

Good afternoon Fellow Communicators,

I'm intruding on your time to promote Ian Pfennigwerth's latest book *Bravo Zulu*, Volumes 1 and 2. Ian's Comms credentials go back to 1964; he was SCO in several ships, an Instructor in the Comms School, FCO in the late 1970s, drove *Perth*, and left the service in 1992 as a Captain, having served as the inaugural DNC4IEW.

Over the past 9 years, Ian has been leading a research team, which included former and present communicators Terry Feltham, Paul Threlfall, Roland [Paddy] Torrens and **Suzie Jennings**, to uncover and write the background stories of all the Australian naval recipients of honours and awards from 1900 to 2014. Titled in full *Bravo Zulu: Honours and Awards to Australian Naval People*, the first volume containing the stories of awards made between 1900 and 1974, was released in September 2016 and was launched by Chief of Navy. Volume 2 (1975 to 2014) is scheduled to be on the shelves in October this year.

You may have heard of Bravo Zulu, but I thought it might become more relevant if I briefly outlined the communications aspects of its contents which our research revealed.

The book is not simply a list of names and awards. While it follows and describes the history of the RAN from 1901 to 2014, it also includes the magnificent achievements of many communicators during those years. Bravo Zulu then adds to those stories by bringing to light the very many men and women from allied navies who gave their time and were officially recognised for their service. Honours awarded to Aussies and allies have included Australian, Imperial, Dutch, US, Vietnam and others. Sadly though, not one Australian Member of the RAN has ever been awarded a Victoria Cross. Although I have read Volume 1 and Volume 2 several times during research days – I still find each Volume absorbing.

Both volumes are large books – 717 for Volume 1 and over 850 for Volume 2. Written to be understandable by a general readership, they are illustrated with maps, diagrams and photos and carefully indexed with lists of RAN ships, establishments and air squadrons and with the details of serving and non-serving naval recipients of honours and awards over 115 years.

If you're interested in owning a copy of *Bravo Zulu* Volume 1 it is available now through Ian's Website at www.nautilushistory.com.au, where you can also register your interest in Volume 2 as well. This puts you on the list to receive a special reduced price offer for advance purchases to be made in a few weeks' time. You can also contact him directly on pfennigs1@bigpond.com.

As an important aside – Bravo Zulu is Ian's 10th book – each being an excellent read.

All the best,

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