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"ENGAGE THE ENEMY"

During the war, so far, there has been no major engagement between large numbers of heavy ships; but the isolated incidents which have occurred have given us further cause for pride, if that were needed, in the stamina of our ships, the skill with which they have been handled in all circumstances, and the magnificent fighting spirit of officers and men.

When we have had to fight against overwhelmingly superior odds, there has been no running away, no surrender. The armed merchant cruiser "Rawalpindi" fought to the end, as long as a gun would fire, and, at the last, blazing from stem to stern, carried her colours down into the cold seas off south-east Iceland.

When the aircraft-carrier, "Glorious," and one of her escorting destroyers had sunk in flames, the remaining destroyer did not give up the unequal fight, but, as even the German agency admitted, "continued firing from its aft guns though the forward guns were silenced. In flames the destroyer slowly began to sink, steam rose, and the waves closed over her."

All the world has heard of the amazing and gallant action in the South Atlantic, when the two 6in. gun cruisers, "Ajax" and "Achilles," and the 8in. gun "Exeter," tackled the German pocket-battleship, "Graf Spee," with her six 11in. and eight 5.9in. guns, and sent her

limping into Montevideo, whence she emerged only to scuttle herself ignominiously in the fairway.

British destroyers at Narvik and in the evacuation of Dunkirk have most gloriously upheld the same traditions of skill, gallantry and determination. Sir Andrew Cunningham, Commander-in-Chief on the Mediterranean station, has praised the work of Australian destroyers, and the men who man them; and we know that in all conditions of sea and weather, and whatever the odds, their only wish is to "engage the enemy"!

Naturally, we are most anxious to hear the full details of the action off Crete, when the Australian cruiser, "Sydney," attacked two enemy cruisers, and, without incurring a single casualty, sank one of Italy's most modern and fastest ships. One of the Italian officers is reported to have referred to the action as "cheek" on the part of the Australian cruiser in tackling two adversaries, either of which, theoretically, should have been her match. But that is the sort of cheek we can expect from our ships whenever an opportunity occurs. We are proud to think that the commanding officer of the "Sydney" received his first naval training and experience at this College; and we offer our heartiest congratulations to Captain J. A. Collins, C.B., R.A.N., and the officers and men under his command on the daring and brilliantly successful action. Well done, "Sydney"!

NO PASSING-OUT, 1939

Owing to the fact that the Fourth Year was sent to sea at the end of second term, there was no Passing-out ceremony at the R.A.N.C. last year.

Prizes were awarded as usual and were presented "Somewhere at Sea."

The prize list was as follows:—

Grand Aggregate: **N. E. McDonald**; H. T. McDonald; D. Nicholls.

English, History, French: **N. E. McDonald**; **H. T. McDonald**; N. H. S. White.

Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry: **N. E. McDonald**; **D. Nicholls**; H. T. McDonald.

Engineering, Seamanship, Navigation: **N. E. McDonald**; **D. Nicholls**; **M. P. Reed**.

"Otto Albert" Prize for Seamanship: **N. E. McDonald**; **D. Nicholls**; **M. P. Reed**.

Governor-General's Cup: **J. L. W. Merson**.
King's Medal: **D. Nicholls**.

WAR HONOURS

The following is our list of War Honours at the time of going to press:

C.B.—Captain J. A. Collins.

D.S.O.—Captain H. M. L. Waller; Commander S. H. K. Spurgeon; Commander H. J. Buchanan; Commander J. C. Morrow.

D.S.C.—Lieut.-Commander O. H. Becher.

Mentioned in Despatches—Commander H. J. Buchanan; Lieut. R. J. Robertson (twice); Lieut.-Commander F. N. Cook; Lieut. W. G. Wheeler; Lieut. H. B. Gerrett.

We offer our heartiest congratulations to:

Captain J. A. Collins, who has been made a Companion of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath. This Order was established in 1399, and is limited to 702 Military and 368 Civil Companions.

Captain Collins was one of the original entry of cadets in 1913, and "passed out" in 1916 with "maximum time" and rugger and athletics colours to his credit.

Captain H. M. L. Waller, who has been awarded the Distinguished Service Order for "courageous enterprise and devotion to duty in recent engagements." Captain Waller was one of the 1914 entry and obtained his rugger colours in his third year. He is a King's Medallist and has been twice at the College since he passed out, once as term-lieutenant at Jervis Bay and more recently as Commander of the College in 1934-5.

Commander H. J. Buchanan, who has been awarded the Distinguished Service Order for "good service in operations off the Dutch, Belgian and French coasts," L.G., 27th August, 1940. Only thirteen days before (16th August) Commander Buchanan's name appeared in the London Gazette as mentioned in despatches for good service in the withdrawal of allied armies from the beach at Dunkirk. The recipient of these honours was one of the 1916 Entry, and won, on passing out in 1919, the Grand Aggregate Prize and was first in most subjects of examination.

Commander S. H. K. Spurgeon, who has also been awarded the Distinguished Service Order for action against enemy submarines, L.G., 22nd December, 1939. Commander Spurgeon was, like Commander Buchanan, a member of the 1916 Entry, and also gained "maximum time" on passing out from the College. He was the runner-up for the Grand Aggregate Prize.

Commander J. C. Morrow, who has been awarded the Distinguished Service Order for courageous enterprise and devotion to duty in recent engagements. Commander Morrow entered the College in 1919, gained his rugger and cricket colours in his third year, and crowned his College course by winning the King's Medal. Since passing out he has served a period as Term-Lieutenant with us along with Lieut.-Commander Cook.

Lieutenant-Commander O. H. Becher, who has been awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for good service in the withdrawal of troops from the Namsos Area, L.G., 19th July, 1940. This decoration was instituted in 1914 in place of the Conspicuous Service Cross, and is designed for bestowal on all officers of the Royal Navy of the rank of lieutenant-commander and below and on Warrant Officers. Lieut.-Commander Becher entered the College in 1922, and is one of those whose names appears on the College Honours Board as having obtained "maximum time" on passing out. He obtained his colours for rugger and tennis.

Lieutenant W. G. Wheeler, who received a mention in despatches, also for good service in the withdrawal of troops from the Namsos Area, L.G., 19th July, 1940. Lieutenant Wheeler entered the College in 1929, and in passing out in 1932 was runner-up for the Grand Aggregate Prize. We understand that he had a considerable share in perfecting the anti-magnetic mine equipment, and believe that he could tell us quite a good deal about H.M.S. Cossack.

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AN EPIC OF MONTEVIDEO

Now, this is the tale of a wonder ship, a tale
of the Great Graf Spee,
Who thought she could have it all on her
own down South Atlantic way.
"Too strong for the swift," they said. "Too
swift for the strong,"
Till Commodore Harwood came with his
ships and proved them utterly wrong.
They sighted a dainty liner, said they, "This
is just what we need:
Plenty of nice rich food, and wine, to satisfy
our greed."
But they found when they came to close her,
things weren't just as they thought,
For the Ajax was there beside her, with her
wireless calling support.
ACTION STATIONS were sounded, this
impudent puppy to smash,
When the Exeter showed in the distance, her
shells came home with a crash,
And in spite of her size and her weakness,
ship to ship, throughout that morn
She chased the pride of the Nazis', hoping
with hope forlorn.
To cripple her powerful opponent, nor would
she cease from the chase
Till unable to shoot or to steam, she fell be-
hind in the race.
Then battered and crippled and torn, she
still lay athwart the track,
And said, "Go on if you can, we'll see that
you don't go back."

The Ajax and the Achilles took up the des-
perate game,
They had been by no means idle while the
Exeter wrote her fame,
For while her gallant effort was taking its
toll of the Huns,
They rattled him with torpedoes, they lashed
his decks with their guns.
But when as the day wore on, flags flew from
their leader's mast,
"Carry on, continue the fight!" Though
never built for this task
They took the risk and discovered, let
honour be given where due,
The foeman's strength had been shattered
in that morning's hellish brew.
The Graf Spee, no longer mighty, fled from
these puny foes,
And sought out the only haven, a temporary
rest from her woes,
In the shelter of Montevideo, where she crept
in during the night,
And the whole world gasped in the morning
when they saw her desperate plight.
She landed her dead and her dying, she
patched up her hurts and her sores,
She clamoured for time, and for fuel, she
filled herself up with fresh stores,
But the pride of the Nazi Navy, the hope of
their "Merchant" war,
Refused to face further battle, so they
scuttled her close to the shore.

C.R.F.

WAR HONOURS—(Continued)

Lieutenant-Commander F. N. Cook, who has been mentioned in despatches. Like Commander Morrow, he entered the College in 1919, and he, too, has been back at the College as Term-Lieutenant, and for some time as Commanding Officer.

Lieutenant R. J. Robertson, who was mentioned in despatches for good service in the withdrawal of allied armies from the beach at Dunkirk and again for good service in operations off the Dutch, Belgian and

French coasts. Lieutenant Robertson was one of the 1930 Entry, and won his colours for athletics, rugby, hockey and rowing, and was runner-up for the Grand Aggregate Prize. He carried off the Mathematics and Seamanship prizes, and was the winner of the Governor-General's Cup.

Lieutenant H. B. Gerrett, who was mentioned in despatches for good services in the Mediterranean. Lieutenant Gerrett was one of the 1926 Entry, and while at the College gained his colours for hockey and cricket.

PERSONNEL AND PERSONAL

Captain H. B. Crane, R.N., and Mrs. Crane will be leaving the Depot soon after this is printed. We would like to wish Captain Crane every success; and, with Mrs. Crane and their daughter, all happiness in the future.

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The Director of Studies, Mr. R. F. Cowan, B.A., is retiring at the end of this year. Mr. Cowan's association with the staff and the cadets has been of the happiest nature.

He came to the R.A.N.C. in 1919, and immediately made an impression on school work and sport which has lasted throughout his sojourn here. The many successive years of cadets who have received instruction in his specialities, mathematics and physics, are witnesses to his skill in conveying his knowledge to them.

Mr. Cowan, who is an old interstate cricketer, having been a member of that



H.M.A.S. CERBERUS

famous South Australian eleven which included Clem Hill and Joe Darling, acted for many years at Jervis Bay as the college cricket coach, and officers of the fleet will remember the hard but pleasant work that he put them through on the old "quarter deck" at J.B.

In 1930, when the R.A.N.C. was moved to its present location at Flinders Naval Depot, Mr. Cowan succeeded Dr. F. W. Wheatley,

Headmaster, in the position of Director of Studies.

R.A.N.C. finds it difficult to express adequately its regret that the passing years must take him from his work here, but with wishes for happy days in the future, goes the sincere affection of all those who have known him in his long service at the Royal Australian Naval College.

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To Mr. H. D. Simpson, B.A., B.Sc., who succeeds Mr. Cowan, we offer our hearty congratulations and best wishes for a happy term of office.

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During the year the engagement was announced and later the marriage took place of Miss Moira Pope, elder daughter of Captain C. J. Pope, R.A.N., and Mrs. Pope, to Sub-Lieutenant David Charles Wells, R.A.N., eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. T. Wells, of Adelaide. It will be remembered that Sub-Lieutenant Wells was Chief Cadet Captain and King's Medallist in 1936.

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Twenty-one cadets entered the College as First Year, bringing the total number during the year to 72. During the first term there were five special-entry cadets, and four paymaster-cadets, and during the third term there have been seven special-entry cadets, living in the College, and undergoing courses.

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We learn, with regret, that Lieutenant-Commander Francis Kevin Fogarty has been reported by the Naval Board to be missing, believed killed, as a result of enemy action. With him, Leading Telegraphist Colin Kenneth Bunnett was also reported missing. Lieut.-Com. Fogarty entered the R.A.N. College in 1923, and has been serving overseas in a ship of the Royal Australian Navy.

Flight-Lieutenant G. J. I. Clarke, also missing, was formerly Lieutenant R.A.N., having entered the College in 1921 and later transferred to the R.A.A.F.

To the relatives and friends of these men our deepest sympathy is extended.

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Personnel and Personal—continued

Extract from letter:—

From Commander Duncan Grant, C.B.E.,
to Commander, R.A.N.C.

"Their lordships have got me out in harness again: and I was rushed up here (a radio station in Northumberland) to what the newspapers call Danger Area No. 1, actually before the war began. I am my own boss, which is something to be thankful for, but it entails being here every day, including Sunday—a sort of 'watch and stop on' business.

"We do get a lot of excitement with these Germ-Hun air raids on fishermen and shipping. Only the other evening I was just leaving and had got as far as the sentry, when an enemy plane hove in sight. Bang! went the fort, and then she started bombing a big tramp at the mouth of the Tyne. It was just getting dusk, and I saw six flashes from the old sportsman of a tramp, firing at her, and then from the north'd came three of our fighters, with a green light at each tail, and roared past into the murky mist at a terrific speed. I was hoping that they'd catch the murdering swine, and they **did!**

"This sort of thing goes on nearly every day, but very little damage to the ships—nearly always, 'O.K. here. Am now proceeding,' from these arch-sportsmen in the Merchant Fleet.

"The best of luck to you all at my 'old command'."

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Lieutenant G. Langford created something of a record in speedy marriage on December 18, 1939. He arrived by airliner at Essendon at 1140, left Christ Church with his bride at 1345, and at 1500 the happy couple were boarding a plane for the return trip to Sydney. Nice work, as they say; and may we wish Lieutenant and Mrs. Langford every happiness.

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The Photographic Competition was introduced during the third term last year. The dark-room was repaired, and about twenty cadets tried their own developing and printing. At the end of the term, thirty-four entries had been received. A. I. Parker was awarded the prize.

This year the competition was divided into two sections: one for the most original photograph, and the other for the best study. Parker again had a win, with a night photograph of the front of the College, in the first section, while Russell won the other with a very clever child study. Of the forty-three entries received, those taken by Kennedy deserve special mention in both sections.

Mrs. Crane very kindly gave two albums as prizes.



"Bill" with His Trophies

"Bill," our mascot, definitely comes in as one of the personnel. His full name, Glansville William, sounds more impressive, and he first made his acquaintance with this wicked world on September 18, 1939. When presented to the College by Captain Crane he was a very small handful of puppy; at the age of five months he weighed forty pounds. On May 25, he was entered in his first show, that of the Victorian Bulldog Association. Competing against 28 dogs he won two first prizes (with cups, certificates, and ribbons!) in the events for dogs under eight months. He was entered for four events in the Royal Show in September. Owing to various handicaps, including the fact that he ran a Depot cross-country race the day before (and came first!), he was not quite in perfect condition. Thus he had to be content with two fourths, though his relations won the events.

Great praise is due to C.P.O. Mackay for the time, care and attention he has devoted to Bill's training and health.

COLLEGE LOG, 1940

January:

31. First Year joined.

February:

2. College re-opened.
10. 1st XI v. Wesley.
17. 1st XI v. Scotch.
18. 1st XI v. Harlequins.
19. 2nd Inter-House Tennis.
24. Aquatic Sports (Flinders House wins, 58-46).
26. 2nd Inter-House Junior Tennis.
27. 3rd Inter-House Cricket, Senior and Junior.
28. 3rd Inter-House Cricket, Senior and Junior.

March:

2. Cadets to Mornington for Mid-Term.
5. Commence Rifle Shooting.
6. Commence Singles and Doubles Tennis Championships.
9. Tennis, Officers v. Cadets.
10. Life-Saving Exam.
11. Fourth Inter-House Cricket, Senior and Junior.
16. 1st XI v. C.P.O.'s and P.O.'s.
18. 1st Obstacle Whaler Race.
23. 1st XI v. New Entries
- Sat. 30. Cadets to Mornington for Mid-Term.



The Ballet

April:

1. Commence Regatta Practice.
2. Commence Inter-House Rifle Shooting.
6. Cricket v. Melbourne Grammar (home).
9. Third Inter-House Junior Tennis.
10. 2nd Inter-House Obstacle Whaler Race.
13. 1st year v. Grimwade House (away).
Wardroom v. Cadets—tennis.

15. Third Inter-House Senior Tennis.
20. Officers v. Cadets—Tennis.
27. Regatta—won by Flinders House.

May:

1. Cadets' Dance.
3. Cadets Proceed on Long Leave.
31. Cadets Return from Long Leave.



Leading Lights

June:

3. Commence Rugby, Squash and Boxing.
7. Instruction for Juniors in Rugby and Hockey.
10. First Inter-House Rugby Matches.
12. Rugby and Hockey v. R.A.A.F., Somers.
15. Rugby v. Scotch (2 teams).
19. Rugby v. R.A.A.F., Somers.
22. Rugby v. Footscray Tech.
24. Training for Cross-Country and Tug-of-War.
25. Second Inter-House Rugby—Senior and Junior.
29. Cadets to Somers for Mid-Term.

July:

2. First Inter-House Hockey—Seniors and Juniors.
3. Hockey v. P.O.'s.
Commence Squash Competitions.
6. Rugby v. Scotch (2 teams) (away).
10. Rugby v. Essendon (home)
13. Rugby v. Communications.
15. Tug-of-War—won by Cook House.
17. Cross-Country—won by Flinders House.

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COLLEGE LOG—(Continued)

- 20. Rugby v. Scotch (2 teams) (home).
- 22. Boxing Tournament.
- Sat. 27. Cadets to Somers for Mid-Term.
- 30. Second Inter-House Hockey—Senior and Juniors.

August:

- 3. Rugby v. Scotch (2 teams).
- 5. Third Inter-House Rugby.
- 7. Tennis v. R.A.A.F., Somers.
- 10. Rugby v. Footscray Tech.
Rugby v. New Entry School.
- 12. Third Inter-House Hockey.
- 14. .22 Shoot v. R.A.A.F. and Tennis v. R.A.A.F.
- 17. 1st XV v. University 2nd's.
Rugby v. Essendon Tech.
- 20. Rugby v. Communications.
- 21. Hockey v. R.A.A.F.
- 23. Cadets Proceed on Long Leave.

September:

- 13. Cadets Return from Long Leave.
- 16. Commence Athletics and Rifle Shooting.
- 21. Inter-House Rifle Shooting.
- 30. Commence Boat Sailing.

October:

- 5. Athletic Sports Championships.
- 9. Inter-House Athletic Sports—won by Flinders.
- 12. Cadets to Mornington for Mid-Term.
- 15. Commence Cricket and Tennis.
- 21. First Sailing Race (Forster Cup).
- 26. R.A.N.C. 1st XI v. Wesley.
- 28. First Inter-House Cricket—Junior and Senior.

November:

- 4. 1st Inter-House Tennis, Seniors.
- 11. Second Sailing Race (Forster Cup).
- 12. Second Inter-House Cricket, Senior and Junior.
- 16. Cadets to Mid-Term.
- 19. First Inter-House Tennis—Junior.
- 23. 1st XI v. Melb. Grammar (home).
- 24. 1st XI v. Depot Team.
- 30. 1st and Junior XI v. Scotch.

December:

- 7. R.A.N.C. 1st XI v. Wesley College.
- 12. "Passing-Out" Ceremony.
- 13. Cadets Proceed on Long Leave.

SO THIS IS WAR ?

Cow catching is an art in itself, as was shown by numerous persons when an escaped cow took up residence at the rear of the officers' houses in the east end of the Depot. This cow was apparently valuable—to the amount of £2 reward for its capture alive.

The cow appeared to be like most cows—it possessed four legs, two sides (inside and outside), being red in colour on both sides, a body, a head, and various accessories. It also had an uncanny method of disguise, while it possessed almost incredible speed.

As the cow was grazing peacefully outside the back entrance of the Captain's residence, it was first shooed away, while the party counted a hundred. This done, the party opened out to line abreast at forty paces interval, and advanced at the yell.

When the cow was sighted anyone in the vicinity bolted, screaming "Cow" at the top of his voice. Those in the far distance struggled through dense vegetation to reach

the spot, while one brainy person with a lasso tied himself up, rolled onto a bull-ants' nest, and was last seen by the fleeing cow, whom he passed so quickly that it thought it was going backwards, so it turned round and bolted into the search party, where it caused another panic.

Horses proved a useful help, in that they carried their riders to some remote spot, dumped them, and returned home under their own power.

Dogs were also employed in the chase, each dog using his own methods. "Bill," using the faster of his two speeds (dead slow and stop), lumbered round uttering frightening roars. "Sailor" discovered the cow's only drinking pond, and, using U-boat tactics, submerged himself in it and patiently waited.

Eventually it was decided to make a "strategical retirement" (tactical adjustment) and return to G.H.Q.

A. I. PARKER.

THE SEAMANSHIP ROOM

To my mind, the Seamanship Room is one of the most interesting rooms in the Depot. So much of interest is crammed (without a sense of overcrowding) into a relatively small space.

In the centre of the room are two tables and two iron stands. One table holds a shot mat, samples of hemp, sisal, and grass ropes, some heavy shackles, a mooring swivel, an anchor swivel, and some small model ships, used to demonstrate the rule of the road at sea. On the other table are a boat's compass and a barricoe. The iron stands support a bewildering assortment of smaller shackles, blocks, and tackles of different sorts and sizes, anchors, slips and cable clenches. At the far end of these tables is a binnacle, complete with ship's compass, spheres, and so on.

Round the room are tables supporting models of ships, buoys, derricks and sheer-legs. Attached to the wall are boards holding excellent rope-work, bends and hitches, ornamental rope-work. There are some neat silhouettes of the German Fleet on thick white board (some of these ships have a neat tick against them now!—Ed.) and paintings of sailing vessels. Between these is a revolving disc, which can be lighted up from behind, and shows the lights carried by different vessels in various conditions. Hanging by the door is a miniature lead and line, showing the markings used in actual practice.



THE SEAMANSHIP ROOM

The several models of ships are all beautifully executed. There is one of the "Majestic," others of the "Elizabeth," of the "Sydney," showing the ship in section, a sectional model showing the timber frames and planking. There is also another and two models showing methods of mooring and anchoring ship.

Down each side of the room is a hard tarred rope, to which are attached lengths of cord for practising bends and hitches. In one corner is the "signals" cupboard containing signal pads and semaphore flags.

R. H. BATES.

I.

A Rear-Admiral was on the interviewing committee.

Rear-Ad.: "What is a Rear-Admiral?"

Candidate: "The lowest type of Admiral!"

II.

American visitor to London, crossing the Thames: "What's that creek down there?"

Cockney Bus Driver: "Blimey, my radiator must be leaking again!"

J. G. YULE.

III.

"There is no last or first"—Browning.
No Inter-House sports at his school?

Fourth year seamanship:—

Question: You are M.O.W. and it comes on to rain: what would you do?

Answer: Get in the washing!

"Three Italian destroyers have been sunk"
—News item.

Well, the Axis has always concentrated on under-water craft.

A. I. PARKER.

HOUSE NOTES



House Officer: Lieutenant J. P. Lawson.

House C.P.O.: Mr. Mackay.

House Cadet Captain: Chief Cadet Captain G. R. Griffiths.

Cadet Captains: J. S. Austin, G. H. McIntosh.

Welcome once again to our little corner of the great news service!

This year has been a very successful one for Flinders House, more so than last; and perhaps we had better not say too much, or else we won't hear the end of it if Cook House once more start out in earnest; that doesn't mean they haven't been trying this year, but sooner or later our luck may change.

These have been our meagre gains:—

Swimming	Hockey
Regatta	Shooting
Cross-Country	Tennis
Football	Athletics

Our Tug-of-war song let us down this time. But who knows out of the coming brawny juniors we may have some potential strong men (maybe). Even if they aren't going to be strong men, let us hope that they are cricketers; I just would not repeat what the coach thought when Cook House won.

Once again we would like to send our best wishes to Lieutenant Robison. From what we have read, he must be well in "it."

Many thanks to Goble for his artistry in the heading for our notes—also another of our artists, Jones, supplied the hieroglyphics for Cook House.

We wish to offer our congratulations to A. A. Willis for his great effort in winning the

Open Tennis Championship, and also to those who have gained Colours, and the holders of individual trophies:—

J. S. Austin: Squash Trophy, Best Athlete, Trophy for best time over 100 yds.

G. R. Griffiths: One Mile (Shield), Best Athlete.

L. J. Tatham: Cross-Country Winner.

R. E. Bourke: Colin Creswell Swimming Cup.

A. A. Willis: Tennis Championship.

K. W. Shands: Junior Champion Athlete.

COOK HOUSE

House Officer: Lieutenant-Commander M. W. Lancaster.

House Cadet Captain: G. B. Thrum

Cadet Captains: G. J. Willis, B. H. Loxton

It cannot be said, as far as sporting results are concerned, that this year has been very successful for Cook House, but we tried hard in everything.

A number of the results have been close, and others have been otherwise. Fixtures which came our way are as follows:—

Cricket, 1939-40. Obstacle Whaler Race. Tug-of-War.

The Athletics was lost by a fair margin, but the majority of the races were close. The Flinders "Bumping" Team was sent flying by the Cook House team, and we were particularly pleased.

We were unfortunate during the second term to have several members of the fourth year out of the hockey and football teams at various stages because of injuries.

An effort worth mentioning is that of C. M. Dyke, winning the Shelley Cup for Boxing.

It is up to the next year cadets to see if they can improve the standard gained this year. There is good talent developing amongst the two junior years, so let it be said that they can still go a long way further, and win back a few cups taken from us this year.

SPORTS AND SPORTING

COLOURS

(Showing date of Award)

Rugby	Cricket	Hockey	Tennis	Athletics	Boats	Swimming
1940	1940	1940	1940	1940	1940	1940
G. R. Griffiths J. C. W. Kennedy J. S. Austin G. B. Thrum E. J. Blau D. J. Hamer R. E. Bourke G. J. Willis L. J. Tatham F. K. M. Thompson R. I. Davies	M. E. Poynter K. W. Shands 1939 J. S. Austin B. Dowling	G. R. Griffiths J. C. W. Kennedy B. Dowling 1939 J. S. Austin G. B. Thrum	G. J. Willis A. A. Willis H. J. Bodman	R. I. Davies G. B. Thrum L. J. Tatham K. W. Shands J. D. Goble 1939 G. R. Griffiths J. S. Austin	G. R. Griffiths G. J. Willis	J. S. Austin G. B. Thrum G. J. Willis R. E. Bourke E. J. Blau



R.A.N.C. 1st XI AVERAGES

Season 1939-40

BATTING

Batsman's Name	Inns	N.O.'s	Runs	H.S.	Ave.
C.M.2 Shands	11	2	178	31	19.8
C.M.4 Austin	14	-	234	67	16.7
C.M.2 Moore	10	1	92	52 no	10.2
C.M.4 Thrum	14	-	121	25	8.6
C.M.4 Willis	12	1	93	27	8.5
C.M.4 Bodman	13	-	89	20	6.9
C.M.4 Dowling	14	-	93	22	6.6

BOWLING

Bowler's Name	Runs	Wkts.	Balls Bowled	Ave.
C.M.2 Poynter	423	27	466	15.7
C.M.3 Bourke	146	8	296	18.3
C.M.4 Austin	242	12	520	20.2
C.M.4 Dowling	325	14	587	23.2

CRICKET NOTES

Owing to the fourth year going to sea in September, 1939, it became necessary to build up an almost entirely new 1st XI.

Among the newcomers the best "finds" were among first year cadets.

Shands, Moore and Poynter were a distinct success, and should form the backbone of the 1st XI for the next few seasons.

The team, as a whole, improved as the season progressed, but possessed too many erratic cricketers. Austin, as Captain, led the team more by his example than by actual brain work. With experience, however, and when he learns to "think" the stubborn batsman out, he should make a good leader.

Bodman and Dowling fulfilled their task as openers fairly well, but did not manage to score many runs.

Shands proved, next to Austin, the most consistent run-getter. He has the right temperament, gets behind the ball well, and has a fairly good repertoire of strokes, which, with the added polish that experience brings, should make him a very good batsman.

Moore, with the exception of a sparkling 52 not out against the C.P.O.'s, never got going and had that lean season that comes to nearly all batsmen sooner or later.

Thrum, as 'keeper, ranged from brilliant to mediocre, but as a batsman, performed very well at times with shock tactics.

Of the bowlers, Austin, Poynter and Bourke had the greatest success. The slow bowlers, however, rarely got a wicket to suit them, and performed very well, for the most part, on shirt-front wickets.

Poynter proved the "find" of the season, but whether he develops or not depends on his ability to learn new tricks, and to employ his good control of length to advantage.

The fielding was the worst feature of the 1st XI's play. They were repeatedly put to shame by the Public School sides, but showed little improvement as the season progressed.

The folded arm, nonchalant attitude was all too common, with the result that many a chance was missed because the fieldsman realised too late that it was coming his way.

There can, and must be, a considerable improvement in the coming season if matches against the Public Schools are to continue.

J.P.L.

1st XI v. MELBOURNE GRAMMAR AT R.A.N.C., 21/10/39.

Austin won the toss and decided to bat. Dowling and Bodman gave us an excellent start, and looked thoroughly safe and comfortable. However, when the score was 22, Dowling was bowled by Creswick for a very useful 10.

Austin was next man in, and soon settled down to some bright, forceful cricket, with Bodman batting well at the other end. When the score was 36, Bodman was beaten by a good ball and bowled.

Shands was next man in, and played the right game. He was content to collect an odd single whenever possible while keeping an end up for Austin. At lunch, our score of 2 for 44 was very satisfactory, even if scoring had been a bit slow due to the heaviness of the out field.

After lunch, Austin and Shands carried on well, and when a very good partnership looked possible Shands was bowled by Atkinson (3 for 65). Gunn was run out and Austin caught and bowled by Atkinson for a splendid 42—a mixture of caution and aggression well blended.

At this stage the game began to slip away from us, and from 3 for 65 we quickly dropped to 8 for 79. Griffiths, Wilson, Willis

and Hamer all went quickly, and the innings closed for a very moderate 82.

Atkinson, who had bowled very well earlier but without luck, was the destroying agent in the later stages, and finished up with the excellent figures of 6 for 25 off 9 overs.

Grammar opened with Brown and Watson, the former being bowled second ball by Dowling and we had made a good start. However, Watson and Stewart settled down to a good partnership, which yielded 34 runs before Watson went l.b.w. to Dowling. Atkinson was quickly sent back by Dowling, who had bowled very well.

At this stage, Poynter was brought on—he immediately struck his length and sent back Crewick and Alley in the same over (5 for 39), and we were once again in a good position. However, Stewart, who had batted very well, combined with Grimwade to put on 37 before being separated, when Stewart hit across a full pitched ball from Dowling and was bowled. Grimwade and Eipstein stayed until our total was passed, Grammar thus winning by four wickets.

Our performance was very satisfactory for a first game, and when the fielding improves and the side remove a few rough edges, we should field a very fair XI.

THE FIRST INTER-HOUSE CRICKET MATCH

The first match of the 1939-40 season was begun on November 14, 1939. Austin won the toss and sent Flinders House in. Bodman and Shands opened and made an opening partnership of 22. Shands was stumped at 12, and Austin came on the field to make 40 before he was caught. The first wicket partnership added 50 to the Flinders score. Flinders House were all out for 131. Best batsmen were—Austin 40, Bodman 25, Tranter, n.o., 25, Griffiths 23. Cook House bowlers were—Dowling, 2/25; Poynter, 6/75; Lovett, 0/13; Wilson, 2/17.

Cook House went in the same day and when stumps were drawn the score was 0 for 35. Moore was 24 and Dowling 11. Heavy rain then intervened for several days, making the wicket ideal for Flinders bowlers. Moore and Dowling were dismissed soon without

scoring further. There were many very low scores. Cook House total was 68. Flinders House bowling was—Austin, 5/17; Griffiths, 2/20; Bourke, 3/25; Bodman, 0/3.

Flinders House was on the first innings by 63 runs.

V. L. HENSHAW.

SECOND INTER-HOUSE CRICKET MATCH

This match was begun on December 7, 1939. Cook House batted first, Dowling and Wilson opening. Austin opened the Flinders House bowling. Cook House made 92, top scorers being Hamer, run out 27, and Moore, run out 19. Flinders House best bowler was Austin, who took 4 for 20.

Flinders House made 60. Poynter took 5/21; Dowling 3/24; and Wilson took 1/4. Cook House won by 32 runs.

V. L. HENSHAW.

THE THIRD INTER-HOUSE CRICKET MATCH

The third Inter-House cricket match was held in good cricketing weather. Austin won the toss for Flinders and decided to field his team for the first day. Due to rain on the previous day, the wicket was soft and inclined to be tricky.

Wilson and Parker opened the batting, with Wilson taking strike. Austin opened the bowling from the Depot end, and Wilson ran a single which was hit off the first ball.

Austin and Bourke did most of the bowling for Flinders, and Bourke did very well by bowling a hat-trick later in the afternoon.

By 1815 Cook were all out for 101 runs.

On the second day, Lovett opened the bowling to Bourke and Thompson from the southern end. At the end of the day Flinders House were all out for 85, Cook House having won the match.

Top scorers: Thrum, 48; H. K. Roberts, 23; Bodman, 18; Austin, 18.

Bowling: Lovett, 2/11; Hardstaff, 1/6; Bourke, 5/38; Austin, 4/31.

B. C. LOVETT.

FIRST YEAR v. GRIMWADE HOUSE

The first year left the College at about 0830. On arriving at Grimwade House the weather looked rather unsettled, and Grimwade, on winning the toss, decided to send us in.

The two Bennetts were our opening batsmen. It was not long, however, before Bennett II was dismissed l.b.w. by Woodward, Grimwade's fast bowler. Willis II was our next batsman, and he made 57 before he tried to hook a ball off the middle stump and was bowled. Other good scores were made



One of Many Happy Afternoons.

by Thomas, who stayed in for a long time to make 19; and by Ross, who went in just before the close of our innings and hit four fours in succession. Our innings closed with a total of 124, and we left the field for lunch.

After lunch we were taken over some of the College buildings, including the Grimwade House tower, from where we had a marvellous view of Melbourne.

At two o'clock we resumed play, and Grimwade came in to bat. Grimwade's first wicket fell when Loosli took a nice catch at mid-on off the first ball of Bennett II's over. Their second wicket fell when Wilson, throwing from about fifty yards out, hit the wicket on the side, thus running the batsman out. Another feature of Grimwade's innings was a fine catch by Broben at point to dismiss one of Grimwade's most promising batsmen.

Rain began to fall at about 4 p.m., and Grimwade's innings closed with a total of 74, the College thus winning by 50 runs.

A. A. WILLIS.

FOOTBALL



The Rugby season of 1940 can be regarded with a certain amount of satisfaction, despite the numerous injuries.

From an attacking point of view, the standard was high, but it must be realized that it is easy to score against weaker teams. Except on one occasion, the team was not called upon to try its ability against good opposition, and consequently the defensive capabilities were not tested.

Apart from good work in falling on the ball, the defence was not good. The old cry of "tackle low" was still in evidence, but it also must be remembered that in order to tackle low one must be in position to enable the tackle to be made. A team cannot be classed as good unless it can both score and prevent the other side from scoring.

The value of strong, determined running was amply demonstrated by Austin, Thrum, Kennedy and Davies, which, on most occasions, brought its own reward. Sanderson and Kennedy, as the pivot of the attack, were most consistent, but the scrum half must not be merely a passing machine. The scrum half and stand off half must use their brains as well.

The forwards were consistently good, especially in the loose, the best of a good hard-working pack being Hamer, Griffiths, Bourke, and Willis.

The standard among the juniors was most satisfactory, and augers well for the future, Shands, Gunn, Robertson, and Moore setting an excellent example to the first year.

Among the first year, most of whom had never played the game before, Edwards, Reeves, Broben, Ross, Willis and Barnard have started in a most promising manner. Their tackling was an object lesson to the seniors. Keep it up, first year.

1st XV v. R.A.A.F., SOMERS

June 25, 1940.

This match was the first of several sporting engagements with the Air Force from Somers camp. Play commenced at 2.15 p.m. on Wednesday, June 25, 1940. The first try was scored by Austin, who did not convert it. Air Force then scored their try and converted it. Play in the first half was particularly fast and keen. At half-time, the score was 8—5. In the last half of the game, College scored seven tries, and the play was mostly at our goal end of the field. The College team work was superior to Air Force's, who had not played as a team before. The score at the finish was 31—5.

College scored nine tries, of which two were converted. Those who scored tries were: Austin (2), Hamer (2), Thrum (2), Thompson, Bourke, Tatham.

1st XV v. R.A.A.F.

This was the second match played by the College against the R.A.A.F. men encamped at Somers. The Air Force team was under the disadvantage of not having had regular practice, and their team was limited to an average weight of 12 stone.

The match was played on a fine day, and the play was hard and fast. The first try for the College was scored by Hamer, who took the ball in a line-out, and forced it over the line. This try was converted, making the score 5—0. Before half-time, Air Force scored a try, but failed to convert it. Half-time scores: 5—3.

In the last half, the College backs began a series of movements, which resulted in two tries being scored by Dowling and Thompson. One of these tries was converted, making the total number of points: 13—3.

However, Air Force rallied and managed to force a try, which was not converted. A few minutes before the end of the game, a Col-

lege forward infringed the off-side rule, which gave the Air Force the opportunity to score a penalty try. The final scores were 13—9 in favour of the College.

F. K. M. THOMPSON.

R.A.N.C. 1st XV v. UNIVERSITY 2nd XV Saturday, August 17, 1940.

The University XV was composed of three of their 1st XV, ten of their 2nd XV, and as they were two men short, two cadets played with them.

University kicked off, and very soon it became evident that it was going to be a good hard game, and that it would be up to the forwards rather than the three-quarters, because of recent rain which made the ground slippery and the ball hard to handle.

The first score was a penalty to the University, and this was soon followed by a try, making the score 6—0 in their favour. Austin broke through for the College, and after a good run scored a try, which he converted. University scored again, but this galvanized the College into action, and after a forward rush, Hamer got through and scored, thus making the half-time score 11—10.

The College made further strenuous efforts after half-time, and the forwards attacked continuously, until Austin did a brilliant run and scored. Shortly after this Kennedy scored, making the College 20 and the University 11.

Unfortunately, after this lead the College was inclined to slacken off, and "Finger" Douglas scored two tries for the "Shop," neither of which was converted, thus making the final score: College 20, University 17.

M. L. MOLONY.

R.A.N.C. 1st XV v. SCOTCH COLLEGE 1st XV (at Scotch)

We won the toss and Scotch kicked off. For some time, owing to good forwards work by Scotch, the play worked from end to end.

With Scotch offside, a scrum was taken, and Austin, playing inner centre, was able to make a spectacular run, but was forced out by the opposing full-back. Soon after-

wards, Kennedy, playing five-eight, was able to break through and pass out to Austin, who scored an easy try, which he converted.

After the Scotch kick-off, Bourke was able to kick for touch, and in the following line-out, Austin was again successful in breaking away, scoring a try between the posts, which he again converted. Then Scotch started a movement almost to our touchline, but efficient forward work brought the ball back to the centre, from where another good run by Austin took the play into the Scotch twenty-five. By picking up well, Davies managed to score a try in the corner. However, this was not converted.

Following the kick-off, an excellent three-quarter line movement enabled Austin to score a try in the corner. He converted it himself. With a free kick soon after the twenty-five drop out, Thrum was able to score a penalty goal. From then till half-time Scotch played hard and there was no further score.

Bourke kicked off for us after half-time, and with a free kick, Bourke scored a penalty goal. Soon afterwards, Austin scored a similar penalty goal. After the kick-off, Austin made a run from in our half to score a touchdown between the posts; this he again converted.

When the play worked to the Scotch end after the kick-off, they touched down the ball, and soon after the drop-out, Gunn scored a try, which was not converted. In some forward work soon afterwards on the touchline, Hamer scored a good try, which also was not converted. After this an excellent movement by our three-quarters enabled Thrum, the wingman, to score a try, which was converted by Austin. The Scotch forwards then worked towards our touch, but by falling on the ball, Thrum probably prevented a try. From here the play moved slowly towards the Scotch end, until Austin scored another try with one of his spectacular runs. This was converted by him.

Then, owing to some good forward play by Scotch, they scored their first and only try, which, unfortunately, was not converted. By some good backing up, Austin was able to score a try between the posts just before the end of the game, and he was successful in converting it. This made the final scores: 53—3.

C. N. RUSSELL.

"A" XV v. SCOTCH COLLEGE

The match began at half-past three, when Scotch kicked off. The ball went to the College end, and a try nearly resulted, when, in a five yards scrum, the ball was passed to the Scotch backs, who gained the line, but were prevented from scoring.

After the twenty-five yards kick-off, the College kept the play to the Scotch end of the field for a time. An attempt to get a penalty goal was made by the College, but without success.

At this stage of the game, the Scotch three-quarters did some good passing, when there were also a series of line-outs. Scotch penetrated the College end, but the ball was cleared when a twenty-five yards kick-off was given. Scotch soon worked their way back again, and Clark scored a try, which, however, was not converted. Soon after, Scotch did an "up and under," which was countered by a good kick by Hardstaff.

The play was then transferred to the Scotch end of the field for about five minutes. Scotch cleared well, and were able to score a penalty goal just before half-time.

After half-time, Davies made a good run, getting well past the twenty-five yards line. Soon afterwards Hardstaff scored a try, from a kick from the twenty-five line. It was converted by Molony, the score being 5—6 in the favour of Scotch.

Scotch gained ground, but the College forced the ball to the centre of the field, where it remained till one of the Scotch men scored a good try, which was converted. However, this was followed by a try by Hardstaff, which was not converted.

After some hard forward play, Scotch gained another try, which was converted. The play from then on was mostly foot-work by the forwards, until just before the close of the game, when the Scotch inside right scored a try, which was not converted.

The final scores were:

Scotch College—19 points.

R.A.N.C.—8 points.

N. A. BOASE.

R.A.N.C. JUNIOR XV v. FOOTSCRAY TECHNICAL COLLEGE

Won by R.A.N.C. by 6 Points to 3.

The match was played on the afternoon of August 2, the weather being showery with a fairly strong south-westerly wind.

Sanderson, who captained our team, won the toss and elected to play with the wind. Footscray kicked off and made many attempts to break through our defence, but our tackling prevented this; Wilson, Loxton and Moore tackled and defended well. Footscray failed to follow up on a free kick near our touchline and so missed a chance of scoring; soon after this Loxton scored the first try for us; this was not converted.



Mess Room, R.A.N.C.

Our scrum was not as heavy as Footscray's and did not clear the ball very well; however, it made up for this by some good tackling and dribbling rushes. Gerrett, after a good run, scored our next try and the score at half-time was 6—0.

By now the field was fairly slushy and some of the players were nearly beyond recognition. It could be seen that the heavy going was telling more on the Footscray players than ours; however, both teams recovered a little over half-time.

Soon after the kick-off, Footscray attacked hard and nearly succeeded in scoring, but thanks to our good defence they were forced back. Footscray made many more attacks, but were repelled each time. However, just before time they managed to score one try, leaving the score 6—3 at time.

RETURN MATCH JUNIOR XV v. FOOTSCRAY TECHNICAL SCHOOL

The team left the Depot at 1200 and play commenced at about 1415. Gerrett won the toss and decided to run west. Footscray kicked-off.

Footscray backs and forwards had much improved since their match down here. Their backs backed up well, and their forwards were heavier than ours, and took the ball at the toe. Our team went down on the ball a good deal, and our tackling was much better in the second half. The match ended with Footscray winning, 14—6. After the match we were entertained at afternoon tea.

A. StV. GEORGE.

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

This was a very interesting match, and R.A.N.C. made a very good recovery towards the end. The match was played away and our team was a weakened Junior XV.

Scotch kicked off. We obtained the ball and forced it upfield. The forwards were not quick enough, however, and the ball went out behind the goal. Scotch then took the ball into our own 25 line, and almost scored a try, but the forwards managed to force them back. Scotch obtained the ball and after a good run they scored the first try, but did not manage to convert it.

After half-time, Scotch pressed hard and managed to score another try. No tries were converted. Soon after, Scotch kicked a goal from a penalty kick, making the score 9—0. After this we recovered, and Simmons scored a try, our first, bringing the score to 9—3.

Scotch stopped several runs well, but about ten minutes before time, Willis broke through. The score remained 9—6 till full time.

On the whole the passing was not good, and there was quite a bit of fumbling. This is Scotch's first victory this season.

R. E. LESH.

FIRST SENIOR INTER-HOUSE RUGBY MATCH

The first match of the Senior Inter-House Rugby series was played on June 24. The kick-off was at 1400, and Flinders ran east with the wind behind them.

The teams were fairly well balanced and after about a quarter of an hour of hard playing, Austin scored a try for Flinders and converted it. Hardstaff scored the first try for Cook House and Thrum converted it.

The score at half-time was 8—5 in Flinders favour.

In the second half, Austin scored two tries, one of which he converted. Thrum and Golder each scored a try, one of which was converted.

Just before time, Tatham scored a try for Flinders and Austin converted it, making the final scores 21—13 in Flinders favour.

JOHN G. MORRIS

SECOND INTER-HOUSE RUGBY MATCH.

Cook kicked off running up hill and at first the game was interesting and even. The Cook three-quarters were outmatched by the Flinders backs. They tackled well, but their handling was bad and running worse. Flinders scored three tries before Cook scored, Austin, Tatham and Thompson being the scorers. But Cook made a determined effort and Hardstaff, after a long dash, put the ball down over the line. Hamer, who was the outstanding forward for Cook, then scored two tries, but none were converted. Golder made a run and after slipping many players put the ball down near the corner. His run showed the importance of moving away quickly when you get the ball. The score at half-time was 15—12 in Flinders favour.

After half-time, Flinders ran away with the game and took the score to 31—15. But Thrum, at a critical time, scored a field goal. This was quickly followed by another try by Hardstaff. The game went on, but there was no further score.

Hamer and Thrum were the outstanding players for Cook, and Austin, who scored five tries, played well for Flinders.

B. H. LOXTON.

JUNIOR XV v ESSENDON TECHNICAL SCHOOL

The first match against Essendon was played on Wednesday, July 10. The final scores were 41—0 in our favour. Just after the beginning of the match, it began to rain, making passing very difficult.

From the kick-off we were superior in the scrums. The forwards packed well together and were used to our own ground. When the ball got out to the backs they passed well and scored five times. Two of these were very good runs by Tranter, the wing. They broke through once or twice, but Wilson, the full back, was tackling well, and they did not score. In the loose scrums, Simmons broke through over three times. The tries were scored by Simmons (3), Gerrett (2), Tranter (2), McLachlan (1), Yule (1), Reeves (1), and Broben (1). Four tries were converted. Wilson converted all the tries.

J. S. THWAITES

In a return match played on the Middle Park ground our Junior XV defeated Essendon Technical School by 27—3.

A. St.V. GEORGE.

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

Two interesting matches were played during the season; both of which we won. The scores were:—

1st match: R.A.N.C., 41; Scotch, 6.

2nd match: R.A.N.C., 18; Scotch, 12.

THIRD JUNIOR INTER-HOUSE RUGBY MATCH

This match resulted in a win for Flinders House, 19—7. Cook House had won the first two matches.

DEPOT v. COLLEGE

On Saturday, August 10, the 1st XV were pitted against the strong Depot team on the Depot ground.

College kicked off and Depot immediately started one of their fast, quick-passing movements which were characteristic of their play. They attacked frequently, the play remain-

ing in the College 25 for some time, attacks being frequently saved by good tackling. Depot finally broke through by passing quickly through forwards and backs; the try was not converted.

Soon after the kick, Hamer, Austin and Thompson broke through and almost scored. Depot relieved by kicking up the field, but a good three-quarter movement by the College came within two yards of scoring. Depot forced the play back to the College 25, where Austin broke through the entire team and scored the first try for the College. It was not converted; scores were 3 all.

Play was then in the Depot 25 for some time until the ball came out to Austin, who again scored without converting. Scores: 6—3.

Immediately after the kick-off, Thompson ran 40 yards until tackled, but two kicks found the College defending, and Depot scored from a penalty kick, making the half-time scores 6 all.

After half-time, the play was a series of forward movements with the College attacking frequently, the ball being forced out two yards from the Depot line. The ball was taken up to the College 25 by powerful kicking, but Dovies brought it back and College again attacked, Kennedy running 30 yards before being tackled. A fast Depot three-quarter movement was stopped by good tackling. Kennedy and Austin broke through and came within three yards of scoring, and here the play remained for about five minutes. A penalty kick was awarded to College, but it missed scoring, and Depot rushed the ball to the College 25. From a scrum, the Depot half sent the ball straight to the wing, who scored, making the score 9—6 in Depot favour, and here the score remained up to full time.

Owing to the fact that the College could not field a full side, it is to their credit that this was the first defeat of the season.

D. R. MUGG.

1st XV v. COMMUNICATION DIVISION XV

Won by R.A.N.C. by 22 Points to 3.

The day of the Rugby match, College v. Communication Division, on July 13, was marred by an overcast sky and drizzling rain.

Both teams were heavy with heavy scrums, the Communications having the weight. The chaplain was referee and the College kicked off down the field.

Hardstaff showed out early in the game by some good but unsuccessful attempts to score. Gunn scored the first try early in the game, but it was not converted. Austin soon warmed up, and, with the aid of some good passes, he managed to score three tries for the College. The opponents had a good scrum half and stand off, and their backs fought well. The half-time score was 14—0. The tackling left much to be desired, and the passing foiled many good chances.



Drill Hall, F.N.D.

Austin made a fine dash just after half-time to continue his scoring. Thompson played a very good game, always being on the ball. Griffiths dribbled well; Bourke played well, and Thrum was responsible for converting two of the College tries. The game was far more even than can be judged from the final result, and Communication's only try was well deserved. College won, the final score being: 22—3.

F. H. BOORD.

1st XV v. COMMUNICATION DIVISION XV.

August 20, 1940.

The last Rugby match of the season was College v. Communication Division. Both teams were heavy, but C.B. had the heavier scrum. It was a very warm afternoon, and College kicked off down the field, the chaplain being referee.

The College forwards kept constantly on the ball, thus enabling it to be passed out to their backs. This resulted in Kennedy, the College Captain, scoring the first try after a very good run. Austin converted it to make the score 5—0.

The game was fast and a good passing rush gave Austin a chance to score another try, which he converted with a fine kick. This made the score 10—0. C.B. now began to play harder still, and an excellent tackle by Thompson prevented a certainty. From a penalty kick, however, the C.B.'s scored a try, which was converted, making the score 10—5. After another five minutes play, the C.B. scrum half scored a try as the result of a scrummage near the College line, but this was not converted, thus the score stood at 10—8. McIntosh was prominent in the line-outs, and he secured the ball many times. C.B. again broke through, scoring a try right between the posts, which was converted, making the half-time score 13—10 in favour of C.B.

The second half opened well, but many good attempts to score by both sides were frustrated. The College forwards dribbled well, and Thompson played a good game, being always ready for the ball. Austin made a good dash, but failed to score. Bourke played well, and in passing early to Willis, a try was scored. This was converted, making the score 15—13 in the College favour. The C.B. scrum half made another good attempt, but he failed to score. Soon after, Thompson scored a well-deserved try, but it was not converted, making the score 18—13. Davies prevented a C.B. from scoring by a good tackle. Two C.B. men were injured, but soon recovered to resume play.

C.B. scored another try, which was converted, making the score 18—18. Austin soon followed up with a try, which he converted again giving College the lead, the score being 23—18. Robertson, who played a good game, scored the next try for the College, but it was not converted.

The game was very even throughout, but, in many cases, the tackling could have been much better. The final score was 26—18, thus the College concluded a good season with another win to their credit.

F. H. BOORD.

TENNIS

OPEN DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP

Loxton, Sunderson Willis, I, Bodman	} Willis, I, Bodman	} Willis, I, Bodman	} Willis, I, Bodman, 6-4, 6-2, 6-3
Thrum, Dowling Hardstaff, Roberts, I	} Thrum, Dowling		
Austin, Griffiths McLachlan, Shands	} Austin, Griffiths	} Austin, Griffiths	
Blau, Tranby-White Davies, Parker, I.	} Blau, Tranby-White		

OPEN SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP

Davies Austin	} Davies	} Willis, I	} Willis II, 6-2, 6-1.
Willis I Blau	} Willis, I		
Thrum Dowling	} Thrum	} Willis, II	
Parker, I Willis, II	} Willis, II		

B. C. LOVETT

FIRST JUNIOR INTER-HOUSE TENNIS MATCH

The first Junior Inter-House tennis took place in February. McLachlan (F) defeated Wilson, II (C) by nine games to three in the first singles match. In the second, Willis II (F) won, nine games to nil, from Maxwell (C). Flinders won both doubles matches 9-3 and 9-1.

In the second series of the Junior Inter-House tennis, the singles alone were played off. Flinders won both these games, putting them so much in the lead that it was not necessary to play the doubles.

P. H. WILSON.

TENNIS v. R.A.A.F.

On Wednesday, August 7, a tennis match was played against the R.A.A.F. from Somers. They were a strong team, but both sides suffered from lack of practice.

Our first pair were Willis I and Austin. Their opponents were very good, and they were defeated 6-2, 6-2.

Our second pair, Blau and Dowling, started well to lead 4-1, but eventually lost 6-5, 6-1.

The third pair, Willis II and Hamer, lost 6-3, 6-3, but Davies and Parker, the fourth pair, recorded our only win by 6-4, 6-5.

D. HAMER.

OFFICERS v. CADETS

On March 9, a match was played between the officers and cadets for the second time. In the previous match, the officers defeated us by 5 to nil, but in the last match the cadets won 4 out of 5 matches. Results:—

Lt. Lawson and Mr. Adeney d. Willis and Bodman.

Thrum and Dowling d. Commander Baldwin and Lt. Comdr. Lancaster

Willis, II, and McLachlan d. Comdr. Franklin and Mr. Simpson.

Griffiths and Austin d. Captain Crane and Mr. Eldridge.

B. DOWLING.

**FIRST SENIOR INTER-HOUSE
TENNIS MATCH**

This match took place towards the end of November, 1939. Austin (F) and Dowling (C) played off the first singles set. The set was very close, but Austin finally won 9—7.

In the second singles, Griffiths (F) and Hamer (C) played off. Griffiths won the first two games, which were both close, and then Hamer won the next game. They won games alternately until Griffiths went ahead to win 9—6.

In the first doubles match, Willis and Parker (C) played Thompson and Bodman (F). The final score was 9—6 in Cook's favour.

In the second doubles match Molony and Davies (C) played Kennedy and Russell (F). This match proved to be an easy victory for Cook, who won 9—1.

P. H. WILSON.

Squash Championships

Early in July the annual championships were held. Austin was successful in the Senior competition, and McLachlan, who played the final with Austin, was successful in the Junior matches.

The results of the semi-finals and finals are below:—

SENIOR:			
Bourke	}	McLachlan	}
McLachlan			
Parker	}	Austin	
Austin			
JUNIOR:			
McLachlan	}	McLachlan	}
Moore			
Shands	}	Shands	
Tranter			
			R. E. BOURKE.

THE ANNUAL BOXING TOURNAMENT

The boxing finals, held on Friday, July 26, were of three rounds each, the first two rounds being one and a half minutes, and the last round two minutes.

The first fight was between Bennett I and Parker II, of the paperweight. This fight was a very even one. Won by Bennett.

Loosli versus Lesh was the next fight. Loosli had the advantages over Lesh of having a longer reach, greater height, and more weight, and he made good use of these and won.

The mosquito-weight finalists, Dyke and Burnside, fought a very good fight, but Dyke was the winner. He has a fine style, which enabled him to obtain the trophy for the most scientific boxer.

Bennett II and Simmonds were the finalists of the bantamweight. Simmonds was the smaller of the two, but he fought hard and fast, and was on the offensive much of the time. Bennett, however, has a longer reach, and this enabled him to land a greater number of heavy blows, and win.

In the first three rounds of the fight between McLachlan and Thwaites so few punches had been landed by either one, that another round was decided upon by the officials. This round was very little better, and the fight was a draw.

Thompson won his weight, winning the final against H. K. Roberts. This was an ex-

ceedingly good fight.

The winner of the welter weight was Boase, who fought Russell in the final. Russell put up a good defensive fight, but was overwhelmed by his opponent.

Tatham had a walkover from Griffiths, because the latter had a split lip.

Because Thrum had an injury to his right hand, and Hardstaff had not fought, there was no trophy given to the middle weight.

The light heavyweights were Austin and Willis I. The fight began with a furious rain of blows by Austin, who landed a good punch on Willis's jaw, and secured a knockout. This was the first knockout this year, and was within five seconds from the start of the first round.

That night there was a boxing feast for all the cadets, and the winners of all the trophies were announced.

R. BROKENSHERE.

Winners in the various weights were as follows:—

- Paperweights:** Bennett, I.
- Midgeweights:** Loosli
- Mosquitoweights:** Dyke
- Flyweights:** Bennett, II.
- Bantamweights:** Moore
- Featherweights:** McLachlan and Thwaites (draw)
- Lightweights:** Thompson
- Welterweights:** Boase
- Middleweights:** Tatham
- Heavyweights:** Austin

ANNUAL ATHLETIC SPORTS

After having only a fortnight for training, I think we may be justly proud of the fine accomplishments of several of our number in the athletic sports this year. There can be little doubt that the number of records broken or equalled at the meeting constitute another record in themselves, there being nine times and distances bettered out of a total of only fourteen events to which records were previously attached. For this fine performance, we must congratulate Austin and Thrum in the Senior section, and Shands and Spittle in the Junior.

The individual championships were keenly contested and a critical stage was reached when Austin, Griffiths and Thrum were equal on points in the Open section. Finally, Austin and Griffiths tied for the position of champion, with Thrum third. In the Junior section, Shands won from Spittle.

The weather treated us very kindly, and the day was a decided success in every way. After the last event—the Officers 100 Yards Handicap, in which Mr. Eldridge won, for the third successive year, from Commander Loudoun-Shand in the world record-breaking time of 8½ secs.—the prizes were presented by Mrs. Lancaster, to whom we are very grateful. After the various trophies had been carried off by the successful athletes, tea was served to the visitors, the remains being removed later by the cadets. So ended a true "record meeting," which will no doubt live in the memories of many of us for a long time to come.

The following are the results of the day's events:—

Results:—

Senior Championship (Franklin Trophy): Austin and Griffiths, equal 1st, 23 points; Thrum, 3rd, 22 points.

Junior Championship (Fegan Trophy): Shands, 1st, 24 points; Spittle, 2nd, 16 points.

100 Yards (Open) (Carr Cup): Austin, 1st; Thrum, 2nd; Mugg, 3rd. Time: 10½ secs (equal record).

100 Yards (Junior): Shands, 1st; Spittle, 2nd; Gunn, 3rd. Time: 11 secs. (record).

Half Mile (Open): Griffiths, 1st; Tatham, 2nd; Goble, 3rd. Time: 2 mins 14-1/5 secs.

High Jump (Junior): Shands, 1st; Spittle, 2nd; Robertson, 3rd. 5 ft 0¾ in. (record).

High Jump (Open): Thrum, 1st; Davies, 2nd; Bodman, 3rd. 5 ft 5½ ins. (record).

220 Yards (Open): Austin, 1st; Davies, 2nd; Mugg, 3rd. Time: 24½ secs (record).

Obstacle Race (Open): Griffiths, 1st; Edwards, 2nd; Loxton, 3rd.

Obstacle Race (Junior): Dyke, 1st; Wilson, 2nd; George, 3rd.

Hurdles (Open): Smyth, 1st; Thrum, 2nd; Austin, 3rd. Time: 18½ secs.

Shot Putt (Open) (Clarke Cup): Austin, 1st; Smyth, 2nd; McIntosh, 3rd. 38 ft. 6 ins. (record).

Hurdles (Junior): Shands, 1st; Reeves, 2nd; Wilson, 3rd. Time: 20-3/10 secs. (no previous record).

440 Yards (Open): Davies, 1st; Griffiths, 2nd; Tatham, 3rd. Time: 57½ secs.

Long Jump (Junior): Spittle, 1st; Poynter, 2nd; Tranter, 3rd. 17 ft. 7¾ ins. (record).

Long Jump (Open): Austin, 1st; Thrum, 2nd; Bourke, 3rd. 20 ft. 10¼ ins. (record).

440 Yards (Junior): Shands, 1st; Broben, 2nd; Robertson, 3rd. Time: 60-4/9 secs. (record).

Mile (Open) (Captain Morgan's Shield): Griffiths, 1st; Goble, 2nd; Lovett, 3rd. Time: 5 mins 26-4/5 secs.

Half-Mile Consolation Handicap: Parker, 1st.

Officers' Handicap: Mr. Eldridge, 1st; Commander Loudoun-Shand, 2nd.

R.A.N. COLLEGE ATHLETIC RECORDS

100 Yards Open —			
D. A. H. Clarke	} 10½ secs	}	1938
J. S. Austin			1940
100 Yards Junior —			
K. W. Shands, 11 secs.			1940
220 Yards Open —			
J. S. Austin, 24½ secs.			1940
220 Yards Junior —			
K. W. Shands, 25-9/10 secs.			1940
440 Yards Open —			
R. R. Dowling, 53 secs.			1918
440 Yards Junior —			
K. W. Shands, 60-4/5 secs.			1940
880 Yards Open —			
A. W. Savage, 2 mins 13-3/5 secs.			1937
Mile, Open —			
D. Logan, 4 mins 58-3/5 secs.			1927
High Jump Open —			
G. B. Thrum, 5 ft. 5½ in.			1940
High Jump, Junior —			
K. W. Shands, 5 ft. 0¾ in.			1940
Long Jump, Open —			
J. S. Austin, 20 ft. 10¼ in.			1940
Long Jump, Junior —			
B. A. J. Spittle, 17 ft. 7¾ in.			1940
Hurdles, Open —			
R. D. Hancock, 17-3/10 secs.			1923
Hurdles, Junior (3 feet) —			
K. W. Shands, 20-3/10 secs.			1940
Shot Putt (13 lbs.) —			
J. S. Austin, 38 ft. 6 in.			1940

D. H. D. SMYTH.

INTER-HOUSE ATHLETIC SPORTS

On Wednesday, October 9, the Inter-House Athletic Sports were held. This resulted in a decisive victory for Flinders, who defeated Cook thirty-four points to seven, thus repeating their fine performance of 1939.

The first two events, Senior and Junior 110 yards Relay, were both victories to Flinders. The Senior Hurdle event, however, was won by Cook.

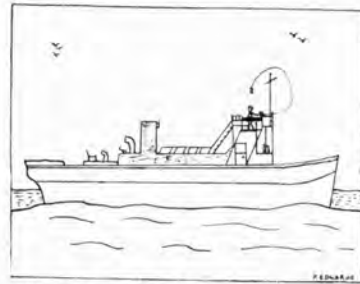
Flinders then scored 10 points without Cook making any addition to their total, in the Junior Shuttle Hurdles, Senior and Junior Mealey Mile Relay, and Senior Heaving the Line. The eighth event, Junior Obstacle, was a draw, and at this juncture Flinders were leading by 14 points to 3. The Senior Obstacle was won by Flinders, who, having proved their superiority, could not beat Cook in Throwing the Cricket Ball. Flinders Juniors, however, who up to this point had not lost an event, defeated Cook in the Cricket Ball Throwing. Senior and Junior Long Jump both went to Flinders, also Senior Shot Putt, and Junior Bumping. Cook House did, however, add another two points to their total when the "Cook House Con-

querors" ousted the "Flinders Featherweights" from the ring.

The final event of the day was the House 100 yards Shuttle Relay, and Flinders, who had a strong team, defeated Cook by more than a lap.

Both teams put their best into it, and were rewarded by the cancellation of Prep. that night. Flinders celebrated their victory in the Mess on the following Wednesday evening.

R. F. EDWARDS.



HEAVING THE LEAD FOR THE FIRST TIME

PAPERCHASE

In this, the first month of the term, two paperchases have been held, both being the results of untimely rainstorms upsetting the cricket programme for the afternoon.

The first was run about two weeks after the return from leave, the hares being Austin, Kennedy, Dowling and Tatham. They were given ten minutes start, and laid a trail from the inner west gate through the swamps to Kandahar Bridge. Here they wheeled right and covered about two miles towards Bittern, after which they again veered to the right, across the big paddock, through the ti-tree scrub, and back to College via the wireless transmitting station in the rear. Owing to the length of the course, and the number of false trails laid, the hares returned some minutes before the hounds. The hares each received a bottle of drink for dinner, and Goble and Lovett, the first two cadets to return, each received a box of chocolates.

The second occurred about a week later, this time the hares being Davies, Bodman, Thrum and Thompson. On this occasion, the cadets started by years, at five-minute intervals, from first year upward. The trail led past the wireless transmitting station, through the scrub, to the Crib Point-Bittern road, and thence through the scrub again to Crib Point, where it led along a track to the railway bridge, and into the Depot at the guard house. It was to two Second Year cadets, Spittle and Robertson, that the honours went for first and second place, while Burnside received a special prize for a very good run, after starting late. The hares once again returned unmolested.

Each was very successful, proving quite an endurance test, while they were heartily enjoyed by the cadets themselves.

L. J. TATHAM.

THE INTER-HOUSE SHOOTING

The Inter-House shooting was held on Saturday, September 21. The teams consisted of twelve cadets, three from each year. Each cadet shot at two targets placed close together, firing two sighters at the left-hand target, followed by another five shots at the same target, and then five at the right-hand target. The possible score for each competitor was one hundred, only ten shots counting. Flinders House won by 931 to 917, thus retaining the Captain Pope Cup. The individual scores were:—

Flinders House:

Austin	78
Kennedy	83
Russell	74
Bourke	81
Milford	76
McIntosh	84
George	85
Burnside	86
Robertson	74
Brokenshire	73
Reeves	62
Willis (II)	75
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Total	931
Average	77.5

Cook House:

Willis (I)	75
Dowling	83
Thrum	87
Golder	68
Henshaw	84
Lovett	86
Dyke	79
Maxwell	69
Gunn	87
Francis	54
Ross	76
Thomas	69
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Total	917
Average	76.3

I. R. JONES

SILVER SPOONS

Since September last year there has been a number of competitions in rifle shooting, both .22 and .303. The winners of all these

competitions received silver spoons, which were kindly presented by Mrs. Crane.

The .303 competition was held towards the end of last year, with the result that Russell and McIntosh tied for first place. Russell, however, won in the deciding shoot, and each received a spoon.

The .22 competition was held during the first term of this year, and a spoon was given to the winner in each year.

In the Fourth Year, the spoon was won by Dowling. Russell and Dowling were equal at first with 45 each, but in the deciding shoot Dowling won by 48 to 47.



Sleeping Quarters, R.A.N.C.

H. K. Roberts won in the Special Entries with 48, and in the Third Year, Lovett won with 43.

In the Juniors, Gunn had the best score in the Second Year with 49, and Lee-Warner was the best shot in the First Year with 42. All these scores were out of a possible 50.

During the second term, McIntosh received a spoon for being the first cadet to get a "possible" on the .22 range. His target has been framed, and in future all similar targets will be framed and placed in the rifle range.

B. DOWLING.

OBSTACLE WHALER RACE

April 11 and 12, 1940

The course was from the pile nearest the wharf to the range wharf, across to the coaling wharf, and back to the start, the race being twice round the course. The coxswains were Thrum and Willis in Cook, and Griffiths and Tatham in Flinders. The crews started by pulling to the range wharf, and then sailed and pulled for a section of the course alternately.

The First Day.

From the range wharf, Griffiths took the lead, and kept it for the rest of the race. Willis came second, Tatham third, and Thrum fourth. Owing to the light wind and lack of time, Thrum could not finish. The

points for the first day were: Flinders 12, Cook 8.

The Second Day.

Again Griffiths took the lead, but at the beginning of the second lap Thrum came up from third to first, with Willis second. Both Thrum and Willis sailed round the range wharf pile, but Griffiths was not so successful. Owing to the light wind he had to pull round it, thus being disqualified. Tatham was well behind and did not finish. The points for the second day were: Cook 14, Flinders 4, making Cook the winning House with 22 points to 16.

J. GOLDER

THE OBSTACLE WHALER RACE

It's the Obstacle Whaler Race to-day,
Who will win we cannot say;
So off to the wharf we go to see
Who'll be awarded the victory.

The boats are rigged and ready to start,
The crews are ready to play their part;
Spectators cheer from the wharf, and so
The race begins, and off they go!

"One!—two!—" "One!—two!—" the
coxswains roar
As each man pulls at his whaler's oar;
"Keep stroke, number two—don't rock
the boat,
We're gaining now, so all keep stroke."

"Come on, Cook"—that is the cry
That echoes back from the darkening
sky;

"Come on, Flinders—stick it in,"
Everyone's deaf from the terrible din.

Then comes the finish, the final spurt,
We hope no one's feelings have been
hurt;

The race is finished, Cook have won,
Better luck, Flinders, when next it's run.

J. GUNN.



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THE AQUATIC SPORTS, 1940

On February 24, the College Swimming Sports were held. Although the relays counted more points, chief interest centred on the individual championships.

The first event was the 100 yards freestyle. This was won by Bourke (F.), who led from the start, with Willis (C.) a close second.

In the Paymasters' and Special Entries' 100 yards Championship, Blau won very easily. If he had been pushed, he would probably have recorded a very good time.



Bourke Winning the Open 100 Yards.

The third event was the 50 yards breast-stroke, which was won by Thrum (C.), with Willis (C.) second.

Austin then won the 50 yards back-stroke championship for Flinders, and at this stage the points were very equal. When Gunn won the 65 yards Junior Championship and Thrum won the Open Diving, it brought Cook House very close behind Flinders. But Flinders increased their lead when Lesh won the junior diving, and the relay races settled the result.

The junior relay races were very close, Cook scoring 11 points to Flinders' 10, but the senior relays resulted in an easy victory for Flinders by 28 points to 14, resulting in a total win for Flinders by 59 points to 42. Two novelty events were won by Thompson and Davies.

D. HAMER.

THE ANNUAL REGATTA

This event was held on Saturday April 27. The weather was perfect, but the tide, flooding strongly, gave a certain advantage to the boat on the southern station.

The opening event was the Championship Sculls for the "Otto Albert" Cup. It was pulled over an approximate distance of 600 yards, and was won by Willis, I, for Cook.

The next event, the Junior "B" Gig Race, was pulled from about a cable short of the coaling wharf, from which the two senior races were run.

This event was won by the Flinders crew, which pulled exceptionally well considering its size.

The Junior Skiff Race, which, like the senior, was not an inter-house event, was won by the following crew: Gunn, Robertson, Spittle and Ward.

The "A" Senior Gig Race was won by a comfortable margin by Flinders, as they had the benefit of the tide.

The next race, the "B" Senior Gig, was the best contested of the day, only 3 feet separating the boats at the finish.

The race was won by Flinders, partly because of faulty steering in the Cook boat. In almost every race this poor steering was noticeable, and it cannot be emphasised too much that races are won and lost by the coxswains.

Event No. 6, the Junior "A" Gig Race, was easily won by Flinders, who already had an unbeatable lead in points.

The finals of the Senior Skiff Race, contested by two fourth year crews, was won by Austin, Griffiths, Willis and Lesh.

The final event was the highlight of the day. The officers, Comdr. Loudoun-Shand, Lt.-Comdr. Lancaster, and Lt. Lawson, defeated C.P.O's McKay, Fryer and Coles by only half a length in a very exciting and hard-fought race.

After the races, visitors were entertained at afternoon tea in the Commander's cabin.

G. I. WILLIS.

BASEBALL

Baseball has been brought under the notice of cadets more than usual this term, and has been welcomed as a pleasant change in the daily afternoon recreation.

Three games have been played so far this term, and already several cadets have shown considerable promise in various positions, including that of barracker, where several stentorian voices have distinguished themselves in howling down the pitchers.

So far, there has been a dearth in talented pitchers, but it is hoped that an expert in the art will show up soon, as it is rumoured that a series of matches may be played against a neighbouring college very soon.

However, the baseball gear which was supplied for cadets' use many years ago, is showing signs of wear; the bats in particular, losing their effectiveness by having large pieces knocked off them.

Nevertheless, with their usual optimism, cadets expect this to be remedied in the near future, so that the playing of the game may be continued.

F. H. M. THOMPSON.



A Flinders House Suggestion



THE INTER-HOUSE CUTTER RACE

On Thursday afternoon, October 5, Flinders House met Cook House in the annual inter-house cutter race. There were twenty cadets from each House and the coxswains were the respective House Officers.

The motor boat "Franklin," with Captain Crane and Commander, R.A.N.C., on board, towed the two cutters to the coaling wharf for the beginning of the race.

The weather was fine, and when everyone was prepared the Commander gave the start. Flinders House pulled away, quickly gaining the lead, then settling down to a long steady stroke.

Cook House started with a long, steady stroke, so did not have such a good start. After about half a mile, Cook House drew level with Flinders and both Houses were encouraged by their coxswains as each strove to gain the lead.

Eventually, Flinders House gained the lead and crossed the line, which was level with the wharf, four feet ahead of Cook House. Flinders had again won the race, although they had lost the toss and had the heavier boat.

I. BURNSIDE
F. H. BOORD
D. L. H. DYKE

"S'EASY."

"How on earth," said the officer on the rifle range, "have you got those eight bulls when the range is six hundred yards and your sight is set at 300 yards?"

The Cadet-Midshipman replied: "See that little rock half-way along, sir? Well, I'm bouncing them off that."

M. E. POYNTER.

EPITAPH

Under the ersatz marble slab
The bones of Hitler sleep;
He lies as he lied all his life,
And only willows weep!

J. A. ROBERTSON.

SEAMANSHIP INSTRUCTION

Owing to one of His Majesty's Australian ships putting into Westernport on the route from Sydney to Melbourne, it was decided to utilise the run round to Melbourne by sending the Fourth Year Paymaster Cadets, and Special Entries for seamanship instruction.

The party embarked in "Cerberus" at 0830, and after a 20 minutes trip, climbed aboard the cruiser in Westernport Bay. We were immediately sent forward to the fore-castle to watch the operation of weighing anchor. This performed and everything snug for sea, we split up into groups for navigation, tricks at the wheel and instruction in various parts of the ship.

During the run between Cape Schanck and Port Phillip Heads, great excitement was caused by an R.A.A.F. aircraft circling close round the ship. The sounding machine was rigged later and instruction was given in this operation, while the streaming of paravanes afforded a unique source of interest.

About mid-day the Heads were entered and the course was shaped for Melbourne via the east channel, with Arthur's Seat looming up ahead. The run up Port Phillip did, indeed, provide the most enjoyable part of the trip. It was a glorious day, and the shore of the bay provided an enjoyable contrast to the comparatively dreary, sparsely-grown sand dunes between Flinders and the Heads.

About 3 p.m. we entered Hobson's Bay, and a marked increase was notable in the number of small craft off shore. During this latter part of the run, the large range finders abaft the compass platform provided another source of interest, and manned by cadets, were directed at various prominent buildings ashore, as well as yachts, merchantmen, etc. By about 3.30 p.m. we were berthed alongside the wharf at Williamstown, and it was with deep regret that we disembarked, preparatory to entering the Depot charabanc for the trip back after a most interesting and instructive day.

L. J. TATHAM.

OUR NEW STEAMBOAT

This new model has snaffle valves geared to 96 degrees Fahrenheit, and running gim-bals connected by means of alternating grummits with the synthetic clutch and wheeved snocket-pipes, which reduce fringing of the snofit-brush and embolism in the whangle-drum to a minimum. A strimble noggin stud differentiating between 56 and 65 foot pounds per minute enables the off-side rumble gudgeon to work freely in the vimbraces and eliminates guffering in the piple-strainer.

The steering-pillar has hollow ground tum-ming sheaves, which enables the main snifter to be actuated direct from the forward thrupple shaft. The 1944 model of this popular craft is specially designed to follow its ship, and a patent wumming rooing bolt directed from the cam-shaft by means of three sensitised Uffer snog-weaves gives the craft absolute fidelity to its coxswain.

D. R. MUGG.

GRIM SEQUENCE

1914

A jealous, deadly tenseness held the world;
A shot was fired; an Archduke fell; and they
Who lived by blood and iron hurled
Nation on nation in insensate fray.

1914-1918

Massed armies greater than this world had
known,
Grappled in mire and filth for weary years;
Until, with all save courage overthrown,
A whole world's stricken heart dissolved in
tears.

1934

A shot was fired a score of years ago
And lit the world; fed with the souls of men
The red blaze flamed and died; nor does earth
know
Whether such flames shall rise again, nor
when.

1939

Plead no extenuation for this Hun.
He knows no truth, no justice, seeks no light
Save the red murk of cities burning; none
But slaves may live beside him: arm and
fight!

G.F.A.

FLEET AIR ARM.

The Fleet Air Arm had its earliest beginnings in the Naval Wing of the Royal Flying Corps, which, during the war, developed into the Royal Naval Air Service, under the control of the Admiralty. This service had over 50,000 officers and men, with 3,000 aircraft.

In 1914, a sum of money was voted for the conversion of a merchant ship into a carrier for seaplanes with a 103 feet deck. From then on during the war other aircraft carriers were converted from merchant ships or warships. The "Campania," with a deck 200 feet long, several cross-channel ships converted with hangars and cranes to accommodate planes, an Italian liner bought by the British Government, were all turned into carriers. All these ships showed the fact that seaplanes were really unsuitable for service in aircraft carriers.

The first ship to have her super-structure built to one side to allow a clear flight deck for her length was the "Eagle," and the first ship to be laid down, expressly as a carrier, was the "Hermes" with a capacity of twenty aeroplanes. In 1928 and 1930 the "Courageous" and "Glorious"—each with 48 planes—were refitted. The "Ark Royal," most modern aircraft carrier, was completed in 1939. She has 60 aircraft with 16 4.5in. guns and a displacement of 22,600 tons. Six more were laid down in 1937 to be completed in 1940.

The aircraft carriers mostly use reconnaissance planes, spotting or bombers. Single seat fighters are not used.

The "Skua" is the latest type of plane used. It is a dive-bomber with a crew of two.

From these facts it can be seen that Britain's Fleet Air Arm is a force to be reckoned with.

R. E. LESH.

A TRIP TO ENGLAND BY AIR

The passenger embarks on the Qantas Airways' flying boat at Rose Bay in Sydney. The magnificent plane takes off and flies along the beautiful coast of New South Wales and Queensland. The first night stop is at Townsville, and one is taken to a hotel. The next day's flight takes one to Darwin, and here one has his first taste of tropical life. The only disadvantage of travelling by air is the fact that one has to rise very early in the morning.

The most beautiful stage of the trip comes next. From Darwin to Sourabaya, one flies over a beautiful deep blue sea studded with small island covered with green. The flight from Sourabaya to Penang is interrupted at Singapore, as it is here that the passenger steps into an Imperial Airways' plane. The stop is doubly interesting, as Singapore is a very important Naval Base, and therefore of special interest to us.

Penang to Calcutta is the next stage, and one flies over jungles and densely populated towns. Some of the famous Indian temples can be seen from the air, too. At last Calcutta is reached, and half the trip is finished. Calcutta to Karachi is over the same scenery as the last stage. Karachi is the last aerodrome in India on this particular route.

Basra and Alexandria are the next two night stops, and the trip between them is mostly over desert. After Alexandria comes Marseilles, and Europe is reached. The last stage has now arrived. The plane flies very low across France, and one gets a good view of the countryside. Southampton is reached and as the great flying boat lands gently, the trip comes to an end. The trip has only taken ten days, and this is made possible by the splendid facilities of modern transport.

P. H. DOYLE.

THE NOBLE GAME

The hissing rain malevolently drives
 Its icy fingers to my frozen bones,
 Wet garments cling about my weary legs,
 The mud is clutching at my heavy feet,
 And how my body groans. There comes,
 From out the mist, a rush of striving forms,
 The ball is there before me as I fling
 Myself upon its shape so wet and vile.
 A thousand pounding boots go thundering by
 And leave their iron stop-marks on my face.
 My chastened body cleaves the clinging soil
 And rises in humility to breathe.
 A bell is rung; a grinning, muddled oaf
 Runs up and slaps my aching back, and yells,
 "We've won, good game." (Great heavens—
 What a man!).

P. THOMAS.

THOUGHTS OF LEAVE

I.

The days roll by, the nights roll by,
 In fifty years or so we'll die!
 But no one cares, for we perceive,
 It's only thirteen days to leave!

J. GUNN.

II.

When you come to the end of a perfect
 leave,
 And the weeks like days have just fled;
 When you've done what you wished in your
 own sweet way
 And just pleased yourself about bed:

Can you think what it means to a mother's
 pet
 As she sees him off by the train—
 And he vows he'll take all the leave that he
 wants
 When he flies his jack at the main!

B. H. LOXTON.

EXCHANGES

We wish to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following magazines, and to apologise for possible omissions: The Scotch Collegian; The Wesley College Chronicle; The Melbournian; The Corian; St. Peter's College Magazine; Lux.

A DAY IN A MINESWEEPER

During the first term the Fourth Year, together with the Pay and Special Entry cadets, spent a day in three ships engaged in mine-sweeping. We joined the ships at Flinders, and while eating breakfast on board, proceeded into Bass Strait, to carry out mine-sweeping exercises.

The cadets had little to do except watch the operation of sweeping with an Oropesa float. This method of sweeping consists of streaming the float, which has between it and the ship two metal frames, called kites, which keep the sweeping wire at a constant level below the water.

The float and sweeping wire are eased out by means of a steam winch, but the kites are lowered into the water by hand. The latter operation can be dangerous if the wire is allowed to surge and the weight of the kites will make it surge at a very great rate, thus endangering the people engaged in the operation.

The cadets were very grateful to the officers and men for making their short visit most interesting and enjoyable. They disembarked at Rye in the evening.

F. K. M. THOMPSON.

THE NEW COLLEGE SKIFFS

After the May leave, cadets were pleased to find that the College had acquired four skiffs of a faster and vastly improved type.

They are fourteen feet long and extremely simple to handle. The rigging and gear generally is very light and easily set up.

They are clinker built and light timber is used. Strength for utility is thus sacrificed for speed, and handling facilitated.

Although only fourteen feet long, they carry almost as much sail as a service skiff, and a boom enables them to be sailed about four points off the wind in a fair breeze.

Their manoeuvrability permits of easy sailing in Hann's Inlet, to which they are limited by College orders.

In all, they are ideal for the conditions at Flinders Naval Depot.

H. J. BODMAN.

THE COST OF MODERN SHIPS

The "Nelson" cost about £7,500,000, or £176 for every ton. The cost of labour works out to between 60 and 70 per cent. of the total sum. Of the above figure, the guns and turrets account for £3,000,000 and £490,000. The annual upkeep is about £320,000 to £362,000, according to whether she is employed as a flagship or a private ship.

The "Deutschland" (German pocket-battleship) cost £375 for every ton.

A destroyer costs about £330,000, with £40,000 for annual maintenance.

A submarine costs about £400,000 (large type); annual upkeep the same as a destroyer. Aircraft carriers are also very costly ships.

As a contrast, here are some prices of a few famous ships of the past, the very latest of their type:—

Victory, 1673—£100,000.
Dreadnought, 1870—£600,000.
Renown, 1893—£746,000.
Lord Nelson, 1905—£1,500,000.
Dreadnought, 1906—£1,797,000.

G. A. D. WARD.

A SILENT SHIPYARD

Anyone visiting England for a short time will, as a matter of historical interest, visit the Tower and Westminster Abbey. A spot seldom visited is a place called Buckler's Hard, which is particularly interesting from a naval point of view.

Here are to be seen the old disused slips and mooring posts on the River Beaulieu, in Hampshire. The shipyards used to be a private concern, but were not used after 1818.

To-day, all that can be viewed is a few houses in the midst of a large oak forest, the trees of which were used for ship construction.

The "Agamemnon," which Nelson commanded, was launched here in 1781. To-day this village is an almost unknown corner of rural England.

J. D. GOBLE.

THE SPEC. ENTS.

More of those Specials here again!
How useless they can be!
They're always doing something wrong
(They're even worse than me.)
One time they're walking on the grass,
Another late for tea;
They get in everybody's way,
When will they go to sea?
They never get turned in on time,
They can't turn left or right,
They cannot tell a rope from wire,
And don't know "end" from "bight."
But after all we've some relief,
For every morn we hear
Most weird "Hors," "Hoys," "Huns,"
"Horns," and "Heys,"
Which really are most queer.

V. L. HENSHAW.

NOTE TO CONTRIBUTORS

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Poets: Try and remember that attention to rhythm is essential; and if verses are rhymed they must rhyme correctly.

Black and white drawings (in Indian ink and on good paper), especially if humorous, are always welcome. But they must be well drawn!

Many contributions had to be rejected as they duplicated material already in; others lacked originality. It is no use copying something from a magazine or encyclopaedia!

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 Dowling, B.
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Third Year, 1938.

Benney, I. S.
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 Blau, E. J.

Osborn, J. H. S.
 Roberts, W. O. C.

September, 1940.

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Edwards, P. F.
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