the sea; it is said to be derived from Hogwash, though some assert that it comes from a mispronouncement of Ocean.

RABBITS – Naval slang name given to articles taken, or intended to be taken, ashore privately. Originally "rabbits" were things taken ashore improperly (i.e. theft or smuggling - the name arose from the ease with which tobacco, etc., could be concealed in the inside of a dead rabbit) but with the passage of time the application of the word has spread to anything taken ashore; or more recently, anything taken from ashore.



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Club's Corner

By LSPT Matty Croese



Not quite sure where Clubs was going with the last edition? Does eclectic translate as confusing to you? If so then turn the page now! Look away before you are hooked, because from here on you will have no chance!

Is this a new fad, or is it here to stay? Am I too old? How much does it cost? Is it illegal? What if someone I know is involved? What is the 'ideal' bed and jump height? All burning questions which I am sure this will only raise further discussion. Read on for some insight to a rapidly growing and popular way to express yourself...

The Real Art of MES: A.k.a. Bed Jump or Die!

"When I grow up, I want to be as boring as I can!" OK, who says that? Who just allowed themselves to grow up? Remember the first time you did something, whether you got it straight away or not, and it made you feel free? Free to express your inner self like a peacock on an ice bender? That was how I felt the first time I started Mattress

Expression Sessions (MES). Although with the younger crowd continuing to push the limits and aim for the roof, it's now known as Bed Jumping (BJ-ing).

The part that I like the most about the MES, is that anyone can do it. Run as fast as you can to the bedroom, launch yourself up in the air and onto your bed. Land in a heap of pillows, doonas, and anything else you would have got the wooden spoon for. For the split seconds you get to be in the air, you will believe me. Lay there... and just think about what you just did. Were you liberated? Are you confused about feeling so awesome for being so childish? GOOD!

Do you know what I did in a seven star hotel (Marina Bay Sands Singapore)? **MES!** That's right! I squatted like a dragon, flew like weasel and got high like a G6. The landing wasn't great artistically speaking, but then again I don't think it's meant to be. What is important is that whilst you are gravity free you pull a face, or wear something ridiculous (like a bath robe), or maybe even strike a pose.

The highlight was the lad's faces and laughter that made it well worth the seven star price tag attached to our room. Whilst this time I didn't initiate the activity, I was an active participant. Participation dear reader is the key to MES/BJ-ing, just like life itself.

So:

Q: Is this a new fad, or is it here to stay?

A: Firstly: No, secondly: its here to stay. It's inevitable. You can't fight progress, City Hall, or Ninja's for that matter!!

Q: Am I too old?

A: Only if you want to be! Life be in it!

Q: How much does it cost?

A: Firstly, the hotel/motel etc. Secondly, on the ridiculous chance of actually breaking something around you, yourself, or the bed, the sky is the limit (see Marina Bay Sands (Singapore)).

Q: Is it illegal?

A: Thanks for the question wet blanket!

Q: What if someone I know is involved?

A: Join in and express yourself.

Q: What is the 'ideal' bed and jump height?

A: Any kind of bed/mattress will do, and a high as you can! Remember (if you are old enough), Norm from the 'Life be in it' TV advertisements. Was there a message, all those years ago that needs to be reinvigorated? It wasn't just about getting outside, it was about living life.

Bed Jump or DIE!



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Top Tips to Stay on Top ... The Royal Australian Navy Central Canteen Fund (RANCCF)



The Royal Australian Navy Central Canteen Fund (RANCCF) aims to provide all RAN members with sustainable recreational and lifestyle benefits. Many RANCCF benefits are now accessible to all members online. These include links to sites such as RANCCF Navy Ticketing, which provides members with discounted tickets to major events such as sports and theatre.

You can also access Salt, your online shopping facility for Navy memorabilia, gifts & promotional products. SALT offers Australian Navy personnel an array of quality products suitable for a variety of uses. You can select from a wide range of Navy branded products, specific ship or establishment products, or choose your own unique product to brand. SALT ensures all members have access to quality products at the lowest possible price that also assists in promoting a consistent, professional Navy image. All profits from SALT go to supporting our own people.

In need of a holiday at a discount price, the RANCCF has you covered with the *Armed Forces Vacation Club*® (AFVC). The AFVC is a "space available" program that offers military and other Department of Defence-affiliated personnel the opportunity to enjoy vacations at popular destinations around the world – for incredibly low prices. Those eligible and their family and friends have access to spacious accommodations at more than 3,500 resorts, apartments, condominiums and homes in more than 80 countries.

Stay with your loved ones at a beachfront resort in Mexico, a well-appointed cabin in the Canadian Rockies, or a centuries old home in the English countryside. Take your leave at a do-everything resort near Orlando's theme parks, Greece's ancient ruins or Tuscany's rolling hills. With *Armed Forces Vacation Club*, your vacation options span the globe.

Never been a big fan of the overseas holiday or just need a short change in scenery? The RANCCF now owns and operates many Holiday Parks in Australia. This means they can offer you up to 25% off 3 or 4 star holiday accommodation.

Finally the RANCCF offers many financial initiatives to help Navy members and their families. They do this through the RAN Relief Trust Fund (RTF). The RANRTF provides assistance in the form of General Purpose Loans of up to \$4,000, as well as Special Loans of up to \$3,000 for medical and dental, legal, funeral, unexpected domestic debt and education expenses. They also offer Home Management Services Grants of up to \$2,000 and Family Support Services Loans of up to \$3,000.

As a non-public Fund, the RANRTF does not receive funding from the Defence Budget. The only sources of income for the fund are donations from the RANCCF and interest accrued from investments.

In 2009/10 the RANCCF made the following major grants:

1. \$298,000 to the Navy Sports Council,
2. \$110,747 to the Royal Australian Navy Relief Trust Fund (RANRTF),
3. \$22,260 to various Naval Establishments, and
4. \$6,500 to Christmas Raffle.

To learn more and access these great deals and benefits, head to the RANCCF website <http://www.ranccf.com>.



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Congratulations to the following personnel who have been recently promoted to the following rank:

- ABCTL Emma Toogood
- ABSTD Deja Dyer
- ABSTD Ashleigh Styles

Congratulations to LSET Bradley Akhurst and wife Nicole who on the 26th April were blessed with the birth their third child, Ethan James Bradley Akhurst.

Congratulations also to Petty Officer Stan Slater and partner on the birth of their child Mackenzie on 03 May 11. Both dads made it home in time for the happy occasion!

The Machiavellian Movie Review

By Mach-V

THOR

Having seen many a movie but never having written a review before, Mach-V hit a dodgy little cinema in Singapore to bring you this, his first ever movie review.

Thor is based on a Marvel comic by Stan Lee, which in turn is loosely based on Norse mythology. Anyone going into the cinema and expecting an art-house thought provoker is just kidding themselves. Thor is an arrogant young hothead with the mystical realm of Asgard at his feet. His brash actions reignite an old war, forcing his father Odin to banish him to Earth without his powers. There Thor transforms into a bit of a SNAG after meeting Natalie Portman's character. While not as soppy as I make it sound, it is a bit of a Rom-Com. The visuals, in particular the rainbow bridge (Bifrost bridge) are spectacular. Due to how much of the movie you spend in Asgard I was surprised it didn't have more of the typical CGI feel. What you predominantly get with Thor is action and humour; and for me it was the humour that I mostly appreciated. On occasion the whole cinema erupted in laughter. Unfortunately I did not get to see Thor in 3D, which I imagine would only have enhanced the experience. Most people out there know that the Marvel movies are building up to the Avengers movie being released in May 2012. The Avengers will include Thor, Iron Man, Hulk, Hawkeye and Captain America. With Joss Whedon directing it can only be epic. I can't wait!

P.S. Make sure you stick around to after the end credits.

Choose Your Rate, Choose Your Fate!

By LSSTD Lindsay Russell

Welcome back to "Choose Your Rate, Choose Your Fate!" This month we will get to know a little about another three members of Ships Company focusing specifically on the Operations Room.

Name (Nickname) Daniel Lord ("Lordy")



Rank and Rate LEUT PWO (Principal Warfare Officer)

Years Service 8 and half

Posted Onboard January 2011

Posting History Defence Force Recruiting - Sydney, 8 Brigade HQ, HMA Ships Watson, Cresswell, Ballarat, Wyalla, Newcastle, Warramunga, Fleet Headquarters, Arunta and Ballarat (again).

What Your Job Entails Fighting the ship by employing weapon systems

Auxiliary Duties Ships Communication Officer (SCO) Damage Control Instructor (DCI) and Officer of the Day (OOD).

Hobbies / Interests Playing piano and guitar. Generic music.

Likes Cricket and Squash.

Dislikes Squash (vegetable).

If you Could Invite Anyone to Dinner... (pick three)
Sir John Kerr, Admiral Nimitz and Spike Milligan.



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You Can Quote Me on That "It is far better to know when one is not in the place they thought they were, than it is to be sure one is in a place they are not."

Name (Nickname) Neale Merrick
(A.k.a. FREDDIE SIERRA 388)



Rank and Rate Leading Seaman Combat System Operator (ASAC)

Years Service 6 years

Posted Onboard January 2011

Posting History

HMA Ships Cerberus, Watson, Adelaide, Anzac, and Ballarat

What Your Job Entails Aircraft Control. I control up to 2 aircraft simultaneously in a tactical environment.

Auxiliary Duties Quarter Master in Harbour.

Hobbies / Interests Cricket, Soccer, AFL.

Likes Beach and watching movies.

Dislikes Nothing.

If you Could Invite Anyone to Dinner... (pick three)
Mohumard Ali, Don Bradman and Sachin Tenduker.

You Can Quote Me on That "A-frim!"

Name (Nickname) Alexandra Payne (Alex or Major)



Rank and Rate Seaman Combat Systems Operator (Above) [SMNCSO(A)]

Years Service 10 Months

Posted Onboard January 2011

Posting History HMAS Cerberus, HMAS Watson and HMAS Ballarat

What Your Job Entails Reading a radar screen by tracking: aircraft, submarines and other ships.

In other words play computer "War" games all day.

Auxiliary Duties Special Sea Dutyman

Hobbies / Interests Dancing (Latin, Ballroom or Jazz).

Likes Reading, Shopping, Movies and Dancing.

Dislikes Getting up early.

If you Could Invite Anyone to Dinner... (pick three)
Isabella Duncan (dancer), Colin Firth and Charlie Chaplin.

You Can Quote Me on That "Officer of the Watch this is Surface"



HMAS Ballarat Ship's Ball

June 25 2011

Hilton Hotel Sydney

Tickets: \$60

