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Notes and Comments

ON the 19th anniversary of the official opening of the Naval College at North Geelong on March 1st, 1913, a telegram of congratulation was sent to the Minister for Defence, Senator Sir George Pearce, who was again Minister for Defence. The Minister acknowledged this message in the following words:

"The Captain, Officers, Cadet-Midshipmen and other ranks of the Royal Australian Naval College. Greetings to you on the anniversary of the opening of the College. I personally had Ministerial direction of the arrangements for instituting the establishment of the College, and I have watched with keen interest the useful part it has played in the building up of the Royal Australian Navy. You have inherited the grand and glorious traditions of the Royal Navy, and those who have passed through the College are building up traditions for the Royal Australian Navy. I wish you all a very successful year."

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In the middle of March a shadow was cast by the death of Commander Hugh Curry, who, in the short time he had been with us had greatly endeared himself to the College as well as to the whole Depot. The College, both staff and cadets, were present at the funeral on March 19th, and took part in the march from the chapel to the cemetery. We extend our sincerest sympathy to Mrs. Curry and her two small sons.

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We congratulate Lieut. J. S. Mesley, who gained first class certificates in all subjects of examination for the rank of lieutenant, and who was awarded a prize to the value of £8. He obtained second place in a class of fifteen. This is, of course, what we should expect Mesley to do, for, on passing out of the College in 1927 he carried off with him the Grand Aggregate and Navigation Prizes. At his examinations in July, 1930, he obtained

special mention from the examiners. Well done, Mesley!

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In the Navy we pride ourselves on the maintenance of the traditions of the service; in the College, which is the cradle of the Australian branch of the great naval service of the Empire, we are proud to maintain the traditions which, during twenty years, have been gradually built up. On 30th June this year we were proud to learn that two of the pioneers had reached that height so dizzy to the small First Year Cadet where, if there is not an actual halo, there is at least an appearance of golden oak leaves and a conspicuous increase of gold lace on the sleeve. All at present at the College heartily congratulate Commanders H. B. Farncomb and J. A. Collins upon their promotion, and look forward to further opportunities of congratulation in the future.

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This year was marked by a new departure in the matter of appointments, the positions of Assistant District Naval Officers being occupied by Jervis Bay trained officers, Lieut. A. C. Mather to Hobart, Lieut. A. E. Buchanan to Williamstown, Lieut. J. Walsh to Adelaide, Lieut. F. R. James to Brisbane, and Lieut. M. J. Clark to Sydney.

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This year three Cadet-Midshipmen were selected to take part in the Interservice Sports held at Queenscliff in April. Skottowe and Milner took part in the swimming and Cook in the diving. All three were placed.

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It is with very sincere regret that we record the death of Lieut.-Commander A. D. Conder, one of the Geelong pioneers. We extend our deep sympathy to Mrs. Conder and the members of his family.

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T. K. Morrison has been demonstrating what he can do in the cricket world. He played for

the Mediterranean Fleet, and our latest report is that he has played for the Navy.

D. T. Gale represented the Navy in the Interservice Sports.

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One of the features of the Friday night "hop" has been the orchestra, which this year has achieved quite a high state of efficiency. When the College was moved from Jervis Bay the old cinema machine was sold and part of the proceeds was held for the purchase of a set of drums. Macartney is our indispensable and accomplished pianist, McDonald plays a piccolo, Cook renders sweet melodies on his violin. Ukeleleists are McWilliam, Gordon and Robertson; Milner plays a banjo-mandolin, and last, but by no means least, is our very efficient drummer—Folkard.

The orchestra always manages to put in some practice during the week and is always up to form on the latest music for the dances. Officers, Cadets, and even our guests, have been most generous in providing the latest pieces of jazz music as soon as they are put on the market, and the result is that no one piece has a chance to get stale. We hope that there will be at least one pianist in the new cadets, and that the high degree of efficiency of the College orchestra will be maintained in future years.

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The arrivals and departures during the year have been as follows:—

On January 1st Lieut. Cook departed and Lieut.-Commander Tate and Lieut. Plunkett-Cole joined. In June Captain Sarel relieved Captain Benson as Second Naval Member, and Captain Superintendent of Training. In September, Lieutenant-Commander Stewart joined. Our best wishes go with those whom the Service calls to other duties, and we extend a hearty welcome to those who have taken their place.

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Four names have been added during the last Term to the list of Life-Subscribers to the

Magazine. These are Lieut.-Commander Stewart, Lieutenants Morrow, Moran, and Plunkett-Cole. The editor will be pleased to receive a guinea and a half from any other officers who desire to become life-subscribers. A list of Life-Subscribers is published in this number. If your name is not included will you take the necessary steps to see that it is included next time?

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An appeal is made to former Cadets of the R.A.N. College for contributions, whether serious or frivolous, prose or verse. The editor feels that there is much talent in the Australian section of the 'Silent Service' which is being hidden under a bushel, and suggests that an occasional outburst of expression in what is really a 'Service' publication, would not in any sense endanger the preservation of a tradition which is being so admirably maintained.

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In July a team of R.A.N.C. debaters met a team from Melbourne Church of England Grammar School, the subject of debate being, "That modern machinery and inventions constitute a menace to present-day social and economic conditions." Chief Cadet-Captain McDonald presided as Chairman, and our team—which consisted of Cadet-Midshipman McWilliam, Cadet-Captain Macartney, Cadet-Midshipmen Skottowe and Tapp (in order of speaking)—supported the negative side.

Grammar's team consisted of Rerford, Shaw, Scott and Brown. As in the case of last year's debate, the judges pronounced the result a draw. We hope that the debate will be an annual fixture, for the talent brought to light in the two debates so far held is in itself evidence of the value to be obtained from such rhetorical exercises.

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We wish to express to Rear-Admiral Sarel our hearty congratulations upon his promotion.

College Log

1931.

- Dec. 5th.—Tennis Championship Finals.
 " 6th.—Squash Racquets Championship Finals.
 " 11th.—Passing Out Examinations completed.
 " 12th.—Cricket. Cadets v. Officers. Cadets won.
 " 14th.—Jervis Year dinner in the Ward-room.
 " 15th.—Jervis Year Cricket v. The Rest. Jervis Year won.

- " 16th.—Depot Sports' Day. Cadets' Christmas Dinner.
 " 17th.—Passing Out. Prize-giving in the Cadets' Mess Room.
 " 18th.—Leave began.

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- Jan. 1st.—Departure of Lieut. Cook. Arrival of Lieut-Comdr. Tate and Lieut. Plunkett-Cole.
 Feb. 5th.—Cadets returned from Long Leave.
 " 25th.—Swimming Sports.

- „ 28th.—Mrs. Benson presented the Prizes for Swimming.
- Mar. 5th.—Mid-Term break. Cricket: College v. Brighton Grammar. Won by 15 runs.
- „ 7th.—Mid-Term break continued. Rain.
- „ 12th.—Cricket, v. Melbourne Grammar at Melbourne. Lost by innings and 11 runs.
- „ 13th.—Cricket, v. R.A.F. cadets. Won by 4 wickets.
- „ 17th.—Death of Commander Hugh F. Curry, R.N.
- „ 19th.—Funeral.
- „ 27th.—Cadets visit Somers Camp.
- April 4th.—Three Cadets went to Queenscliff for Inter-Service Sports—Swimming.
- „ 6th.—Depot and College inspected by Minister for Defence and First Naval Member.
- „ 8th.—Mid-Term break.
- „ 9th.—Cricket, v. R.A.F. Cadets, at Point Cook. R.A.N.C. won.
- „ 21st.—Individual Athletic Championships.
- „ 23rd.—Inter-Watch Athletic Sports.
- „ 25th.—Commenced Football practice.
- May 1st.—Finals of Handicap Singles and Doubles Tennis.
- „ 4th.—Tasmanian Cadets proceed on leave.
- „ 5th.—Cadets proceed on leave.
- June 2nd.—Cadets return from leave.
- „ 3rd.—King's Birthday Parade.
- „ 7th.—Captain Sarel relieved Captain Benson.
- „ 14th and 15th.—Entrance Examination for R.A.N.C.
- „ 29th.—Rugby First XV. v. Depot Lost, 0—6.
- „ 30th.—Collins (1913) and Farncomb (1913) promoted.
- July 2nd.—Hockey, v. Old Melbournians. Won 3—1.
- „ 9th.—Cross Country Race. Won by Phillip Year.
- „ 18th.—Debate, v. Melbourne C.E.G.S.
- „ 23rd.—Rugby, Weakest XV. v. Scotch. Won.
- „ 27th.—Rugby, Cadets v. Officers. Lost, 19—0.
- „ 29th.—Mid-Term break.
- „ 30th.—Weakest XV. v. Scotch, in Melbourne. Lost, 11—8.
- Aug. 6th.—Hockey, Cadets v. Metropolitan. Draw, 3—3.
- „ 13th.—Rifle shooting, v. M.C.E.G.S. Lost 0—3.
- „ 17th.—Inter-Watch Boxing.
- „ 27th.—1st XV. v. R.A.A.F. 14 all.
- Sept. 2nd.—Leave.
- „ 13th.—New Entry joined.
- „ 16th.—Remainder of Cadets joined.
- „ 21st.—Rugby, v. Officers. Lost, 20—11.
- „ 24th.—End of the Football season.
- „ 27th.—Lieut.-Comdr. Stewart joined.
- Oct. 8th.—First round of open skiffs.
- „ 19th.—Regatta.
- „ 21st.—Trafalgar Day — Cadets visit the ships.
- „ 22nd to 24th.—Mid-Term break.

Passing Out

Passing Out was held on Thursday, 17th December, the prize-giving this year taking place in the Cadets' Mess Room. The Cadet-Midshipmen were drawn up in front of the College where they were inspected by His Excellency the Governor-General, after which the assembled gathering—cadets, officers and guests—took their places in the Messroom, where a dais had been arranged in front of the fire place. This year the First Naval Member of the Navy Board, Rear-Admiral Hyde, was also present.

The Captain of the College, Captain Cyril Benson, D.S.O., R.N., spoke a few words by way of introduction.

The Director of Studies, Mr. R. F. Cowan, B.A., then read his report, after which the prizes were presented by His Excellency.

His Excellency, in the course of his address said: "Any opportunity that time affords me to meet His Majesty's Navy

I regard both as a duty and as a personal pleasure. As the King's Representative, I need hardly say that the arm of the service that has for so long been the first line of defence, and also an indispensable means of communication in a world-wide empire, naturally makes a strong appeal to me. We know also of the King's long personal association with the Navy. These things combine to assure me that I can well come to you on behalf of His Majesty, knowing the deep interest he takes in you and the Navy. I am sure when the King knows of what you are doing, of the promise for the future, he will be greatly pleased. For myself personally, I should like to say simply and shortly, and with great sincerity, that I consider the arrangements and work of this College excellent. The syllabus and course of instruction is wide and comprehensive and I can confidently say that any one mastering it can well maintain himself

in any cultured circle. The syllabus shows—putting aside the mere physical fitness which comes in the course of ordinary daily duty—how far-reaching are the qualifications thought necessary for the making of a Naval Officer. It shows that his mind must be stored with many essential facts, that his mind must be trained too, to obedience, discipline, alertness, decision, personal reverence and honour. I am happy to think from what Captain Benson has said and from the report of the Director of Studies, and from what I have myself seen, that this College, in spite of bad times and adverse circumstances—which of course are by no means confined to this College—can still hold its own and put forth such results as we have before us to-day, that it can so well maintain the spirit, calibre and traditions of the Royal Navy.

"This College has had its share of adversity, and I am glad to learn that it has not succumbed, and that it is not likely to succumb. It is founded not on principles of personal aggrandisement, but on the sure and stable rock of patriotism, well grounded in history of the Navy whose annals from the time of Queen Elizabeth to the present day show a marvellous transition in technique and equipment, but always one constant factor, the spirit of loyalty to King and country, of devotion to duty, of that dash and daring which yet mixes caution with its courage, and in addition, that superlative genius for seamanship characteristic of British sailors. This spirit runs through the whole story like a golden thread—from the Armada to Zeebrugge, and from Trafalgar to Falkland Island and the Cocos.

"This College is an Australian College, and Australia inherits the never failing spirit of the British Navy, and I would like to look on this College as a shrine where that spirit is preserved and passed on. The Cadets who pass out must remember to guard that spirit as the brightest jewel of the service.

It is not uncommon for people to try and personify their national spirit. I join with the naval poet, Sir Henry Newbolt, in linking that spirit with Drake, who led the way at bowls and then sailed his fleet to victory. Newbolt's lines are, no doubt, quite familiar to you:

"Call him on the deep sea, call him up the
Sound,
Call him when ye sail to meet the foe;
Where the old trade's plyin' an' the old flag
flyin'
They shall find him ware an' wakin', as they
found him long ago!"

"That is the spirit which I believe still endures and will endure as long as we have a national consciousness. The King's Navy is ready to meet any task even if, as in the late war, its task is to save the World!"

SPEECH BY CAPTAIN BENSON.

"Your Excellency, Ladies and Gentlemen,
"We welcome the visit of Your Excellency and are grateful for the presence of the First Naval Member. I should like to say that the successful year just concluded is very largely due to the Naval and Professorial Staffs, which have carried on the traditions transplanted from Jervis Bay to Flinders Naval Depot. I want to say also how sorry I am to lose the First Lieutenant who, after two years' duty at the College, performed entirely to my satisfaction, is going to sea. I should like to congratulate the Director of Studies on the high standard of the Passing Out Examination, and also to congratulate the Jervis Year on having achieved that standard, and to remind them that they are dedicated to the fighting service, that their business is war, to prepare for war this afternoon if necessary. I will now call upon the Director of Studies to make his report on the year's work."

THE DIRECTOR OF STUDIES' REPORT.

Your Excellency, Ladies and Gentlemen,

The Royal Australia Naval College has become a very much travelled institution.

Brought into being at Geelong in 1913, it was later transferred to Jervis Bay on the South Coast of New South Wales. Here there were remarkable natural advantages, around which grew every facility for the early training of the young Naval Officer. It was here that the foundation was set for many brilliant successes for our graduates in their work in England.

In 1930 it was found expedient to transfer the College to its present home. This transfer involved a considerable break in the continuity of the work, and a certain amount of distraction before we became accustomed to our new surroundings.

The ill-effect of these interruptions on the progress of the Cadet-Midshipmen has been to a great extent eliminated by earnest work and determined effort during the last twelve months, and we are able to review the year just ending with satisfaction, and to report good progress. The final examinations in all years have revealed results which are very gratifying. We feel that a very sound basis has been established on which to build success in the advanced specialist courses which are to be taken later on.

The out-of-door life of the Cadet-Midshipmen has been well catered for. All field games have been keenly contested. Competitions with teams from the Melbourne Schools have been a source of great pleasure and benefit. These field games, coupled with an excellent course of gymnastics, have kept our Cadets in the pink of physical fitness.

It is fitting that I should refer to three men because of their long association with the

College, but who are no longer members of the staff.

Dr. Wheatley, Head Master for many years. His name will long be remembered in connection with the College, and always held in the highest regard for his great ability and his devotion to all that was of benefit to those under his charge. He is now Director of Studies at the Cranbrook School, in Sydney.

Mr. Morrison, who had many years of service, is now Professor of English and French at the R. M. College in Sydney.

Mr. McLeod has secured a position on the staff of a College in Brisbane.

We regret the circumstances which broke our happy association with these men. On the other hand it is pleasing to know that they are all well situated in positions where their talents may be of great service.

To the Present Fourth Year who are passing out, I would like to say:

We congratulate you on your success, and commend you for your earnestness in your work, extending over the first important stage of your career as Naval Officers. We would ask you to always bear in mind that you are following those who have established a worthy tradition for the College, and a high standard of efficiency and service in the Navy, and we expect you to reach and maintain that excellence, and to so conduct yourselves that you will always be a source of pride to your own folk, a credit to your country, and a worthy guide for those who are to follow you. We who now pass you on to other hands will watch your careers and take pleasure in your advancement and success.

Prize List

Grand Aggregate.—1, R. T. Farnsworth, 2, R. I. Peek; 3, C. M. Hudson.

Engineering, Navigation and Seamanship.—1, R. T. Farnsworth; 2, R. I. Peek; 3, W. S. Drew.

English, French and History.—1, C. M. Hudson; 2, W. S. Drew; 3, R. T. Farnsworth.

Mathematics, Physics and Chemistry.—1, R. T. Farnsworth; 2, R. I. Peek; 3, I. C. Raper.

Otto Albert Prize for Seamanship.—1, J. M. Adams; 2, W. S. Drew; 3, R. T. Farnsworth.

The Governor General's Cup for the best all-round Athlete for 1931.—Cadet-Captain McDonald.

King's Medallist.—Chief Cadet-Captain St. Vincent Welch.

New Cadet Captains for 1932.—Chief Cadet-Captain, I. H. McDonald; Cadet-Captains, R. L. Williams, T. M. Synnot.

Rugger

On the transfer of the College from New South Wales to Victoria, it was feared that it would be possible to arrange but few or no Rugby matches for the Cadets. However, with a little encouragement and propaganda, the Melbourne Grammar School and Scotch College both arranged several fixtures for us, which were much appreciated. We can note with pleasure that the Rugger tradition so steadily built up by the College at Jervis Bay is being worthily maintained at Flinders Naval Depot.

Owing to the formation of Rugby teams at the Melbourne Grammar School and at Scotch College, we were able to get more fixtures for the season than we had at first expected. These schools were very kind in arranging matches.

Old Colour.

Gordon.—Captain of the team. Taken out of the scrum to strengthen the backs, and played the season as stand-off back. Played consistently well, but became inclined to try and do too much himself.

New Colours.

McDonald.—Centre and wing three-quarter. Very fast, handles and kicks well. Tackles well when he wants to, but must learn to run straight and keep going when he is about to be tackled.

Williams, R. L.—Hard-working breakaway forward. Keeps well up with the ball.

Robertson.—Good rear rank forward. Distinguished himself in line-outs.

Synnot.—Full-back. Handles and kicks well. Outstanding feature, tackling.

Macartney.—Solid hard-working centre-forward. Played consistently well.

29th June.—R. A. N. C. v. A Depot Team.

The Cadets had to stand up to a very heavy side, but they played very well, although they were much lighter.

The second rank was holding up the ball in the scrums, with the result that the Depot forwards got rather more of it. The backs were slow in getting under weigh, but the side did

very well in allowing their line to be crossed only twice. Depot won, 6—0.

Team: Synnot (full back); McDonald, Kerruish, Milner, Brewster (three-quarters); Gordon, Cook (halves); Macartney, Wheeler, Skottowe, Downs, Folkard, Williams I., Robertson, Williams II. (forwards).

6th July.—R. A. N. C. v. University.

Cadets were much faster than University. Our backs were slow in their movements at first, but improved later on. University's tackling was very weak, and we scored 7 tries to their 2. Gordon and McDonald were outstanding, and the scrum did very well against a heavier pack. The kicking was poor, no tries being converted, but one penalty goal was kicked by McDonald. R. A. N. C. 24; University 6.

Team: Synnot (full-back); Brewster, Milner, McDonald, Purvis (three-quarters); Gordon, Cook (halves); Macartney, Wheeler, Skottowe, Downs, Folkard, Williams I., Robertson, Williams II. (forwards).

23rd July.—R. A. N. C. 2nd XV. v. Scotch College.

We fielded our 2nd XV, as the Scotch College team had played very little Rucker. They were much heavier than we were, but we managed to beat them 25—17, mainly through their lack of experience, notably in defence. Our backs suffered from their old trouble, and the forwards lacked fire in the early part of the game, but the team improved in the second half. Tapp played well, and Dye for the Scotch College team.

Team.—Ramsay (full-back); Milner, Kerruish, Peel, Purvis (three-quarters); Tapp, Fowle (halves); Maxwell, Macartney, McWilliam, Folkard, Jellicoe, Fowle, Skottowe, Burgin (forwards).

27th July.—R. A. N. C. v. Officers.

Cadets were up against a heavier team, but their play was not up to standard. The three-quarters were standing still when they took the ball, and the forwards were not fighting nearly hard enough. Tackling was very weak. Lost, 22—0.

Team.—Synnot (full-back); Purvis, McDonald, Brewster, Milner, (three-quarters); Fowle, Tapp (halves); Skottowe, Macartney, Wheeler, Downs, Folkard, Williams I., Robertson, Maxwell (forwards).

30th July.—R. A. N. C. 2nd XV. v. Scotch College, at Middle Park.

Scotch showed much improved play, and led 8—0 at half-time. In the first ten minutes of the second half, we showed our real form and scored two good tries, one of which was converted. 8—8. The game became exciting, and Scotch scored again in the last few minutes, winning a good match, 11—8.

Team: Ramsay (full-back); Milner, Brewster, Kerruish, Purvis (three-quarters); Fowle, Tapp (halves); Maxwell, Macartney, McWilliam, Downs, Peel, Williams I., Jellicoe, Hinchliffe (forwards).

6th August.—R. A. N. C. v. M. C. E. G. S.

The First XI. was away playing Hockey in Melbourne, so we had to play our weakest team, which did very well, and was unlucky not to win against a side which, though inexperienced, was much heavier. The game was scrappy, and Carnegie scored a try for Grammar in the first half. In the second half, we had all the play, but just failed to score. Lost, 0—3. Owing to injuries, only twelve of the Cadets who were not playing Hockey were available, so Grammar very sportingly made up our team with their reserves, all of whom played very well.

Team.—Synnot (full-back); Peel, Kerruish, Milner, A. N. Other (three-quarters); Fowle, A. N. Other (halves); Skottowe, Wheeler, Macartney, McWilliam, Jellicoe, Burgin, Hinchliffe, A. N. Other (forwards).

13th August.—R. A. N. C. v. Combined Scotch & Melbourne Grammar Team, at Middle Park.

The First XV. played very good football, and thoroughly deserved their win. The forwards fought like tigers against a heavier pack, and the three-quarters ran hard and straight. Gordon and McDonald were both outstanding, the latter scoring 16 of our 19 points. This match was watched by a large number of people, all of whom appeared much impressed with our standard of football. Won, 19—3.

Team.—Synnot (full-back); Milner, McDonald, Fowle, Purvis (three-quarters); Gordon, Cook (halves); Macartney, Robertson, Jellicoe, Downs, Kerruish, Williams I., Peel, Williams II. (forwards).

27th August.—R. A. N. C. v. R. A. A. F. Cadets.

Probably the best game of the season. The team had maintained the improvement shown in the match against the Public Schools, and did very well against a much heavier side. The result, a draw (14—14), was in doubt until the last minute of the game, when Gordon scored a spectacular try in the corner. Gordon played very well, and McDonald's kicking and Synnot's tackling both stood out.

Team.—Synnot (full-back); Brewster, McDonald, Fowle, Purvis (three-quarters); Gordon, Cook (halves); Robertson, Williams I., Folkard, Williams II., Peel, Skottowe, Downs, Macartney (forwards).

21st September.—R. A. N. C. v. Officers.

Although playing against a heavier and more experienced team, the team did not do as well as it was expected to. Cadets played uphill during the first half, and led 6—5 at half-time.

Playing downhill in the second half, and with their superior condition, they should have run away with the game, but their defence went to pieces, and the Officers scored three tries in five minutes, all of which were converted. 20—6. Cadets then recovered and held the Officers, and in the last quarter of an hour were attacking strongly. Fowle scored a try, which

McDonald converted, and the final scores were 20—11.

Team.—Tapp (full-back); Milner, McDonald, Fowle, Brewster (three-quarters); Gordon, Cook (halves); Williams II., Robertson, Williams I., Folkard, Downs, Wheeler, Macartney, Skottowe (forwards).

Cricket

Contrary to expectations, the College did not win the Brock Cup for the Depot Inter-Part Competition. Until the Christmas leave the College won every match, but after the leave we missed the bowling of Collins and Cody and were beaten by the Seamen. In trying to force an outright win in our final match against the Chief Petty Officers, which would have placed us at the top of the competition, we declared our second innings closed without batting, with a lead of 68 on the first

innings. In the second innings the C.P.O.'s made the runs in fast time with three wickets to spare. This defeat, coupled with that which we suffered at the hands of Miscellaneous, placed us third on the list, Miscellaneous being equal first.

An account of the matches played throughout the season with outside teams is given below. Six of these matches were played on our own ground and three away.



R. A. N. COLLEGE.

R.A.N.C. v. Melbourne Grammar School.
(Oct. 17th, at M.C.E.G.S.).

Melbourne Grammar School, 1st innings, 270. Adams and Gordon opened for the College, and batting very steadily, put on 123 for the first wicket. McDonald shared the batting honours with a brilliant 60, made when the runs were most needed. When Tapp joined McDonald for the last wicket we needed 50 runs to win, and the excitement became intense as they gradually wiped off the deficit. We seemed to have the situation well in hand when McDonald put his leg in front of a straight one and our innings closed eight runs behind the Grammar total.

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| R.A.N.C.—1st Innings. | |
| Adams | 77 |
| Gordon | 56 |
| Cody | 6 |
| Hudson | 8 |
| McDonald | 69 |
| Downs | 4 |
| Welch | 0 |
| Williams I. | 1 |
| Collins | 2 |
| Peek | 10 |
| Tapp, Not out | 22 |
| Extras | 7 |
| Total | 262 |

R.A.N.C. v. Scotch College.
(21st November, 1931).

Hudson lost the toss and the College was sent into bat, Gordon and Adams once again opening. The Scotch bowlers, coupled with some smart fielding, captured our wickets cheaply. Hudson batted cautiously, making a lot of singles before being caught off Brown for 18. Downs topped the scoring with 22. Gordon did not bat as surely as usual, being bowled by Shrew for 12. The team was all out for 111. The Scotch opening pair batted steadily until McKecknie was brilliantly caught in the slips by Peek. The fielding was good, four being caught, and the Scotch innings closed by the tea interval for 122. After tea, the College batted and declared with 1 for 87 in an attempt to force a win. Unfortunately time did not permit, and Scotch won on the first innings by 11 runs.

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| R.A.N.C.—1st Innings. | |
| Gordon, b Shrew | 12 |
| Adams, b Cole | 9 |
| Cody, c Brown, b Shrew | 5 |
| Hudson, c Fraser, b Brown | 18 |
| McDonald, lbw, b Cole | 1 |
| Tapp, c McNicoll, b Shrew | 3 |
| Downs, c Shaw, b Shrew | 22 |
| Purvis, c Crown, b Shrew | 4 |
| Welch, lbw, b Cole | 14 |

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| Peek, c Cole, b Shrew | 1 |
| Collins, not out | 8 |
| Extras | 11 |
| Total | 111 |

Scotch College, 1st innings, 122.
Bowling: Cody, 5 for 35; Collins, 2 for 29.

R.A.N.C. v. Haileybury College.
(24th October, 1931).

Play commenced at 11 o'clock, the College winning the toss, sent Haileybury in, Collins opening the bowling. The first two wickets fell for 22, but the two second men put up a partnership of 40, and the final score reached 106. Adams and Gordon opened for the College and we were treated to a brilliant 64 by Gordon before he was caught by Wynne. Hudson 39, and Welch 40 also batted exceedingly well, while Downs 30 and Tapp 29 not out also gave good displays, the team being dismissed for the good total of 242. In the second innings Haileybury found the bowling of Gordon too tricky, and he finished with the good average of 7 for 22, the whole side being out for 70. The College team fielded extremely well.

Haileybury, 1st innings, 106; 2nd innings, 70.

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| R.A.N.C.—1st Innings. | |
| Adams, b Dubot | 7 |
| Gordon, c Wynne, b McConnel | 65 |
| Cody, b Dubot | 0 |
| McDonald, b Dubot | 3 |
| Hudson, b Cannon | 39 |
| Downs, c Wynne, b Cannon | 30 |
| Williams I., b Cannon | 0 |
| Welch, b Cannon | 40 |
| Collins, b Cannon | 9 |
| Peek, b Dubot | 3 |
| Tapp, not out | 29 |
| Extras | 17 |
| Total | 242 |

Bowling: Collins 1 for 18; Cody 1 for 25; Gordon 1 for 9; Welch 5 for 10; McDonald 2 for 27.

R.A.N.C. v. M.C.E.G. School.
(7th November, 1931).

Once more the College winning the toss, sent the visitors in. Collins and Cody opened the bowling. The first three wickets fell for 38, but the next wicket did not fall until the board showed 105. Melbourne Grammar were finally dismissed for 124. The fielding on the whole was good, Williams taking two difficult catches. The top scorer for Melbourne Grammar was Craig, who made a very good 42. Gordon and Adams opened for the College, Gordon once more giving a good display before

being bowled by Righetti. Cody, going in fifth wicket, hit up a handy 27, but the remainder were dismissed cheaply, and the whole side was out for 101. Melbourne Grammar won by 23 runs on the first innings.

Melbourne Grammar School, first innings, 124.

R.A.N.C.—1st Innings.

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|---------------------------|-----|
| Gordon, b Righetti | 42 |
| Adams, lbw, b Smith | 1 |
| Hudson, c & b Smith | 4 |
| Downs, b Smith | 0 |
| McDonald, lbw, b King | 3 |
| Cody, c Smith, b Righetti | 27 |
| Welch, b King | 8 |
| Peek, b Righetti | 1 |
| Williams, not out | 1 |
| Collins, run out | 2 |
| Macartney, b Righetti | 1 |
| Extras | 11 |
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| Total | 101 |

Bowling: Gordon, 3 for 30; Collins, 3 for 30; Cody, 2 for 8; Welch, 1 for 20.

R.A.N.C. v. Wesley College.

(14th November, 1931).

Wesley, winning the toss, sent the College in. Adams and Gordon opened up. Adams, with what seems to be his usual luck, was out for 5, not being satisfied with this, he caught Gordon off Spencer while substituting for a Wesley man. Gordon, after starting badly, returned to his old style and was unfortunate to be caught by Adams for 25. Cody 34, and Tapp 32 not out gave the best display of batting, while Peek put up an unusually bright show. The College batted until the luncheon adjournment, when they were all out for 130. After lunch, Collins and Cody opened the bowling against the visitors. Scoring was very slow, since our bowling and fielding were unusually good, and the tea adjournment found Wesley all out for 84. Cody bowled very well and secured the very good average of 6 for 32.

R.A.N.C.—1st Innings.

| | |
|----------------------------------|-----|
| Adams, lbw, b Bland | 5 |
| Gordon, c sub, b Spencer | 25 |
| Hudson, b Bland | 0 |
| Cody, c Girdwood, b Bland | 34 |
| McDonald, c Stirling, b Stirling | 1 |
| Downs, c Dennis, b Pearce | 1 |
| Tap, not out | 32 |
| Welch, b Pearce | 0 |
| Purvis, c Dennis, b Pearce | 1 |
| Peek, b Fowles | 13 |
| Collins, c & b Pearce | 7 |
| Extras | 11 |
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| Total | 130 |

Wesley College, first innings, 84.

Bowling: Collins, 0 for 20; Cody, 6 for 28; Downs, 0 for 17; Welch, 4 for 14.

R.A.N.C. v. Brighton Grammar School.

(5th March, 1932).

Brighton Grammar won the toss and batted first. Their opening batsmen played very carefully, but despite their caution, the first wicket fell when only 8 runs had been scored. However, the batting brightened up when Whitelaw went in second wicket down, and after knocking up a useful 30 he was stumped by Synnot who was keeping wickets. The visitors closed their innings when they were all out for 90. Gordon and McDonald opened for the College, but the former was dismissed when he had only scored 4. When McDonald was clean bowled for 31, after playing an innings which included one 6 and three 4's, things were not looking too bright for the College, but L. L. Williams, going in third wicket down managed to remain at the crease until the innings closed, the score being 105, to which he contributed a much needed 29. In their second innings, the visitors hit out more, and scored much more quickly than in their first innings, and this time they managed to knock up 119 runs in fairly quick time.

However, time would not allow the College to finish their second innings, so it was declared closed when three wickets were down for 77. the College winning on the first innings. A feature of the match was the accurate bowling and keen fielding displayed by both sides, many brilliant catches being taken.

Brighton Grammar School, first innings, 90.

R.A.N.C.—1st Innings.

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|----------------------------------|-----|
| Gordon, c Donalson, b Hardwick | 4 |
| McDonald, b Hardwick | 31 |
| Downs, run out | 8 |
| Tapp, b Hardwick | 9 |
| Williams, L., c Kennan, b Meager | 29 |
| Macartney, c & b Meager | 2 |
| Purvis, c Brown, b Meager | 0 |
| Fowle, c Meager, b McClelland | 2 |
| Kerruish, b McClelland | 0 |
| Synnot, c Brown, b McClelland | 9 |
| Cook, not out | 4 |
| Extras | 7 |
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| Total | 105 |

Brighton Grammar School, 2nd innings, 119

R.A.N.C.—2nd Innings.

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|-----------------------------|----|
| Gordon, b Hardwick | 1 |
| McDonald, not out | 34 |
| Downs, c Tinkler, b Newdick | 2 |
| Tapp, b McClelland | 21 |
| Williams, not out | 9 |
| Extras | 10 |
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| Total | 78 |

Total 3 wickets for 77
Bowling.—1st innings: McDonald, 3 for 18; Fowle, 3 for 20; Tapp, 1 for 16; Purvis, 1 for 20; Downs, 2 for 4. 2nd innings: McDonald,

1 for 23; Fowle, 1 for 18; Downs, 2 for 4; Gordon, 5 for 45.

R.A.N.C. v. Melbourne Grammar School Under 16.

The College under 16 team journeyed to Melbourne for this match and arrived at Grimwade House in time for lunch. Tapp won the toss and batted first. The turf wicket seemed to be too much for the Cadets and they could not get going, with the exception of Tapp, who made a very useful 35 out of a total of 84. The Melburnians opened badly and lost their first two wickets for 2 runs. However, the remaining batsmen more than made up for the early failures, Kimpton especially playing a very fine innings of 46 before retiring. The batsmen for the main part had the bowling well under command, and the last wicket fell with the score at 140. The Cadets second innings was rather a debacle, only 45 runs being scored. Robertson made top score with a bright 14, which included one six. Although beaten so badly, there is no doubt that the juniors gained valuable experience, and learnt something about the intricacies of a turf wicket, which ought to stand them in good stead in the future.

R.A.N.C.—1st Innings.

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| Tapp, b Stenborg | 35 |
| Downs, c, b Campbell | 7 |
| Purvis, c, b Hirst | 10 |
| Fowle, c, b Campbell | 9 |
| Williams, R., c, b Campbell | 0 |
| Synnot, run out | 1 |
| Wheeler, b Davis | 9 |
| Cook, b Davis | 3 |
| Robertson, c, b Campbell | 2 |
| Milner, b Campbell | 1 |
| Ramsay, not out | 1 |
| Extras | 4 |
| Total | 84 |

MS.E.G.S., first innings, 140.

Bowling: Fowle, 2 for 42; Purvis, 1 for 51; Tapp, 2 for 10; Downs, 4 for 43.

R.A.N.C.—2nd Innings.

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| Tapp, c, b Hirst | 3 |
| Downs, stpd, b Hirst | 2 |
| Purvis, b Parish | 1 |
| Fowle, stpd, b Davis | 13 |
| Williams, R., b Campbell | 0 |
| Synnot, c, b Parish | 1 |
| Wheeler, b Campbell | 0 |
| Cook, lbw, b Davis | 0 |
| Robertson, b Campbell | 14 |
| Milner, not out | 2 |
| Ramsay, stpd, b Davis | 0 |
| Extras | 8 |
| Total | 45 |

R.A.N.C. v. R.A.A.F.

(Played at R.A.N. College, 13th March, 1932).

The College won the toss and sent the visitors in. Martin and Crisp opened for the Air Force, and the first wicket fell before any score was made. The scoring was slow, and seven wickets were down for 33, when Gibson and Lowney made a stand and brought the score up to 61 before the next wicket fell. However, the last wicket fell with the total at 65. The College lost its first wicket at 13, and runs did not come very quickly. Once again a seventh wicket stand was made, and the score was brought up to 85. Only one more run was added before the innings closed, McDonald and Tapp being the best scorers with 28 and 20 respectively. In their second innings the Airmen cast discretion to the winds and hit out, as the time was short. Atkinson scored freely all around the wicket until he was bowled by Lt.-Cdr. Tate for 30. The College opened its second innings and played until time.

R.A.N.C.—1st Innings.

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| Lieut. Morrow, b Gibson | 1 |
| Gordon, b Gibson | 10 |
| Tapp, run out | 20 |
| Lt. Cdr. Tate, b Lowney | 3 |
| Williams, run out | 2 |
| Fowle, c & b Gibson | 1 |
| McDonald, b Lowney | 28 |
| Synnot, b Gibson | 0 |
| Purvis, run out | 5 |
| Downs, not out | 5 |
| Macartney, b Carr | 1 |
| Extras | 3 |
| Total | 86 |

R.A.A.F.—1st Innings.

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|-------------------------------|-----------|
| Martin, c, b McDonald | 0 |
| Crispe, lbw, b Fowle | 0 |
| Carr, c, b Fowle | 4 |
| Gibson, hit wkt, b Tate | 27 |
| Atkinson, b Fowle | 0 |
| Lowney, c, b Downs | 10 |
| Stewart, b Tapp | 2 |
| Judge, b Tapp | 0 |
| Oliver, b Fowle | 7 |
| Palmer, b Fowle | 0 |
| Lee, not out | 1 |
| Extras | 11 |
| Total | 65 |

R.A.N.C.—2nd Innings.

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|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Lieut. Morrow, lbw, b Atkinson | 7 |
| Gordon, b Lowney | 0 |
| Tapp, c, b Atkinson | 0 |
| Fowle, c, b Gibson | 0 |
| McDonald, c, b Martin | 23 |
| Purvis, not out | 11 |
| Downs, c, b Atkinson | 8 |
| Extras | 5 |
| Total | 6 wickets for 54 |

R A A F — 2nd innings.

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|----------------------------------|----|
| Martin, c, b Fowle | 0 |
| Crispe, c, b Fowle | 0 |
| Carr, run out | 9 |
| Gibson, c, b Fowle | 1 |
| Atkinson, b Tate | 30 |
| Lowney, run out | 5 |
| Stewart, run out | 2 |
| Judge, run out | 6 |
| Oliver, c, b Gordon | 0 |
| Palmer, not out | 0 |
| Lee, stpd, b Tapp | 2 |
| Extras | 4 |
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| Total | 59 |

R. A. N. C. v. R. A. A. F. Cadets.

(Played at Point Cooke, 9th April, 1932).

The College opened the batting and started badly by losing two wickets for six runs; but Lt. Cdr. Tate and Lt. Plunkett-Cole made a stand and put on 60 runs before Lt. Plunkett-Cole retired hurt after being struck on the head by a fast rising ball. The College total reached 114, of which Lt. Cdr. Tate made 54. The Air Force opened slowly, until Atkinson and Gibson became associated, when they put on 40 in quick time. However, the last wicket fell when the Airmen still had 30 to make, Gordon taking 5 wickets for 38 and Downs 3 for 11, being the thorns in their side. We were all very interested in the Wapitis, Moths and Bulldog fighters when we were shown over the Hangars. After tea, Flight Lieut. Sherger took a Moth up and gave a display of aerobatics which rather took our breath away.

R. A. N. C.— 1st Innings.

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| Lt. Plunkett-Cole, run out | 19 |
| Gordon, c, b Waters | 2 |
| Downs, c, b Sherger | 0 |
| Lt. Cdr. Tate, c, b Sherger | 54 |
| McDonald, lbw, b Sherger | 14 |
| Williams, L. L., b Waters | 0 |
| Purvis, c, b Waters | 13 |
| Fowle, c, b Sherger | 1 |
| Macartney, stumped, b Sherger | 2 |
| Kerruish, not out | 1 |
| Synnot, c, b Crisp | 0 |
| Extras | 5 |
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| Total | 114 |

R. A. A. F.— 1st Innings.

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| Flt.-Lt. Waters, c, b Fowle | 3 |
| Flt.-Lt. Sherger, c, b McDonald | 6 |
| Crispe, lbw, b McDonald | 0 |
| Atkinson, c, b Downs | 23 |
| Flt.-Lt. Gibson, c, b Gordon | 17 |
| Lieut. Carr, c, b Gordon | 14 |
| Sqdn. Ldr. Blayden, stpd., b Gordon | 2 |
| Sub-Lieut. Stewart, b Downs | 6 |
| Oliver, c, b Gordon | 7 |
| Judd, c, b Gordon | 1 |
| Lee, b Downs | 1 |
| Extras | 5 |
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| Total | 84 |

Bowling.—McDonald, 2 for 19; Fowle, 1 for 12; Gordon, 5 for 38; Downs, 3 for 11.

Hockey

Owing to some of the Melbourne schools playing rugby this year, our hockey activities were somewhat restricted, as when our 1st XV. were playing, we had an insufficient number of Cadets to raise an XI. However, we had three very enjoyable games against a strong Metropolitan team, and the 2nd Cavalry division in Melbourne, and the Old Melburnians on our own ground. The outstanding players this year were McDonald, Williams, L. L., and Tapp in the forwards, Gordon at centre half, and Downs on the back line.

Old Colours: McDonald and Gordon.

Colours were awarded at the end of the Season to: Tapp, Downs, and Williams, L. L.

R. A. N. College v. 2nd Cavalry Division.

This was our first match of the season and we started well by scoring in the first few

minutes, from then to the end of the first half the play was very fast and even. Our defence was solid and only the lack of practice in passing and the faulty shooting of our forwards prevented our score being increased. In the second half the game was more spirited and our opponents scored twice to our once. The game was kept well in hand by the referee, and at full time the score stood at 2 all.

Goal-hitters: Tapp and McDonald.

R.A.N. College v. Old Melburnians.

During the first half the College were on the defensive, but the backs combined well and turned many dangerous thrusts made by the Melburnian's forwards. The Old Melburnians were winning most of the bullies and were very quick in getting the ball away to their wing men. The pace was very fast, and both sides were glad when the whistle blew for half

time, the score being nil all. In the second half the visitors evidently found the pace too hot, as the College did all the attacking. The College were the first to score, then the Melburnians retaliated by scoring after a hard fought battle in front of the goal. The College forwards were now passing the ball better, and twice McDonald broke through on his own and scored. The final scores were 3—1 in favour of the College.

Team: Folkard (goalkeeper); Downs and Williams R. L. (backs); Cook, Gordon, and Robertson (halves); Williams, L. L., Brewster, McDonald, Tapp and Purvis (forwards).

R. A. N. College v. Metropolitan Team.

The Metropolitan team were rather handi-

capped as they had not played before as a team, but the individual play of their backs upset many attacks that looked like ending in a certain goal for the College. The teams were very even and the issue was in doubt until the last minute, when the Metropolitan team scored the equalising goal, making the final score 3 all. McDonald and Tapp combined very well on the forward line, and Gordon was a tower of strength at centre-half. McDonald scored all the goals for the College.

Team: Folkard (goal-keeper); Downs and Williams R. L. (backs); Cook, Gordon and Robertson (halves); Williams L. L., Brewster, McDonald, Tapp, Purvis (forwards).

Tennis

In the handicap Singles, Tapp, playing from Owe $\frac{1}{2}40$ was altogether too strong for his opponents until he met Gordon (who was playing from Owe 15) in the final, when, after a very good match, in which the result was in doubt until the last game, Tapp scored three aces, and won the match by ten games to eight.

In the Doubles Handicap, Gordon and McDonald, playing steadily throughout the Tournament, won the final after a hard struggle against Kerruish and Macartney.

Singles Handicap.

McWilliam (R.15) v. Jellicoe (R.15). Jellicoe, 10—3.

Tapp (O. $\frac{1}{2}40$) v. Brewster (O.15.3). Tapp, 10—1.

Synnot (R.15) v. Ramsay (scr.). Ramsay, 13—11.

Macartney (O. $\frac{1}{2}15$) v. Maxwell (R. $\frac{1}{2}15$). Macartney, 10—5.

Downs (O. 15.3) v. Gordon (O.15). Gordon, 10—4.

Robertson (R. $\frac{1}{2}15$) v. Skottowe (R. 15). Skottowe, 12—10.

Kerruish (O.15) v. Wheeler (scr.). Wheeler 10—4.

Milner (R. 15) v. McDonald (O.30). Milner, 10—3.

Williams I. (O. 15) v. Purvis (O. 15.3). Williams I., 13—11.

Cook (O.15) v. Williams II. (scr.). Williams II., 10—1.

Folkard (R. $\frac{1}{2}30$) v. Peel (R. $\frac{1}{2}15$). Peel, 10—5.

Jellicoe v. Tapp. Tapp, 10—3.

Ramsay v. Macartney. Macartney, 10—8.

Gordon v. Skottowe. Gordon, 10—8.

Wheeler v. Milner. Milner, 10—3.

Williams I. v. Fowle (O. $\frac{1}{2}15$). Fowle, 10—6.

Burgin (R. 30) v. Hinchliffe (R. 30). Hinchliffe, 10—0.

Williams II. v. Peel. Peel, 10—3.

Tapp v. Macartney. Tapp, 10—6.

Gordon v. Milner. Gordon, 10—6.

Fowle v. Hinchliffe. Fowle, 10—8.

Peel v. Tapp. Tapp, 10—2.

Gordon v. Fowle. Gordon, 10—3.

Tapp v. Gordon. Tapp, 10—8.

Doubles Handicap.

Cook-Purvis (O. 30) v. Brewster-Downs (O. 30). Cook-Purvis, 10—6.

Folkard-Burgin (R.30) v. Macartney-Kerruish (O.15). Macartney-Kerruish, 10—4.

Jellicoe-Milner (scr.) v. Synnot-Peel (scr.). Synnot-Peel, 10—4.

Tapp-Williams I. (O. 40) v. McDonald-Gordon (O.30). McDonald-Gordon, 10—4.

Williams II.-Maxwell (O.15) v. Robertson-Hinchliffe (R.15). Williams II.-Maxwell, 10—8.

Cook-Purvis v. Macartney-Kerruish. Macartney-Kerruish. 10—4.

Synnot-Peel v. McDonald-Gordon. McDonald-Gordon.

McWilliam-Skottowe (scr.) v. Fowle-Ramsay (O.15). Fowle-Ramsay, 10—4.

Williams II.-Maxwell v. Macartney-Kerruish. Macartney-Kerruish, 10—8.

McDonald-Gordon v. Fowle-Ramsay. McDonald-Gordon, 10—4.

Macartney-Kerruish v. McDonald-Gordon. McDonald-Gordon, 10—8.

Swimming

The Swimming Sports were held on Thursday, 25th February, and although cold weather had prevailed during the week, the sun came out long enough on Thursday to permit the swimming to take place. Cadet-Midshipman Milner gave a fine exhibition in the 100 Yards, which he just won from last year's champion, Cadet-Midshipman Skottowe, with a time of 67 secs., which is a new college record.

Entries for the Diving were numerous, considering our numbers, the result being very close; with Cadet-Midshipman Cook just defeating Cadet-Midshipman Skottowe, who was unfortunate in making a bad entry to the water in his last springboard dive. Cadet Milner again distinguished himself by winning the 50 Yards Handicap by a touch from Cadet-Midshipman Synnot in a net time of 29 secs. Cadet-Midshipman Williams II. gained first place in the 50 Yards breast stroke championship, after being hard pressed by Cadet-Midshipman Brewster, while Cadet-Midshipman Skottowe won the Obstacle Race easily.

A series of Relay Races between the Port and Starboard Watches was won by the former who deserve congratulation on their strategy

in the selection of their teams. A new item: "Musical Lifebuoys." replaced the greasy pole this year, owing to the state of the baths. Cadet-Midshipman Kerruish winning the event after swallowing a considerable amount of brine.

Results:—

100 Yards Championship (Cresswell Cup).—1, Milner; 2, Skottowe; 3, Wheeler. Time: 67 secs.

50 Yards Breast-Stroke Championship.—1, Williams II.; 2, Brewster; 3, Ramsay. Time: 44 secs.

Diving Championship.—1, Cook (102 points); 2, Skottowe (99½ points).

50 Yards Handicap.—1, Milner; 2, Synnot; 3, Gordon. Winner's time: 29 secs.

Obstacle Race.—1, Skottowe; 2, Fowle; 3, Robertson.

Musical Lifebuoys. —1, Kerruish; 2, McDonald.

Inter-Watch Relay Race.—1, Port Watch.

The Prizes were presented by Mrs. Benson after Sunday Divisions, on 28th February, and Cadet Milner was awarded his Swimming Colours.



COOK YEAR, 1930

Athletic Sports

INTER-WATCH EVENTS.

The weather proved fine and great keenness was shown between the competitors. Points were in favour of Port Watch by a small margin, until the last three events, when the victory swung quite decidedly over to the Starboard Watch, which was thus the winner of the Grimwade Cup. The 100 Yards Relay Race, the 220 Yards Relay Race, the Long Jump, and the Obstacle Race were won by Port Watch. The Mile Team Race, 440 Yards Relay Race, the High Jump, Half-Mile Team Race, the Hurdles Relay Race, and the Tug o' War were won by Starboard Watch. Port Watch won at Throwing the Cricket Ball. The Officers' Race was won by Captain Benson.

INDIVIDUAL ATHLETIC CHAMPIONSHIPS.

The Championship events were held on Thursday, April 21st, two days before the Actual Sports' day. Unfortunately, the weather was not all that could be desired. It was a cold day, light showers fell intermittently and this had the effect of making the track loose and slippery. The first event was the 100 Yards. McDonald got an excellent start and just beat Milner for first place, his time being 11 $\frac{1}{5}$ seconds. The next event was the High Jump, and this was won easily by Robertson, who jumped 4 feet 10 inches, Maxwell being second and McDonald third. There was much speculation about the result of the next race, the 120 Yards' Hurdles. Unfortunately, Folkard, who had qualified for the 100 Yards Hurdles, Long Jump, and 440 Yards was unable to compete, owing to a strained muscle. McDonald obtained first place again just beating Milner, who stumbled over the

last hurdle. The winner's time was 16 $\frac{3}{5}$ secs., this being a College record. The Long Jump was won by Brewster, whose best jump was 17ft 4ins. McDonald 17ft. 1in., being second and Robertson third. Each competitor was allowed three jumps, and as will be seen from the results, the competition was keen. In the 440 Yards, Milner took the lead at first with McDonald just keeping up with him, but near the end the latter sprinted past Milner, and won by a narrow margin, his time being 57 secs. The next and last event was the Mile. There were six finalists. At the start there was a brief sprint for positions, Williams, L. L. taking the lead with McDonald and Williams R. L. in second and third positions. This order was maintained until the second lap, when Williams R. L. took the lead and maintained it until the last lap, when McDonald quickened his pace and went to the front to win easily from Williams R. L. His time was 5min. 33 secs.

Altogether, the results were very satisfactory, especially so the performance of McDonald, who displayed remarkable versatility.

Results:—

100 Yards.—McDonald, 1; Milner, 2. Time, 11 $\frac{1}{5}$ secs.

High Jump.—Robertson, 1; Maxwell, 2; McDonald 3. Height: 4ft. 10in.

120 Yards' Hurdles.—McDonald, 1; Milner, 2. Time: 16 $\frac{3}{5}$ secs.

Long Jump.—Brewster, 1; McDonald, 2; Robertson, 3. Distance: 17ft. 4in.

440 Yards.—McDonald, 1; Milner, 2. Time: 57 secs.

Mile.—McDonald, 1; Williams, R. L., 2. Time: 5 min. 33 secs.

Billiards

The final of the Billiards' Championship took place in the Phillip Year Gunroom at 2100 on October 3rd, where the spectators consisted of the First Lieutenant-Commander, the three Term Officers, and the Phillip Year.

The finalists, Wheeler and Gordon, gave a fine exhibition of the game, every known shot being exploited. Wheeler was the first one to settle down, and specialising in thin cannons and thin losing hazards, compiled some useful breaks, which gave him a comfortable lead. Gordon, who at first appeared to be rather over-awed by the importance of the occasion, and seemed to find difficulty in judging the strength of the table, at last found his touch and commenced to make up leeway. He left his run too late, however, as Wheeler

ran out a winner with a neatly constructed break of 2 (unfinished).

The final scores were Wheeler 100 (in play) Gordon 51.

The First Lieutenant-Commander then distributed the prizes, after which the onlookers were provided with further entertainment by an exhibition match between the First Lieutenant-Commander and the Cadet Champion. The First Lieutenant-Commander gave a most complete demonstration of some of the lesser known and more unexpected methods of break-building, and his optimistic touch combined with Wheeler's unaccountable reluctance to "Pot White and Double Baulk," made the match more one-sided than was anticipated. The scores in this match were: First Lieutenant-Commander, 50 (in play); Wheeler, 41.

Cross Country Race

(9th July).

CROSS COUNTRY!



R.A.N.C.



BALNARRING ROAD



R.A.N.C.

The course was the same as in 1931, and was very wet and muddy. The day was cold, windy and showery, but the Cadets enlivened proceedings before the start by singing as many hymns as they could remember. Despite the inclemency of the weather, it was a very good race, chiefly notable for the outstanding effort of McDonald in winning the race for the third year in succession. The Grimwade Cup was won by Phillip Year with

an average of 12.3 to 13.8, having given 30 seconds start to Cook Year.

Result:—McDonald 1; Purvis 2; Milner 3; Ramsay 4; Williams II. 5; Williams I. 6; Brewster 7; Wheeler 8; Maxwell 9; Robertson 10; Macartney 11; McWilliam 12; Fowle 13; Cook 14; Burgin 15; Gordon 16; Synnot 17; Downs 18; Tapp 19; Peel 20; Jellicoe 21; Folkard 22; Kerruish 23; Skottowe 24; Hinchliffe 25.

Rifle Shooting

An innovation this year in the Cadets' curriculum was Rifle shooting. Lieutenant-Commander Armstrong, the gunnery officer of the Depot very kindly gave up his Sunday afternoons to instruct any of the Cadets who wished to learn the art of hitting the elusive bull. Towards the end of the second term Melbourne Grammar School sent down two teams. Their first team shot against the Depot and the second team against the Cadets. In the first match the Depot just managed to win by one point, and in the second, the Cadets rather excelled themselves by shooting better than they had previously done and won by 69 points. It is to be hoped that this will become an annual fixture.

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| Cdt.-Mid. Skottowe | 29 | 15 | 27 |
| Cdt.-Mid. McWilliam | 29 | 9 | 32 |
| Cdt.-Mid. Brewster | 28 | 18 | 33 |
| Cdt.-Mid. Folkard | 29 | 0 | 26 |
| Cdt.-Mid. Wheeler | 31 | 4 | 33 |
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| Total—408. | 177 | 54 | 177 |

Melbourne Grammar School.

| | 300 yds. | Snap. | 500 yds. |
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| C.S.M. D. A. Sandy | 21 | 4 | 11 |
| C.Q.M.S. N. T. Wellington | 20 | 9 | 15 |
| Sgt. J. F. Major | 25 | 20 | 31 |
| L.-Cpl. S. A. Isaacs | 32 | 16 | 26 |
| Cdt. Skinner | 21 | 9 | 28 |
| Cdt. Chalmers | 23 | 0 | 28 |
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| Total—339. | 152 | 58 | 139 |

Result of R.A.N. College v. Melbourne Grammar School.

Naval College.

| | 300 yds. | Snap. | 500 yds. |
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| Cdt.-Mid. Tapp | 31 | 8 | 26 |

Boxing

The Inter-Watch Boxing contest was held on August 17th, and was attended by Captain Sarel, and a number of Officers and Ship's Company, all of whom were keenly interested in the various events.

On conclusion of the Boxing, Captain Sarel made a short congratulatory speech, and also presented the Shelley Challenge Cup, which is given to the best exponent of Boxing, to Cadet-Captain Synnot.

The various official roles were filled by Lieutenant-Commander Armstrong (Referee), Lieutenants Pearson and Morrow (Judges), and Lieutenant Plunkett-Cole (Time-keeper).

Starboard Watch had the advantage of weight in every fight, and won the contest by seven fights to three.

First Bout.—Cook (Starboard) 121 lbs. v. Burgin (Port) 120 lbs. Cook opened the attack with some good straight lefts and double punches, his reach giving him a big advantage over his opponent. He maintained the offensive throughout, and, although Burgin fought hard, Cook managed to win fairly easily on points.

Second Bout.—Synnot (Starboard) 132 lbs. v. Fowle (Port) 128 lbs. Fowle did most of the leading in this fight, but Synnot was very quick at dodging, blocking, and delivering counter attacks. For the first two rounds the fighting was fairly even, but in the third round Synnot did much more punching and won comfortably on points.

Third Bout.—Purvis (Starboard) 130 lbs. v. Kerruish (Port) 128 lbs. Kerruish attacked hard and at first his quickness seemed to baffle Purvis. The latter's longer reach, however, combined with his heavier punches, soon gave him an advantage which he kept to the end, winning by a good margin of points.

Fourth Bout.—Wheeler (Starboard) 140 lbs. v. Brewster (Port) 132 lbs. Wheeler attacked briskly in the first round, and as Brewer's tactics were far from defensive, some ding-dong fighting ensued. Wheeler being the quicker, and employing a greater number of punches than his opponent, was given the verdict on points.

Fifth Bout.—Peel (Starboard) 144 lbs. v. Folkard (Port) 138 lbs. At the beginning of the fight, Peel, who is left-handed, had an

advantage, but towards the end of the second round, Folkard became used to Peel's stance, and got home with some hard punches. An extra round was necessary, during which both fought hard, Folkard just winning on points. This fight was by far the best of the evening, both Cadets giving a good exhibition of spirited fighting.

Sixth Bout.—Williams I. (Starboard) 146 lbs. v. Downs (Port) 139 lbs. Although Downs fought hard, he left his mark open, and several times Williams I got in punches which knocked Downs down and only just failed to knock him out. These punches had a disastrous effect on Downs' wind, and in the third round it was only his hard fighting that kept him on his feet. Williams I. won easily on points.

Seventh Bout.—Jellicoe (Starboard) 154 lbs. v. Tapp (Port) 142 lbs. During the first three rounds the boxing was very quiet, the only notable punch being that Tapp sometimes got in some right hooks to his opponent's body. In the extra round, the boxing livened up somewhat, and Jellicoe, through his superior weight, managed to win on points.

Eighth Bout.—Williams R. L. (Starboard) 154 lbs. v. McWilliam (Port) 142 lbs. In the first round neither did much hitting, but in the second round both boxed much harder and better. McWilliam occasionally delivered some fine bursts of punching, but Williams' punches were much heavier and more regular, and consequently did more damage. He had the advantage of reach, and won by a narrow margin of points.

Ninth Bout.—Skottowe (Starboard) 161 lbs. v. Milner (Port) 146 lbs. In the first round both started well, but Milner was much quicker than his opponent, and managed to evade most of his heavier punches by back swaying. However, he was rather slow in countering and consequently received some hard blows to the body and face. Milner won on points after a hard fought bout.

Tenth Bout.—McDonald (Starboard) 155 lbs. v. Gordon (Port) 149 lbs. This fight only lasted for about twenty seconds. Gordon began like a hurricane and before McDonald could find his feet he was knocked down for the full count.



A Bad Shot at the Range

Have you ever stopped to think what it feels like to be a bad shot at the rifle range? Perhaps not! Well, let a perfectly hopeless shot explain to you what it feels like.

One grips the rifle like grim death and endeavours, by a series of strange accidents to point it at the target. Pains are taken to get it aimed perfectly at the target, but the bullet and the target seem to have a life-long animosity, for they won't come together. After firing one looks for the marker to mark a hit, but he only waves a red flag. It is enough to make the King himself feel "bolshy." All that good work gone for nothing better than a sore shoulder!

When snap shooting comes. Oh, Lord! That round disc just won't be hit! Up it pops! Bang, you go, and probably hit its next door neighbour. What chance have you of hitting those bilious discs popping up and down. Some strange people hit them, but not I. Why won't the end of your rifle keep still? Those two sights just won't get into the right position no matter how you try to make them. Shut your eyes and hope for the best, becomes your motto. Anyway, by some peculiar chance a score is made. But what a score!

H. G. Burgin.

The Regatta

Why is it that the weather seems so often unkind to us in the matter of rowing? Do we but think of a regatta, and the elements which have been mild and kindly, gather together for one of their most wintry demonstrations. Can it be that Jupiter Pluvius desires to afford our stalwarts an opportunity of showing their prowess by overcoming adverse conditions before which the average oarsman who is without the advantage of a Service training must inevitably be overwhelmed and confounded? If that is so, we must appreciate the compliment, and we feel sure that the spectators who huddled in the shelter of the Diving shed, will take the conditions as part of the exhibition they had come to witness. The day was not without its little excitements, and it has been rumoured that one member of the College staff was afterwards "on the mat" for having disobeyed the Depot regulations with regard to bathing alongside the pier.

The form shown by the Cadets in the heats for the Open Sculls was somewhat varied, as was to be expected from the large number of entrants. The skiffs proved rather heavy and hard to manage, and actual ability was sometimes beaten by brute strength. Cadets should realise that the matter of getting evenly-balanced oars and decent crutches is largely their own look-out, and is a matter of sufficient importance to warrant some time and care.

Most of the sculling in the later heats was quite good, the eventual winner, Robertson, displaying good form right through, making good use of his reach and driving well with his legs at the catch, a point that cannot be over-estimated.

The best heats are worthy of comment.

Milner beat Skottowe (last year's winner) by a foot, and was beaten himself by Penny by the same margin. Penny, a First Year Cadet, sculled well, and if he is able to lengthen his stroke and acquire a little more style, should prove hard to beat next year. Williams I. beat Williams II. by half a length in a heat marked by bad steering on both sides, the final tragedy for Williams II. being a crab caught in the last five yards.

Regatta Results.

Open Sculls.—1st, Robertson; 2nd, Jellicoe.

Inter-Watch Whalers, "B" Crews. — 1st, White Watch; 2nd, Red Watch; 3rd, Blue Watch.

Officers v. C.P.O.'s. — 1st, Officers; 2nd, C.P.O.'s.

Stewards v. Cooks and Seamen.—1st, Stewards; 2nd, Cooks and Seamen.

Inter-Watch Whalers ("A" Crews). — 1st, Blue Watch; 2nd, White Watch; 3rd, Red Watch.

Coxswains' Race.—1st, "B" Crew; 2nd, "A" Crew.

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.

An Australian in England

(Some extracts from a letter from a former member of the Staff).

Starting from Oxford about 7 a.m., we called on friends at Birmingham, made a hurried dash to Leicester on business, and then in the afternoon arrived at our first sight-seeing place, Lichfield, for Dr. Johnson. His birthplace is preserved as a 'Johnson' museum, with some interesting original documents (including the 'letter to Chesterfield') and paintings. One portrait by Reynolds shows a face of more sensibility than the usual one gives. The house stands in the market square, which is quite attractive, having on one side a pleasant church with fine gilded decoration in the choir and chancel. Two statues are in the market square, Johnson himself, confronting his house, and Boswell, looking very perky. Next we drove through Arnold Bennett's 'Five

Towns' in Staffordshire and we saw the worst depths of industrial ugliness—mile after mile of small, bleak, featureless houses, or shacks, all dirty and all drab. Uncivilized cobbled streets, crowds of heavy van traffic, insufficient signposts, narrow roads, made driving a horror. A pall of smoke hung and drifted over the whole extent of the 'pottery' area—except on the heights overlooking the valley, whereon dwell the well-to-do in luxurious villas with marvellous rock-gardens on the hillside sloping to the valley, where the workmen toil in the grime below. Our next section, the moors of Derbyshire, were a relief after this, and indeed provided us with some scenery which was hardly excelled during the whole time we were touring. The moors are high hills, and were



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all covered with a vivid green grass and crossed by the black lines of old stone fences, the only mark on the wide extent of gleaming green. The varied lines of the tops of the moors and the fantastic patterns of the stone fences under a bright sky were a perfect picture: I felt greatly attracted to the district which has the Peak of Derbyshire somewhere in the neighbourhood. It was on this run that we had an alarming experience—or at least, alarming to a novice like myself. The road we were taking was one which was not recommended to tourists, and we had some stiff pulls and steep descents. After a long time on bottom gear we came suddenly to a rise of about one in five. I doubted whether we should get over, and just on the brow of the hill I thought the engine was going to fail. I jabbed hard, got her over, and then noticed that the water was oozing from the top of the radiator. I hopped out and whipped the cap off, to be greeted with a Vesuvius of black boiling liquid. I thought it was the end of everything, but she cooled down and we proceeded. Manchester came next.

Manchester has an evil reputation for rain, which Mancunians indignantly repudiate, and I had pictured a place where rain and industrial grind made life unrelieved gloom. I was quite wrong. It is fairly wet, but the air is fairly clean, much better than the 'Black Country,' and the city, at least in the parts we frequented, is well designed, clean, lively and distinguished. Although Free Trade is dead and the industrial supremacy of Lancaster a memory, enough remains of the past to enable Manchester to make a brave show. The most interesting part of Manchester to me was that of which the Cobdenites have never heard or never take into account in reckoning its glories—the 'Chetham Hospital and Library'—a mediæval foundation of a Blue-Coat School with Library attached, and the only pre-Renaissance building in Manchester, except the Cathedral. It is, as the Librarian, an Oxonian, remarked to me, an amazing place with its scholarly beauty and peace, especially in a place like Manchester, which is essentially modern and has no pretensions to academic excellence. After Manchester we had an uninteresting and painful journey through more industrial country. The worst part was the cobbled streets with tram lines (and trams); you bump and slide on the cobbles which are like irregular lumps of glass, and shoot and twist on the tram-rails, to the great discomfort and alarm of the man at the wheel. Add to this picture pedestrians and bicycles to the left, other cars in front, a tram to the right, and you have something that is like a motorist's nightmare. I think as a driver of only two months' experience I did well to avoid any accident of even the slightest kind, and the only time we were

within sight of trouble was about 100 yards from home when in swerving to avoid a dog (a regular plague on English roads) I bumped hard over a rut at the side. But to proceed. One is hardly out of the industrial part before one comes to the beginning of the Lake District at Kendal, and a drive of some thirty miles to Keswick, which is pleasant all the way, and at times supremely beautiful. We made a sojourn of about four days here, during which time we explored most of the district except the southernmost portion. Of course, we went to see Wordsworth's house, 'Dove Cottage' at Grasmere, and his tomb in the village churchyard. Perhaps the most beautiful view of the lake proper was at Ullswater, where we had an enchanting glimpse of lake, wooded cliff coming down to the water's edge, and the blue sky, the weather being very pleasant, dry and clear, which it is not always at this time of the year in the Lakes.

I left the Lake District with a longing to return. We came next to Carlisle, almost on the border, and a fascinating place. Indeed the whole border country as far as I saw it, both west and east, is curiously attractive. There has not been much to encroach on the signs of past history, few manufactures to deface the earth, and so very little of the accumulations of cheap and nasty red villa which do their best to spoil Oxford. At Carlisle we went into the castle with its twenty-nine feet thick walls still looking defiantly towards the Scottish border. We saw signs of executions which were all too frequent at this border fortress. The place has a very respectable Cathedral, an attractive town-square with four streets each leading to some notable building, one of them to the castle. I have never come across so small a place which achieves such dignity combined with charm. It was in the border area that I inspected two very important relics of Anglo-Saxon civilisation, the Runic crosses at Ruthwell and Bewcastle. The Runic writing on these crosses is important (and the earliest evidence) for certain sound changes which took place in English after it had separated from the other Low German dialects; but they are also of prime importance in the history of Anglo-Saxon art, because the carving is of extraordinary delicacy and strength. They stand about twelve feet high, and are full of carved figures and ornaments with Runic and Roman writing at the margin. Next day we visited a memorial of quite a different kind—the blacksmith's shop at Gretna Green where the runaway marriages used to take place. It is not a very attractive place in itself, and I am sorry to have to report to the romantically minded that a sordid air hangs round it, and that I would not have sacrificed my single blessedness there even if I had discovered someone who wanted the sacrifice.

Some Attempts at Versification

DOUBLING

In Westernport's salubrious air,
My daily task ne'er ceases.
It seems to me that year by year
The awful grind increases.
But 'swotting' taken on its own
Would not be very troubling,
But 'twixt each solid bout of work
I'm doubling, doubling, doubling.

Chorus—

We double here, we double there,
Sections of fours together,
And thus we double everywhere
In ev'ry sort of weather.

Now when a rainy day occurs
I dream of optional fielding
And then prepare to spend an hour
To happy comfort yielding.
But scarce have time to settle down,
My joyous spirits bubbling,
Ere loud commanding voices shout,
"Go doubling, doubling, doubling."

In after years as on I go
Across the ocean bounding,
Oft-times I'm sure that in my dreams,
I'll hear the rhythm pounding.
But growing old, when limbs grow stiff
And rheumatism's troubling,
There'll be regrets I can no more
Go doubling, doubling, doubling.

MORS MARCI, or AN ELEGY IN A CHEMISTRY PERIOD.

Though beaks I think will all agree,
That through the realms of Chemistry,
And Maths., and Physics, French and Gym,
There's nothing much our health to dim,
I'll tell you how amongst the swots
There perished one called Marcus Potts.

Now Marcus Potts had curly hair,
And dimples like a damsel fair,
And in his study hoped to rise
With aid from extra horn-rimmed eyes.
To him Maths. was an open book,
At Physics he was far from crook,
But his idea of industry
Was high explosive chemistry.

Though such an infant prodigy
To take delight in chemistry,
His interest did at last him send
To make a rather sticky end.

He took delight in making smells
And H₂S and HCL's,
And so he might have happy been

If he'd not made some glycerine;
For this he made and more beside,
Till finally he took a ride
Towards heaven, at a mighty speed,
Glycerined and T.N.T.'d.

A master heard the ghastly ping,
Discerned some Marci on the wing,
Pondered his rather rapid flight
And mused within him at the sight
"If it be true, as text-books state,
That falling lads accelerate
At 32/sec/sec/
Then Potts, I fear, will break his neck."
—The master, like them all, was wise,
And proved correct in his surmise.

And so at N.C., F.N.D.,
Chemistry can only be
A subject for the old and wise,
Lest smaller "warts" should take a rise,
And thus conclude their sea careers
Before they've finished any "years."

READY, AYE READY

Boring to us, Mathematics may be
Navigation and Seamanship too;
After a strenuous hour of P.T.
Our bodies, they ache right through.
But whether we work with muscle or brain,
One goal we seek to attain:
To be ready, aye ready, to answer the call;
Ever ready to answer the call.

When in our games, we struggle and strive
To gain that winning score;
And hardly our limbs, the spirit can drive
To make one effort more.
Even though battered and torn and sore,
Weary and covered with gore;
We're ready, aye ready, to answer the call;
Ever ready to answer the call.

Soon in grey ships, the seas we seek,
To watch and guard and guide.
To bring to light, on ocean or creek
The evil man aims to hide;
And whether in cruiser or battleship tall
Destroyer or gunboat small.
We're ready, aye ready, to answer the call;
Ever ready to answer the call.

Full many a fathom deep they lie,
Our brethren of the sea;
And through the roar of battle their cry
Comes clearly to you and me:
From Nile and Jutland, Trafalgar,
Zeebrugge and Falklands far.
"Be ready, aye ready, to answer our call
Ever ready to answer our call."
And we shall be ready to answer their call;
Ever ready to answer their call.

"AN ODE TO THE OPEN SCULLS"

(With abject apologies to A. L. Gordon).

Although it was blowing, and very near snow-
ing,
With rain coming down, and harsh cries of
gulls,
What did it matter, we'd start the Regatta
By running the heats of the Skiffs Open
Sculls.

The first was a sitter, though Gordon was
fitter,
Yet Purvis came in by more than he ought,
For Gordon lacked cunning, tried making the
running
By sculling the skiff from off the wrong
thwart.

Soon Bassett was striving, the wind it was
driving
Him down on the shoals where the winkles
are found;
When caught by the whaler he was using a
baler,
His skiff was half swamped and was almost
aground.

Cook cried, I'm a goner, I've drawn a twelve
stoner;
I **must** win by guile—that much is quite
clear,
My right arm is stronger, one scull should
be longer;
He tried, but came in seven lengths in the
rear.

With the race nearly over and the leader in
clover,
I don't like these oars, cried out Williams
one,
His language was frightful and though hardly
rightful
Williams two caught a crab, and Williams
one won.

I'm drawn against Skottowe, "Hard work" is
my motto,
Said Milner as he came to the start of his
heat.
By excellent steering and 'midst loud Cook
Year cheering,
He won! "And that's how the favourite was
beat."

—"Old Blue."

LES GRANDS HOMMES SANS MERCI

(With due apologies to the poet Keats).

"What trouble clouds thy brow, pale youth,
O youth confide thy care;
You loiter in mid-afternoon,
Though Spring is in the air.

Your hair is wild, your eyes are tired,
Beside the fire you sit and stare;
Outside the sun does feebly shine,
Though Spring is in the air.

To-day at Jervis Bay the sun
Does beat upon the sandy soil,
And here in mud and slush you slide,
In torrents do you toil!"

"O fool," of gloom the answer rings,
"The name of Jervis Bay
With sadness fills my heart to hear,
The heart that was so gay.

For powers that be they did decree
That we should leave the sunny clime,
The bay, the beach, and the lagoon,
For rain, for slush, and slime.

For men, for food, and for cadets
And lights, they had no gold to pay;
And so we came to Western Port
And left our Jervis Bay.

Our numbers shrank to twenty-five;
And shrank as well our trav'ling pay;
In fact, the axe on all did fall,
On all from Jervis Bay.

So this is why I look so pale,
So wan, so tired, so woe begone,
'Tis why outside much rain I see,
Though winter's old and done."

—I. F. G. Downs.

A 4th YEAR COMPLAINT

I asked him for ADE N EY said I was wrong.
I thought it a fair COW AN' was right.
ToMORROW's a day I shan't feel very strong,
I really must go and get TATE.

You're a SIMP, SON, said TATE, as he
got out of bed,
This is a BULGE on the way you should
do it.
Put this on your SLATE—(e)R, no put this
instead,
And if this isn't right he can STEWART.

With all their advice my answer was bad,
On my head he heaped fires made of *COLE,
And if that's the extent of the help to be had
I'll soon be outside on the dole.

*PLUNKETT-COLE is the name.

Hot Shot and Hot Shot Ovens

Owing to the likelihood of its demolition by the local Municipal Council, during the reclamation of the old Queen's Battery, Hobart, much attention has been directed of late to the existence on that site of a hot shot oven. This is by way of being a rarity, in fact, it has been said that the only other one of its kind intact to-day is to be found at Gibraltar. This hot shot oven stands, at the moment, a small isolated building of no very prepossessing appearance, several feet below the ground level of the present lawns.

In both principle and design it is simple enough, consisting of the oven itself, and of an outer chamber, into which opens the furnace, for the housing of the stokers. When fully loaded the oven took two rows of a dozen 70 pounder shot. The oven doors were then closed and when the shot had reached the desired heat, it was raked out on to a receiving platform, from which it was removed to the gun. To load the gun, three-quarters of the usual charge of powder was used, and between this and the red hot shot was placed a wet wad.

According to Sayer's "History of Gibraltar" the invention of red hot shot was local to the Rock, and we find them used for the first time with considerable success, both on land and sea, during the combined French and Spanish siege of Gibraltar, 1779-83.

The supreme effort on the part of the besiegers was made on 13th September, 1782, in simultaneous attack by land and sea, the French and Spaniards employing by sea, 46 sail of the line, besides a numerous fleet of gun and mortar boats. But their chief hope lay in floating batteries, corresponding to present-day monitors, specially designed to withstand the effect of the shore batteries, particularly as regards hot shot.

Each of these floating batteries was clad on its fighting side with three successive layers of squared timber; three feet in thickness; within this wall ran a body of wet sand, and within that again was a line of cork soaked in water, and calculated to prevent the effect of splinters, the whole being bound together by strong wooden bolts.

To protect the guns' crews from shell or dropping shot, a hanging roof was contrived, composed of strong rope netting covered with wet hides, and shelving sufficiently to prevent the shot lodging. Specially to counter the red hot shot a reservoir was placed beneath the roof, from which numerous pipes, like the veins of the human body, circulated through the sides of the ship, giving a constant supply of water to every part and keeping the wood constantly saturated.

Each floating battery carried from 8 to 20 heavy brass cannon of new manufacture, with

a reserve of spare pieces, and was manned by from 250 to 760 men.

On the other hand, General Elliot, commanding Gibraltar, founded his hopes of destroying the enemies' battering ships, almost entirely on the use of hot shot, and a great number of ovens for heating the shot were prepared and placed in convenient positions within the principal batteries. Shortly before 10 a.m. on 13th September, the ten battering ships of the enemy anchored, in admirable order, in line at about 1,000 feet(?) distance from the walls of the fortress, being accompanied by a vast fleet of small craft.

The enemy had sacrificed the element of surprise to such an extent that the surrounding country was covered with countless thousands of spectators who had hurried from all parts of Spain to witness the fall of Gibraltar. The floating batteries had no sooner let go their anchors than a tremendous cannonade of hot and cold shot was opened on them all along the line; at the same moment the ponderous vessels replied, supported by the fire of 186 pieces on the "Isthmus." This duel, of dreadful intensity, continued for two hours, during which time 2,000 red-hot shot fell upon the vessels, but without causing any fire which could not be quenched. At last, wreaths of flame were noticed appearing from the Admiral's floating battery, and considerable confusion was perceived on one of the others, which had also caught fire. The crew of the latter stopped firing to put out the flames, and while doing so the shore batteries concentrated on them and all their efforts were in vain. Fearful of an explosion they turned water into the powder magazines and rendered the vessel useless.

By midnight the Admiral's ship was burning from stem to stern, and others had also commenced. The enemy, themselves, then set fire to the remainder, some of them so precipitately that the crews had to jump into the sea, where they were rescued by the British.

As regards the British, the furnaces for heating the shot were found to be too few, and huge fires were kindled in convenient corners of the streets to augment them. Upwards of 8,000 shot and 716 barrels of gunpowder were fired by the Garrison.

Unfortunately, none of the history of the local hot shot oven appears to have been recorded, but several ex-members of the old Tasmanian Artillery have stated that on one occasion, while loading a red hot shot, through an omission on the part of the loader, no wet wad was inserted, and as soon as the shot touched the powder the gun fired. Having been run out on its normal line of fire, to facilitate loading, the shot fell in close proximity to a French Man of War which was then lying in

the harbour. This vessel immediately cleared for action and H.M.S. "Ringdove," lying nearby, having observed this, did likewise.

Fortunately, a timely explanation was forthcoming, and strained international relations

were eased at a smoke social the same evening, to which, from all accounts, the restrictions of prohibition did not apply.

—R. L. Williams.

First Shot Fired in the Great War

The first shot in the Great War, as far as the British Empire was concerned, was fired from F2 gun (6 inch B.L. Mark VII.) Fort Nepean, at 1230 p.m. on Wednesday, 5th August, 1914, by the personnel of the Royal

without reference to any other person, either naval or military.

At mid-day, relief of lookout was taking place when a large column of smoke and flame was noticed in the South Channel in



Australian Artillery, under the command of Captain M. D. Williams, who was Battery Commander of the Examination Battery, Port Phillip Defended Port, and therefore responsible for the control of merchant shipping entering or leaving Port Phillip Heads. Full instructions for the entry of merchant shipping into ports during the time of war are detailed in the Confidential Traffic Regulations, and as Port Phillip Defended Port had been manned for the precautionary stage of the Defence Scheme, the Battery Commander had full and complete authority for his action,

the direction of Melbourne. The look-out immediately reported the unusual occurrence to the Gun Group Commander, Company Sergeant Major E. Wheeler, who in turn informed the Battery Commander, Captain M. D. Williams, Royal Australian Artillery (now Major M. D. Williams, Australian Staff Corps). The depression range-finder could not define the object, but with the aid of field glasses it was made out to be a ship proceeding south from Melbourne with all available speed. The examination battery was manned for action with the few men then available, and the gun

loaded and reported "Ready for Action." The C.O., Port Phillip Defences, Lt. Col. A. H. Sandford, Royal Australian Artillery, was notified, and it was ascertained that the ship was the German S.S. "Pfalz," of the German Australian line. About the year 1900, the South Channel was protected by a mine field of electro observation mines, which were fired by an observer in South Channel Fort when the ship was passing over the line, if it was desired to blow it up in the Channel. Guns were mounted in the fort to protect the minefield from mine-sweepers. About 1907 the minefield was removed, and the garrison transferred. The Captain or Pilot of the "Pfalz" must have imagined that the minefield had been replaced between the 2nd and 5th August, 1914, for she steered a course across from South Channel through Loelia and Symond's Channels into the West Channel, rather than cross the site of the old minefield, which had not been replaced. The "Pfalz" ran on in West Channel till almost abreast the northern end of Swan Island in defiance of the signal "Stop instantly," which was flying from the signal staff at Point Nepean. As there was a danger arc from this position right until Point Lonsdale was reached, the Battery Commander gave the order, "Lengthen 300," so that the round would fall well plus, then "Fire." A roar from the gun commenced the Empire's participation in the greatest war of history. The practice shot sped on its way with a scream to fall just where it was intended—across the bows of the "Pfalz," and 300 yards plus, so that the ricochet would fall in the open mouth of Corio Bay and not on the Submarine Mining Depot of the Royal Aus-

tralian Engineers on Swan Island. The time was now 1230. Much has been said and written about the fall of the shot, some say that it fell astern, which all depends upon the point of view. To the odd man who saw it from Portsea it might have appeared so, or even to one or two who happened to be in a position at Queenscliff from which it was visible, but from the B.C.'s post it was across her bows. The interesting point is, really how many people claim to have seen the action, which occurred in the winter, when Queenscliff is practically deserted—at lunch time when most of the local inhabitants were in their homes—and in view of the fact that only very few officers even of the garrison knew anything about it till the shot had fallen. However, the "Pfalz" steamed on, past the Queenscliff Pier, past Fort Queenscliffe into Lonsdale Bight. The gun detachment was ordered to "Change to Lyddite." The Battery Commander waited till the "Pfalz" should clear Lonsdale Lighthouse before sinking her, when she would be at a range of about 2,300 yards. The Captain of the ship decided that he had no chance of getting away, and just before the "Pfalz" got into the Rip he went about and came into the Examination Anchorage, where she was taken over that night by a naval boarding party and returned to Melbourne.

The personnel of the Examination Battery were:—Captain M. D. Williams, Company Sergeant Major E. Wheeler, Sgt. C. A. Carter, Corpl. W. Young, (killed in action in France), Bdr. J. D. Purdie, Corpl. J. J. Jack, Gunners C. Gregory, A. Brown and W. Mealy.

—R. L. Williams.

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. 10in. 1919
Hurdles (Open)—
R. D. Hancock (1920), 17 3/10 secs. 1923
Hurdles (Low)—
McDonald, 16 3/5 secs. 1932

Colours for 1932

Swimming: Milner.
Cricket: Downs, Tapp.
Athletics: Milner.

Rugby: McDonald, Williams, R. L., Robertson, Synnot, Macartney.

Hockey: Downs, Williams, L. L., Tapp.

Rowing: Robertson, Jellicoe, Williams, R. L.

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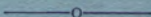
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