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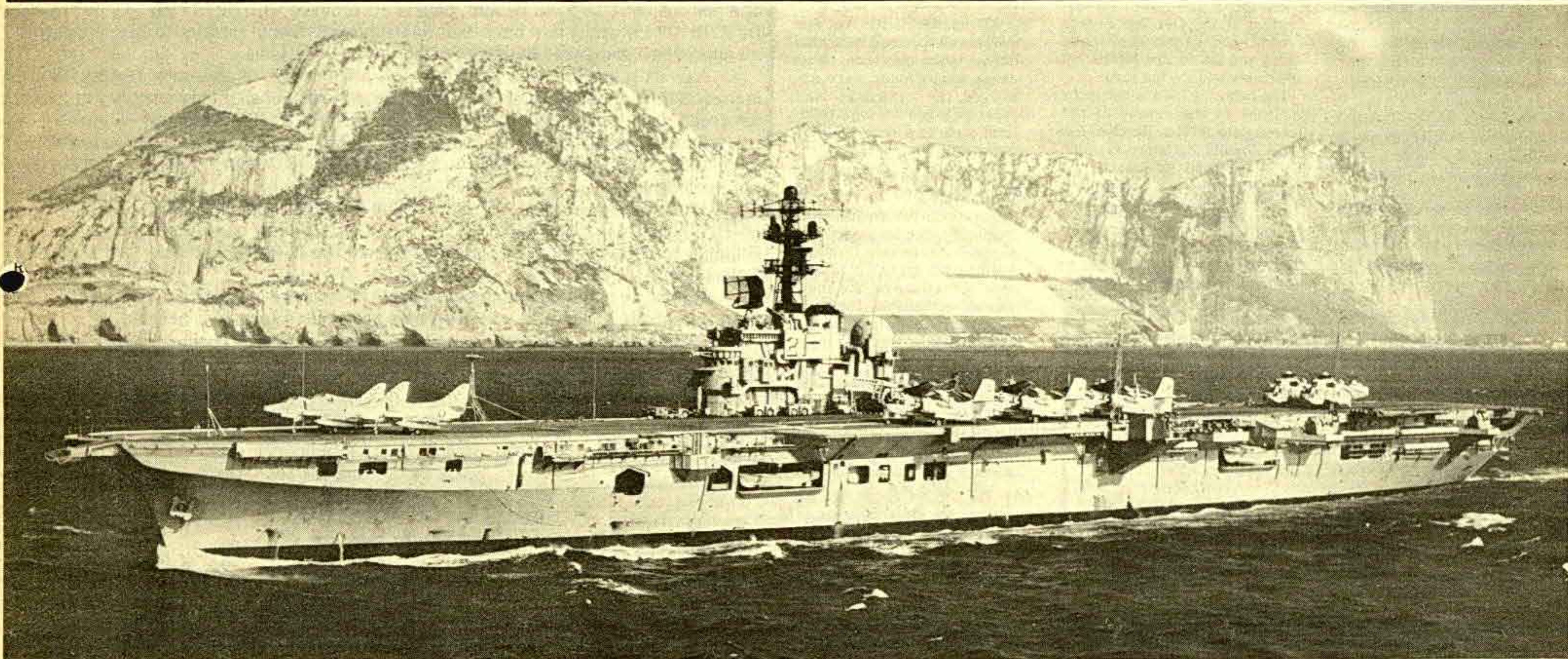
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## RAN SHIPS FLY THE FLAG AT SPITHEAD



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 MELBOURNE, commanded by

Commodore R. C. Swan, with the Task Group Commander, Rear Admiral G. V. Gladstone embarked and the guided missile destroyer 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.

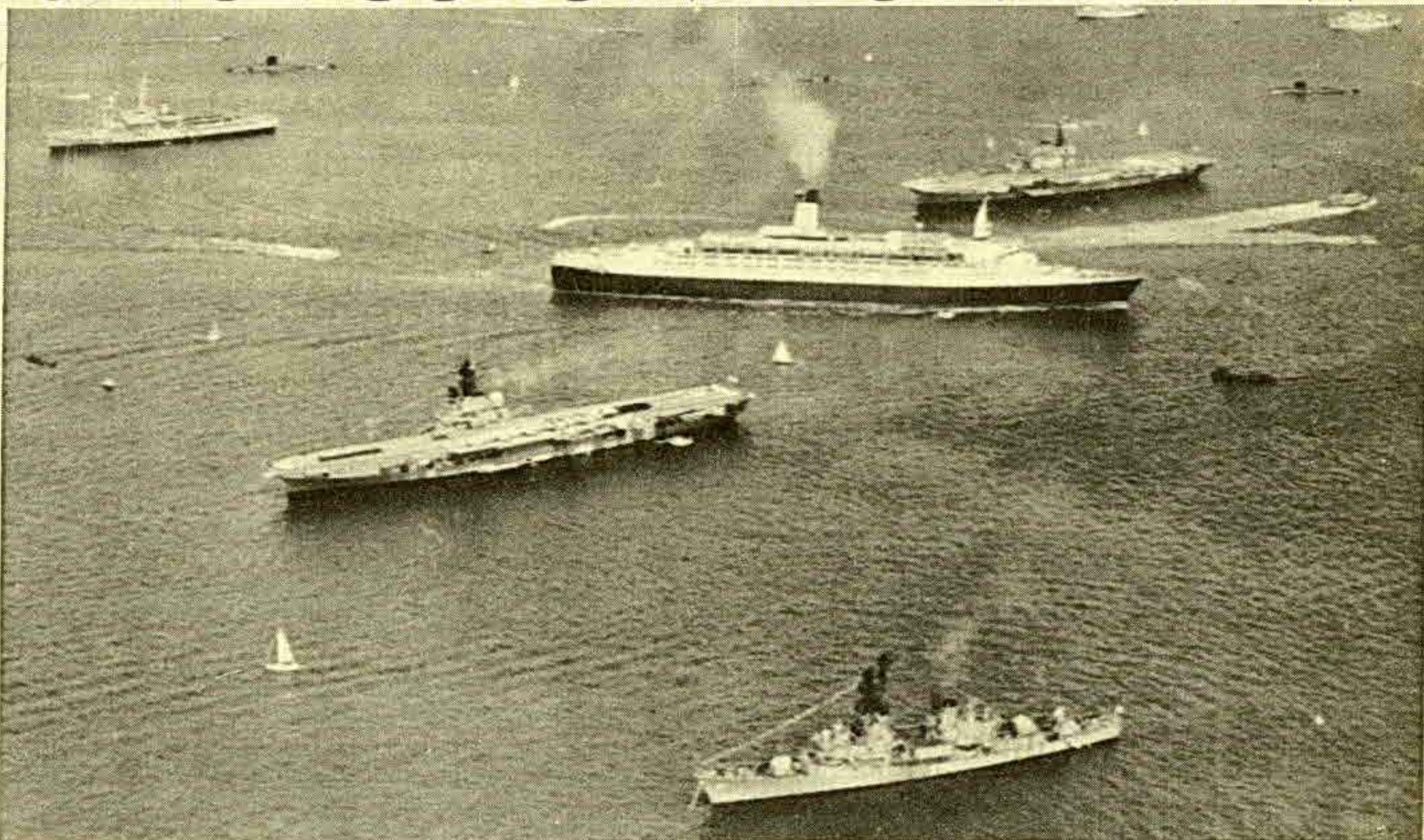
As the Royal Yacht approached the anchored Australian carrier, a 48-man Royal Guard presented arms in a Royal Salute and the RAN Fleet Band played the National Anthem "God Save The Queen".

Commander of the Task Group, Rear Admiral Gladstone saluted The Queen from a dais on MELBOURNE'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 wirephoto.

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 MELBOURNE 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

spectacular finish to a memorable day.

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

### 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 pages 6 and 7.

Limited 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.

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

## THE PERSONNEL PEOPLE'S COLUMN

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.

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

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 banks.

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.

### (b) TRAVEL CREDIT 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.

A \$50 administrative 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 motor vehicle.

### (c) FINANCE OR LOAN COMPANY

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).

\$3034 repaid over 35 months at \$151.25 and one month at \$132 totals \$5425 (this is an annual interest rate of 26.5 per cent). Any kind of administrative fee or insurance 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 BUILDING SOCIETY OR CREDIT UNION?

Members who have terminated their service with the Navy and who are in receipt 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 an approved Permanent Building Society or a Credit Union.

Any ex-members who wish to avail themselves of this new facility should approach their Building Society or Credit Union to establish if the necessary approval for credit of payments has been received from the DFRDB Authority.

Pensioners and recipients will be required to complete an application form; the form may then be lodged with the office of the DFRDB Authority, the Building Society or Credit Union.

Forms for application - FORM DB51A - APPLICATION FOR PAYMENT TO A BUILDING SOCIETY/CREDIT UNION ACCOUNT, may be obtained from approved Building Societies and Credit Unions and from the DFRDB Authority at PO Box 22, Belconnen, ACT 2616.

It must be noted that payments will not be credited to an account in a name other than that of the payee, nor will payments be credited to a joint account.

per month totals \$3744. This covers all costs such as insurance, stamp duty and service charges.

### (e) BUILDING SOCIETIES

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

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 11½ years to repay the loan.

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 commitments 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 RADM O. H. 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 from 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 DEVONSHIRE, 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 WARRAMUNGA, 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 MELBOURNE (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.

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

## 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-

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, compassionate travel, sig-

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 the ignorant" 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?**

## WATCH IT! 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, preferably 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 LSMTPT Wiltshire HQI, extn. 2892 HMAS DUCHESS by August 5, 1977.

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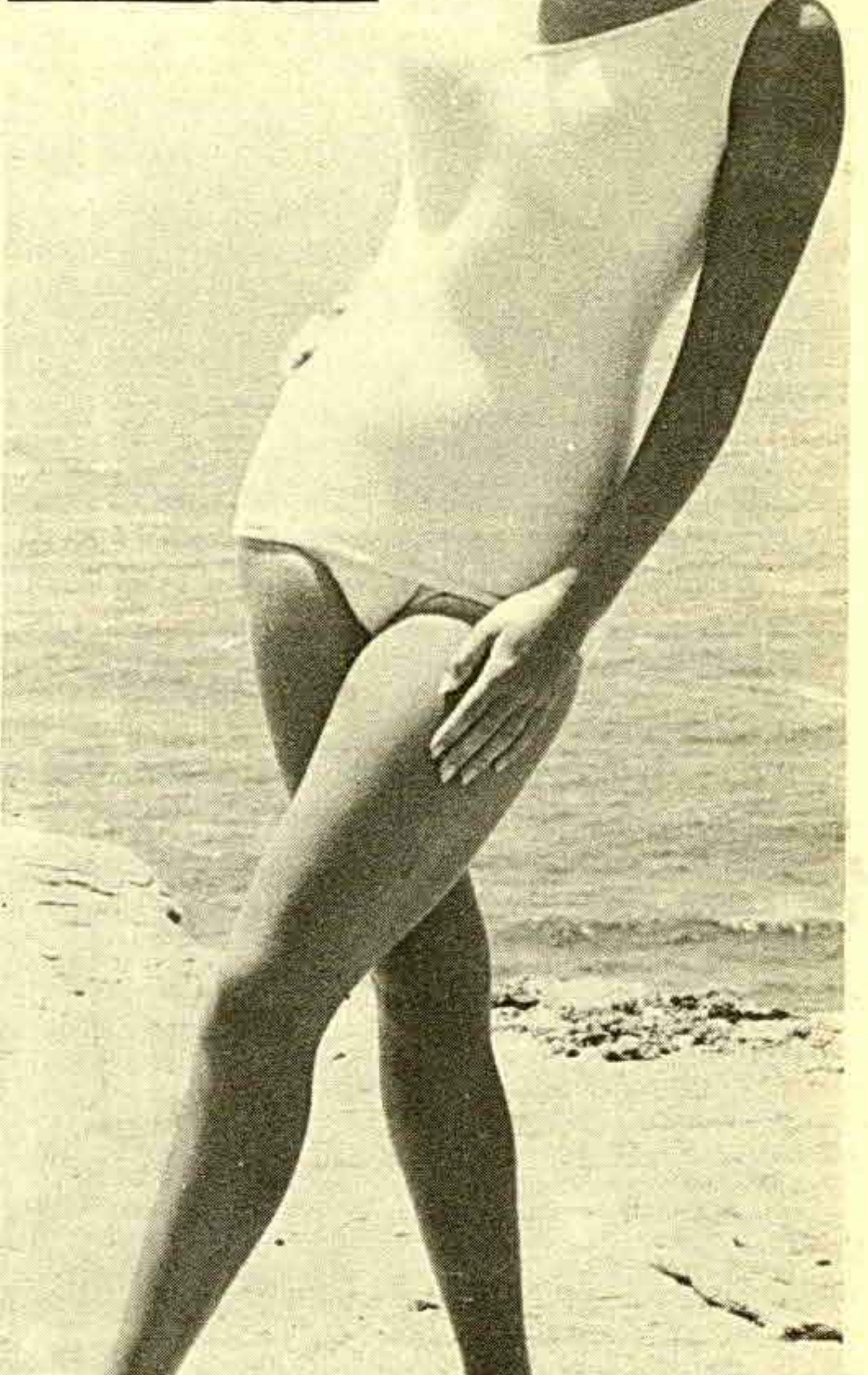
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## CHOICE OF THE WEEK



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 Hayes.

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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-SERVICEMAN OR SERVICEWOMAN**

If 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.

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

If you were a serviceman 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-SERVICEMAN 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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# 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 shake-down 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-banded 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-



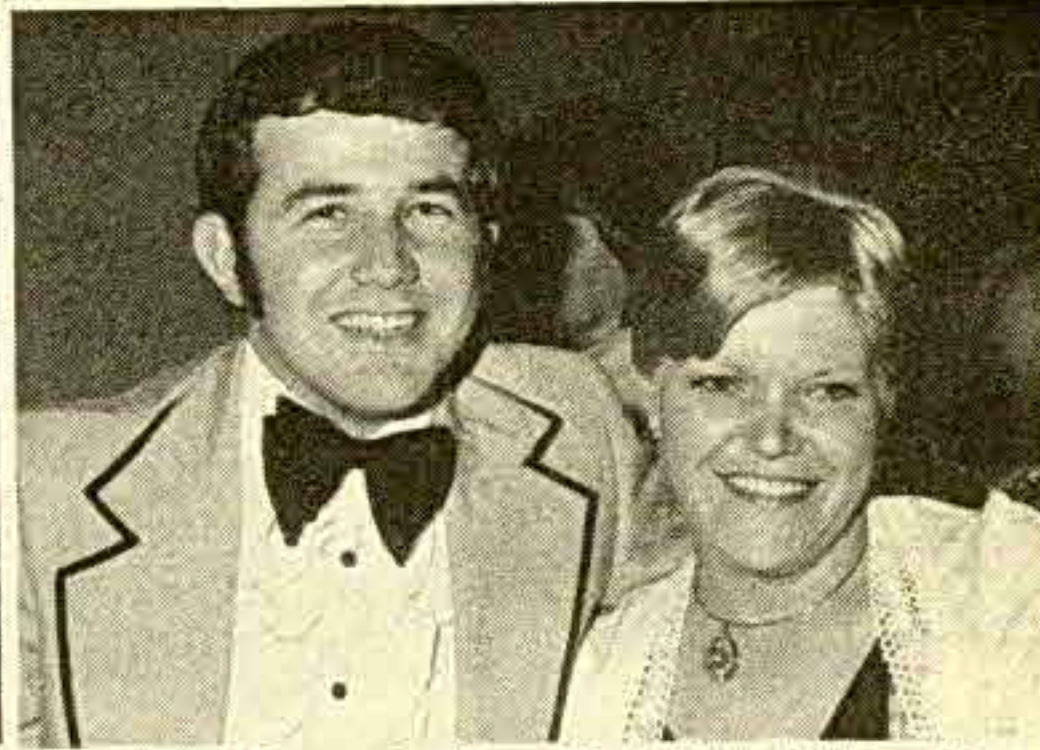
FOCAF Chief of Staff, Commodore J. D. Stevens inspects the Guard during his inspection onboard STUART recently. Guard Commander is SBLT John O'Neill and Supply Officer LCDR Kevin Scanlon also features.



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 Coughlan.



ABFC Andrew (Possum) Freame with his fiancée Sandie Parsons.

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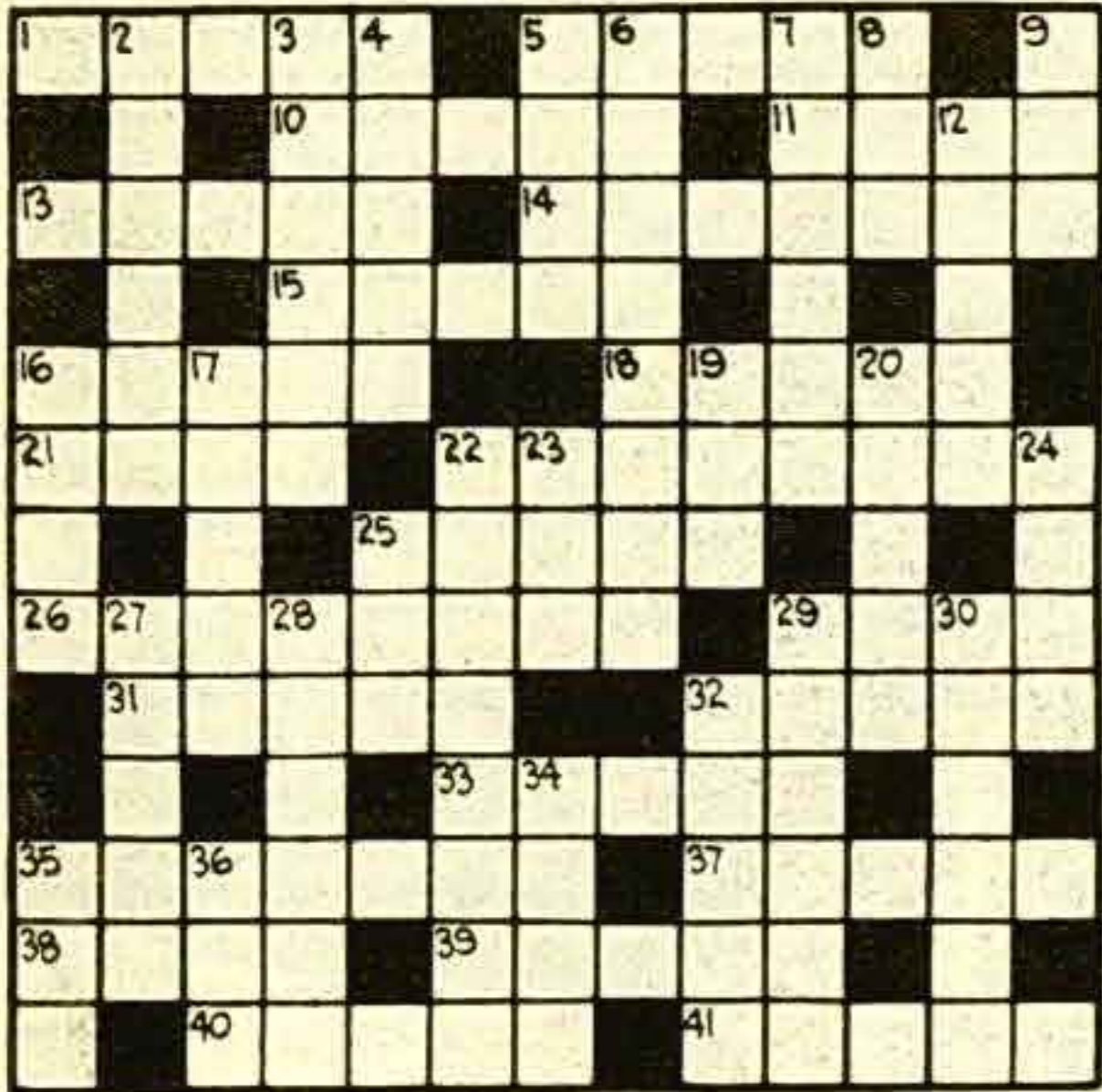




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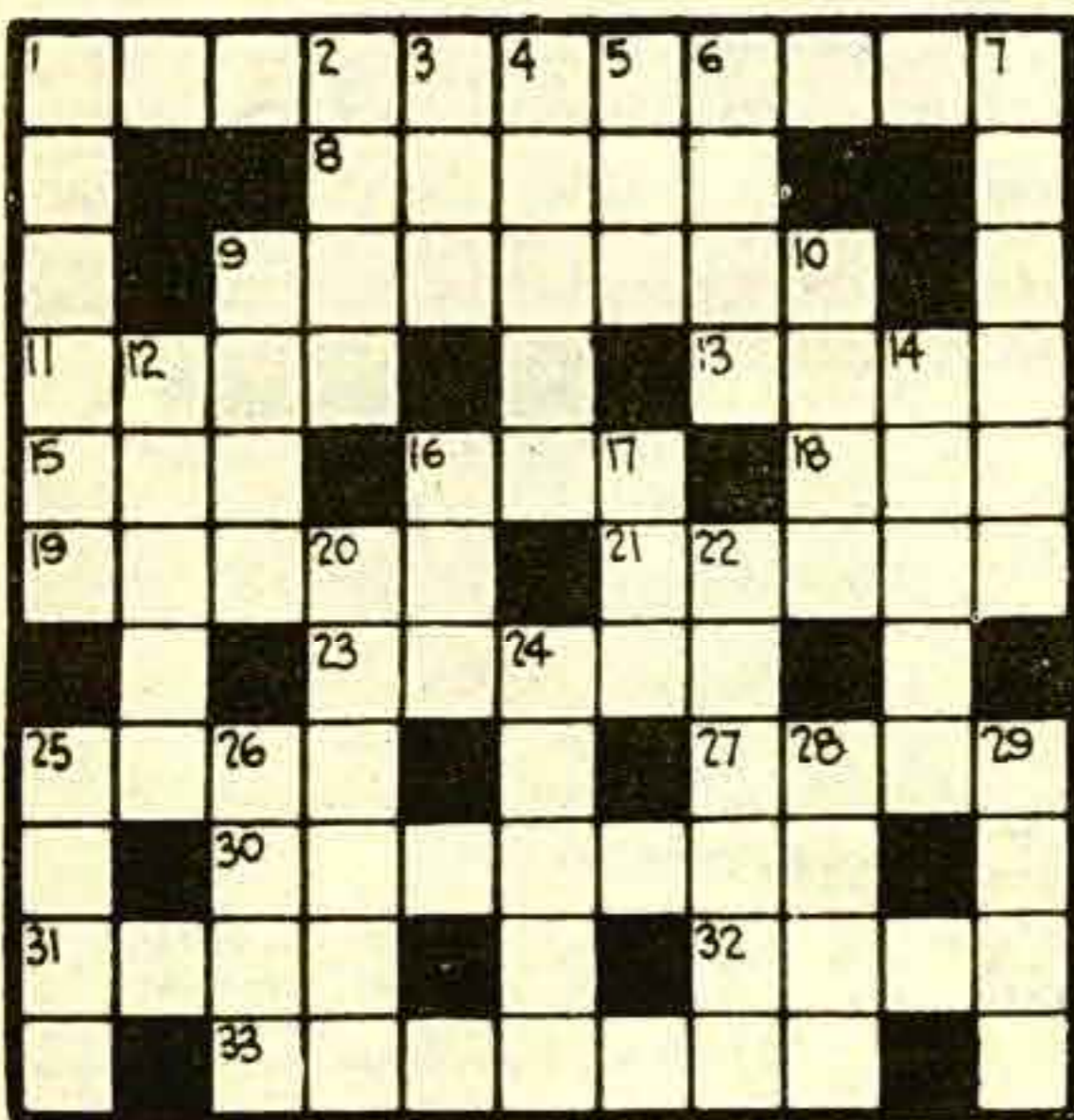
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  - 28 Golf club
  - 29 Signify
  - 30 Threaten
  - 32 Animal
  - 34 This place
  - 35 Work at steadily
  - 36 Wrath



## 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.
- DOWN**
- 1 Find.
  - 2 Mussl.
  - 3 Morass.
  - 4 In order.
  - 5 Character in "Peer 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.



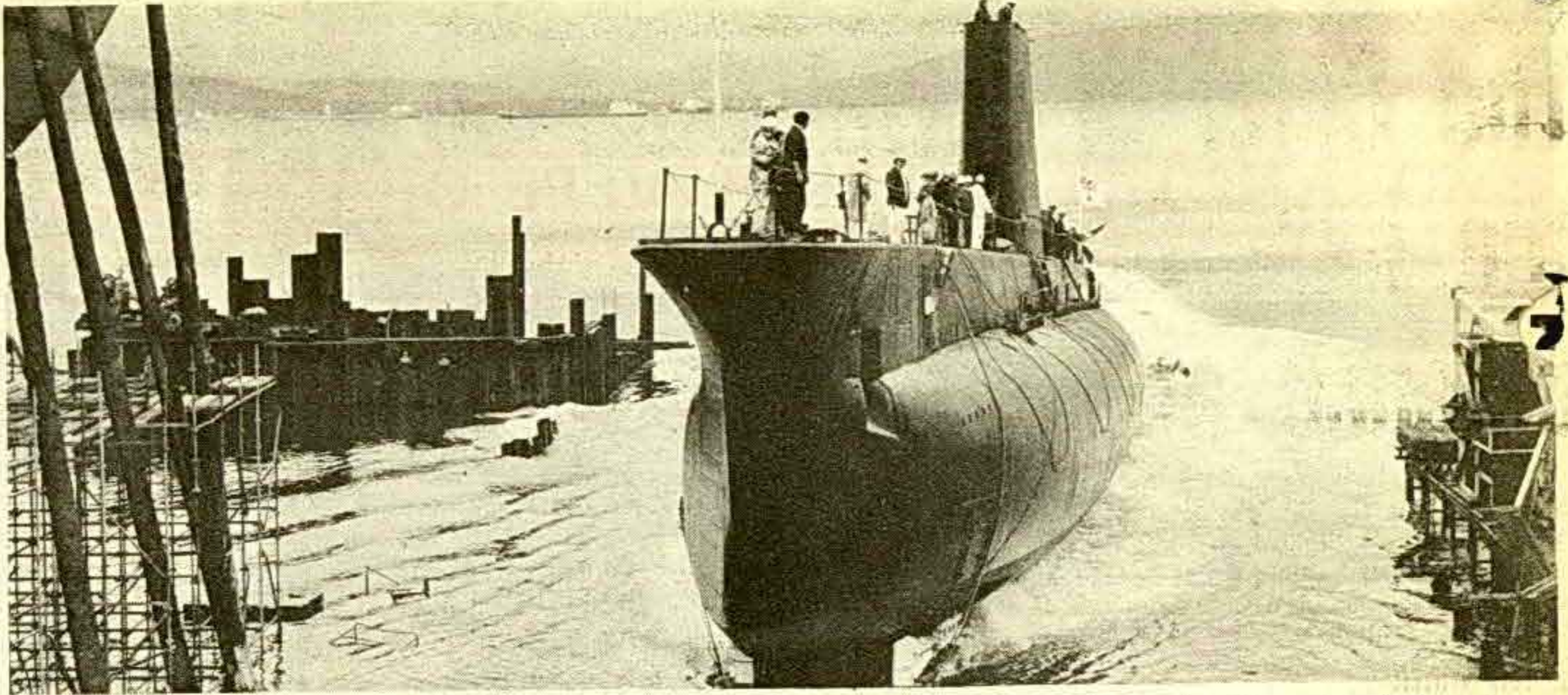
Both sets of clues fit the one crossword grid. Test your skill.

## 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.
  - 16 Swarm of young fish.
  - 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.
  - 32 Birds.
  - 33 Restores what was taken.
- 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.

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 September 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.

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Volunteer for Boats my boy  
before you're bloody drafted !!



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## Wifeline with "HOLLY"

### CARD AND GAMES DAY AT "TRESKO" . . .

The RAN Wives' Assn will be holding a card and games day at "Tresko", 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).

### SYDNEY AREA GROUPS

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. Do 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 a 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, 2027.

### 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 West 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.

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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.

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 Arm.

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.



THE CHIEF OF NAVAL STAFF, Vice-Admiral A. M. Synnot takes the salute as the Guard passes the official dais during the Passing Out Parade at NIRIMBA. CNS congratulated the Parade and mentioned that the Guard looked very professional after their Royal occasions at which he had seen them do so well.

ABOVE: The General Service Mechanics 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 CNS.

### THE PASSING OUT CLASSES

ATA: Duffy 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 C. J.

PHASE 2 ETP: Bajtala M. E., Braderick 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.

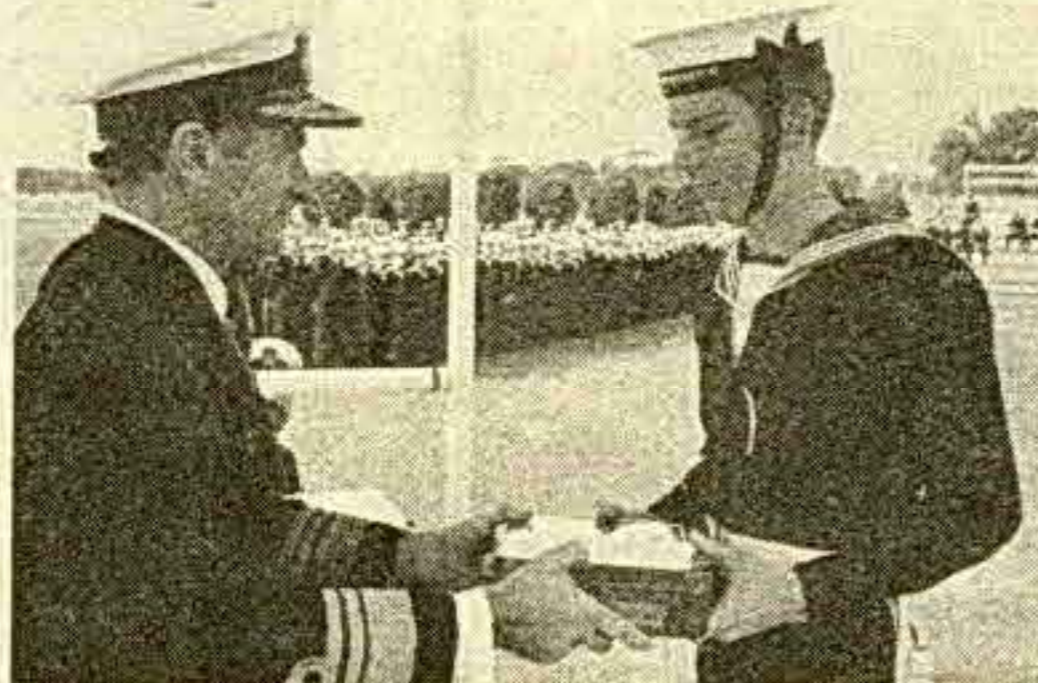
G. S. MECHANICIANS: Clelland J. W., Donchi B. L., Hickey K. J., Johnson L. A., Knowler K. B., Martin P. W., McDonald D. J., Mulligan P. O., Murphy A. T., Oates D. A., Pike B. S., Richards R. T., Sheargold R. M.



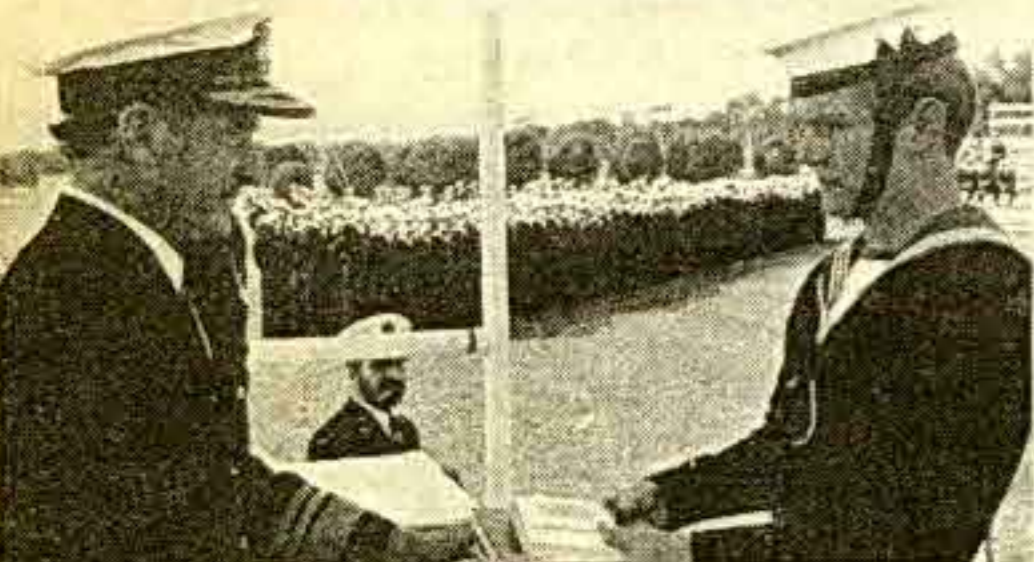
CNS presents the "Best Overall Electrical Technical Power" prize to Apprentice Watson.



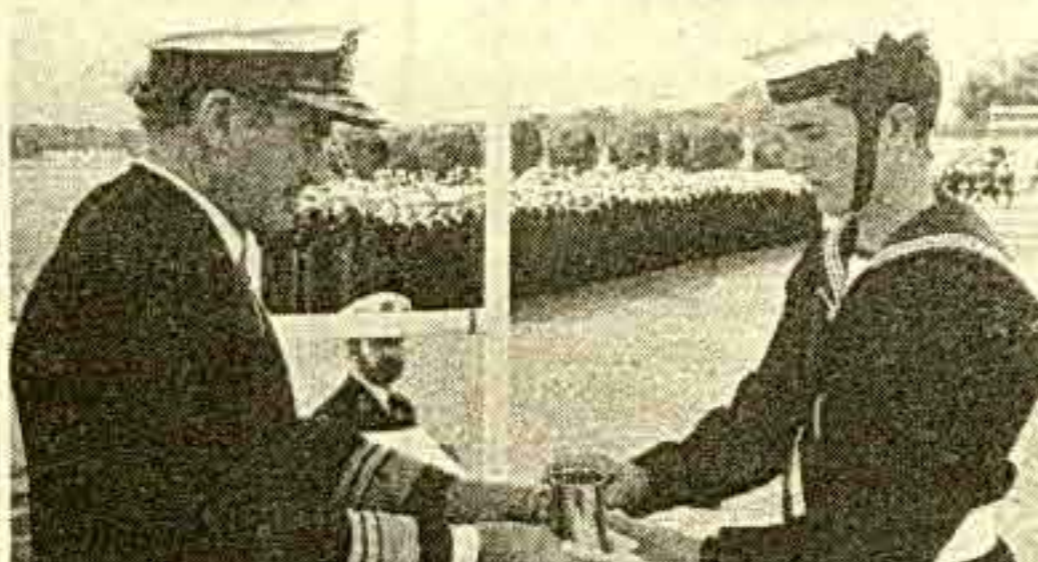
APPRENTICE IMPETT receives the "Best Overall Electrical Technical Systems" prize from the Chief of Naval Staff.



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



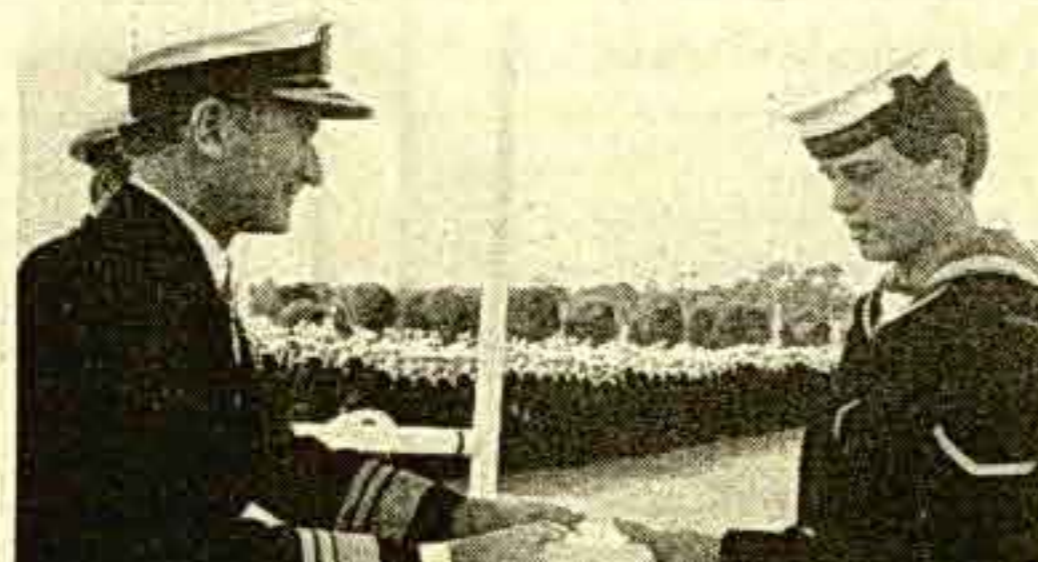
ATW GOUGH receives one of the two prizes he won for "Best Overall Air Technical Weapons" and "Most Outstanding Sportsman of the Passing Out Class" from the Chief of Naval Staff.



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.

### 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.

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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 completed depot leave periods and the "strike," 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 14.

"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).

"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.

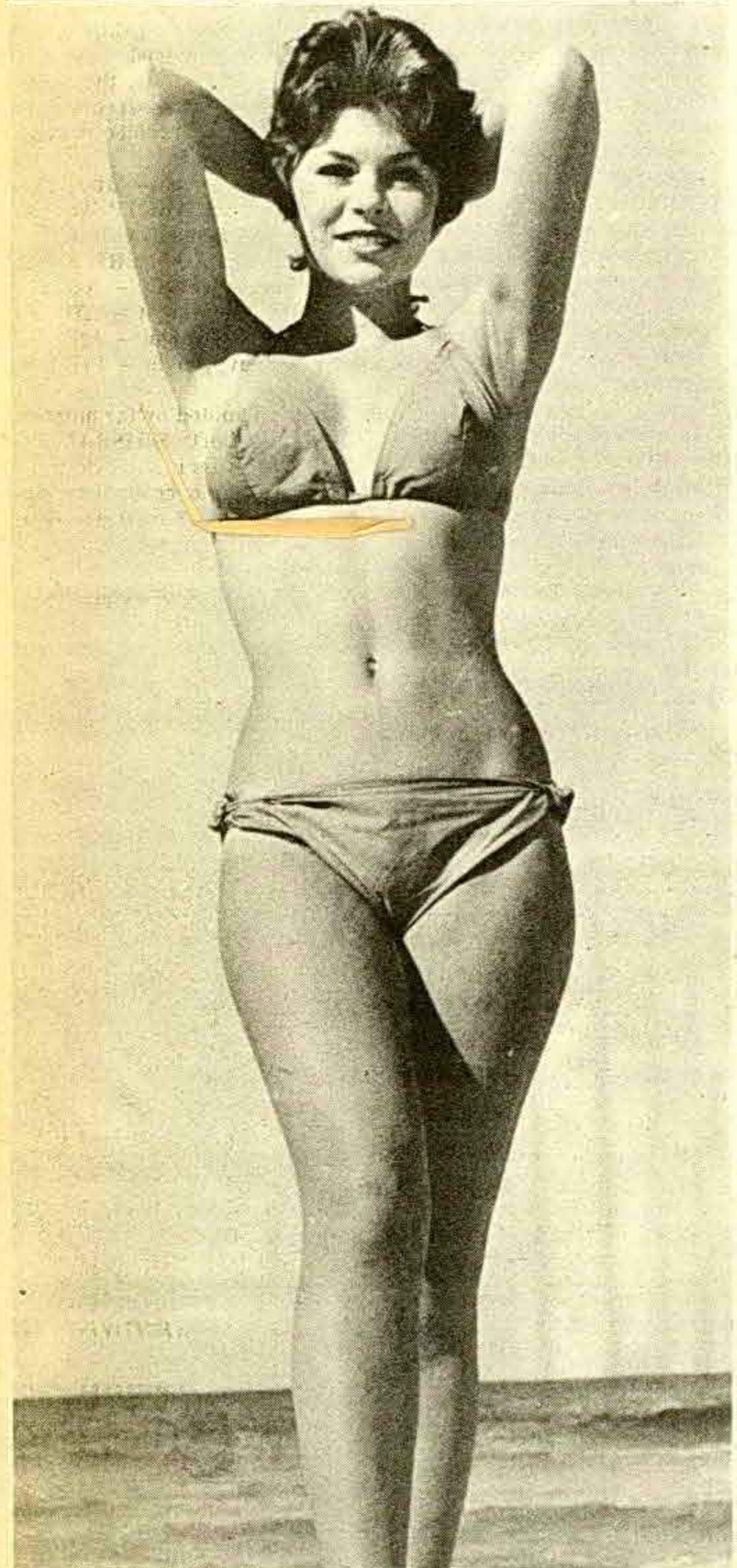
All are welcome.

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 POUCC "Peggy" O'Neill at WATSON 337 0397 - "PEGGY"

## OUTDOOR GIRL



SHAPELY DIANE JOHNSON was "up in arms" about posing for this shot by Vince Hayes, and little wonder... the sea breeze was ice-cold!

# 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 0-0 at half-time in a T. G. Millner quagmire, DESTROYERS scored first points 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" Cunningham's kick failed and, despite desperate last minute attempts for victory, DESTROYERS went down fighting 8-10.

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 PLATYPUS/WATERHEN, PENGUIN and KUTTABUL all on three points.

In the June 22 round of matches:

## JESSIE "STILL DEVASTATING"

By "SALTY"

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 boosted DESTROYERS/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 trip.

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

NIRIMBA defeated DESTROYERS/ESCORTS 10-8; ALBATROSS def PLATYPUS/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 19-13.

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 DESTROYERS/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

## 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 but the selectors are confident they will live up to the NAVY tradition 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

Gilbert (all of ALBATROSS); LSWR Shane Redenbach and LEUT Hugh Patterson (both of 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 Small (KUTTABUL). NAVY's umpire "rep" for the



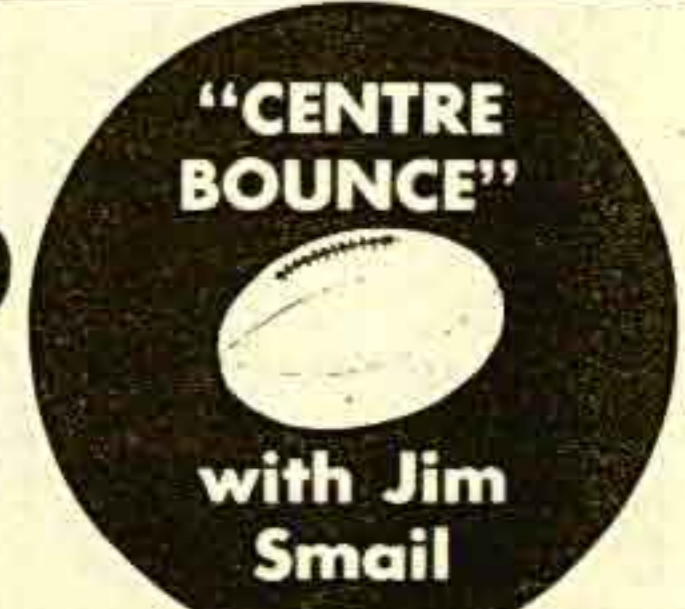
with one of the hardest, free flowing games on this year's Rugby calendar, reports our correspondent.

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.



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.

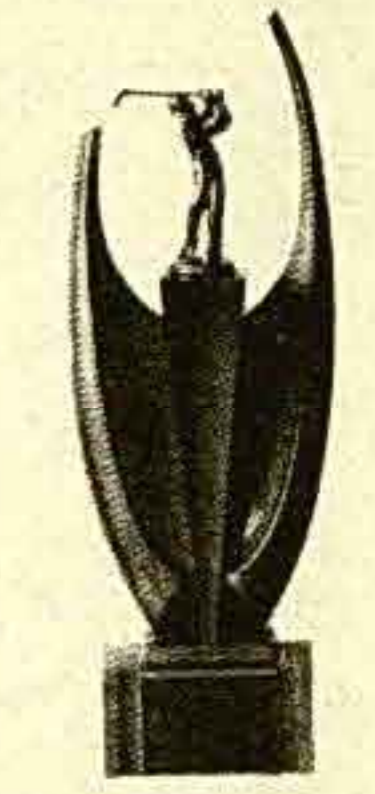
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## STATE RUGBY 'KO' TITLE: NAVY NAMES A TOP SQUAD

NAVY have chosen a 13-man squad to prepare for the NSW Rugby "Sevens" Knock-out Championship at the TG Millner Field on July 10.

Together with ARMY and RAAF, they help comprise a 32-team field, with the "cream" of the Sydney Grade, NSW Country and ACT Clubs participating.

Each match will be played over seven minute halves with seven players on each team.

To the winner will go the Wavell-Wakefield Cup, presented by former English Rugby "great", Lord Wakefield.

Sheet Metal Supplies P/L, of Eastwood, is sponsoring the event.

The NAVY squad for the series includes 1977 ASRU "reps" Cranston Dixon, Jeff Nankervis, Rod McLaurin, Rod Hine and Jim Henry.

The remainder are Marty Cowper, "Moose" Eddington, Jim Stokes, Tex Gourley, Bob Cox, John O'Malley and Harry Pearson.

Coach is "Buck" Rogers. NAVY selectors have arranged for the squad to go into camp at HMAS NIRIMBA to prepare for the prestige event.

A full day of fast and exciting football is assured and the NAVY side is hoping for a good roll-up of supporters.

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, GORDON, at 1000.

If successful, NAVY will play the winner of the LANE COVE-ACT match in the second round at 1215.

Victory there would see the whites up against RAAF, NEWCASTLE, PORT HACKING and Sydney premierships leaders PARRAMATTA in the quarter finals at 1330.

The semi-finals begin at 1430 and the final at 1530.

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 event.

Among them could be GORDON, 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 Kong this year.

Among the country sides which could prove strong opposition for MANLY is KIAMA, which annually stages its own SEVENS carnival.

The Services sides will be out to show they can match their better-known opponents.

## SYDNEY TOO STRONG FOR AUSTRALIAN SERVICES RUGBY XV

The Australian Services Rugby team were overpowered and out-manoeuvred 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 possession 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-

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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 WATSON.

## 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.

## "... TACKLING ALONE WILL NOT WIN GAMES"

BY "SALTY"

VICTORIA missed three easy penalties and twice lost the ball over the line.

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, was solid.

Bulger, the NAVY front rower, scrummaged and tackled well.

His ruck and maul work left

much, but I'm sure he tried to cover for Bola, the Fijian international 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 much to be desired.

On numerous occasions he confused both teams and the large spectator crowd with his interpretations of the laws.



"Blue" Bulger



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Introducing a fortnightly column on Rugby, specially written for "Navy News" by EAA "Navy PRO, Steve Adams, Western Suburbs First Grade hooker...

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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