



Royal Navy Deserters in Australia

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Source		Deserter		Serving Aboard H. M. S.	Rank or Roll	Date of Birth		Place of Birth	Description	Notes
Year	Date	Surname	Given Names			Year	Date			
1885	09-Dec	Clifford	Louis	HMS Opal	Boy 1st Class	1869		Wiltshire	5' 4"; Brown hair; Brown eyes; Fresh Complexion	Deserted on the 7th December 1885 at Sydney; Page 363
1885	16-Dec	Clifford	Louis	HMS Opal	Boy 1st Class	1868		Wiltshire	5' 4"; Brown hair; Fresh Complexion	Deserted on the 7th December 1885 at Sydney; Page 363

1869	14-Dec	James	George	Barossa		1850		Wiltshire	5' 6"; Light hair; Light hazel eyes	Victoria Police Gazette
1872	17-Apr	Keepence	James	Blanche	Private; Royal Marine Light Infantry	1844	21-Jul	Wiltshire	5' 6½"; Brown hair; Grey eyes; Fair complexion	Page 114
1872	15-May	Keepence	James	Blanche	Private; Royal Marine Light Infantry	1844	21-Jul	Wiltshire	5' 7"; Brown hair; Grey eyes; Fair complexion; Wears corporal's stripes on his arm	Page 140
1882	06-Dec	Turner	Samuel	Nelson	Gunner	1852		Wiltshire	5' 8½"; Brown hair; blue eyes; fresh complexion	Deserted on 17th November 1882; £1 reward posted; Page 481
1882	22-Nov	Turner	Samuel	Nelson	Gunner; Royal Marine Artillery	1852		Wiltshire	5' 8½"; Brown hair; blue eyes; fresh complexion	Deserted on 17th November 1882; £1 reward posted; Victoria Police Gazette
1874	21-Jan	Wallace	Thomas	Basilisk	Stoker	1848	20-Jun	Wiltshire	5' 2"; Brown hair; hazel eyes; Dark complexion	Page 16