

HMS RELENTLESS

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CREW LIST Part 3 - 1960s

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

1964-66 – 96 names (51%) - 28 Association Members

1966-68 - 165 names (87%) - 30 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 1964-1966

(20 Names)

Name	Rank	Joined
A G Watson	Capt, In Command	25 May 64
H R M Welby	Lt Cdr	21 Jan 64
G J A Shaw	Lt TASO	
D H Bates	Lt Cdr	
K W L Jensen	Lt GO	
G J Elson	Lt (E)	
S Jackson	Sub-Lt SCO	
B V C Reeves	Mid	
<i>Chandler</i>	<i>Mid</i>	
<i>Shorland Ball</i>	<i>Mid</i>	
<i>J A P Coats</i>	<i>Lt Cdr, 1st Lt Trials Crew 63-64</i>	
<i>Faulkner</i>	<i>Lt</i>	<i>13 Dec 64</i>
<i>Francis</i>	<i>Sub-Lt</i>	
<i>D J Harding</i>	<i>Sub-Lt. A/GO</i>	
<i>Jewell</i>	<i>Lt</i>	
<i>Khairuddin</i>	<i>Mid</i>	
<i>Lewis</i>	<i>Mid</i>	
<i>McHugh</i>	<i>Surg Lt</i>	
<i>Rodd</i>	<i>Sub-Lt</i>	
<i>Smith</i>	<i>Mid</i>	

LIST OF OFFICERS 1966-68

(26 names)

Name	Rank	Joined
G T J O Dalton	Cdr, In Command	Mar 66 – Association Member
D W Ashby	Cdr, In Command	Apr 67
H Parker	Lt Cdr, 1 st Lt	
C E G Bonner	Lt	
R A Fewings	Sub-Lt	
N J Mills-Hicks	Lt DWEO	
R J Aves	Mid	
J M Benson	Lt SCO	
B E Cooper	Lt(E)	
J P E Faulkner	Lt	
P J Grindal	Lt GO	
M A Hadley	Mid	
J P T Haigh	Lt	
R A Hawking	Lt GO	
J C Lewington	Sub-Lt DTASO	
A F G Murkin	Lt TASO	
S D Ralph	Mid	
S R Robertson	Lt	
C W Roddis	Sub-Lt	
A S L Smith	Mid	
J M Stokes	Mid	
P C Wykeham-Martin	Mid	Association Member
<i>Devoil</i>	<i>Lt(E) MEO2</i>	
<i>Hawke</i>	<i>Sub-Lt</i>	
<i>J Porter</i>	<i>Lt SO</i>	
<i>T D Shorland Ball</i>	<i>Sub-Lt SO</i>	

**CREW LIST 1964-66 COMMISSION
(West Indies)**

(76 Names – includes 1963-64 Trials Crew)

Name	Rank/Rating	Comments
Ashworth, Clive	OAI	Association Member. Son Andy is Associate Member
Baker, (Bagsy)	L/S	
Barber	PO GI	
Barlow, Albert	MEM	Association Member
Beech	AB	
Bingley, Roy (Bingers)	AB Gunner	Association Founder Member
Bradshaw	L/S	
Brady, (Scouse)	MEM	
Brennan, Bill (Ginge)	MEM	63-64 Trials Crew. Association Member
Brown, Bill (Woof)	MEM	Association Member
Caldicott, (Clubs)	L/S PTI	
Cameron, (Jock?)	AB Nav Yeo	L/S?
Clark, (Geordie)	L/S	
Clark, Ronald (Nobby)	AB	Forces Reunited
Cooke, (Charlie)	Ck	63-64 Trials crew
Cookson, Dave	Ck	Association Member
Cooper, G	AB	
Craven, Keith (Taff)	MEM	Association Member
Croft, Rod	LRO(G)	
Day, (Happy)	ME1	
Derbyshire	ERA	
Durber, Bryan (Brum)	AB TAS	63-64 Trials Crew. Association Member
Dyer, (Spin)	ME1	63-64 Trials Crew
Evans, (Taff?)	RO3	
Flanagan, Gerald (Bud)	PO RP1	Association Member
Forshaw, Pete	AB	Forces Reunited
Fowler, (Foxy)	ME	
Freeman, Thomas (Tom)	Chef	Forces Reunited
Gray, (Dolly)	LRO(T)	
Harper, Tony	POME	
Hitchens, Dave (Hitch)	RO2(T)	
Jones, (Angus)	RS	
Junior, (Jock)	ME1	63-64 Trials Crew
Kemp	AB	
Kench		
Kidley, (Taff)	L/S RP	

Kilkelly, John (Jake)	RO2(U)	Association Member
Lambourne, Peter	LME	Association Member
Lattimer, John	Seaman	63-64 Trials Crew
Levett, Tony (Levi)	MEM	Association Member
Lewis	Mid	
MacKenzie, Ian	AB RP	63-64 Trials Crew. Association Member
Mills, John (Bomber)	RO2(U)	Association Founder Member
Mitchell, (Paddy)	ME	
Morrish	PO	
Murphy, Dave (Spud)	RO2(G)	
Newton, Steve (Sam)	RO2(U)	Association Founder Member
Parrett, FW (Polly)	Shipwright	
Parrish, Don	PO SA	Association Member
Pearne, Nigel	ME	
Pearson	AB	
Pengelly	AB	
Pillinger	RO2(T)	
Purser, Terry	AB	Association Member
Read, Ken	CCY	Association Member
Riddiough, Mike (Mick)	OEM	Association Member
Rigg, Ramon	AB RP	63-64 Trials Crews. Association Member
Simmonds, Tony	PO EL	Association Member
Smelt, Dave	L/S	
Smith	CPO MEM	
Smollett, James	AB	Forces Reunited
Spendlow, Brian (Spenders)	RO2(U)	
Stephens, (Stevie)	ME1	63-64 Trials Crew
Stephenson, (Geordie)	LME	63-64 Trials Crew
Stevenson, Tony	MEM	Forces Reunited
Stevenson, George (Geordie)	Seaman	Reserve crew
Stidston, Terry (Pancho)	RO2(G)	Association Member
Thompson, Jack	AB	Forces Reunited
Toms, Pete (Scouse)	MEM	Association Member
Towers, John (Tanky)	MEM	Association Founder Member
Turton, Brian (Scouse)	AB	
Webb, Len (Jan)	PO UC1	Association Member
Wheatley, Paul (Dennis)	RO2(T)	
Wickes	ERA	
Williamson, Angus	SA	Forces Reunited
Wright, Dave (Shiner)	SA	Tow Crew. Association Member

**CREW LIST 1966-68 COMMISSION
(Far East)**

(138 Names)

Name	Rank/Rating	Comments
Allen, (Darby)	MEM	
Appleyard, Les		Association Member
Ashford, Mike (Jan)	LMEM	Association Member
Atkinson, (Geordie)	AB	
Barlow, Alan	POME	
Bateman, Stan	POME	
Bissell, Ian (Bex)	RO(T)	Forces Reunited
Blackburn, Bob (Blackie)	RO2(T)	Association Founder Member
Blake, Dave (Flakey)	MEM	
Brady, (Scouse)	MEM	
Brearley, (Scobie)		
Brenton, Rex (Jan)	AB Buffers Yeo	
Bruton, (Father)	AB	
Brown, Bill (Buster)	Chef	Association Member
Brown, (Buster)	RO	
Brownsword, Len		Association Member
Burke, Amos	ERA	
Caldicott, Brian (Brum)	MEM	Forces Reunited
Carney, Mick	LMEM	
Chadwick, (Big Chad)	L/S Diver	
Chadwick, (Little Chad)	L/S	
Cheeseman, Ken	LMEM	
Clark, (Jock)	MEM	
Coleman, Dave		
Colgate, Pete	REM	Association Member
Colloby, Jack	AB	
Company, Sean	OS	
Cook, Fred	CERA	
Cox, Charlie	RS	
Crook, Dave (Tiny)	Chef	Forces Reunited
Davies, (Taff)	RO	
Deal, Malcolm (Dozy)	AB	
Eames, (Dusty)	L/S	
Ellwood, Joe	MEM	Association Member
Fautley, Dennis (Flogger)		Association Member
Fender, (Taff)	MEM	
Finch, Brian G (Jan)	PO OEL	Association Member
Finch, Roger (Jan)	RO	Forces Reunited

Fletcher, Pete		
Fletcher, Roger (Jan)	LMEM	Association Member
Fletton, (Blondie)		
Gale, (Windy)	AB	
Gardener, John	MAA	Forces Reunited
Gardener, Harry	POME	
Gibbons, Ian (Gibbo)	AB	
Gibson, Harry	RO	
Green, John (Jimmy)	POME	Association Member
Gwynne, Mike	AB RP	Association Member
Hadley	Lt	
Hall, Bob (Nobly)	LMEM	Association Member
Hall, John (Nobby)	AB TAS	Association Founder Member
Halliday, (Doc)	LSBA	
Hannan, George	AB	
Hansford, (Jan)	LMEM	
Hanson, (Scouse)	LEM	CTB
Hancock, Ken	RO	
Hayter, Phillip	POME	
Healey, (Titch)	AB	CTB 1992
Hemmingway, John (Bambi)	MEM	
Hilton, (Twinkle)	AB	
Hobbs, Clive	MEM	Association Member
Hoffmann, John		
Holt, Keith (Tim)	AB	Association Member
Howard, Les (Frankie)	RO2(G)	Association Member
Howell, Johnnie	AB Diver	
Hughes, (Spike)	AB	
Hutchison, (Scouse)	PO Sea	
Jones, Trevor (Jonah)	RO	Forces Reunited
Lane, (Shady)	PO PRI	
Liddle, Robin	MEM	Association Member
Long, Pete (Dodger)	L/S	
Kell, Brian	RO	
Kelly, Mike	AB	Association Member
Knight, (Bogie)	PO Sea	
Langdon, Dave (Didds)	RO	CTB 08.01.2006
Langford, Mike	L/S TAS	Association Member
Leadbeater, Roger	AB	Association Member
Long, Roger (Dodger)	L/S	
Mansfield, Jess		
Mackin, Michael	AB	Forces Reunited
McCollum, Dale	AB	Association Member
McKenzie, (Ernie)	CMEM	
Major, Raymond (Sarge)	AB	Forces Reunited

Marsh, (Swampy)	ME	
Mathison, Peter (Taff)	LMA	Forces Reunited
Mellor, (Yorkie)	L/S	
Moisan, Eddie	L/S	
Molloy, Tony (Mo)	AB TAS	Association Member
Morris, Dave(Taff)	MEM	
Morris, Derek	MEM	Association Member
Munroe, Don (Herman)		
Nesbitt, (Nibs)	AB	
O'Donnell, (Darkie)	AB	
Owen, Ron (Jess)	AB	CTB
Parker, John (Fezz)	AB	Forces Reunited
Partington, Harvey	CY	
Partridge, (Spot)	AB	
Pearson, Fred	RO(G)	
Pearson, (Sticky)	RO	
Pease, George (Geordie)	AB	
Pender, Matt	CMEM	
Pern or Penn, Nigel	MEM	
Perkins, Kev (Polly)	AB RP	Association Founder Member
Phillips, Roger	ME	Forces Reunited
Pledger, Dave	POME	
Price, (Pricky)	AB	
Ramage, (Jock)	MEM	
Reid, Mike (Blood)	ME	Forces Reunited
Robertson, (Robbie)	PO Sea	
Robinson, (Robbie)	AB	
Sadler, John	RO	Association Member
Sampson, (Sam)	ERA	
Sharp, (Door)	PO	
Shaw, (Artie) (Stbd aft mess)	AB	
Shaw, (Artie) (Port aft mess)	AB	
Shearer	RO	
Sheath, Ted	ME	
Squibb, Rick	AB RP	Forces Reunited
Stables, Brian (Jock)	RO	Forces Reunited
Strickland, George	ME	
Taverner,(Rocky)	RO	
Thompson	LSA (V)	
Thornhill, Jess	RO	
Tilley, Malcolm	RO	
Toft, Brian		
Turton, Brian (Scouse)	AB	
Tutty, John	AB	
Valentine, (Doc)	LSBA	

Wallburn, (Wally)	ERA	
Watling, Dave	Cook	Association Member
Walker, (Whiskey)	LMEM	
Weeks, (Taff)	ME	
Whitfield, Nick (Whit)	OEM	Association Member
Willis, Keith	AB RP	
Wincott, Geoff		Forces Reunited
Wood, (Slinger G)	LRO(G)	
Wood, Graham (Slinger T)	LRO(T)	Association Member
Wrightson, (Ginge)		

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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