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VALE - WARRANT OFFICER DAVE WAINING

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Warrant Officer Survey Recorder Dave Waining passed away on the 10th of January 2007.

Dave was born in the United Kingdom in 1929, joined the Royal Navy at the age of 14 as a 'boy' seaman. Of his RN service he recalled his highlight posting, when he served as a messenger in HMS Vanguard when the ship carried out escort duties for the then King and Queen's visit to South Africa.

At the age of 19, Dave transferred to the RAN and joined the new aircraft carrier HMAS SYDNEY to sail to Australia and served in Korea. Joining the Hydrographic Service RAN in the late 1950's, Dave surveyed in the waters throughout Australia and New Guinea serving in ships Bass, Warrego, Paluma. He was in the commissioning crew of HMAS Moresby and served in many detached survey teams. He had a number of postings to the Hydrographic Office [HMAS Kuttabul] and the Hydrographic School, HMAS Penguin.

Dave was promoted to Warrant Officer Survey Recorder in 1975, the first in the Hydrographic Branch and in 1977 was awarded the Order of Australia.

As the "Senior SR" to those of the Survey Navy, Dave's way of training and commitment to new survey sailors and hydrographic officers entering the Hydrographic Branch contributed to produce excellent naval surveying people which resulted in a lot of long term loyal friendships.

WOSR Dave Waining, No Day to Long and No Task to Arduous



Photo 1: Shows WOSR Dave Waining c1970s

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