GEORGE HARVEY BARRON

RECORD OF SERVICE

Joined R.A.N. August, 1950
Selected for aircrew training May 1951
Completed course at R.A.A.F. Point Cook & received Wings on 8.12.52
Granted four year commission (Acting Sub/Lt. to date from 8.12.52
Travelled to U.K. in Feb 1953 for O.F.S. training.
Completed O.F.S. at Culdrose in November, 1953.
Instead of returning direct to Australia, joined 811 Squadron forming up at Arbroath on 14.11.53.
Squadron embarked about H.M.S. Warrior 16.2.54.
Ashore with Squadron at Hal Far (Malta) from 4.3.54 - 23.3.54
"       "       "       "       " 2.4.54 - 17.4.54
"       " Simbang (Singa)  12.5.54 - 2.6.54
During this time squadron carried out strikes on Malayan terrorists along with R.A.F. & R.A.A.F.
Commenced suffering from dizzy attacks.
Last flew 3.8.54. Total flying hours at that time 488 hrs. 45 mins.
To Acting Lieutenant G.H. Barron, R.A.N.

The Naval Board hereby appoints you to Her Majesty's Australian Ship NIRIMBA (F) additional for General duties,

and directs you to repair to your duty.

Your appointment is to take effect from 7th February, 1955.

You are to acknowledge the receipt of this appointment forthwith, addressing your letter to the Secretary, [Navy Board], Navy Office, Melbourne, S.C.I, through your Commanding Officer.

By direction of the Naval Board,

J.E. Bennetts

F/Secretary, [Navy Board]

DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY,
NAVY OFFICE, MELBOURNE, S.C.I

27th January, 1955
To Acting Lieutenant G.H. Barron, R.A.N.

The Naval Board hereby appoints you to Her Majesty's Australian Ship NIRIMBA additional for general duties,

and directs you to repair to your duty.

Your appointment is to take effect from 7th February, 1955 (Amending A.L. 27.1.55).

You are to acknowledge the receipt of this appointment forthwith, addressing your letter to the Secretary, Naval Board, Navy Office, Melbourne, S.C.1, through your Commanding Officer.

By direction of the Naval Board,

[Signature]

F. C. Summervill

[Title]

Secretary, Naval Board

DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY,
NAVY OFFICE, MELBOURNE, S.C.1

24th February, 1955.

[Stamp]
To Acting Lieutenant G.H. Barron, R.A.N.

The Naval Board hereby appoints you to Her Majesty's Australian Ship ALBATROSS additional to date 30th November, 1954 (on being grounded) and to NIRIMBA additional for general duties to date 7th February, 1955 (Amending A.L. 24, 2.55), and directs you to report to your duty.

Your appointment is to take effect from [as stated above].

You are to acknowledge the receipt of this appointment forthwith, addressing your letter to the Secretary, Navy Board, Navy Office, Melbourne, S.C.1, through your Commanding Officer.

By direction of the Naval Board,

[Signature]

Secretary, Navy Board.

DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY,
NAVY OFFICE, MELBOURNE, S.C.1

To Acting Lieutenant G.H. Barron, R.A.N.,

The Naval Board hereby appoints you to Her Majesty's Australian Ship ALBATROSS additional for Naval Air Section Schofields,

and directs you to repair to your duty.

Your appointment is to take effect from 1st March, 1956.

You are to acknowledge the receipt of this appointment forthwith, addressing your letter to the Secretary, Naval Board, Navy Office, Melbourne, S.C.1, through your Commanding Officer.

By direction of the Naval Board,

F. E. Cummins

S. Secretary, Naval Board.

DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY,
NAVY OFFICE, MELBOURNE, S.C.1

10th March, 1955.
NB 084 -X- CNO 453/52 -X- REQUEST INFORMATION WHETHER THE
FOLLOWING OFFICERS ARE RECOMMENDED AND ARE VOLUNTEERS TO EXTEND
THEIR PRESENT SHORT SERVICE COMMISSIONS FOR A FURTHER 4 YEARS -X-
LIEUTENANTS P J N STEWART L N FAIRBAIRN W K BIRD S R
CARMICHAEL G H BARRON G C BRENNAN J F SURIANO E WILSON -X-
18TH 2 --- OFFICERS SHOULD BE INFORMED THAT APPLICATION FOR PERMANENT
COMMISSIONS WILL BE REVIEWED ANNUALLY DURING THIS EXTENSION -X-

150200 Z MAR 55

DIST - X X12 S33 C
HAND P/L
TOR PM/16 KR 16/3/55

BY SECURE MEANS
Royal Australian Navy.

R.A.N. Air Section,
Schofields...N.S.W.

18th March, 1955.

The Commanding Officer,
R.A.N. Air Station,
SCHOFIELDS.

Sir,

I have the honour to submit the following request.

To delay my decision regarding A.C.N.B's Signal 150200, until the result of my aircrew medical examination, which is to take place on the 30th May, is known. This examination will determine whether the rest of my service career will be spent flying or confined to ground duties.

I have the honour to be

Sir,

your obedient servant.

[Signature]

C.H. R....

LIEUTENANT (F). R.A.N.
FM- NAS SCHOFFIELD (x2)
TO- ACNB INFO- FOIC EA

ROUTINE
RESTRICTED

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REF- REQ WHETHER ABOVE NAMED OFFICER WISHES TO RE-ENGAGE

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NAVAL MESSAGE

To: ROUTINE RESTRICTED

From: FM NGS Schofield (X)

TO: ACNB INFO LOGIC EA

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REF: RED WHETHER ABOVE NAMED OFFICER WISH TO RE-ENGAGE

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UNCLASSIFIED MESSAGE

FROM - ACNB
TO - NAS SCHOFIELDS
INFO - FO1C EA

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REF - REQUEST APPROVAL TO DEFER DECISION BY LT BARRON -
(WHETHER ABOVE OFFICER WISHES TO RE-ENGAGE)

JIST - X X12 33 C
S018 F/L TOR 1020Z KR 24/3/55
Dear Ralph,

ACT. LIEUT. G.H. BARRON, R.A.N.

The abovenamed officer ceased to be entitled to the receipt of flying pay on the 30th November, 1954.

Navy Office say charged £9.12.0 to 31 December, 1954 (i.e. 32 @ 6/-) and we charge in addition 90 days at 7/- which is £31.10.0, a grand total £41.2.0.

This means that Barron is £42.12.1 in the red on the 28th April, 1955 with a fortnightly scale of £18.2.1 so he will not be receiving any pay for some time.

D.H.A. LETTER

59887

Dated
13 Apr, 55

to Albion.

[Signature]
**S. 1320g. Naval Message.**  
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DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY,
NAVY OFFICE, MELBOURNE, S.C.1

8th September, 1955.

To. Acting Lieutenant G.H. Barron, R.A.N.

The Naval Board hereby appoints you to Her Majesty's Australian Ship KUTTABUL additional for Naval Air Section Schofields to date 28th June, 1955.

and directs you to repair to your duty.

You are to acknowledge the receipt of this appointment forthwith, addressing your letter to the Secretary, Department of the Navy, Navy Office, Melbourne, S.C.1, through your Commanding Officer.

By direction of the Naval Board,

[Signature]
20th October, 1955.

To Acting Lieutenant G.H. Barron, R.A.N.

The Naval Board hereby appoints you to Her Majesty’s Australian Ship ALBATROSS for Air Traffic Control duties to date 14th November, 1955.

and directs you to repair to your duty.

You are to acknowledge the receipt of this appointment forthwith, addressing your letter to the Secretary, Department of the Navy, Navy Office, Melbourne, S.C.1, through your Commanding Officer.

By direction of the Naval Board,

[Signature]

JSMcC G 1801
H.M.A.S. Nirimba

21st November 1955

This is to certify that Mr. George Harry Carson has served as First Lieutenant in H.M.S. Sheffield under my command, from the 5th day of May 1955, to the 14th day of November 1955, during which period he has conducted himself to my satisfaction, but he under the company of other young officers to which his character was satisfactory.

(Signature.)

(Lieutenant Commander)

(Rank.)

* Here the Captain is to insert in his own handwriting the conduct of the Officer.
DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY,
NAVY OFFICE, MELBOURNE, S.C.1

22nd December, 1955

To Lieutenant G.H. Barron, R.A.N.

The Naval Board hereby appoints you to Her Majesty's Australian Ship ALBATROSS for Air Traffic Control Duties, (Re-appointed on confirmation in rank to date 1.12.55, with seniority of 8.12.54),

and directs you to repair to your duty.

You are to acknowledge the receipt of this appointment forthwith, addressing your letter to the Secretary, Department of the Navy, Navy Office, Melbourne, S.C.1, through your Commanding Officer.

By direction of the Naval Board,

[Signature]

JSMcC G 1601
NEWSLETTER NO. 3 OF 1974

FREDDIE STOVIN-BRADFORD

After a period of illness Fred died on Monday, 23rd September, 1974.

The Association wishes to extend its sympathy to Stella, Michael, Allison, John and Louise on their sad loss.

Fred was the first President of the A.F.A.A.O.A. and will be sadly missed by all who knew him; a man of truly gregarious nature and given to great spirit in all his enterprises. Apart from his Naval career, he was a good swimmer, keen and hard rugby player, sometime stage producer for various service affairs and always available as a pianist when the requirement arose. Indeed, one of those souls whose presence gave any gathering a lift.

Briefly, and possibly not in exact chronological sequence, his Naval career began with the R.N. during World War II. Fred served as an observer with the R.N. during this conflict and was one of the first Observers to convert to pilot after the war. He saw operational flying with 17 CAG and flew Sea Furies from HMS Triumph during the Korean War. Promoted to Commander during the Korean conflict, he later became Commander (Air) at R.N.A.S. Culdrose. Many interesting appointments followed which included service on the staff of Flag Officer Air Home and Chief Staff Officer at Naval Headquarters in Australia and a term as Captain of R.N.A.S. Brawdy.

Upon retirement Fred took up residence in Australia and partially due to his interest and efforts this association was formed.

BACK TO KOREA '75.

Lieutenant Commander Moy has forwarded to the Association details of a planned tour of Korea commencing 19/4/75. Any of the Korean War veterans who have undergone insatiable yearnings to return to Seoul, Pusan, Kapyong, etc., and who have a spare $1099 (Sydney departure) or $1162 (Melbourne departure) should contact the Secretary.
ANNUAL BALL

The Ball for this year has been planned for Saturday, 30th November (see attached sheet) and it is hoped to have the support of as many members as possible on this occasion. Unconditional amnesty is offered to all non-financial members in the hope that we may have the pleasure of their company again.

For this year, through the kind offices of Ian MacDonald, we have arranged the use of the dining/ballroom of the R.M.Y.C. of N.S.W. at Point Piper overlooking Rose Bay. This is a delightful setting and the catering promises to be of good standard. The band will be supplied by the R.M.Y.C. and we hope will satisfy the needs of all would-be Fred Astaires in our midst.

Costs have risen sharply in the catering business over the last year, so gentlemen, please, no baulking when it comes to $12.50 per head for food and wine. Even the impecunious Qantas pilots are prepared to save hard in order to be present.

The dress is black tie; once again not unreasonable. If however, this creates an insurmountable problem we will be just as happy to see you in a lounge suit. Don't forget your shoes and socks; should this present another problem, please ensure your feet are well blacked and polished!

The weekend at Craigieburn was a fizzer due to lack of support so let us see a good showing on the evening of 30th November, particularly from the interstate and country members.

Ball tickets and invitations have not been printed again this year in an effort to keep our costs down.

It would be a great help if your acceptance and cheque come at the earliest convenience as we would like to notify the R.M.Y.C. of final numbers by 23rd November.

We look forward to seeing you, your wife and your friends.

COMMITTEE CHANGE

The present committee has been in office since December, 1971. It is felt that a change is necessary in order to circulate new interest in our small group. Would anybody interested in doing his stint please contact Bob Muffet on 498 7508. Don't rush please fellows - an orderly queue will suffice.

R.J. MUFFET
Secretary
Ms Michael John Fogarty,
18 Foxall St., HOLDER,
ACT, 2611
062-885.339

6 March, 1986

Dear George,

RE: NAVAL GENERAL SERVICE MEDAL, CLASP 'MALAYA'

Firstly, may I say how glad I was able to contact you this week in connection with your service in the Malayan Emergency with the Royal Navy in 1954 in HMS WARRIOR. It is believed that only three members of the ran(All officers) so served. The remaining one is former S/Lt. P.J. Hoare, RAN (now a retired Surgeon Commander). I served with Peter in Malaysia as a young Mid. when he was the ship's Doctor. That was in 1967 and his possession of that bar most interested me as I was aware of it being very unique. The AMF and RAAF awards for their GSM were more numerous, perhaps 10,000?

I am writing an article on the NGSM and its awards to officers and men of the RAN. Some of the clasps are fairly easy to research for the small number awarded. Some of course, more in number, are less easy to account for. As a matter of fact, little is known about this medal and my aim is to improve that situation. You will know that it is the 75th. year of the Navy so it is even more important that the story be told as there are a lot of enthusiasts who remain interested - the reading public no less so.

Having made my interest clear I would certainly welcome any comments you might like to make which would make an interesting article. In particular, I would be most interested in the following:

a. a general account of WARRIOR's role in that period and whether it was considered in any way significant to the operations,

b. a brief description of your duties (rank, position and squadron) and any personal reflections you might have had on that campaign,

c. whether you still retain any personal photographs which might better illustrate your service, i.e., in uniform by plane? (I could copy and return or re-imburse you if you do it for me).

Thank you again for your help. I believe that this part of the Navy's history is worth describing as nobody appears to felt the need to do it beforehand. It is through important that some attempt be made in 1986, the 75th. year.

Regards,

[Signature]

(Michael Fogarty)
MICHAEL FOGARTY

18 Foxall St.,
Holder,
A.C.T. 2600 2611
Australia
This is to certify that

M. J. Fogarty

is a member of

THE NAVAL HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA

Members' Signature

Honorary Secretary

objects and aims of the society:

I. to research, collate, record and document the history of all navies.

II. To preserve such relics, documents, etc., that are of value to naval history.

III. To uphold and preserve the dignity, prestige and traditions of the naval service.
Mr M J Forgarty  
18 Foxall Street  
HOLDEN ACT 2611  
3 April, 1986

Dear Michael,

Your telephone call on the subject of the NGSM with 'Malaya' clasp took me by surprise. I thought WARRIOR and her crew had been forgotten long since.

WARRIOR's role was typical of a CV serving on the Far East Station at the time. She patrolled the west coast of Korea from a temporary base in KURE. Her aircraft were 811 Squadron (Sea Fury) and 829 Squadron (Firefly) each of a nominal 12 aircraft complement.

I was one of four Australian Sub-Lieutenants to join 805. My companions were G H Barron, R E McIver, B Y Thompson (George Barron was declared medically unfit for flying duties at the time of our arrival in Japan and was repatriated to Australia).

After our Korean tour we returned to the RN aircraft depot, HMS SIMBANG, at Singapore to pick up more aircraft (WARRIORS' deck landing accident rate was pretty horrid!). Also, at this time it was decided to use the ship to evacuate Indo-Chinese refugees to Saigon. Quite obviously there was more room without the Air Group.

George

Your photos are now being copied.

P.S. Do me a favour when you and Navy arrive, say that 'You know' that McIver and I were also qualified for Korea or Malaya.

I can refer to it later. I show it.
7 Coronation Avenue,  
EASTWOOD, 2122

2nd May, 1986

Mr. M.J. Fogarty,  
18 Foxall Street,  
HOLDER, ACT, 2611

Dear Mr. Fogarty,

Re: Naval General Service Medal, Clasp "Malaya"

Please excuse my delay in answering your letter of 6th March, 1986.

This has been due to the fact that I have suffered from a recent bout of shingles, and the fact that I am a lousy communicator.

I have commenced working on your enquiries and after consulting my flying log book and albums of photos, I don't know how much information you require. Being the photographic officer of 811 Squadron, I have a considerable number of photographs which may be of use to you.

You surprise me when you say that only 3 members of the R.A.N. received the Clasp Malaya, as apart from myself and John Cooke, the 3rd and 4th Australian members of the Squadron were Ron McIver (who I last heard of resided in Queensland) and Barry Thompson who was killed in an accident on the H.M.A.S. Melbourne.

If you are intending visiting Sydney in the near future, I would be most happy to see you and provide you with all the necessary information, show you my photographs of this period and provide you with them for copies to be made.

Hoping this information is of some assistance and that I am not too late in providing it. I look forward to hearing from you.

I remain,
Yours faithfully,

GEORGE BARRON
Bill Read / Reid / Reed.

Staff Officer (Medals)
DG NPS - Directorate
[Director General
Naval Personnel Services]

Directorate of Defence (Nav)
Russell Offices,

Canberra, A.C.T., 2600

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C/- Department of Defence (Navy)
Russell Offices,
CANBERRA, A.C.T. 2600

Dear Mr. Reid,

Please excuse me if I have spelt your name incorrectly as my source of information as to whom to write did not know if your name was spelt "Reid, Reed or Read".

My name is George Harvey Barron and I served in the R.A.N. between 1950 and 1957. During this time I spent a period with 811 Squadron (R.N.) on board H.M.S. Warrior which operated in the Malaysian area where, with I believe five other Australians, we were awarded the Australian General Service Medal (Clasp Malaya). Following this, H.M.S. Warrior moved to the Korean operational area where we carried out exercises with U.S.A. operational carriers and aircraft and were accorded the "United Nations Service Medal" "Clasp Korea".

I have in my possession my miniatures of both these medals, but do not recall ever having been issued with the originals.

Would you please, from your records, find if this has been done?

If it has been, and I have been lax enough to have lost them, is it possible to obtain a replica?

Your reply would be most appreciated.

Yours faithfully,

GEORGE HARVEY BARRON
7 Coronation Avenue,
EASTWOOD, 2122
NEW SOUTH WALES
AUSTRALIA

3rd December, 1986

Mr. Ken Dale,
Special Publications Sales Manager,
Portsmouth & Sunderland Newspapers Pic.
The New Centre,
Military Road,
Hilsea,
PORTSMOUTH, P02 95X
U.K. 0705

Dear Sir,

I was recently loaned a copy of a magazine printed by your company called "Sea Wings", produced earlier this year. Being an old R.A.N.F.A.A. Sea Fury pilot, I was absolutely absorbed.

Whilst converting to naval aircraft after obtaining my wings with the R.A.A.F., I spent approximately two years with the R.N. serving with Squadrons 764, 738, 781 at Lee-On-Solent, Arbroath and Culdrose and 811 on board H.M.S. Warrior.

As photographic Officer of 811 Squadron, whilst in Malaysia and Korea, I have a number of black and white photos, which may be of value to you in some future publications.

I would very much like to obtain a copy of "Sea Wings" but find it is not available in Australia. If it is possible for you to forward me a copy, could you advise me of the cost involved, in order for me to send you a bank draft in sterling.

Hoping you are able to help me in this matter.

I remain,
Yours faithfully,

G. H. Barron

GEORGE BARRON