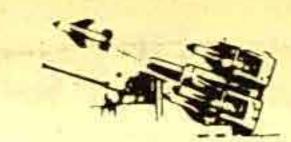


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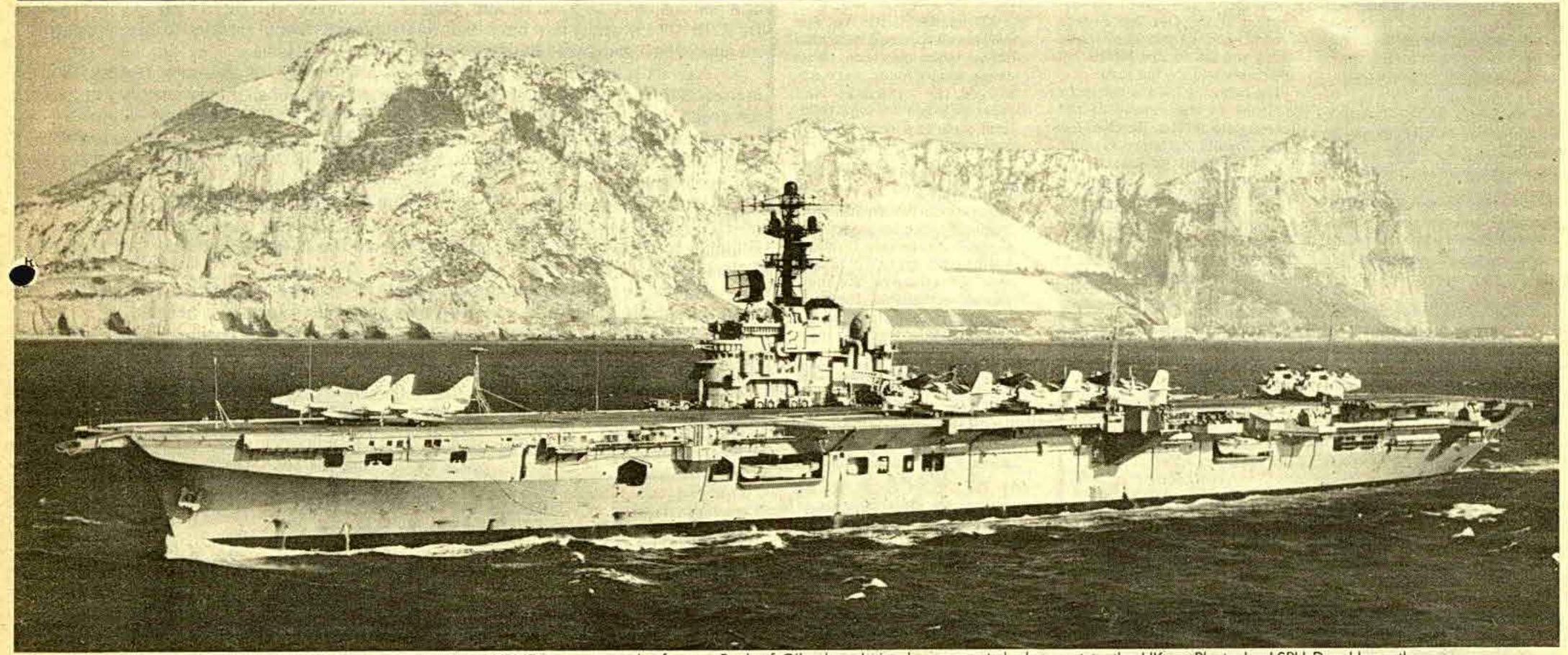
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## RAN SHIPS FLY THE FLAG AT SPITHEAD



THE AUSTRALIAN FLAGSHIP HMAS MELBOURNE steams past the famous Rock of Gibraltar during her current deployment to the UK. — Photo by LSPH Don Hogarth.

Tuesday, June 28, was a proud day for Australian officers and sailors serving onboard HMAS MELBOURNE and HMAS BRISBANE when they shared a historic moment cheering Her Majesty The Queen at her Silver Jubilee Naval Review at Spithead.

It was the greatest Naval spectacular since the Coronation Review at Spithead 25 years ago and one that will live long in the memories of those fortunate to be there for the historic Royal event.

The Spithead anchorage was an impressive sight with the armada of 175 ships from 18 nations and a total of some 30,000 men embarked, all dressed with flags and bunting, lining the 15-mile circuit of the Review.

The Australian flagship, the aircraft carrier MEL-BOURNE, commanded by

### CHART IS FOR SALE

The Hydrographer of the Royal Navy has published an official souvenir chart of the Silver Jubilee Review of the Fleet by Her Majesty The Queen on June 28, 1977. A reproduction of the Chart appears on ages 6 and 7. Limited copies of the Souvenir Chart, printed in standard colours on this papear are published for

copies of the Souvenir Chart, printed in standard colours on thin paper, are available for sale as Admiralty Chart 5171 at a retail price of \$1.60 from the RAN Chart Depot, Sydney.cost of postage, 60 cents. Total \$2.20. Cheques should be made out to: Receiver of Public Monies.

Commodore R. C. Swan, with the Task Group Commander, Rear Admiral G. V. Gladstone embarked and the guided missile de stroyer BRISBANE, commanded by Captain R. W. Burnett, each looking "a picture" were among the first of the assembled ships reviewed by The Queen.

The Australian ships were anchored near the head of the southern column of ships as The Queen, Prince Phillip, other members of the Royal Family and the British Prime Minister, steamed past in the Royal Yacht BRITANNIA.

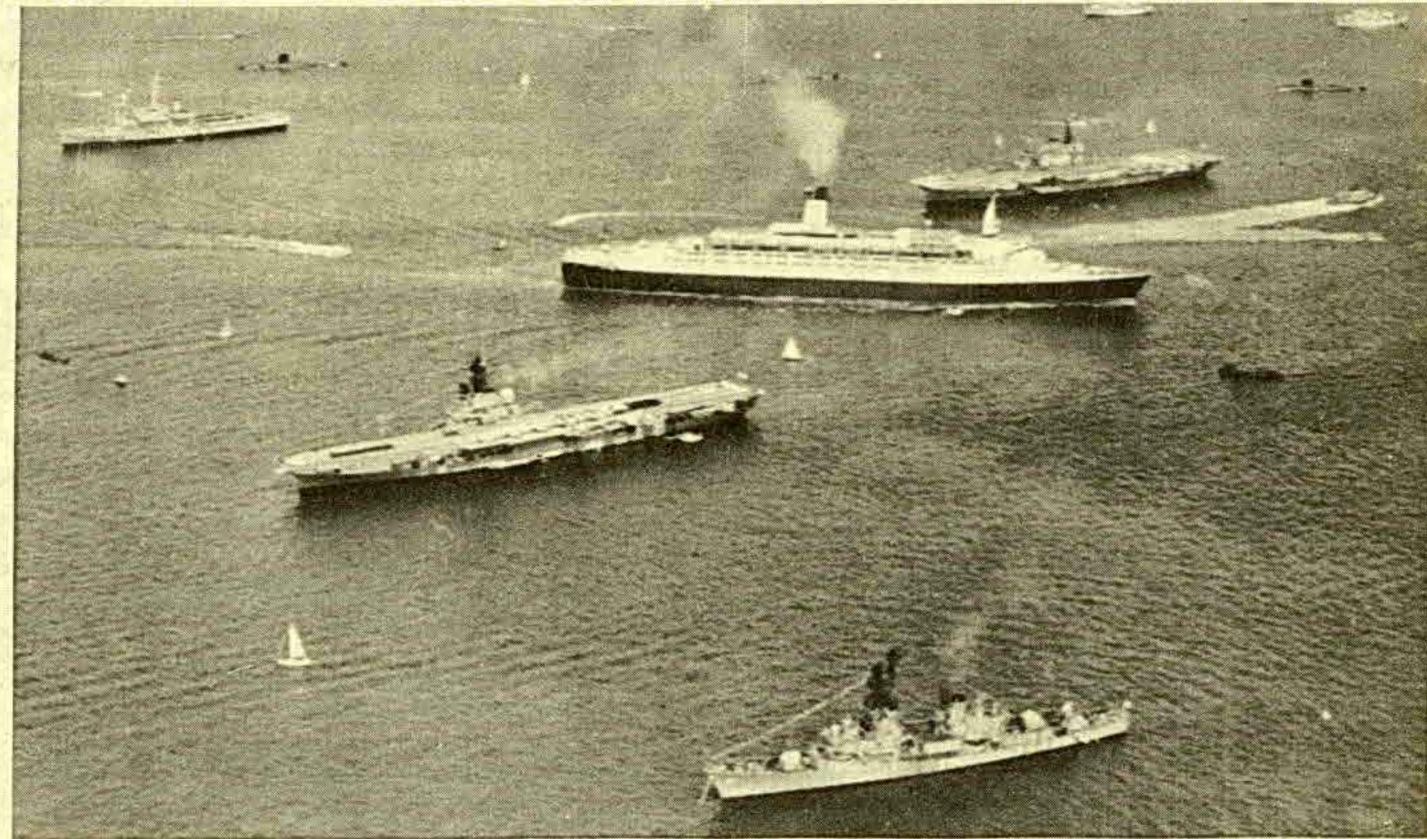
As the Royal Yacht approached the anchored Australian carrier, a 48-man Royal Guard presented arms in a Royal Salute and the RAN Fleet Band played the National Anthem "God Save The Queen".

Commander of the Task Group, Rear Admiral Gladstone saluted The Queen from a dais on MEL-BOURNE's flight deck.

On completion of the Royal Salute, the ship's company manned the flight deck and raised their caps and cheered Her Majesty.

BRITANNIA with its escorts, passed between the

# GREATEST NAVAL SPECTACULAR SINCE CORONATION REVIEW



THE OTHER QUEEN PASSING IN REVIEW . . . the pride of the British Merchant fleet, the passenger liner QE2 passes between the aircraft carriers HMS HERMES (rear) and HMAS MELBOURNE, the day before the Queen's Silver Jubilee Spithead Naval Review. Other ships in the picture are HMAS BRISBANE (foreground) and HMS FEARLESS. — An AAP-AP

lines of warships on the southern side of the Spithead anchorage then swung around and passed between warships on the northern side.

The Queen's Review of the Fleet took about two hours and at the conclusion,

the Royal Yacht anchored at the head of the column and aircraft of the Fleet Air Arm flew past in salute.

The RAN was represented in the flypast by helicopters of HS817 Squadron embarked in MEL-BOURNE and commanded

by LCDR J. W. Firth.

That night, with the anchorage taking on the appearance of a giant floating city as each ship turned on its ceremonial lights, the sky exploded into a cascade of colour from an impressive fireworks display . . . a July 4.

spectacular finish to a memorable day.

The following day, MEL-BOURNE and BRISBANE sailed for Plymouth for a three-day visit arriving there today, July 1, and departing for exercises on July 4.

### N(COMETAXGUIDE - PAGE4, AND 5

# How to save \$30,000 on THE PERSONNEL a \$20,000 home loan

A truly disastrous fact of modern life is that very few people know what is really costs to borrow money. When the facts of life about interest rates are explained, very few can believe them.

The Personnel People's column is a fortnightly "Navy News" feature designed to give serving personnel a broader understanding of matters of general interest, such as "pay", "DFRDB Scheme," "leave", "furlough" and other conditions of Service. The articles are prepared by the Chief of Naval Personnel and his staff in Canberra.

PEOPLE'S COLUMN

It is in your interest to know what interest rates mean, how much you are actually paying in interest over a given period, and how much can be saved by repaying at a higher amount per month than the minimum laid down by the lending institution.

One or two per cent difference in interest rate can cost thousands of dollars over the period of a loan.

From discussions with sailors concerning financial matters, it has become obvious that most would not consider the idea of approaching a bank to borrow money for a holiday, car or even a house.

The unfortunate truth is that the standard sailor would rather go to a "finance or loan" company for small sums and a building society for larger amounts, thereby increasing his interest percentage payable over the period by about 7 per cent or 8 per cent, almost double that given by the banks.

Loan finance, both small sums for a holiday and larger sums for a

house were discussed with two

These inquiries revealed that the banks are completely open and will explain to you all the facts concerning your loan.

You are informed of the full interest rates and whether they are reducing or non-reducing, the actual amount of interest, the stamp duty if required, insurance required, service fee if any, etc.

All the other finance organisations approached, with the exception of the Defence Forces Credit Union charged for all these, and if you ask for the details you are rarely told the full story.

The following facts which came to light in the course of the investigation held in March of this year, should be borne in mind before you apply for a loan.

#### (a.) BANKS

On a personal loan of \$3000 for a holiday will charge 7.75 per cent (non-reducing).

\$3000 repaid over 3 years at \$103.12 per month repays \$3702.

\$3000 repaid over 4 years at \$82.50 per month repays \$3960. You are also charged approximately \$70 for stamp duty, insurance and service fee.

### **ORGANISATIONS**

Stated their interest rates at 13 per cent per annum. \$3000 repaid over 3 years at \$124 per month repays \$4465. \$3000 repaid over 4 years at \$102 per month repays \$4896.

motor vehicle.

#### (c) FINANCE OR LOAN COMPANY

\$3034 repaid over 35 months at surance were not mentioned.

#### (d) DEFENCE FORCES CREDIT UNION

Stated interest rates at 13 per cent reducing (this may vary slightly for different Credit Unions) and was the cheapest form of finance encountered. \$3000 repaid over 3 years at \$104

DO YOU BANK WITH A

### (b) TRAVEL CREDIT

A \$50 adminstrative fee was added to all approved loans, this did not cover insurance. In all cases where loans were approved the consumer was expected to provide some collateral such as a real estate or

These are the two avenues most frequently used by service personnel to gain finance. On closer examination this type of finance also proved to be the most expensive available. The firms contacted all state their interest rates to be approximately 15 per cent (flat rate).

\$151.25 and one month at \$132 totals \$5425 (this is an annual interest rate of 26.5 per cent). Any kind of adminstrative fee or in-

#### (e) BUILDING SOCIETIES

vice charges.

or Credit Union.

Belconnen, ACT 2616.

These were not checked on a small loan basis, and the following facts were extracted form the Consumer News. On a home loan of \$20,000 repaid over 25 years, at \$226 per month you repay \$67,800.

per month totals \$3744. This

covers all costs such as in-

surance, stamp duty and ser-

By comparison a home loan of \$20,000 from a bank repaid

over 25 years at \$186 per month you repay \$55,800 reducing the total commitment by \$12,000. If the bank repayments were increased by \$40 per month to \$226 the consumer would save a staggering \$31,640 taking just over 111/2 years to repay the loan.

BUILDING SOCIETY OR

CREDIT UNION?

of a pension or retirement benefit, paid in accordance with the DFRB Act 1948 or the

DFRDB Act 1973, may now have their fortnightly payments credited to an account with

approach their Building Society or Credit Union to establish if the necessary approval

form may then be lodged with the office of the DFRDB Authority, the Building Society

BUILDING SOCIETY/CREDIT UNION ACCOUNT, may be obtained from approved

Building Societies and Credit Unions and from the DFRDB Authority at PO Box 22,

an approved Permanent Building Society or a Credit Union.

for credit of payments has been received from the DFRDB Authority.

than that of the payee, nor will payments be credited to a joint account.

Members who have terminated their service with the Navy and who are in receipt

Any ex-members who wish to avail themselves of this new facility should

Pensioners and recipients will be required to complete an application form; the

Forms for application - FORM DB51A - APPLICATION FOR PAYMENT TO A

It must be noted that payments will not be credited to an account in a name other

Two points need to be made. If you don't want to pay huge amounts of interest, explore - with advice - every possible avenue for your loan before committing yourself. Secondly, it is in your interest to repay more than the minimum

as set down by the lending institution.

Members already committed to high interest repayment loans, can in a majority of cases, re-arrange their committments and thus avoid the staggering interest figures quoted in this article.

For too many consumers neglect to seek loans from banks, believing they would not be eligible for a loan. In many instances the requirements are no more restrictive than from other sources where the interest rates are much higher.

### ATTENTION EX-UK SERVICEMEN

Your service with the British Forces may give you an increased DFRDB benefit. Members who have had service with the British Armed Forces which terminated on or after May 25, 1971, and who received a gratuity for that service from the UK Occupational Pension Scheme, may be entitled to use this gratuity to obtain a "transfer value" upon entry into the Australian Defence Force and the Defence Force Retirement and Death Benefits Scheme.

Where such a gratuity is acceptable to the DFRDB Authority, the effect of the transfer value granted is to provide an additional period of time which will count towards effective service for retirement benefits available under the DFRDB Scheme.

DO YOU HAVE AN ENTITLEMENT? Then contact: The DFRDB Authority, PO Box 22, BELCONNEN, ACT, 2616

### INTRODUCTION TO LEISURE

TIME is probably the one thing you wish you had more of. Time to spend with the kids, time to get all those odd jobs done, time to get away from it all. Navy men's leisure time is even more precious than most, as there is less of it to spend with their families, so we'd like to show you how you can get the most out of what leisure time you have.

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# DEATH OF BECHER



Rear Admiral Otto Humphrey Becher, CBE, DSO, DSC and Bar (Retd) died in Sydney on Wednesday, June 15, aged 68. He was privately cremated.

On Friday, June 24, over 200 people attended a Memorial Service in the presence of the Chief of Naval Staff and many other Senior Officers, both past and present, at the WATSON Naval Memorial Chapel.

Rear Admiral Becher retired 1 the Royal Australian Navy on January 13, 1966, after 44 years' service. He had a distinguished career.

Admiral Becher entered the RAN College in 1922, graduated in 1925 and he served with distinction in World War II and the Korean War.

It was while he was serving in the Royal Navy cruiser, HMS DEV-ONSHIRE, in World War II, that he was awarded the DSC for his services in helping withdraw troops from Norway.

Admiral Becher was awarded a Bar to the DSC when, as Captain of HMAS QUICKMATCH and in company with HMS QUILLIAM (Captain, later Admiral Sir Richard Onslow) HMS QUALITY and the Dutch Cruiser TROMP, he took his ship into Japanese occupied Sabang harbour where the ship carried out an inshore bombardment in the face of heavy counterfire.

During the Korean War, Admiral Becher, as CO of HMAS WARRA-MUNGA, was awarded the DSO and made Officer of the United States Legion of Merit. He was awarded a CBE in 1961.

Among the important command and staff appointments he held were: Deputy Chief of Naval Staff (1952-54 and 1959-62); Commanding Officer of the aircraft carriers VENGEANCE (1954-55) and MEL-BOURNE (1957-58); Head of the Australian Joint Services Staff in London (1962-63); Flag Officer Commanding the Australian Fleet (1964-65), Flag Officer in Charge East Australia Area (1965-66), and Director General of Recruiting.

He left a wife and three sons. CANBERRA

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"The sea merely lies in wait for the innocent, but it stalks the careless and the ignorant" — Admiral George Anderson.

### RADM O.H. NAVY'S ALARMING INJURY RECORD

A series of safety articles presented by DONS, Directorate of Naval Safety.

In the first three months of 1977, over 500 members of the RAN had their names recorded on the Daily Injury Records that are forwarded to the Naval Safety Directorate from all ships and establishments.

As a conservative estimate, statistics will show by years' end that one in every eight members of the Service will suffer some form of injury as a result of an accident during 1977.

In most cases, these injuries could have been avoided had the victim observed simple safety rules or exercised self discipline -on the job, at home, in the car, on that motor cycle or in the case of sport, had he or she been really fit enough to play?

Apart from the pain, economic loss, inconvenience, loss of efficiency, social restrictions, and concern to next-of-kin generated by ac- compassionate travel, sig-

cidents, the Navy loses a considerable number of working days from skilled personnel annually while they are excused duty or convalescing.

In the past 12 months for instance, almost 8000 working days were lost due to accidents. Worse still there were 18 deaths.

In terms of cash, when direct costs - loss of working time, compensation, and material loss are added to indirect costs - medical treatment, loss of efficiency, training, legal, replacement postings, accident investigation,

nals, etc - the total cost of accidents in one year can run as high as \$6,000,000.

To draw the attention of "Navy News" readers to some of the traps that lie in wait for "the careless and ignorant'' the the Directorate of Naval Safety will be producing a fortnightly "WATCH IT" column commencing this issue.

We will be covering potential hazards in the home, on the job, on the road and at recreation.

Do yourself and the Navy a favour - watch for "WATCH IT".

Here's a tip for the motorist:

BATTERY OR BOMB?

# BATTERY OR BOMB?

Do you realise your car battery is a potential bomb. The following accidents have come to our attention . . .

- An Airman was working on a motor vehicle whilst his Corporal was attempting to start it. On hearing a clicking noise in the battery he leant over the engine to investigate. As he straightened up there was an explosion. The Airman immediately washed his acid splattered arm and escaped injury. HE WAS LUCKY!
- An employee of a transport company was checking the water level of a truck battery with cigarette in mouth. The battery exploded. The sight in his left eye is now permanently impaired.
- Another driver was putting a quick charge on his battery. Even with the charger connected to the battery, the car would not start. His assistant offered to help and another attempt was made to start the car. The assistant was looking at the battery as the starter was activated. A piece of the casing of the exploding battery struck the assistant in the right eye resulting in a total loss of sight in that eye.

DONS' COMMENT: Potential explosive mixtures of hydrogen and oxygen are present in the cells of batteries under certain conditions, especially if the battery is defective or if a heavy charge is being applied.

A low water content in the battery allows a greater cavity for the accumulation of explosive gases.

If a battery needs repeated charging - something is amiss have it checked or if it is old, replace it.

Never work on a battery without some form of eye protection, preferrably safety glasses. Maintainers working with batteries as

part of their day to day duties should wear a face shield.

If you have a flat battery and decide to use jumper leads, follow this SAFE procedure:

In the case of a negatively earthed vehicle, first connect the positive terminals - making the initial connection to the flat battery.

Next connect the negative jumper lead to the negative terminal on the defective battery.

Finally connect the other end of the negative lead to any metal part of the "rescue" vehicle that will afford a suitable contact well away from both batteries. Then activate your starter.

### DUCHESS DE-COMMISSIONING BALL

Any member having served in HMAS DUCHESS since July 1, 1976, is invited to attend the ship's De-Commissioning Ball on October 13, 1977, at AJC Centre, Randwick, commencing at 2000.

Contact LSMTP Wiltshire HQI, extn. 2892 HMAS DUCHESS by August 5, 1977.

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CHOICE OF THE WEEK

Readers who reckon one-piece swimsuits are "old fashioned" and "do nothing for a girl", should have a closer look at beautiful and shapely Evelyn Mac . . . one sailor who did study the picture closer and liked what he saw, quipped "... but she'd even made a khaki shirt appealing!!" (Apologies to our Army friends) — Photo by Vince

### EARN MORE WHEN YOU RETIRE

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### PREPARATION OF AUSTRALIAN INCOME TAX RETURNS 30 JUNE, 1977.

For many years notes on the preparation of Income Tax Returns have been provided by the Navy to assist members prepare their Returns on receipt of their Group Certificates at the end of the financial year. These notes were for guidance particularly in respect of those items distinctive to Service personnel and employment in the Armed Forces.

It has been decided that guidance notes should again be issued by Navy to assist in the rendition of returns at 30 June 1977. It is anticipated that in future years similar notes will be issued by Defence Central for the assistance of all Service personnel. These notes are not intended to replace the Guides issued by the Taxation Department but are to be used as a supplement to those Guides in matters relating solely to Service employment.

Should a member have a particular enquiry regarding the completion of his Return, he should direct his enquiry to the Taxation Department or the Controller of Naval Pay, as appropriate. Where a member disagrees with details shown on his Group Certificate he should return the certificate to the Controller of Naval Pay for clarification and/or adjustment rather than enter conflicting statements in his Return.

When a member loses his Group Certificate, he should apply to the Controller of Naval Pay for a Statement of Earnings, which will be accepted by the Taxation Department in lieu of the lost Certificate.

The Guides issued by the Taxation Department and these Guidance Notes should be studied in detail before commencing to complete the Taxation Return.

Members of the Royal Australian Navy, including Royal Navy and Royal New Zealand Navy personnel on loan are liable for payment of Australian income tax with the exception that members posted for service in HMAS BASILISK are liable to pay taxation to the PNG Taxation Department whilst they are residents in that area. Such members should forward returns in respect of service in PNG to the Chief Collector of Taxes, Taxation Office, Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea.

The individual taxpayer is required to complete one of four different forms; Form S. A. B or G.

FORM S. This is the principal form used by most individuals. This form will be used where the medical and other concessional

expenditure does not exceed \$1525. FORM B. This form is used by a member if he conducts his own

business.

FORM G. This form should be used for all Trust Estates and Partnerships.

FORM A. This form is for taxpayers -

(a) with income from Partnerships or Trusts;

- (b) with income from property and investment etc, who are ineligible to use Form S; or
- (c) with income from salary and wages etc; where concessional expenditure exceeds \$1525.

#### MEMBERS SERVING IN PNG

Members who serve for part of a financial year in Australia and the remainder of the year in PNG, may claim a full year's allowable deductions and concessional rebates in his Australian return. For example, although a member may have served only two months in Australia, he/she is entitled to claim 12 months deductions from the Australian income, and ten months deductions from the PNG income.

Pay and allowances for leave accrued are exempt from Australian taxation provided the leave pay is credited prior to departure from PNG.

Members may only claim deductions from PNG income up to the date of permanent departure from PNG.

#### NON-TAXABLE ALLOWANCES

All allowances are taxable except those designed to reimburse servicemen for out-of-pocket expenses. These non-taxable allowances are:

(a) Uniform Maintenance Allowance;

- (b) Separation Allowance;
- (c) Travelling Allowance; (d) Living-Out Allowance;
- (e) Temporary Rental Allowance;
- (f) Temporary Accommodation Allowance;
- (g) Disturbance Allowance;
- (h) Extra Risk Allowance (must be deducted from claims for insurance expenses);
- (i) Education Allowance (must be deducted from claims for education expenses);
- (j) Re-engagement Bounty;
- (k) Retention of Lodgings Allowance; and

(1) Overseas Living Allowances.

Primarily, the allowances that are related to employment, are paid for services rendered and are taxable, e.g., Service allowance, Sea-going allowance.

Taxable allowances are automatically included in the salaries portion of the Group Certificate and no declaration or action need be taken by the member.

#### ITEMS OF "CONCESSIONAL EXPENDITURE"

The following are items which make up the concessional expenditure amount (Note that there are limits on how much can be claimed for some items):

MEDICAL, Dental, Optical and similar expenses paid for the taxpayer, spouse, child under 21 years or other dependant - no limit on the amounts claimable.

FUNERAL expenses for dependants who die - limited to \$100 a death. PAYMENTS to medical and hospital funds for the taxpayer, spouse or child - no limit.

EDUCATION expenses paid for the taxpayers child or other dependant under 25 years - limit of \$250 per student. (See also "Child Education Allowance.")

#### PARTICULARS OF DETAILS SHOWN ON GROUP CERTIFICATE.

The following are the particulars shown in the various column/boxes in "Group Certificate - Department of Defence - Navy Members".

COLUMN 1. Gross earnings include any payments of deferred pay or gratuity to a member whilst serving. Advance payments of

### UNIFORM MAINTENANCE

#### APPENDIX 1

Uniform Maintenance Allowance which is provided for the maintenance and periodical replacement of uniform is not shown in the group certificate, and is not required to be shown in a member's Return. If a member wishes to claim deductions each year based on expenditure incurred on maintenance and periodical replacement of uniform, he should, when making his return, include the amount of Uniform Maintenance Allowance received in the Income part of his Return and claim deductions for expenditure incurred to the extent that such expenditure is established by detailed particulars in the Other Deductions box. (Item 21 Form "S" Item 37 Form "A").

Once a member chooses to adopt this method of claiming on actual expenditure he will be expected to use it in his tax Returns consistently from year to year, and both Uniform Maintenance Allowance and the actual expenditure, as supported be detailed particulars, must be shown.

Because replacement of a mess dress is not covered by Uniform Maintenance Allowance, a claim for this item may be allowed in addition to the amount of normal uniform maintenance, but it is pointed out that the cost of acquiring items of uniform additional to the normal scale of essential kit as provided in ABR93, as distinct from replacement, is capital expenditure and is not therefore an allowable deduction.

As Uniform Maintenance Allowance does not include an element for cleaning and laundering of uniforms, reasonable claims for these services are allowable deductions for income tax purposes, irrespective of whether or not the member chooses to disclose Uniform Maintenance Allowance in his tax Return.

gratuities made by the DFRDB Authority to a member whilst serving are fully taxable but are NOT included in this column. A separate group certificate is issued by the DFRDB Authority in respect of such payments which must be included as "Gross Salary" in the Return.

#### COLUMN 2.

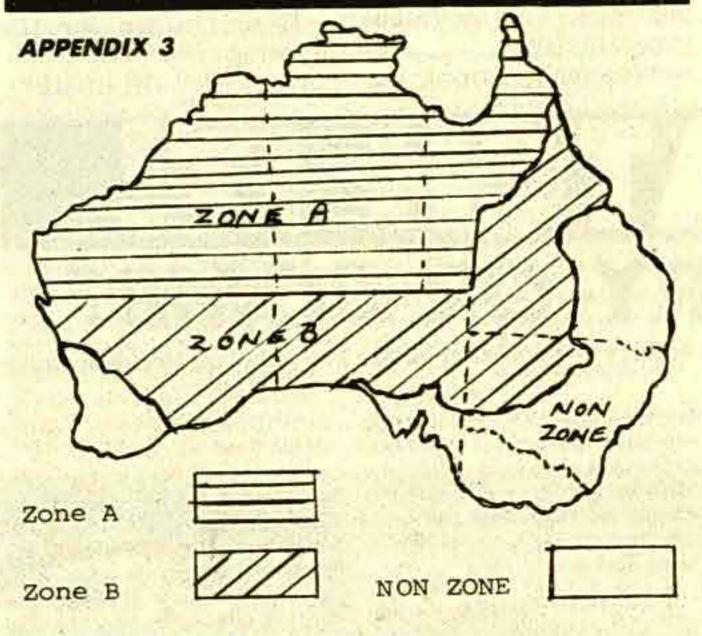
#### (a) EXTRA RISK ALLOWANCE

A member who, as a result of his employment with the Royal Australian Navy, receives payment of Extra Risk Allowance, and who completes FORM "A" will be required to show details in his Return, either on the Return itself or on an attachment to the Return, of the manner in which the deduction he has claimed for Life Insurance Premiums has been calculated e.g.

A member who has paid premiums of \$750 in respect of life insurance for which he has been reimbursed \$150 in respect of Extra Risk Allowance may claim either.

- (i) \$600 in respect of Life Insurance Premiums and now show \$150 as an item of income; or
- (ii) \$750 in respect of Life Insurance Premiums and declare \$150 as income received.

### ZONE AREAS OF AUSTRALIA



#### (b) CHILD EDUCATION ALLOWANCE

This allowance is not taxable.

However, a member who is claiming Education Expenses, and is therefore completing Form "A", should include the allowance in his Return in the following manner:

(i) show the full amount received under Item 4(a) (delete Livingaway-from-home allowance and insert Education Allowance).

- (ii) full amount to be broken into elements for maintenance and fees and show as deducations under Item 37 "Any Other
- (iii) the fees element as ascertained in (ii) to be shown in the subtract box in Item A8 of Schedule "A" "Education Expenses".

Notice of payment of Education Allowance is also required by the Taxation Department when considering claims for concessional allowances in respect of student children over 16 years of age.

#### (c) MALAYSIA LIVING, S.E. ASIA, IN PORT AND SPECIAL ALLOWANCES

These allowances are taxable income but are subject to a special exemption authorised by the Treasury in the form of a remission of tax.

Accordingly, the amounts of these allowances should be included in the Income part of the Tax Return and extended to the Gross Income column but a clear endorsement should be made on the Return as to the special circumstances of the allowances e.g. "South East Asia Deployment Allowance subject to special remis-

sion of tax." It is understood that the Taxation Department will disregard these amounts as income.

#### COLUMN 3.

In the case of a serving member, an amount will be shown in this column where

(a) he has been discharged during the year;

(b) he was paid a lump sum (in respect of a gratuity under the Naval Pay Instructions, furlough or accrued leave entitlement) on discharge; and

(c) he was re-employed in the Royal Australian Navy after a break in service.

In these cases, two group certificates will be issued by Services Pay Accounting Branch to the member and the lump sum payment will appear in the certificate for the first period of service. The amount should be entered in Item 6 (for both Forms "A" and "S") as Lump Sum Payment and 5% (1/20th) should be extended to the "Gross Income" column. NOTE:

- (a) When a lump sum payment following discharge is made by the DFRDB Authority in respect of a gratuity plus a refund of contributions under the DFRDB Act, 5% of the gratuity only should be included as gross income.
- (b) No tax deductions are made in the Navy Pay Accounting Centre for lump sum payments made following discharge.

#### COLUMN 4.

Amounts shown in respect of DFRDB should be entered under Item A12 Schedule "A" "Superannuation" (Form "A" or "B") in the Return. (See Appendix 2re DFRDB contributions).

LOWER PORTION OF THE GROUP CERTIFICATE

The group certificate will show periods of -

- (a) Zone A.
- (b) Zone B.
- (c) Overseas Locality.

(d) Exempt (PNG service).

Claims for rebates in respect of Zone A, Zone B and Overseas Locality should be made under the item headed "Zone - Overseas Forces" on the return form. (Both Form "A" and Form "S"). No action on the form is required in respect of exempt service, but it is pointed out that a period of exempt service in Papua New Guinea confers an additional entitlement to a Zone A rebate where the period is more than one half of the tax year.

The following points are made in respect of Zone and Overseas Locality Rebates -

Provided that a member fulfils the residential qualification of more than one half of the year of income in a Zone or at an Overseas Locality, he is entitled to claim the following rebates -

(a) Zone A and Overseas Locality - an amount of \$216.00 plus one quarter of the total of rebates for dependants.

- (b) Zone B provided that the member has not resided in c actually been in Zone A during any part of the year of income, an amount of \$36.00 plus one-twentyfifth of the total rebate for dependants.
- (c) In any other case such amount considered by the Taxation Commissioner as reasonable in the circumstances. NOTE:

(a) Zone rebates do not automatically apply for service in HMA ships in waters contiguous to zone areas.

- (b) A claim for Overseas Locality rebate will be allowed where the period of service is less than one half of a year. The amount of the rebate in such a case is calculated by multiplying the total rebate which would be obtained in respect of more than one half of a year, by the number of days at the Overseas Locality and dividing the result by 182.
  - (i) Where periods of service in Zone A and at an Overseas Locality total more than one half of a year, the full rebate may be claimed.
  - (ii) A period of Zone B service plus a period at an Overseas Locality cannot be combined to obtain the full rebate, but where such an occasion arises the member is advised to claim the Overseas Locality rebate on a proportionate basis and to indicate Zone B service in his return, as the Taxation Department may see fit to grant a proportionate rebate in respect of Zone B.
- (c) See Appendix 3 for your areas.

#### DEDUCTIONS - GENERALLY

(a) UNIFORM MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE - UPKEEP AND MAINTENANCE OF UNIFORMS See Appendix 1.

allowable):

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#### (b) MESS SUBSCRIPTIONS A deduction may be claimed for mess subscriptions paid to

the respective mess committees for charges which are levied on members. (Item 21 Form "S" Item 37 Form "A"). (c) GIFTS TO PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS, ETC

Gifts or donations of property or money over the value of \$2

to certain nominated funds, institutions or bodies in Australia are deductible. (Item 17 Form "S" Item 33 Form "A"). NOTE: The following commonly claimed charities are not

Freedom from Hunger

Church

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### APPENDIX 2

Under the Income Tax Act a taxpayer may claim as a concessional expenditure rebate item amounts paid towards purchase of a pension and life insurance. The maximum amount allowed as a deduction has varied as follows:

Year Ended Amount \$200.00 30/6/1949 \$300.00 30/6/1950 \$400.00 30/6/1951 to 30/6/1956 \$600.00 30/6/1957 to 30/6/1959 \$800.00 30/6/1960 to 30/6/1967 \$1,200.00 30/6/1968 onwards

Where a member's annual contribution towards pension and life insurance have exceeded in any year the above amounts, he is eligible, in accordance with Section 26AA of the Income Tax Act, to have the total of such excess over the years of income taken into account by the Commissioner of Taxation in assessing his

concessional expenditure rebate item. Deferred pay paid to DFRDB Scheme is also taken into accound in addition to the total of the excess annual contribution.

The foregoing is allowed because only part of the purchase price of the pension or life insurance has been allowed as a deduction over the years of income. The total of the excess is known as the "undeducted purchase price".

The annual amount of pension which will be exempt is the amount calculated by dividing the total of the "undeducted purchase price" by the number of the years of life expectancy of the pensioner at his age of retirement.

Accordingly, on retirement, members who qualify may obtain from the Controller of Navy Pay advice of their yearly contributions to the DFRDB Scheme and, if applicable, the amount of deferred pay transferred. Advice regarding the amounts-paid for life insurance should be sought from the companies concerned. Application should then be made to the local Deputy Commissioner of Taxation.

#### **CONTINUED FROM PAGE 4**

Foreign Missions Italian Earthquake Appeal World Vision Other Overseas Charities Gifts under \$2 RAN Relief Trust Fund.

#### (d) ENTERTAINMENT EXPENSES.

Where members of a ship's company are required to share costs of entertainment organised on behalf of the Commanding Officer for local dignitaries and other guests when in port the costs incurred by individual members may be claimed as a deduction but the claim should be supported by a certificate from the Commanding Officer.

- (e) Subscriptions to journals, newspapers and magazines directly related to the member's trade which are obtained for the furtherance of his knowledge of his trade or profession are deductible.
- (f) Fees incurred in the preparation of a taxpayer's income tax return by a registered agent are deductible.

#### HEALTH LEVY CALCULATION - SPECIAL **ARRANGEMENTS**

Health Insurance Levy is generally the lesser of basic levy (i.e. 1.875%) of your taxable income) and the maximum levy appropriate to your particular circumstances.

If you and/or your spouse were members of the Armed Forces during the period 1 October 1976 to 30 June 1977, and your circumstances remained unchanged during that period, levy payable is generally calculated in accordance with the rules set out below.

#### SERVICEMAN MARRIED TO A NON-SERVICEWOMAN OR SERVICEWOMAN

you were a serviceman and have shown 39 weeks at statement (v) of Item 24, levy payable is the lesser of one-half of basic levy and \$112.50.

#### SERVICEWOMAN MARRIED TO A NON-SERVICEMAN OR SERVICEMAN

If you were a servicewoman and have shown 39 weeks at statement (v) of Item 24; and

- (a) you have not completed statement (vii) at Item 24, levy payable is the lesser of one-half of basic levy and one-half of the amount determined by deducting 3.750% of your husband's taxable income from \$225; or
- (b) you have shown 1/10/76 to 30/6/77 at statement (vii) of Item 24, levy payable is the lesser of one-half of basic levy and one-half of the amount determined by deducting 1.875% of your husband's taxable income from \$225.

#### NON-SERVICE PERSON MARRIED TO A SERVICEMAN OR SERVICEWOMAN

If you were not a serviceman or servicewoman and you have shown 1/10/76 to 30/6/77 at statement (vii) of Item 24 levy payable is calculated as follows:-

(a) If you are a man - the lesser of basic levy and \$112.50; or

(b) if you are a woman - the lesser of basic levy and one-half of the amount determined by deducting 1.875% of your husband's taxable income from \$225.

These arrangements also apply to levy payers covered by the Pensioner Health Benefit Scheme or the Repatriation Commission for all conditions.

NOTE: A more detailed explanation of the Health Insurance Levy, prepared by NHBS, will be published in the next edition.

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### INCOME TAX GUIDE STUART UNDER STARTER'S ORDERS FOR SE ASIA RUN



TO TRY HIS LUCK ON THE LAND: STUART Officers tow engineer LEUT Kevin Fanker ashore on his retirement after 20 years RAN Service.

'He flung himself from the room, Flung himself upon his horse, And rode madly off in all directions.' - Stephen Leacock from "Gertrude the Governess"

Although this may somewhat exaggerate the exertions of the destroyer-escort HMAS STUART since our last 'NAVY NEWS' epistle, the allusion nevertheless encapsulates that which has been achieved by the Ship during the first half of 1977.

During April, STUART completed a leave and intermediate docking period and began a somewhat pruned shakedown and work-up in the East Australia exercise areas.

Despite a few expected teething problems, the NEW REGIME, led by the new Commanding Officer, Commander W. E. Rothwell, RAN, and the Executive Officer, Lieutenant Commander S. J. Youll, maintained the traditionally high standards of the "Tartaned Terror of the Seas".

This period proved quite hectic with the Ship being involved in air defence and anti-submarine exercises from Newcastle to Jervis Bay.

Everyone onboard gave of his best to make these exercises worthwhile.

In keeping with that oft-bandied adage - "All work and no play ...", the Ship's Ball provided an excellent change of atmosphere.

Held at the AJC Centre Randwick, on May 6, it proved to be a great success with all the ladies being presented with rosettes of STUART ROYAL TARTAN.

An enjoyable time was had by all, especially POETW Mal Adams and ABWM Marty (Bomber) Brown who won the door prizes.

On a somewhat sadder note, our engineer LEUT SDENME Kevin John Fanker, RAN, retired after 20 years' devoted service on May 16.

In a demonstration of gratitude for his diligent service to the RAN, he was given a guard of honour by STUART's engineering sailors.

With "wheelies" at the "present", he was towed from the Ship to the dockyard gates astride a Gamlen drum perched atop a dockyard trolley pulled by his fellow officers.

All of STUART, and his RAN shipmates, wish Kevin well in his new career on the land.

Meanwhile preparations for the Annual Inspection continued fever-

ishly with the Executive Officer and CBM (CPOQMG Sheehan) directing the band of eager workers.

Gargantuan efforts by all resulted in the Ship being in tip-top condition for the inspection by Commodore J. D. Stevens on May

After having successfully completed the work-up and inspection, the Ship's company commenced a well-earned leave period.

However with STUART "under starters orders" for a five-month deployment to SE Asia preparations progress with not only the Ship but also the sporting teams, the successes (or otherwise) of which will be published in future despatches of "TARTAN TALES" by our roving reporter.



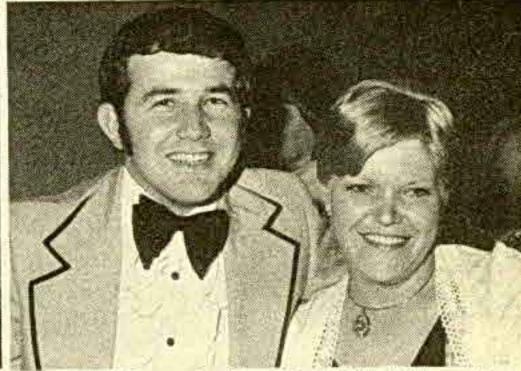
FOCAF Chief of Staff, Commodore J. D. Stevens inspects the Guard during his inspection onboard STUART recently. Guard Commander is SBLT John O'Neill and Supply Officer LCDR Kevin Scanlon also features.



THE Commanding Officer, CMDR Rothwell with Mrs Rothwell, watching the Luck Door prizes being drawn by CPOETW Nick Tatarinoff.



ABROEW Doug Hannan with his wife Anne.



LSETS Trevor Gordon with girlfriend Sherry Simons.



POMTP Denis Bawden with Patricia Coughian.



ABFC Andrew (Possum) Freame with his fiancee Sandie

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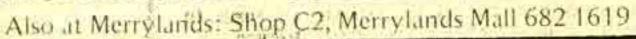
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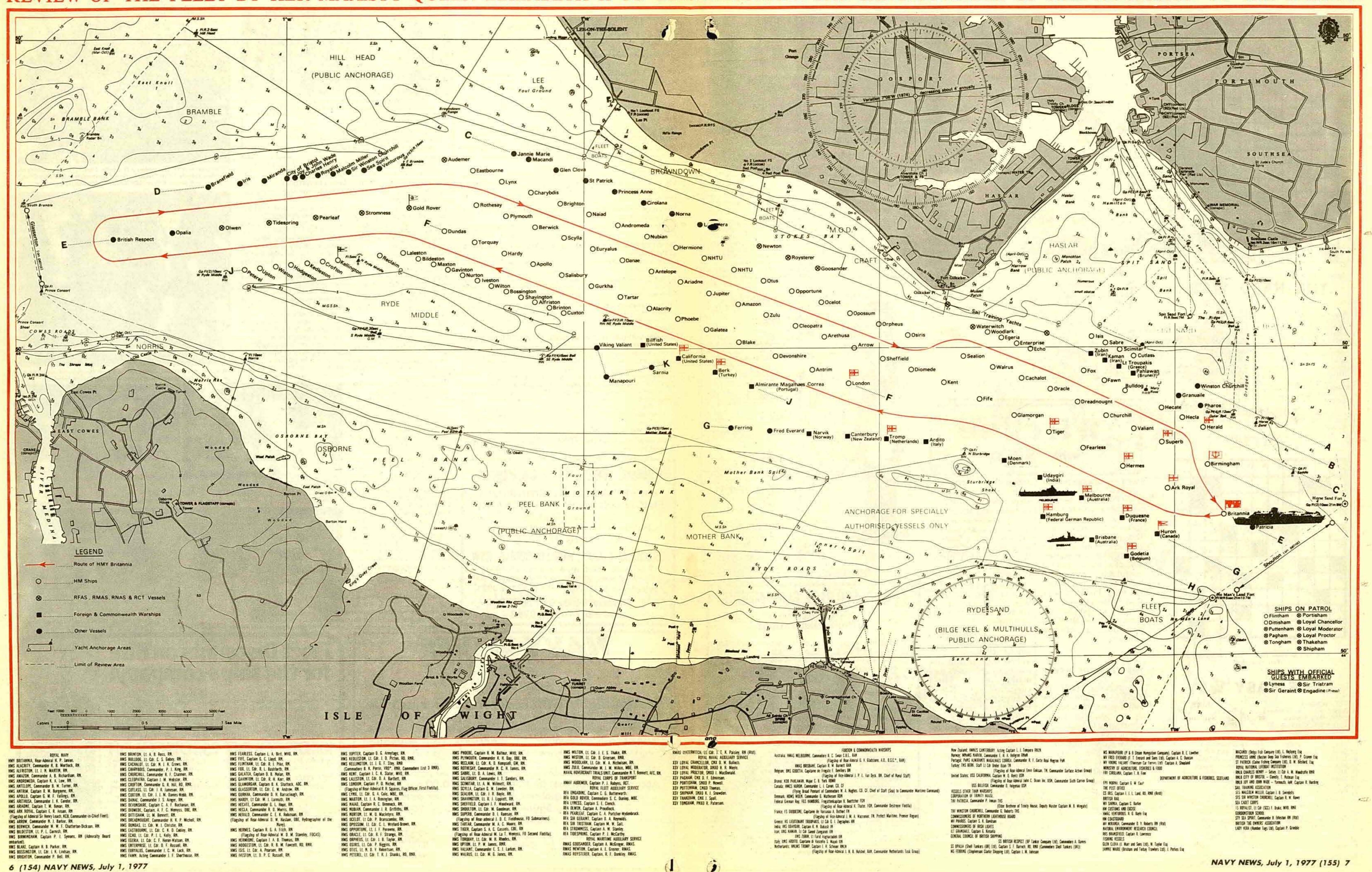
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### CROSSWORDS

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ACROSS 1 Blemishes

5 Tips

10 Fanatical 11 Liturgy

13 Worth 14 Turned

15 Surface slant

16 Yields 18 Notions

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26 Offered

38 Musical instrument 39 Disease of grasses 40 Wear

> 41 Not at all DOWN 2 Like better

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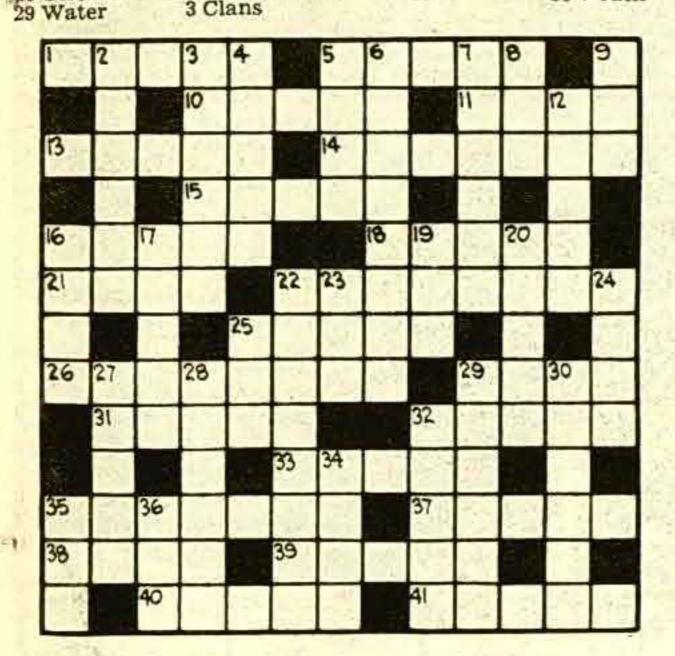
plished 20 Book of maps

22 Guided 23 Supplement 24 Fine

powder 25 Limb 27 Each of a number

28 Golf club 29 Signify 30 Threaten 32 Animal 34 This place

35 Work at steadily 36 Wrath



#### THE HARD WAY

ACROSS 1 Studying at night.

8 Clamor.

9 Soldiers. 11 Money changing.

13 Fruit. 15 Drink.

16 Indian.

18 New. 19 Island in New York

Harbor. 21 Lifted.

23 Mineral. 25 The same (L.).

27 Otherwise.

30 Bird.

31 Destruction.

32 Tax. 33 Vegetables.

"Peer

1 Find. 2 Mussel.

3 Morass. 4 In order

5 Character Gynt".

6 Bird.

7 English hero.

9 Ring up. 10 Went down.

12 Cold.

14 Ages. 16 Handle.

17 Greek letter.

23 Exempt 22 Wood.

24 Armadillo. 25 Medicine chest (Jap.).

26 Bad.

28 Dregs. 29 Point.

Both sets of clues fit the one crossword grid. Test your skill.

### THE EASY WAY

#### ACROSS

1 Draws into a wrong course. (two words)

8 That which corrodes. 9 Dwarf eucalypts. 11 Horny part of animal

foot. 13 Stock of animals.

15 Insect.

18 Beverage.

19 Vassal.

21 City in Germany. 23 Year's entry in a chronicle.

25 Knot in a tree.

27 Small islands. 30 Garments.

31 Haul heavily.

taken.

32 Birds. 33 Restores what was

16 Swarm of young fish.

#### DOWN

1 Deadly. 2 Hard of hearing.

3 Salt. 4 Sacrificial table.

5 Consult. 6 Allowance for waste.

7 Small farmers.

9 Particle of dust.

10 Great waves.

12 Vegetable.

14 Wide-awake.

16 Bog.

17 Affirmative vote. 20 Vehicular shelter.

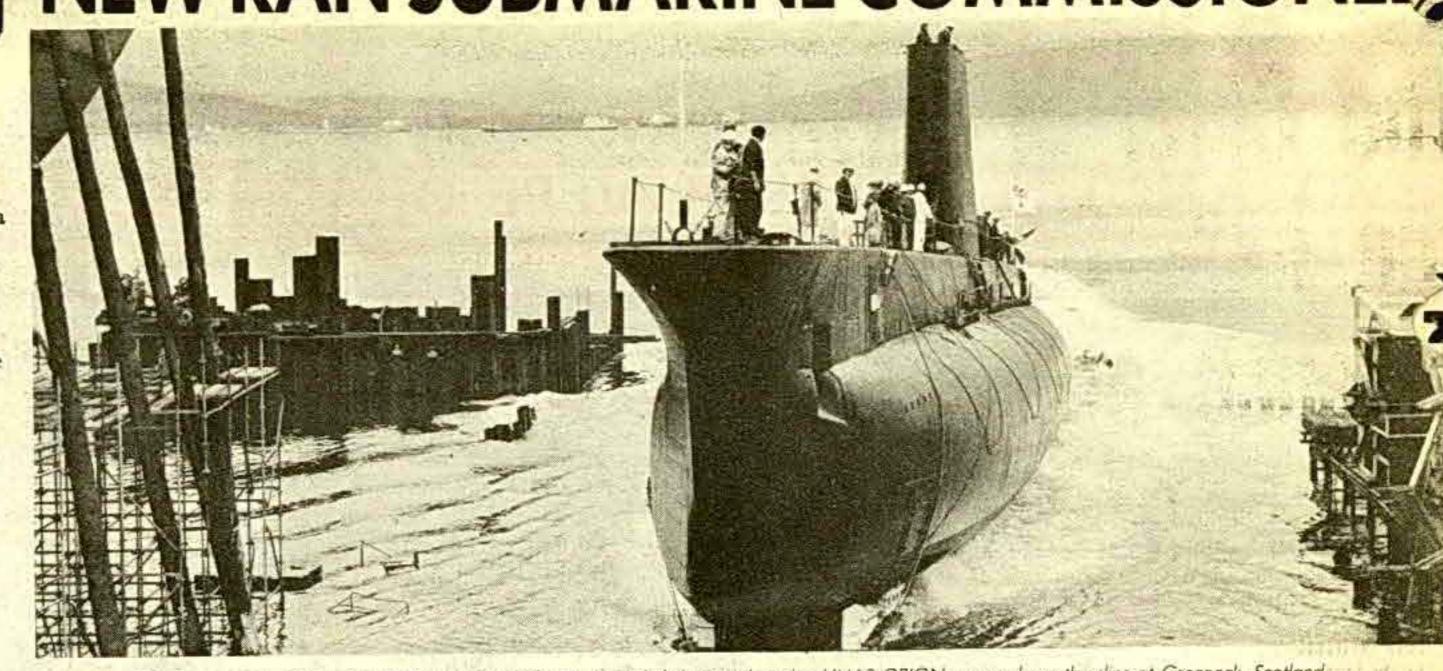
22 Abused. 24 Only palm found in New Zealand.

25 Young animals. 26 Slightly open.

28 Distinctive doctrines. 29 Indifferent.

SOLUTIONS - INSIDE BACK PAGE

### NEW RAN SUBMARINE COMMISSIONED

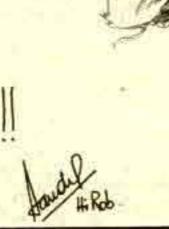


The scene on launching day, September 16, 1974, as Australia's latest submarine HMAS ORION moves down the slips at Greenock, Scotland.

Younleer for Doals my day and you'll not be bested,

Volunteer for Boats my boy and a hard life you'll have mastered

Volunteer for Boats my boy before you're bloody drafted



### Wifeline

with "HOLLY"

#### CARD AND GAMES DAY AT SYDNEY AREA GROUPS "TRESCO" . . .

The RAN Wives' Assn will be holding a card and games day at "Tresco", 97 Elizabeth Bay Rd, Elizabeth Bay, on August 10 at 11 am. All members and their friends are invited. The cost \$5 per person includes lunch (NO babysitting at this function). Proceeds going towards the sponsorship of our Hong Kong Orphan. For bookings phone Mrs Chris Thompson at 428 5442 (Sydney).

### THE CERBERUS WIVES'

CLUB is holding a "TRIP TO TASMANIA" afternoon on July 7 with films presented by the Tasmanian Tourist Bureau. The highlight of the afternoon will be a GRAND DRAW for two lucky people to spend a weekend at Wrest Point Casino with \$100 spending money!! Proceeds from the draw to help local charities. The Westernport branch is very active and always welcomes new members. Please contact the secretary, Yvonne Zeigler, 13 Ross St, Hastings, Vic, 3129, for further

information.

The first meeting for wives from the Rosebery-Eastlakes area will be held on July 12 - the venue to be announced in next issue.

Wives from the Redfern-Waterloo area will meet at 10 am on July 14, at the Police Citizens Boys Club, Elizabeth St, Redfern. De come along or phone PO Pat Nuss at CPSO 232 2222 or Mrs C. Thompson at 428 5442 for further information.

#### **INVITATIONS**

will be sent out later this month to the wives and mothers of the ship's company of HMAS MELBOURNE and BRISBANE for SMORGASBORD

LUNCHEON at the Bondi WRANS Quarters. Choice of two dates: July 26 or 27. There is a limit of 65 guests each day. Babysitting and children's lunch provided. Ample parking or bus from Remington Centre at 11.30 am, returning to centre at 2.45 pm.

NEWS ITEMS ... Please forward any news items for "Holly" to Mrs Marion Stoker, 4/10 Yarranabbe Rd, Darling Point,

The Oberon class submarine HMAS ORION was commissioned into the RAN in Scotland on June 15.

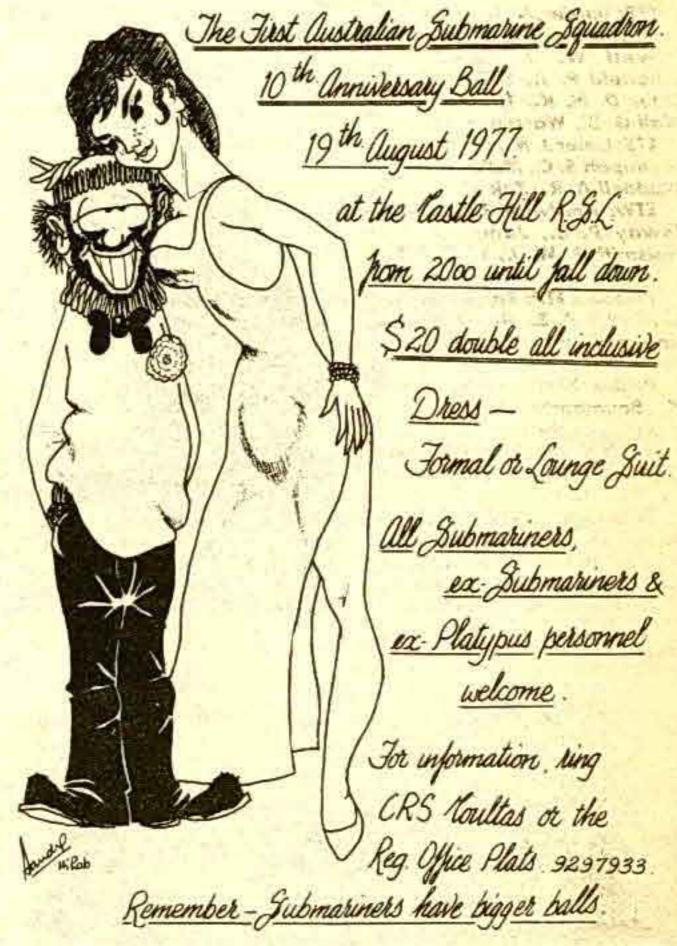
The Minister for Defence, Mr D. J. Killen, said the submarine - the RAN's fifth would be the first new "fighting ship" to join the RAN since the River-class destroyer

escort, HMAS TORRENS, was commissioned in 1971. At the commissioning ceremony at the Scott Lithgow shipbuilding yard at Greenock, on the Clyde near Glasgow, the Australian Naval Representative in the United Kingdom, Commodore G. J. H. Woolrych, read the commissioning warrant for the submarine which is commanded by his brother, Lieutenant Commander R. H.

Woolrych. Building of the submarine commenced in April, 1972, and it was launched on tember 16, 1974, by the wife of the then Australian High Commissioner in London,

John Armstrong. HMAS ORION will spend about six months working-up in UK waters before commencing its delivery voyage. It is expected to arrive in Australia in April next year. HMAS ORION is equipped with a new type of passive range-finding sonar, a modified "snort" system, and a radio antenna system of improved design.

It is 90m long, displaces 2070 tonnes, and has a crew of 62. It is armed with antishipping and anti-submarine torpedoes which are fired from six tubes in the bow.



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### NIRIMBA PASSING OUT PARADE

# The Chief of Naval Staff on the importance of maritime defence and Nirimba's role

The Chief of Naval Staff, Vice Admiral A. M. Synnot told graduates at the Passing Out ceremony at HMAS NIRIMBA on June 17 that an island nation which relied on trade must realise the importance of maritime defence.

Vice Admiral Synnot, reviewing his first parade at the RAN Apprentice Training Establishment as CNS, was expanding on the role NIRIMBA plays in producing the high calibre of technical sailors required in the Fleet.

During his address, VADM Synnot congratulated the Parade and mentioned that the Guard looked very professional after their Royal occasions at which he had seen them do so well.

He also welcomed the many parents and friends to the ceremony.

# UUI LLASSES

ATA: Dufty S. M., Fealey C. A., Sosnowski R. L. ATW: Arnold G. W., Barney S. J., Edwards T. M., Gough M.,

Hay S. A. ETP: Border A. S., Jones K. E., Pataki J. Z., Payne C., Powell W. J., Robl C., Schofield P. J., Skelly P. J., Suter D. N. K., Treble D. L., Wall G. D., Watson B. M.

ETS: Eimer J. M., Falkiner P. G., Impett S. C., McFarlane R., Waddell A. R., Zak J.

ETW: Hardwick R. S., Holloway P. C., James R. F., Naismith B. W. J., Wakefield

PHASE 2 ETP: Bajtala M. E., Broderick R. B., Brown R. B., Cooke K. W., Strong A. P., Tobin M. W.

PHASE 2 MTP: Barbeller M. K., Baumgarten E. H., Clapman B., Frater R. J., Gibbons H. J., Griffiths T. J., Osborne C., Raeburn B. L., Reynolds G.

K., Stevens D. J. G. S. MECHANICIANS: Clelland J. W., Donchi B. L., Hickey K. J., Johnson L. A., Knowler K. B., Martin P. W., McDonald D. J., Mulligan P. O., Murphy A. T., Oates D. A., Pike B. S., Richards R. T., Sheargold R. M.

Speaking to the graduates, he said the task of NIRIMBA did not only encompass the training of skilled technical sailors who were needed so much in the Fleet, the Fleet Air Arm and the Submarine

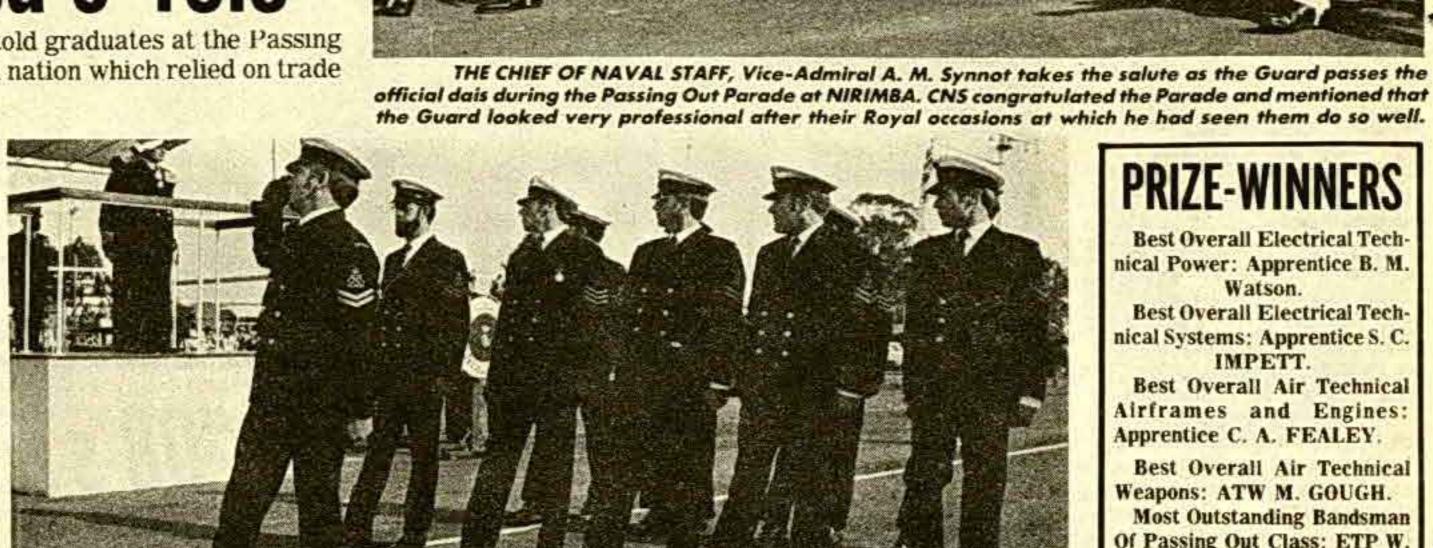
He said that there was also a requirement firstly for motivation to a career in the Defence Force, particularly in the Navy.

Secondly, he said, it was important that all were interested in their particular skills and took a pride in their work - job satisfaction as it was sometimes called.

He said that there also was a need to instill the principles of leadership at NIRIMBA because graduates would become the senior sailors and in many cases the officers of the future.

The Chief of Naval Staff said he was convinced that NIRIMBA offered a career with a future. An island nation which relied on trade must realise the importance of maritime defence.

In closing his remarks, he wished the graduates good fortune in their future postings.



ABOVE: The General Service Mechanicians class give the "eyes right" during the Parade.

RIGHT: The prize for the "Best Overall General Service Mechanician Passing Out" is presented to POMTP Donchi by CN5.



**PRIZE-WINNERS** 

Best Overall Electrical Technical Power: Apprentice B. M. Watson.

Best Overall Electrical Technical Systems: Apprentice S. C. IMPETT.

Best Overall Air Technical Airframes and Engines: Apprentice C. A. FEALEY.

Best Overall Air Technical Weapons: ATW M. GOUGH. Most Outstanding Bandsman Of Passing Out Class: ETP W. J. POWELL.

Most Outstanding Sportsman Of Passing Out Class: ATW M. GOUGH.

Best Overall Phase Two Marine Technical Propulsion: ABMTP D. J. STEVENS.

Best Overall Phase Two Electrical Technical Power: A BETP K. W. COOKE.

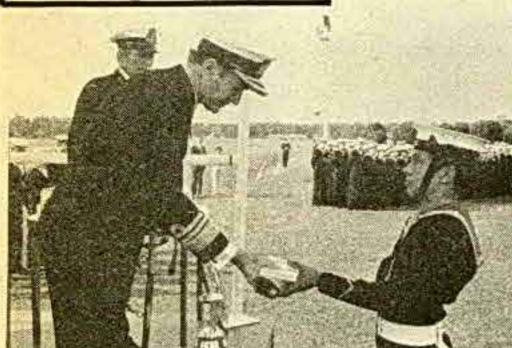
**Best Overall General Service** Mechanician Passing Out: POMTP B. L. DONCHI.

KIPPAX TROPHY - Winner Of Inter Divisional Sport (summer series): KING DIVISION. DIVISIONAL SHIELD -

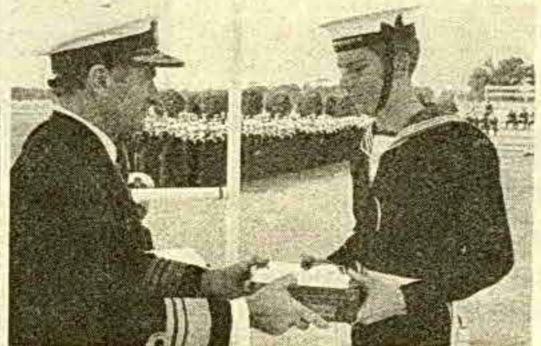
Best All Round Division: King Division.



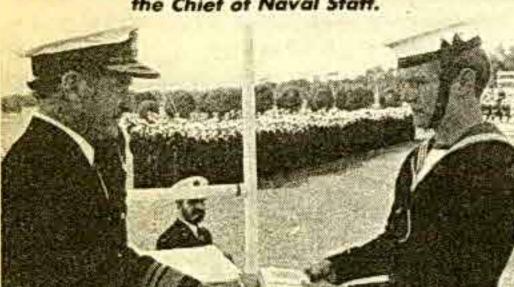
CNS presents the "Best Overall Electrical Technical Power" prize to Apprentice Watson.



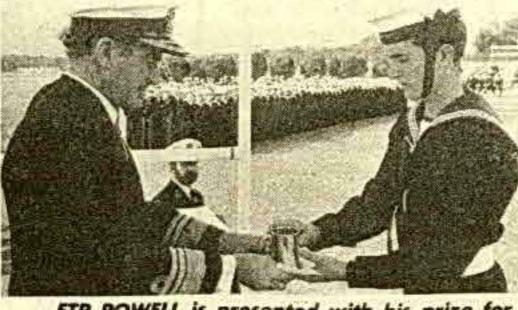
APPRENTICE IMPETT receives the "Best Overall Electrical Technical Systems prize from the Chief of Naval Staff.



THE CHIEF OF NAVAL STAFF presents the "Best Overall Air Technical Airframes and Engines" prize to Apprentice Fealey.



ATW GOUGH receives one of the two prizes he won for "Best Overall Air Technical Weapons" and "Most Outstanding Sportsman of the Passing **But Class"** from the Chief of Naval Staff.



ETP POWELL is presented with his prize for "Most Outstanding Bandsman of the Passing Out Class" by the Chief of Naval Staff.



ABMTP STEVENS receives his prize for "Best Overall Phase Two Marine Technical Propulsion" from the Chief of Naval Staff.



THE PRIZE for "Best Overall Phase Two Electrical Technical Power" is presented to ABETP Cooke by the Chief of Naval Staff.

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## VENDETTA'S PROUD SPORT RECORD 'UP TOP' Sea-time sport on

Followers of the Daring Class destroyer HMAS VENDETTA'S attempt to "beat the smallies" in the Pakistan Shield - the coveted trophy for the top sporting ship in the RAN will be pleased to know that the "08" finished with a staggering total of 308 sporting matches during her fivemonth deployment in South-East Asian waters.

VENDETTA totalled 173 wins in all sports, 123 losses and 12 draws. Our correspondent retraces her

"sporting steps" from Hong Kong (around Easter) until her return to the "sunburnt isle" on June 6.

"To write stories on all of the sports would use too much of this valuable space.

"But the Volleyball team deserves a mention for their successes, especially in Japan, where they defeated the JMSDF in Sasebo and came close to unsettling the huge Japanese Air Base at Kagoshima (we gave 'em a fright).

"To sum up a deployment's sporting record without mention of the PTI would be like Pusser's snags without gippers - so special mention must be made here of the hard work put in by Lou Farkas, who has since left us for pastures bigger in the form of SUPPLY

"He taught his Sport's Officer, SBLT Russ Crawford well!"

EDITOR'S NOTE: And we thank our correspondent and all his helpers for their untiring efforts.

#### RUGBY

On the Rugby scene, VEN-DETTA achieved a "first" in Kagoshima when they defeated the "SUNDAY CLUB" 22-9 in a hard encounter.

The match was, naturally, played on a Sunday and the "08" became the first foreign side to down the home team.

And they have had some tough opponents, including the RNZN, RFA GREEN ROVER and the US SEVENTH FLEET.

MIDN "Buck" Rodgers, later judged "man of the match", set up first points for VENDETTA with a well-placed punt which Les Anderton gathered in for the try.

Bob Burgess' kick missed and in the 18th minute the home side reduced the VENDETTA lead to 4-3 with a handy penalty.

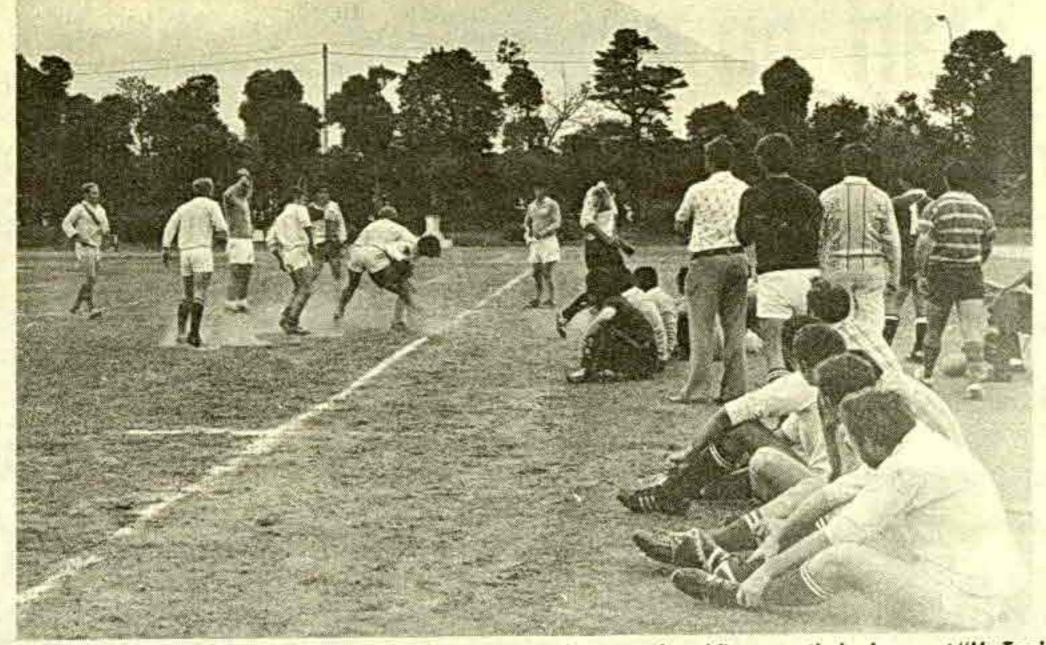
Burgess then crossed between the posts for a converted try after good lead up work by five-eighth Kel Bryant and the "08" led 10-3 at the break.

Burgess repeated the effort six minutes after the resumption to boost the lead to 16-3 only to see the complacent visitors allow the home side in for their first converted try.

Then another great side-stepping effort from Kel Bryant to cross for the try - converted by Burgess - to seal the match for VENDETTA.

In Sasebo, VENDETTA played the Japanese Maritime Self-Defence Force Rugby Team from the Sasebo Naval Air Base

ABMTP 'Danny' Daniels opened



In one of HMAS VENDETTA'S many Rugby matches on her just completed five-month deployment "Up Top", breakaway POFC Daryl Berg tries to wrestle the ball from a "Sunday" Rugby Club player as ABUC Bob Burgess, POETS Les Anderton and ABMTP Kev Bryant look on. VENDETTA beat the Sunday Club at Kagoshima 22-9.

the account for VENDETTA with his first try in Rugby Union to take the score to 4-0 (Lou Farkas failed to convert) and LSMTP "Mick" Bridges, acting as Captain, crossed eight minutes later to make it 8-0.

A converted try right on halftime to make it 8-6 VENDETTA'S favour.

Lou Farkas kicked a penalty goal in the eighth minute of the second half to increase the lead to 11-6.

This was whittled back five minutes later when they, too, kicked a penalty goal.

In the 20th minute, Lou completed the scoring for the day by kicking another penalty goal to make the final score 14-9.

The VENDETTA Rugby team played 20 games for nine wins, two draws and nine losses.

The side scored 223 points and had only 136 scored against them. VENDETTA only managed to

play one game during the final week in Singapore - a 4-8 loss to a hard-grinding "Minor Units" (NZ) team in stifling heat.

Final game for the deployment (Sydney to Sydney) was against HMAS LEEUWIN during the 08's short stay in Fremantle.

In a close game, despite the final score, WA won 12-3.

"Our very grateful thanks are due to the 'faceless men' of the team - CPOMTP Garry Jackson (Coach) and POSN 'Bubbles' Hughes (Manager) for their untiring efforts during the deployment as well as the fine captaincy of both LSMTP Mick Bridges and ABUC Bob Burgess (two? Well, duty sometimes calls)," reports our correspondent.

#### GOLF

Golf was one sport which fired everyone's imagination onboard with 35 games being played during the deployment, culminating in the ship's Golf Championship at Biniptican Golf Course in Subic Bay.

When in Nippon, do as the Japanese - our golfing correspondent, LANCE FOXON takes up

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## "first" for "08's" Rugby team in Japan

the reins with a report on two of the more memorable days spent chasing the little ball -

During VENDETTA'S visit to Japan, the Kagoshima Chamber of Commerce hosted the VEN-DETTA golf team to a game of golf on their magnificent championship layout overlooking Kagoshima Harbour and town and with a splendid panoramic view of Kyushu's main "boiler", Mt Sakurajima.

Teeing off with the President of the Chamber of Commerce and a Japanese textile executive, LEUT Fred ("Slamming Sam") Mole and POUC Lance Foxon drove out into

a descending fog. As the scores mounted, so the fog lifted and even though the golf wasn't PGA standard, the scenery and general Nippon atmosphere proved extremely relaxing and increasingly enjoyable.

With the 18th in sight, and for the first time for many a while, most of us wished we could go on, but with the Clubhouse luring us, we finished and tallied-up.

On arrival back at the confines of the warm, comfortable Clubhouse, we were escorted to the Japanese baths - one huge, hot pool (46 degrees C) and everyone enjoyed wallowing in the Mountain Dew mineral water.

In Subic Bay, 24 of VEN DETTA'S handicapped (???) golfers teed-off in the heat of a typical Filipino morning and proceeded to discover the difficulties and stenchy heat of a very adequate Biniptican Golf Club.

Warren Sheard took all honours for the day by winning comfortably the Open Section and was presented his trophy by the Captain.

Runner-up in the Open was the

ever-present Jim Diggerson. Hovering over a 10-foot straight liner on the 18th, Steve Moxey must have had many things flashing through his mind - not the least being the trophy for the Handicap Section.

Much to his delight, the hole gobbled up the ball and he collected the prized trophy.

Runner-up in the Handicap Section, with a startling performance for a fellow who has only recently taken up the game - and all smiles as he accepted the golf prize - was Gary Hewton.

Must have been the half-hour "Pro" lesson the day before!

The Club also had a small "C" Grade Section with a Stableford result and Glen Spears was able to bring home the "goods" with a solid round.

# the 'STEEL CAT

Though a fair share of sea time has restricted HMAS BRISBANE's opportunities for shore sport, the "Steel Cat" is still determined to become the top sporting ship in the RAN.

Since leaving Sydney for deployment in the United Kingdom for the Spit Head Naval Review ship's company onboard BRISBANE managed several matches in Fremantle and Colombo - with mixed results.

The remainder of the sport agenda has centred on inter-Mess competition at sea.

Our correspondent filed the following report:

While at sea (of which BRIS-BANE has had a fair share), sport on an Inter-Mess basis has been keenly contested.

The tug-o-war competition conducted between Fremantle and Colombo was eventually won by the "dark horses" - Communications Mess, after a hard 2-0 pull against the "red-hot" favourites, the after Seamans Mess.

"Bloggs" Kane, Pete Heavey, "Buck" Rogers, Steve Shaw, "Nocka" White and "Shina" Wright were all coached to glorious victory by Mark Clearihan.

The hardest part of the competition was listening to the acceptance speech by "Bloggs" Kane, who extolled the virtues of shipboard life.

He then drank the entire Mess free beer issue.

Next on the agenda, which is keeping "Clubs" Walker on the move, was deck volley-ball in the form of a knockout Inter-Mess competition.

Although all the players complained of very tender and chaffed rear ends after the comp, a great spirit prevailed throughout.

Electrical Mess took out the honours after defeating the Stokers Mess 2-0.

Keith Gallaher found time to get out of his bunk to assist Pete Kearney, "Doc" Watson, "Robbie" Robb, Ted Banaszczyk and "Mac" Macdonough to glory.

On the eve of the Suez Canal transit, HMNZS CANTERBURY and BRISBANE (20 members per team) participated in MEL-BOURNE sports day in the Red

After getting off to a good start early in the day, BRISBANE appeared to melt under the heat of the Red Sea sun and faded awy to a disappointing fourth posit

That evening the ship was humming in anticipation of the Gala Golden Gloves Boxing Championships. The night proved to be the most

interesting since leaving Sydney. All seats sold out early, leaving standing and hanging room only. The Ikara magazine deck looked

like the main cafeteria at Stokers stand easy. At the end of the night, the Ships

Communications Officer, LCDR Tex Toohey, underwent much private soul-searching. Of the nine bouts contested, five

included communicators. Who said they have chips on their

shoulders? All competition was keen.

The judges for the night, under supervision of "Guns" Nott were "Stoney" Burke, "Bloggs" Kane and Sheriff, CPOCOX Davis.

For the squeamish, a lot cos ood flowed, but under the jurismetion of LEUT Murphy - on loan for the night from the Flagship - no injuries were sustained.

Spanning two hours, the night proved to be a great success. Individual winners of the evening

were: Light middleweight - (3 bouts) -

ABRO Comito: ABETP Watson and ABQMG Bennie. Bantamweight - ABRP Kent;

Light-Heavyweight - ABSIG Reid; Featherweight - ABSTD Taylor: Welterweight - ABQMG Oliver: Heavyweight - POETW Perrett.

Although limited by the number of days in port, BRISBANE'S sporting prowess is still evident.

In Fremantle, over a two-day period, a total of 13 matches were contested with six wins, six losses and one draw.

Sports played were - Squash (3), Rugby (2), Golf (3), Soccer (2) and one each of Aussie Rules, Basket-

ball and Hockey. In Colombo there were a total of eight matches in two days with five wins and three losses.

Sports participated in were Rugby (2), Golf (2) and Water

Polo, Squash, Aussie Rules and Soccer.



BRISBANE'S Boxing Gala Night: In the heavyweight division POETW Perrett in action against ABWM Sullivan.

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### NAVY eyes on Parrant Cup!

Poised third on the ladder in the Farrant Cup Sydney Rugby competition, SYDNEY NAVY seem set to go on to better things.

The return of ASRU triallists and Inter-Service representatives Ray Sandford and 'Dimples' Sheargold will strengthen the side which has been bearing up well, considering we have just con fleted depot leave periods and the like," reports our correspondent.

The first round of the competition, just completed, saw NAVY beaten marginally on three occasions out of nine, with the leaders of the competition, Willoughby, managing an 8 to nil win in atrocious conditions on May

"At full strength, I am sure NAVY can account for this Cup but continuing support from ships and establishments is necessary," says our correspondent.

"Players are needed to fill holes left by injury.

"Recently we have lost Jack Lindley (shoulder injury), John Grayson (cartilage), Mark Biro (knee) and Phil Heritage (a broken arm).

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"I take this opportunity to thank these players and wish them a speedy recovery."

The team is still training at Sydney Cricket Ground No 2 thanks to the generosity of South Sydney 2nd Division Rugby Union.

NAVY have the use of an excellent scrum machine, well-lit ground and shower facilities.

Training, under captain-coach Ray Sandford, is of real value and is on Tuesdays at 1800.

All are welcome.

On the social scene, "brother club" Bronte Lifesavers RU and NAVY held a "disco" night on May 28 at the Bronte Surf Club.

A team night out on Monday, June 6, saw players with wives or girlfriends or both at the premiere of a comedy about ice hockey starring Paul Newman called "Slap Shot".

If you are interested in Sydney Navy Rugby, contact POUC "Peggy" O'Neill at WATSON 337 0397 - "PEGGY"

QUTDOOR GIRL

In the June 22 round of matches:

NIRIMBA SNATCHES LEAD IN DEMPSTER CUP R.U.

NIRIMBA have snatched the Dempster Cup competition lead with an exciting 10-8 win over former front runners DESTROYERS/ESCORTS.

After being locked 0-all at halftime in a T. G. Millner quagmire, **DESTROYERS** scored first points ALBATROSS def 10 minutes after the resumption with a good try.

"PJ" Anson toed through a loose ball and dived over for the equaliser in the 20th minute.

Benny Hill converted and NIRIMBA were ahead 6-4.

Benny then moved the blindside to send in winger Buck Owens. The conversion attempt failed and it was NIRIMBA 10-4.

DESTROYERS stormed home in the final minutes and crossed for one of the best tries of the season. Some five forwards handled

before sending out to the backline for DE's to score wide out. "It was the best try I've seen in

NAVY Rugby . . . and I was at the recent inter-Service series at NIRIMBA," commented one of the opposition team.

"Tank" Cunnington's kick failed and, despite desperate last minute attempts for victory, DE-STROYERS went down fighting 8-

With the next round of matches not scheduled till July 6, NIRIMBA on 10 points head the competition ladder from DESTROYERS 9, **ALBATROSS and WATSON 8, MSS** (BIG SHIPS) 4 and PLA-TYPUS/WATERHEN, PEN-GUIN and KUTTABUL all on three points.

NIRIMBA defeated DE-STROYERS/ESCORTS 10-8; PLA-TYPUS/WATERHEN 34-0; KUTTABUL def MSS 19-15 and WATSON def PENGUIN 26-9.

In the June 15 round of matches:

 DESTROYERS/ESCORTS, who soon loose players from STUART (reputed to have the best side in the Fleet) on overseas deployment, defeated WATSON 19-

\*NIRIMBA posted four tries and looked good when they swung the ball wide in downing a

disappointing KUTTABUL 26-0. \*PLATYPUS/WATERHEN had a 10-6 win over PENGUIN.

\*ALBATROSS, 50-0 victors over MSS ("BIG SHIPS"), recorded the highest score in Dempster Cup since they defeated DE-STROYERS/ESCORTS 50-0 in July, 1975. With STALWART and MELBOURNE away, it was refreshing to see SUPPLY at least play, instead of forfeiting.

Billed as the needle match of '77, the DESTROYERS/ESCORTS v HMAS WATSON match lived up to its billing and provided spectators

with one of the hardest, free flowing games on this year's Rugby calendar, reports

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correspondent. DESTROYERS/ESCORTS ran out eventual winners 19-13 over a very plucky and courageous side in

HMAS WATSON. With deployment for STUART upcoming, STUART's players gave everything they had.

High points of the game was the clever work around the rucks and set scrums by former Inter-Service half-back "Jessie" James, who finished ahead of his opposite number, and supports the adage "Age shall not weary them".

A fine solo try from the half-way line by centre Larry Ward put the DESTROYERS/ESCORTS team into a determined frame of mind.

### 15 'TROSS "REPS" IN EAA I-S SQUAD

Fifteen ALBATROSS players have won positions in the 27-man NAVY squad to defend the EAA inter-Service Aussie Rules title at HMAS ALBATROSS on July 12, 13 and 14.

Generally, the side lacks height Gilbert (all of ALBATROSS); but the selectors are confident they will live up to the NAVY tradition LEUT Hugh Patterson (both of of fast, play-on football.

The full squad is: ABATW Perry, ABATA Taylor, ABATA Rosewarne, LSATA Russell, POATW Fitzgerald, ABATW Crispin, ABATC Nowak, LSSN Berger, ABATA G. Clark, LSATW Charles, LSATW Ogilvie, LSSN Kearney, CPO Dry, POATW Schultz, POATC

two teams and guarantee a fine

evening after the game.

LSWR Shane Redenbach and PENGUIN), LS Garry Harman (YARRA), SBLT Howard Furness (ATTACK), LS Archie DeWitt (CRESWELL), LS Lofty Mark and PO Haddock (PERTH), APPETP King (NIRIMBA), LS Sims (KUTTABUL), LS Sam Chamberlain (SNIPE), SMNRP Summers (SUPPLY), and AB Dunn (SWAN).

Manager is LSATA Bill Huntriss and assistant coach is ABATA Doug Cornish (both of ALBATROSS).

Redenbach is captain-coach. Trainer is POMED Haywood (PENGUIN).

Combined Services' selector is LEUT Jim Smail (KUTTABUL). NAVY's umpire "rep" for the



series is CPOCOX "Jingles" Irwin (SWAN).

The squad joins ALBATROSS on July 4 for a week's training prior to the competition week.

Congratulations to all those selected . . . and we will be looking forward to you retaining the I-S Cup.

On completion of the series, the NSW Combined Service Squad will be selected for the inter-State C-S Carnival to be held in Adelaide in September.

This will be the third Combined Services Carnival, the first of which was held in Sydney at the Rosedale Oval.

NSW won the title on that occasion but were narrowly defeated by Victoria in 1976.

## JESSIE "STILL DEVASTATING"

Former Services and NAVY representative half-back, Jessie James, tells me his team onboard STUART are looking forward to this month's deployment to the Far East . . . Rugby-wise, that is!

Still playing devastating football himself, Jessie recently led STUART to a fine win over NIRIMBA, 11-3, while the ship has DESTROYERS/ boosted ESCORTS into the Dempster Cup Competition lead. Another former Services half, Bob Spencer, is also a tower of strength.

STUART has players like Ray Que, Larry Ward, "Swampy" Marsh, Allan Hughes, "Shorty" Laidler, Dino Thiele and "Blue" Mathigson. And I believe veteran Services and NAVY "Rep" Wally Rothwell is contemplating another comeback! The ship has a fine muscle bosun in Jack Kemp - a real sportsman, so all sport should really be swinging. The ship also has a fine Soccer "rep" in Nick Titairhoff, who has a referee's ticket from the Soccer Federation. Jack Kemp has formed a Sports and Social Club on board, so the ship will be in for an interesting

I was speaking to Rugby great "Swede" Larsen recently and he informed me that the inimitable "Blue" Guild is now a professional fisherman at Callala Beach, Jervis Bay. "Blue" is still active and invites anyone who likes to fish to drop in and see him and he will give information on the local fishing holes.

Any ships visiting Hawaii and wanting to challenge the locals at Rugby should contact DR PR Jack Keenan, Fronk Clinic Honolulu. Phone number is Honolulu 531 6471. Jack is president of the Hawaii Rugby Union and is connected with the Honolulu Harlequins who field

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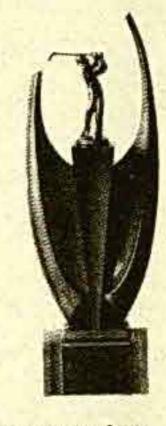


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Together with ARMY and

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The NAVY squad for the

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"reps" Cranston Dixon, Jeff

Nankervis, Rod McLaurin, Rod

The remainder are Marty

Cowper, "Moose" Eddington,

Jim Stokes, Tex Gourley, Bob

Cox, John O'Malley and Harry

Coach is "Buck" Rogers.

NAVY selectors have

arranged for the squad to go

into camp at HMAS NIRIMBA

to prepare for the prestige

A full day of fast and exciting

football is assured and the

NAVY side is hoping for a good

The three Services sides have

been drawn to play on Millner's

main field in the opening round.

RAAF have drawn a tough

hurdle in NEWCASTLE at

0900; NAVY will clash with

Sydney First Grade side ST

GEORGE at 0930; and top

ARMY forward Paddy Ryan

will see his team clash with his

Sydney Saturday Grade side,

If successful, NAVY will play

the winner of the LANE COVE-

ACT match in the second round

Victory there would see the

whites up against RAAF, NEWCASTLE, PORT HACK-

ING and Sydney premiership

leaders PARRAMATTA in the

The semi-finals begin at 1430

Sydney Grade Club, MANLY

will start clear favourites but

could meet strong opposition

from some of the Sydney clubs

who were not represented at a

recent "warm-up" SEVENS

Among them could be GOR-

DON, with an array of speedy

and seasoned backs; Northern

Suburbs, sparked by Andy

Stewart, who played in the

Hong Kong International last

year; and WESTS with Ken

Bousfield, who went away with

the Australian team to Hong

Among the country sides

which could prove strong opposition for MANLY is KIAMA,

which annually stages its own

The Services sides will be out

to show they can match their

better-known opponents.

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### SYDNEY TOO STRONG FOR AUSTRALIAN SERVICES RUGBY XV

The Australian Services Rugby team were overpowered and outmanouevred by a composite Sydney RU XV to the tune of 33-7 at Victoria Barracks on Wednesday, June 29.

It was Services' second loss in four games so far in their tour of the States. They were beaten 19-9 by ACT at Fairbairn last weekend after a 13-10 win over South Australia on June 22 and a draw against Victoria at Laverton on June 19.

But Wednesday's defeat by Sydney, hopefully, taught them a lot for the matches ahead against Newcastle (July 2), Queensland (July 23) and North Queensland (July 27).

Against their more experienced Sydney grade players who enjoyed a lion's feast of the ball, Services showed that they were a formidable defensive side . . . the score could have been greater but for their bone-shattering tackling, particularly in the first half when they kept the score down to 3-10.

Sydney controlled play throughout by monopolising possesson from the set play.

They capitalised on this "feast" through their ability to clear the ball quickly from the rucks and the tries followed to the tune of 5 to 1.

It's in this area that Services should concentrate if they are to make something out of the rest of this year's tour.

Navy's five players who took the paddock, Blue Bulger, Jeff Nan-

Pictures by ABPH Gerard Van Drempt

kervis, Jim Henry, Warren Joseph and Cranston Dixon, acquitted themselves well, with the coach's "nod" going to Dixon, mainly through his ability to "take" so many kicks under pressure then "clear".

Bulger was a tireless worker in defence and steady in attack; as

was Nankervis. For Sydney, Wests fullback Mick Ellem scored two tries and two penalty goals for a personal total of 14, winger Windshuttle tallied 11 points from a try, a penalty and two goals, and Bousfield and Risso, each scored tries under the posts.

For Services, RAAF five-eighth Hooper landed a field goal and halfback Wykamp scored under the posts but the goal was missed.

In the "curtain-raiser", a Fleet XV scraped home 11-10 against an Army combination after leading 7-3 at half time.

Navy half Jesse James scored the matchwinning try just on fulltime after Army had led 10-7.



Always in the thick of things, Jessie James is about to clear his line against

### ASRU'S DRAW WITH 'VICS'

In a game noted for hard tackling rather than brilliance, the Australian Services Rugby Union team held the Victorian State side to a nil-all draw in the recent opening to the ASRU 1977 tour.

Starved of the ball and giving away numerous penalties, ASRU showed that opposing teams will earn their points.

They have a reasonably heavy pack but do not appear to have strength.







Jeff Nankervis

penalties and twice lost the ball over the line.

VICTORIA missed three easy

SERVICES' centres Nawrocki and Libco tackled like "tigers". Holmes, the ARMY fullback

from Queensland was the best back. Very cool under pressure, he saved ASRU on numerous

occasions with long, raking line kicks. "Idles" Adler, as usual, was the best forward on the ground at

breakaway. Josephs' the NAVY breakaway, much to be desired.

was solid.

scrummaged and tackled well. His ruck and maul work left terpretations of the laws.

much, but I'm sure he tried to cover for Bola, the Fijian in-

BY "SALTY"

ternational lock, who appeared unfit and missed several tackles. Jeff Nankervis, the NAVY winger, had little to do but tackle -

and this Jeff is noted for. Tackling alone will not win

games, so ASRU coach George Newton will have to sharpen his team's attack and teach his forwards to jump and maul.

The referee's exhibition left

On numerous occasions he Bulger, the NAVY front rower, confused both teams and the large spectator crowd with his in-

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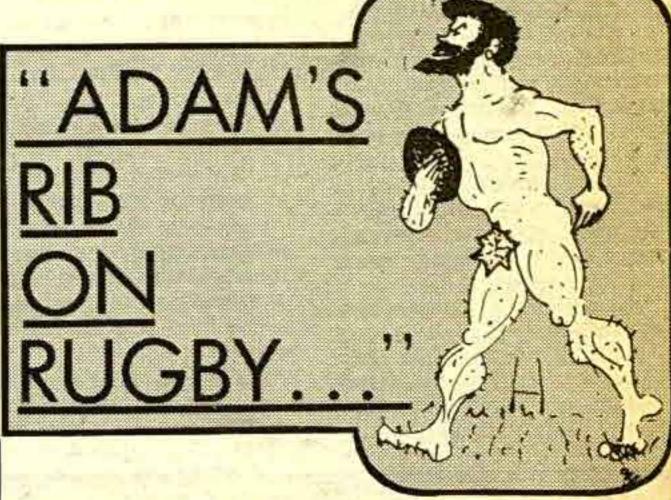
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Rugby has traditionally been a game that has involved a considerable amount of kicking (of footballs, not heads!!) but watching recent EAA games I've come to the conclusion that many players (both backs and forwards) seem to be kicking for the sake of kicking, and not putting any thought into their actions.

Nothing is worse on the Rugby field than misdirected kicks losing a

team valuable ground.

In the opinion of this watcher of the game, kicking should be a planned part of the game, and not a desperation "if all else fails" move. There are a number of planned kicks that are valuable components of any teams bag of tricks.

These include the kick for touch on the full, in one's own quarter, from a penalty or a free kick.

The up-and-under or 'bomb', which should only be tried in your

opponents' quarter. The high cross kick for your wingers, but here the kick must find the winger unopposed or else find touch (but not on the full), and there are of course occasional instances where other kicks are effective, but

these should be kept for "surprise value". There is nothing worse for a front or second rower than lifting his head from a ruck or scrum and seeing the hard-won ball being kicked away to the other side of the field "down the throat" of an opposition back or seeing hard-won ball being kicked out on the full outside the quarter.

Great emphasis is placed in the RAN on communication, yet communication on the NAVY Rugby fields seems at an all-time low.

By this I don't mean that players should spend the whole game 'yapping".

Communication in Rugby is as much a skill as running, passing, rucking etc.

A captain should communicate his tactics to the rest of the team, a five-eighth should be in constant touch with his half, the throw-in into a line-out should be communicated to the rest of the team, a captain should encourage (not discourage) his team etc.

Most of this communication should be in the form of one word or a signal. The needless shouting, abusing and swearing on the field does a

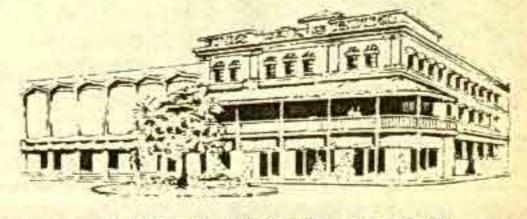
team's performance or the image of the game, no good at all. When are the powers that be in Services Rugby going to catch up

with the game in Australia and ban coaches from going on to the field of play at half-time.

The rest of Rugby (apart from young juniors) have enforced the rule for a number of years.

Having a coach on at half-time does nothing to help the leadership of a captain on the field and only creates an eye-sore, as often as many as 20 supporters gather round a team at the break.

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