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Notes and Comments

THIS is the second number of the Magazine to appear since the transfer of the Naval College from its former home at Jervis Bay. With the departure of the Flinders (27) Year our numbers were reduced to only three 'Years' for no New Entry came to take their place at the beginning of 1931. Two members of the Professorial staff did not return in 1931. Mr. L. N. Morrison had been transferred to the Military College where we are glad to learn that he has found congenial work though we feel confident that his heart is still with the Navy in close contact with which so many years were spent. He has of course the further tie, and of Sub-Lieut. Tom Morrison we hear very good reports from across the water. Mr. MacLeod took up a teaching appointment in the Northern State of the Commonwealth, and from Brisbane we sometimes hear that he too has not forgotten the Naval College with which he served for some years. Now at the end of 1931 as the Jervis ('28) Year are about to leave us and go to sea we realise that 1932 is to be a lean year for the Naval College, but we look forward with confidence for we believe that in the coming year a forward move must once more be made, and that the news that a New Entry will shortly be called for will establish the fact that the traditions which have been steadily built up during the last nineteen years are not simply to pass into history as the story of an enterprise that Australia was not great enough to carry through to fruition.

On April 1st Captain and Mrs. Lecky departed for England and on the 9th Captain Benson assumed command of the Depot in addition to his position as Second Naval Member, and as Captain-Superintendent of Training, we once more welcomed him as Captain commanding the Royal Australian Naval College. With Mrs. Benson he took up his residence at the Depot about the middle of the month.

A change of Commanders also occurred

about the same time, Commander Servaes departing for England on April 13th, his successor, Commander Curry, having arrived on April 4th.

During the May leave Lieut. Pearson went to the "Canberra", his place being taken by Lieut. Morrow whose baby panther's energetic purr has become a familiar sound of the depot.

In the middle of July it was with very real regret that we said 'farewell' to Lieut.-Commander Miller who will always live in our hearts as the O.C. College under whom the transfer from Jervis Bay was carried out. Our regret at his departure was tempered by the thought that the parting was necessary in order that he might take up a well-deserved command. For the remainder of the year the command of the College devolved on Lieut. F. N. Cook who ably carried out his responsible duties, and as these duties were of a nature which required practically constant presence on the spot we feel sure that periods of leave were particularly appreciated by both Lieut. Cook and his capable assistant, Lieut. Morrow.

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The location of the College at the Flinders Naval Depot does not permit the old intimate contact with the ships of the fleet. It is no longer possible for the cadets to see the ships manoeuvring in the bay on the occasion of their visits to Jervis Bay, nor for them to go aboard and see how things are done. However, during the year, the presence of the fleet in Port Phillip Bay enabled this disadvantage to be somewhat mitigated and on two successive days in November Cadets were conveyed to Frankston where they were embarked aboard H.M.A.S. "Tattoo," a privilege which the cadets greatly appreciated.

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We are always glad to hear of the achievements of former cadets, and owing to the contraction of the Navy since the Great War and the stern dictates of a severe financial

depression not all these are now wearing His Majesty's uniform. The Air Force has claimed a few, but many others are now in various Government departments or other civil walks of life. We heartily congratulate Harold Gatty on his success in the sphere of aviation, and are very pleased to be able to publish in this number extracts from a letter from this Australian world flyer.

We congratulate J. S. Mesley on obtaining five Firsts in his Lieutenants' Examination in August.

It is with great regret that we have to record the death during the year of Lieut. H. M. Trebilco, accidentally killed on the Geeveston Rd. near Hobart while temporarily on loan from the "Albatross" for Port Survey work.

Another victim of a motor accident—this time in England in company with Lieut. Walton who was seriously injured—was Lieut. Commdr. N. P. Morgan, whose outstanding ability promised a brilliant future. We extend to the relatives of these two very promising young officers our sincerest sympathy.

College Log

- 1930.
- Dec. 15.—Cricket. Flinders Year v. The Rest.
 " 16.—Regatta. Depot Sports.
 " 17.—Passing Out.
 Flinders Year Dance.
- 1931.
- Feb. 5.—All Cadets except five Tasmanians rejoined.
 " 6.—Tasmanians returned.
 " 7.—R.A.N.C. v. Brighton Grammar School College won by 2 wickets.
 " 14.—R.A.N.C. v. Depot. College won by 8 wickets.
 " 16.—Unofficial visit of the First Naval Member.
 " 16 & 17.—Cadets v. Writers. Won by 10 wickets.
 " 21.—Interwatch Cross Country Run White Watch won, McDonald first.
 " 24 & 25.—R.A.N.C. v. Depot 1st XI. Lost by 105 runs on 1st innings
 " 27.—Swimming Heats began.
 " 28.—R.A.N.C. v. Scotch College. Won by innings and 48 runs.
 Visit to Somers Camp.
- Mar. 4.—Swimming Sports.
 " 5.—Diving Championships.
 " 7.—Week-end Leave.
 R.A.N.C. v. Caulfield Grammar School (away). Lost on 1st innings.
 " 16 & 17.—1st XI. v. Officers of the Depot—Draw.
 " 21.—Heavy Storm. Matches cancelled.
 " 28.—R.A.N.C. v. Melbourne Grammar. Lost by 8 runs on First innings.
- April 1.—Departure of Captain Lecky.
 " 3.—All hands to Somers Camp for the Week end.
 " 4.—Arrival of Commander Curry.
 " 6.—Visit of forty boys from Somers Camp. Athletic Practice begins.
 " 9.—Arrival of Captain Benson.
 1st XI. v. Communications. Won by 173 to 28.
- " 13.—Departure of Commander Servaes.
 " 13.—1st XI. v. Officers.
 " 17.—Final of the Brock Cup. Cadets win by 20 runs. Captain and Mrs. Benson take up residence at the Depot.
 " 19.—Dr. McAdam's visit with films.
 " 24.—'Kelpic' reappears at Divisions.
 " 27.—Championship Finals.
 May 2.—Sports' Day. Red Watch won.
 " 8.—Cadets go on leave. During leave Lieut. Morrow relieved Lieut. Pearson who went to the "Canberra."
 June 5.—All Cadets except Tasmanians and West Australians returned.
 " 6.—Tasmanians and West Australians arrive.
 " 8.—Rugger Trial Match.
 " 13.—Visit to Somers' Camp. Camp Football. Governor's Farewell.
 " 19.—Hockey 1st XI. v. Officers. Won 5 nil.
 " 20.—Hockey 1st XI. v. Metropolitan A. at F.N.D. Won 5—3.
 " 24.—1st XV. v. Depot 2nd XV. Won 5—3.
 " 27.—Depot leave begins.
 " 28.—Hockey 1st XI. v. Metropolitan (away). Won 3—1.
- July 1.—Rugger 1st XV. v. A Depot Team, principally Officers. Won 11—33.
 " —Hockey 1st XI. v. University. Lost 8—3.
 Mid. Term. All hands to Somers' Camp.
 " 8.—Rugger 1st XV. v. University. Won 20—8.
 " 11.—Cross Country Run. Won by White Watch, 1st Cadet McDonald, 1st Junior, Purvis.
 Dr. McAdam gave a cinema show in Cadets' Messroom.
 " 13.—Lieut. Commander Miller leaves College to take up appointment in command of the "Tattoo."
 " 16.—Hockey 1st XI. v. Officers. Drawn game—2 goals all.

- „ 20.—Hockey 1st XI. v. Officers. Drawn game—3 goals all.
 „ 23.—Rugger 1st XV. v. Depot 1st XV. Depot won 24—nil.
 Cadets Debating Team v. Melbourne Grammar School team—Drawn.
 „ 25.—1st XV. v. Melbourne Grammar School. Won 28—3.
 „ 31.—1st XV. v. Melbourne University. Lost 20—6.
 August 1.—Mid. Term Leave. Cadets to Somers' Camp.
 „ 8.—Hockey v. Elsternwick. Lost 4—2.
 „ 9.—Confirmation of five Cadets.
 „ 13.—Hockey. Cadets v. Officers. Officers won 3—2.
 „ 18-20.—Boxing Heats.
 „ 22.—Cadets v. A University Team, curtain raiser to Victorian v. Combined Varsities. Cadets won 14—6.
 „ 31.—Cadets attended Bazaar.
 September 4.—Long Leave.
 „ 18.—Return from Leave.
 „ 24.—Boxing Finals.
 „ 25.—Commenced Regatta Practice.
 October 16.—H.M.A.S. "Albatross" arrived. Mid. Term Leave.
 „ 17.—Cricket, Cadets v. M.G.S. 2nd XI. Lost by 270 to 262.
 „ 21.—Trafalgar Day Celebration. 'Make and Mend' after the Ceremony.
 „ 28.—Regatta Day.
 „ 31.—Visit of all Cadets to Lord Somers' Camp to meet the English Public School Boys.
 Nov. 1.—Return from Somers' Camp.
 „ 3.—Whole holiday.
 „ 7.—Cadets 1st XI. v. M.G.S. 3rd XI. Lost 101—125.
 Junior XI. v. M.G.S. under 16 B Juniors. Won by 10 wickets.
 „ 10.—Phillip and Cook Years visit "Tattoo" Port Phillip Bay to witness Torpedo firing.
 „ 11.—Armistice Day. Jervis Year Cadets visit "Tattoo." Cadets attended concert in the Drill Hall.
 „ 14.—Cadets v. Wesley 2nd and 3rd XI. Won by 50 runs.
 „ 18.—Inspection of College and Depot by Minister for Defence and First Naval Member.
 Cadets v. Stokers XI. (2 day match) Won by Cadets by 39 runs on 1st innings.
 „ 21.—Cadets v. Scotch College 2nd and 3rd XI. Lost by 11 runs on 1st innings.
 „ 25 and 26.—Cadets v. C.P.O.'s XI. Cadets won by 35 runs.
 „ 28.—Cadets under 15 v. M.G.S. under 15. M.G.S. won by 9 runs.
 Dec 3.—Passing Out Examinations commenced.

Passing Out

The first College 'Passing Out' was celebrated by a luncheon party in the Wardroom at which about one hundred and twenty were present, the guest of honour being His Excellency the Acting-Governor-General Lord Somers. After lunch the Cadet-Midshipmen paraded, His Excellency taking the salute at the March Past. The prize giving took place immediately afterwards in the Drill Hall.

His Excellency, having presented the prizes, addressed the Cadets, expressing himself as very pleased to have this opportunity of being present at such a function connected with the Senior Service. At Duntroon, he said, they had recently had a very sad function, and they were all feeling very much leaving the old place, as he knew his hearers had felt leaving Jervis Bay. But however distressing the present for the Defence forces of the Commonwealth he felt sure that there must be a brighter future. The whole trend of affairs seemed in the direction of a greater amount of independence on the part of Australia, and

this naturally implied the taking of a much greater part in our own defence. Such institutions as the Royal Australian Naval College, he felt, were invaluable to Australia. At this time we needed more institutions which inculcated principles of discipline, duty and service. It was sad to see their numbers so greatly reduced, but they had to remember that the fewer the numbers the greater the responsibility that rested upon their shoulders, for on them would rest in the future the responsibility of the defence of Australia.

In the evening the Passing Out Dance was held in the Cadets' Messroom. Supper was laid out in the Library, the catering being in the capable hands of the Cadet messman, Chief Steward Olva. That his efforts were appreciated was indicated by the miraculous way in which full dishes after supper disappeared upstairs (where of course the junior year were in bed and fast asleep) and came down later—empty. The function proved in every way a marked success.

Prize List, 1930

This year a change was made in the number of prizes awarded, subjects being grouped together in threes, and no cadet being permitted to take more than one prize, apart from the special Otto Albert Prize for Seamanship. The names of Prize-winners are given below, the actual recipient of the prize being indicated by heavier type.

Grand Aggregate: 1, Harvie; 2, Dowson; 3, Ridley.

Mathematics, Physics and Chemistry: 1, Ridley; 2, Harvie; 3, Dowson.

Navigation, Engineering and Seamanship: 1, Harvie; 2, Robertson; 3, Knox.

French, English and History: 1, Robertson; 2, Knox; 3, Dowson.

Otto Albert Prize for Seamanship: 1, Robertson; 2, Harvie; 3, Smith.

The Cadet-Captains for 1931 were S. St. Vincent-Welch, (Chief Cadet-Captain) Adams, Hudson, Macartney. McDonald was added to this list during the year.

Rugby

We did not have as many fixtures as we should have liked this year but owing to the efforts of Mr. Sturtridge the University and Victorian Captain, we had three very enjoyable matches with the University team winning two and losing one. Melbourne Grammar sent down a team to play us and we hope that this will be the beginning of a long list of fixtures.

Hudson.—Captained the team well. A strong running wing threequarter but has not quite captured the art of tackling.

Gordon.—A good breakaway, always on the ball and a solid tackler.

Ashley-Brown.—Leader of the Pack. A great forward who is not afraid to go down on the ball.

Cody.—A hard worker in the scrum.

Adams.—A straight running threequarter with a nice swerve and a good tackle.

Raper.—A good all rounder who plays well both as a back and a forward.

Drew.—A good fullback who improved as the season progressed.

Milner.—A strong running threequarter who should develop into a really good back next year.

Wheeler.—A hard working forward, although a trifle light as yet.

Williams, R. L.—A bullocking forward who puts a lot of hard work into the tight scrums.

McDonald.—A fast wing threequarter, good in attack but needs to "hot up" his tackling a little.

Welch.—A hard worker in the scrum, could do with more avoirdupois.

Farnsworth.—A hard working, bullocking forward.

Gabriel.—A good solid forward.

Peek.—A good scrum half with a melodious voice.

Robertson.—Showed great promise as a forward until he crocked his knee.

Colours were awarded to: — Adams, Ashley-Brown, Raper.

8th July.—R.A.N.C. v. University.

Our first Rugby match of the season was played against the University on our own ground.

The field was rather slippery but was drying rapidly under the influence of the sun and a moderate breeze. The College kicked off and the forwards quickly followed up. A good pass from Norbury enabled our right winger, Hudson, to score in the corner five minutes after the game had started. The try was not converted. The Varsity kicked off, but a good run by McDonald on the left wing got the ball into their twenty-five, where the forwards kept it for some time, failing repeatedly to score until Raper managed to get over the line and touched down between the posts. This was converted by McDonald and speedily followed by another unconverted try by Williams II. The play was fairly even until half time, neither side scoring and the total remaining at 11-0 in our favour.

Soon after half-time a splendid run by the Varsity winger, O'Connor, resulted in a try which was converted, leaving the scores 11-5. During this half we were favoured by the wind, which assisted us in getting 2 tries in quick succession, both by McDonald. These

were unconverted, but a penalty kick by Norbury left the full time scores at 20—5. The match was characterised by the excellent combination of the backs and forwards, McDonald and Norbury showing for the backs and Ashley-Brown, Gordon, Wheeler and Williams II, for the forwards.

22nd July. R.A.N.C. v. Depot 1st XV.

The day for this match was very cloudy and the ground was extremely muddy. Cadets won the toss and ran into the slight southerly wind. From the start the Cadets pushed hard and it seemed as if they would score within five minutes of the start. However, a great run by Millwood nearly the whole length of the field resulted in a try for Depot. This try was converted.

By brilliant footwork the College forwards got the ball into the Depot twenty-five. Then the ball passed to the three-quarters and resulted in a try by McDonald, which he converted. At half time the scores were equal—5 all.

At the beginning of the second half, the combination of the Depot backs, with the superior weight and speed of their pack, resulted in frequent scoring by Lieutenant Cook, Petty Officer Millwood and Leading Supply Assistant Sampson. Thus by the end of the game College had lost by 24 points to 5. Conspicuous in the College pack was Ashley-Brown, who played a great game for his side.

25th July. R.A.N.C. v. Melbourne Grammar.

Considering that this was the opposing team's first match they really played exceptionally well, and, although the full time scores were in our favour, the match was really much more even than the scores indicate. The Grammar side, being used to the Australian game, at first had difficulty in recognizing the offside rules, but, by the end of the match, they had mastered their difficulties and with a little practise should make formidable opponents this year.

From the kick off the College kept their opponents well pressed, but did not have the play in their hands as much as expected. This was due to patchy forward work and the tendency of the backs to try individual, instead of combination, play, but also we were hindered by Grammar's good kicking.

Despite the resistance put up, three unconverted tries were scored before half time and, after Grammar's general improvement, we were forced to combine together better, which resulted in our score totalling 24—nil until the last five minutes, when a good run by a Grammar back resulted in an unconverted try, leaving the final scores at 27—3.

31st July. R.A.N.C. v. University (played at University).

This was the first away match of the season and the Cadets were in the best of condition.

From the beginning the match was even, the College forwards holding the heavier Varsity pack both in loose and forward scrums, and feeding the three-quarters, while the Varsity three-quarters rarely got started. College was the first to score; Milner, after taking a pass from Hudson, made a good run and touched down between the posts. This try was converted by Norbury. Varsity then scored and converted 2 tries, and just before half time, Norbury kicked 2 fine penalty goals, bringing the score to 11—6 in our favour.

At the beginning of the second half, our forward combination broke up, with the result that Varsity brought their score to 23—11. At the latter part of the second half, however, College again pressed the attack, but failed to score. Thus the final scores were 23—11 in Varsity's favour.

The two outstanding players of the day were Sturtridge for Varsity and Norbury for the College.

22nd August, R.A.N.C. v. University. (Played at Albert Park).

This match was played as a curtain-raiser to the Combined Universities v. Victoria match.

The ground was almost under water, consequently the ball was heavy and slippery.

College kicked off and, soon after the beginning of the match, the Varsity right wing made a good run and touched down between the posts. This try was converted. Again Varsity touched down, but failed to convert.

The College pack then came up to form and won most of the formed and loose scrums. Despite the wet ball the College three-quarters occasionally got going and Norbury got two tries, one of which McDonald converted. Just before half-time Hudson touched down, but the try was not converted.

In the second half both the forwards and three-quarters played well, with the result that our score was brought to 23, Norbury, Hudson and Raper scoring the tries. The forwards kept the ball at the toe most of the match, but when fed the three-quarters ran well, and all tries were scored off three-quarter rushes. The final scores were 23—8.

Cricket

In addition to the 1st XI. matches, the Junior team played the Melbourne Grammar School under 16 B Team at Grimwade House, and won a well deserved victory, which bodes well for our next year's team. The College team won the Brock Cup for the Inter-part of the ship competition last season and so far have not lost a match this season, so we are in hopes of holding the Cup for another year. Hudson relieved Hancox as captain at the beginning of the year, and handled the team well, being ably backed up by Cody and Gordon. Cody's bowling rapidly improved as the season progressed, and we hope to hear of great things from him in the future.

R.A.N. College v. Haileybury College. (October 25th. Won by R A N C.)

This, our first experience on concrete, was a success, although most players found the pitch a little awkward. Hancox and Wilson bowled quite well for a first experience, although a number of balls were rising over the stumps. For Haileybury, Hobart scored his runs in quick style, while Lewis and Cannon helped him along. The College batting all round was good, Wilson and Hudson being the outstanding performers. Our opponents declared at 7 for 87, Hobart again being top scorer and Hancox the pick of our bowlers. We knocked up the 56 runs to win in very quick time. The first wicket put on 42, Hancock's two sixers being greatly appreciated by the spectators.

Haileybury College:—1st innings, 115; 2nd innings, 7 for 87, declared.

R.A.N. College—1st innings.

Hancox, c Dickson, b McLean	3
Wilson, lbw, b Dickinson	36
Hudson, stpd, b Cannon	28
Adams, b Dickinson	14
Gordon, c & b Hobart	11
Innocent, c & b Hobart	4
McDonald, c Long, b Hobart	4
Cody, c Cannon, b Dickinson	20
Norbury, c Cannon, b Dickinson	24
Collins, b Dickinson	0
Anderson, not out	0
Extras	6
Total	150

R.A.N. College.—2nd innings.

Hancox, b Dubout	29
Wilson, b Hobart	18
Hudson, c Cannon, b Dubout	5
Adams, not out	1
Extras	3
Total	3 for 56

R.A.N. College v. Melbourne Grammar III. (November 1st).

This match was one in which the batsmen predominated all through. Melbourne Grammar declared at half-past three with 3 for 183. The scoring was fairly slow, Hudson being the only exception. McDonald was the most successful bowler, but Hancox was always troublesome, only 42 being scored off his 17 overs. The College batting, in contrast, was very bright, Hancox giving the best display of the year for 71, which included one six, and five fours. McDonald was very enterprising, and his runs, which included two sixers, were made in twenty minutes.

Melbourne Grammar School: 1st innings, 183.

R. A. N. College—1st innings.

Hancox, b England	71
Wilson, b McRae	11
Hudson, b England	16
Adams, b England	17
McDonald, lbw, b H. Campbell	37
Cody, c England, b Mills	19
Innocent, not out	17
Tapp, c England, b Field	6
Extras	7
Total	7 for 201

R.A.N. College v. Wesley College. (15th November).

Wesley batted first on one of the best Saturdays we have had this year. The bowling all round was very good, Hancox, Collins and Adams all keeping an excellent length and worrying the batsmen. Luff, who opened for Wesley, batted well and was unlucky in being run out. Except for Wilson, the College did not do very well. Pearce was the outstanding bowler for Wesley, taking 6 for 10. In the second innings we managed to dismiss Wesley for 47 and again were left with 57 to make, only this time we had but 10 minutes to do it in, and in spite of mighty hitting by Wilson and Hancox, the total was only 36 when stumps were drawn.

Wesley College: 1st innings, 91; 2nd innings, 47.

R. A. N. College—1st innings.

Hancox, b Dinsmore	7
Wilson, c Dillon, b Dinsmore	25
Hudson, c Dinsmore, b Pearse	11
Adams, b Uren	6
Gordon, b Uren	6
McDonald, b Uren	2
Cody, c Luff, b Pearse	1
Collins, c Lee, b Pearse	2
Norbury, c Grime, b Pearse	6

Innocent, b Pearse	0
Anderson, not out	10
Extras	5
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Total	81

R.A.N. College.—2nd innings.

Hancox, not out	12
Wilson, not out	21
Extras	3
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Total	36

R.A.N. College v. Brighton Grammar.
(22nd November, 1930).

We travelled to Melbourne for this match and once more played on turf. Brighton gave us a lot of fielding practice before we got them out for 173, of which Ferrero made 59 in fine style. Wilson, although his figures were not convincing, bowled well and might have been more successful. Brighton's fast bowlers gave us a lot of trouble, and we only reached 82, of which Cody made 23 in quick time. We were thus forced to follow on. McDonald and Gordon both scoring well. Innocent, though not high on the list, showed the right style in both innings and did not look like getting out. With 8 to get, Brighton opened to Wilson who was now bowling with plenty of speed, and they lost two of their wickets before the deficit was wiped off.

Brighton Grammar: 1st innings, 173; 2nd innings, 2 for 8.

R.A.N. College.—1st innings.

Hancox, b Pelling	19
Wilson, b Pelling	0
Hudson, b Pelling	2
Adams, b Pelling	0
Gordon, c Smith, b Waring	7
Cody, run out	23
McDonald, b Waring	12
Collins, b Waring	1
Anderson, b Walsh	0
Norbury, b Waring	2
Innocent, not out	6
Extras	10
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Total	82

R.A.N. College.—2nd innings.

Hancox	2
Wilson	5
Hudson	9
Adams	1
Gordon	16
Cody	8
McDonald	22
Collins	2
Anderson	1
Norbury	17
Innocent	10
Extras	5
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Total	98

R.A.N. College v. Scotch College.

(8th November, 1930).

Scotch were sent in by Hancox. A southerly wind caused the ball to swing a lot and Scotch were all out for the comparatively small total of 83. McKie, the Scotch captain, making 22 of these. Collins was the best of our bowlers, taking 4 for 24. Winslow, the Scotch fast bowler, made a lot of pace with the wind and had things his own way, Gordon being the only one to play him confidently. We passed the Scotch total however, and they batted again, totalling only 68. Hancox was the best of our bowlers this innings and finished with the fine figures of 6 for 13. We were left with twenty-eight minutes to make 51, and managed to get them just on time, Gordon again batting confidently.

Scotch College: 1st innings, 83; 2nd innings, 68.

R.A.N. College.—1st innings.

Hancox, c Kennon, b Wood	11
Wilson, c Kennon, b Winslow	1
Hudson, c & b Wood	14
Adams, lbw, b Blythe	5
Gordon, b Winslow	39
McDonald, lbw, b Winslow	12
Cody, c Kennon, b Winslow	0
Norbury, b Winslow	0
Tapp, b Winslow	1
Innocent, b Winslow	0
Collins, not out	2
Extras	16
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Total	101

R.A.N. College.—2nd innings.

Hancox, c Yule, b McKie	15
Wilson, c Wood, b McKie	13
Hudson, not out	4
McDonald, b McKie	0
Gordon, b McKie	24
Extras	1
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Total	57

R.A.N. College v. Scotch College.

(February 10th, 1931).

Hudson won the toss and sent Scotch in to bat. Collins and Cody opened the bowling, and were relieved by McDonald and Gordon. Scotch were dismissed for 51, Cody and McDonald taking four wickets each. R.A.N.C. replied with 153, Gordon batting well for 52 and McDonald for 36. Scotch made only 52 in their second innings, Cody again bowling well for 5 wickets with an average of 4, and Collins taking 4 wickets. Won by an innings and 44 runs.

Scotch College: 1st innings, 51; 2nd innings, 52.

Adams, c McDonald	12
Gordon, b Shew	53
Hudson, c Brown	5
Cody, b Sayer	0
McDonald, c & b Shew	36
Norbury, run out	11
Williams, I., c & b Cole	0
Downs, b Cole	7
Welch, not out	18
Peek, c McLennan	1
Collins, b Gunn	1
Extras	10
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Total	153

R.A.N. College v. Caulfield Grammar.

(February 17th, 1931).

Caulfield Grammar batted and made 109, Ince batting well for 37. R.A.N.C. replied with 94, of which McDonald made 28, including 4 fours. In their second innings, Caulfield Grammar declared with 3 wickets down for 103, of which Murdoch made 49. R.A.N.C. were left with 118 to make in very short time. Gordon batted very well in making 49, and at stumps the College had made 106 for 5 wickets, losing the match by 12 runs in a very exciting finish.

R.A.N. College—1st innings.

Adams, c Wiseman	10
Gordon, c Stevens	14
Cody, run out	12
Hudson, c Wiseman	0
McDonald, c Clough	28
Norbury, b Whiteside	6
Welch, b Watson	2
Downs, not out	2
Peek, c Clough	0
Collins, c Wiseman	10
Tapp, b Wiseman	0
Extras	10
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Total	94

R.A.N. College v. M.C.E.G.S.

(February 24th, 1931).

Played at M.C.E.G.S. Hudson won the toss and R.A.N.C. batted for 67, of which Cody made a patient 22. M.C.E.G.S. enjoyed our bowling and declared for 257. Clark batted very well for 108, and Moore, Branchflower and Campbell retired for 31, 54 and 10 respectively. M.C.E.G.S. won by 190 on the first innings.

The return match was played at R.A.N.C. on 7th March. Hudson sent M.C.E.G.S. in to bat and they made 85. Cody, Collins and Adams were the best of the bowlers. R.A.N.C. made 77, Cody (23) and Hudson (25) being the only ones to make a showing against the Grammar bowling. In the second innings, R.A.N.C. had taken 5 Grammar wickets for 21 runs at the close of play, so lost by 8 runs on the first innings. This was a match of slow scoring and dull cricket.

R.A.N. College—1st innings.

Adams, lbw, b Hope Campbell	2
Gordon, run out	2
Cody, st, b Moore	23
Hudson, b Righetti	25
McDonald, b Moore	0
Norbury, b Moore	4
Welch, b Righetti	0
Williams I., c, b Moore	0
Collins, c, b Moore	2
Peek, not out	4
Tapp, c, b Moore	7
Extras	5
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Total	77

Hockey

R.A.N.C. v. Metropolitan "A" Grade.
(June 20th).

This was the first Hockey match of the season, but the cadets were in top form. Cadets won the toss and ran up the field, and from the beginning the College halves kept the forwards well supplied, while the excellent combination of the forwards completely demoralised the Metropolitan backs, with the result that we were winning 3—nil.

In the second half each team scored two goals, with the result that College won 5—2.

Scorers were: Gordon 3, Macdonald 1, Norbury 1. The outstanding features of the match

were the clean play of both sides and the excellent combination of the College forwards and halves.

R.A.N.C. v. Metropolitan "A" Grade.
(27th June).

In this match we found the University ground very sticky, and consequently the ball was changed at half-time. Our whole team worked more systematically than in the previous match and outclassed the Metropolitan team in all quarters. The forward play greatly impressed the spectators, as well as our opponents, while our backs left very little work for

our goalie. The game, which was quite exciting, ended with the score standing at 3—nil in our favour, our scorers being McDonald 2, Norbury 1.

R.A.N.C. v. University.
(4th July).

In this match we suffered our first defeat since leaving Jervis Bay, but, although the final scores were 8—3, the game was much more even than these indicate. Our ground was very muddy, and, as University ran down hill for the first half, their strong forward line secured an advantage of 5 goals to nil. After the change over, goals by Norbury and McDonald raised our hopes, but 'Varsity continually got the ball through the College backs and scored three more goals. Norbury once more scored a good goal from the scrimmage, after which play was very even until time. Our opponents gave a good exhibition of handling a wet ball, and made particularly good use of their wing forwards.

R.A.N.C. v. Depot Officers.

This was the first of a series of three even matches against the Depot Officers.

The Cadets won the toss and ran uphill for the first half. From the beginning it was a very even match, the play moving backwards and forwards between the two twenty-fives. At the end of the first half the Officers were leading by 2—1. At the beginning of the second half the Cadets brought the score to 2 all. No more goals were scored on either side and the game ended in a draw, 2—2. The forwards of both sides played well. College scorers were McDonald and Norbury.

R.A.N.C. v. Depot Officers.
(14th July).

This was the second match against the Officers. The play was determined on both sides, and consequently scoring was extremely difficult. As the Officers ran up hill first half the scores were in our favour, 2—nil. In the second half, however, the Officers scored three goals, and, during the last few minutes, the Cadets added to their score, with the result that we again drew, 3 all. College scorers were Norbury, Peek and Gordon.

R.A.N.C. v. Elsternwick.
(Away. 8th August).

This match was played under very bad conditions. The extremely long grass and continuous rain was very disheartening to the players.

From the beginning, College had most of the play, but bad shooting by the forwards left us 2 goals in arrears at the end of the first half.

At the beginning of the second half we scored 2 goals, bringing the scores to 2 all, but again our shooting failed, and 2 runs by the Elsternwick forwards brought them 2 more goals, thus at time they had beaten us by 4—2. Our scorers were Peek and Gordon.

R.A.N.C. v. Depot Officers.
(13th August).

Both teams were playing their hardest to stop the run of draws.

The Cadets combination of forwards and halves had somewhat deteriorated since the beginning of the season. Nevertheless at half time the scores were 2 all.

The second half was the roughest we had played during the season, but the Cadets were the lighter and weight combined with good play brought the Officers a well deserved victory by 3—2.

Tennis

The usual Autumn and Spring Tournaments were held during 1931. In the former, sixteen pairs entered for the Doubles Handicap, and there were thirty-eight entries for the Singles Handicap. After some very interesting games Cody and Collins, who were on the 'owe 40' mark, defeated Brewster and Downs (owe 15.3/5) in the final of the doubles. Hudson (owe 15) beat Tapp (owe 15.3/6) in the final of the singles.

The Tennis Championship, held in November, was notable for a Third Year success in the final of the Singles: Tapp defeating McDonald. Fourth Year were successful in the Doubles, in which Cody and Collins again met

and defeated Brewster and Downs. In the Cook Year Championship, Cook and Purvis were altogether too strong, and ran out comfortable winners.

The results of these tournaments were as follows:—

Doubles Handicap.

Maxwell-Williams ii. (r. 15) v. Adams-Welch (scr.). Won by Adams-Welch (10-8).

Skottowe-Wheeler (r. 15) v. Cody-Collins (o. 40). Won by Cody-Collins (10-5).

Farnsworth-Peek (scr.) v. Brewster-Downs (o. 15.3/6). Won by Brewster-Downs. 10-8.

Cook-Purvis (o. 3/6 v. McDonald-Williams

(o. 15 3/6). Won by McDonald-Williams, 11-9.
 Adams-Welch v. Cody-Collins. Won by
 Cody-Collins, 10-5.
 Brewster-Downs v. McDonald-Williams.
 Won by Brewster-Downs, 10-4.
 Cody-Collins v. Brewster-Downs. Won by
 Cody-Collins, 10-5.

Singles Handicap.

Welch (r. 3/6) v. Collins (o. 30 3/6). Won
 by Welch, 10-3.
 Downs (o. 15 3/6) v. Tapp (o. 15 3/6). Won
 by Tapp, 10-5.
 Robertson (r. 15 3/6) v. Synnot (r. 15 3/6).
 Won by Robertson, 10-5.
 Farnsworth (r. 3/6) v. Hudson (o. 15). Won
 by Hudson, 10-3.
 Welch v. Tapp. Won by Tapp, 10-5.
 Robertson v. Hudson. Won by Hudson, 10-2.
 Tapp v. Hudson. Won by Hudson, 10-5.

Open Singles Championship.

Cody v. Tapp. Won by Tapp, 10-5.
 Hudson v. Purvis. Won by Purvis, 10-4.
 Collins v. McDonald. Won by McDonald,
 10-7.
 Macartney v. Cook. Won by Cook, 11-9.
 Tapp v. Hudson. Won by Tapp, 6-1, 6-1.

McDonald v. Cook. Won by McDonald, 6-0,
 6-3.
 Tapp v. McDonald. Won by Tapp, 2-6, 6-4,
 6-1.

Doubles Championship.

Williams i. - Macartney v. Collins-Cody.
 Won by Collins-Cody.
 Maxwell-Williams v. Cook-Purvis. Won by
 Cook-Purvis.
 Downs-Brewster v. Welch-Adams. Won by
 Downs-Brewster.
 McDonald-McWilliam v. Tapp-Kerruish,
 Won by Tapp-Kerruish.
 Collins-Cody v. Purvis-Cook. Won by Col-
 lins-Cody.
 Downs-Brewster v. Tapp-Kerruish. Won by
 Downs-Brewster.
 Collins-Cody v. Downs-Brewster. Won by
 Collins-Cody.

Cook Year Doubles.

Ramsay-Fowle v. Jellicoe-Milner. Won by
 Ramsay-Fowle.
 Cook-Purvis v. Peel-Synnot. Won by Cook-
 Purvis.
 Ramsay-Fowle v. Cook-Purvis. Won by
 Cook-Purvis.

Squash Racquets

An innovation this year into the games was Squash Racquets. The Wardroom Officers have built a Squash Racquet Court and have allocated Sunday and Saturday afternoons to the Cadets, which privilege has been greatly appreciated. Captain Benson, D.S.O., R.N., presented a Cup for annual competition and a Tournament was held at the end of the term. Some very close matches were played. Gordon eventually running out as the winner.

Twenty-two pairs entered. The results after the second round were as follows:—

Gordon v. Fowle. Won by Gordon.
 Hudson v. Cody. Won by Cody.
 Williams v. Tapp. Won by Tapp.
 Synnot v. Collins. Won by Collins.
 Gordon v. Cody. Won by Gordon.
 Tapp v. Collins. Won by Collins.
 Gordon v. Collins. Won by Gordon.

Regatta

The choice of Wednesday, October 28th, on which to hold the annual College Regatta was unfortunate in that the weather was unsuitable. Owing to an inequality in the two light skiffs—No. 4 always won the open skiffs—heats had to be re-run in heavy skiffs over a somewhat shorter course. Our lack of numbers prevented the usual keen inter-Year competitions, but there was some very good work put in by the "Red," "White," and "Blue" Watches, and the whaler race, had there been less wind, must have been very good. But the wind blew diagonally across the course against the racing boats, with the result that there was a choppy sea running in the channel.

The regatta commenced at 1430 with the inter-watch whaler race, which was won after a hard struggle by Red Watch. The "Open Skiffs" race provided a terrific struggle as the skiffs being large caught the wind only too well, with the result that the race took an extraordinarily long time. Vicory finally fell to McDonald. Cook Year skiffs followed, pulled over a shortened course. This race was won by Cook (cox), Milner, Jellicoe and Robertson. The College cooks and stewards then pulled a pair oar race, which was won by the stewards. In the open skiffs, Peek (cox), Drew, Farnsworth and Gabriel were victorious over Tapp (cox), McDonald, Skottowe and

Williams I. Unfortunately for the Officers, the Chief Petty Officers proved too strong and beat them the first time for many years, winning by a small head. In the Inter-Watch Skiffs, 'White' Watch were successful, and 'Blue' Watch won the sculls.

The results, worked out on a point basis, for Inter-Watch events were: Red 1; White 2; Blue 3. Mrs. Benson then presented the prizes and in conformity with a custom now long established, cadets were excused evening studies.

Regatta Results.

- Open Sculls.**—1, Skottowe; 2, McDonald.
- Open Skiffs.**—1, Drew, Farnsworth, Gabriel, Peek; 2, McDonald, Skottowe, Williams I., Tapp.
- Cook Year Skiffs.**—1, Milner, Jellicoe, Cook, Hinchliffe; 2, Folkard, Fowle, Purvis, Burgin.
- Officers v. C.P.O.'s.**—1, C.P.O.'s; 2, Officers.
- Cooks v. Stewards.**—1, Stewards; 2, Cooks.
- Inter-Watch Competition.**—1, Red Watch; 2, Blue Watch; 3, White Watch.

Cross Country Race

The Annual Cross Country Race was held on Saturday, 11th July. The course was from the College, via the Stables, to the Outer West Golf Course, and back the nearest way to the College. Purvis took the lead at the start and maintained his position until the Golf Course was reached when he was overhauled by McDonald. He made a great effort over the last half mile and got within two yards of McDonald at the finish.

The Handicaps were as follows: Cook Year, scr.; Phillip Year, 40 secs.; Jervis Year, 1 min. 10 secs.

In the Inter-Watch competition, White Watch were the winners with 15.5 points; Red Watch second with 20.25 points; and Blue Watch third with 20.27 points.

McDonald 1	Folkard 19
Purvis 2	Drew 20
Williams ii .. . 3	Maxwell .. . 21
Williams i .. . 4	Gabriel .. . 22
Farnsworth .. . 5	Tapp 23
Welch 6	Collins .. . 24
Brewster .. . 7	Synnot .. . 25
Ashley-Brown . 8	Gordon .. . 26
McWilliam .. . 9	Skottowe .. . 27
Hudson 10	Norbury .. . 28
Cody 11	Raper 29
Cook 12	Burgin .. . 30
Ramsay 13	Downs .. . 31
Wheeler 14	Jellicoe .. . 32
Fowle 15	Kerruish .. . 33
Adams 16	Robertson .. 34
Peek 17	Peel 35
Macartney .. . 18	Hinchliffe .. 36

Fastest Time: McDonald, 25 minutes, 5 seconds.

Sports Day

After a certain amount of bad weather during the week which caused us considerably anxiety, the day which we had waited for with mixed feelings of hope and fear dawned bright and clear. The track had been rolled the previous day and the green space it enclosed contrasted with the white of the hurdles and other equipment which had been placed in readiness on the ground. Barrels, rolling spars, ladders and other articles gave the field an appearance of preparation for some event. The stage had been set for the battles and triumphs of the afternoon.

The time for the commencement drew near, and guests and visitors began to arrive, till at last there was a long line of cars just outside the ground. The guests were escorted to their seats, and the band, which added greatly to the afternoon's entertainment, commenced to play.

The first event was timed to start at 2.15, and the competitors in it began to line up, and exactly on time they started. All the events were contested by teams. There were no individual events, as these had been run off during the week. The College had been divided into "watches," named respectively, Red, White and Blue, as opposed to the old system leaving the Cadets in their Years and letting each Year compete for a Cup, to be presented to the Year whose members had gained the most points. The great majority of the cadets favoured the old system, and the inter-year competition was certainly very keen. There is, yet, no tradition attached to the different "watches," and it was this, no doubt, that made the difference. The cadets realised, however, that with the depleted numbers, it was much the best system that could be evolved, and by

the end of the day of the sports there was a very healthy rivalry between the three watches. After the last event, the Obstacle Race, which amused the spectators considerably, but not the participants, the prizes were presented by Mrs. Benson. Many fine trophies were obtained by the successful competitors. Afternoon tea was then served in the Cadets' mess room, where the events of the day were discussed.

Just as it was getting dark the guests departed. Everyone had had a most enjoyable day, and it will live in their minds as a happy memory, the memory of the first Athletic Sports Day of the Royal Australian Naval College in its new surroundings.

J. Cody.

Athletic Results, 1931.

100 Yards Championship.—1, Hudson; 2, McDonald; 3, Milner. 11 1/5 secs.

440 Yards Championship.—1, McDonald; 2, Milner; 3, Williams i. 58 secs.

Mile Championship.—1, McDonald; 2, Williams i; 3, Ashley-Brown. 5 min. 12 secs.

120 Yards Hurdles.—1, Hudson; 2, Gordon; 3, Welch. 17 2/5 secs.

Long Jump.—1, McDonald; 2, Hudson; 3, Peek. 16 ft. 5 ins.

High Jump.—1, Welch; 2, Norbury; 3, Hudson and Peek. 4 ft. 8 1/2 in.

Mile, Under 5ft. 4in.—1, Tapp; 2, Ramsay; 3, Synnot. 6 min. 7 secs.

Officers' 100 Yds. Handicap.—1, Commander; 2, Captain and Lt. Cook (Aeq.), 11 1/5 secs.

Boxing Championships, 1931

By Monte Murton, Australian Ex-Amateur Boxing Champion.

A very large and enthusiastic audience witnessed possibly one of the best nights of boxing held at the Flinders Naval Depot for many long months, when the Cadet-Midshipmen fought out the finals for the Championship of the College for 1931. It is always guineas to gooseberries that one will see sparks fly when these young lads clear for action, and this night did not prove the exception, when some stirring contests were staged.

Captain Benson, in a speech prior to presenting the Prizes to the winners, paid a glowing tribute to "Boxing," and its many fine qualities as a sporting element, and who could say otherwise after viewing the chivalry and courtesy displayed by these Cadets in every contest, that were so strenuously boxed to gain the Referees' decision. The Referee's and Judge's chairs were ably filled by Commander Curry, Lt. Cdr. Palmer, Lt. Cdr. Pope, Lieutenant Cook and Lieutenant Morrow. The Cup presented by Dr. McAdam for the most scientific boxer of the Tournament went to Cadet Midshipman R. L. Williams, whilst the Cup for the best loser for the night, presented by Comdr. Curry went to Cadet-Midshipman Farnsworth.

Finals:

Flyweight: Cook defeated Hinchliffe on points after an exceptionally good contest. Cook showed immense improvement over his previous bouts. Hinchliffe put up a good fight.

Feather Weight.—Synnot defeated Kerruish by a very narrow margin of points, after a very fine bout.

Light Weight.—Welch gained the decision on points over McWilliam, after a good, hard contest.

Welter Weight.—The Referee and Judge decided in favour of L. L. Williams in his contest with R. L. Williams. It was a great bout with R. L. Williams using a straight left with telling effect, against his forceful opponent.

Middle Weight.—Gordon defeated Farnsworth after an extra round had been ordered. Both boxed very hard throughout the bout and there was very little between them at the end.

Heavy Weight.—Ashley-Brown had a walk-over in the final as his opponent, Norbury, had left the College.

Good Losers prizes were awarded to Cadet-Midshipmen McWilliam, Robertson, Drew and Downs.

Billiards

The final of the Billiards' Championship was held in the Jervis Gunroom on 3rd March, 1931, in the presence of a large gallery including the three year Officers and the Jervis year. Farnsworth played a nice game and made the match interesting until the half way mark was reached, then Cody showed his superiority as a cueist, and ran out with a few nice breaks, and so captured the coveted championship and the prize of two V.C.'s The final scores were: 100 to 67.

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THE SCHOLARS

By Rudyard Kipling

(With the author's permission).

"Oh show me how a rose can shut and be a bud again."
 Nay, Watch My Lords of the Admiralty, for they have the work in train.
 They have taken the men that were careless lads at Dartmouth in 'Fourteen,
 And entered them in the landward schools as though no war had been.
 They have piped the children off all the seas from the Falklands to the Bight,
 And quartered them on the Colleges to learn to read and write,

Their books were rain and sleet and fog—the dry gale and the snow,
 Their teachers were the horned mines and the humped-back death below.
 Their schools were walled by the walking mists and roofed by the waiting skies,
 When they conned their task in a new-sown field with the moonlight sacrifice.

They were not rated too young to teach, nor reckoned unfit to guide,
 When they formed their class on Helle's beach at the bows of the "River Clyde."
 Their eyes are sunk by endless watch, their faces roughed by the spray,
 Their feet are drawn by the wet sea-boots they changed not night or day.
 When they guarded the six-knot convoy's flank on the road to Norrway.

Their ears are stuffed with the week long roar of the West Atlantic gale,
 When the sloops were watching the Irish shore from Galway to Kinsale.
 Their hands are scored where the lifelines cut or the dripping funnel stays,
 When they followed their leader at thirty knots between The Skaw and The Naze.
 Their mouths are filled with the magic words they learned at the collier's hatch,
 When they coaled in the foul December dawn and sailed in the forenoon watch.

Or measured the weight of a Pentland tide and the wind off Ronaldshay,
 Till the target mastered the breathless tug and the hawser carried away.
 They know the price to be paid for a fault—for a guage clock wrongly read,
 Or a picket boat to the gangway brought bows on and full ahead,
 Or the drowsy second's lack of thought that costs a dozen dead,

They have touched a knowledge outreaching speech, as when the cutters were sent
 To harvest the dreadful mile of beach after the "Vanguard" went.
 They have learned great faith and little fear and a high heart in distress,
 And how to suffer each sodden year of heaped up weariness.

They have borne the bridle upon their lips and the yoke upon their neck,
 Since they went down to the sea in ships to save a world from wreck;
 Since the chests were slung down the College stair at Dartmouth in 'Fourteen.
 And now they are quit of the sea-affair, as though no war had been;
 Far have they steamed, much have they known, and most they would fain forget;
 But now they have come to their joyous own with all the world in their debt.

Hallowed River, most gracious Trees, Chapel beyond compare,
 Here be gentlemen tired of the seas—take them unto your care.
 Far have they come, much have they braved: Give them their hour of play,
 While the hidden things their hands have saved work for them night and day.
 Till the grateful Past, their youth redeemed, return them their youth once more,
 And the soul of the child at last lets fall the unjust load that it bore.

The Trip in H.M.A.S. "Tattoo"

For some weeks the Cadets had been eager to go to sea in the "Tattoo," partly to renew acquaintance with Lieut-Commander Miller, and partly for the experience; at last we were able to do so.

On Wednesday morning, 11th November, the Cadet-Midshipmen of the Jervis Year left the Depot at 0725 in the Cadillac. A fast run along a good road made the trip to Port Melbourne short and pleasant, but once in Melbourne it took some time to find our destination. By 0900 we had found the "Tattoo" alongside Prince's Pier, and had boarded her. We were allowed to wander about the ship inspecting everything with the critical eyes of the hardened weather-beaten old "salts" that we are, until 'Fall in' for leaving harbour was sounded. Then six of us were told to go up to the bridge and to keep out of the way of everyone. From this point of vantage we watched the business of letting go and proceeding to sea, and were struck with the ease with which the "Tattoo" left the wharf and proceeded to steam down the channel.

Once out of the channel preparations were made for the real show; the captain sighted a formidable line of battleships bearing south, and warned the torpedo lieutenant to train his pets ready for firing; the ship swung round about six points to port, and as the tubes

came to bear on the enemy, they were fired. Of course the battery of cameras manned by cadet-bidshipmen was in action by now, and several nice 'shots' were obtained. During this time a seaplane circled the ship and caused a stir amongst the cadets as she swooped and banked round the ship.

Meanwhile, the "Tattoo" steamed on to pick up her missiles a mile away; a seaboot was manned, lowered and pulled out to recover the torpedoes, which were soon towed back to the ship, and hoisted inboard. The ship then retraced her course towards the pier where she was moored alongside at 1100. For the next quarter of an hour we watched with interest the torpedo gunners at work cleaning torpedoes and tubes, or explored the recesses of the engine room. At 1125 we started on the return journey, arriving in about half an hour at Frankston, where a place was selected for the parking of the car while we proceeded to bathe. Everyone went in and as the day was warm and sunny the dip was much appreciated. Lunch on the beach followed, after which we continued our way and arrived back at the College at about 1440.

The whole day from beginning to end was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. We all returned in high spirits, with the feeling of having had our curiosity satisfied regarding the life and ways of a small destroyer.

A Visit to Lord Somer's Camp

Rain had fallen previous to the little journey made by the Cadets to Lord Somer's camp, and as no conveyances were available we had to walk across the paddocks, which bore a close resemblance to swamps. This state of affairs, though it might damp the feet, could not damp youthful ardour, nor could it delay progress to any appreciable extent. Presently something red was seen in the corner of one of the paddocks. It was too large for a car, and its strange shape caused considerable speculation; it was probably a building of sorts, but what? As we gradually drew nearer and a better view of the object was obtained, it gradually took more definite and familiar shape, until it proclaimed itself to be what we had hardly expected to see in such a spot—an aeroplane.

Arrived at the camp we were greeted by loud yells—quite the customary greeting at Lord Somer's Camp. We had soon changed into football rig for the main purpose of the visit, to play the inmates at their own game, "Foot

and Hand Ball." This truly remarkable game is probably not unlike the game our fathers played in the days of "Good Queen Bess" in the streets of London. It is bound by no rules and players do as they like. Goals are scored by throwing the ball between two goal posts and under a cross bar, but the ball must go through them from the side on which lies the other goal. There are no boundaries, and not many more rules. What rules there are are simply intended to prevent the wanton and unnecessary shedding of blood. The result of the junior game was not all the cadets could have desired, for the score was one goal to nil in the adversaries' favour; in the senior match the result was a draw. In either game, at the finish it was extremely difficult to distinguish the colours of the competitors. A shower, however, removed quite a good deal of the mud, and we then went in to supper, for which after our exercise we had quite good appetites. We consumed large slabs of "duff" and there were those who remarked that it was just as

well that the meal followed the match and not the match the meal, and also that a lorry was being provided to return the naval visitors to their "ship."

After supper a camp fire was lighted, not without some considerable effort, and plenty of will and determination, to the accompaniment of numerous ribald remarks from the onlookers. The fire once going, the whole

camp sat round, and it was then that Lord Somers was presented with a book containing the names and addresses of all those who had been through the camp. His Excellency then bade farewell to the boys of the camp and the great scheme that was his, by the light of the camp fire—and in a pair of old shorts. That is the spirit of the camp!

J. Cody.

Trafalgar Day at Flinders Naval Depot

Once again the Depot became a seething hive of activity, as the one hundred and twenty-sixth anniversary of Nelson's greatest and last battle was celebrated with the customary reverence of the Navy. When the day came, despite the disheartening appearance of the day before, everything was bathed in a warm glow of sunshine in which gay bunting, bright dresses and glinting arms added that dash of colour and animation which is appropriate to a naval or military display. The Depot seamen, supplemented by a division from H.M.A.S. "Albatross," formed the Battalion. They were an inspiring sight as they carried out their drill in faultless style.

The Battalion was in the first place "fallen in" on the grass outside the seamen's blocks from which position they were marched down in line till they were level with the edge of the parade. The Cadets formed the short south side of the uncompleted square.

The Lieutenant-Governor, Sir William Irvine, arrived at about 1115, and was greeted

with a seventeen-gun salute. He inspected all the divisions and returned to the base when the twenty-one gun salute was fired, accompanied by "the King."

The Battalion next fired two "feux de Joie" and advanced towards the dais in review order to the first few bars of "Nancy Lee." They were then formed up in rear of the Cadets and dressed for the march past. The band now took the lead, and the whole marched past the dais to the appropriate strains of "Hearts of Oak." Having done that, the Parade was halted, turned about and dressed for marching back. On regaining the positions originally occupied for the march past, the whole formed fours and marched off the Parade Ground.

The ceremony proved most impressive and in every way a marked success. Everything went off without a flaw; company commanders, officers and men worked together as they did in the days when Nelson flew his flag in the "Victory."

..G. J. A. Ashley-Brown.

Inspiration and Perspiration

EXTRACT FROM A LETTER FROM HAROLD GATTY,

(Written from Washington, D.C.)

"During my four year stay in the United States I have got out of touch with the rest of my year, with the exception of Paterson, who is in Calgary, Alberta, from whom I hear now and again. I have been very busy since our return from the round the world flight. We have visited 46 out of the 48 States during the past four months, flying and visiting one town per day. At present I am negotiating with the Navy and Army Department for the sale of a license of an instrument I have perfected for ground speed and drift of airplanes. On February 1st I am taking the position of Senior Air Navigation Research

Engineer with the U.S. Army Air Corps. I am being employed as a civilian, for I am still an Australian citizen and intend to remain so. I plan to return to Australia to stay within the next two years. I expect to have sufficient capital by that time to start myself in business in Australia. There are just as many, if not more, opportunities in Australia as here—if you can see them. I have had considerable experience in business since I came over here. Just at present, on account of serious business conditions, I prefer to take a steady, well-paid position rather than engage in any commercial enterprise. During the past four years I have

had a Navigation Research laboratory and School in Los Angeles, California — which business I have recently sold. We devised a complete system of navigation tables, curves, chronometers and sextant (artificial horizon) and a system of instruction. For political and other reasons it was called the Weems System of Navigation, for Lieutenant Commander Weems of the U.S. Naval Hydrographic Office. He did a little of the work, and as he was

well-known and I was not, it was the best thing to do. I was such a dud in Navigation and Mathematics at the Naval College (and everything else) that it will probably surprise Instructor Commander Slater and others who tried to ram knowledge into my thick skull. But I took my weakest subject and made it my strongest: 1 per cent. inspiration and 99 per cent. perspiration."

Church Drill

The writer endeavours to picture what church would be like if organised on strict naval lines, and leaves to the reader to decide in his own mind whether such an organisation would be an improvement or otherwise on the more familiar routine.

Church Drill.

The Church's crew to consist of 17 men:—

1 Parson; 1 Verger; 2 Church Wardens; 1 Organist, who is assisted by a body of men, or boys, who, for drill purposes only, will be known as a "Choir."

At the order: "Fall In!"

The Parson or Vicar (as the case may be) will place himself at the East End of the Church's Aisle facing the South side of the Church. The remaining numbers will take up their positions as detailed:—

On the right of the Vicar—The Verger.

On the right of the Verger—Two Church Wardens.

On the right of the two Church Wardens—The Organist.

On the right of the Organist—The Choir, the shortest man or boy falling in on the right of the crew.

The crew having been fallen in, the Vicar will call them to attention, dress them and stand them at ease.

At the order: "Crew Number!" The Vicar will call "One," the Verger will call "Two," and so on in succession to the right.

At the order: "Close Up!" The Vicar only, moving at the double, will repair to the vestry where he will provide himself with Surplice, Cassock and the necessary gear of office, on the completion of which he will return into the Church and place himself in rear of the Lectern.

The order "Close Up!" having been given, the remainder will close up as their numbers are called, as follows:—

The Verger: will provide himself with a cassock and take up his position at the West End of the Aisle.

The Organist: having made certain that he has acquired the necessary music, will take up his position in rear of the organ.

Note.—Uniform for the Organist is left to the discretion of the Vicar, who will issue orders from time to time, as he sees fit.

The Church Wardens: will provide themselves with plates or bags, as the case may be, for the collection of the offerings at the conclusion of the drill, and then take up their positions in Pews as detailed by the Vicar.

The Choir: having provided themselves with Cassocks and Surplices, will, after having been inspected by the Verger, be marched into the Church, where they will take up their positions six in a Pew, facing inboard.

Duties of the Church's Crew:—

The Vicar: is responsible for the correct general working of the Church, and he will conduct himself in an austere and priest-like manner.

The Organist: is responsible for the correct working of the Organ, and is directly responsible to the Vicar for the correct training and singing of the Choir.

The Verger: is responsible for the correct working of the Church, In and Out, also for the prayer books etc., and should acquaint himself with the various members of the congregation and their positions when closed up for Service.

The Church Wardens: are responsible for conducting any strange member of the Church to his position when closed up, and shall collect offerings from the congregation, at the conclusion of the drill, in the plates or bags provided for the purpose.

The Choir: are, under the supervision of the Organist, responsible for the harmony in the Church, and should make it their duty to sing in a loud and audible manner.

At the order: "Cast Loose."

All numbers will clear away all obstructions in the way of the working of the Church.

The Vicar: will double into the vestry and see all his gear is handy, should he require it at any time; he will see his Altar is clear, Bookmarkers correct, Lectern and Pulpit cleared away, and see his Vicar's Clock is in working order in the pulpit. When called on for his report he will report: "Lectern cleared away, Pulpit cleared away, Vicar's Clock in place and in hand."

The Organist: will first double down below and open up pressure to the Organ; before doing so he will give the caution: "Stand clear of the stops." He will then return to the Church where he will run his Organ through the full limits of treble and bass, and in conjunction with the Vicar will test through the Church communications. He will also see that his Mirrors are focussed and their powers adjusted. When called on for his report he will report: "Organ cleared away and in hand; air pressure open; Mirrors focussed and their powers adjusted; Music correct; communications correct."

The Verger: will first go outside the Church and see all cleared away, and see his tombstones upright. He will then return into the Church, see everything in the Church in the cleared away position, see his Font full, hymn tell tales correct. He will then report: "Outside cleared away, tombstones correct, inside cleared away, tell tales correct, Font full."

The Church Wardens: will provide themselves with bags or plates as detailed for collecting the offerings, and will then take up their positions at the West End of the Aisle.

The Choir: will repair to the Vestry, provide themselves with Surplice and Cassock and align themselves in their correct positions.

At the order: "Test Safety and Loading Gear."

The Organist: will endeavour to play the Organ with the stops in: this should be impossible. He will also try to play without the Choir: this should be impossible. He will also try to play without either the Choir or the

Congregation: this should be impossible. He will then report to the Vicar: "Safety and Loading Gear correct," or not, as the case may be.

The Vicar: will, in conjunction with the Congregation, endeavour to sing the Te Deum before the Psalms. This should be impossible.

At the caution: "Hymn No. —."

The Choir and Congregation will seize their Hymn Books, the Choir only rising to their feet.

On the number of the Hymn being given by the vicar: the whole will open their books at the page detailed, at the same time glancing at the Hymn Tell Tale Board. The organist will now play through the first few bars of the Hymn for the benefit of the Congregation, upon the conclusion of which the Congregation will rise to their feet, and taking the lead from the Vicar, will sing through the Hymn as before detailed, concluding with the Amen as laid down in the Drill Book.

The service will be carried out as per drill book, the Vicar completing the same with a suitable Sermon or Address.

At the order: "Cease Fire!"

The Vicar: will at once adopt the quickest possible way to stop the Sermon, at the same time stopping the Vicar's Clock. Having seen everything secured in the Pulpit, the Vicar will proceed to the East End of the Church and place himself in front of the Altar. The Vicar leaning his body slightly forward, will step off with the left foot and lead his crew out into the Vestry, to a suitable accompaniment by the Organist.

The service having been completed, the Secure will be sounded by the Organist, at the sound of which the Congregation will rise (having first collected their hats, sticks, and overcoats, as the case may be) and will leave the Church by the shortest possible route.

The Organist will see that pressure is shut off the Organ, and that it is left in hand, after which he will repair to the Vestry, muster the Choir and report them present to the Vicar, who will give the order for them to be dismissed.



Dan Cupid's very hard to please

Dan Cupid's very hard to please;
 Infrequently, I wis
 Does Abelard win Heloise,
 Or Dante, Beatrice,

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The maid I loved was passing fair,
 And ardently I sought her;
 But she espoused a millionaire,
 And sailed across the water.

The girl who stole your heart away,
 (With bliss did you bestow it)
 Succumbed to a seductive lay;
 Embraced an earnest poet.

So you pack up your trunks, and go
 To live on the Equator
 While I depart for Borneo
 To shoot an alligator.

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On Cupid's head abuse is piled,
 Whene'er an arrow misses;
 Which goes to show the risk, my child,
 Of playing cards for kisses.

Lament for Lost Names

The quaint Elizabethan
 Invoking of his flames
 In subtle song or lyric,
 Could write a panegyric,
 A purple panegyric
 To good poetic names.

When musing on the passions
 'Tis often in my mind
 That anyone could be a
 True lover to Althea:
 But fragrant, fair, Althea
 Is very hard to find.

And underneath the spell of
 Soft music, or the moon,
 The name I could adore is
 The sweet melodious Chloris;
 But laughter-loving Chloris
 Is rare as snows in June.

To phrase a passing fancy
 In verses good or bad,
 The shrinking poetaster
 Could cherish a Lucasta;
 But where is the Lucasta
 Since Lovelace was a lad.

So I must take a Betty,
 Deserting the sublime;
 Or else, to be contrary,
 Familiar, simple Mary;
 For unpoetic Mary
 Is good for any time.

A Day with a Running Flotilla

A crisp, spring morning, brilliant sunshine and a sharp wind, at 6.30 a.m. saw us all in readiness to start off on the day's work. I had the honour of being a guest on board the ship of the Senior Officer of the Flotilla—known colloquially as the "S.O."

The Navy starts life early in the day—everyone was on the "qui vive" before 6.30, and everything on the "top line" in readiness for our departure at 7 o'clock. After the usual rattling of the anchor cables, accompanied by sundry remarks from the Officer in charge of that particular department, we steamed slowly and quietly away from the anchorage; the "S.O.'s" ship leading the line. At first we steamed in single line ahead, till we passed out of harbour, and turned towards the open sea. Then began the consultations between the Captain and Navigator—so apparently informal and casual, as is the Navy's way—but actually

so filled with the responsibility of decisions, which affect the actions of some hundreds of brains and hands, not to mention the scope and power of the mechanical appliances under control. For each man in each ship has exactly his own job to perform, yet each man in each ship has to give implicit obedience to his senior in command, and all give implicit obedience to the word of the one in supreme command.

From one man's brain therefore, all these ships, and "all hands" on board, take their cue, and carry out his slightest wish.

The first manoeuvre sketched lightly by the Captain—as he stood there glancing ahead, with his hands behind his back, apparently in casual mood—was a scouting scheme. That is to say, his plan was to send out some of the "hounds" of his "pack" to draw covert. Smell out the fox—in this instance the potential enemy. A few abrupt words to the Yeoman

of Signals, a flutter of pennants—of various colours run up mast high—followed by answering signals from the other ships, and the pack scattered. Some darted ahead, apparently chasing a distant "fox," others spread out in a sort of fan shaped formation, probably about a mile apart, but rapidly increasing the distance. Various messages were constantly interchanged, sometimes by flag signals, occasionally—from the more distant ships—by wireless.

Suddenly the "S.O." decided to re-assemble his "pack." At the order "Resume stations" they all raced back. I was dumb with amazement. One is accustomed to the implicit obedience of the hounds to the huntsman's horn, but this orderly yet rapid falling into their original places, of those scattered ships, filled me with wonder. We steamed quietly ahead, in single line formation again, at a moderate speed. I fancy some consideration for the men's "dinner hour" had something to do with this. By this time, we had rounded an outlying headland, and the sea, which had been "choppy" from the start, was now rather more boisterous. We began to roll and pitch. I hardly realised, standing on the bridge, what it would be like "down below." However I was soon to know. A steward came up to announce that lunch was ready for the Captain—if he wanted it—and leaving the course for the Navigator to carry out, as per plan—the Captain and I went down to his cabin. There was a certain bareness noticeable, in the lack of any ornaments or photographs—these having been stowed away by his servant, owing to the now violent rolling and pitching of the ship.

The table was lashed to the wall, and our chairs were steady enough, but the food had a tiresome way of eluding one's mouth, and most of my excellent helping of pie toboganned rapidly away from its destination. Then bang, bang!—a "green sea" had hit the foc'sle with a bump, the cabin tried to stand on its head, righted itself with a jerk, but in so doing upset the equilibrium of the copper coal scuttle, which flung itself, and its contents, at our feet. The cabin floor was literally covered, and a few biscuits, some outlying pats of butter, and a bit of cheese or two, mixed delightfully with the heap of coal. We tried to gulp down a hasty glass of liquid—not very successfully—then gave up eating and returned to the bridge.

Then began the next "manouvre." This time it was gunnery. "All hands to general quarters" was the cryptic remark. And by the time we got into somewhat calmer water, I staggered to the side of the bridge to see the guns, stripped of their covers, and the gun crews "standing by" for action. The next thing was to find a suitable target. A fine three-masted barque sailing across the line of horizon, some miles distant, just met the require-

ments, and the whole Flotilla was ordered to sight her.

The shining grey bodies of the guns lifted their noses, and sniffed the air for their prey. How little that sailing barque realized her danger! A bunch of grey specks in the distance, as harmless as a flock of gulls, from her point of view—yet capable, at a second's notice, of blowing her into a thousand pieces! The whole process of loading and firing was gone through, the dummy charges fired, and the sailing ship ceased to exist, for all practical purposes. Another target now presented itself on the "starboard quarter," and at the word of command, round swung the guns, lowering their noses to a different focus. I could just catch a glimpse of the operations, copied in every detail, in the other ships. They all seemed to move by clockwork—dependent on the rapidly changing flutter of pennants from the "S.O.'s" bridge, for their controlling hand.

As the Flotilla closed up and the ships came to comparatively close quarters, the "2 flag" signalling was at times replaced by semaphore. Either by the semaphore instrument with long wooden arms, or by the Yeoman of Signals himself, with his own incredibly swift arm movements. The system of talking to each other, from small or great distances, has indeed been reduced, by the Navy, to a fine art.

As the afternoon wore on, we had a delightful opportunity of studying the coast of—shire. The sun glinting on the crimson cliffs, with patches of golden gorse beyond, and the fresh green of spring turf and young hedges.

A sweeping movement into a certain bay convinced the "S.O." of the insecurity of anchorage there, in the wind then prevailing. So we rounded another headland and found ourselves in one of the most beautiful natural harbours in England.

The calmness of the water was particularly noticeable to us, after our "dressing down" outside, and we skimmed along like motor launches on the Thames, till we reached our appointed moorings.

Sundry directions and salutations were of course received from the Harbour Master, and we had hardly come to anchor before a picket boat steamed alongside, and the Officer of the Guard came on board to call on the "S.O." But not before I heard various wireless signals directed to be waved forth in all directions—the C. in C.'s in the various districts which we had left, and arrived at. The Navy does not hide the light of its movements under a bushel and I noticed with interest, a paragraph in the next day's "Times," briefly reporting our little voyage. M.B.

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.

Ask L'Homme en gris

Since the last number of the magazine a bureau has been opened by "L'homme en gris" for the benefit of the victims of Cupid's deadly weapons. This remarkable person wishes everyone who is distressed over any little episode of the heart to write to:

"L'Homme en Gris, Box YZ, R.A.N.C. Letter Board.

As an illustration of the magnificent work which is being done in this noble effort to help suffering humanity, we give below some enquiries, together with the replies of this public-spirited benefactor.

My dear "Homme en Gris,"

I have just turned seventeen, wear size 24 trousers, do the brushback, have sideboards and a double-breasted waistcoat, smoke nothing stronger than tea-leaves and drink only water. Why cannot I find a girl of the sweet-seventeen-never-been-kissed variety, who will take an interest in me? Do I lack something?

Yours, etc., "Lonely."

Dear "Lonely,"

I advise you to cut your sideboards off, and your trousers down to Twenties, wear ordinary waistcoats and make a part in your hair. I think "Lucky Hit" is a good tobacco, and try drinking (orange) champagne or (ginger) beer. You will find a change.

Yours etc., "L'Homme en Gris."

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My dear "Homme en Gris,"

The other day I was walking with my fiance in the Depot when he was chased by the bulldog Mascot, "Bruce," who tore the bottom off one of his trouser legs. When I came up to him I heard him say, "Damn that dog, if

I catch him I'll kill him!" This seems to show (1) that he is mad, for he talks to himself; (2) he is vindictive and cruel, (3) he uses bad language.

Should I marry him.

Yours etc., "In Doubt."

Dear "In Doubt,"

I would forgive my fiance if I were you. It is pretty hard to control one's feelings under such circumstances. I would marry, and then if not satisfied go to America, where you can get a divorce quite easily.

Yours etc., "L'Homme en Gris."

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Dear "L'Homme en Gris,"

I fell in love with a Cadet at the Passing Out Dance, and we became quite intimate during the course of the evening. While sitting out one dance I asked him in a casual way what battalion the cadets belonged to. He turned scarlet without a word, rose and left me. What shall I do?

Yours etc., "Left Stranded."

Dear "Left Stranded,"

Yours is an unpardonable crime, a heinous crime—to confuse a Cadet-Midshipman with a Staff Cadet! With much persuasion and apologising you may regain his good will, but that I fear, is not very likely. Time may, however heal the wound, though there are some things which a Cadet-Midshipman can never forget.

Yours etc., "L'Homme en Gris."

(We are indebted to Cadet-Midshipman Cook for the report of this most worthy enterprise.—Editor).

SPORTS RECORDS

100 Yards (Open)—

C. J. Stephenson (1924), 10 3/5 secs. . . . 1927

100 Yards (Under 16)—

F. T. Rorke (1915), 10 4/5 secs. . . . 1917

100 Yards (Under 15)—

A. H. Percival (1919), 11 2/5 secs. . . . 1920

D. A. Menlove (1920) 1921

100 Yards (Under 14)—

A. H. Robertson (1927), 11 3/5 secs. . . . 1927

440 Yards (Open)—

R. R. Dowling (1915) 53 secs. 1918

Mile (Open)—

D. Logan (1926), 4 min. 58 3/5 secs. 1927

Broad Jump (Open)—

N. McGuire (1922), 20ft. 9 1/2 ins. . . . 1925

Broad Jump (Under 5ft. 4ins.)—

R. F. Hatherell (1919), 18ft. 7ins. . . . 1923

High Jump (Open)—

R. D. Hancock (1920), 5ft. 3 1/8 ins. . . . 1923

High Jump (Under 5ft. 4ins.)—

A. D. Cairns (1915), 4ft. 9ins. 1917

Throwing the Cricket Ball—

R. C. Pockley (1916), 102yds. 1ft. 10ins. 1919

Hurdles (Open)—

R. D. Hancock (1920) 17 3/10 secs. . . . 1923

The Establishment of Flinders Naval Depot

(From "History of Western Port," by Rev. A. J. Martin, B.D., R.A.N.).

One of the results of Federation was the amalgamation of the various Colonial Navies under the name of the Commonwealth Naval Forces. Gradually public opinion strengthened and the Fisher Labour Government decided to build and maintain a local navy, with the result that by Royal prerogative, His Majesty's Royal Australian Navy was established in 1911.

The previous year the Cabinet had requested Admiral Sir Reginald Henderson, K.C.B., to state "the best position for a central naval base, and the positions for secondary bases for the service of a Fleet."

He came out to Australia and inspected most of the ports of our extensive coastline, and embodied in a lengthy report, dated 1st March, 1911, his views and decisions relative to the establishment of an efficient local Navy.

The building of a complete fleet of 52 ships was to be spread over 22 years, reaching finality in 1934.

This fleet was to consist of: 8 Armoured Cruisers; 10 Protected Cruisers; 18 Destroyers; 12 Submarines; 3 Depot Ships for Flotilla; 1 Repair Ship. Total complement, 15,000 officers and men.

This fleet was to be divided into two divisions—Eastern and Western—with 26 ships in each. Fremantle and Western Port were to be the principal bases of the Western division, with Sydney and Brisbane for the Eastern. At Western Port were to be based the 2nd Destroyer Flotilla and the 2nd Submarine Flotilla.

Naval depots were to be established: (a) at Sydney—Naval Depot: Gunnery, Signal, Wireless Telegraphy, and Cookery Schools; (b) at Western Port—Naval Depot and Torpedo School.

Admiral Henderson wrote: "Port Western is a very good harbour, and until Cockburn Sound (Fremantle), which is far more important from the strategical point of view, is ready, this port must be used by the Western division as one of its principal anchorages and as a place where ships should be able to replenish with coal or oil fuel."

This plan, which covered a period of 22 years (the first seven years, and the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th, five years each, was actually adopted, and the first section—a Fleet unit—consisting of the Armoured cruiser, three protected cruisers, six destroyers, and three submarines, was proceeded with. Naval Barracks were to be erected at Western Port between Sandy Point and Stony Point which, including the torpedo school, destroyer base, and submarine base, were to be capable of accommodating a personnel of 2,000 ranks and ratings.

However, the war intervened and a part only of the above programme materialized. Post-war financial stringency, naval limitations, Admiral Jellicoe's advice, political difficulties—all, in one way and another, have caused fundamental changes in the original plan.

Williamstown, the Victorian depot of pre-Federation days, had continued to serve the same purpose for the R.A.N. It soon became apparent that it was too small, and to make matters more difficult, the State Government wanted the area for local shipping. It became imperative that a commencement of a base at Western Port should be made. The present property, originally owned by the Hann family (after whom the inlet is named), and then by Clausen, Schutt, and finally Stacey, was purchased in 1911.

The 12th February, 1912, saw the first sod turned. The historic spot is on the roadway a little to the north of the Power House. An Australian Flag was hoisted from one of the pine trees close by, and the official party included Senator Pearce, Admiral Cresswell, Mr. Fanstone (Naval Works' Director), and Pay-Commander Manisty (Naval Secretary).

(The Base was officially opened under Commander F. C. Darley, R.N., on 1st September, 1920, and in the following year "it was decided to make the Base a Training establishment, and with the decision its name was altered from Flinders Naval Base to Flinders Naval Depot.")

Ed.

"And All I Ask Is a Tall Ship"

To-day I shall not know

The glory of the skies,
Or the great winds that blow

Salt spray to lips and eyes;
Nor hear the rush of the seas, nor the sea-
birds' cries.

Yet this shall comfort me

Within these silent walls,
That other days shall be,

Ere the darkness falls,
When I shall be free to go where the great
sea calls.

COLOURS, 1931

Rugby.	Hockey.	Tennis.	Athletics.	Rowing.
Ashley-Brown Raper	Adams McDonald Gordon	Tapp	Hudson McDonald	Skottowe McDonald Gabriel

Honorary Colours, 1931

Rugby.	Hockey.
Drew Farnsworth Gabriel	Farnsworth St. Vincent-Welch. Collins

McDonald was the winner of the Governor-General's Cup for the best all-round athlete.

What's Up?

It's time we did a little thinking, lest,
In these dark days of lotteries and loot,
When half the country governs all the rest,
And lunatics are far too prone to shoot:
With mob control, extravagance, and debt,
Our worthier citizens migrate to Tibet.

We spend quite gladly other people's money;
We borrow right and left, within, without,
We sell (at times) wool, wheat, wine, meat,
and honey,
And still our land's up the financial spout.
Our wise heads give advice which no one
follows:

Our public coffers are resounding hollows.

We have our troubles of another sort,
With New Guards, Communists, De Groot's,
and Langs,
With lock-outs, strikes, in every town and
port,
Rebellions, outrages, and basher gangs:
Talk of secession in the south and west,
And no one knowing which is worst or best.

Is this the land we used to boast about?
The Great South Land, Australia Felix named?
Are we the race who used to sing (or shout)
In our own praise so loud and unashamed?
The land's all right: we may be so again,
If only race and rulers will be sane.

But still we've some things left to boast about:
Lindrum, and Phar Lap, Bradman, Crawfords
(two),

Surely it's something when they go and rout
Deadly opponents of the ball and cue:
The Yankee's three best horses: or make play
With Boards of Control, or the L.T.A.A.

Then there's the Bridge: a wonder of the
world;
Graceful, immense, an arch of curving steel
From shore to shore across the harbour
hurled;
Truly sublime: to make beholders feel
Here is a nation great at heart; forget
This mighty structure is not paid for yet.

There are some other things I'd like to
mention,
By which our reputation suffers much;
But now I must avoid prolonged detention
Of you my readers, if there should be such,
What's more, I find I haven't got a stiver . . .
Could you, by any chance, advance a fiver?

THE WINTER GAME

The seasons come and the seasons go;
With winter winds and with summer sun,
With spring-tide freshness and autumn glow,
Each after each do the seasons run.
But ever the winter brings again
A joy that the dullest understands,
As he feels, in spite of the cold and rain,
The thrill of the leather between the hands.

Delight of the green turf underneath,
Of the long, lithe stride, and the clever turn,
The open lungs and the deep-drawn breath,
These are a joy who lives may learn.
And the love of the game is over all,
And even the dullest understands,
In spite of the bump and the racking fall,
The thrill of the leather between the hands.

While the heart is young and the limbs are
strong,
And the arms are able to take and hold,
Remember this, that we live not long,
Ere sinews slacken and hearts grow cold.
So up and learn of the joys of strife,
A joy that the dullest understands,
For life is a game—and the best of life
The thrill of the leather between the hands.

List of Officers and Cadets at the End of 1931

NAVAL STAFF:

Captain Superintendent of Training	C. H. BENSON, D.S.O.
Commander	H. CURRY, D.S.C.
Lieutenant	F. N. COOK.
Lieutenant	J. C. MORROW.
Instructor Commander	J. C. SLATER, M.A., B.Sc.

PROFESSORIAL STAFF:

Director of Studies	R. F. COWAN, B.A.
Senior Master	F. B. ELDRIDGE, B.A.
Senior Master	H. D. SIMPSON, B.A., B.Sc.
Master	G. F. ADENEY, M.A.

CADET-MIDSHIPMEN UNDER TRAINING.

Jervis Year, 1928.

Adams, J. M. (C.C.)
 Ashley-Brown, G. J. A.
 Cody, J. J.
 Collins, R. H. (C.C.)
 Drew, W. S.
 Farnsworth, R. T.
 Gabriel, G. E.
 Gordon, G. S.
 Hudson, C. M. (C.C.)
 Peek, R. I.
 Raper, I. C.
ST. VINCENT-WELCH, S. (C.C.C.)

Phillip Year, 1929.

Brewster, H. C. W.
 Downs, I. F. G.
 Kerruish, R. H. E.
 Maxwell, J.
Macartney, J. H. B. (C.C.)
McDonald, I. H. (C.C.)
 McWilliam, N.D.
 Skottowe, N. B.
 Tapp, W. K.
 Wheeler, W. G.
 Williams, L. L.
 Williams, R. L.

Cook Year, 1930.

Burgin, H. G.
 Cook, W. F.
 Folkard, J. M.
 Fowle, G. L.

Hinchliffe, L. M.
 Jellicoe, P. R.
 Milner, T.
 Peel, E. J.

Purvis, I. K.
 Ramsay, J. M.
 Robertson, R. J.
 Synnot, T. M.

