

HMS RELENTLESS

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CREW LIST Part 2 - 1950s

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Total Commissions Status - 581 names (48%) - 72 Association Members

1950s - 164 names (35%) - 11 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 st Mar 1942	19 th Oct 1942	Cd(E) R C Lyons
19th Oct 1942	18th Sep 1944	Lieutenant-Commander Robert A FELL (Commander)
18th Sep 1944	28th Nov 1945	Lieutenant-Commander George B BARSTOW (Captain)
28 th Nov 1945	24 th Jul 1946	Temp Lt G Kennedy RNVR
24 th July 1946	31 st Dec 1946?	Temp Lt(E) H P Walter RNVR
13 th Feb 1951	6 th May 1951	Lt Cdr D L Baxter
7th May 1951	25th July 1952	Commander Laurence E HERRICK (Commander)
25th July 1952	7 Dec 1952	Captain Michael LE FANU Captain "D" 3 rd Training Squadron (Admiral of the Fleet)
8 Dec 1952	16th Sep 1953	Commander Raymond HART (Commodore)
17th Sep 53	6th Jun 1955	Commander George O SYMONDS (Captain)
6 th Jun 1955	1 st Aug 1956	Lt Cdr (E) H G Jefferies
2 nd Aug 1956	31 st Aug 1956	Lt Cdr P A Jenks
1st Sep 1956	24th Sep 1956	Commander Stanley L McARDLE (Rear Admiral)
12 th Aug 1963	27 th Jun 1964	Lt Cdr J A P Coats
27th Jun 1964	7th Mar 1966	Captain Alan G WATSON (Rear Admiral)
7th Mar 1966	8th Aug 1967	Commander Geoffrey TJO DALTON (Vice Admiral)
8th Aug 1967	6th Aug 1968	Commander D W ASHBY (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 1951 - 1956

(79 Names)

1951 (15 names)

Name	Rank	Joined
L E Herrick DSC	Cdr, In Command	7 May 51
D L Baxter	Lt Cdr	13 Feb 51
S R Burrows	Lt	10 Apr 51
D P Windebank	Lt Cdr (E)	8 Jan 51
D N D Roberts	Lt (L)	1 Jan 51
P G Coulson	Sub-Lt	19 Jun 51
W Trott	Cd Gunner (TAS)	10 May 51
<i>Boase</i>	<i>Lt</i>	
<i>Bowen</i>	<i>Mid (E)</i>	
<i>James</i>	<i>Sub-Lt</i>	
<i>Lachlan</i>	<i>Lt Cdr</i>	
<i>Naylor</i>	<i>Lt Cdr</i>	
<i>Pawsey</i>	<i>Lt Cdr</i>	
<i>M J Reader or Reeder</i>	<i>Sub-Lt</i>	
<i>Winter</i>	<i>Sub-Lt</i>	

1952 (12 names)

Name	Rank	Joined
M Le Fanu DSC	Captain, In Command and as Capt (D) 3 rd TS	25 Jul 52
R Hart DSO DSC	Cdr	28 May 51
J L Watkinson	Lt Cdr 1 st Lt	28 Jun 52
B H C Hearn	Lt Cdr (TAS)	9 Oct 52
W A E Hall	Lt Cdr (N)	26 Jan 52
J H Rushbrooke	Lt Cdr (C)	26 Jan 52
S R Burrows	Lt	10 Apr 51
D E Windebank	Lt Cdr (E) (SEO)	8 Jan 51
D N D Roberts	Lt (L)	1 Jan 51
I R T Robertson	Sub-Lt	7 Feb 52
W J G Bray	Senior Cd Ordnance Engineer	30 Oct 51

W Trott	Cd Gunner (TAS)	10 May 51
J C Campbell	Cd Communications Officer	13 Oct 52
J P Maslen	Cd Engineer	26 Jan 52
<i>Heathcote</i>	<i>Sub-Lt</i>	
<i>Macdougall, AI</i>	<i>Surg Lt</i>	

1953 (11 names)

Name	Rank	Joined
R Hart DSO DSC	Cdr, In Command	28 May 51
J L Watkinson	Lt Cdr 1 st Lt	28 Jun 52
B H C Hearn	Lt Cdr (TAS)	9 Oct 52
R H Pinson DSC	Lt Cdr	8 Dec 52
D A Ross RAN	Lt	24 Feb 53
D A Winter	Lt, Nav	16 Feb 53
D E Windebank	Lt Cdr (E) (SEO)	8 Jan 51
M B Paton	Lt (L)	12 Jan 53
I R T Robertson	Sub-Lt	7 Feb 52
W J G Bray	Senior Cd Ordnance Engineer	30 Oct 51
R D Perchard	Cd Gunner (TAS)	4 May 53
J C Campbell	Cd Communications Officer	13 Oct 52
J P Maslen	Cd Engineer	26 Jan 52
<i>Byatt</i>	<i>Sub-Lt</i>	
<i>Checkfield</i>	<i>Cd Bosun</i>	
<i>Gatrell</i>	<i>Cd WO</i>	
<i>Gibson</i>	<i>Sub-Lt</i>	
<i>R A Griffin</i>	<i>Lt (E)</i>	
<i>Jarratt</i>	<i>Sub-Lt</i>	

1954 (19 names)

Name	Rank	Joined
G O Symonds DSC	Cdr, In Command	17 Sep 53
R M Richards	Lt Cdr	28 Jun 52
C M Davies	Lt Cdr	9 Oct 52
D A Ross RAN	Lt (TAS)	2 Feb 53
N W Leverett DSC	Lt Cdr (E) (SEO)	6 Aug 53
M B Paton	Lt (L)	12 Jan 53

L Moon	Lt Cdr (S)	15 Jul 53
W J G Bray	Senior Cd Ordnance Engineer	30 Oct 51
R D Perchard	Cd Gunner (TAS)	4 May 53
J C Campbell	Cd Communications Officer	13 Oct 52
<i>Benson</i>	<i>Lt Cdr. RNVR</i>	
<i>Carter</i>	<i>Lt</i>	
<i>Dean</i>	<i>Mid</i>	
<i>Emmett</i>	<i>Sub-Lt</i>	
<i>Forbes</i>	<i>Sub-Lt</i>	
<i>Jenkins</i>	<i>Inst.Lt</i>	
<i>Jessel</i>	<i>Mid RNVR</i>	
<i>Johnson</i>	<i>Lt</i>	
<i>Melhuish</i>	<i>Lt</i>	
<i>N J Mills</i>	<i>Lt</i>	
<i>Ransom</i>	<i>Sub-Lt</i>	
<i>Shales</i>	<i>Sub-Lt</i>	
<i>West</i>	<i>Lt Cdr</i>	

1955 (16 names)

Name	Rank	Joined
G O Symonds DSC	Cdr, In Command	17 Sep 53
J S Carter	Lt	13 Mar 54
N J Mills	Lt	30 Aug 54
P B Garnon-Williams	Lt	17 Jan 55
N W Leverett DSC	Lt Cdr (E)	6 Aug 53
T J Dibble	Lt (L)	30 Apr 54
G W Hill	Inst. Lt	2 Sep 54
P S Emmet	Sub-Lt	2 Feb 54
B G Cooper	Sub- Lt	15 Jun 54
R H Bew	Acting Sub-Lt	1 Sep 54
K A Snow	Acting Sub-Lt	4 Oct 54
P R Johnson	Temp Act Sub-Lt (E) RNVR	3 May 54
R D Perchard	Cd Gunner (TAS)	4 May 53
P A Mytton	Cd Communications Officer	4 Oct 54
<i>H G Jefferies</i>	<i>Lt Cdr(E)Temp</i>	<i>6 Jun 55</i>
<i>Baxter</i>	<i>Lt. RNR</i>	
<i>N Lawson</i>	<i>Sub-Lt</i>	
<i>P Houseden</i>	<i>Lt Cdr RNVR</i>	

<i>Mansfield</i>	<i>Lt</i>	
<i>Oakley</i>	<i>Sub-Lt</i>	

1956 - Operational Reserve (6 names)

Name	Rank	Joined
P D Jenks	Lt Cdr, In Command	2 Aug 56
M C Clapp	Lt(O)	31 Jul 56
I KM Jones	Cd Gunner (TAS)	31 Jul 56
<i>R C Cleff</i>	<i>Lt,NO</i>	
<i>Paine</i>	<i>Lt RNVR</i>	
<i>Thomas or Thompson</i>	<i>Lt RNR</i>	

CREW LIST 1951-1956 COMMISSIONS
(Trials & Londonderry)

(85 Names)

Name	Rank/Rating	Year	Comments
Ashby, Jim	SA(V)	1956	Association Member
Baish, Ken	PO Writer	1951-53	Association Member
Baker, (Bagsy)	Chef	1951-52	
Barclay	PO Tel	1951-52	Drafted to SOLEBAY 25 Nov 52
Bowes, Robert		1952	CTB 12.52
Brown, Colin (Buster)	L/S		Forces Reunited
Budd, Ken (Blossom)	AB UC3	1954-55	Forces Reunited. CTB 16.4.2013
Bunce	L/Sig	1951-52	
Cameron, William (Haggis)	Stoker	1955-56	Forces Reunited
Chapman, Eric	L/Stoker Mech	1952-53	Association Member
Charman, Ron	ME1	1954-55	Forces Reunited
Clarke, (Nobby)	Stoker	1951-52	
Common, Harry	AB	1951-52	
Cox, D	L/S	1954	
Crawford, Charles	Stoker	1953-55	Association Member
Currie	AB	1953	
Davis, Peter	AB	1951-1952	IWM Interview
Eyre	Ch Elec	1951-52	
Fox	Ldg Stoker	1951-52	
Freeman	AB	1951	
Garragan, M	Ldg Stoker Mech	1951	
Gladman, Jim	LME	1956	Association Member
Glass, Jim (Jock)	AB	1951-53	Forces Reunited
Goode, (Charlie)		1951-52	
Greenwood, (Eddie)	Ldg Stoker	1951-52	
Higginbotham, (Higgy)	Stoker	1951-52	
Hiskey, Ron	EM	1954	Association Member
Len Holley	O/Tel	1953	Association Member
Handicott	O/S	1951-52	
Holdsworth, Brian	AB	1951-52	
Holt, Raymond (Tim)		1952?	Forces Reunited
Hooper	PO	1951-52	
Howarth, (Geordie)	Stoker	1951-52	
Hudson, Ray	AB	1953-54	Forces Reunited
Huidspith	PO Ck	1951-52	
Hutchinson	AB	1951-52	
Irons, Harry (Rusty)	AB	1954-64	Forces Reunited

Johnson	Lt	1954	
Johnson	AB	1951-52	
Kay, (Danny)	L/Tel	1951-52	
Knifton	Ldg Stoker	1951-52	
Lachlan	Lt Cdr	1951-52	
Lawson, Nigel	S/Lt	1955	Association Member
MacCracken	Bosun PR	1953	
Macdougall, Al	Surg Lt	1951-53	
Mahoney,(Slip)	Stoker	1951-52	
Mansfield	Lt	1955	
McAree, C F	L/S	1951-52	
McGrew, Daniel	Stoker	1951-52	
Mills	REA	1951-52	
Morris	PO SM	1951-52	
Mumford	CPO	1951-52	
Munro, Bill	Chef	1951-52	
Newby	AB	1951-52	
Nidd, Eric	EM	1953-56	Association Member
Peckham	REA	1951-52	
Petty, George	AB Gunner?	1954	
Pickles	REL	1951-52	
Pike	Mech	1954	
Potter	AB	1951-52	
Poulton	OA	1951-52	
Pryce, (Pricky)	L/S	1951-52	QM
Queen, (Jock)	Stoker	1951-52	
Ralph, David	L/Sea	1951-55	Association Member
Reed		1951-52	
Richardson, Terry (Richie)	Stoker	1951-52	Forces Reunited
Robins, Dennis (Robbie)	Stoker	1951-52	Association Member
Rogers	Ch Stoker	1951-52	
Shave	Ch OA	1951-52	
Shields	AB	1951-52	
Skelton	Yeoman of Sigs	1951-52	
Sleet, K R	PO Tel	1951-52	
Smith	CPO	1951-52	
Smith, Charles	AB	1951-53	
Streeter	AB	1953	
Thornborough	L/Tel	1953	
Tripp, (Harry)		1951	
Wallis, S	Tel	1951-52	
Walker	L/S	1951-52	Postie
Wayman	AB	1951-52	
Weir	AB	1953	
Westmancoat	EA	1951-52	

Williams	SBA	1954-55	
Williams, (Bungy)	Stoker	195-52	
Wood	AB	1951-52	

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
(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
PR or 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 / Marine Engineer (Mechanic)
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

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