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Quarter Deck and Cadets' Quarters.

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# Notes and Comments.

EARLY in the year, writing of places he had seen or was about to see, Rhoades (1923 entry) remarked, "I was doing a sketch the other day of the cruises we have done, and Palestine is the only country we have not visited, so we have certainly "done" the Mediterranean, as the Americans would say.

Lieut. Commander (S) I. C. R. Macdonald obtained first place out of four candidates on completion of the Advanced Signal Course at the Royal Naval College, Greenwich, at Easter, 1929. He obtained 890 marks out of a total of 1000.

The Navy Board in June last expressed its gratification with the success of Lieut. Kennedy, who was awarded the "Henry Leigh Carslake" Prize for 1929.

In a course at the Royal Naval College, at Greenwich, in which there were forty-seven officers, the first six places for the War Course Essays included three Australian Acting Sub-Lieutenants: L. Gellatly (2nd), A. W. R. McNicoll (3rd), P. E. Carr (5th).

H. J. Buchanan gained First place in the Advanced Gunnery Course Examination (G†) at R. N. College, Greenwich, at Easter, 1929, and was awarded a prize of £20 for books and instruments.

E. F. V. Dechaineux, in the Torpedo Course, 1928, gained first prize in the Examination of Lieutenants specialising in Torpedo, and was awarded

by the Naval Board a prize of £10 (books or instruments). At Easter, 1929, he gained second place among Lieutenants qualifying for T†.

From the R.N.E.C. Magazine, we learn that A. M. Clift last season obtained his Hockey colours (First XI.), while S. K. Gallehawk received the second Fifteen Cap. From an article which appears elsewhere we learn that E. Feldt is doing well in the Administrative service in New Guinea, in which locality are also H. A. Mackenzie and B. S. Hore.

More than the usual number of changes in staff have taken place during the year. Among the departures have been Lieut. Glasfurd, Com. Gunner Blundell (whom we have to congratulate upon his promotion just after he left us), Lieut. Lancaster, Comd. Shipt. Morris, Engr. Lieut. Comdr. Baker, Pay Lieut. Sheppard, Wt. Engr. Turnbull, Commander Fegen, Lieut. Miller (whose stay with us was very short, as he only joined at the beginning of the year).

Among those to whom we extend a hearty welcome are Lieut. Pearson, Engr. Commander Carr, Wt. Shipt. Gooch, Comd. Gunner Roberts, Comd. W. Eng. Owens, Lieut. Cook, and Commander Michell.

Captain and Mrs. Forster and family departed for the United Kingdom just before the end of the First Term, Captain and Mrs. Benson having arrived a few days previously.

The Gymnastic Display at the end of the year (Saturday, December 8th), proved a most effective and successful function. The lighting arrangements proved excellent, the headlights from the tower performing their purpose admirably, while the effect of the searchlight upon the flagstaff and the trees at the northern end of the Quarter Deck was very striking. Lieut. Lancaster is to be congratulated on a particularly good performance.

Lieut. Lancaster, who left us at the end of 1928, has become engaged to Miss Betty Armitage, sister of W. J. M. Armitage (1917) at present in the "Canberra." C. C. Clark (1916) this year was married to Miss Margaret Haymen, sister of J. F. Haymen (1916), whose tragic death occurred on Anzac Day, 1924.



1929 Entry (Phillip Year).

-Photo. by H. D. S.

# College Log.

Oct. 15-Week end leave. Jan. 31-First Term begins. Nov. 6-2nd XI. v. Knox Grammar School 2nd Feb. 10-Start of "New Deluge." " 11-The P. T. Officer becomes a modern XI. 9-Week end leave. Noah and entertains the "Animals" in 10—R.A.N.C. v. R.M.C., at Duntroon. 20—R.A.N.C. v. S.C.E.G.S. the Gym. AGAIN, 26-Annual Examinations begin. AGAIN, 13 6-Captain's Dance. -Passing out Dance. 8-Gymnastic Display.

9-Passing Out. 13-Christmas leave begins.

1928.

AGAIN, 15-The downpour did not slack. Till at last a feeble ray Made appearance through a crack. " 16-R.A.N.C. v. Knox Grammar School.

- Feb. 19—The drought breaks! College "paddles" to the Green Patch in search of fresh air.
  - ., 23-R.A.N.C. v. S.C.E.G.S.
- Mar. 1—Week end leave. Junior XI, miss their jaunt to Sydney owing to mumps at T.K.S.
  - " 2-Phillip Year beat Tudor House School at cricket.
  - ., 4-Swimming heats commence.
  - ., 6-Swimming Sports.
  - ., 8-Cadets visit "Australia" & "Albatross."
  - ,, 9-R.A.N.C. v. Trinity Grammar School.
  - " 13—Cook and Flinders Years experience malde-mer in "Albatross."
  - ., 16-R.A.N.C. v. Sydney Grammar School.
  - " 17—Mixed Officers and Cadets team play the Squadron at cricket and bite the dust.



Wardroom Mess.

- Mar. 20-Life Saving tests begin.
  - ., 23-Junior XI beat Cranbrook Junior XI.
  - ., 30-R.A.N.C. v. R.M.C.
  - " 31-R.A.N.C. v. R.M.C. tennis and swimming.
- Apl. 5-Week end leave.
  - " 6-R.A.N.C. v.- Cranbrook at Cranbrook.
  - " 8—Athletic Sports practice begins. Arrival of Captain Benson.
  - " 12-Departure of Captain Forster.
  - " 14-Officers and Cadets beat the "Canberra"
  - " 15-Phillip Year dig a pit.
  - .. 20—Athletic Sports combined with a splash in the pit that Phillip digged,

- Apl. 24-Left for Duntroon.
- " 25—Anzac Day. Cadets attend unveiling of Commemoration Stone at Canberra.
  - ., 26-Return from Duntroon.
- May 2-Leave, Glorious Leave.
- May 30-Second Term begins.
- June 3-Platypus and Submarines arrive.
  - ,, 7-Lecture on Submarines by Captain of "Oxley" (Licut. Commander Getting).
  - ,, 8-R.A.N.C. v. Platypus and Submarines-
  - ,, 11-To sea in Submarines.
  - ,, 15—2nd XV. v. Blue Mountains Grammar School.
  - ., 22-R.A.N.C. v. Trinity Grammar School.
  - , 23-Officers v. Cadets-Golf.
  - " 28—Week-end leave. Juniors again unlucky with their trip to Sydney, as Cranbrook have 'flu.
- July 6-R.A.N.C. v. Knox Grammar School.
  - ,, 14-Boxing tournament commences.
  - " 20-R.A.N.C. v. Sydney Grammar School.
    - . 26-Week-end leave.
  - " 27—R.A.N.C. v. R.M.C. at Duntroon. We surprise the Soldiers and ourselves by winning.
  - ., 30-Boxing finals.
- Aug. 3-R.A.N.C. v. S.C.E.G.S.
  - ,, 10—R.A.N.C. v. T.K.S. We meet our Waterloo, and our unbeaten record is washed away.
    - , 17—R.A.N.C. v. Cranbrook. The latter extremely curious about the Fire Alarm at quite the wrong time of the day.
  - " 24—United Services v. G.P.S. Junior X.V. v. S.C.E.G.S. Juniors. Commander Michell joins.
  - ., 27-Cross Country race.
  - ., 4-Commander Fegen leaves.
- Sept. 3-End of Second Term.
  - ., 18-Third Term begins.
  - ., 21-Regatta practice begins.
  - ., 23-To sea in the "Albatross."
  - " 28-Regatta heats begin.
- Oct. 2—Regatta. The "Bathing" season commences.

# Passing Out, 1928.

His Excellency the Governor-General and the First Naval Member, Rear-Admiral Napier, were present at "Passing Out." The activities of the week included sailing races between Officers and Phillip and Cook Years, the Captain's Dance on Thursday, December 6th, the Passing Out Dance on Friday, and a Gymnastic Display by Cadet-Midshipmen on Saturday night. The actual Passing Out ceremonies took place on Sunday morning after Church, the prizes being presented by His Excellency.

The weather, which had been so dry for weeks decided to change, and slight drizzles of rain interfered with, but did not mar the proceedings. Passing Out Day turned out warm though dull, and the rain in the early morning merely necessitated

THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S SPEECH.

Having presented the prizes, His Excellency said:

Captain Forster referred to the good conduct which enabled him to read so satisfactory a report, and I congratulate Captain Forster and you. He referred also to the fact that this is the fourth year that I have been down for this annual prize-giving. I hope to come once again and then that my successor will make it an absolutely certain fixture of the Governor-General.

I was much struck with the admirable sermon of the Padre, who remarked that he was simply repeating the old, old story, and that is all I can do, and that was true of my predecessor, as it will also be true of my successor. It is one that no one



The Naval College from the air.

a change in the "rig of the day" from "all whites" to "blues." There was the usual gathering of friends of the Passing-Out Cadet-Midshipmen, among these being Mr. and Mrs. Bowden, Captain and Mrs. Bracegirdle, Mr. and Mrs. Gerrett, Mr. and Mrs. Saunders. The presence of the Naval Reserve Band, under the very able conductorship of Commissioned Bandmaster Pitt, R.A.N.R., tended to enliven the proceedings, and the performances both on Saturday afternoon at the cricket match and on Sunday at the actual Passing Out Ceremony were greatly appreciated.

wants to forget, and one which is of vital importance to all. All of you have made up your minds—or had them made up for you—to join the King's Navy. You have joined the Royal Australian Navy, which is a branch of the King's Navy in whatever ocean or whatever place it may be. You belong to a young country, of which you are rightly proud; but in one sense it is not young. In your profession you are not starting from scratch, though there may be some people who think it desirable to eliminate all the mistakes, as well as all the lessons of tradition. They may be right or they may be

wrong. But you share the history and tradition, the rights and responsibilities of British citizenship in its widest sense.

You are about to start life on your own, dependent for success or failure quite 90 per cent. on your own effort—the other 10 per cent. may, perhaps, be luck. You are about to devote your life to the Navy.

Gentlemen. I mean when I say that it is the old story that whereas the material and the problem to solve change with the changing years, the real spirit of the Navy remains the same. This spirit, perhaps, reached its zenith in the days of the defeat of the Armada: it showed up in the 18th century, and most magnificently, perhaps, in the person of Nelson in the beginning of the 19th century. We have just come through a time of war—a war which could not have been won without the British Navy. Always after a war there are people who think there will be no more war, and everybody does his level best to prevent another war—to make another war impossible—and I sincerely hope that they may be successful.

But whatever arrangements are made, we can never dispense with the need for self-defence, and one might just as well say that it was wrong to teach our boys to box as to say that it is illegal for a nation to prepare for self-defence. It will be your duty in life to be prepared to defend, first Australia, and second, the British Empire; and in practice it will be found impossible to separate the two. In any conflict, the same feeling of brotherhood as appeared in the Great War will again be apparent in all parts of the Empire. Remember that it is more difficult to keep a fighting service efficient in peace time than in war time. As your lot is likely to be cast in peace, you have got to keep before you the old story of Drake, Nelson and Jellicoe, to keep alive the splendid traditions of the Navy, which include all the best characteristics of our Nation.

You are joining as members of the family, you have the same privileges as other members of the family; and it is up to you to show that you are worthy of the trust. Remember the thing you have been taught here—what the uniform means—keep fit, alert, concentrate on your job. It happens to everybody that after a period of strenuous training there comes a reaction against discipline, but don't let that foolishness affect you. Discipline is essential. Without it you cannot be so useful nor can you get as much fun out of life.

Remember that you are part of the King's Navy, and reach the standard of that Navy and of the Nation and Empire. Its traditions are yours—yours as trustees. See that you are true to your job, and hand on those traditions unimpaired! This does not imply the slavish following of the past, but the adaptation to present day needs. I congratulate you all—the prize-winners of to-day, the

performers who last night gave a very good show—and at Jervis Bay I have always seen a good show. Such an exhibition is symptomatic and typical of the thoroughness of your training. I hope you will turn out worthy of the trouble taken to equip you for the noblest of all professions, that of a British Naval Officer.

# PRIZE LIST, 1928.

King's Medallist.-W. S. Bracegirdle.

Grand Aggregate.—J. P. C. WATSON, 1; D. T. Gale, 2; L. N. Dine, 3.

Navigation.—J. P. C. WATSON, 1; D. T. Gale, 2; L. N. Dine, 3.

Mathematics.—D. T. GALE, 1; J. P. C. Watson, 2; C. C. F. Bourne, 3.

Physics and Chemistry.—J. P. C. Watson, 1; D. T. Gale, 2; L. N. DINE, 3.

Engineering (Theoretical).—J. P. C. Watson, 1; L. N. Dine, 2; F. S. SAUNDERS, 3.

Engineering (Practical).—L. N. Dine, 1; J. P. C. Watson, 2; H. D. BOWDEN, 3.

English.—D. T. GALE, 1; J. P. C. Watson, 2; W. S. Bracegirdle, 3.

History.—G. A. RATTIGAN, 1; D. T. Gale, 2; J. P. C. Watson, 3.

French.—J. P. C. Watson, 1; D. T. Gale, 2; T. K. MORRISON, 3.

Seamanship.—J. P. C. Watson, L. N. DINE (aeq.), 1; D. T. Gale, 3.

[By regulation, no Cadet-Midshipman may take more than two prizes. The recipient of the prize is indicated by capitals.]

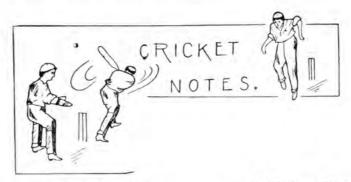
#### CADET-CAPTAINS.

Chief Cadet-Captain.—W. B. M. Marks. Cadet Captains.—A. G. Rose, D. Logan, P. S. F. Hancox, N. B. Wilson.

# The Conquerors of Duntroon

Tho' we were small, alas! and light, We hoped (in hours before the game) That we'd enhance the College name, By vanquishing the soldiers' might. The ground was hard, the day was cold, But as we waited our desire. Excitement warmed our blood like fire, And made us confident and bold. Three times we scored ere half-time came, And then our enemy awoke, But to their onslaught seldom broke Our line of white. To end the game The whistle seemed triumphantly To scream a hymn of victory.

-V.A.S. and Trebor.



It is a pity that, owing to the time the Magazine goes to press, these notes have to include the last half of the season, and the first half of the next. It would be much more satisfactory to review the season as a whole.

We lost two very useful members at the end of the year in Morrison and Power. The former especially, besides being Captain of the team, could always be relied on for runs, and was one of the best bowlers the College has had. Rose relieved him this year as Captain, and is to be congratulated on the way he has led his team and on the example of keenness he has set. It is pleasant to be able to record that our standard of fielding, and smartness between the overs, has earned the admiration of several of our visiting masters. Hancox thoroughly deserved his colours.

#### MATCHES.

### R.A.N.C. 2nd XI. v. Knox Grammar School 2nd XI.

6th November, 1928.

This match was remarkable for the very fine first wicket partnership by Wilson and Rose. The former especially played a fine innings, and is to be congratulated on his century, which included 16 fours and a six.

Knox Grammar School.—1st Innings, 86. Bowling.-Menary, 4 wickets for 9; Wilson, 2 wickets for 4.

#### R.A.N.C.—1st Innings.

Wilson, c Thompson, b Rutty	 112
Rose, c Johnstone, b Arnott	 48
Logan, b Thomson	 2
Menary, b Derrin	
Hancox, b Paton	10
Mayo, not out	 7
Marks, not out	
Extras	
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5 wickets for ... Hudson, Innocent, White and Gerrett did not

Knox G.S .- 2nd Innings, 8 for 81. Bowling.-Wilson, 4 wickets for 12.

### R.A.N.C. v. Duntroon.

10th November, at Duntroon.

Once again a very close struggle on the first innings for which the chief credit must go to Menary, both for his batting and bowling. There were one or two mistakes in the field, which proved rather costly; but, apart from that, our display was very creditable.

### R.A.N.C .- 1st Innings.

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Morrison, b Tansing		
Rose, c Tansing, b Bunny		**
Wilson, b Tansing	4 *	
Power, b Tansing		
Saunders, c Morecombe, b Sength		
Logan, b Tansing		
Hancox, b Millard		4.7
Menary, b Millard		
Gale, b Millard	10	
Gerrett, c Spry, b Tansing		4.
Marks, not out		
Extras	. , .	

Total 96

R.A.N.C.—2nd Innings.	
Morrison, b Tansing	
Wilson, b Millard	
Rose, c Morecombe, b Murdoch	
Power, run out	
Saunders, b Murdoch	
Logan, b Murdoch	
Hancox, b Murdoch	
Menary, b Murdoch	
Gale, c Tansing, b Smyth	
Gerrett, run out	
Marks, not out	٠.
Extras	
	3
Tot	al

Royal Military College-1st Innings, 104.

Bowling.-Menary, 4 wickets for 21; Morrison, 3 wickets for 23,

R.M.C.—2nd Innings, 6 for 102.

### R.A.N.C. v. S.C.E.G.S.

20th November, 1928.

Morrison opened his season with a fine innings of 81, which included 12 fours.

### R.A.N.C.—1st Innings.

Morrison, c Rae, b Innes			81
Wilson, run out			0
Power, c Newton, b Pockley Saunders, c Hawly, b Innes			17
Saunders, c Hawly, b Innes			2
Rose, b Newton			6
Logan, b Robertson			23
Menary, c Newton, b Robertson			-0
Hancox, not out			20
Gerrett, b Hawley			24
Gale, c Pockley, b Harvey			4
Marks, c and b Innes			0
Extras			-13
	_		24.2
	To	tal	190

S.C.E.G.S.—1st Innings, 113.
Bowling.—Morrison, 4 wickets for 28.
R.A.N.C.—2nd Innings, 4 for 49, declared.

S.C.G.S.—2nd Innings, 6 for 71.

### R.A.N.C. v. Knox Grammar School.

16th February.

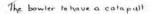
Wilson started the first match of the term with a 27, but Menary (11) was the only other one to get into double figures.

### R.A.N.C.—1st Innings.

Wilson, b	Arnott					 				27
Rose, c Bu	rnett, b	Ar	not	t.		 		de		2
Hancox, c	Kennedy	, b	A	no	tt	 	12			1
Hudson, b	Arnott									0
Menary, b	Tulloch	٠.		Ġ.		 				11
Logan, lbw	b Tull	och			2	 	1			4

# HOW CRICKET MAY BE IMPROVED.



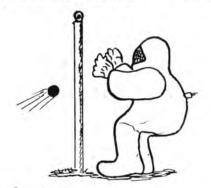




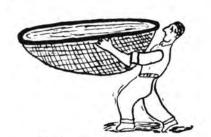
The wickers to be larger



A Somersault to be executed at the end of each run.



The wicket keeper to have a pneumatic dress



The fieldsmen to be supplied with baskets

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Mayo, c and b Tulloch	In the second inni thanks chiefly to W second innings was exfirst. The match wa decided to give the E tice in chasing balls; lege took them on. A Morrison put the lad that was ruined by ing her back on the gathe Cadets to run an
R.A.N.C.—2nd Innings.	R.A.N.
Rose, c Tulloch, b McKinley         1           Hancox, c Tulloch, b McKinley         4           Menary, b McKinley         0           Logan, b Amott         5           Wilson, b Amott         3           Hudson, c Thomson, b Tulloch         7           Mayo, run out         0           Gerrett, c and b Fitzsimmons         1           Gordon, b Fitzsimmons         5           Marks, not out         15           Innocent, c Burnett, b McKinley         7           Extras         12	Wilson, lbw, b Price Hancox, c Anderson, Rose, b Price Hudson, b Price Logan, c Kerr, b Price Menary, c and b Bak Gerrett, b Price Marks, run out Mayo, c Kerr, b Pric Gordon, not out Innocent, c Allen, b Extras
Total 62 Knox Grammar School, 5 for 36.	T.G.S.— Bowling.—Hancox.
R.A.N.C. v. S.C.E.G.S.	R.A.N.
23rd February.  A good stand by Hancox and Hudson put us in a good position, and good fielding with a wonderful catch by Hancox at point gave us a well-deserved victory.  R.A.N.C.—1st Innings.	Wilson, c Allen, b I Hancox, c Allen, b I Logan, b Price Hudson, c Allen, b Menary, b Price Rose, b Price Marks, c Allen, b Ba
Wilson, c Mitchell, b Walcott       4         Rose, b Spencer       3         Hancox, c Horder, b Mitchell       32         Menary, c Walker, b Walcott       1         Hudson, run out       44         Logan, c Ludowici, b Mitchell       5         Mayo, c Ludowici, b Walcott       2         Gerrett, b Walker       12         Marks, b Walcott       1         Gordon, b Walcott       1	Gordon, c Allen, b Mayo, b Price Gerrett, b Price Innocent, not out Extras  Trinity G.3 Bowling.—Hancox
Innocent. not out 6 Extras	R.A.N.C
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Total 118

S.C.E.G.S.—1st Innings, 91.

Bowling.—Hancox, 3 for 28. Menary, 5 for 28.

# R.A.N.C. v. Trinity Grammar School.

9th March.

A day of remarkable scores. After a complete collapse we were out for a dismal 42. However, by good bowling and excellent fielding, we disposed of their last man for 28.

In the second innings things went a bit better, thanks chiefly to Wilson and Logan; but their second innings was even more disastrous than their first. The match was over so early, that it was decided to give the First XI some really hard practice in chasing balls; and so the ladies of the College took them on. A magnificent innings by Miss Morrison put the ladies in a very strong position that was ruined by Sister, who persisted in turning her back on the game when fielding and allowing the Cadets to run and run and run!

### R.A.N.C.—1st Innings.

Wilson, lbw, b Price			7
Hancox, c Anderson, b Baker			1
Rose, b Price			0
Hudson, b Price			0
Logan, c Kerr, b Price			2
Menary, c and b Baker			4
Gerrett, b Price			0
Marks, run out			13
Mayo, c Kerr, b Price			0
Gordon, not out			4
Innocent, c Allen, h Price			2
Extras			9
230100	.,		
	T	otal	42

T.G.S .- 1st Innings, 28.

Bowling.-Hancox, 4 for 14; Menary, 3 for 8.

### R.A.N.C .- 2nd Innings.

Wilson, c Allen,				
Hancox, c Allen,	b Price	 	 	 
Logan, b Price		 	 **	 .,
Hudson, c Allen.				
Menary, h Price .		 	 	 
Rose, b Price			 	 
Marks, c Allen, b				
Gordon, c Allen,	b Price	 	 	 
Mayo, b Price		 15	 	 , .
Gerrett, b Price .				
Innocent, not out				
Ext	ras	 	 4.7	 

Total 124

Trinity G.S .- 2nd Innings, 26.

Bowling.-Hancox, 8 for 20; Menary, 2 for 2.

### R.A.N.C. v. Sydney G.S.

16th March.

A fine innings by Wilson gave us a good start, the first wicket not falling till 47 was on the board. Rose helped on the good work with 26 not out, and we finished with the respectable total of 113. The team then gave a good display of fielding again, and S.G.S. ended their first innings with the R.A.N.C. 43 in the lead. Our efforts in the second innings to get runs quickly were rather disastrous, and we finished by giving them 88 to make in an hour and twenty minutes. The end was exciting, but they failed to do it by 8 runs.

R.A.N.C.—1st Innings.	
Wilson, b Burns	58
Hancox, c Patterson, b Potts	11
Menary, b Potts	0
Logan, b Ferguson	5
Hudson, b Potts	0
Rose, not out	26
Marks, run out	0
Mayo, c Patterson, b Burns	1
Gerrett, b Potts	11
Gordon, b Ferguson	0
Innocent, b Potts	1
Extras	1
	113
S.G.S.—1st Innings, 70.	113
BowlingLogan, 2 for 5; Menary, 5 for 20	
R.A.N.C.—2nd Innings.	
Wilson, c Potts, b Ferguson	2
Hancox, c Potts, b Ferguson	15
Logan, c Poidevin, b Potts	13
Rose, b Potts	10
Menary, b Ferguson	0
Hudson, b Ferguson	0
Marks, c Poidevin, b Ferguson	0
Gerrett, b Potts	0
Mayo, c McDowell, b Potts	0
Gordon, b Ferguson	2
Innocent, not out	2
Total	44
Total	44

S.G.S .- 2nd Innings, 9 for 80.

### R.A.N.C. v. Duntroon.

23rd March.

Another of our amazingly close matches that seem to be the rule with Duntroon. Our first innings started in a very stormy fashion, seven wickets falling for only 40 runs, then Gerrett and Mayo made a great stand, and put on 45 runs before they were separated; and we were shortly afterwards all out for 94. Duntroon opened in equally calamitous fashion, Menary, Gerrett and Hancox all bowling really well; and backed up by splendid fielding by the rest of the team, with the result we had them all out for 59.

Our second innings was even more tragic than the first, Hancox being the only one to struggle into double figures; and we ended with only 43 for a total, leaving Duntroon 79 for a win.

Once again victory seemed within our grasp, as Duntroon's 9th wicket fell with 21 runs still wanted; but a fine batting display by Murdoch did the trick, though only just, as the same over that produced the winning hit closed the innings, leaving Duntroon the winner by 1 run. A really thrilling match, and our team are to be congratulated on their display in the field.

### R.A.N.C.—1st Innings.

Wilson, c McCaffey, b Millard	9
Hancox, c Knights, b Bunny	1
Rose, b Millard	3
Logan, b Millard	2
Menary, c Scoullar, b Murdoch	6
Hudson, b Murdoch	-8





WELL HELD SIK.

An incident in the 1929 Cricilet Season in a side wicker march

Marks, c Knight, b Murdoch       2         Mayo, not out       23         Gerrett, c Bunny, b Murdoch       23         Gordon, run out       5         Innocent, b Smyth       0	R.A.N.C. v. Cranbrook.  At Cranbrook, 30th March.  Rose was unfortunate enough to hurt his foot playing against the Fleet the preceding Saturday,
Extras	so Menary became Captain for this match.  Cranbrook, of course, is a turf wicket, which was strange to several members of the side, and our fielding on this occasion was not up to the usual standard.  R.A.N.C.—1st Innings.
R.A.N.C.—2nd Innings.         Wilson, b Bunny       7         Hancox, b Knights       13         Rose, b Millard       5         Menary, b Murdoch       2         Hudson, run out       4         Logan, b Murdoch       3         Mayo, c Murdoch, b Millard       1         Gerrett, b Murdoch       0         Marks, run out       0         Gordon, st. b Murdoch       6         Innocent, not out       1	Wilson, c Hardie, b Hicks       15         Hancox, c Campbell, b McKenzie       15         Logan, c Hicks, b Dowling       5         Hudson, c Campbell, b McKenzie       3         Menary, c and b Hicks       5         White, c and b Hicks       0         Gerrett, c Hicks, b Croll       9         Mayo, b Dowling       12         Marks, b Dowling       2         Gordon, b McKenzie       6         Innocent, not out       8         Extras       4
Extras	Cranbrook.—1st Innings, 136.  Bowling.—Wilson, 3 for 28: Gerrett, 2 for 18.  R.A.N.C.—2nd Innings, 5 for 73.  (Light failed—Wilson not out 34.)

# Football.

This has been a memorable season—at one period it looked as if the team would go through unbeaten, but the King's School broke our record of victories in the only wet game of the Term.

The team have all been tremendously keen, have as a whole combined well together, and the tackling has improved a lot from last year. Special mention must be made of our game at Duntroon, which victory was a great feather in our caps. That last ten minutes when we were fighting to keep them out will live long in our memories.

#### Old Colours.

Menary.—Scrum half and Captain of the team. Has led the team splendidly. Goes really hard all the time, and sets a splendid example in defence. Inclined to be too late in parting with the ball in attack. Chosen for the U.S. team, but unfortunately went sick.

Logan.—Very fast and clever in attack, but defence is still his great weakness. Reserve for United Services team.

Langford.—A good rear rank forward. Tackles well, and is always on the ball.

#### New Colours.

White.—A hard-working front rank forward. Always works hard, and has led the forwards well. To be congratulated on playing for United Services.

Wilson.—Has come on a lot as centre threequarter, and with his weight should do well next year.

Innocent.—Stand off half. Has come on a lot, but still inclined to take his passes standing still. His defence is excellent, and he will go down to anything. Tackles hard.

Macliver .- A good all-round forward.

Palmer.—Though very light, he has well deserved his colours. Always on the ball and dribbles very well.

Hancox.—Centre three-quarter. Must try and improve his pace and also his passing. His defence is good all round, and he is a very useful place kick.

Ridley.—Rear rank forward. Goes hard and tackles well. Had bad luck getting crocked. Others who must be mentioned are: Smith, who stepped into the breach at full-back; Purves-Smith and Hudson among the outsides: and Rose, Mayo, and Anderson among the forwards. Rose had bad luck in getting crocked just before the Duntroon game. All these, including Gerrett and Gordon, always played hard and gave of their very best.

### 2nd XV. v. Blue Mountains Grammar School Saturday, June 15th.

Although this match was called 2nd XV., it was really a mixture of 1st XV. possibles and a few rising stars, and served as a very useful lung-opener before starting the 1st XV. fixtures. The game was scrappy, as was to be expected in the opening match of the season, but was closely and keenly contested, and the College team won by 14 points to 6.

### 1st XV. v. Trinity Grammar School.

Saturday, June 22nd.

Trinity kicked off into a strong westerly wind, and from the start the College pressed in an endeavour to build up a winning score while the wind was favourable. A dribbling rush by Lang-

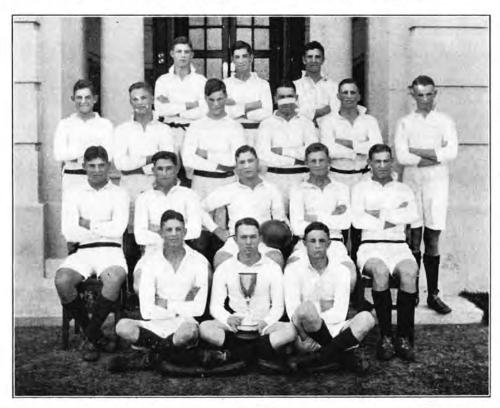
ford, Macliver and Rose resulted in the latter touching down, the try being converted by Hancox (5-0).

The Trinity forwards were much the heavier pack but our eight were working well together, and stopped their attempts to break through with the ball at their feet. A good run by Logan ended within 10 yards of the line, and from the ensuing line-out, Rose secured the ball and scored again, the kick failing (8-0).

Our handling was terrible, no doubt the wind was the cause, and several excellent chances were thrown away. The constant attack, however, was having its effect, and Menary did well to force himself over the line from a loose scrum about 10 yards out (11-0).

One more unconverted try was obtained before half-time, a three-quarter movement enabling Logan to go over well out.

When ends were changed a difference came over the game, and we found ourselves with our backs against the wall. At first their rushes were checked by good kicking, Hudson and Logan, in particular, doing good ones; but they were not to to be stopped. After a couple of opportunities were missed



First XV.

owing to passes going astray, a forward dribble

gave an unconverted try (14-3).

In a few minutes they were over again, and in a similar manner to the previous occasion, as a dribble was rounded by the wing picking up and running in behind the posts, which made the conversion easy (14-8).

At this stage things looked rather black for us, as there were still 20 minutes to go, and our opponents seemed good for at least 10 points more. These misgivings were borne out, when, after some smart passing, a wing three-quarter got clear away to score in a position which made the extra points a simple matter (14-13).

We were again defending hard shortly afterwards, but, at the critical moment, the ball was passed to Logan, and a strong burst down the wing

gave an unconverted try.

With two minutes still remaining, steady defensive measures prevented them becoming dangerous, so that we just scraped home by 17-13.

### 1st XV. v. Knox Grammar School. Saturday, July 6th.

Knox started with considerable dash, and soon opened their account with an unconverted try. It was not long before we were going well, and a three-quarter movement, in which Hudson gained a lot of ground, resulted in Hancox scoring (3-3).

A smart attack by the Knox outsides was annulled by an off-side very near to our line, and we were able to clear with the kick. Twice more in quick succession they were dangerously close, and it was only some stout tackling by Smith and Menary that saved us.

It was not until the second half that we started really to get under weigh, and then, the combination of our backs improving enormously, a vast

difference came over the game.

Wilson paved the way to our taking the lead by intercepting and passing to Logan, who scored under the cross-bar for Hancox to convert (8-3).

Our next score came from mid-field, where the forwards heeled from the loose and a straight run followed by a good pass by Innocent, sent Logan in. Shortly afterwards Wilson received the ball, and with a strong dash, passed to Logan, who was again able to touch down in the centre (16-3).

The game became more even after this, the Knox backs, by concentrating on defence, being able to keep the ball in the middle of the field. No scoring chances came to them until the end of the game, when their five-eighths made a quick attack, but a forward pass at the critical stage robbed them of an excellent opportunity, and with the ball going dead a moment later, the game was over.

### 1st XV. v. Sydney Grammar School. Saturday, July 20th.

Grammar began by pressing, and soon had us hemmed on our line, where Logan intercepted a pass and ran the length of the field, to score in the goal mouth (5.0).

They again pressed and a shot for a field goal, although unsuccessful, brought the play once more to our line, and their three-quarters, having followed up, were able to start a movement which resulted in a converted try (5-5).

From a loose scrum near the centre of the field, the Navy forwards secured the ball, and with some well-timed passes, Logan was sent away with only the full-back to beat, and was able to touch down close in, the goal points being added (10-5).

The game was very even, being mainly confined to the forwards, among whom Palmer, Langford

and Macliver were doing well for us.

Just on half-time, Wilson took the ball to their line, and from a five-yards scrum, Logan again scored between the posts, so that the half-time score was 15-5.

In the second half we gradually assumed the upper hand, and, with our forwards playing extraordinarily well, scored another three goals (one penalty) and a try to two tries of our opponents, the final score being 31-11.

Our converting kicks were a feature of the match, both Logan and Hancox being at the top of their form, and one kick by Logan, to convert a try by Hudson, in the second half, taken from the junction of the "twenty-five" and touch line, was a remarkable effort.

### 1st XV. v. Royal Military College.

Played at Duntroon on July 27th.

A slight breeze was blowing across the ground, when Menary kicked off. After a little even play, Logan secured the ball, and took the game to their "twenty-five" where we were awarded a free kick which Hancox missed. Duntroon relieved with a long kick.

From a scrum our backs commenced a great passing movement, which culminated with a try under the posts, Logan punting ahead and beating the full-back to the touch-down. Hancox con-

verted.

From the re-start, we attacked and were given a free kick, which was rendered ineffective by forwards getting in front of the ball. Duntroon then forced their way to our "twenty-five", and for quite a time we were strictly on the defensive. A penalty kick relieved the situation, but the opposing three-quarter line were becoming dangerous, when Wilson intercepted and ran half the length of the ground to score in the corner. Logan converted with a very good kick and we led 10—nil.

Immediately following, play was taken to our "twenty-five" and remained there until the end of the half, the only incident of note being an attempt

at a penalty goal by the Army.

Our opponents went off with the jump after half-time, and made a heavy onslaught, a tackle by Smith and a quick dive by Ridley saving what looked to be a certain try. From the drop out the forwards managed to get the ball to the centre of the field, where the backs got going, and Wilson,

selling the "dummy," sent Logan away to score near the posts. The kick was unsuccessful, so that

the score was 13-nil.

We were now subjected to strong pressure, and from a five-yards scrum. Duntroon scored, but could not convert. (13-3). After this the game gradually became a forward battle, the Army obviously hoping in this way to make the best of their advantage in weight. Time after time they were right on top of our line, only to fail from over-anxiousness. Our breakaways were harassing their backs considerably, and making them pass before they were under way, with the result that ours could stop concerted movement. At last a break came, and a fine passing rush by their three-quarters ended in a try near the touchline which was not converted. (13-6).

The play went straight back to our "twenty-five" from the kick-off, and it was only the solid tackling of Menary, Smith and Langford and the steady work of the forwards that kept the score down. The forwards eventually dribbled away and near the half-day line Palmer picked up and passed to Logan, who kicked ahead, but was beaten to the

ball.

The pace was increasing as the time became shorter, and Duntroon again were within striking distance, so that it looked as though they might easily stage a last-minute victory, similar to those we have experienced from them on the cricket field. But we were at the top of our form. Our forwards were never off the ball, and the defence was so stubborn that it was not until just on no-side that they forced themselves over through sheer weight. The converting kick was disallowed, as it had been touched in flight, and the game finished, the Navy leading by 13 points to 9.

This is the first time we have beaten them on their own ground, and victory came as the just reward to a fit and tenacious team, who had the determination to win and the "guts" to last through the gruelling they received from their heavier

opponents.

### 1st XV. v. Sydney C. of. E. Grammar School. Saturday, August 3rd.

Both packs were lively, and the game, fast at the start, continued to be so throughout the remainder of the match. The College were continuously in attack, and, although several shots at goal from penalty kicks were attempted, there was no score until late in the first half.

The first score came as the result of a good dribble by our forwards, among whom Palmer did more than his share of the work, and the ball going loose to Logan, enabled him to cross-kick for Hudson to gather and go over under the posts, the kick

being taken by Hancox (5-0).

The game after this was even, good tackling on both sides repelling any dangerous attacks. From our "twenty-five" Menary made a long kick to the other end of the ground, and from the ensuing loose scrum, Logan broke through and touched down in the corner (8.0).

Shore pressed hard after this, and a score looked inevitable, when a last moment tackle by Logan saved the situation. This was followed by a long run by Purves Smith, which took the ball to the goal line, and Logan with a sharp dash, scored a try, which was converted by Hancox (13-0).

We had to defend hard for the rest of the match, and in this respect Smith saved well on numerous occasions, with good kicks and steady tackling. Finally, after this long period of defence, Shore obtained a well merited try, the conversion of which ended the match, the final result being 13-5,

### 1st XV. v. The King's School.

Saturday, August 10th.

A steady downpour of rain made the ground and ball exceedingly slippery. In addition to this, they had much more weight in the scrum, and with no foothold, our forwards were easily pushed. From a loose scrum, in which the College were on the backward run, our pack managed to heel the ball, but a bad pass gave T.K.S. a chance to break through and score near the posts.

They continued to attack, and although our forwards made some dribbles which took the ball to a safe distance, there were two more scores in quick succession, neither of which were conver-

ted (0-9)

By keeping the ball at the foot, our backs took it to within striking distance of their line, where Hudson missed a good chance by trying to pick up the wet ball. The other side were adapting themselves to the conditions, and their backs were handling in an extraordinarily fine manner, in view of the weather.

In the second half, we were again kept on the defensive, but our play had improved, and the tackling being much better, they scored only once more. Innocent and Smith stood out particularly

in this respect.

It looked as though we would be beaten pointless when, at the end of the game, Logan made a good run down the wing, having been tackled near the line, received the ball from the ensuing loose scrum, to touch down in the corner.

A moment later, the game ended with the score

14-3 against us.

This was the first time during the season that we had played in wet weather, so that, as was to be expected, there was an inevitable discrepancy in the general organisation of the team, and our opponents certainly taught us a lesson in this respect.

### 1st XV, v. Cranbrook School.

Saturday, August 17th.

The game commenced very evenly, and it was some time before anything of note happened. A free kick, taken by Innocent, put the ball well down. On fielding it, their full-back made a short kick, which was marked by Logan, who subsequently scored (3-0).

Following on this, Cranbrook attacked, and, for off-side by one of our forwards, equalised with a

penalty goal (3-3).

We were in attack again from the kick-off and a long punt by Logan was well followed up by Robertson, who picked up and touched down in the corner (6-3).

Several good runs by Logan just missed being successful, and although we were having the best of the game, it was our opponents who were next to score. An individual dribble by a Cranbrook forward ended when he scored well out (6-6).

We regained the lead shortly after through Purves Smith gathering the ball cleanly and running right round the opposition to score in the opposite corner of the field to that from which he had

started (9-6).

A moment later a cross-kick from Hancox reached Logan, who made a swerving run up the wing, and cutting in at the last, scored under the bar,

the try being converted (14-6).

The forwards were working very solidly, and by heeling well, had been giving our backs good chances. Their reward was to come as the next incident was a rush from them, led by Gerrett, Macliver and Palmer, and it resulted in the latter getting an unconverted try (17-6).

Although Cranbrook pressed hard after this, they were unable to break through, and it was from our own "twenty-five" that we started the movement which brought a try. A dribble by Langford and Macliver was finished off by Logan gathering the

ball and going over.

Two more tries by Logan brought our total to 26 before the match ended, while Cranbrook did not score again. This was the last 1st XV. match of the season and made a splendid wind-up to a very successful term, our only disaster being T.K.S. and a wet day. A great deal of satisfaction could be derived from our latest victory, as the most severe defeat in the previous year had been from our opponents of this match.

### Junior XV. v. Sydney C. of E. Grammar School Saturday, August 24th.

A Jervis and Phillip year team with Adams as captain were very evenly matched with a light team from "Shore."

The latter kept the College in defence, but good tackling prevented any scoring. After being on their own line for the greater part of the first half, our team suddenly woke up, and a long run by Adams resulted in him getting over in the corner. This was the only score of the half, so that at the change of ends we led 3-0.

At the beginning of the second half, Norbury was prominent, and a strong dash down the centre gave him a try under the posts, which he con-

verted himself (8-0).

The game was restricted to the forwards, the three-quarters on either side not handling accurately enough to make passing movements possible. Shore were in the attack fairly consistently, principally by means of individual efforts, but steady tackling, especially by Adams, kept them out. Eventually a great run by their left-winger produced an unconverted try in the corner (8-3).

Immediately afterwards, Adams scored the best try of the match with a swerving run right through the opposition, bringing the score to 11-3. The game ended shortly afterwards, there being no

further additions to the score.

# A MID-TERM RAID.

'Twas the early hours of a wintry day, When the clanging clash of martial fray, Coming, it seemed, from the neighbouring stairs, Brought us out of our cosy lairs.

We reached the door and all was plain— Siege operations were in full train, Jervis defending, Flinders attacking, And not a sign of either slacking. Before the door of the Jervis Dorm,

A pile of chests opposed the storm, Above, their stoutest men had room, For cut and thrust with pillow and broom.

Nor was this all; a hail of shoes, Rained down and left full many a bruise; Some buckets of water, artfully spilt, Gave the invaders cause to wilt.

The Flinders perforce had to retire, But without abating of martial fire. After one more attack had been duly parried, They withdrew below where they some time tarried. While there they conceived an ancient ruse, Which far-famed Caesar himself did use, When next was heard their advancing tread, A long, stout cushion covered each head.

The hairy broom and pillows hard, Felt soft beneath the cushion guard. A vigorous rush and the chests were passed, And the Jervis Dorm was theirs at last,

The Flinders scattered for pillage and sack, The Jervis, beaten, could not attack; But an officer's voice, interrupting the search, Bade them square off the mess and go to church,

But this is not the way to-day, The giants, alas, have passed away.

E. Mayo.

L. Macliver.

# Regatta.

The morning of October 2nd dawned fine and clear, and promised to continue so for a convenient period. The spirits of the competitors rose with the sun, and everybody looked forward to a pleasant day.

The morning studies seemed interminable, and were brought to a close by the bugle, whose welcome notes sounded sweeter than the lure of the sirens upon the ears of Ulysses. At lunch, strict forbearance was observed by all participants in the coming conflicts. Laden with appropriated wire and similar gear for the insurance of the security of the Boats' crutches and stretchers, they proceeded to the Lagoon. Coxswains, standing aloof, communed with themselves, devising schemes where-by to outwit their opponents. "Last words" of advice were continually given by Year Officers, anxious to see the successful outcome of their coaching endeavours. Bunting, and the latest summer frocks from Paris created a gay atmosphere, comparable to the not quite so renowned Henley. The announcer had difficulty in making himself heard above the conversation of spectators, the rustle of programmes, the bark of the exhaust of the speed boat.

The barracking of the supporters was so vigorous and enthusiastic that inquisitive planes swooped above the placid waters of the lagoon and provided an extra thrill to the many other excitements of the day, among which was the involuntary bath taken by more than one member of the officers' crew. Yet another coxswain demonstrated that the years have not deprived him of his youthful speed.

Prolonged applause marked the finishes, all races being closely contested. The Open-Skiffs race had been most keenly contested all through, having begun with a dead-heat in the first round, and being won on the day of the Regatta by the crew which won the re-raced first heat. The concluding event of the afternoon was a consolation race. For this, skiffs were beached at the seaward end of the lagoon, their rudders and crutches having been removed. Crews of up to eight cadets were allowed, and the object of each was to launch their craft and propel it, stern first, to the winning post, the recognised

method of propulsion being "taboo." The erratic courses steered despite the frantic efforts of the crews provided much amusement.

The prizes were presented by Mrs. Benson, after which the Headmaster provided the appropriate culmination to the day by announcing that there would be no "Night Lecture." Victors and vanquished alike retired to their Gunrooms, to indulge in the spoils of the race.

P. Hancox.

#### THE WARDROOM WATER WALLOPERS

I'll sing you a song and it won't take long,
Tho' the thought of the thing make you shiver.
It's about an officers' racing crew,

Who practise each morn with a liver. The cox. is a fellow of high degree,

As our Naval records show,

On the rest of the crew I don't go much, As they certainly cannot row.

When the coxswain gets them away in the boat, (Not often—they're rather loath).

With the rest of the crew, stroke's out of time, So he swears a terrible oath.

At this the crew all start to pull, And the scuppers run with sweat,

And it isn't a question of how far they're going, But simply how far they'll get.

-Trebor.

#### Results.

Jervis and Phillip Years Gigs .- Port Watch.

Championship Sculls.—Wilson (Flinders), 1st; Logan (Cook), 2nd.

Cooks v. Stewards Gigs .- Stewards.

Seamen v. Stokers Gigs .- Seamen.

Open Skiffs.—Cook Year crew (Menary, Marks, Logan, Cooper).

Officers v. Chief and Petty Officers Gigs-Officers.

Jervis and Phillip Years Skiffs.—Jervis Year crew (Farnsworth, Gabriel, Norbury, Peek).

Cook Year v. Flinders Year Gigs.—Flinders Year.
Consolation Skiffs.—Adams' crew, 1st; Jenkins' crew, 2nd.

# Athletics.

As we had to go to Canberra for Anzac Day, there were only three weeks available for the Sports. In spite of the shorter time, most of the results were well up to standard.

The presence of the officers of the Squadron as spectators, and the fact that we were able to borrow

the Flagship's Band made the ships' visit at this time of the year doubly welcome.

The "Grimwade" Inter-year Cup Competition was very close. The "Over 5ft. 4in." contests having been run off before the final day, "Cook" Year had a good lead, with "Flinders" a comfortable

second. As the afternoon went on the contingent of "Jervis" year "unders" began to pile up points with the result that this year just got home, the points being as follows:—

In addition to their "aggregate" win the Jervis' won the two team events, the Handicap Relay Race and the Tug-o'-War.

The individual results of the Cup Competition events are not given, as all Cadets engaged pulled their weight, and those who won the races could only have done so with the support received from their team mates.

Adams (Jervis) was awarded the special prize for the best all-round performance of a Cadet "under 5ft. 4in."

The Championship events gave us some good racing, although in the end Logan took all the running races.

#### Results.

### CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS.

100 Yards .- Logan (11s.), Hudson, Smith.

440 Yards.-Logan (57 3-5s.), Robertson, Purves Smith.

One Mile.— Logan (5m. 6 1-5s.), Wilson, Hancox. 120 Yards Hurdles.—Logan (18 2-5s.), Hudson, Palmer

Long Jump.—Robertson (19ft. 1½in.), Logan, Purves Smith.

High Jump.—Gerrett (5ft.), Logan, Harvie, and Webster.

#### MISCELLANEOUS EVENTS.

Ladies' Race. — Mrs. McIntyre, Mrs. Duke, Mrs. Eldridge.

Officers' 120 Yards Handicap.— Captain Benson, Lt. Miller, Lt. Pearson.

Schoolboys' 100 Yards Race.—H. Honeysett. Schoolboys' 440 Yards Race.—J. Thomas. Schoolgirls' 100 Yards Race.—Enid Kelly.

# Swimming.

We were lucky in picking the date for the Swimming, as both the heats and the finals (on Wednesday, March 6th) were favoured by glorious weather.

There were no surprises in the results with the exception that Peek in the 50 Yards Handicap improved his speed to such an extent during the heats, that the handicapper could not keep pace sufficiently to have him in the bunch in the Final.

St. Vincent Welch seems to have no difficulty in taking the cake for the Greasy Pole, and unless some new star joins next year, may well eclipse his own record of winning two years in succession.

The Inter-Year Handicap Relay was most exciting, as the Flinders year were the only ones out of it when the last swimmers started.

#### RESULTS.

Jervis and Phillip, 50 Yards.—Norbury (Jervis), 36 3.7s.

Schoolboys' 50 Yards .- J. Thomas, 43 3-5s.

Ships' Company 50 Yards Breast Stroke.—Breadner, O.S., 43 3-5s.

Schoolgirls' 50 Yards.—M. Cowan, 44s.

100 Yards Championship.-Logan (Cook), 76 3.5s.

Schoolboys' Diving .- J. Kent.

Jervis and Phillip 50 Yards Back Stroke.—Hudson (Jervis), 51s.

Ships' Company 50 Yards.—Breadner, O.S., 32 1.5s.

50 Yards Breast Stroke.—Wilson (Flinders), 45

Diving Championship .- Innocent (Flinders).

Handicap 50 Yards .- Peck (Jervis), (8s.), 59 4-5s.

Ships' Company Diving.—Jay, A.B.

Obstacle Race. Logan (Cook), 47s.

Greasy Pole .- St. Vincent Welch (Jervis).

Inter-Year Relay Race.—Cook, 8m. 31s., 1st.; Jervis, 2nd; Phillip, 3rd.

Consolation Race .- Adams (Jervis).

# The "Southern Cross."

Columbus, sailing grimly through the night, To what strange fate nor Kings nor Captains knew; Magellan, with his broken, rebel crew, Thrusting through perilous straits, to dare the light On that blue ocean that Balboa's sight Led him to name Pacific; thus those few, Strove Westward ever. Now in manner new, In splendid spirit old, come these in flight. Forcing the sense to know and feel and see, Where only cloud and a vast darkness lies; Heedful of speed or drift, of turn or roll, They flame across Black Night's immensity, Deafened and dazed and lone in the great skies, Only aware of death and of the goal.

# Boxing.

The standard of the Boxing Tournament held during the Middle Term was, on the whole, good. Some of the winners of weights showed a really useful knowledge of ring craft.

It is to be regretted that a number of Cadets do not take more to heart the remarks on punching that have been made from time to time. Careless punching caused a big crop of sprained thumbs, which could have been avoided with the beneficial result that the Casualty List would not have become dangerously high at a time when we could ill-afford it owing to our Rugger engagements.

The winners of the respective weights were: Robertson, Menary, Gerrett, Purves Smith, Gordon, Williams (i), Royle and Kerruish.

Good losers' prizes were awarded to: White, Cody, Williams (ii), and Downs.

The "Shelley" Cup for the best display of the Art of Boxing was awarded to Innocent.

The final day's boxing was graced by the presence of Mr. Abbott, M.P., the Minister of Home Affairs in the last Government, and we are grateful to him for presenting the prizes and for remarks he was kind enough to make about our Sports.

### SWANKLEY'S EXHIBITION.









-Drawn by G. F. E. Knox.

# Life-Saving.

In 1928 we learnt that the College was eligible to compete in the "Australia" Shield Competition promoted by the Royal Life-Saving Society. Our first effort brought success, and this year it was decided to show that this was no fluke.

Due to general keenness all round, we exceeded our best expectations and scored 417 points, far too many for the other teams we were competing against (Navy, Army and Air Force Units). Our total was the seventh best in N.S.W., the clubs who were ahead of us all having 3 and 4 times the personnel.

All the Cadets did well in proportion to their physical capabilities. Congratulations are especially due to Logan, for acquiring a "bar" to the Silver Medal, and to Gerrett, Gosse, Marks, Palmer, Robertson and Wilson, who were awarded the Silver Medal. To earn this distinction is an eloquent testimony of all-round swimming ability as the test consists, in the first place to effect a rescue and then to swim 600 yards, using three different strokes,

all this being done while fully dressed. The candidate has afterwards to undress in the water and perform a specified number of tricks and dives.

The Ship's Company class materially helped in our splendid showing, as from 24 members they achieved 2 Silver Medals, 8 Bronze Crosses, 1 "bar" to the Bronze Medal, and 23 Bronze Medals.

To C. P. O. Bentley, of H.M.A.S. "Anzac," we offer our warmest thanks for the way in which he assisted by placing himself completely at our disposal to conduct the examinations, regardless of the inconvenience and loss of time which otherwise would have been his own.

The summary of the Cadets' awards is as follows:

"Bar" t	o Silver Me	dal	 	1
Silver 1	Medals		 	6
Bronze	Crosses		 	27
"Bars"	to Bronze	Medals	 	23
Bronze	Medale			12

# Cross-Country Run.

On a fine day towards the end of the winter term, the Cross Country run took place. As usual the course was entirely new, leading from the neighbourhood of the reservoir across country to Green Patch, and back along the beach to the boundary fence—in all about three miles.

Shortly after two the First Year were formed in a rough line across the gateway, and started. At varying intervals, and in inverse order of seniority, the remaining years followed suit.

Great interest was shown by the spectators, who clustered round the reservoir and watched the race through binoculars.

For the first two-thirds of the course the going was by no means easy, as the track was often rendered invisible by the thick, thorny undergrowth. Eventually, however, the course, after leading down a gentle incline, emerged upon the banks of Telegraph Creek. This was easily crossed, and the finishing line was in sight.

Here we discovered to our dismay that if progress had been difficult before, it was infinitely more so now. However, we struggled gamely through the sagging sand.

Competition now became keener and the race quicker, as some strove to overtake, and others, to keep ahead. As a consequence, thrilling finishes were not lacking, and the onlookers were delighted by Palmer's gallant, though unsuccssful, effort to pass Wilson.

Little surprise was occasioned by Logan's easy win for the third year in succession; but great astonishment was expressed when it was announced that "Cook" year had won the cup awarded for the year with the best average place.

The gathering broke up with the usual rejoicings at the cancellation of "night lecture."

-L.M. and E.E.M.

#### RESULTS.

			min.	sec.
1.	Logan	٠,	 22	56
2.	Williams (i)		 22	58
3.	Robertson		 23	17
4.	Wilson		 23	32
5.	Palmer		 23	33
6.	Williams (ii)		 23	41
7.	Mayo		 23	49
8.	Adams		 23	53
9.	Farnsworth		 23	55

10. White	. 23	59	
11. Hancox	. 24	8	
12. Rose	. 24	9	
13. Gordon	. 24	10	
14. Macartney	. 24	11	
15. Norbury	. 24	17	
16. Cody	. 24	18	
17. Ashley Brown	. 24	19	
18. Jenkins	. 24	35	
19. McWilliam	. 24	38	
20. St. V. Welch	. 24	48	
21. Collins	. 24	50	
22. Tapp	. 24	55	
	24	57	
24. Drew	. 25	3	
25. Langford	. 25	4	
26. Purves-Smith	25	17	
27. Dowson	. 25	19	
28. Gosse	25	21	
29. Gabriel	4	30	
30. Downs	25	40	
	25	45	
22 222 2	25	47	
33. Peek	25	50	
34. Couchman	25	52	
35. Gerrett		56	
36. Webster		58	
37. Cooper		00	
38. Macliver		1	
39. Royle		2	
40. Kerruish		5	
41. Skottowe		15	
	26	40	
43. Innocent	0.6	40	
44. Harvie		50	
Cook (4th) Year	-		21 7
Jervis (2nd) ,,	2nd		22.1
	3rd		22.4
Flinders (3rd) ,,		**	24.6
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# Hockey.

The Hockey season showed a very fair standard of form among the Cadets. The first eleven did not have a full opportunity of showing their ability. It was unfortunate that no fixture could be made with one of the representative clubs, but all opportunities of matches with visiting ships were taken.

Platypus and Submarines were beaten by 6 goals to 5; we lost to the New Zealand ships Dunedin and Diomede by 2 goals to 3, while the 1st XI. beat the next best XI., including the Officers by

7 goals to 3, and 8 to nil.

Cadet Captain Logan captained the XI. and played excellently at centre forward. Menary also played very well at centre half, and Palmer maintained his good form from the previous season.

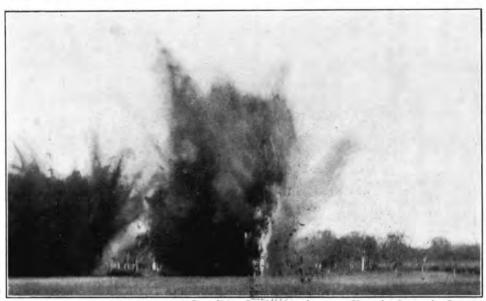
The results of the League were as follows:—

FX (Cadet Capt. Logan)	 	
FT (Cadet Capt. Menary)	 	
OD (Cadet Mid. Gosse)	 	
MT (Cadet Mid. Palmer)	 	

Colours were awarded to Gerrett, Langford, Anderson and Cooper.

As usual, the Hockey League was found interesting, and the games were keenly enjoyed. Injuries unfortunately were too plentiful and rather spoilt the competition. In particular, Mr. Maynard was unable to play after the first match, and his loss was severely felt. Logan's team, with many big majority victories, chiefly due to his prolific goal-scoring, won the league competition. Menary's team for which the Commander played very solidly throughout, were the next best. Palmer's team started badly, but improved in the second round, while Gosse's team fell away, chiefly owing to injuries.

				Goals.		
Won.	Lost.	Drawn.	For.	Against.	Pts.	
5	1	0	27	10	6	
4	1	1	21	4	9	
1	4	1	10	24	3	
1	5	0	9	29	2	



A Demolition Party at work.

-Photo. by Commander Ringrose.

# Cadet-Midshipman Shakespeare drops a line to Dad on a Difficult Subject.

We all are spirits and have flown for drinks, Big drinks, but like the fearful manifest Of dread, there stands to view the full canteen, This will impede our aim. Before us stand The Shining glasses, yea, the rounded churn—We scan our moneys then, and see the lack. The man himself, from all which he sells forth

Scoffs with a scornful eye and to our prayer Moves not an inch to give an ounce of "tick." The little lunch is lost for dearth of dough, Sir, we are vexed and crave for sustenance, Buns are our weakness, and if thou would'st please To send the wherewithal which we can trade, To fill our empty void—our thanks are yours.

-I.C.R. and Trebor.

# Tennis.

The tennis courts have retained their popularity during the year, and the usual matches have been held. Morrison won the Single Championship and paired with Saunders, the Doubles Championship. Playing with the Headmaster, the same player was successful in the Mixed Doubles. The 1929 Entry included a large number of players, and the First

Year Championship was again included in the Autumn Tournaments. Some close matches eventuated and Downs proved the winner. The matches between Officers and Cadets both produced close contests, and each side won one match. Marks has satisfactorily carried out the duties of Captain of Tennis during the year. The results of the Cadets' Tournaments are as follow:—

### Singles Championship, 1928. (26 entries.)

Hancox Marks Rose Saunders	Marks 6.2, 4.6, 6.4 Saunders 6.0, 6.3	Saunders 6-4, 6-2	Morrison
Power	Power	1	6-3, 6-4
Palmer	∫ w.o.	} Morrison	
Rattigan	) Morrison	6-0, 6-1	1
Morrison	\$ 6.0, 6.0	J	J

### Doubles Championship, 1928. (12 pairs.)

Marks-Webster Robertson-Smith Palmer-Rose Bracegirdle-Haynes Wilson-Hancox Gale-Power Morrison-Saunders Menary-Langford	Marks-Webster 6-0, 6-3 Bracegirdle-Haynes w.o. Gale-Power 6-4, 6-1 Morrison-Saunders 6-0, 6-1	Marks-Webster 6-5, 6-3  Morrison-Saunders 6-2, 6-1	Morrison-Saunders 4-6, 6-3, 6-2
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### Mixed Doubles Handicap. (16 pairs.)

Dr. Wheatley-C. M. Morrison	Owe 15	Dr. Wheatley C. M. Morrison	
In. Lt. Cr. Rednall-C. M. Bracegirdle	Owe 15	6-2, 6-5	Dr. Wheatley-
PayLtSheppard-C. M. Logan	Rec. 15	Pay-Lt. Sheppard C. M. Logan,	C. M. Morrison
Eng. Lt. Cr. Baker C. M. Robertson	Rec. 15.3	6-1, 4-6, 6-2	6-4,6-3

### Doubles Handicap. Open to Junior Years. (9 pairs.)

Hudson-Adams	Rec. 15	) Hudson-Adams	1
Knox-Dowson	Scr.	6-5, 6-4	Wilson
Norbury-Farnsworth	Rec. 15	Wilson-Hancox	Hancox
Wilson-Hancox	Owe 30.3	6-4, 6-5	6-5, 6-1

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#### Singles Handicap. (26 entries.)

#### Division A. Mavo Owe 3/6 Mayo Mayo Cody Rec. 3/6 10-6 Palmer Owe 15.4 Palmer 6-1, 6-3 Owe 15 Wilson Division B. Gordon Raper Scr. Rec. 3/6 Gordon 10-3 Peek Rec. 3/6 Peek Welch Rec. 3/6 12-10

### Phillip (First) Year Singles. (14 entries.)

Downs	) Downs	)
Tapp	10-5	Downs
Macartney	) Macartney	6-4, 6-1
McDonald	10-7	1

# Doubles Handicap. (18 pairs.) Division A.

Palmer-Rose Cooper-Logan Hancox-Wilson Marks-Webster	Owe 15.3 Scr. Owe 15.3 Owe 30	Cooper-Logan w.o. Marks-Webster 10-7	Cooper- Logan 6.5, 6.5
		Division B.	
Gerrett-Purves Smith Williams-McDonald Macartney-Wheeler Peek-Welch	Scr. Scr. Rec. 3/6	Gerrett-P. Smith 11-9 Macartney-Wheeler	Macartney- Wheeler

### Mixed Doubles Handicap. (18 pairs.)

In. Lt. Cr. Rednall C. M. Hancox Eng. Cr. Carr C. M. Smith	Owe 15.5 (	EngCr. Carr-C. M. Smith	Eng. Cr. Carr-
Mr. Eldridge C. M. Harvie Mr. Turnbull C. M. Ridley	Rec. 4/6 1 Rec. 15.3	Mr. Turnbull-C. M. Ridley 6-5, 2-6, 6-4	

# Golf.

On Sunday afternoons during the Winter Term, the Golf course was well patronised by the Cadets. Altogether, some 25 Cadets played during the season. It was gratifying to find many of the second (Jervis) Year starting to play. By the time they reach their fourth year they should have learnt a good deal of the game. Each year the links are improved, and it is hoped that those coming on will take up the game and still more Cadets will learn to play golf, an achievement they will never regret.

Cooper was the best Cadet player and acted as Captain of Golf during the season. Robertson, Webster, Marks and Hudson all showed improved form on the previous season.

A competition was held for a club presented by the Wardroom for the best three stroke cards scored during the term. Robertson won from a handicap of 10. His net score was 241

of 10. His net score was 241.

Two matches were played between Officers and Cadets, four-ball games, in which the Cadets received one stroke per hole. The first was drawn 2½ matches all and the Officers won the second, 3 matches to 2.

The Cook Year also played the rest and won by 3 matches to 2.

# Visit to Canberra, Anzac Day.

As all other communities were being represented at Canberra on Anzac Day, on the occasion of the placing of the Commemoration Stone for the Anzac Memorial Building by the Governor-General, it was ordained that the College should do this duty for the Navy.

Our start on the morning of the 24th. was timed so that all parties lunched together at Goulburn. During the stop for lunch, it was discovered that the 'bus had broken a spring, which necessitated the remainder of the journey being done at snail's pace. This circumstance brought forth many protestations from its occupants, as well as from those of the hired bus, when it was learned that the latter was to proceed astern of the "lame duck"

from now on, to act as an escort. The 'bus completed the journey without further incident, so that all were safely quartered at the Royal Military College before 6 p.m.

Anzac Day at Duntroon is always accompanied by a Service at the grave of General Bridges—Australia's first General—and as this is a private ceremony peculiar to them, it was a great compliment when we were asked to assist. The grave is set on the summit of a hill close by, and, from a background of trees, overlooks the General's finest conception—the College itself.

The principal reason for our visit, the laying of the Commemoration Stone, took place about an hour later. The weather conditions had become steadily

worse during the morning, and at 11 o'clock, when we started for Canberra, were most unpleasant. A bitterly cold west wind brought with it most of the dust from Central Australia, with the result that we were unable to keep our blue uniform cleanwherein we envied our Army friends with their serviceable khaki.

Despite all this, nothing could detract from the impression made by the ceremony. Gathered to-gether were all classes of men, their personal enmities buried in a common purpose-to honour those whose sacrifice had set their Native Land among the Nations of the world. In the deathless words of Pericles, spoken over the dead soldiers of Greece over 2000 years ago:-

"They gave their lives. For that public gift they received a praise which never ages and a

tomb most glorious-not so much the tomb in which they lie, but that in which their fame survives.

In the afternoon we attended a garden party, given by the Commandant of the College, and, after our shyness had worn off, were able to live up to our reputation with regard to the disposal of the good things provided.

To round off a busy day a visit was made to the Houses of Parliament during the evening.

The following morning we hit the trail for Jervis Bay, Home and Beauty. To most of us the return journey was without incident. No so, however, to those in the 'bus, for her tendency to shed at random various essentials of her anatomy, kept them in a constant state of perhaps not altogether pleasurable anticipation.

-Trebor.



Fifth Cruiser Squadron at Wei-hai-wei. —Pho (Note: These vessels are of the same class as "Australia" and "Canberra.") -Pho:o. by V. E. Kennedy.

# The "Carr" Family.

At Albion in Essex, Mr. A. C. Carr met Lizzie Ford, of Lincoln. He had been a great Rover, and had travelled a good deal Overland in Oakland. He was a student of the famous violinist Chrysler. In his younger days he was well known as a Rugby player and, in addition, had represented his country in the International Sports held at Cleveland, but recently had run to Rolls of fat.

He asked Lizzie to meet him that night in the Fiat Club, to which she replied that it was Willys Knight, but as he had never spent a Bean on her, she would Dodge him and meet her Sunbeam under

the Moon. When they met, A.C. called her his Star, and they became engaged.

They were married, the account of the wedding being published in the Standard.

They spent a happy honeymoon in Vauxhall, and also visited the Federal capital. At its end At its end they returned home in Triumph and in due course a Baby Austin arrived. It was a charming child but naturally, from time to time, they had to speak to it Crossley and even Whippet.

-E.H.C.C.

# The Rhodes Memorial, Cape Town.

Cape Town is just 3 weeks' sail from Fremantle, and we rounded the Cape just 21 days from the time we left Australia, having called at Durban on the way, of which I shall say something if space allows. True to its reputation, the Cape proved stormy, and for 24 hours before we reached Cape Town we were buffeted by wind and wave just as the pioneers were. For us, as for them the Cape of Good Hope was a source of happiness, once it was rounded, although over 14,000 tons and our steam power enabled us to triumph over some of the terrors which nature has for those who go down to the sea in ships.

The bad weather with its mist and heavy, black clouds spoilt what should have been our first grand sight-Table Mount, with its fine upward curve; and the flattened top which gives the mountain its name, the mountain serving as a background to the city which stretches across the green slopes and valleys, mingling red and white houses with the natural greens- and over all the blue sky of a clear, untroubled day. This is what we ought to have seen, what we did not see. All we got was a partial glimpse grudgingly allowed by the sulky weather gods, but enough to indicate how glorious the whole scene must be. For the last few hours before we made Cape Town, one could not help thinking of the famous seamen of old who ploughed through these same waters, and in so doing, made a new era of history. We have precious memories in Australia; on the very coast where you live, and as you read this letter, can gaze, Captain Cook with his British Flag sailed and brought our destinies with him. But a more potent magic rings from the names of Diaz, Magellan, Drake, and in one sense the sea is a better guardian of memories than the land, because time "writes no wrinkle on its azure brow," and the sea which confronted Drake is the sea which confronted S.S. Bendigo, and as I thought on this, I felt that I appreciated just a little more deeply the glory of the "proud old pageant" of man. But I must get on to Cape Town, Unfortunately the time we were allowed there was all too short for seeing the beauty spots, or the historic places. We arrived at 3 p.m. one day and sailed at 7 a.m. the next morning, and even these few hours were spoiled by rain and a high wind which made it difficult to move round. Nevertheless, I ontrived to pack in a good deal of sight-seeing.

First of all by far comes the Rhodes memorial. i don't know whether you have heard of this, but it certainly deserves to be famous the world over, both for its own intrinsic beauty, and for its fitness as a memorial of that great man. It was erected by the people to commemorate that man's work, and is situated some seven miles out of the city on the slope of Table Mount, and in the extensive grounds of Cecil Rhodes' house. Groote Schuur (or Great Barn), which he erected to house his

own greatness, and to express with architecture all that was best in typically South African ideas of building.

The first glimpse of the memorial given one is a positively breath-taking impression of immensity and grandeur, which becomes a little less as the beautiful proportions begin to affect one's perceptions. It is composed of four series of steps about 20 yards wide, and stretching back as they rise considerably over 50 yards, though the distance is disguised by the harmony of the proportion. At the side of each series of steps rises a wall or bastion, which is, of course, raised as the steps rise higher. Surmounting each bastion is a huge lion couchant, and the series of four lions on each side strike the note of majesty. The steps are of granite, and indicate immense strength. After the four series of steps is a covered-in portion or colonnade with four rows of four classical pillars at each end, and four more on each side joining the ends of the porch to the middle. At the back, in the holy of holies, as one feels, there is a bust of Rhodes, "doer and dreamer" the expression on the face typifying well the double aspect of the man's greatness.

On the rear wall of the porch, which is, of course, also the rear wall of the memorial, are inscribed in bold letters words to the effect that "Rhodes was the country while he lived, and his memory the soil now that he is dead." If one could apply the word dramatic to a monument, then this one merits the title, because as one advances up the steps and views the edifice one's mind is gradually permeated with a sense of grandeur and wonder which receives its crowning climax when one comes upon the bust of the man himself, lying at the heart of the monument. The whole theme is completed with a statue of a man straining at a fiery horse, and shielding his eyes as he gazes northward over the far horizon. This statue is situated right at the front, and serves to attract the eye and strike the right keynote. It is modelled on a statue of Watt's called "Physical Energy," and its purpose here is obviously to signify the energy of Rhodes, and, by the straining northward gaze to indicate both where his work lay (thither lies Rhodesia), and further the idea, watching for some great destiny to appear over the horizon. And if the monument is glorious, the setting is no less so. A rocky crag towers above the memorial, and high up the crag dark pine trees are massed together: then, over and above all the wide blue sky. Looking in the opposite direction, one sees into the dim northern distance, over an immense span of country. The whole thing is so overpowering, and yet so dignified, and so beautiful that one could easily spend a whole day gathering in its significance. This must be, surely, one of the most notable instances of a great man finding a great monument.

—A. McI. T.

# With the "Albatross" to New Guinea.

Amongst many interesting incidents during the cruise of the "Albatross" to the Mandated Territory and Papua, none were more pleasant than the way we ran across links with the College and the R.A.N. The first of these was our old friend, the "Franklin," now the Administrator's yacht, which we saw as soon as we arrived at Rabaul. She is reported to be just as lively as ever, and must be very hot in those tropic seas.

Rabaul is particularly warm and moist. It is surrounded by a range containing several active volcanoes, whose slopes are covered by the vivid green of cocoanut plantations and jungle, which flourish in the constant rains: we were told that a spell of five days without rain is considered a drought. The town itself is well shaded by avenues of trees which the Germans thoughtfully planted in former days. Mention of those times reminds one that it was

who referred to them as "Motor boatee belonga God." At Kavieng we had news of Basil Hore, who left the Service and went to the Islands in 1922. With a brother who served in the old "Australia," he runs several plantations nearby. The navigation was particularly tricky in these parts, the most informative charts being German ones with not much detail.

Madang, on the mainland, with its charming little harbour, was our next important stop. Here the natives had come in great force from the interior to see the Governor-General, and more awe-inspiring still the "Big Fella Pigeon." Some of the bush boys—erstwhile cannibals, some of them, who had never even seen the sea, let alone an aeroplane—hid themselves in fright at our first appearance. They gave a great "Sing-Sing" for our benefit, several hundred performing tribal war dances complete



Salamaua. "Franklin" in the foreground. - Photo. by V. E. Kennedy.

near here that Lieut. Commander Elwell, one of the original officers of the College, lost his life at the capture of Rabaul, and that the R.A.N. incurred the loss of its first submarine, the AE1.

While at Rabaul we had a visit from H. A. Mackenzie, who runs a schooner about the islands. He has had many exciting adventures, amongst which were the wrecking of his boat in a crocodile-infested river and a hand-to-hand encounter with a murderous native.

From Rabaul we went around to Kavieng, in New Ireland, the Governor-General and party being flown part of the way in seaplanes. The latter were a constant source of wonder to the natives, with drums, savage ornaments and weapons. At this place we heard that Commander Wauhope, late of the "Adelaide," is a most successful planter on a neighbouring island.

Salamaua, the gold port, was possibly the most interesting spot we visited, on account of the romantic gold discoveries connected with it, its uniquely successful air service, and the great future which people up there predict for it. Chief amongst its protagonists was Eric Feldt, who has passed on from keeping order among Cadets to running this wild locality as its District Officer. He has achieved a great reputation, not only with the Administration, but also with the miners and pioneers, which bespeaks a happy mingling of tact and firmness.

The air service at present runs from Lae aerodrome, 14 miles from Salamaua, to Wau, where the aeroplanes land on the slope of a hill close to the Edie Creek goldfields. Their route is about 40 miles long, amidst mountains 7000 feet high, cloud-covered and forbidding. Some idea of the difficult nature of the country can be gained when it is learnt that the same journey through the jungle takes a week. All kinds of freight, from native boys to telegraph poles are carried, each aeroplane making four or five trips a day. Junkers machines have been the most successful to date on account of their great lifting powers, though other types are doing well, and more are being brought up there.

Everyone is most confident of the continued yield of gold, and an influential syndicate proposes to build a railway to the field, and wharves, an aero-drome, and various other utilities at the port. Captain Blackwood (R.N. Ret.), who is the managing

director of this concern, will be remembered by many in the R.A.N.

After a day or two at Samarai we proceeded to Port Moresby, where there were more native dances, plantations, etc., to be seen and most exciting of all, a sailing canoe race. The big dugouts move at an astounding pace, and require the greatest skill in steering, and active jumps on to the outriggers to prevent their capsizing as the gusts strike them. Bathing togs were the rig of the day, and our hosts were a little disappointed that they did not stage more than two capsizes out of the fourteen or fifteen boats competing. One of those we met here was Monteith (late Jervis I.) who is now in Burns Philp's service.

Leaving Port Moresby, we made for Thursday Island, and thence homeward down the Barrier Reef to Brisbane and Sydney.

-V. E. Kennedy.

# A Voyage to England in H.M.A.S. "Melbourne."

We got our first taste of coaling soon after we joined, and I must confess it wasn't quite as bad as I was led to believe, before going to sea.

At Townsville, it was simply roasting, and we only stayed there long enough to coal. Much to the annoyance of the Ship's Company, quite a number of spectators lined the jetty to watch the operation. The run from Townsville to Thursday Island was wonderfully calm and picturesque. No doubt you have heard quite a good deal of the nature of the Great Barrier Reef; it was certainly extremely interesting. We stayed a day at Hannibal Island, where most people bathed, and the Ward Room Officers shot pigeons. In the late evening, we had a very amusing turtle hunt which, however, did not prove very successful. Two boatloads, led by the Commander, were rowed ashore with muffled oars, and were immediately told to spread themselves over the island. At a signal from the Commander, a searchlight was played on the shore while scantily dressed hunters rushed wildly round the beach. However, the turtles must have known something.

Thursday Island is undoubtedly a very deadly place, and no less deadly than its beer, I am told. I did not go ashore, nor did anyone else, save our messman, who only succeeded in bringing off some over-ripe bananas.

The run to Darwin was quite the hottest of our voyage, and it was just as well, too! The sea was absolutely without a ripple, and there was a bit of a panic about fresh water, as our evaporators refused duty. Both Amott and myself kept regular watches all the way, and neither of us are sorry in the least degree that we are not in the upper deck branch. If most Australians saw Darwin, they would disown it, I am sure. It is much too appalling for words. Everything is declared "black,"

even the coal. From 5.30 a.m. we coaled until 10.30 p.m. The great scheme is to fill trucks about 3 miles away from the water and then bring them down by a small locomotive, which has groaned for lubrication for the last fifty years, and seems quite happy to continue doing so. According to the state of the tide, the coal is either thrown ten feet up on to the deck or dropped at least 15 down. In the middle of this laborious procedure, we had quite a good tropical rainstorm and a waterspout. Fortunately, it was well over the other side of the Harbour, as it did quite a little damage before it broke.

The morning afterwards we left quite early, and thus started on the longest lap of the passage at eleven knots. On the way to Singapore, we were honoured with a visit from "King Neptune" and his court. Other than the Admiral, every member of the Ship's Company received a somewhat violent initiation. In the end, I think, his worthy Majesty and court got the worst of the deal. Our stay at Singapore I enjoyed immensely. Fortunately I had some friends there who gave me a very wonderful time. It was extremely hot during the daytime, but in the evening it was quite cool enough to play tennis. A party of us from the Ship were taken to see the new base. As yet there wasn't very much to see, with the exception of swamps, and a few scattered buildings. It is actually about 10 miles from the city, and the drive out takes you through numerous rubber plantations. The native part of Singapore naturally smells very badly, but the European quarter is clean and very pretty. There is one particularly large and well-kept hotel called "Raffles," which was full of Americans dur-ing our visit. To an impecunious bargain-hunting Snotty, these visitors are rather a nuisance, as prices rise about 100 per cent. Needless to say, we had a good deal of fun in this direction.

Another day and a half's run brought us to Penang, where we remained only a day. Hodgman went ashore and thus told us of the many good things we had missed. No one was very sorry to start off on the six days' voyage to Colombo, where we expected the first Australian mail. For myself, I was overjoyed to score a dozen letters, and I doubt if anyone else had as good an innings. We had four days here, all of which we enjoyed immensely. Aden was the next stop, but as a plague was raging, we coaled and departed as soon as possible. In the Red Sea, it was quite chilly, and nearing Suez we struck the tale end of a gale. Strange as it may seem, we went into "Blue" going

through the Canal.

At Port Said, four of us were given leave to visit Cairo. No words could express our feeling of delight, and we set off in great style. We arrived in Cairo about 11 p.m., and thus didn't see much that night. Next day we set off early to the Pyramids. Mounted on camels, we had a grand time making a tour of inspection of the Pyramids and Sphinx. For the sum of one shilling apiece, an Arab climbed to the top of the great Pyramid, and descended in ten minutes. He had ten seconds to spare, so Hodgman said. We were just able to visit the Museum at Cairo, before lunch. What were most interesting were the treasures of King Tutankhamen's tomb. After lunch we had just time to visit a very wonderful Mosque, and the Temple of the Mamelukes. It was warm and sunny all the time, and we were quite sorry to leave that evening.

At Malta, we saw Lieutenant Thurlby, who told us he was returning to Australia quite soon. Here the two new submarines had just been laid up and consequently we saw quite a lot of their respective Wardroom officers. The day we arrived at Gibraltar, Miss Gleitze succeeded in swimming the straits, but nothing was seen of her. We coaled for the last time in Gibraltar, and then set out for Pompey. As expected, we had a very indifferent passage across the Bay, and in the afternoon of the second we sighted Portland. There was great excitement as we steamed up the Solent, and anchored for the night in Spithead. Early next morning we secured alongside the "Conquest."

Amott and I were given leave until joining Keyham, about 14 days later. After a somewhat uninteresting trip in the S.S. "Disastrous," the remainder of the Jervis joined the "Tiger" before splitting up. They were just in time for King Amanullah. Now they have separated, Mesley, Membery, and Hutch and Wall are in the "Marlborough", and Stephenson, Percival, Strangman, and Lancaster are in the "Barham." The latter is in the Mediterranean, and they all seem quite happy. Mesley and crowd are coming in here next month, so we hope to have a re-union of sorts.

Amott and I are extremely happy here, and we have just come back after six weeks' leave. We both got through our first term exams, without a hitch, coming third and first respectively. Hand-cock and Parker have just left us, and at present we number seven out of two hundred. Clift continues to carry all before him. Gallehawk is a star hitter for the first eleven, and he and McGuire both play Rugger for Devonport services. Clift is a county Hockey player, as well as a tennis expert.

As you know, Gataker played cricket for the Navy this year, and Campbell and Trebilco play rugger for Portsmouth Services.

-F. L. George.

# Aerial Surveying on the Great Barrier Reef.

[Note.—This article arrived too late for inclusion last year, and was accordingly held over.]

In 1926, a flight of "Seagull" Amphibian aeroplanes was sent to assist the surveying vessels at work on the Great Barrier Reef. Bowen was chosen as the base, and it served excellently, the 'planes being able to operate in all weathers, and after alighting it was a simple matter to taxi them across the beach with wheels down, and into the hangar. Three machines, workshops, W/T, and photographic sections with a personnel of 45 comprised the unit.

The enormous extent of the Barrier—a belt of reefs some 1200 miles long, and in places 30 miles across—has caused all past efforts at charting it to be rather haphazard and inaccurate; to survey it completely would involve work for several generations, so nothing like detailed work has been attempted in most places, and for practical purposes it is not required. Still, many large areas are sketchy enough, thousands of square miles being marked "unexplored" or "dangerous to Eastward." Much of it is simply the hairline work of Flinders in 1802,

and it is only in the main channels where fuller detail is given. Besides the meagreness of information, its accuracy in places is very doubtful. A recent example of this, which has verified the assertion of the "Cooma's" Captain, is the case of North Reef, which is considerably out of position.

To try and co-ordinate accurately the relative positions of the Queensland Coast and Barrier Reef, a complete re-triangulation of the locality from Hervey Bay northwards was undertaken by the "Moresby" in 1926. When the vast expanse of this area is remembered, the value of assistance such as could be provided from the air will be realised. The air work consisted of photographs of reefs and coastline, and reconnaissance sketches of totally unknown areas. The latter provided an appropriate guide for the ship, indicating where closer inspection was warranted, whilst the former gave an accurate outline of such reefs as were inaccessible and which it would be a waste of time to survey from the surface. The area covered by the first reconnaissance stretched for 150 miles in the latitude of the Whitsunday Islands, and covered about 4,500

square miles. Daily flights were made for a month or so, during each of which small portions were sketched from observation and ultimately combined into one big map, occasional landings to fix a prominent position being made. When sufficient information had been gathered on this plan, some of the more important reefs as well as a number of the adjacent Islands near Hillsborough Channel, and some 160 miles of the Australian coastline were photographed vertically from a height of 8000 feet. In 1927 work was extended to the Bunker and Capricorn Islands, off Gladstone.

From 8000 feet, each plate depicts an area of about 1 mile square, so that, to cover large spaces, a "mosaic" of the whole expanse is produced. This consists of a series of photos taken successively during straight runs above the area of survey. The machine flies back and forth over the area with the camera pointing straight downwards, and operated at the correct instances by a photographer. The

be seen except an occasional pale green patch if the sun is astern, and at low water a brownish streak with a few boulders or "niggerheads" visible. From the air one wonders how a ship could help seeing the obstructions, which are everywhere apparent. The sea is spread out below like a huge blue carpet, with the irregular and fantastic pattern of the reef picked out upon it for hundreds of miles in wonderful shades of brown, green, yellow and blue, with winding channels threading it and sides rising amazingly sheer from 30 or 40 fathoms. There are no warning shallows; on the ocean side, particularly, the coral rises abruptly like a precipice. How did it originate? Did the coral grow right up from the ocean floor, or simply start to build on submerged mountain tops? Scientists are even now busily trying to settle this question by boring and other operations on the reef. It has baffled all efforts to find out so far.

The method of survey outlined here does not



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intervals between each exposure are timed in accordance with height and speed to allow for an "overlap" on each print, so that the successive photos can be pieced together longitudinally from common details in each, and adjacent strips of photos transversely, thus building up a complete picture map of the whole area. Features are delineated with a detail no draughtsman could equal.

Of course, the reef is not an unbroken wall of coral, but an irregular string of clusters varying in size from a few hundred yards square to sides of 8 or 10 miles. From the surface, nothing of it can

claim to "fix" the reefs or other features independently of surface control, but it is obvious that an enormous amount of labour and risk to shipping can be saved by aircraft operating for a few hours over localities which it would take a ship months of careful and dangerous toil to investigate. Its main value seems to lie in the preparation of outline charts in the manner indicated, the ships completing the triangulation as necessary. There is so much to see from the air that the chief difficulty is to convey it all to those who have not the chance of getting such an advantageous outlook.

-V. E. Kennedy.

# The Visit to the Submarines.

When, early in the Second Term, a notice was posted up to the effect that all Cadet-Midshipmen would visit the Submarines on the following Tuesday, there was universal rejoicing. No one had been down in one before, and speculation was rife as to what they looked like inside. Many of our doubts were set at rest by Lieut. Commander Getting's lantern lecture on submarines, which increased still further our desires to see the "real thing,"

Accordingly, on the forenoon of that Tuesday, the two junior Years paid their visit, while early in the afternoon we ourselves prepared to set out. In a short time the College motor boat deposited us in the "Oxley" and the Flinders Year in the "Otway." This was not done without a scramble up a very insecure looking ladder, with no other hold for the hand than a thin length of rope. From there we proceeded to the after end of the Conning Tower. A little later the "Otway" came past and dived—though the word "dived" indicates more speed than usually characterises the operation, for at first there was only an imperceptible sinking until gradually it could be observed that her decks were awash. Still the water rose-more rapidly now-until half the Conning Tower was sumerged; a few seconds later the two periscopes were the only indication of her position.

After witnessing this operation, we were ordered below, in two parties, to examine the interior. Accordingly, we descended, one by one, some narrow iron ladders, and eventually came to a halt in the Control Room, from which the submarine's movements are directed when she is submerged. A rating then conducted us forward to the Ward Room, where we deposited our burberries, and incidentally examined the living conditions of submarine officers. The room was about as large as a small bathroom; in the centre was a table and chairs, and against the wall was the sideboard and bookcase; the whole of one side was occupied by the bunks, in which all the officers, except the Captain, slept. was most economically used, but it made one reflect that those who serve in submarines deserve every penny of their extra pay.

A P.O. then took charge of us, and led us to the forward compartment. Here we were given brief explanations of the various devices surrounding us, such as the Williams-Janney apparatus, and were shown the six bow torpedo tubes mounted in two vertical triple rows. There were also racks for towing spare torpedoes, but these were at present unoccupied—unless the improvised bed of one ingenius seaman be included, for the unoccupied space served as a mess for seven men. We then passed aft and looked at the various objects pointed out to us, such as a certain inconspicuous trap door, beneath which lay the magazine and the CO2 room, which kept the meat supply fresh and prepared ice.

Our cicerone then pointed out the gigantic accumulators—costing some £50,000 — which housed the electricity necessary to drive the motors, when running below the surface. For, of course, owing to the fact that Diesel engines consume Oxygen, these latter can only be used for propelling the ship and charging the batteries when on the surface. By this time we had dived—a fact only made obvious to us by the changing over from Diesel engines to motors, after inspecting which we returned to the control room.

Here the Captain, Lieut. Commander Getting, was viewing the surface through a periscope, and giving such orders as were necessary in order to keep the vessel properly trimmed. A little later, we were permitted to take a glance through them, and we were all astonished at the clearness of the view; for, a short distance away we could see the "Otway" now on the surface; and in between lay the sea, with the movement of every wavelet clearly reproduced. From the surface it would have been hard to command a better view. Reluctantly relinquishing our hold on the periscope, we crept back to our previous position, where we occupied the time in chatting with the telegraphist and glancing into the minute bathroom.

A little later we broke surface and were ordered on deck again. Here we stayed for some time, until the College motor boat came alongside and collected us.

The visit, besides being of great interest, also served to give some more definite shape to our view with regard to the part which submarines can play in modern warfare. It is one thing to read what a submarine is—it is another and much better thing for one to see for oneself.

Jomini's axiom, that inventions do not alter the principles of strategy, but only their application. may be true; it must nevertheless be admitted that submarines make an almost revolutionary difference in that application. This fact was increasingly impressed upon us during every moment we passed in the "Oxley." It was impossible not to realise that these craft, with their 10,000 mile radius of action, might exert a decisive influence upon the course of a future war. It is to be hoped in view of our immense, inadequately-guarded trade routes, that this influence will not be too great for, other things being as they are, it will tend to decrease our chances of success; for it is a truism that no country depends upon her trade routes to such as extent as our Empire.

-E. Mayo.

# H.M.A.S. "Albatross"

Among the interesting series of events which have taken place during 1929, not the least absorbing were the Cadets' visits to the "Albatross." This peculiar, but extremely useful ship, the most modern representative of Australian shipbuilding has been visited by Cadets on three separate occasions, each one not in the least dulled by its repetition. The usual means of conveyance, the Motor Boat and Cutters, carried the Cadets to the ship, where, after some time, we split up into unconducted parties and proceeded to satisfy all curious desires in Gunnery, Engineering and Aeronautics.

This trip was to be one for sub-calibre firing, and First Year looked anxious and hoped the explosion would not hurt them. Not a few Cadets were condemned to spend some time in the Engine Room, and stokehold, and from there we will describe the ship. Truly, the stokehold did not impress us, and Engineering won few converts for boiling water and a boiling atmosphere were all that were impressed on us. The Engine Room, however, was more interesting and bearable, and the eyes of "Service Blits" could be feasted upon

the exceptionally large amount of brightly polished brass and copper. After explaining the machinations of this department, the enthusiastic E.R.A. delivered us to an Aircraftsman, who expounded at length on the "Amphibians" which graced the hangar.

By this time a target had been dropped, and the 4.7's were discharging their 2lb. sub-calibre shells, so we were entertained with a most interesting shooting exhibition. After some time, the port lifebuoy was dropped and a boat sent away. This evolution did not entirely please the Captain, so the manoeuvre was repeated. The submarines were then in the Bay, and vigorous flashing was soon in operation, many Cadets using the heated searchlight as a handwarmer, for now a sharp breeze was blowing, and the sun was hidden behind dull leaden clouds. The "Albatross" then came to an anchor, three cables off the breakwater, and Cadets piled into the waiting boats, thence to the pier and back to the too familiar College, where the machinery of routine again engulfed us.

-A. H. Robertson.

# Prose for Young Officers.

A Counterblast.

It is questionable whether the young N.O. who indulges in literary pursuits, is safer in prose than in verse. So many, and so subtly concealed are the pitfalls (not to mention the gins) which lie before him. There is, for instance, the danger of the unintentional pun, so ably illustrated in the last sentence. And speaking of puns reminds of the hundred and one (observe the Hyperbole) other figures of speech, so prevalent in the English language. (We perforce omit consideration of American and Australian.) All these, like lions (a simile merely) beset the path (lo! the metaphor!) of the tyro in prose.

He must, moreover, beware of bombast, of the periphrastic circumlocutions of tautological utterance so conspicuous, on occasion, in the language of the pulpit.

Naval Officers, who for the most part devote the hours of leisure to slumber, are possibly less likely to endanger their reputations in that occupation, than in an attempt to achieve the Chestertonian paradox, as—

"We only taste beer for the first time when we taste it for the hundredth time"—

a feat which should be left entirely to the more experienced.

One may, of course, attempt the parody, in prose, as in verse. Take, for example, the following:—

"Now turn wee unto Sir Launcelot, who sayleth with a damsell in a faire roadsteade"—

Or the manner of the Norse Saga may appeal:—

"Now cometh Chapmanson, the son of with his shippe, to Queensbane in Brisland. But after they had stayed for many days upon that coast, and had fought with the savages who inhabit there, they were driven into the sea. Then they sailed for many days, and were seen no more"—

Likewise there remains old Pepys:-

"Woken this morning by my man, and felt a mighty strange feeling in my head. Am in doubt whether I shall proceed to business, till he giveth me some potent cure, whereby I am mightily relieved. To work, when after some hours' toil, I find I am not wanted, and so back to bed."

But the possibilities of this method are limited, and we advise the spirited N.O. not to be satisfied with such mean achievements. Besides pleasure, it is possible to derive profit from successful adventures in prose. Within quite a short time, if he decides to contribute to the journals of the Empire, the N.O. may be able to decorate his cabin walls with expressions of the regrets of distinguished-Editors.

-"Artemidorus."

# Colours.

Rugger (1928).-Menary, Marks, Logan, Langford, (1929).-White, Wilson, Palmer, Macliver, Innocent, Hancox, Ridley.

Cricket (1928).-Rose, Wilson. (1929).-Hancox.

Hockey (1928).-Logan, Palmer, Gosse, Menary. (1929).-Gerrett, Langford, Cooper, AnderTennis (1928).-Marks, Palmer.

Athletics (1928).-Logan. (1929).-Robertson, Wilson.

Rowing (1928).-Logan, Wilson. (1929),-Robertson, Marks.

Swimming (1928).—Logan. (1929).-Robertson, Cooper.

# Honorary Colours.

These are awarded to Cadets who have playedin a certain number of representative matches, and whose standard of play is considered to be of sufficient merit.]

Rugger.-Rose, Mayo, Purves-Smith, Anderson, Hockey (1928).—Marks. (1929), Purves-Smith, Smith, Hudson.

Cricket .- Menary, Marks, Logan, Gerrett.

# Sports Records.

100 Yards (open)— C. J. Stephenson (1924), 10 3/5secs	1927	Broad Jump (open)— N. McGuire (1922), 20ft. 9½ins	1925
100 Yards (under 16)— F. T. Rorke (1915), 10 4/5secs	1917	Broad Jump (under 5ft. 4ins.)— R. F. Hatherell (1919), 18ft. 7ins	1923
100 Yards (under 15)— A. H. Percival (1919), 11 2/5secs D. A. Menlove (1920)	1920 1921	High Jump (open)— R. D. Hancock (1920), 5ft. 3kins	1923
100 Yards (under 14)— A. H. Robertson (1927), 11 3/5secs	1927	High Jump (under 5ft. 4ins.)— A. D. Cairns (1915), 4ft. 9ins	1917
440 Yards (open)— R. R. Dowling (1915), 53secs	1918	Throwing the Cricket Ball— R. C. Pockley (1916), 102yds. 1ft. 10ins.	1919
Mile (open)— D. Logan (1926), 4min. 58 3/5secs	1927	Hurdles (open)— R. D. Hancock (1920) 17 3-10secs	1923

# Exchanges.

The editor wishes to take the opportunity of thanking all those who, during the last twelve months, have been so good as to forward copies of contemporary magazines.

# List of Officers and Cadets at end of 2nd Term, 1929

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Lieutena	int								ROBERT S. PEARSON.	
,,									FREDERICK N. COOK.	
Engineer	r-Com	man	der						LEOPOLD J. P. CARR.	
Chaplair	1				4.4				REV. GEO. STUBBS.	
Instructo									FRANCIS G. REDNALL, M.A.	
Surgeon LieutCommander									WILLIAM L. BROOKES.	
A./Paymaster LieutCommander					nder				THOMAS F. MAYNARD.	
Commissioned Gunner										
Warrant Shipwright										
	Warrant Engineer								THOMAS TURNBULL, M.S.M.	
	Warrant Supply Officer								CHARLES WILSON.	
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Cooper, H. A. E.	Anderson, W. D.	Adams, J. M.
Gerrett, H. B.	Dowson, J. H.	Ashley-Brown, G. J. A.
Gosse, G.	HANCOX, P. S. F.	Cody, J. J.
Langford, G. W.	(C.C.).	Collins, R. H.
LOGAN, D. (C.C).	Harvie, B. D.	Couchman, E. H. C.
Macliver, L.	Innocent, D. G.	Drew, W. S.
MARKS, W. B. M.	Knox, G. F. E.	Farnsworth, R. T.
(C.C.C.).	Landon, T. N.	Gabriel, G. E.
Mayo, E. E.	Ridley, K. T.	Gordon, G. S.
MENARY, J. K. (C.C.).	Robertson, A. H.	Hudson, C. M.
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ROSE, A. G. (C.C.)	WILSON, N. B. (C.C.).	Peek, R. I.
Purves-Smith, C. R.		Raper, I. C.
Webster, D. E.		Royle, G. P.
White, R. L.		Welch, Stuart St. Vincent

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Downs, I. F. G.	McDonald, I. H.	Williams, R. L.
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