

# HMS RELENTLESS

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## CREW LIST Part 1 - 1940s

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**Total Commissions Status - 647 names (54%) - 96 Association Members**

**1940s – 158 names (44%) - 6 Association Members**

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## INTRODUCTION

Because of the numbers involved the CREW LIST has been separated into three parts:

Part 1 – Contains all names from the 1942 – 1946 commissions

Part 2 – Contains all names from the 1951 – 1956 commissions

Part 3 – Contains all names from the 1963 – 1968 commissions

This Introduction, the list of Commanding Officers, List of Officers and the Abbreviations sections however, are common to all 3 Parts for continuity

The stated ship's complement of the 'R' class destroyer in the 1940s was 175 so I estimate that during the 1942-44 and 1944-46 commissions, approximately 350 men passed through RELENTLESS as crew members.

When converted in to a Type 15 frigate, the complement was stated as 185 so the 1951-53 and 1954-55 commissions also had approximately 370 men, plus a reduced 1956 Trials complement of maybe 100.

The 1964-66 and 1966-68 commissions had a stated complement of 189 so for estimation purposes they had a crew of approximately 380.

The total for all commissions is therefore in the order of 1,200 men.

However, in addition to the stated complements, the actual number of personnel on board at any one time could fluctuate by some or all of the following reasons:

- A 'War Time' complement was more than a 'Peace Time' complement by 10-15%.
- A number of personnel were on board for periods of training or for sea-going experience, particularly Midshipmen and Sub-Lieutenants.
- When the ship had a Flag Officer on board, was Captain (D) or (F), a number of extra (Staff) personnel were on board.
- Pre-commissioning trials crew or Towing crew
- Foreign Station requirements (e.g. Liaison personnel, Royal Marines, Police Forces etc.)

**THE FOLLOWING LISTS ARE NOT DEFINITIVE  
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**For details of 1916-1926 Crew, see 'The First RELENTLESS'**

## COMMANDING OFFICERS

(Subsequent rank achieved)

& Senior Officers when not in commission

31 <sup>st</sup> Mar 1942	19 <sup>th</sup> Oct 1942	Cd(E) R C Lyons
<b>19<sup>th</sup> Oct 1942</b>	<b>18<sup>th</sup> Sep 1944</b>	<b>Lieutenant-Commander Robert A FELL</b> (Commander)
<b>18<sup>th</sup> Sep 1944</b>	<b>28<sup>th</sup> Nov 1945</b>	<b>Lieutenant-Commander George B BARSTOW</b> (Captain)
28 <sup>th</sup> Nov 1945	24 <sup>th</sup> Jul 1946	Temp Lt G Kennedy RNVR
24 <sup>th</sup> July 1946	31 <sup>st</sup> Dec 1946?	Temp Lt(E) H P Walter RNVR
13 <sup>th</sup> Feb 1951	6 <sup>th</sup> May 1951	Lt Cdr D L Baxter
<b>7<sup>th</sup> May 1951</b>	<b>25<sup>th</sup> July 1952</b>	<b>Commander Laurence E HERRICK</b> (Commander)
<b>25<sup>th</sup> July 1952</b>	<b>7 Dec 1952</b>	<b>Captain Michael LE FANU</b> Captain "D" 3 <sup>rd</sup> Training Squadron (Admiral of the Fleet)
<b>8 Dec 1952</b>	<b>16<sup>th</sup> Sep 1953</b>	<b>Commander Raymond HART</b> (Commodore)
<b>17<sup>th</sup> Sep 53</b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup> Jun 1955</b>	<b>Commander George O SYMONDS</b> (Captain)
6 <sup>th</sup> Jun 1955	1 <sup>st</sup> Aug 1956	Lt Cdr (E) H G Jefferies
2 <sup>nd</sup> Aug 1956	31 <sup>st</sup> Aug 1956	Lt Cdr P A Jenks
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Sep 1956</b>	<b>24<sup>th</sup> Sep 1956</b>	<b>Commander Stanley L McARDLE</b> (Rear Admiral)
12 <sup>th</sup> Aug 1963	27 <sup>th</sup> Jun 1964	Lt Cdr J A P Coats
<b>27<sup>th</sup> Jun 1964</b>	<b>7<sup>th</sup> Mar 1966</b>	<b>Captain Alan G WATSON</b> (Rear Admiral)
<b>7<sup>th</sup> Mar 1966</b>	<b>8<sup>th</sup> Aug 1967</b>	<b>Commander Geoffrey TJO DALTON</b> (Vice Admiral)
<b>8<sup>th</sup> Aug 1967</b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup> Aug 1968</b>	<b>Commander David W ASHBY</b> (Captain)

## NAVY LISTS 1942 – 1968

The following lists show the officers who served on 'HMS RELENTLESS' between 1942 and 1968. These have been compiled from the NAVY LISTS published by Admiralty/MOD (Navy). Until about 1950 the Navy List was published two or three times per year but since then, only annually. Whilst it is an 'official' publication it is prone to error and misunderstanding as the lists are a status of the officer complement at a particular time rather than a record of movements.

We know for instance, that in September 1956 'RELENTLESS' was brought out of Operational Reserve and underwent month-long trials in preparation for the Suez conflict. As the official list was compiled in August, it doesn't show that in September the Commanding Officer was Cdr Stanley McArdle GM. Where possible, I have added the 'missing' names in *italics*.

However, it does help solve the issue about whether in fact Admiral of the Fleet and First Sea Lord, Sir Michael Le Fanu was Captain of 'Relentless' in the 1950s. Yes he was, and as he would have been eligible to be a member of the HMS Relentless Association, you are shipmates of the instigator of Black Tot Day....

Considering that 'RELENTLESS' was only actually in commission for 11 years (1942-45, 1951-55 and 1964-68), the list of officers who served on board and subsequently attained Flag Rank is indeed impressive.

Name	Date / Rank on RELENTLESS	Flag Rank attained
Sir Michael Le Fanu	1952 Captain	Admiral of the Fleet
Sir Geoffrey Dalton	1966 Commander	Vice Admiral
Stanley McArdle	1956 Commander	Rear Admiral
Sir Alan Watson	1964 Captain	Rear Admiral
Raymond Hart	1951 Commander	Commodore
Peter Grindal	1966 Lieutenant	Commodore
Christopher Roddis	1966 Sub-Lieutenant	Commodore
Peter Wykeham-Martin	1967 Midshipman	Commodore

'Temp' or Temporary ranks were assigned to Volunteer Reserve officers, e.g. RNVR, RNZVR, SANF(V).  
'Cd' or 'Commissioned' ranks were assigned to Warrant Officers.

## LIST OF OFFICERS 1942 - 1946

(27 Names)

### JULY 1942 (2 names)

Name	Rank	Joined
R C Lyons	Cd Engineer	1 Mar 42
A B Clarke	Cd Gunner (T)	June 2

### NOVEMBER 1942 (9 names)

Name	Rank	Joined
R A Fell	Lt Cdr, In Command	19 Oct 42
B C Longbottom	Lt	13 Oct 43
R C Griffiths	Temp Lt SANF(V)	28 Oct 42
C G S Murray MRCS LRCP	Temp Surg-Lt RNVR	12 Nov 42
R P Dannreuther	Act Sub-Lt	6 Nov 42
A F Dickson	Sub-Lt RNR	1 Nov 42
S H Handley	Temp Sub-Lt RNVR	27 Oct 42
E G Jenkinson DSC	Cd Engineer	21 Oct 42
A B Clarke	Cd Gunner (T)	Jun 42
B F D Van Niekerk	Temp Mid RNVR	2 Nov 42

### SEPTEMBER 1943 (1 name)

Name	Rank	Joined
R A Fell	Lt Cdr, In Command	
B C Longbottom	Lt	
R P Dannreuther	Lt GO	
<i>A F Dickson</i>	<i>Lt RNR</i>	<i>1 Nov 42</i>
K E Etherton	Temp Lt SANF(V)	
C G S Murray MRCS LRCP	Temp Surg-Lt RNVR	
S H Handley	Temp Sub-Lt RNVR	
B F D Van Niekerk	Temp Act Sub-Lt RNR	
E G Jenkinson DSC	Cd Engineer	
A B Clarke	Cd Gunner (T)	

**OCTOBER 1944** (4 names)

<b>Name</b>	<b>Rank</b>	<b>Joined</b>
G B Barstow	Lt Cdr, In Command	18 Sep 44
B C Longbottom	Lt	13 Oct 42
A F Dickson	Lt RNR	1 Nov 42
R C Griffiths	Lt SANF(V)	Mar 44
K E Etherton	Temp Lt SANF(V)	Aug 43
E C Jenkinson DSC	Lt(E)	21 Oct 42
F A Rutland LMSSA	Temp Surg-Lt RNVR	Mar 44
S H Handley	Temp Sub-Lt RNVR	27 Oct 42
T D George	Temp Act Sub-Lt SANF(V)	Dec 43
J R Hales	Cd Gunner (T)	Jun 44

**DECEMBER 1944** (2 names)

<b>Name</b>	<b>Rank</b>	<b>Joined</b>
G B Barstow	Lt Cdr, In Command	18 Sep 44
A F Dickson	Lt RNR	1 Nov 42
S H Handley	Temp Lt RNVR	27 Oct 42
E C Jenkinson DSC	Lt(E)	21 Oct 42
F A Rutland LMSSA	Temp Surg-Lt RNVR	Mar 44
D A C England	Temp Sub-Lt RNVR	Nov 44
R F Davies	Temp Act-Sub-Lt SANF(V)	Oct 44
T D George	Temp Act Sub-Lt SANF(V)	Dec 43
J R Hales	Cd Gunner (T)	Jun 44

**JUNE 1945** (6 names)

<b>Name</b>	<b>Rank</b>	<b>Joined</b>
G B Barstow	Lt Cdr, In Command	18 Sep 44
W R Harding	Lt (E)	Feb 45
E W K Walton	Temp Lt (E)	7 Feb 45
F A Rutland LMSSA	Temp Surg-Lt RNVR	Mar 44
O Bird	Sub-Lt	Feb 45

G B Wilby	Sub-Lt	8 Feb 45
T D George	Temp Sub-Lt SANF(V)	Feb 45
L J Smith	Temp Sub-Lt RNZNVR	16 Jan 45
E W Gladstone	Temp Sub-Lt RNVR	15 Dec 44
J R Hales	Cd Gunner (T)	Jun 44

**1945-1946** (3 names)

<b>Name</b>	<b>Rank</b>	<b>Joined</b>
G Kennedy	Temp Lt RNVR	20 Nov 45
H P Walter	Temp Lt (E) RNVR	24 Jul 46
Lockhead	Lt	

## CREW LIST 1940's COMMISSIONS (East Indies)

(131 Names)

Name	Rank/Rating	Year	Comments
Ackerman	AB Asdics	1944	
Austin	O/S	1945	
Baker, D	OS	1944-45	
Barker, D	AB	1945	M Drafted to CLEOPATRA
Bailey	AB	1945	
Bateman, RL	AB	1945	M
Bates	O/S	1945	
Beeston, CW	AB	1945	M Drafted to KHEDIVE
Bell	AB	1945	
<b>Bennett, Ken (Wiggy)</b>	<b>AB Torpedoes</b>	<b>1943-46</b>	<b>CTB</b>
Blan	AB	1945	
<b>Bolt, Derrick (Jimmy)</b>	<b>Stoker</b>	<b>1943-46</b>	<b>Association Member. CTB 27 May 2015</b> Son-in-Law Gerry Kingstone is Honorary Member
<b>Booth, FJ</b>	<b>AB</b>	<b>1943</b>	<b>CTB 23.12.43</b>
Bowden, T	AB	1945	M Drafted to WIZARD
Burgess, William S	Ch Stoker	1944	
Cable, Charles	AB torpedoes	1944-45	Forces Reunited
Callister, A	AB	1945	M
Cartledge, J	AB	1945	M
Cater	AB	1945	
<b>Chinnock, John</b>	<b>Sig</b>	<b>1944-45</b>	<b>CTB 1994</b>
Coman, JT	AB	1945	M
Courtenay-Green	AB	1945	
Cowling	L/S	1945	
Crowe, F	AB	1945	M
Culverwell, BR	O/S	1945	M Drafted to PENN
Culverwell, GH	AB	1944-45	
<b>Cummings, Leslie (Chef)</b>	<b>L/Ck</b>	<b>1942-46</b>	<b>Association Member</b>
Cunningham	AB	1945	
Darling, G	AB	1945	M
Day, Ralph C	AB	1944-45	
Denness, FE	AB	1945	M
Donnelly, J	AB	1944-45	M
Dowdall, W	AB	1945	M
Durrant, LH	CPO Coxn	1945	
Edwards, P	AB	1945	
Eley	SBA	1945	
Elliott, S	AB	1945	M



Elowe, B	O/S	1945	
Eneas	AB	1945	
Fairclough, GAB	AB	1945	M
Farrell, J	AB	1945	M
Furneaux, P	AB	1945	M
Gallie, WR	O/S	1945	M Drafted to ROCKET
Gillen	L/S	1945	
Guy, R	O/S	1945	M Drafted to BEGUM
Hallows	L/S	1945	Drafted to PURSUER
Harrison	L/S	1945	Drafted to WOOLWICH
<b>Hatt, Jack</b>		<b>1943-45</b>	<b>Association Member CTB 9.10.14</b>
Hawkesworth, P	AB	1945	M
Hoare, FD	AB	1945	M
Hodgson		1944	
Holland, H	AB	1945	M
Holmes		1944	
Hooper, William	PO	1942	
Hutton, J	AB	1945	M
Hyde, GE	O/S	1945	M Drafted to STALKER
Inman, John	AB	1945	M Drafted to EMPEROR
Inman, Joseph	AB	1945	M Drafted to AUSONIA
Ison	AB	1945	
Jenner, HJ	AB Gun Yeo	1945	
Kelsey, J	O/S	1945	M Drafted to WOLFE
Kendrick, D	O/S	1945	
Keogh, J	AB	1945	M
Knox	AB	1945	Torpedoes
Lane, KA	PO	1945	Drafted to LONDON
Lang, PC	O/S	1945	M Drafted to REDOUBT
Lawes, Donald	O/S	1942-43	
Leishman, JC	AB	1945	M
<b>Levett, Leslie E</b>	<b>PO (Torpedoes)</b>	<b>1944-5</b>	<b>CTB 1989</b>
Liddell	AB	1945	
Macarthur	O/S	1945	
Mackie		1945	
Maclean, A	AB	1945	
Mallinson, J	AB	1945	M
Mansell, A	L/S	1945	M
Marshall, E	AB	1945	M Drafted to SHAH
Marsh	L/S	1945	
Martin, JJ	AB	1945	M
McCallum, RJ	CPO CBM	1945	
Millward, JP	AB	1945	M Drafted to TARTAR
Moon	L/S	1945	
Moore, CG	AB	1945	M

Moore, Reginald		1943	Forces Reunited
Mulholland	AB	1945	
Nicholls, PI	O/S	1945	
Noble, A	O/S	1945	M Drafted to WOOLWICH
Parr, KV	O/S	1945	
Parsman	Asdics	1945	
Payne, DP	AB	1945	M
<b>Pearce, Albert WH</b>	<b>Sto1</b>	<b>1943</b>	<b>Killed in car accident 5 Jun 43 in Durban. Son Terry is an Honorary Member</b>
Pickles, A	AB	1945	M
Phillips, GW	AB	1944-45	M
Pietre		1944	
Plimmer, Edwin D	PO Tel	1944	
Quinn	AB	1945	
Ramsey, JS	AB	1945	M
<b>Randall, (Bert)</b>	<b>O/Tel</b>	<b>1943-45</b>	<b>Association Member</b>
Riley, DS	O/S	1945	M Drafted to VIGILANT
Russell, L	AB	1945	M
Sanders, MN	O/S	1945	M Drafted to BLACKMORE
Sansom, B	O/S	1945	
Scrimshaw, William C (Bill)	AB	1943-46	M Drafted to PHOEBE. Forces Reunited
Shakespeare, W	AB	1945	M Drafted to ROEBUCK
Shillinglaw, Robert H	ERA3	1944	
Shoebridge	L/S	1945	Drafted to SEARCHER
Shrewsbury	L/S	1945	
Simpson, B	AB	1944-45	
Smith, B	AB butcher	1945	
Stephenson, K	AB	1945	M
Sullivan	AB	1945	
Tacey, FG	O/S	1945	M Drafted to LONDON
Taylor	AB	1945	
Thornton	CPO CGM	1945	
Thorpe	AB	1945	
Tilley	AB	1945	
Tyler, Eric	AB	1945	
Udall, T	AB	1944-45	
Van Blomestein	Sig	1945	
Warham, Peter G	PO R.Mech	1944	
<b>Waterson, Ken</b>	<b>O/Tel</b>	<b>1945</b>	<b>CTB</b>
Watts, S	AB	1945	
Wayne, TB	O/S	1945	M Drafted to WAYLAND
West	OS	1945	
West, AH	L/S (AB)	1945	M
Wilcock		1944	
Williamson, William J	PO	1944	

Wilson	AB	1945	
Winson	AB	1945	
Wood, EA	O/S	1945	M Drafted to HUNTER
Yates, C	AB	1945	M Drafted to CUMBERLAND
Zelliman, J	AB	1945	M

South African Naval records state that 30 South African Naval personnel served on board 'RELENTLESS'.

The following 12 are the only ones I have been able to identify.

Lt Reginald Cyril Griffiths – O/N 66644(V) - First Lt, joined Jan 43 as Sub-Lt

S/Lt Thomas Dunnett George

O/Sig Van Blomestein - from Johannesburg, father was a Lt Col in 1945

A/B - G H Culverwell - P/SA 586393(V)

O/S - W R Gallie – P/SA 617100(V) - drafted to HMS Rocket

O/S - P O Lang - PSA 619419(V) - drafted to HMS Redoubt

O/S - M N Sanders - P/SA 617023(V) - drafted to HMS Blackmore

O/S - B R Culverwell - P/SA 586632(V) - drafted to HMS Penn

O/S - E A Wood - P/SA 616813(V) - drafted to HMS Hunter

O/S - D Kendrick - P/SA 586350(V)

O/S - K V Parr - P/SA 617054(V)

O/S - B Elowe - P/SA 617116

## ABBREVIATIONS

AB	Able Seaman
Act	Acting
Capt.	Captain
CTB	Crossed the Bar (died)
(C)	Communications
Cd or CD	Commissioned
Cdr	Commander
CDRE	Commodore
CY or CCY	Communications Yeoman or Chief CY
(E)	Engineer Officer
EA	Electrical Artificer
ERA	Engine Room Artificer
GI	Gunnery Instructor
GO	Gunnery Officer
Inst.	Instructor
L/S	Leading Seaman
LSM	Leading Stoker Mechanic
(L)	Electrical

Lt or Lieut	Lieutenant
Lt Cdr	Lieutenant Commander
M	Involved in 1945 mutiny
ME or ME(M)	Marine Engineer (Mechanic)
MID	Mentioned in Despatches
Mid	Midshipman
(N) or NO	Navigation or Navigating Officer
OA	Ordnance Artificer
OD or O/S	Ordinary Seaman
(C) PO	(Chief )Petty Officer
POME / POSM	Petty Officer Mechanical Engineer/ Stoker Mechanic
PO Tel	Petty Office Telegraphist
PRI	Radar Plot Instructor
RAN	Royal Australian Navy
RADM	Rear Admiral
REA or REL	Radio Electrical Artificer of Radio Electrical Mechanic
RNR	Royal Navy Reserve
RNVR	Royal Navy Volunteer Reserve
RNZVR	Royal New Zealand Volunteer Reserve
RO / Tel / Sig	Radio Operator / Telegraphist / Signalman
RP	Radar Plotter
RS	Radio Supervisor
SANF(V)	South African Naval Forces (Volunteer)
(S)	Supply
SCO	Signal Communications Officer
SEO	Senior Engineer Officer
Sto	Stoker
S/Lt or Sub-Lt	Sub-Lieutenant
SM	Stoke Mechanic
Surg.	Surgeon
(T)	Torpedo
TAS-TASI-TASO	Torpedo & Anti-Submarine – Instructor - Officer
Temp or Tempy	Temporary
VADM	Vice-Admiral
WEO	Weapons, Electrical Officer
WO	Warrant Officer
YoS	Yeoman of Signals