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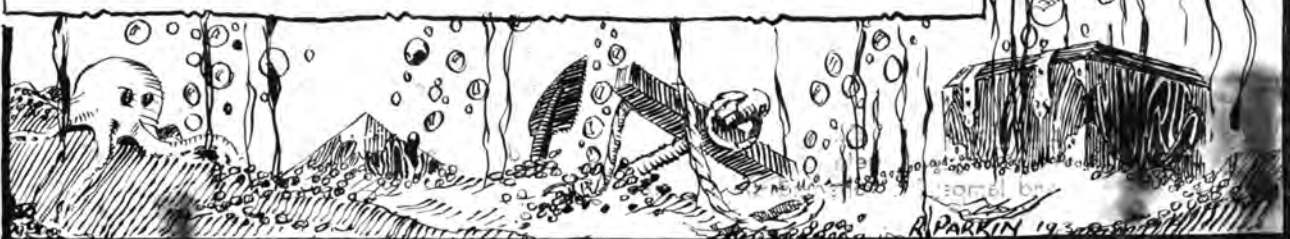
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## A FAIRY TALE

Let us begin in the fashion of the old tellers of tales.

Once upon a time there was an editor. And, since a war had been declared in several parts of the globe; and in the other parts severe fighting was going on without any declaration whatever, this editor wrote a long and very serious thing called an editorial. This he intended to disguise, or camouflage, under the misleading title of "Notes and Comments," in the vain hope that the unwary might, thereby, be beguiled into reading it. And, in this editorial there were frequent references to the traditions of the service; and to the lives and sayings of famous men; to the importance of developing the right spirit in the right places; and so on. This went on for a long while, and

a great many pages. It was a beautiful editorial, full of high moral sentiments.

And, finally, the editor did something quite unusual. He stopped to think. And, after thinking for some time, he took a large blue pencil, and, with this he made quite unprintable and very pointed comments upon what he had written; and eventually he consigned the no longer beautiful editorial (though it was still disguised) to the large (but by no means large enough) editorial paper basket. For, he said to himself, if the right spirit is in this College, as we are sure it is, what need for all these words; and if it is not, will an editorial (however beautiful they may be, and however disguised, nobody ever reads editorials) do anything to put it there?

And so, said the editor, let us set about the business of producing a Magazine.

## PASSING-OUT, 1938

As usual, the Fourth Year finished their final year at the College with some ceremony and a great deal of festivity. Examinations ended on Friday December 9. On Saturday morning they were given a lecture by Commander Armstrong on "Life at Sea"; and in the evening were the guests of Captain and Mrs. Pope at a dinner and dance. On Tuesday evening they were entertained at dinner in the Wardroom. The Passing-Out ceremony was held on December 15. His Excellency the Governor-General, Lord Gowrie, took the salute at the march past, and later presented the prizes. In the evening, there was the usual Passing-Out Dance, held this year, for the first time, in the Main Assembly Hall at the new study block.

The prize list was as follows:—

### Grand Aggregate:

A. D. Black.

### French, History, English:

A. D. Black, 1; R. G. Watkins, 2.

### Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry:

A. D. Black, 1; R. G. Watkins, 2; J. R. Stevenson, 3.

### Engineering, Navigation, Seamanship:

A. D. Black, 1; E. H. Simmonds, 2.

### "Otto Albert" Prize for Seamanship:

A. D. Black.

### Governor-General's Cup:

D. A. H. Clarke.

### King's Medal:

G. V. Gladstone.

## EDUCATION OF A SAILOR

It's always words, and often surds,  
It's data, formulae and forces;  
It's chemistry of T.N.T.,  
It's lead lines, rhumb lines, bearing, courses;  
It's args, and dines; it's brackets, signs;  
It's climate, structure, vegetation;  
It's lights and lamps; it's volts and amps;

It's signals, flags, and keeping station;  
It's names of kings, and dates of things  
That happened before Pharaoh's daughter:  
But can you state, in language straight:  
When do we ever see the water?

G.F.A.

## PERSONNEL AND PERSONAL

Changes have been so rapid this year that it is difficult to remember whether Lieutenant Soforth was here, will be here, or merely was to have been here if something else hadn't happened. But let us try and sort out some of these comings and going, with apologies in advance for possible omissions.

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At the end of 1938 the College, and the Service, said goodbye to Instructor Lieutenant-Commander George Lucas. For some years before his retirement Lieut.-Cdr. Lucas had been in charge of the work in Navigation at the College; and it was with very real regret that his colleagues parted from one whose unassuming disposition and cheery good nature made it a pleasure to work with him. Since then, he has been recalled, and is at sea once more. The best wishes of the College go with him.

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His place was taken, till the outbreak of war, by Instructor Commander J. C. Slater; and, since then, by Instructor Commander C. R. Franklin.

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At the end of June, Captain C. J. Pope, C.B.E., R.A.N., retired from active service. Both Captain and Mrs. Pope had taken a very genuine and kindly interest in the affairs of the College, and the welfare and happiness of all the Cadets. To an expression of our deep appreciation of all they did for us, may we add our best wishes to Captain and Mrs. Pope and their family for all happiness and prosperity in the future.

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Captain Pope was relieved by Captain H. B. Crane, R.N., to whom, with Mrs. Crane and family, we wish to extend a very hearty welcome.

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Commander W. T. A. Moran, who had just recently relieved Commander J. M. Armstrong at the College, Lieutenant-Commander Harrington, and Lieutenant Robison had also left the College by the time we returned from the September leave. Their places have been taken by Commander A. J. Londoun-Shand, O.B.E., Lieutenant-Commander M. W. Lancaster, and Lieutenant Lawson to all of whom a hearty welcome and best wishes for happy days at the R.A.N.C.

This year saw the arrival of the largest new entry of Cadets since 1920. Twenty-one Cadets in the First Year brought our total to sixty-five. There were also five Paymaster-Cadets living in the College during first term.

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The extremely antiquated box of tricks which for years masqueraded as a College camera (till the adhesive plaster and stamp paper gave way completely!) having been disposed of, a new camera (Ikoflex III) was obtained during the year. With this, in the experienced hands of our unofficially official photographer, we can foresee a greatly improved photographic record of College activities. During the year a Photography Club was formed among the Cadets; and the dark room is to be equipped with developing tank and enlarger. A College album is to be kept; and it is rumoured that prizes are to be awarded for good photographs taken by Cadets in competition.

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The declaration of war brought some rapid changes in College personnel. When we went on leave at the end of second term, the Fourth Year were kept back (two escaped, but were quickly caught again!) and on Tuesday, August 29, they left to join the Squadron. So, unless the war should end unexpectedly, there will be no Passing-Out this year. The best of luck to you, Fourth Year!

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For many years the pains and pleasures associated with the occupancy of this Editorial Chair, have been borne with equal fortitude, and completely unruffled serenity, by Mr. F. B. Eldridge. May his successor express the opinion that the College owes a great deal to Mr. Eldridge for his work connected with the Magazine; and beg that you, as a reader, may be inspired to lighten the editorial labours by submitting such contributions in prose or verse, photographs or drawings as your generosity and the exigencies of the Service may allow. In other and plainer words, that even a First Year Cadet may understand, the cry is "Copy, please!"—and the more and brighter the better. A magazine is "made" by its contributors, though it may be "marred" by its editor!

## COLLEGE LOG, 1939

### February:

1. First Year joined.
3. College re-opened.
4. 1st XI Trial Match.
9. Lieutenant-Commander Skipwith, R.N., leaves. Inter-House cricket won by Cook House (149-109).
11. Sailing. Flinders House wins tennis.
12. 1st XI (154) v. the Harlequins (165).
- 13-14. 1st XI (139) v. Communications (160).
17. Swimming. Life-saving classes.
27. Paper Chase. Lecture by Lieutenant Robison on "Weather."

### March:

2. Aquatic Sports. Flinders House, 47 points, d. Cook House, 46 points.
4. Cadets to Rhyll for mid-term camp.
13. Lecture by Mr. Simpson on "Photography."
15. Examination in Life-saving at Hastings Swimming Pool.
18. 1st XI (4 for 124) d. Scotch College 2nd XI (all out 109).
25. 1st XI (9 for 250) d. R.A.A.F. Cadets at Point Cook (177).
27. Tennis Finals (Doubles) won by McDonald I and McDonald II.
28. Obstacle Sailing Race.
29. Tennis (Singles) Final. McDonald II d. McDonald I.

### April:

1. Week-end Leave. Camping at Cooper's Bent and Somers.
- 5-6. Fourth and Third Year in H.M.A.S. "Vampire."
10. 1st XI (133) d. "Canberra's" Gunroom (109).
11. Beginning training for Athletics.
12. Junior Cadets visit Squadron.
13. Seniors visit Squadron.

15. Athletic Meeting v. Scotch College. Scotch won, 27 points to 15.
29. Athletic Championship Meeting.

### May:

3. Inter-House Athletic Sports. Won by Flinders House, 35 points to 6.
5. Long Leave.

### June:

2. Cadets return from Long Leave.
3. Rugby practise commenced.
8. King's Birthday Review.
10. Cook House (20) d. Flinders House (6) in Inter-House Rugby.
19. 1st XV d. Communications (8-6).
23. Captain Pope's Farewell Speech to Cadets.
24. Senior Cadets to Toorak College: Hockey and Tennis.

### July:

1. Week-end Leave at R.A.N.C.
5. Farewell Concert by Cadets to Commander Armstrong.
8. Rugby v. Scotch College at R.A.N.C. 1st XV, won, 66-0; 2nd XV won, 35-3.
9. Squash v. Harlequins. Visitors won 15 games to none.
14. Visit from Merton Hall: Hockey and Dance.
15. Return Matches v. Scotch College at Scotch. R.A.N.C. 1st XV won 12.-3; 2nd XV won won, 19-0.
17. 1st XI Hockey d. Communications, 4-0.
19. Tug-of-War: Flinders House won Senior and Junior.
22. Inter-House Cross Country Race won by Flinders House.
24. Annual Boxing Tournament.

## College Log—Continued

- 26. Finals Boxing Tournament.
- 29. Long Week-end at R.A.N.C.

**August:**

- 2. Junior XV d. Footscray Technical Coll.
- 5. Inter-House Hockey.
- 8. Commander Moran joined.
- 9. Paperchase.

**October:**

- 4. Baseball v. Wardroom.
- 5. Inter-House Cutter Race won by Flinders.
- 7. Tennis. Officers and Masters d. Cadets.
- 21. Cricket. R.A.N.C. lost to Melbourne Grammar.
- 27. Lecture: Instructor-Commander Moyes: "The Antarctic."

**FIRST YEAR, 1939**

- 12. Inter-House Rugby.
- 13. Finals Squash Tournament.
- 25. First, Second and Third Years proceed on Long Leave.
- 29. Fourth Year leave College for service with the Squadron.

**September:**

- 15. Cadets return from Long Leave.
- 17. Hockey Matches v. Fairfield Hockey Club.
- 21. Inter-House Tennis.
- 27. Inter-House Hockey.

**November:**

- 5. Shooting Match v. Geelong Grammar.
- 12. Cricket. Harlequins d. R.A.N.C.
- 18. Week-end Leave. Camp at Mornington.
- 22. Inter-House Tennis.
- 25. Cricket v. Melbourne Grammar.
- 30. Examinations begin.

**December:**

- 8. Examinations end.
- 9. Cricket v. Geelong Grammar.
- 15. Cadets proceed on Long Leave.

## OVERBOARD IN THE ATLANTIC

In 1928, H.M.A.S. Australia was on her maiden voyage from Portsmouth, England, to Montreal, Canada, and a fast passage was anticipated. However, after a few days out, the weather became so bad that it was obvious that speed would have to be reduced. Fittings on the forecastle were working loose, the forecastle screen doors had been strained, the breakwater door washed overboard, and a great deal of damage was being done. Finally, the Commander, on investigation, found it necessary to ask the Captain to ease the ship's speed, so that endeavours could be made to secure the gear which had worked loose before the breakwater.

The seaboat's crew were mustered and ordered to stand by to go onto the fore-castle. The Commander, 1st Lieutenant, Boatswain and I decided to choose our time and venture onto the fore-castle to see what could be done. I had only been forward for a few moments, had recovered one or two odds and ends of loose gear, and was bending over to pick up one of the whelps from the centre line capstan, when I heard the Commander shout a warning. Looking up, I was horror-struck to see a great wall of water almost within inches of me, and realized immediately that I was at its mercy. At the time I was wearing heavy leather seaboots and also a waterproof coat. At the next moment all was confusion, and then I was conscious of the terrible fact that I was helpless and unable to combat the powerful waters which had completely surrounded me. I felt that I was about to be swept against the ship's superstructure and perhaps knocked unconscious or killed. However, this was not the case; I vaguely remember the terrifying turmoil and inky darkness by which I was being overwhelmed.

I seemed to have been in the grip of this great mass of water an interminable time, and thinking I might possibly be near the guard rails, stretched out my arms to their full extent in the hope that I might be able to grasp them. I was whirled along at break-neck speed and wondered where on earth I

could be; then, to my horror, I hit the water with terrific force. Down and down I seemed to be hurled, and the pressure of water all round me became so overbearing that I thought my end had come. Then, to my intense relief, I found that I was on the surface again; my head felt as if it were bursting and blood appeared to be coming out of my ears and nose. However, I had far too much to occupy my mind than to think of this, for there, some distance away, was the ship. My immediate joy was beyond expression!

But then came the depressing realization that it would be impossible for the ship to lower a boat in such a seaway. My case, despite my premature feeling of salvation, seemed hopeless.

I was not seriously hurt, though, and the desire to live was still uppermost in my mind; I decided to make a desperate fight for it. To lighten my burden, it was necessary to try and remove my seaboots. I successfully got one off, but the other refused to budge. My next effort was to remove my raincoat, but I found this impossible, as the heavy seas came pounding down on my back. Soon, however, I realized that I was fortunate in being unable to remove it, as it bellied out with air underneath it and gave me added buoyancy.

In the ship, as soon as the huge sea was seen to sweep over the fore-castle, it was obvious to the Officer of the Watch and those on the bridge that someone, if not all the officers who had gone forward had been washed overboard. The engines were immediately stopped and extra lookouts posted. It was then that I was sighted by the signalman; his keen eyes picked me out when, by this time, I was a good distance from the ship.

I began to swim strongly towards her, and how I thanked my Maker when eventually she appeared to be getting nearer and still closing me, thus affording me some shelter by forming a lee. I might mention that we were in the iceberg zone, so you can imagine how

cold the water must have been. However, this fact did not seem to worry me at this stage.

When quite close to the ship, I noticed the patent log line which was streamed from the port quarter, and decided to swim for it. Then, like a gift from heaven, a lifebuoy suddenly appeared on the crest of a wave and was washed right down on me so that I was able to seize hold of it. To try and express my relief would be impossible; it was as if I had been through hell and was about to enter the gates of heaven.

The ship, by this time, had drifted onto me and the next problem was: How was I to get on board? The ship was rolling heavily and I was in constant danger of being sucked down beneath her. Those inboard decided to give me another lifebuoy with a grassline attached to it. I eventually grabbed it and discarded the first one, much as I had liked it.

From then on was the most critical stage of my most unfortunate experience. Willing hands eagerly sought to hoist me up onto the deck. As I cleared the water, the ship rolled, and I was bashed into her side with stunning force. My head received a most painful blow and my legs were badly cut up against the barnacles on the ship's side. It looked to the men on deck as though I might slip through the buoy and be lost, and so they lowered me into the water again.

The strain was beginning to tell on me, and to tell the truth, I had almost ceased to care what happened. My last hope appeared to be a ladder which was eventually lowered over the side. Unfortunately, it was not secured inboard to give it enough scope to reach the water when the ship rolled heavily. I watched for my opportunity and then, as I was lifted by the sea, grabbed at the ladder. I was only able to grasp onto it about two rungs from the bottom, and as the water receded, the lifebuoy slipped from me, and I was left, hanging helplessly. I then fully realized how numbed and frozen I was.

Just try and sum up what I had been through and you will perhaps be able to

understand my position a little better. I had swallowed a fair amount of water, the bumping against the ship's side had almost completely disabled me, and now the dead weight of my wet clothing was a further handicap. What was going to happen next I did not know, and cared even less.



Official Visit Aboard a Cruiser  
Cleared for Action

I was just thinking that I was completely done and could not hold on for another second, when I heard the voice of Lieutenant-Commander (now Captain) Howden close to my ear: "Hang on for your life and all will be well in a moment or two." The sound of a voice so close just gave me the incentive to hold on a fraction longer. Lieutenant-Commander Howden had climbed down the ladder, at great personal risk, and held me by the arm, and all those on deck hoisted the ladder and both of us bodily up and inboard to safety.

Many willing hands were there to grasp hold of me and carry me off to sick bay. However, I was unconscious long before I reached there.

In concluding, I would like to express my deepest gratitude to all those who did their utmost in saving my life. Especially would I like to mention Captain Howden, Shipwright Lieutenant-Commander White (whom, I found out later, had thrown the first lifebuoy to me), Surgeon-Commander Scott Mackenzie, Surgeon-Commander Downward, Chief Petty Officer Barker, and, lastly, all those efficient and capable officers whose responsibility it was to manoeuvre the ship.

Chief Petty Officer W. E. C. ALLEN.



## HOUSE NOTES

### COOK HOUSE

**House Officer:** Lieutenant-Commander W. H. Harrington (First and Second Terms); Lieutenant-Commander M. W. Lancaster (Third Term).

**House C.P.O.:** Mr. D. M. Viney (First and Second Terms); Mr. Vince (Third Term).

**House Cadet Captain:** Chief Cadet Captain D. Nicholls (First and Second Terms); G. B. Thrum (Third Term).

**Cadet Captains:** J. L. W. Merson, G. B. Thrum (First and Second Terms); J. G. Willis, B. H. Loxton.

The war, as it has done to so many other things, upset the College as soon as it broke out. The Fourth Year were stopped from proceeding on their September leave; but were sent to sea six days before war was declared. All our executive and instructor officers left and we are now under Commander Loudoun-Shand and the two House Officers.

The House System is living up to its expectations; and is producing fine competition amongst the Cadets, and, as you will see, the margins have been remarkably close.

Here are our modest gains:—

- Obstacle Whaler Race.
- Tennis.
- Rugby Football.
- Cricket, 1938-39.

We lost the swimming by one point, the actual points being 14-13. The athletics we lost, by rather a large margin, but, still, we cannot win every year.

The hockey games were equal, but Flinders won by the goal margin in the third match. The All-comers' Cutter was taken from us by the small margin of four feet in a three-quarter-mile race. This was held in lieu of the Pulling Regatta, which is to be held next term. The athletics will then be held in third term next year so that we can compete against Melbourne Schools.

We hope the Fourth Year are not finding life too strenuous; and most, in fact, all, the Cadets wish they were out there, too.

Colours:—

- Lorimer:** Swimming.
- McDonald:** Cricket, Rugby, Tennis.
- Merson:** Cricket, Rugby, Swimming.
- Nicholls:** Cricket, Hockey.
- Shearing:** Hockey.

Congratulations to Mugg for breaking the

Junior Long Jump record, and establishing a new one of 17 feet  $4\frac{1}{2}$  inches.

Also to Merson, Simmons and Moore for winning their weights in the Boxing, and to Merson again for winning the Colin Creswell Cup (Swimming).

G. B. THRUM.

### FLINDERS HOUSE

**House Officer:** Lieutenant R. C. Robison (First and Second Terms); Lieutenant J. P. Lawson (Third Term).

**House C.P.O.:** Mr. W. E. C. Allen (First and Second Terms); Mr. Mackay (Third Term).

**House Cadet Captain:** M. P. Reed (First and Second Terms); G. R. Griffiths (Third Term).

**Cadet Captains:** H. T. McDonald, G. R. Griffiths (First and Second Terms); J. S. Austin, G. H. McIntosh (Third Term).

The First Year were drafted to their Houses after being here three weeks; they were selected by the House Cadet Captains.

Cook House won the senior cricket, but Flinders retained the junior. Flinders won the swimming by one point and the athletics by a very big margin. Also, Flinders won both the senior and junior tug-of-war, thus confirming the tug-of-war song of 1938.



Cook House won the football, although Flinders claimed a moral victory by winning more matches; and again Flinders won the cross-country with Lester coming first, Griffiths second and Tatham third.

Saturday, July 8, was a sad day for everyone at College, as Commander Armstrong was called to sea in the "Australia." He was relieved by Commander Moran. At the end of second term, the Fourth Year were sent to sea on the outbreak of war.

### Flinders House Notes Continued

To Lieutenant Robison, our House Officer, who also went to sea in the "Australia," we offer our sincere good wishes; and to Mr. Allen, who went to sea in the armed merchantman "Kanimbla."

The third term did not start very well for us, as we lost the tennis by one match. However, we made up for this by winning the hockey and all-comers' cutters race. Owing to a change in the annual sports routine, the regatta is not being held till the first term, 1940.

This year, Flinders House has done very well in the annual "pot-hunt" by winning 13 cups and two shields. Once more we would remind the "young bloods" that it is upon you that the prestige of Flinders House rests in the future, and we feel confident that that prestige will be upheld.

We wish to offer our congratulations to the following for winning their colours:—

**H. T. McDonald:** Rugby, Tennis, Cricket.

**J. S. Lester:** Athletics, Swimming.

**R. B. Treloar:** Athletics, Rugby.

**J. S. Austin:** Athletics.

**G. R. Griffiths:** Athletics.

Also to the following holders of individual trophies:—

**R. B. Treloar:** Trophy for fastest time over 100 yards; Best Athlete Trophy.

**H. T. McDonald:** Squash Trophy.

**J. S. Lester:** Boxing Cup; One Mile (Shield); also for once more winning the Cross-Country.

During 1939, Flinders House have won:— Junior Cricket; Aquatic Sports; Athletics; Tug-of-war; Cross-Country; All-comers' Cutter Race; Hockey.

G. R. GRIFFITHS.

## THE SALUTE

Scene I.—A Party Rally at Nuremberg.

Adolf Hitler: the leader: he who misleads his people into war: breaks his pledged word: crushes, mercilessly, the weak nations: persecutes the Jews: he stands in the full glare of the spotlights. The bands play. The armed battalions fling up their hands in salute. The man on the dais salutes also: salutes himself.

Scene II.—At Sea. H.M.S. "Courageous" is Sinking.

The great ship staggers, lurches and stops. Boats are lowered: rafts and lifebuoys flung

overboard. The ship fills. Men jump and slide from the flying deck. Some, struggling in the water, see the ship going. The White Ensign still flies, symbol of truth in a world of lies; right as opposed to might; freedom rather than slavery; justice not oppression.

The Captain—and there is no touch of melodrama here; no bands playing; no spotlights; no cheering regiments on parade, but only men grappling with a cold death—Captain W. T. Makeig-Jones, turns towards the White Ensign and salutes it. "Courageous" disappears for ever.

G.F.A.

## THE INTRODUCTION OF BALLET DANCING INTO COLLEGE

Quite recently Cadets were exceedingly surprised to find, in spite of hairy legs and bulging muscles, that some of their number were being transformed into fairy-like hip-wrigglers, commonly known as ballet dancers.

However, in justice to the sweet young things, it must be said that their proportions on the night of the concert, left nothing to be desired.

They were truly transformed, for, with

the aid of tennis balls, their beguiling feminine forms, gracefully wriggling in time to the sweet music of the tooth-organ, produced great applause. There was also much doubt as to the sex of the performers, so skilfully were they disguised, and when it was finally established that they were only Cadets, someone was heard to say: "I'll believe now that beauty is only skin deep."

F. K. M. THOMPSON.

## FAREWELL CONCERT TO COMMANDER ARMSTRONG

The first concert for many years was presented by Cadets on July 6, as a farewell to Commander Armstrong.

The Wardroom officers and friends, also the ship's company from the College, attended.

The preparations took the best part of three weeks, and Lieutenant Robison, as producer, worked incessantly. A great deal of his time was given up to rehearsals, and the Cadets entered vigorously into the spirit of the concert.

Commander Haes kindly had a stage erected in the Cadets' Assembly Hall, and at last the great night arrived and the concert commenced.

The items were as follows:—

- I.—Pianoforte Solo by Writer Roberts  
 II.—The Harmonious Sextette—consisting of White, Gyllies, Thompson, Loxton, George and Lake  
 III.—"The New Maid"—  
     Doris . . . . . McDonald, H. T.  
     Lizzie . . . . . Reed  
 (This was a most amusing sketch.)  
 IV.—Pianoforte Solo by Writer Roberts  
 V.—Songs: "Loch Lomond" and "Killarney," rendered by Read, Brunside, Lade, Loxton and George.  
 VI.—The Bathroom Scene:  
     The Girl . . . . . Gyllies  
     The Plumber . . . . . Lester  
     His Mate . . . . . McDonald, N. E.  
     The Dude . . . . . Shearing  
     The Husband . . . . . Parker  
     The Mad Actor . . . . . Thrum  
 (One of the hits of the evening!)

VII.—Illuminated Club Swinging by Reed.

VIII.—"The Braver Sex"—

Husband . . . . . Parker  
 Wife . . . . . Gyllies

(A large spider on a string played the lead in this scene, much to the consternation of the ladies.)

IX.—"The Little Red School House"—

Teacher . . . . . McIntosh  
 Horace . . . . . Lesh  
 Billy . . . . . Moore

(The two First Year played their parts well.)

X.—"He Asked For It"—

The Waiter . . . . . Thrum  
 The Epicure . . . . . Dowling

XI.—Now came the Mouth Organ Trio, and the Third Year Ballet, consisting of Thompson, Latham, Badman and Kennedy; with "The Finest Legs You Ever Did See"

XII.—Pianoforte Solo by Writer Roberts.

XIII.—"The Customs of the Service"—

Side Boy . . . . . Simmons  
 Quartermaster . . . . . Treloar  
 Mid. of the Watch . . . . . Reed  
 Officer of the Watch . . . . . Scrivenor  
 Commander . . . . . Nicholls  
 Captain . . . . . Merson  
 Vice-Admiral . . . . . White

(The cast for this scene was admirably chosen, and the scene was the best in the whole concert.)

XIV.—Song: "Good Night" . . . . . The whole cast  
     God Save The King

Writer Roberts gave up much of his time to make a success of the concert, and his accompanying was excellent. Mrs. Bath, as costume designer and beauty adviser, was most helpful. The scene shifting was ably carried out by Lorimer, Willis and Molony, and Gregory did the prompting (if any).

The concert was a huge success, and we hope that Commander Armstrong will always retain happy memories of it.

M. J. GREGORY.

## THE "ELIZABETH"

Early in 1939 an addition was made to the collection of models in the Seamanship Room, namely, a model of the Lisbon Packet "Elizabeth." This ship was a famous packet carrying mail between Falmouth and Lisbon during the Peninsula War. While Trafalgar was being fought in October, 1805, she was anchored in the River Tagus.

Many famous men travelled aboard her, including Lord Byron, who made his first trip abroad in her four years after Nelson's vic-

tory and death. He wrote "Lines Written Aboard the Lisbon Packet" whilst taking this voyage.

In 1810, Thomas Treganowan, the ship's carpenter, made the model, which has been passed down to his descendants. It has been presented to the College by his great grandsons, J. L. and W. Treganowan, and now stands in a prominent position in the Seamanship Room.

J. C. W. KENNEDY.

# SPORTS AND SPORTING

## COLOURS

(Showing date of Award)

Rugby	Cricket	Hockey	Tennis	Athletics	Swimming
<b>1939</b> H. T. McDonald N. E. McDonald	<b>1939</b> J. L. W. Merson D. Nicholls	<b>1938</b> J. A. Shearing D. Nicholls	<b>1939</b> H. T. McDonald N. E. McDonald	<b>1939</b> J. S. Austin G. R. Griffiths	<b>1939</b> J. S. Lester J. A. Lorimer J. L. W. Merson
<b>1938</b> R. B. Treloar	<b>1936</b> H. T. McDonald N. E. McDonald			<b>1938</b> R. B. Treloar J. S. Lester	
<b>1937</b> J. L. W. Merson					



### CRICKET

The first match in the season 1938-39 was against the Harlequins. The match was played under ideal weather conditions; and, after a very interesting game, resulted in a win for the visitors.

Scores:—

**HARLEQUINS**, 1st Innings—all out for 165

Bowling: Clarke, 2 for 30; Nicholls, 1 for 23; McDonald, I, 2 for 24; Eddy, 1 for 24; McDonald, II, 1 for 6; Stevenson, 2 for 8

**R.A.N.C.**—1st Innings

McDonald, II, c. Currie, b. B. Barnett	14
Reed, c. Warren, b. Currie	1
McDonald, I, c. Brewin, b. Fitzgerald	11
Merson, c. Warren, b. B. Barnett	5
Clarke, b. B. Barnett	14
Stevens, c. and b. Fitzgerald	2
Gladstone, c. Corke, b. Fitzgerald	11
Eddy, c. Barnett, b. Courtney	17
Nicholls, c. Barnett, b. Kinsey	0
Stevenson, c. Barnett, b. Currie	1
Treloar, n.o.	1
Black, b. Courtney	0
Austin, c. Barnett, b. Blair	2
Sundries	15
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>94</b>

### R.A.N.C. v. ENGINEERING SCHOOL

The second match of the season was played against the Engineering School, and resulted in an overwhelming victory for the College. Conditions again were excellent, and a slight shower overnight resulted in a wicket decidedly in favour of the batsmen. The McDonald brothers again did well, McDonald II making 52, while McDonald I was not out for 50.

Total scores were: R.A.N.C., 5 for 208; Engineering School, all out for 36.

### R.A.N.C. v. R.A.A.F. CADETS at Point Cook, 22/11/38.

A College superstition has it that, if progress to a match is barred by the shutting of railway gates, things are likely to go badly. Fortunately, on this occasion, all gates were open, and our luck continued when we won the toss. The R.A.A.F. bowlers soon dismissed our opening pair, but this brought together the two McDonalds, who carried the score from 2 for 3 to 3 for 57. After them, our next batsmen went cheaply, but Eddy and Gladstone kept us going till we declared at 7 for 155.

The Air Force lost their first wicket in the second over, and their batsmen were not able to make much of a stand. Except when Parry was in, the batting lacked sparkle. Stevens found a good length early, and bowled very well throughout the innings. The Air Force were all out for 71. Scores:—

**R.A.N.C.**—1st Innings

Clarke, caught	1
Reed, caught	0
McDonald II, caught	27
McDonald I, hit wicket	52
Nicholls, bowled	4
Stevens, hit wicket	3
Merson, caught	7
Gladstone, not out	20
Eddy, not out	29
Sundries	11

**TOTAL (Declared)**, 7 for 155

**R.A.A.F.**—1st Innings

All out for 71  
Bowling: Stevens, 6 for 25; Clarke, 1 for 24; McDonald I, 2 for 3.

**R.A.N.C. v. BITTERN**

4/12/38.

Bittern batted first, and a wicket fell with the first ball when Allen was caught behind off Stevens. The visitors were dismissed for 60, Stevens, Nicholls and Clarke getting the wickets. R.A.N.C. opened with Gladstone and McDonald II; but Gladstone's wicket fell in the first over. However, Stevens made up for this early failure by making a fine 81. R.A.N.C. were all out for 148. Bittern went in again, and were 2 for 53 in their second innings when stumps were drawn.

**OFFICERS XI v. M.C.C.**

Played at R.A.N.C., 14/12/38.

Four members of the College XI were fortunate in being included in an Officers XI against a visiting team from the M.C.C. The only one of them to make much of a score was McDonald I, who made a very good 21 before being caught.

The result of the match was a draw; as we scored 195 and they were 5 for 169 at stumps. Though not a serious match, this was interesting for the College representatives (McDonald I, McDonald II, Nicholls and Merson) as an indication of their capabilities against class cricketers.

J. L. W. MERSON.

**CRICKET DURING 1ST TERM, 1939.**

The first eleven has had quite a successful season, though rain caused three matches to be cancelled. The batting has been better than it was last year, as the batsmen are more forceful and confident.

The bowling has been lacking in variety and a good fast bowler is needed. With the entrance of five Paymaster-cadets to the College, the bowling was somewhat strengthened during the first term, as McCabe was a medium pace bowler, who, at times, was capable of making the ball "nip" off the pitch.

The chief weakness has been fielding, but we hope in the third term to overcome this. The highlights of the season were centuries by Nicholls and Shands. The former made his 124 against the R.A.A.F., and included twenty-two fours and two sixes; while Shands, a first-year cadet, made 106 in a junior

match. Nicholls gave another exhibition of hitting against Haileybury College, scoring 92 in about an hour.

H. T. McDONALD.

**HARLEQUINS v. R.A.N.C., 1st XI, 12/2/39**

McDonald I won the toss and play commenced under good conditions.

McDonald II and Nicholls both fell to Loxton, the Queensland bowler, and were shortly followed by McDonald I. The score stood at 15.

However, much to the relief of College, Lt.Cdr. Harrington and Lt. Robison combined to make a good stand. Their partnership added 62 runs.

Soon after Lt.Cdr. Harrington was dismissed by Brewin, Lt. Robison had the misfortune to be run out after a really good display of batting.

The remainder of the side failed to produce any good scores, and the innings closed with 154 runs on the board.

The Harlequins opened after tea, and after the fall of the first wicket, Barnett came in to give a brilliant exhibition of batting. He retired at 77, with half of the College score made by himself.

Things looked rather black, but no other large score was made. The match finished in favour of the Harlequins with 165 against 154.

The fielding of the College, in spite of the hot day, was very fine. Our batting and bowling figures were as follows:—

**R.A.N.C. v. HARLEQUINS**

McDonald II, b. Loxton .. . . .	3
Nicholls, c. Jeffries, b. Loxton .. . . .	0
Lt. Robison, run out .. . . .	41
McDonald I, lbw. Loxton .. . . .	6
Lt. Cdr. Harrington, b. Brewin .. . . .	19
Merson, b. Currie .. . . .	8
Dowling, b. Perry .. . . .	13
McCabe, c. Barnett, b. Currie .. . . .	9
Reed, b. Currie .. . . .	0
Treloar, b. Loxton .. . . .	19
Griffiths, not out .. . . .	8
Austin, b. Blair .. . . .	7
Sundries .. . . .	21
<b>TOTAL .. . . .</b>	<b>154</b>

Harlequins won, with 9 for 165.

Bowling: McCabe, 2 for 35; McDonald I, 3 for 13; Dowling, 1 for 16; Griffiths, 1 for 16; Austin, 1 for 1.

**R.A.N.C. v. COMMUNICATIONS**

**February 13 and 14, 1939**

The first day of the match was warm and fine. McDonald I won the toss and batted first. Nicholls and McDonald II opened for the College. They quickly settled down and the score was 19 before Nicholls was caught when he was 8. Reed followed, but was quickly dismissed for 4. The McDonalds then carried the score to 41 when McDonald II, who was 25, was bowled. Merson was bowled the next ball and the College was 4 for 41. Dowling and McDonald I raised the score to 83 and then Dowling was caught for 12. McDonald I followed on, but after he was caught for 56 the innings was closed for 139.

Communications then batted and at the end of the time were 8 for 166. The bowling of the College was weakened by the absence of McCabe. Caldwell and Elliot both made over 50 for their team. Thus, Communications won by 27 runs.

**R.A.N.C. v. SCOTCH COLLEGE 2ND XI**

This match was played on March 18 in rather cold, dull weather. McDonald I, captain of the R.A.N.C. team, won the toss, and decided to bat. The bowling was opened by B. R. Wood, who dismissed both our opening batsmen, McDonald II and Nicholls, in the first over. However, the next two batsmen, McDonald I and Reed, added 50 runs before Reed was caught and bowled by the Scotch captain, Smith. Merson made 23 and the College declared at 4 for 124, McDonald I being top scorer with 63.

The Scotch College wickets fell rather rapidly, even with the useful stands made by Borrie, Smith and Wood, who made 74 of the final total of 111 runs. The fielding of the visitors was superior to that of the College, several catches being dropped off McCabe's bowling.

F. K. M. THOMPSON.

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

**at Point Cook, 25/3/39**

This match, played on a hot, windless day, was probably the best of the season. McDonald I won the toss and McDonald II and Reed opened the innings, the former scoring 4 off the first ball. Reed began forcefully but was bowled at 14. Nicholls then went in and began a fine partnership, which lasted

till after lunch, when McDonald II was caught and bowled for 56. Nicholls continued with McDonald I, both batting splendidly. Nicholls passed his century and was finally bowled for 124, including 2 sixes and 20 fours. When forced to close owing to the time limit, R.A.N.C. had lost 9 wickets for 250. The Air Force opening pair made a fine partnership of over 100, but the remaining wickets fell in quick succession and they were all out for 177.

The scores were:—

**R.A.N.C.**

McDonald II, c. and b. Parry .. . . .	56
Reed, b. MacDonald .. . . .	14
Nicholls, b. MacDonald .. . . .	124
McDonald I, not out .. . . .	25
Dowling, b. MacDonald .. . . .	0
Merson, l.b.w. MacDonald .. . . .	8
McCabe, l.b.w. O'Brien .. . . .	3
Scrivenor, b. O'Brien .. . . .	4
Treloar, b. Marr .. . . .	1
Griffiths, l.b.w. Marr .. . . .	10
Extras .. . . .	5

TOTAL, 9 wickets (declared) for .. 250

**R.A.A.F.**

TOTAL: All out for 177

Bowling: McDonald I, 2 for 31; McDonald II, 5 for 55; Griffiths, 3 for 16.

**R.A.N.C. v. CANBERRA'S GUNROOM**

**at R.A.N.C., 10/4/39**

The visiting team consisted of the cadets who had passed out at the end of 1938, and one other midshipman. The College team batted first, and Stevens, bowling with all his old form, got Reed and Nicholls for O. The McDonald brothers held the side together, making 43 and 59, but the rest collapsed and R.A.N.C. were all out for 133. For the Gunroom only 4 batsmen got into double figures, and they were all out for 109.

Scores:—

**R.A.N.C.**

McDonald II, c. and b. Stevenson .. . . .	43
Reed, b. Stevens .. . . .	0
Nicholls, c. MacFarlain, b. Stevens .. . . .	0
McDonald I, b. Stevens .. . . .	59
Merson, c. and b. Clarke .. . . .	10
Dowling, c. Clarke, b. Stevens .. . . .	8
Austin, b. Stevens .. . . .	3
Scrivenor, b. MacFarlain .. . . .	0
Treloar, b. Stevens .. . . .	0
Griffiths, not out .. . . .	0
Gregory, c. Black, b. MacFarlain .. . . .	2
Extras .. . . .	8

TOTAL .. . . . 133

Bowling: Stevens, 6 for 27; Clarke, 1 for 35; MacFarlain, 2 for 20; Stevenson, 1 for 10.

**CANBERRA'S GUNROOM**

Eddy, c. and b. McDonald I	27
Keatinge, c. and b. Nicholls	1
MacFarlain, run out	17
Stevens, c. Griffiths, b. Nicholls	2
Clarke, b. Austin	23
Black, run out	6
Savage, not out	17
Gladstone, c. Austin, b. Nicholls	6
Simmonds, b. Griffiths	4
Stevenson, run out	0
Berry-Smith, c. Dowling, b. Griffiths	0
Extras	6

TOTAL 109

Bowling: Nicholls, 3 for 35; McDonald I, 1 for 17; Griffiths, 2 for 14; Austin, 1 for 2.

**R.A.N.C. v. HAILEYBURY GRAMMAR SCHOOL.**

at Haileybury, 22/4/39

This match was chiefly notable for another fine display by Nicholls, who made 92 runs, including 12 fours and 2 sixes, with a brilliant combination of style and strength.

McDonald I declared at 6 for 230, and Haileybury were all out for 76.

Scores:—

**R.A.N.C.**

McDonald II, c. Irving, b. Tuscan	42
Reed, run out	31
Nicholls, b. Craig	92
McDonald I, c. and b. Craig	34
Merson, not out	11
Griffiths, b. Sutcliffe	4
McCabe, stumped, b. Sutcliffe	4
Austin, not out	0
Extras	12

TOTAL 230

**HAILEYBURG**

All out for 76

**INTER-HOUSE CRICKET SENIOR**

In the 1938-9 season four matches were played, of which one was a draw. The other three were won by Cook House. In the first match, played 14/11/38, Cook House won by 29 runs on the first innings. The brightest scorers were.—Cook House: McDonald II, 45; Nicholls, 52; Clarke, 25 not out; and for Flinders House: McDonald I, 40; and Stevens, 35. In the second match (17/12/38) Cook House made 145, Eddy being top scorer with 47. Flinders House, with the exception of Stevens and Scrivenor

who each made 23, failed again. The third match was a draw as rain interrupted play. The fourth match was played on 4/3/39 and was won by Cook House by 16 runs. The chief scorers for Cook House were McDonald II, 95; and Merson, 22. For Flinders House, McDonald I made 40 and Scrivenor 21.

Thus the series was won by Cook House by 3 matches to 0.

**JUNIOR.**

The junior Inter-House cricket resulted in a draw, each House winning two matches. In the first match (14/11/38) Flinders were all out for 66 and 49, the successful bowlers for Cook being Dowling (5 for 17, and 6 for 21) and Thrum (5 for 38). Cook House made 124, their chief scorers being Hamer (42), Thrum, Parker and Dowling. Thus Cook House won by an innings and 9 runs. In the second match Flinders won outright by 19 runs, the scores being.—Flinders: 1st innings, 130 (Thompson, 42; Griffiths, 19; Austin, 16); 2nd innings, 34 (McIntosh, 10).

Cook: 1st innings, 78 (Loxton, 17; Hamer, 18); 2nd innings, 67 (Hamer, 17; Willis, 14).

The third match was won by Cook House by 20 runs on the first innings.

In the fourth match (8/3/39) Flinders batted first, and made 61 (Goble, 18; Bourke, 11). Cook House made only 28, McLachlan and Bourke being the destructive bowlers. In the second innings Flinders made 58 (Goble, 18, again), and, at time, Cook House were 3 for 26.

**BATTING**

	Innings	NO's	HS	Total	Avg
McDonald I	18	3	63 n.o.	655	46.6
McDonald II	17	—	95	551	32.4
Griffiths	8	5	53 n.o.	89	29.6
Nicholls	17	1	124	271	16.9
Scrivenor	7	2	23 n.o.	61	12.2
Dowling	8	1	23	74	10.5
Shearing	4	1	19	10	9.5
Merson	14	1	23	115	8.8
Reed	14	—	34	114	8.1
Treloar	9	1	19	49	6.1
Austin	8	1	15	42	6.0

**BOWLING**

	Runs	Wickets	Average
McDonald I	292	19	15.4
McDonald II	316	34	9.3
Nicholls	295	21	14.0
Griffiths	119	11	9.9
Dowling	104	9	11.5

## CRICKET PERSONALITIES

**McDonald I.**—Captain of the side during 1939 and has filled the position most capably. An excellent bat and is most steady and reliable. A very keen field and good bowler. Colours in 1936.

**McDonald II.**—With McDonald I has been the mainstay of the side. An extremely good, forceful left hand bat who is very pleasant to watch. Can turn the ball both ways, and has bowled with success. Colours in 1936.

**Nicholls.**—A most forceful bat; lived up to his reputation as a smiter by scoring a spectacular 124 against Air Force at Point Cook. Has made other big scores as well. A good, steady bowler. Colours in 1939.

**Merson.**—A very good wicket keeper who has saved a lot of runs. A consistent, steady bat. Colours in 1939.

**Reed.**—The reserve wicket keeper for the team. A good bat with some fine off

shots. He has been unlucky not to have made more scores this season. Good field.

**Scrivenor.**—A fairly steady bat and a good field.

**Treloar.**—A fair bat and bowler. A keen field but sometimes fails to get his hands to the ball.

**Shearing.**—Is improving as a bat and should have more opportunities during the third term this year.

**Griffiths.**—A very good all-rounder. A useful bat, is handy in the field and can bowl a good length ball.

**Austin.**—A stylist as a batsman. Has not met with the success his ability deserves. Very fair bowler.

**Dowling.**—A good type of medium pace right hand bowler who can swing the ball and keep a good length. Good bat with some very neat shots on the off side.

## SAILING RACES FOR THE FORSTER CUP

The first of the Inter-House sailing races for the Forster Cup was held on the 12/11/38, each House entering one sloop-rig cutter, one 27 foot whaler, one 25-foot whaler, and a skiff. The conditions were good, though the south-west wind was inclined to be gusty. The course was triangular and consisted of three laps. Flinders House, finishing in second, third, fourth and eighth places obtained a total of 19 points against 17 for Cook House.

The second race was held a fortnight later, over the same course. The wind this time

was north-east, necessitating an extra tack, and, therefore, times were not as good, though sailing was better. The handicapping was as before, but the cox-swains had changed boats. Flinders House defeated Cook House by a larger margin this time, the total points for the two races being Flinders House, 44; Cook House, 28.

Flinders House, therefore, received a dinner, and the Forster Cup.

N. H. S. WHITE.

## OBSTACLE WHALER RACE

Two obstacle whaler races — popularly known as "crash" races—were sailed early this year. Each House entered two crews, the "A" crews in 27-foot whalers, the "B" crews in 25-foot whalers. Contestants had to pull from the starting line to the Range Wharf, sail to the Coaling Wharf, pull to the start, then sail, pull, and sail again to the finish. As one despairing reporter puts it, "this crash whaler racing is a sport all on its own." One gathers that, at times, things

got more or less tangled! However, racing was keen, and the first series resulted in 6 points to 4 in favour of Cook House. (Flinders "A" were first home but lost 2 points for a slight "error of judgment!") In the second series the order of finishing was Flinders "B," Cook "A," Cook "B," and Flinders "A"—five points each.

J. A. LORIMER.

H. J. BODMAN.



## RUGBY

### 1ST XV v. COMMUNICATION DIVISION XV Won by R.A.N.C.—8 Points to 6

The game was played on the oval field in order to keep it as open and fast as possible. No. 1 field was still boggy over near the cricket pitch and would have developed into a quagmire had the forward play been on that side.

The College fielded a team 2 short of full strength, McDonald II and Shearing being down with influenza. Kennedy came back to scrum half. McDonald I, stand off, and Nicholls, from the forwards, fell back to centre to strengthen our attack.

The opponents had McAndrew and Caldwell as scrum half and stand off, and these two were a very formidable combination. McAndrew is the normal Depot 1st XV scrum half.

The play throughout was fast and keen. The College almost scored straight from the kick off by following up and forming a scrum on the opponent's goal line.

Cadets pressed hard and scored after some good pushing by the forwards. C.B.'s, however, broke away twice, though and went over our line; their backs combined well. The half-time scores were 6-5. Scrivenor ran hard and well but he must try and cultivate a hand-off so that he can give his would-be tacklers something to think about. Nicholls did some quick, strong dashes in an endeavour to break through. He goes hard and is a difficult man to tackle.

Our forwards, although they played well, must follow up, and get off the mark quicker and try and break through. Willis and Molony had difficulty in keeping up with the play. The breakaways, Griffiths and Lester were not protecting the scrum half or getting their men, the opposing half and stand off, in the first half of the match.

Kennedy, when he did get the ball, was rather overwhelmed. He was slow in passing as also was McDonald I. The stand off must take the ball when he is well under way and can thus start a movement going. The backs combination was not good, the tackling was very bad. The College only made ONE good tackle; that was when Treloar

saved the situation as a C.B. man was making for what appeared an almost certain try. Treloar played well, his kicking was good. He came to grips many times and showed that at least one Cadet knew how a good tackle could be made.

Austin made one or two short starts, but his tackling was atrocious. We must see to our defence in future. **TACKLE LOW.** It is the only good, clean, neat way to bring your man down.

Merson captained the side well and had a difficult task in trying to keep his men on top of their opponents. A few minutes before time, McDonald I secured the ball, struggled through some loose play and made a spectacular run to score between the posts.

The College won the match, 8-6.

### R.A.N.C. 1st XV v. SCOTCH COLLEGE at R.A.N.C., Saturday, July 8, 1939

#### Won by R.A.N.C. by 63 Points to Nil.

This was the first match of the season against Scotch, and we were interested to see how the teams would compare. Scotch had their last year's team almost complete. Their forwards were heavier than ours, but their backs were weak.

The following played in the College team: Forwards: Lorimer, Reed, Nicholls, Willis, Thrum, Lester, Merson, Griffiths. Backs: Kennedy, McDonald II, McDonald I, Shearing, Scrivenor, Mugg, Treloar. Scotch on the whole beat our forwards for the ball in the set scrums. When we did hook it, the ball appeared to be held up in the second row.

At the start, the game was quite a good tussle, but slowly our team took control of the play. They increased their advantage progressively until, towards the end, College almost overwhelmed their opponents. The handling of our backs was excellent, the McDonalds particularly being outstanding. They took and gave passes from all conceivable positions; their quickness off the mark gives them a great advantage. McDonald II made some good conversions.

"Nugget" Kennedy always plays the hard, keen game we expect of him, but he must learn to flick the ball back from the base of the scrum very much more quickly.

The whole team played a fast, clean game, following up well and keeping on the ball. Merson is cultivating his newly-found art of "selling dummies" and keeps his forwards well on the move. It is hard to pick out individual players as all participated in the numerous movements. Thrum must strive to keep in the thick of the scrum as opposed to joining up with the three-quarters.

Our forward rushes were a welcome sight. At times we bore down on Scotch, five or six men in line abreast. The Scotch goal line was crossed at intervals of less than five minutes towards the end of the match and a record score of 63 points to nil amassed.

Scorers for College were.—McDonald II, 2; McDonald I, 3; Thrum, 2; Merson, 2; Nicholls, 2; Lester, 2; Scrivenor, 1; Griffiths, 1; Kennedy, 1; Willis, 1.

### R.A.N.C. JUNIOR XV v. SCOTCH COLLEGE

at R.A.N.C., July 8, 1939

Won by R.A.N.C. by 38 Points to 3

The following played for the College:—

Forwards: Bodman, Boase, Bourke, Lovett, Gunn, Parker, Morris, Spittle. Backs: Sanderson, Moore, Davies (Capt.), Loxton, Goble, Gerrett, Wilson.

The game was played on the oval field, which was dry and fairly fast. The Scotch team was slightly the heavier, but their players were inexperienced and slow off the mark. Our team appeared to combine well and the handling of our backs was encouraging. The backs, however, must learn to run straight. Moore, who occasionally brings off a tricky successful run, must guard against selfishness and must not be caught with the ball. The three-quarters did not run straight; a passing movement that does not gain ground is valueless.

The forwards were not getting the ball in the scrums but played with lots of dash in the loose.

Sanderson played well; he scored the first two tries by working the blind side. He is still, however, inclined to hold on to the ball a little too long.

Davies, as Captain, played a forceful game. It was his first appearance this season. Bodman was conspicuous for his successful goal-kicking; he converted four times. Parker and Gunn were well to the fore in the forward play. Gerrett followed up and received his reward by scoring two quick tries.

The following scored for the College.—Sanderson, 2; Davies, 1; Gerret, 2; Moore, 1; Parker, 1; Gunn, 1; Bourke, 1; Bodman, 1 penalty goal.

Scotch College scored 1 penalty goal.

### R.A.N.C. v. SCOTCH COLLEGE 1st XV

Won by R.A.N.C., 12-3

Saturday, July 15, 1939

After our overwhelming victory the previous Saturday, only 5 of the College 1st XV were included in the Senior team which visited Scotch College, on Saturday, July 15; and it was with a certain amount of trepidation that we saw our much lighter team take the field.

From the kick-off, however, it was obvious that it was to be a hard and close game. College pressed hard right from the start, and the first score was made by Reed, who dropped a goal from a penalty award.

The first try was scored by Kennedy after some loose play on the goal line. This was not converted. Our forwards played solidly, and in both set and loose scrums were packing well; and more than holding their own against the much heavier Scotch scrum.

There is, however, still the tendency for the ball to be held up in the 2nd row, and our forwards must try and watch the ball in the scrum and allow it to come out cleanly. Otherwise, as in some cases on Saturday, the scrum half, Kennedy, was smothered before he could get the ball out to the backs.

In the line-outs Scotch had a distinct advantage, and our backs saw less of the ball from them than they might have, had our forwards been heavier.

In the 2nd half play was just as spirited. Treloar, who was the mainstay of our team,

was playing an excellent game. He defended well and forced the play from our 25. Going up with the backs in an attack he took the ball over for our second try. This also was not converted (9-0).

Shortly after, Wood, a very speedy Scotch player, broke through with a nice run to score for Scotch—not converted. This was their only score.

Our last try was made by Austin, and was nearly spoilt by Davies, who was too long in passing.

This error has spoilt many movements, and the habit of getting rid of the ball before being tackled must be cultivated to a greater extent by everyone.

Tackling on the whole was somewhat improved, though there is still a lot of room for improvement in this direction.

The game, however, was most satisfactory, and the final score, 12-3, speaks very well considering the superior size and weight of the Scotch team.

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### R.A.N.C. JUNIORS v. SCOTCH COLLEGE JUNIORS

Won by R.A.N.C., 22 to Nil  
July 15, 1939

After the previous match our team was weakened to provide a more even game.

From the outset of the game our forwards were well on top of the ball, and the ball was continually forced into the Scotch twenty-five. After a set scrum and a fine piece of work by our halves, Shands scored. This try was not converted and the score was 3-0.

Immediately following this, the backs got going again, but Bodman, in attempting to run behind and touch down between the posts, was prevented from doing so. The loss of these points was soon put right by a combination try between Gunn and Moore. This, converted, gave us a clear lead of 8 points.

Just before half-time Sanderson, by working the blind side, scored another try, so at the interval the scores stood at 11-0 in our favour.

The opening of the second half again showed our superiority as a team, and two tries were soon scored by Moore and Bodman.

Tranter greatly helped the team at a critical stage when he did a magnificent line run of about 60 yards only to be misled and to touch down over the 25-yard line.

Shortly after Sanderson again scored a try and the scores stood at 22-0, and, as such, remained unchanged till the end.

Examining the game critically, the following points are to be noted:—

The backs ran across too much and consequently gained little ground. Sanderson was apt to work the blind side too often, and even when working his backs the passing was wild.

However the game was well fought and quite a success.

DAVID NICHOLLS.

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

July 29, 1939

Won by Air Force, 15 Points to 11

This match was played at Point Cook on the Saturday of the second mid-term. The afternoon was fine with a fresh breeze blowing diagonally across field.

The captains agreed to play thirty-five minute halves, and the ball was kicked off at 14.30. College was running with the wind, and after several short movements had the ball close to the Air Force line. A scrum-mage occurred and the ball coming out to Lester was passed to Reed who dived over. The try was not converted. Within the next few minutes Air Force retaliated and scored a fine field goal. The score now stood at 4-3.

The game now opened up and from a line-out McDonald II managed to intercept a ball from the Air Force half to the five-eighths; after a brilliant run of fifty yards in which he beat the full-back, the ball was placed between the posts. This try was converted by Merson.

Air Force again rallied and breaking through scored a try which was converted.

Just before half-time McDonald I scored for College, bringing our total to 11. Half-time found the scores the same, 11-9, in our favour.

The second half College playing into the wind rendered kicking for the line very diffi-

cult. Air Force attacked strongly and scored two tries in quick succession, both of which were not converted. This placed the score at 15-11 in Air Force favour and so the score remained till full-time.

### FIRST INTER-HOUSE RUGBY MATCHES

#### Senior Match—Won by Cook House, 20 to 6

These matches were played on Saturday, June 10, and were the opening games of the season. Owing to the rain during the week, No. 1 field was in rather a saturated state and the games were played on the Oval Field.

The senior match was a good, hard game and was very even up till half-time; in the second half Cook House forwards broke through from the rough scrummages and crossed the Flinders' line.

Merson passed out to McDonald II, who made a bright run of twenty yards and scored the first try. McDonald II also converted, 5-0.

A free kick to Cook House followed and was converted, 8-0. Treloar took the play up the field after a strong run. From a scrum Reed secured the ball and darted over to score for Flinders. McDonald I failed to convert, 8-3.

Till half-time Flinders pressed hard and were unfortunate not to score.

After the interval, the play went from one end of the field to the other. From close play on the Flinders line Shearing secured and went over. McDonald II converted, 13-3. A little later Nicholls dropped a very nice field goal, 17-3. Griffiths played well as breakaway. He intercepted, and after a long run went through to score. 17-6.

From a free kick against Flinders for handling in the scrum, McDonald II converted and brought the final score up to 20-6. The outstanding players for Cook House were.—Merson, Willis, McDonald II, Nicholls and Thrum. For Flinders House.—Lester, Kennedy, McDonald I, Griffiths and Treloar.

#### JUNIOR MATCH WON BY COOK HOUSE

15-11

Cook House had the advantage in weight and so had more than their fair share of the ball from the scrums. Wilson and Moore

showed some slight superiority to the opposing halves. Large numbers of newcomers to Rugby made the game rather scrappy.

Best players were.—Cook House: Wilson, Gunn, Moore, Gerrett.

Flinders House: Sanderson, Shands and Spittle.

### SECOND INTER-HOUSE RUGBY MATCHES

26/6/39

#### SENIOR MATCH WON BY FLINDERS, 12-8

The day was cloudy without rain, with a strong westerly, and Flinders were out to make up for their defeat in the last match. The oval field was again used, and Cook kicked off.

Flinders House forwards packed better in the set scrums and were coming through well. Griffith (F.) made the first opening for a try, intercepting a bad pass and getting the ball to Scrivenor, who touched down at the corner flag after a strong run. A feature of the Flinders House defence was the solid marking and accurate kicking of Treloar—full-back.

Griffiths broke through to score the 2nd try for Flinders, both of these tries not being converted. 6-0.

The score stayed at this till after half-time when Mugg scored a nice try for Cook. McDonald II failed to convert.

From loose scrums, however, Reed and Kennedy went over to score 2 tries in quick succession—both not converted.

Against this handy lead Cook played strongly and Mugg again scored, McDonald II converting this time and bringing the score to 12-8.

Though Cook tried hard to score again, Flinders maintained the lead, and score at no side was still 12-8 in their favour.

J. A. LORIMER.

#### JUNIOR MATCH—DRAW

Played on No. 1 ground at the same time as the Seniors on the Oval ground.

First try was scored by Sanderson for Flinders. Not converted.

By following up, Cook were soon able to retaliate, and Gerrett took the ball over for Cook's first try. Neither side scored again before half-time, though Tranter (F.) crossed

the line once but ran over the dead-ball line in trying to come round between the posts.

In the second half Cook House took full advantage of the wind, and from a forward movement Gunn scored early in the half.

Tranter (F.) again made a nice run and equalized the score—6 all. Flinders again scored soon afterwards, but two minutes from full time, Moore cut through to draw the match—9 points all. The match in itself was not outstanding, but its result gave Cook House the Rugby Shield for 1939.

R. I. DAVIES.

**THIRD INTERHOUSE RUGBY MATCH**  
12/8/39

**Senior Match—Won by Flinders, 22-8.**

From a Cook House point of view this extra House match was the most disappointing game of the Season.

Played on the oval field on Saturday, August 12, the first half was average Rugby, Cook House being 1 point down to Flinders at the interval.

In the second half, however, Cook House crumpled entirely. Their backs failed to get moving, and, though Willis did good work in the scrums, their forwards were slow off the

mark for the greater part and allowed Flinders to come through.

Flinders on the other hand were combining excellently. Lester and Griffiths in the forwards were conspicuous, and Austin, as inside, was handling the wet ball remarkably well and playing a much improved game.

In this half Flinders scored four tries, converting one, and final scores stood at 22-8 in Flinders favour.

J. H. W. MERSON.

**JUNIOR MATCH—WON BY COOK, 38-3**

This match proved an easy victory for Cook, who scored practically from the start. Owing to a certain amount of sickness, the teams were cut down to 10 a side, and this had rather a good effect in opening up the game, though the majority of the work was still done by the forwards, Lawless-Pyne (C.) raking very consistently. Half-time scores: Cook, 20; Flinders, 0.

In the second half Shands scored the only try for Flinders with a nice run to the corner flag. Cook, however, were breaking through easily and added another 18 points to their score to bring the final scores to 38-3. Converting throughout was weak.

P. H. WILSON.

**SHOOTING**

**THE CAPTAIN POPE CUP**  
**INTER-HOUSE SHOOTING COMPETITION**  
**Won by Flinders House by 328 to 314 Points**

The Inter-House shooting competition was held on Saturday, April 29, before lunch.

As the scores below indicate, Flinders were successful by a small margin.

Flinders	Score.
Robertson	14 15
Burnside	14 15
Tranter	15 14
MacKintosh	13 14
Boase	11 14
Bourke	14 14
Austin	12 12
Griffiths	12 15
Tatham	12 14
Reed	15 13
Treloar	15 14
White	13 14
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>328</b>

Possible: 360

Cook.	Score.
Gunn	9 15
Simmons	9 13
Lowless-Pyne	11 13
Loxton	15 14
Lovett	11 14
Mugg	12 13
Willis	15 12
Parker	15 14
Gyllies	12 14
Nicholls	14 15
Lorimer	14 12
Sheering	13 15
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>314</b>

B. C. LOVETT.

## THE ANNUAL BOXING TOURNAMENT



The tournament commenced with the first 10 bouts on the programme on Friday, July 20. The preliminary bouts were continued on Monday and Tuesday the following week, and the finals took place in the Dog Watches on Wednesday.

Two cadets were on the sick list and they were the only ones who did not take part in the boxing.

The preliminary bouts were all well fought and the first-year cadets put up some very good exhibitions; they succeeded in getting seven representatives from their year into the finals, and won three weights.

A very good fight was staged on Monday between Mugg and Tatham. The former took some very severe punching and later was one of those who received a good loser's prize. The following day, Tuesday, Tatham was defeated after three gruelling rounds by Lester and was also given one of the four good loser's prizes.

Some very good bouts were seen on the final day. Russell received praise for defeating taller and slightly heavier opponents. His opponent, Golder, was another of the good losers.

Robertson, of the first year, showed very marked promise.

Spittle gave a very good account of himself against Reed in the final of the light-weight, and was also a good loser. Reed's strength and stamina gave him a great advantage in the third round.

The final of the welterweight was another good match. Lester outpointed Shearing and gave an excellent exhibition of boxing. He was adjudged the winner of the Shelley Cup, awarded to the best exponent.

Nicholls was evenly matched with Treloar in the first round of the middleweight, which Treloar won. He rather overwhelmed his next two opponents, Griffiths and Scrivenor, to win the finals.

Merson, and Willis, in the last match of the tournament, the light-heavyweight, had three close rounds. Eventually Merson gained the decision by a narrow margin of points. It is some considerable time since two such heavy cadets have competed in the tournament.

All cadets fought well and it was difficult to single out the four cadets who were to receive the cakes which were the good losers' prizes.

The tournament was followed by a large number of spectators, both officers and ship's company and thoroughly appreciated by them all. At the conclusion of the finals, Captain Crane kindly presented the prizes to the winners.

### Results.

Winners in the various weights were as follows:—

Paperweight, Tranter; Midgeweight, Sanderson; Mosquitoweight, Simmons; Flyweight, Moore; Bantamweight, Russell; Featherweight, Robertson; Lightweight, Reed; Welterweight, Lester; Middleweight, Treloar; Light-heavyweight, Merson.

P. GYLLIES.

## Recent Alterations in the Miniature Rifle Range

The miniature rifle range of the College was constructed in 1937, and took over a year to complete, being finished in the early part of 1938.

Early in April this year it was decided that it was somewhat dangerous and dilapidated, so the cadets set to work energetically in many of their recreation hours to repeat a great deal of their labour in these various improvements.

The sides, made of battery boxes, which formerly reached to about five yards from the butts, have been extended to meet them, and kerosene tins full of soil

which were previously used as supports for the targets, have been replaced by a single wooden beam which, besides lasting without repair, looks much better. The ground between the butts and the firing point has been covered with cinders, which is also a great improvement. The length of the butts has been somewhat decreased and the soil removed for use in broadening them.

The object in these improvements has been very successfully attained.

C. N. RUSSELL

## TENNIS

### SENIOR INTER-HOUSE TENNIS

February, 1939

The first inter-house match of this year's series was won by Flinders House, who, only after a series of hard-fought sets managed to defeat Cook; the two outstanding players were H. T. McDonald (Flinders) and N. E. McDonald (Cook).

#### Doubles

- McDonald I-Lester (F.) d. Merson-Nichols (C.), 6-5, 4-6, 6-3.  
 McDonald II-Byrne (C.) d. Austin-McCabe (F.), 6-5, 4-6, 11-9.  
 McDonald I-Lester (F.) d. McDonald II-Byrne (C.), 5-7, 6-5, 6-4.  
 Austin-McCabe (F.) d. Merson-Nicholls (C.), 6-3, 6-5.

#### Singles

- McDonald II (C.) d. McDonald I (F.), 6-5, 6-5.  
 McCabe (F.) d. Nicholls (C.), 6-2, 6-2.  
 McDonald II (C.) d. McCabe (F.), 6-3, 6-4.  
 McDonald I (F.) d. Merson (C.), 6-2, 6-2.  
 Flinders defeated Cook, 5 matches to 3.  
 J. Lester.

### JUNIOR INTER-HOUSE TENNIS

Doubles.—Flinders House defeated Cook House, 3 matches to 1.

Singles.—Flinders House defeated Cook House, 4 matches to nil.

### TENNIS

On Saturday, October 7, a match, Officers and Masters v. Cadets, was played at the College.

Scores:—

Lieut.-Lawson and Mr. Robin d. Austin and Willis, 6-3, 6-3.

Lieut.-Cdr. Lancaster and Mr. Adeney d. Thrum and Bodman, 5-6, 6-4, 6-0.

Instr.-Cdr. Franklin and Mr. Cowan d. Hamer and Wilson, 6-1, 6-3.

Commander Loudoun-Shand and Mr. Eldridge d. Loxton and Sanderson, 6-2, 6-3.

Chaplain and Mr. Simpson d. McLachlan and Boord, 5-6, 6-5, 6-2.

After the (more or less) serious part of the proceedings was over and contestants had been temporarily revived by an excellent afternoon tea at the College, tennis was resumed.

Prearranged teams were disregarded, and everybody paired with everybody else and played all the remainder, till officers and masters collapsed from exhaustion (approximately in order of seniority). Altogether a most enjoyable afternoon.

### OPEN SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIPS.

The open singles championships were played early in March.

Nineteen cadets entered the championships of whom thirteen had byes in the first round. Of the remainder the closest match was Nicholls and Thrum, Nicholls defeating Thrum, 9-7.

In the second and third rounds the best matches were Merson v. Dowling and Merson v. Shearing. In both matches Merson proved the better player, but in the semi-final he was defeated by McDonald II.

The final was won by McDonald II, 6-4, 6-8, 6-4.

McDonald I	d.	McDonald	} McDonald II
Lester	d.	6-1, 7-5	
Merson	d.	McDonald II	} 6-4, 6-8, 6-4
McDonald II	d.	6-1, 6-3	

McDonald II also won the Tennis Singles Handicap (October, 1938), defeating McDonald I, 5-7, 7-5, 6-4.

### THE OPEN DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP

Out of the fourteen pairs playing off the first round, the outstanding match was Merson-Nicholls v. Dowling-Thrum, Merson-Nicholls being the winners.

In the second round McDonald I-McDonald II defeated Griffiths-Austin, 9-5, after a hard match.

Semi-finals and finals:—

McDonald I and II	}	McDonald I and II	}	} McDonald I and II
Treloar and Shearing	}	7-5, 6-2	}	
Merson and Nicholls	}	Lester and Reed	}	} 6-2, 6-3
Lester and Reed	}	6-2, 6-3	}	

R. DAVIES.

## SQUASH

The Squash Championships were played during July, and, as in tennis, the McDonald twins proved the outstanding players in the Senior matches.

The scores in the semi-finals and finals were:

<b>SENIOR</b>				
McDonald I	}	McDonald I	}	} McDonald I
Merson	}	3-2	}	
Thrum	}	McDonald II	}	} 3-0
McDonald II	}	3-2	}	
<b>JUNIOR</b>				
Sanderson	}	Sanderson	}	} Sanderson
McLachlan	}	3-1	}	
Laxton	}	Bourke	}	} 3-1
Bourke	}	3-0	}	

## SORROWS OF A FOURTH YEAR

When a Fourth Year isn't working at his studies,

At his studies,

Or thinking of the coming "Vampire" plans;  
His capacity for innocent enjoyment,

'cent enjoyment,

Is just as great as any other man's.

Our feelings we with difficulty smother,

'culty smother,

When we think of maths. and anchor work to come,

Taking one consideration with another,

With another,

A Fourth Year's lot is not a happy one.

When the young and bolshie First Year are not slacking,

Are not slacking,

And the Third Year are not occupied in crime;  
A Second Year is yelling like a demon,

Like a demon,

Thus giving us a really awful time.

Our feelings we again attempt to smother,

'tempt to smother,

But find them very hard to overcome,

Taking one consideration with another,

With another,

A Fourth Year's Lot is not a happy one.

N. H. S. WHITE.



## HOCKEY

On June 24, the Third and Fourth Years visited Toorak College to play Hockey. The College team included three 1st XI players.

The College started playing down hill, and soon attacked strongly. Most of the play was in their half, and during the first period we scored 4 goals. Towards the end of the half, Toorak attacked and scored. The half-time scores were 4-1 in our favour.

After half-time the College eased up. Playing down hill, Toorak attacked strongly and scored 2 goals in the first five minutes. Our defenders were not playing their hardest, and Toorak scored again to even the scores.

The College strove to maintain the level, but were unable to prevent them scoring again. The College attacked strongly, but good play by the Toorak backs stopped any score. The final scores were 5-4 in their favour.

### R.A.N.C. v. MERTON HALL

Won by R.A.N.C., 6 Goals to 2.

This great event came off on Friday, July 14. It was a bitterly cold afternoon with a strong north-westerly wind blowing; however, things warmed up quite considerably when the girls arrived. After they had tea and shifted, our team introduced themselves only where introductions were necessary.

It was good to see how our team turned out in spotless togs and with hair plastered down. Treloar's shorts were a sight for sore eyes, Merson's boots were just about good enough for Sunday Divisions, and Reed must have used fully half a bottle of oil on his hair.

Miss M. Kneebone, captain of the visiting team, won the toss and elected to play against the wind. Play opened very mildly, however, after a few minutes, McDonald II scored the first goal. The Merton Hall backs and goal-keeper prevented many more attacks breaking through, but were unable to stop Scrivenor and Austin scoring the next two, also Merson scored one, which made the total 4-0 at half-time.

Nicholls, who captained the College XI,

changed our team around for the second half. This, however, seemed quite effective, because Treloar scored a brilliant goal just after the start of the second half.

It was now Merton Hall's turn to score, and they managed to get two goals nearly straight off. Just before time Reed scored, which made the total 6-2 at the end of the match.

At night there was a dance which lasted till about 10 o'clock, and concluded a very enjoyable day.

G. R. GRIFFITHS.

### First XI v. COMMUNICATIONS

17/7/39

Won by R.A.N.C., 4 Goals to Nil

The College forwards attacked strongly from the bully off, but the Communication backs played very well, and every time they cleared the ball out of danger.

The C.B.'s took the ball up and passed the College backs; they had a shot resulting in a twenty-five bully off.

Then the College forwards took the ball into the circle, and McDonald I shot for goal, but the ball passed right over the net.

The game was very fast and furious, the ball travelling from one end of the field to the other.

Austin now took the ball into the circle and goaled. The C.B.'s now took the ball up and they had bad luck to hit the goal post, and Willis saved another shot.

At half-time the score was 1-nil.

College again attacked after half-time, and Austin goaled; this was quickly followed up with a shot by McDonald II; this was saved, but a second shot from him found the goal. The Communications attacked, but the ball was cleared, and Austin scored his third goal.

The final whistle went with the College XI winning, 4 goals to nil. The score did not do justice to the game. It was keen and fast throughout, and the C.B.'s were very unlucky not to score.

M. J. GREGORY.

**R.A.N.C. v. FAIRFIELD HOCKEY CLUB**

Two matches were played during third term. Owing to the absence of the Fourth Year, our team was considerably weakened but managed to do fairly well against an "A" grade team.

The Senior match was won by Fairfield, 4-3, mainly owing to better position play and passing in the first half. In the Junior match the scores at half time were one all, but in the second half Fairfield added another three goals. In this match the best players were Shands, MacIntosh, Thwaites, Lovett and Gunn. The latter, as goalie, representing the College for the first time in Hockey, played a very good game and brought off some spectacular saves.

D. R. MUGG.

J. S. AUSTIN.

**FIRST INTER-HOUSE HOCKEY MATCH**

Match Drawn—Flinders, 3; Cook, 3

Thursday, July 12

Flinders won the toss and elected to run south. In the first few minutes of the game the ball was kept in the Flinders' 25. Twice good runs towards Cook goal were made; however, the ball was brought back quite as quickly. After two successive penalty corners, McDonald II scored from a good pass by Nicholls. From the half-way bully the ball was forced again into the Flinders' circle, but was cleared and a goal by Griffiths from a Flinders' forward rush resulted. The scores were now 1-1. Another good rush resulted in another goal for Flinders by McDonald I. Merson and McDonald II were forcing the ball towards Flinders' goal when the half-time whistle sounded. The score being 2-1 in Flinders' favour.

After half-time the ball see-sawed between the two halves. Nicholls and Shearing were instrumental in starting good passing rushes up the Cook House right wing. Soon after fierce play around the Flinders' goal resulted in a good goal by McDonald II. A couple of minutes later he broke through and scored again. Here again the play was even when

Austin broke through to level the scores a few minutes before the final whistle.

The game was fast although marred by the number of free hits given for kicking the ball. The new rule against hooking sticks helped in making a fast, open game.

G. B. THRUM.

**SECOND SENIOR INTER-HOUSE HOCKEY MATCH**

Won by Cook House, 5 Goals to 4

The second Senior Inter-House Hockey Match was played on August 5. Flinders House attacked at the start and scored 2 quick goals. Cook then retaliated and scored a goal. They continued to attack but could not pass the Flinders' backs. Both sides were in difficulties because of the wetness of the ground. Flinders then took the ball right up the field to score and led 3-1. Flinders' attacks, though fewer than Cook's, were more successful. For the remainder of the half most of the play was near Flinders' goal, and Cook scored 3 goals, which made the half-time scores 4-3 in Cook's favour.

During the second half the play was very even, the ball going from one end of the field to the other very quickly. Cook soon scored again, and seemed to have a good lead until Flinders scored their 4th goal. Both sides were defending desperately and neither could score. The final scores were 5-4 in Cook's favour.

Goals: Cook.—Nicholls, 2; McDonald II, 2; Gregory, 1. Flinders.—McDonald I, 2; Austin, 1; Thompson, 1.

D. HAMER.

**JUNIOR INTER-HOUSE HOCKEY**

The first junior match resulted in a draw—one goal each.

The second game was even up to half-time, but thereafter Flinders House managed to establish a lead and finished the match winning by 7 goals to 4.

## AQUATIC SPORTS, 1939

This year the annual aquatic sports were held on Thursday, March 2, at the Depot swimming baths. Throughout the afternoon the sun was obscured by clouds and the discomfort of competitors was increased by the cold south wind. Despite these unfavourable conditions the programme ran smoothly and was enjoyed by all.

The only record broken was that of the 65 yards Junior Freestyle Championship, the time being reduced from 43 seconds to 41-2/5ths seconds by Bourke. A performance worthy of comment was given by Lester in the Open Diving. He dived extremely well, scoring 65 of the possible 75 points.

The Diving for Plates caused much amusement amongst spectators, but the competitors found the bringing of a dozen plates to the surface in one dive not altogether amusing. The day was brought to a close by a mass water-polo match in which all cadets took part, and the presentation of prizes by Mrs. Pope.

Flinders House won the Inter-House competition by the narrow margin of one point, the results of the various events being as follows:—

100 Yards Open Freestyle Championship (Record, 65 secs.; E. R. Eddy, 1938).—1, Merson (Cook); 2, Lester (Flinders); 3, Tatham (Flinders). Time, 74 $\frac{3}{4}$  secs.

50 Yards Open Breastroke Championship (Record, 39-3/5 secs.; W. Gay, 1934; E. Simmonds, 1938).—1, Lorimer (Cook); 2, White (Flinders); 3, Griffiths (Flinders). Time, 41-1/5.

Paymaster Cadet's 100 Yards Freestyle Championship (not previously held).—1, Campbell; 2, Henderson; 3, Griffiths. Time, 95-1/5.

50 Yards Open Backstroke Championship (not previously held).—1, Lorimer (Cook); 2, Merson (Cook); 3, Reed (Flinders). Time, 44-4/5. secs.

65 Yards Junior Freestyle Championship (Record, 43 secs.).—1, Bourke (Flinders); 2, Gunn (Cook); 3, Spittle (Flinders). Time, 41-2/5 secs. (Record).

Open Diving Championship: 2 plain headers, 2 running plain or swallow dives, 1 nominated or fancy dive.—1, Lester (Flinders); 2, Thrum (Cook); 3, Treloar (Flinders).

Junior Diving Championship: dives as for Senior event.—1, Goble (Flinders); 2, Lesh (Flinders); 3, Mugg (Cook).

Senior Inter-House Relay (6 teams of 4).—1st, Flinders 1 team; 2nd, Cook 1 team; 3rd, Cook 2 team; 4th, Flinders 2 team; 5th, Cook 3 team; 6th, Flinders 3 team.

Diving for Plates (one dive only).—Flinders House: Lester, 12; Treloar, 12; Thompson, 10. Total, 34. Cook House: Davies, 12; Willis, 12; Shearing, 10. Total, 34.

Junior Inter-House Obstacle Relay (6 teams of 6).—1st, Flinders 1 team; 2nd, Cook 1 team; 3rd, Cook 2 team; 4th, Flinders 2 team; 5th, Flinders 3 team; 6th, Cook 3 team.

Total Points.—Flinders House, 47 points; Cook House, 46 points.

R. B. TRELOAR.

### Life Saving

This year a large class, comprising the second year, third year and four fourth year entered for the Bronze Medallion. Examinations were held on the 15th and 22nd March, and, of thirty-five entrants, thirty-two passed for the Bronze, two received the Elementary Certificate, and one failed.

M. J. GREGORY.

### Inter-house Tug-of-War



In the Senior event, Flinders House won in two straight pulls. In the Juniors, Cook House won the first pull, but Flinders House won the second and third. The final points scored were Flinders House, 6; Cook House, 1.

## ATHLETICS

### R.A.N.C. v. SCOTCH

On Saturday, April 15, a Scotch College athletic team came down to compete in a series of relays. Events were classed as "Boys born in 1922, 1923, 1924, 1925," so that competitors would be of even grading.

The events were:

Four 4 x 110 yds. relays.

Four 4 x 220 yds. relay.

Four obstacle relays (teams of 2).

Four 2 x 120 yds. hurdles.

Two high jumps (teams of 2).

Two long jumps (teams of 2).

Putting the shot (team of 2).



Of the 21 events, Scotch won 13 and the final scores were 27-15. The obstacle, hurdles, jumps and putting the shot were very evenly contested, but the relay sprints were won by a larger margin.

The College did remarkably well considering there were only 65 cadets to choose from whereas Scotch had much larger numbers.

After the last event, Swan, a Scotch boy, demonstrated the American style of high jumping, the Eastern cut-off. It was an interesting display.

G. B. THRUM.

### CHAMPIONSHIP MEETING, 29/4/39.

A wet night and early morning had made the track somewhat slow, but the afternoon was fine and sunny. Captain and Mrs. Pope were present, and there was a large attendance of Cadets' parents and friends, while the Depot band also contributed to the enjoyment.

The standard all round was excellent, considering the limited time which had been available for training and the extreme closeness of the senior championship made the meeting more interesting. Treloar, the winner of the senior championship, must be congratulated on a very fine performance; and Griffiths deserves special mention for his

efforts in the four longest races of the day. In the junior championship, Mugg and Goble were close; and the former raised the long jump record from 16 feet 9¼ inches to 17 feet 0½ inches.

After the Cadets' events had been completed, the Chief Cadet Captain, despite several bad breaks, managed to get the officers away to an uneven start, and Mr. Eldridge repeated his performance of the previous year of striding home a winner. Captain Pope was a close second. The time-keepers made it, unanimously, ten seconds!

Detailed results are as follow:—

**Senior Championship** (Franklin Trophy): Treloar, 1st, 22½ points, Austin, 2nd, 22 points, Griffiths, 3rd, 21½ points

**Junior Championship** (Fegan Trophy): Mugg, 1st, 21 points; Goble, Boase, equal 2nd, 17 points.

**100 Yards (Open)** (Carr Cup): Treloar, 1st; Austin, 2nd; McDonald I, 3rd. Time: 10-9/10 secs.

**100 Yards (Junior)**: Mugg, 1st; Boase, 2nd; Shands, 3rd. Time: 11-4/5 secs.

**Half-Mile (Open)**: Griffiths, Treloar (dead heat) 1st; Lorimer, 3rd. Time: 2 min. 18-2/5 secs.

**High Jump (Junior)**: Spittle, 1st; Lovett, 2nd; McIntosh, 3rd. Height: 4 ft. 6 ins.

**High Jump (Open)**: Thrum, 1st; Davies 2nd; Merson, 3rd. Height: 5 ft. 0½ in.

**220 Yards (Open)**: Austin 1st; Scrivenor, 2nd. Time: 25-4/5 secs.

**220 Yards (Junior)**: Mugg, 1st; Boase, 2nd; Shands, 3rd. Time: 26-3/5 secs.

**Obstacle Race (Open)**: Griffiths, 1st; Shearing, 2nd; Kennedy, 3rd. Time: 1 min 37-4/5 secs.

**Obstacle Race (Junior)**: Goble, 1st; Loxton, 2nd; Simmons, 3rd. Time: 1 min. 36-1/5 secs.

**Hurdles (Open)**: Merson 1st; Austin, 2nd; Lester, 3rd. Time: 18-1/5 secs.

**Shot Putt**: Pay-Cadet Byrne, 1st; Pay-Cadet Campbell, 2nd; Austin, 3rd. Distance: 33 ft. 9 ins.

**100 Yards Hurdles (Junior)**: McIntosh, 1st; Lovett, 2nd. Time: 16 secs.

**440 Yards (Open)**: Treloar, 1st; Griffiths, 2nd; McDonald I, 3rd. Time: 57-3/5 secs.

**Long Jump (Junior)**: Mugg, 1st; Goble, 2nd; McIntosh, 3rd. Distance: 17 ft. 1½ ins. (record!).

**Long Jump (Open)**: Austin, 1st; Treloar, 2nd; McDonald II, 3rd. Distance: 18 ft. 4¼ ins.

**440 Yards (Junior)**: Goble, 1st; Mugg, 2nd; Boase, 3rd. Time: 61-2/5 secs. (equal record).

**Mile (Open)**: Lester, 1st; Griffiths, 2nd; Lorimer, 3rd. Time: 5 mins 12-4/5 secs.

**Sack Race**: Scrivenor.

**Half-Mile Handicap**: Shands, 1st; Nicholls, 2nd.

**Officers' Handicap**: Mr Eldridge, 1st.

**R.A.N. COLLEGE ATHLETIC RECORDS.**

<b>100 Yards—</b>		
D. A. H. Clarke (1935), 10-5/10 secs.	1938	
<b>220 Yards—</b>		
D. A. H. Clarke (1935), 25-2/10 secs.	1937	
<b>440 Yards—</b>		
R. R. Dowling (1915), 53 secs.	1918	
<b>880 Yards—</b>		
A. W. Savage (1934), 2 min. 13-6/10 secs.	1937	
<b>One Mile—</b>		
D. Logan (1926), 4 min. 58-6/10 secs.	1927	
<b>Long Jump—</b>		
N. McGuire (1922), 20 ft. 9½ ins.	1925	
<b>High Jump—</b>		
R. D. Hancock (1920), 5 ft. 3½ ins.	1923	
<b>Hurdles (Low)—</b>		
I. H. McDonald, 16-6/10 secs.	1932	
<b>Putting the Shot—</b>		
D. A. H. Clarke (1935), 32 ft. 11 ins.	1938	

**JUNIOR RECORDS (1st and 2nd Years)**

<b>100 Yards—</b>		
A. R. Percival (1919) } 11-4/10 secs. {	1920	
D. A. Menlove (1920) }	1921	
<b>220 Yards—</b>		
W. S. Howard (1934), 26-4/10 secs.	1935	
<b>440 Yards—</b>		
R. B. Treloar (1936), 61-4/10 secs.	1937	
<b>Long Jump—</b>		
D. R. Mugg (1938), 17 ft. 1½ ins.	1939	
<b>High Jump—</b>		
J. L. W. Merson (1936), 5 ft. 0¼ in.	1937	
<b>100 Yards Hurdles—</b>		
G. H. McIntosh (1938), 16 secs.	1939	

**Note:** Before 1937, Junior Competitors were limited by age, and, in some cases, height.

**INTER-HOUSE ATHLETIC SPORTS.**

**Won by Flinders House: 35 Points to 6.**

The sports for the Grimwade Cup took place in brilliant weather on the last Wednesday in the term.

First was the senior 110 yards relay, won by Flinders House. Flinders House also won the junior 110 yards relay, followed by a series of wins, in both hurdle events, followed by the two medley mile relays. After this came the "Heaving the Line," which, after several good throws on both sides, was won by Flinders House.

In the next race, Cook House obtained their first victory, when Simmons came in second, followed by other Cook House representatives gaining the Cook House the greater number of points.

The senior obstacle race was won by Flinders House, but Cook House again asserted themselves in the "Throwing the Cricket Ball."

The junior "Throwing the Cricket Ball" was won by Flinders House, followed by wins in both senior and junior "Standing Long Jumps." The "Shot Putt" was won by Flinders House, with a margin of some six feet, although Nicholls achieved the maximum putt of 33 feet 11 inches. The next event on the programme was the Junior Bumping, won again by Flinders House. Cook House won the Senior Bumping in fine style.

Then came the last and most important event, "The Inter-House Shuttle Relay," carrying with it eight points. This was won by Flinders House with a lap to spare. This increased Flinders House's already substantial lead, the points at the finish being 35 to 6 in favour of Flinders House.

Although Flinders House had an overwhelming victory, the races were all closely contested.

A. N. TRANTER.

**THE CROSS-COUNTRY RACE.**

The annual Cross-Country Race was held on July 22. It was originally intended that Scotch College should run as well, but they were, unfortunately, unable to field a team. As rain had fallen the day before, the course was rather wet and slippery. The course was as follows:—

From the College to the inner west boundary gate, and then through scrub to the Kandahar Bridge. Across the paddocks and along the Somers Road proved trying to many, as the fields were wet and sticky. The course branched off at the summit of the Somers Road, and led along the cliff to the bottom of the hill at South Beach. From there, it was a straight run to the College. In all, the distance was six and a half miles.

The event was inter-house, and, therefore, all Cadets started from scratch. Flinders House ran in green and Cook House in red.

The race commenced at 14.30, and at first seemed to be anyone's. Lester took the lead across the paddocks and along the road. At the turn off at Somers, Lester was running strongly, and he now lengthened out and

finished brilliantly in 42 mins. 07 secs. Griffiths came second, followed closely by Tatham. All except the last two runners arrived within ten minutes.

The place of every runner in each House was taken into account, and on this reckoning Flinders House won.

Results:—

**CROSS COUNTRY RUN—1939**

Distance: 6½ miles

Won by FLINDERS HOUSE by 67 Points.

Place	Name.	House G	
		Year.	Time.
1—	Lester	F.4	42.07
2—	Griffiths	F.3	42.30
3—	Tatham	F.3	43.15
4—	Goble	F.2	44.00
5—	Lorimer	C.4	44.08
6—	Treloar	F.4	44.15
7—	McDonald I	F.4	44.20
8—	McDonald II	C.4	44.22
9—	Austin	F.3	44.45
10—	Merson	C.4	45.05
11—	Lovett	C.2	45.08
12—	Kennedy	F.3	45.16
13—	Scrivenor	F.4	45.20
14—	Shands	F.1	45.30
15—	Dowling	C.3	46.10
16—	Davies	C.3	46.12
17—	Dyke	C.1	46.17
18—	Gregory	C.4	46.18
19—	Nicholls	C.4	46.18
20—	Wilson	C.2	46.19
21—	Mugg	C.2	46.20
22—	Thompson	F.3	46.23
23—	Thrum	C.3	46.24
24—	Tranter	F.1	46.28
25—	Shearing	C.4	46.43
26—	Loxton	C.2	46.50
27—	Jones	F.2	47.02

Place	Name.	House G	
		Year.	Time.
28—	Morris	F.2	47.35
29—	Reed	F.4	47.37
30—	Spittle	F.1	47.51
31—	Boase	F.2	47.53
32—	Golder	C.2	47.58
33—	Benney	C.2	48.03
34—	Hamer	C.3	48.05
35—	White	F.4	48.08
36—	Russell	F.3	48.09
37—	Willis	C.3	48.20
38—	Parker	C.3	48.22
39—	Maxwell	C.1	48.25
40—	Molony	C.3	48.33
41—	Robertson	F.1	48.50
42—	Badman	F.3	49.01
43—	Henshaw	C.2	49.10
44—	Sanderson	F.2	49.19
45—	Burnside	F.1	49.22
46—	Murgatroyd	C.2	49.24
47—	Ward	C.1	49.32
48—	Gyllies	C.3	49.41
49—	Milford	F.2	49.45
50—	Bourke	F.2	50.00
51—	McLachlan	F.1	50.13
52—	Poynter	C.1	50.18
53—	McIntosh	F.2	50.42
54—	Gunn	C.1	51.06
55—	Gerrett	C.1	51.08
56—	Doyle	F.1	52.07
57—	Moore	C.1	55.10
58—	Lesh	F.1	66.20

I. R. JONES.

**THE COMING OF SUMMER.**

Southwards again the sun  
 Moves. Life awakens. Over the gleaming  
 sands  
 To the blue waters run  
 The swimmers, join hands,  
 And, laughing, break the crested wave  
 Into a million diamonds. Birds return.  
 The swift from the Asian cliff face  
 Wings to the south. Gardens burn  
 And blaze with their summer colourings.  
 Even a solitary, brave  
 Water-lily lifts the grace  
 Of a flower over the dull, green rings  
 Of the many leaves in the pond: the goldfish  
 take  
 To sunning themselves in the surface waters  
 again:  
 Yesterday, on the dusty road, I killed a snake.  
 G.F.A.

**ON GOING TO SLEEP IN STUDIES.**

The clean cut images of day  
 Waver and blur, and consciousness—  
 Clouded and drifting forms of grey—  
 Yields to oblivion's rich caress,  
 The slow delightful waters deep,  
 And velvet shadows numberless  
 Roll slowly o'er the fields of sleep  
 And seas of soft forgetfulness:  
 "Don't poke me in the ribs, you goat!  
 What? Read? Dash! Where's the place?"  
 P. H. WILSON.

**AN EPITAPH.**

Here lie the bones of Cadet Jones,  
 A First Year, in his prime,  
 The last he heard was the terrible word:  
 "Seconds out—time!"  
 J. GOLDER.

## CURIOUS SHIPS

During the last century, with the increase of overseas trade, many new plans of ship construction have been produced; these have been numerous and extremely varied, always arousing keen public interest. In this article I have tried to pick out the most interesting and queerest of the ships actually built.

Perhaps one of the queerest of ships built was the "Connector." This ship was built in sections, the bows of each section fitting into the stern of the section ahead, the aftermost section having the main engines and disengaging gear in it. In addition, there were three masts, one in each section.



"THE CONNECTOR"

Advantages claimed for this ship were: (1) the disconnecting of each section could be done by pulling over a lever; (2) light draught for length and cargo capacity; (3) yielding joints making it impossible for the ship's back to be broken in a heavy sea; (4) high speed owing to narrow beam; (5) quick detaching of any section if it caught fire or sprung a leak. But the main advantage was, that while going down the coast it could leave one or two sections at a port for unloading, and thus save valuable time usually wasted while unloading. On her trial trips she was acclaimed a success, but after her trials nothing more was heard of her.

I think paddle steamers can be included in "curious ships." They were very ungainly and most of them dangerous. The river paddleboats caught fire very easily, and once they did, the only way to put it out was to sink the ship. The "General Slocum," built in 1890-91, was one of the biggest paddle excursion steamers in America, her measurements being: tonnage 1,284; length 250 feet; breadth 35.5 feet; and 70 feet across the paddles.

On June 15, 1904, she was carrying over a thousand people, mostly children, when she

caught fire. Very few lives were saved, and next day over a thousand dead bodies were strewn along the nearby beaches.

The biggest ship of her time was the "Great Eastern." She was laid down on May 1, 1854, and was ready for launching on November 3, 1857, but due to some error, she would not move when an attempt was made to launch. On November 28 she was moved 25 feet nearer to the water. Six weeks later she was moved into seven feet of water, but stuck again. On January 31, she eventually floated off the ways at high tide. The cost of launching, though, had ruined the Great Eastern Company. She was bought and completed by the Great Ship Company.

On her trials, she behaved perfectly, attaining a speed of fifteen knots. She was used as a passenger, transport, and cable-laying ship. But though she was the greatest ship of her time, she was a financial loss, and was eventually used as an exhibition ship, which brought some small profit to her owners.

A lot of modern submarines have been designed by Simon Lake. Among his older designs is the "Argonaut." On her bottom was fitted an ingeniously designed wheel for running along the sea bed. She was only an experimental craft 36 feet long and a beam of 9 feet.

She was intended as a salvage boat, having an air-lock under her bows from which a diver, with an independent air supply, could emerge to examine wrecks. For surface cruising, she had a petrol engine, but used electric motors when submerged. When just below the surface, the hollow masts supplied the air; in deeper water air was supplied through a rubber hose attached to buoys or floats; when the length of the hose was not sufficient, a compressed air supply was drawn upon.

Camouflage may be included as a naval curiosity. At first it was tried to colour a ship the same as the sea or sky. This failing, they tried painting the lower half of the ship dark and the top half white, so as to make it blend with sea and sky. This proved that such an idea was impossible. Norman Wilkinson, realizing this, designed a camouflage which was not intended to make a ship in-

visible, but to distort her shape so as to make it practically impossible to judge her course accurately enough to risk firing a torpedo at her. This did a great deal to lessen the menace of the German submarines from 1917 onwards.



A Camouflaged Ship Seen Through a Periscope.

Many queer ships have been built and most of them have been failures in themselves; but from them many useful points have been gained for the betterment of future ship building.

A. I. PARKER.

**CANDID COMMENTS TO CADET CONTRIBUTORS.**

K.W.S.—Used a few lines. Try again. A.F.L.—The old dodge of working names into a story, e.g., "He was pelted with new-Lade eggs," has been done to death. See previous numbers of this, or any other, College Mag. Yours was better than most. Try something more original next time. J.G.—Rather unwise?—especially when it is about a senior cadet. D.H.—Your contribution on the miniature range was good, but too long. Aim at brevity as well as wit. Make room for others! N.E.McD. (and others).—Please write on **one** side of paper only, and thereby prevent the compositor using words he might regret in cooler moments. J.S.A.—"The Stranger" nearly got in, but wanted a little more polish! B.K.L.P.—Keep trying and you'll arrive. G.A.D.W.—Same to you. R.E.B. and J.C.W.K.—Make them short and very snappy! M.L.M.—Not of sufficient general interest. G.H.McI.—See article and photo in 1936 Magazine. Cadet Photographers.—Photos should be sharp prints, with strong black and white tones; subject well in foreground, not on other side of large masses of turf or water; and of definite College interest, not of subjects anyone might snap.

**PROBLEMS FOR THE PASSING-OUT.**

**Or a Daydream in Maths.**

The sonorous voice of the maths, master drawled slowly on, the blackboard blurred and receded, but some scattered fragments still lingered in my mind

$\frac{dx}{dy} \sin^2 x dx$  M.I. of cone  
about axis through vertex S.H.M. revolutions

Before me lay a paper; upon it several questions, after which were the answers apparently written by myself. I read—  
Annual Passing-Out Examination for Cadet Midshipmen

Christmas, 19—

Maths.

Time Allowed: 00 +  $\frac{1}{2}$  hrs.

**Question 1.**

If an officer has been in the service for nineteen years, what will be the extent of the blast delivered to a Cadet attempting to swing a sixty-six ton single screw vessel between a buoy and a cutter; distance apart ten yards.

(Cost of cutter £160, illustrate by diagram.)

**Answer.**

Estimated by practical experience, and find it very hard to put into figures.

**Question 2.**

If Lester ran a cross-country of seven miles in forty minutes, and Lesh ran a six mile one in fifty minutes, how long would it take Lorimer to climb up a fifty foot rope in July if the melting point of aluminium is 400 deg. C.?

**Answer.**

Three pints.

**Question 3.**

A hippopotamus is sitting on a plank of balsa  $\frac{1}{32}$ in. thick and 3 mm. wide, moving up and down in simple harmonic motion. At the same time a kangaroo is executing somersaults at the rate of 9.3678 per minute. If the hippopotamus blinks in arithmetic progression, and the kangaroo keeps its left eye shut all the time, find how many times in an hour the kangaroo thinks the hippopotamus is winking at him.

"And now seeing we've done a bit of work this morning, I think we'll go and have some lunch."

N. H. WHITE.



## THE FIRST SHOT

The crisis between those turbulent neighbours, Krakonia and Vivacia, passed beyond diplomatic intervention and, on the declaration of war, the fleets of both nations put out to keep the seas free for their respective country's trade. Each was careful, of course, to select a bit to be guarded that was a long way from the enemy, as a decisive action, at this stage of the war, could only bring disaster to one side or the other and would profit no one, not even the armament firms. However, the day when battle must be joined could not be put off for ever.

Sir Coir Hemp-Hawser, a very senior Admiral, had been given the place of honour to patrol with his Squadron. This was the extreme southern area of the sea. As enemy country lay far to the north, it can be seen how Fortune picks out her favourites when it is told that she chose Sir Coir to fire the first shot at sea in the Great War.

"Like divorce, war causes strange compromises," was an axiom which had been handed down from the Last Great War. It was with no great surprise, therefore, that the squadron gunnery officer of Sir Coir's flagship saw a messenger peering at him through the steam in the bathroom one fine spring morning.

"Admiral's compliments, sir, and we go into action in twenty minutes' time."

"What! Oh, I say, that's impossible. Look here, tell the Admiral, will you, that I'm frightfully sorry, but I'm in my bath and could he please make it half an hour? Tell him I'll have had my breakfast as well by then."

"Aye, aye, sir."

In a few minutes' time the snake-like head slid its way once more around the bathroom door.

"Admiral's compliments, sir, and please be ready to open fire in exactly half an hour. Meanwhile, he will proceed, with the squad-

ron's lifeboats, to rescue the crews of the enemy ships, thereby saving time getting back to harbour after the action."

Half an hour later the squadron gunnery officer saluted the Admiral on the bridge.

"Ah! Good morning, Tampion"—the jovial Admiral was in the best of spirits, as well he might be at this, the climax of many years of strenuous preparation—"Open fire when you can see the blighters in your sights!"

The squadron gunnery officer gazed at the enemy for a tense moment. Then his eyes swept aft to where Lizzie the Llama, their largest gun, was slowly training round to point her squat, menacing muzzle at her foe, and muttered:

"I hope to goodness the stokers are ready."

This may seem an unusual remark in the circumstances, but in a ship going into action, all must be ready, and the Engineer Commander was a notoriously heavy sleeper. Then he stepped up to the voicepipe and in a firm, steady voice ordered:

"Fire!"

With a spluttering roar, Lizzie recoiled. As a football that has been drop-kicked, over and over tumbled the shell as it ambled on its destructive way. Out rushed the stokers' fire brigade and doused the fire which had been started by the burning mass of cordite which Lizzie spat out on to the quarterdeck.

The set expression on the squadron gunnery officer's face relaxed as he realized that the stokers were getting the fire under control.

With a proud gesture, the Admiral caught up his binoculars and stared to seaward to observe the fall of the shot.

The War at Sea had begun!

BOB FEE.

# LIST OF OFFICERS AND CADETS, 1939

(It should be noted that, as far as Officers are concerned, this list is correct for third term only; and that, during third term, the Fourth Year were at sea.)

Captain .. .. . HENRY B. CRANE, R.N.

## NAVAL STAFF

Commander .. .. . ALEXANDER J. LOUDOUN-SHAND, O.B.E., R.A.N.  
Lieutenant-Commander .. .. . MAURICE W. LANCASTER, R.A.N.  
Lieutenant .. .. . JOHN P. LAWSON, R.A.N.V.R.  
Instructor-Commander .. .. . CHARLES R. FRANKLIN, B.A., R.A.N.  
Lieutenant (E.) .. .. . ALEXANDER H. THOMPSON, R.N.  
Chaplain .. .. . REV. WILLIAM H. HENDERSON, R.A.N.  
Chaplain .. .. . REV. PATRICK LYNCH, R.A.N.

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

## CADET-MIDSHIPMEN UNDER TRAINING

### COOK HOUSE.

#### Fourth Year, 1936.

Gregory, M. J.  
Lorimer, J. A.  
McDonald, N. E.  
Merson, J. L. W.  
**NICHOLLS, D.**  
Shearing, J. A.

#### Third Year, 1937.

Davies, R. I.  
Dowling, B.  
Gyllies, P.  
Hamer, D. J.  
Moloney, M. L.  
Parker, A. I.  
Willis, G. T.  
Thrum, G. B.

#### Second Year.

Benney, I. S.  
Golder, J. W.  
Henshaw, V. L.  
Lovett, B. C.  
Loxton, B. H.  
Mugg, D. R.  
Wilson, P. H.

#### First Year.

Dyke, D. L. H.  
Gerrett, H. B.  
Gunn, J.  
Lawless-Pyne, B. K.  
Lade, A. F.  
Moore, G. D.  
Maxwell, D.  
Poynter, M. E.  
Simmons, F. F.  
Thwaites, J. S.  
Ward, G. A. D.

### FLINDERS HOUSE

#### Fourth Year, 1936.

Lester, J. S.  
McDonald, H. T.  
Reed, M. P.  
Scrivenor, R. J.  
Treloar, R. B.  
White, H. H. S.

#### Third Year, 1937.

Austin, J. S.  
Bodman, H. J.  
Griffiths, G. R.  
Kennedy, J. C. W.  
Russell, C. N.  
Tatham, L. J.  
Thompson, F. K. M.

#### Second Year.

Boase, N. A.  
Bourke, R. E.  
Goble, J. D.  
Jones, I. R.  
McIntosh, G. H.  
Milford, B. A.  
Morris, J. G.  
Sanderson, N. L.

#### First Year.

Boord, F. H.  
Burnside, I. M.  
Doyle, P. H.  
George, A. St. V.  
Lesh, R. E.  
McLachlan, M. J.  
Robertson, A. J.  
Shands, K. W.  
Spittle, B. A. J.  
Tranter, A. N.

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