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ADDITIONAL WAR HONOURS, 1944-45

Since our list of War Honours was published in the last number of the Magazine, a great many additional ones have been announced. The following list is to be taken as supplementary to the list published last year. Every endeavour has been made to insure the accuracy of this list, and it is hoped that any errors or omissions will be pointed out to the Editor, so that the complete list which will be published in the next number of the Magazine may be quite correct.

1913.

H. B. Farncomb, C.B., m-i-d.; E. A. Feldt, O.B.E.; N. K. Calder, m-i-d.; H. A. Showers, C.B.E.; J. C. D. Esdaile, C.B.E., m-i-d.

1914.

J. F. Rayment, m-i-d.; J. M. Armstrong, D.S.O.

1915.

H. E. Carse, m-i-d.; C. G. Little, D.S.C.; R. R. Dowling, D.S.O.; J. E. Hewitt, O.B.E.

1916.

C. C. Clark, O.B.E., D.S.C.; S. W. S. Robertson, D.S.C.

1917.

F. R. James, m-i-d.; A. E. Buchanan, D.S.C., m-i-d.; W. J. M. Armitage, m-i-d.

1918.

K. E. Oom, O.B.E.; H. C. Wright, D.S.C., m-i-d.; S. F. Bolton, D.S.C.; G. C. Oldham, D.S.C., m-i-d. (second).

1919.

R. F. Hatherell, D.S.C.; A. J. Travis, m-i-d.

1921.

G. D. Tancred, D.S.C.

1923.

A. S. Storey, D.S.C. and Bar; N. A. C. Letch, D.S.C.; J. Denny, m-i-d. (second).

1924.

J. S. Mesley, D.S.C.

1925.

T. K. Morrison, D.S.C., m-i-d.; W. S. Bracegirdle, Bar to D.S.C., m-i-d.; D'A. T. Gale, D.S.C.

1928.

J. J. Cody, m-i-d.; R. J. Peek, O.B.E., D.S.C.; C. M. Hudson, m-i-d.

1929.

J. Maxwell, D.S.C.

1930.

R. J. Robertson, m-i-d. (third); T. M. Synnot, D.S.C.; E. J. Peel, D.S.C.; G. L. Fowle, D.S.C.

1932.

W. J. Dovers, D.S.C.

1937.

J. S. Austin, D.S.C.; G. R. Griffiths, D.S.C.; D. J. Hamer, D.S.C.

E. A. Feldt, one of the original entry in 1913, became a Chief-Cadet-Captain, gained his colours for rugby and athletics, and on passing out was awarded the prize for History and English. He retired from the service in 1922, and in the following year joined the New Guinea Civil Service, and served successively as Clerk, Patrol Officer, Assistant District Officer and Warden of the Goldfields. On the outbreak of war he received an appointment as Staff Officer (Intelligence), and organised and directed the coast watching organisation throughout Papua, New Guinea, Solomon Islands and New Hebrides. In recognition of his work he received the rank of A/Commander (Emergency List), and was awarded the O.B.E.

H. A. Showers, one of the original entry in 1913, gained his colours for rugby, cricket and boating, and on passing out was awarded the Otto Albert Prize for Theoretical and Practical Engineering. He was promoted Commander in 1933 and was appointed Commander of the R.A.N.C., being the first graduate of the College to hold that position. At the outbreak of war he was appointed to command H.M.A.S. Adelaide with the rank of A/Captain, promotion to Captain coming at the end of 1939. In 1942 he commanded H.M.A.S. Hobart, and in May, 1944, took command of H.M.A.S. Shropshire. His next appointment was as Second Naval Member with the rank of Commodore, second class. He was the first graduate of the R.A.N.C. to hold this position. In June, 1945, he was awarded the C.B.E.

J. M. Armstrong entered the College in 1914, became a Chief Cadet-Captain, and gained his colours for rugby, aquatics and athletics. He specialised in gunnery, and reached the rank of Commander in June, 1935. He was Commander of the College in 1938-39, and at the outbreak of war was the Commander of H.M.A.S. Australia. He was present at both Dakar operations, and in October, 1940, took part off the coast of Scotland in a remarkable rescue of the crew of a Sunderland flying boat which had come down in a gale, when the Commander and a dozen ratings went over the side on lines. In April, 1942, he took command of H.M.A.S. Manoora, with the rank of A/Captain, being promoted Captain at the end of that year. In November, 1943, he was N.O.I.C., New Guinea area, and then in October, 1944, was appointed Captain of H.M.A.S. Australia and Chief Staff Officer to Commodore First Class H. B. Farncomb. He was present at Luzon, and later took the Australia to England. Captain Armstrong was mentioned in despatches in June, 1941, and was awarded the D.S.O. in May, 1945.

H. E. Carse entered the College in 1915, and gained his colours for rugby and athletics. He resigned at the end of 1921 with the rank of Sub-Lieutenant. In September, 1942, he was appointed to Rushcutter with the rank of Sub-Lieutenant, R.A.N.V.R., and sent to Magnetic, where he was engaged in Inter-Allied Intelligence Services. In January, 1943, he was promoted Lieutenant, R.A.N.V.R., and employed on special intelligence duties at Cairns. In recognition of his services he received a mention-in-despatches.

C. G. Little entered the College in 1915, gained his colours for boating, and on passing out was awarded maximum time and the prize for seamanship. In his Lieutenant's examination he won a £10 prize for all First Class Certificates; he specialised in Hydrography receiving his first appointment as an Assistant Surveyor in September, 1925. At the outbreak of war he was in charge of the West Australian Coast Survey, and in 1943 became Head of the Hydrographical Branch. At the beginning of 1944 he was appointed to command H.M.A.S. Moresby, and in charge of Survey with the rank of A/Commander. He was awarded the D.S.C. in 1945 in recognition of his work off Luzon.

C. C. Clark entered the College in 1916, and gained his colours for cricket. Specialising in engineering, he became Commander (E) in December, 1936. At the outbreak of war he had already for the past two years been First Assistant to the Engineer Manager and Deputy Engineer Manager. In October, 1943, he was appointed Commander (E) of H.M.A.S. Australia, and in 1945 was awarded the D.S.C. in recognition of his services in the Luzon action.

S. W. S. Robertson also entered the College in 1916. He retired from the Service in 1931 as a Lieutenant, and was appointed to the Commonwealth Public Service. In 1939 he transferred to the newly-formed Meteorological Branch, Aviation Forecasting Section, and when this was transferred to the R.A.A.F. he carried on as a civilian, the shortage of trained personnel precluding his naval mobilisation till November, 1942, when he was appointed to the Geographical Section of G.H.Q., and later was given command of M.L. 1074. He was engaged in survey work on the New Guinea coast and at Morotai. He was awarded the D.S.C. for gallantry in the face of the enemy and whole-hearted devotion to duty during the Philippine invasion.

F. R. James entered the College in 1917 as one of the smallest cadets to date. In 1925 he served as a "Year" Officer at the College. At the outbreak of war he was serving as First Lieutenant in H.M.A.S. Hobart, and in this ship saw service in the Red Sea, the Mediterranean, at Singapore, and in Java. Early in 1943, with the rank of A/Commander, he took command of H.M.A.S. Kanimbla, and received a mention-in-despatches. Later in the same year he took charge of the O.T.S. at Flinders Naval Depot.

A. E. Buchanan also entered the College in 1917. He was made a Cadet-Captain, and gained his colours for rugby and tennis. At the outbreak of war he was serving in H.M.A.S. Canberra as Staff Officer (O) to R.A.C.A.S. He was promoted Commander in December, 1939. At the end of 1941 he proceeded to the United Kingdom, and was appointed to the command of H.M.S. Tormentor. In August, 1943, he took command of H.M.A.S. Arunta, and in January, 1945, was present in the action off Luzon. He has been mentioned in despatches and awarded the D.S.C.

W. J. M. Armitage, like the two last-mentioned, entered the College in 1917, gained his colours for swimming, and at Passing Out was awarded the prize for Theoretical Engineering. He became an engineer and was promoted Commander (E) in June, 1938. At the outbreak of war he was in H.M.A.S. Adelaide, but was appointed to Navy Office in November, 1939. Two years later he proceeded to the United Kingdom, and was appointed to H.M.A.S. Shropshire.

K. E. Oom entered the College in 1918, and gained his colours for rugby. He specialised in Hydrography, and at the outbreak of war was serving in H.M.S. Franklin, leaving her to go to H.M.S. President in August, 1940. In February, 1941, he took command of H.M.S. Gleaner, and then, returning to Australia, in May, 1942, was appointed O.C., Hydrographic Branch. From the end of 1941 to August, 1943, he commanded first H.M.A.S. Whyalla and then H.M.A.S. Shepparton. It was in the latter year that he was promoted to Commander. At the time that hostilities ceased he was again Officer in Charge of the Hydrographic Branch. He was awarded the O.B.E. in February of this year.

H. C. Wright entered the College in 1918. He did a submarine course, and from 1927 to 1929 served in H.M.A.S. Otway. From 1936 to 1938 he served as "Year" Officer at the College. When war broke out he was serving in H.M.S. Royal Sovereign, and before leaving this ship at Colombo in February, 1942, he was promoted Commander in December, 1941. On returning to Australia he was at Navy Office as Director of Plans Division for a few months, and was then appointed Executive Officer of Flinders Naval Depot. In June, 1944, he became Commander of H.M.A.S. Australia, and took part in landings at Morotai, Leyte and Lingayen, and then proceeded by way of Panama and New York to London. In recognition of his service in H.M.A.S. Australia, Commander Wright was mentioned in despatches, and was awarded the D.S.C.

S. F. Bolton entered the College in 1919, became a Chief-Cadet Captain and gained his colours for rugby, rowing and athletics. He specialised in Hydrography, and served in a number of ships as an Assistant Surveyor. He retired as a First Class Assistant Surveyor in March, 1936. In May, 1942, he was appointed to the Emergency List with the rank

of Lieut.-Commander, and the following year was appointed as Assistant Surveyor First Class, for the Port Stephens Survey. In July, 1944, he took charge of the West Australian Harbour Survey. He was awarded the D.S.C. in 1945, in recognition of his services in the Philippines.

A. S. Storey entered the College in 1923. He was made Chief-Cadet Captain, and gained his colours for rugby, hockey and boating. At Passing Out he was awarded maximum time, the Grand Aggregate prize, the prize for Mathematics and the King's Medal. He was top in every subject of examination with but one exception—Theoretical Engineering. At the outbreak of war he was serving in H.M.S. Keith, where he was Gunnery Officer of the 20th Flotilla. He was in H.M.S. Naiad when she was sunk in March, 1942. He was awarded the D.S.C. in the New Year List, 1942, and then in his next ship, H.M.S. Cleopatra, a Bar was added "for gallantry, skill and seamanship in a brilliant action against strong enemy forces." He was promoted to Commander in December, 1942. In June, 1944, he was appointed as S.O. (O) to Commodore Collins, and later served in the same capacity with Commodore Farncomb, transferring to H.M.A.S. Shropshire when H.M.A.S. Australia was damaged. In March, 1945, he transferred to H.M.S. Indomitable as S.O. (O) to Admiral Vian, and served in that ship and in Formidable until the cessation of hostilities.

N. A. C. Letch entered the College in 1923. He proceeded to Keyham in April, 1927, and on completion of his courses was appointed to H.M.A.S. Albatross. At the outbreak of war he was serving in H.M.A.S. Canberra. In December, 1940, he was appointed to H.M.A.S. Vampire; in February, 1942, he went to H.M.A.S. Stuart, and from her in May of the following year to H.M.A.S. Warramunga. In the middle of 1944 he served for some months with H.M.A.S. Bataan, returning to the Warramunga in August. He was awarded the D.S.C. in 1945 for his share in the action off Luzon.

D'A. T. Gale entered the College in 1925, gained his colours for athletics and on Passing Out was awarded maximum time and the prizes for Mathematics and English. He was promoted Lieut.-Commander in June, 1941. At the outbreak of war he was appointed to H.M.A.S. Adelaide for "N" duties and employed in convoy duties and in the establish-

ment of a Free French Government at Noumea. In the early part of 1941 he was engaged in survey work in H.M.A.S. Moresby, mainly in a special survey of the Great North-East Channel; he was mine-laying in H.M.A.S. Bungaree, and then engaged in various surveys, e.g., at Noumea and at Moreton Bay. During 1943 he was at the Hydrographic Branch, Sydney, and then in January, 1944, took command of H.M.A.S. Benalla, and was employed in survey work at Admiralty Islands, Hollandia, Biak and Leyte. In August, 1944, he was appointed to the command of H.M.A.S. Moresby, and was in charge of the survey in the Lingayen Gulf in January, 1945, in connection with which operations he was awarded the D.S.C. His was the H.Q. ship at the surrender of the Japanese in Timor.

J. J. Cody entered the College in 1928, and gained his colours for hockey. He was promoted Lieutenant in September, 1937. At the outbreak of war he was in England, in H.M.S. Franklin, in which he served till June, 1940, and in numerous other ships as Assistant Surveyor, being advanced to Assistant Surveyor Second Class at the beginning of 1944, when he was appointed to H.M.A.S. Shepparton. In March, 1945, he was mentioned in despatches.

R. I. Peek also entered the College in 1928. At Passing Out he was awarded maximum time and the prize for Engineering-Navigation-Seamanship. He specialised in gunnery, and on the outbreak of war was appointed to H.M.S. Revenge. He returned to Australia at the beginning of 1940, and was appointed to the Gunnery School at F.N.D. In May, 1941, he was appointed to H.M.A.S. Hobart as Squadron (G) Officer, and in July, 1943, in the same capacity to H.M.A.S. Australia. He was awarded the O.B.E. for his share in the Leyte operations and the D.S.C. after the Lingayen Gulf (Luzon) action.

J. Maxwell entered the College in 1929. He was promoted Lieutenant in June, 1939. In June, 1937, he was transferred to the Emergency List. At the outbreak of war he was appointed to H.M.A.S. Vampire, and served in her till July, 1941. After being temporarily in H.M.A.S. Adelaide, he was appointed to H.M.A.S. Swan in September, 1941, and in August of the next year to H.M.A.S. Vendetta. In 1944 he was serving in H.M.A.S. Arunta, and was awarded the D.S.C. for his share in the Leyte operations.

J. S. Austin entered the College in 1937, and was the winner of the Governor-General's Cup for the best all-round athlete and of five sports colours—cricket, rugby, hockey, swimming and athletics. He was promoted Lieutenant in March, 1944. His first ship was H.M.S. Repulse, from which ship he went to H.M.S. Revenge. After completing his courses he was appointed in May, 1943, to H.M.A.S. Shropshire, and was awarded the D.S.C. for his share in the Leyte operations.

G. R. Griffiths also entered the College in 1937. He was made Chief-Cadet Captain, and gained his colours for rugby, hockey, rowing and athletics. He was promoted Lieutenant in June, 1944. He served first in H.M.S. Repulse, and then in H.M.S. Revenge. From January to April he served in H.M.S. Vivien, and was then appointed to H.M.A.S. Shropshire, and was awarded the D.S.C. for his share in the Lingayen Gulf operations.

D. J. Hamer, like Austin and Griffiths, entered the College in 1937. He gained his colours for rugby, and at Passing Out was awarded maximum time, the Grand Aggregate prize and the prizes for Mathematics and Navigation. He was also top in both English and History. In his Lieutenant's examination he won a £10 prize for all First Class Certificates. He is the only Australian midshipman to win the Beaufort and Wharton prize for an examination in Navigation and Pilotage. He was also the winner of the Ian MacDonald Memorial Prize for the Signals Course. He was promoted Lieutenant in August, 1943. His first ship was H.M.A.S. Canberra, and from her, in November, 1941, he went to H.M.A.S. Napier. In February, 1942, he was appointed to H.M.S. Revenge. After completing courses he was appointed to H.M.A.S. Norman in February, 1943. In May, 1944, he joined H.M.A.S. Australia, was present at both Leyte and Luzon, being awarded the D.S.C. for his share in the latter operations.

R. F. Hatherell entered the College in 1919 and gained his colours for cricket, tennis and hockey. In 1928 he transferred to the Accountant Branch, and in June, 1943, was promoted Paymaster-Commander (now Commander (S)). At the outbreak of war he was serving in H.M.A.S. Australia. In May, 1941, he was appointed to H.M.A.S. Adelaide. In February, 1942, he was appointed Base Accounting Officer at Darwin, in which

capacity he was serving when promoted to Paymaster Commander. In April, 1944, he joined H.M.A.S. Shropshire, and was awarded the D.S.C. for his share in the Leyte operations.

J. C. D. Esdaile entered the College at the head of the list in 1913. On Passing Out he was awarded maximum time and the prizes for Navigation and Mathematics, and in addition was first in Physics and Chemistry. In 1917 as a midshipman he served in the Grand Fleet in H.M.A.S. Australia, and in the following year saw further war service with the Harwich Force in H.M.S. Redgauntlet. When war broke out he was a Commander and Chief Staff Officer, Sydney. He became an Acting Captain in 1940 as Maintenance Captain, Sydney. In 1942 he was in command of H.M.A.S. Adelaide, and in the following year Commanding Officer of a Task Group which included the Adelaide and four Netherlands ships. In 1944 he served as Naval Officer in Charge, New Guinea, and on relinquishing that command was appointed Controller of Naval Demobilisation at Navy Office. Captain Esdaile was awarded an O.B.E. in December, 1940, and C.B.E. in October of this year.

A. J. Travis entered the College in 1919 and gained his colours for rugby and tennis. He was promoted Lieut.-Commander in 1937. At the outbreak of war he was in command of H.M.A.S. Kookaburra. In May, 1940, he took command of H.M.A.S. Swan, and some months later went to F.N.D., where as First Lieutenant of the O.T.S. he shared with A/Commander Harris the inauguration of this wartime officers' training course. Early in 1944 he was appointed to command H.M.A.S. Barcoo, and in November of that year went as Second Senior Officer, 22nd M.S.F. On October 10 of this year it was announced that A/Commander A. J. Travis, of H.M.A.S. Geraldton, had been mentioned in despatches "for gallantry and outstanding skill and devotion to duty in the South-west Pacific area."

E. J. Peel entered the College in 1930 and gained his colours for rugby and rowing. His first ship was H.M.A.S. Australia, in which ship he was serving at the time of the Duke of Gloucester's tour, and also at the time of the Abyssinian crisis. At the outbreak of war he was serving in H.M.A.S. Canberra, going from her to H.M.A.S. Vendetta in February, 1940. After about fourteen months

in this ship he was appointed to H.M.A.S. Vampire. From July, 1942, to April, 1943, he was "Year" Officer at the College, being then appointed to H.M.A.S. Australia. After six months in this ship he served for about the same period as Staff Officer, Escort Staff, Cairns. In April, 1944, he was appointed to the command of H.M.A.S. Kalgoorlie, and engaged in mine-sweeping. In November of that year he took command of H.M.A.S. Gascoyne, and was present in the action off Luzon in January of this year. Lieutenant Peel was awarded in October last the D.S.C. "for gallantry and outstanding skill and devotion to duty in the South-west Pacific area."

N. K. Calder, whose name has already appeared in these columns as having been awarded the O.B.E. in 1943, has now been mentioned in despatches. He was appointed Deputy Director of Naval Ordnance Torpedoes and Mines in September, 1943.

J. F. Rayment, who was awarded the D.S.C. in 1943, was mentioned in despatches in June, 1944. He died of wounds on October 21, 1944, as a result of the Leyte action of October 20.

G. C. Oldham, already noted in last year's Magazine as the winner of the D.S.C., has received a second mention in despatches.

T. K. Morrison, who was awarded the O.B.E. in 1941, was mentioned in despatches for his share at Leyte and awarded the D.S.C. for his part at Luzon. He was at the time Squadron (T) Officer aboard H.M.A.S. Australia.

W. S. Bracegirdle, already noted as the winner of the D.S.C., has since then received a mention in despatches, and been awarded a Bar to his D.S.C.

R. J. Robertson, whose award of the D.S.C. and two mentions in despatches have been previously recorded, has received a third mention in despatches for the operations off Luzon, where he was serving as Flag Lieutenant to Commodore First Class H. B. Farncomb and as Squadron Communications Officer.

T. M. Synnot, who received a mention in despatches for good services in the withdrawal from Somaliland in the black days of the war has now been awarded the D.S.C. In 1942 he was appointed to H.M.A.S. Arunta and then to F.N.D., where he served till February, 1944, when he went to the United Kingdom on exchange service. In May of that year he was appointed Squadron

Gunnery Officer of the 15th Cruiser Squadron. The award of the D.S.C. was announced in March last.

G. D. Tancred entered the College in 1921 and gained his colours for rugby and hockey. He qualified first in submarines and then in hydrographic surveying, being appointed as Assistant Surveyor to H.M.A.S. Moresby in 1933. In 1939 he was First Lieutenant of H.M.A.S. Swan, served in 1940 in H.M.A.S. Westralia, and later as C.O. of H.M.A.S. Wyrallah, working from Fremantle, W.A. In succeeding years he was engaged in Torres Strait, New Guinea and Philippines areas in combat and surveying operations, during which time he commanded H.M.A.S.'s Vigilant, Kwato, Polaris, Stella, Shepparton, Whyalla, Benalla, Warrego and Lachlan. When not at sea he was employed as Deputy Officer in Charge, Hydrographic Branch, Sydney. He was promoted to the rank of Commander in June, 1945, and was awarded the D.S.C. "for distinguished service in successful survey work under dangerous conditions in the Far East."

R. R. Dowling entered the College in 1915, gained his colours for rugby, tennis, athletics and boating, and on passing out was awarded the King's Medal. At the outbreak of war he was serving in H.M.S. Pembroke. He returned to Australia in the middle of 1942, was promoted to Captain in June, 1944, and in November of that year was appointed to command H.M.A.S. Hobart. He has been awarded the D.S.O. for "leadership, thoroughness and zeal in the four major actions of Tarakan, Wewak, Labuan and Balikpapan."

J. Denny, whose name has already appeared in this column, has again been mentioned in despatches for his share while serving with the rank of A/Commander as Chief of the Operational Staff in H.M.A.S. Shropshire.

J. S. Mesley entered the College in 1924. On passing out he was awarded maximum time, the Grand Aggregate prize and that for Navigation, and in addition gained first place in Mathematics, Physics and Chemistry, English, History. He did particularly well at Greenwich, receiving a special mention for his Mathematics. He took the Long (N) Course in 1935 and at the outbreak of war was appointed Navigating Officer of H.M.S. Hawkins. In November, 1941, he went to H.M.A.S. Hobart, transferring to H.M.A.S.

Canberra in February of the following year. He was for a time N.O.I.C. Port Moresby, and during 1943-4 commanded H.M.A.S. Vendetta. In November, 1944, he was appointed to H.M.A.S. Australia as Squadron (N) Officer. He was awarded the D.S.C. for his share in the operations at Tarakan, Wewak, Labuan and Balikpapan.

C. M. Hudson entered the College in 1928, gained his colours for cricket, rugby, hockey and athletics, and on passing out was awarded the prize for English—French—History. At the outbreak of war he was Navigating Officer of H.M.S. Shropshire, going in December, 1939, to H.M.S. Seagull, of which he was temporarily in command for some months. In March, 1941, he was Navigator of H.M.S. Dragon, while in October, 1942, he was temporarily in command of H.M.A.S. Warrego. In November of that year he was appointed to H.M.A.S. Hobart, and has been mentioned in despatches for his share in the Borneo operations from Tarakan to Balikpapan.

G. L. Fowle entered the College in 1930. At passing out he was awarded maximum time and the Grand Aggregate prize. He was also top in English—French—History. At the outbreak of war he was serving in H.M.A.S. Canberra. His Long (G) Course was completed early in 1941 and he was appointed to the Gunnery School, F.N.D. After an interval at Navy Office he was appointed in 1942 to H.M.A.S. Australia, going at the end of the year to H.M.A.S. Warramunga, in which he served till June, 1943, when he was appointed as Gunnery Officer to H.M.A.S. Hobart. For his share in the operations at Tarakan, Wewak, Labuan and Balikpapan he has been awarded the D.S.C.

W. J. Dovers entered the College in 1932. He gained his colours for cricket, rugby, hockey and athletics and was also the winner of the Governor-General's Cup. His first ship was H.M.A.S. Canberra in 1936, and after completing his courses he was again appointed to her just before the outbreak of war. Early in 1941 he proceeded to the United Kingdom and was appointed to the "Nestor" and when the "Quickmatch" commissioned in September, 1942, he was appointed to her. In June, 1944, he went to F.N.D. for the O.T.S. As Commanding Officer of H.M.A.S. Swan he has been awarded the D.S.C.

F.B.E.

PERSONNEL AND PERSONAL

Their Royal Highnesses, the Governor-General and the Duchess of Gloucester, visited Flinders Naval Depot on Sunday, February 25; and after attending Divine Service in the Memorial Chapel inspected Cadet-Midshipmen and the College.

On Wednesday, March 7, Admiral Sir Bruce Fraser, G.C.B., K.B.E., R.N., paid a brief visit to the R.A.N.C., and inspected Cadet-Midshipmen and the College and Study Block. We understand that after the inspection the Admiral joined Cadets at "bun-and-milk," which he apparently enjoyed to the full.

With this issue we have to say good-bye to our Commanding Officer, Vice-Admiral T. B. Drew, C.B., O.B.E., R.N., who, for some two and a-half years, has been Captain of the College, and Commodore, Superintendent of Training at Flinders Naval Depot.

Commodore Drew, as he was known to us, took a keen interest in every Cadet-Midshipman at the College during this period, and in every aspect of College life: games and studies, as well as the lighter side—our plays, dances and similar activities. We always felt with Commodore Drew that his visits were no mere formality—a part of his routine work which he felt compelled to carry out—but something in which he took a genuine interest and pleasure.

We hope that his command of this College did give Commodore Drew some pleasure; and we thank him for his interest and encouragement.

To Vice-Admiral and Mrs. Drew the College joins in saying good-bye, bon voyage, and all health and happiness in the future.

News was received early in February that four officers of the 1939 entry—Lieutenants A. J. Robertson, J. Gunn, R. E. Lesh, and H. B. Gerrett—had each secured five first-class certificates in the examination for the rank of Lieutenant; and had been awarded £10 prizes by the Admiralty. Our heartiest congratulations to these young officers! The news of such successes is gratifying to us at the College, and shows that our stand-

ards are being faithfully maintained.

In 1943 we were able to announce similar achievements in the case of Lieutenants D. J. Hamer, G. J. Willis, and D. H. D. Smyth; and in 1944 came the news that Lieutenant Hamer had gained the highest marks in the Navigation examination, and had been awarded a prize valued at over £50.

According to a recent statement in the press, Lieut.-Commander (O) V. A. Smith, D.S.C., R.A.N. (1927 entry), has had his fair share of excitement during the war. Twice his plane was shot down into the Mediterranean while on Malta convoy escorts. Then he was saved when Ark Royal was sunk. Later he also escaped when Canberra was sunk. His decoration, and a mention in despatches, speak for themselves. As a recognised expert on the place of aircraft in naval warfare he was recently on the air planning staff of the British Pacific Fleet.

At the end of the first term this year, Lieutenant R. R. Brown left the College, with the best wishes of all here for his future success and happiness. We are glad to welcome in his place Lieutenant D. Nicholls, R.A.N., who before joining us was serving with Lieutenant E. J. Peel in H.M.A.S. Gascoyne.

Lieutenant Brian Spittle, now a fully qualified "submariner," called in at R.A.N.C. early in August, while on leave. He looked very fit and assured us that doing courses in submarines involved a certain amount of hard work!

COMMODORE H. B. FARNCOMB, C.B., D.S.O., M.V.O., R.A.N.

It is with great pleasure that the College welcomes its new Captain, Commodore H. B. Farncomb, C.B., D.S.O., M.V.O., R.A.N. Commodore Farncomb was one of the original entry of Cadet-Midshipmen in 1913. While at the College he gained his colours for cricket, and on Passing Out was awarded maximum time, the grand aggregate prize and the prize for French. He was, in addition, first in both English and History. He

was the first graduate of the College to reach the rank of Captain, being promoted to this rank in June, 1937. In 1930 as a Lieutenant-Commander he did a course at the Imperial Defence College and is the only senior officer of the R.A.N. who is a graduate of this College. In 1935 he was made a member of the Royal Victorian Order (M.V.O.). In the first half of 1939 he completed the Senior Officers' Course and Tactical Course, and at the outbreak of war was in command of H.M.A.S. Perth. In June, 1940, he was appointed to command H.M.A.S. Canberra and as C.S.O. to Rear-Admiral J. G. Crace, a position he continued to hold in H.M.A.S. Australia upon the transfer of the flag to that ship. He took part in the battle of the Coral Sea, the landing at Guadalcanal, the battles of the Solomons and the landings at Arawe and Cape Gloucester. His D.S.O. was awarded for "skill, resolution and coolness during activities around the Solomon Islands" in 1942, and he has twice been mentioned in despatches. Early in 1944 he proceeded to the United Kingdom, and in May of that year was appointed to command the aircraft carrier H.M.S. Attacker, in which he took part in the invasion of Southern France and against the German Army in the Aegean. In December, 1944, as a result of the wounding of Commodore Collins at Leyte he was recalled from Europe and appointed Commodore First Class Commanding H.M.A. Squadron. He took part in the Lingayen Gulf operation, for which he was awarded the C.B., and when the Australia was damaged shifted his flag to H.M.A.S. Shropshire, and for a time to H.M.A.S. Hobart, and was present at Brunei, Balikpapan and elsewhere. Since relinquishing the command of the Australian Squadron, Commodore Farncomb has been in command of Naval establishments at Sydney, taking up his new post of Commodore Superintendent of Training on October 1. His first inspection of Cadets was made on the following day.

To Commodore and Mrs. Farncomb we extend the very heartiest greetings, and hope that their term at Flinders Naval Depot will be a very happy one.

COMMANDER A. J. LOUDOUN-SHAND, O.B.E., R.A.N.

There is always a touch—and frequently, as in this case, much more than a touch—of sadness in connection with the saying of farewell to an old friend. With the outbreak of war in 1939 we welcomed Commander Loudoun-Shand as such, for his connection with the College went back a great many years—to the days of the last war, in fact, when as a Lieutenant R.A.N.R. he came to the College as a Year Lieutenant. There are many senior officers of the R.A.N. who still remember how he urged on the rigger teams with that stentorian voice of his which could be heard all over the field, not merely from the touchline but even from the back of the grandstand at the Sydney Sports Ground. Many are the generations of Cadets that he has had a hand in selecting, and for six continuous years as Commander, R.A.N.C., he has taken a very real and personal interest in their training, and many an officer of the R.A.N. will look back in the future to the part played by Commander Loudoun-Shand in moulding them during the most formative period of their careers.

Commander Loudoun-Shand was born in Scotland, educated at Dulwich College, and went to sea in Lord Brassey's ocean-going sailing ships. At the age of twenty he had command of a full-rigged ship and during the course of his career has commanded not only full-rigged sailing ships, but also passenger steamships and His Majesty's ships. He holds pilot's exemptions for most of the ports of Australia and has been seven times round the Horn. During the 1914-18 war he served as First Lieutenant of H.M.A.S. Psyche and H.M.A.S. Phantom. In 1918-19, as a Lieutenant, he was Year Officer at the Naval College, and having been transferred to the R.A.N. was then appointed as District Naval Officer, West Australia, in which capacity he has served in the principal ports of Australia. While at Melbourne he also commanded H.M.A.S. Marguerite. He retired from the Service in 1937, and "went on the land" with his son, John, near Oberon in New South Wales. With the outbreak of war in 1939 he returned to the Service, and for more than six years has been our Commander at R.A.N.C.

We send after him the very warmest wishes and trust that he will be long spared to spend with his wife and son the leisure he has so richly earned.

COMMANDER J. PLUNKETT-COLE, R.A.N.

John Plunkett-Cole, our new Commander, entered the College in 1920. At Passing Out he was awarded maximum time and the prizes for French and English. When doing his Sub-Lieutenant's courses he was awarded colours for representing the Royal Navy in the Inter-Service Athletic Tournament in 1927 and was "capped" for the United Services (Portsmouth) Rugby Football Club in the 1927-28 season and again for the Royal Navy in the Inter-Service Rugby Championship at Twickenham in 1928. In 1932-33 he was a Year Officer at the College, and during that period captained the F.N.D. Rugby XV which won the Premiership of the Victorian Rugby Union in 1933. At the outbreak of war in 1939 he was serving in H.M.S. Sussex in the Mediterranean. He took part in the chase of the Von Spee in the South Atlantic and convoyed the first contingents of the A.I.F. to the Middle East. He was present at the later stages of the Norway evacuation, was in home waters during the battle of France, and was bombed and his ship disabled in the Clyde. In November, 1940, he commissioned H.M.A.S. Napier and after various convoy work in the North Atlantic joined the Mediterranean fleet and took part in the battle for Crete and in Crete evacuations, during which time the Napier was bombed and disabled for a short time with 800 troops on board, but reached Alexandria safely. He took part in various operations including the reinforcement of Crete and in the "Tobruk ferry run." With the entry of the Japanese, H.M.A.S. Napier joined the Eastern fleet. Lieut.-Commander Plunkett-Cole joined H.M.A.S. Canberra in May, 1942, and was slightly wounded in the Savo Island disaster. From September, 1942, to April, 1943, he was in H.M.A.S. Rushcutter, where he started the Fairmile School, after which he was appointed to command first H.M.A.S. Vendetta and then in April, 1944, H.M.A.S. Nepal, in which he served in the Eastern

fleet and took part in strikes on Sabang and Sourabaya. In November, 1944, he took command of H.M.A.S. Norman, being promoted to Commander in December of that year. He was present in various operations including those at Tarakan. With the British Pacific Fleet he took part in the operations against Japan, and was present at the Japanese surrender in Tokyo Bay.

DEATH OF CAPTAIN CECIL CLAUDE BALDWIN, M.V.O., R.A.N.

It was with very great regret, and with a sense of personal loss, that we learned during the year of the death of Captain Cecil Claude Baldwin. Upon the outbreak of war he was appointed Commander of the Depot, and for some months in 1943, with the rank of Acting Captain, he was Captain Superintendent of Training, being the first Jervis Bay trained officer to hold that position, which also includes that of Captain of his old College. When Vice-Admiral Drew took up the command of the Depot as Commodore Superintendent of Training, Captain Baldwin took command of H.M.A.S. Manoora, and in December of the same year was appointed Naval Officer in command at Darwin. It was while here that he became ill and eventually died in the Scottish Hospital, Sydney, on April 10 of this year.

Cecil Claude Baldwin, born on September 30, 1900, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Baldwin, was one of the second entry of Cadet-Midshipmen who entered the College at North Geelong in 1914. He was made a Cadet-Captain in 1917, and while at the College gained his colours for rugby. On going to sea in 1918 his first ship was H.M.S. Canada, following which he served in H.M.A.S.'s Sydney and Australia. From 1933 to 1936 he was again serving in H.M.A.S. Australia, and received the award of the M.V.O. in April, 1935. In September, 1936, he was promoted to Commander, transferred to the Auxiliary Service and appointed District Naval Officer, West Australia, from which post he went to Flinders Naval Depot upon the outbreak of war. To Mrs. Baldwin we extend our most sincere sympathy in her sorrow at the loss of a husband cut off in the prime of life.

PASSING OUT

In the presence of His Excellency the Governor of Victoria and the Minister for the Navy, the Passing Out ceremony was held on Thursday, August 23. Weather conditions were again perfect, and the parade of Cadet-Midshipmen was watched by a large gathering of parents, friends and visitors. After the march past the prize-giving took place in the main hall at the Study Block. The following Cadets passed out of the College this year:—

Bennett, L. C.; Burnett, P. R.; Cabban, P. T.; Cordell, A. G.; Crosthwaite, J. N.; Gray, E. C.; Holloway, P. E. M.; Leach, D. W.; Matthew, J. A.; Money, W. H.; More, J. St. B.; Morrell, F. G.; Nicholson, I. H.; Rees, P. M.; Rourke, W. J.

R. A. Anderson was successful in completing the course, but the development of eye trouble during the latter part of his time at the College will, unfortunately, prevent him going to sea. He has the sympathy of all at the College on this extremely bad luck, and best wishes for his future success in whatever career he may choose.

The prize list for 1945 is as follows:—

Grand Aggregate.—**Nicholson, I. H.**; Burnett, P. R.; Money, W. H.

English.—**Burnett, P. R.**; **Rourke, W. J.**; Money, W. H.

French.—**Burnett, P. R.**; Money, W. H.; Nicholson, I. H.

History.—**Burnett, P. R.**; Nicholson, I. H.; Matthew, J. A.

Mathematics.—**Money, W. A.**; Burnett, P. R.; Nicholson, I. H.

Physics and Chemistry.—**Money, W. A.**; **Crosthwaite, J. N.**; Nicholson, I. H.

Navigation.—**Money, W. H.**; Nicholson, I. H.; Cordell, A. G.

Engineering.—**Bennett, L. C.**; Nicholson, I. H.; Crosthwaite, J. N.

Seamanship.—The "Otto Albert" Prize: **Nicholson, I. H.**; Crosthwaite, J. N.; Leach, D. W.

The Governor-General's Cup for the Best All-round Athlete.—**Burnett, P. R.**

Commodore Drew's Cup.—**Burnett, P. R.**

The Burnett Cup for Rugby.—**Leach, D. W.**

The King's Medal.—**Leach, D. W.**

After the prize-giving, relatives and friends of Cadet-Midshipmen were entertained at a buffet lunch at the College. The traditional Passing Out dance was held in the evening.

LETTERS FROM ABROAD

The following extracts are from letters received during the year from officers who have passed through the R.A.N.C. Year of entry to the College is shown in brackets:—

A. F. Sallmann (1941—Chief Cadet-Captain 1944) writes from H.M.S. Kenya: "There are four Australians here—Goldrick, Mackie, Rust and myself—and Kenya is a fine ship, modern, very efficient and also a very happy ship. The Navigator is 'snottie's nurse,' and he has always arranged a constantly up-to-date syllabus for instruction. We've done work in seamanship, navigation, signals, torpedoes, gunnery, damage control, ship construction and disciplinary subjects. We get on very well with the R.N. Midshipmen, which is just as well, as there are 13 of us in the gunroom."

F. E. Wilson (1940) is serving in a ship of the R.C.N., and writes: "After our exams, we had six days' leave, and then joined destroyers, most of us Home Fleet destroyers. During January we spent 26 days at sea, all of them in the Arctic and Barents Sea."

J. G. Yule (1940) writes from the same ship: "The Canadians are wonderful chaps, always laughing and full of fun, so I am not sorry I am here. This month's work included a trip to Russia. I went ashore a couple of times, but as it was dark for 23 hours a day I stayed aboard most of the time. We met **Loosli** and **Brokenshire** (both 1940) in Russia, and during a week's leave in London I ran into **G. A. Bennett** (1940), **Lade, George**, **McLachlan** (all 1939) and **Bodman** (1937)."

B. A. J. Spittle (1939) writes from England: "As **Shands** (1939) and myself have now finished our S/M Course and received our appointments, I thought it would be a good time to give you some of the news. **Simmons**

(1939) is now doing the same course. **Boord, Dyke** and **Robertson** (all 1939) are soon to start their F.A.A. course."

R. C. Swan (1940) says: "We have had a most interesting time, indeed, with plenty of action in the last few months: especially in the Philippines. In the Leyte show and in the battle of Surigao Straits I was action officer of the watch all the time—a great experience for me as a Mid. Everyone in the ship seemed to do his job excellently, and now she's come through it all. I don't think anyone could ask for a happier ship."

Lieutenant E. J. Peel (1930, and First Lieutenant, R.A.N.C., 1942; in command of H.M.A.S. Gascoyne at the time of the invasion of the Philippines) writes: "Saw **John Robertson** (1930) for a few minutes after the Lingayen party, otherwise I have seen none of our team at all, and having been turned over lock, stock and barrel to the U.S.N. see few Australians." **David Nicholls** (1936): "My No. 1 is the only straight striper here amongst the nine officers. We have had a very interesting time, and since I have been in the ship have taken part in every kind of sea warfare except a night surface action, which I am not particularly grieved about. So we are getting plenty of experience. Very pleased to see that they have done away with the 'House' system at R.A.N.C. and gone back to the old 'Years.' Just received a long letter from **George Sangster** (1919), from whom I hear from time to time. He is still in 'Mildura' and very happy."

J. Gunn (1939) writes: "Thank you for your letter: it's jolly nice hearing news from R.A.N.C. It hardly seems two years since we left: more like a few months. After courses and leave our year split up again, some going home, some to the Far East and some staying this side. **Burnside** and I were sent out to Naples where we had a week's leave before receiving appointments. We managed to see Pompeii and go to the

opera there, but couldn't get up to Rome. I'm enclosing a photo of the page of H.M.S. Euryalus' deck log, with Nelson's signal. I got it at Lloyds, and thought Mr. Eldridge would be interested."

In a letter to the Commander, Sub-Lieutenant **M. C. Reeves** (1940) writes, early in the year: "At the moment most of us over here are doing a fortnight's training in mine-sweeping before doing our subs. courses. I saw **Robertson, Ross** and **Sinclair** in London recently after they had returned from the Eastern Fleet. At this base I have come across **Loosli, Parker, D. C. Bennett, Martin, Yule** and **Wilson**. All are in fine trim and seem to have enjoyed their destroyer time immensely. Most of us expect to return to Australia after our courses, though some hope to remain to enter the Fleet Air Arm."

RETURNED PRISONERS OF WAR.

Of those who were prisoners of war it is with great pleasure that we welcome back Lieutenants **W. L. Gay** and **N. H. S. White**.

W. L. Gay entered the College in 1932 and gained his colours for cricket, rugby and hockey. He was a Sub-Lieutenant in H.M.A.S. Vampire at the outbreak of war, and while serving in her was promoted to Lieutenant in September, 1940. He was appointed to H.M.A.S. Perth on February 6, 1942, and was reported missing when that ship was lost on March 1 following. He was later reported to be a prisoner of war in Japanese hands, and since the Japanese surrender has been announced as safe.

N. H. S. White entered the College in 1936, was promoted midshipman on September 1, 1939, and appointed to H.M.A.S. Canberra, from which ship he went to H.M.A.S. Australia before doing courses during 1941. He was appointed to H.M.A.S. Perth in January, 1942, and, like **W. L. Gay**, was missing when that ship was lost in March of that year. He, too, was later reported to be a prisoner in the hands of the Japanese, and the news of his safety appeared shortly after the cessation of hostilities.

COLLEGE LOG, 1945

JANUARY:

31. First Year joined.

FEBRUARY:

2. College opened.
3. First XI trials.
6. First XI (98) defeated by New Entry Miscellaneous (4 for 94).
10. Inter-Watch Cricket Match: Starboard (76), Port (58).
17. First XI (109) defeated Scotch under 16A (96).
19. First VIII defeated New Entry Stokers, 3 sets to 1.
22. Cadets to Cinema: "The Young Mr. Pitt."
24. Cook Year (108) defeated "The Rest" (96).
25. His Royal Highness the Duke of Gloucester inspected R.A.N.C.
28. Annual Aquatic Sports: Starboard (19 pts.), Port (3 pts.).

MARCH:

3. M.G.S. (3 for 71) defeated First XI (69).
7. Admiral Sir Bruce Fraser inspected R.A.N.C.
10. R.A.N.C. defeated O.T.S. baseball team (55—10).
16. March in Melbourne.
17. Mid-term at Mornington and Cowes.
22. Water Polo versus O.T.S. R.A.N.C. lost (2—7).
25. Cook Year join H.M.A.S. Doomba.
31. Cook Year return to College.

APRIL:

7. First XI (101) defeated by Scotch (143).
20. Lecture: "H.M.A.S. Australia in Lingayen Gulf," by W.O.'s Vagg and White.
21. Annual Regatta. Port defeated Starboard (40 pts. to 23 pts.).
25. Third Year defeated Cook Year hockey team (2—1).
28. Forster Cup won by Starboard Watch (16 pts. to 9 pts.).
30. Play, "The Ghost Train," in Messroom.

MAY:

2. End of term dance.
4. Cadets proceed on long leave.

JUNE:

1. Cadets return from long leave.
4. First rugby match (Senior pick-up).

13. New "entoutcas" courts opened by Mrs. Drew. Coombs and Burnett II defeated Burnett I and Crosthwaite (6—2).
18. Farewell visit by Admiral Sir Guy Royle.
22. Jack's Day march.
23. First XV defeated Scotch (9—0). Junior XV defeated Scotch (6—0).
24. Flinders Year join H.M.A.S. Doomba.
30. Flinders Year returns to R.A.N.C. Port XV defeated Starboard XV (9—8).

JULY:

2. Inter-Watch hockey. Starboard defeated Port (5—3).
7. First XV defeated Scotch (17—6). Second XV defeated Scotch (11—3).
- 11-12. Boxing tournaments. Inter-Watch results—a draw.
13. Thirty a-side rugby match.
14. Mid-term in Melbourne.
21. First XV defeated Scotch (12—3). Scotch defeated Second XV (11—3).
28. Scotch Cadets defeated R.A.N.C. shooting team (672 to 642).

AUGUST:

2. R.A.N.C. hockey team defeated O.T.S. (8—2).
4. First XV defeated Scotch (27—0). Second XV defeated Scotch (57—3).
8. Annual cross-country. Port defeated Starboard (767 to 829). Cook Year commenced Passing Out examinations.
10. Japanese sue for peace.
15. V-P Thanksgiving Service in the Drill Hall.
16. First, Second and Third Years to Melbourne for V-P leave.
17. Fourth Year finish examinations, and have leave in Melbourne.
23. Passing Out Ceremony. Sir W. Dugan inspects the Cadets and presents the prizes. Dance at night.
24. Cadets proceed on long leave.

SEPTEMBER:

14. Cadets return from long leave.
22. Cook Year versus "The Rest" rugby match (a draw).
24. Commencement of athletic training.
27. O.T.S. defeated First XV (24—3).
30. Commodore Drew's farewell speech.

OCTOBER:

2. Commodore Farncomb inspects the Cadets.

Starboard Watch

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Notes

Watch Officers: Lieut. R. R. Brown, R.A.N. (First Term); Lieut. David Nicholls, R.A.N. (Second and Third Terms).

Watch C.P.O.'s: Mr. Mackay (First and Second Terms); Mr. Couch (Third Term).

Watch Cadet Captains: P. R. Burnett (First and Second Terms); R. B. Nunn (Third Term).

Cadet Captains: J. N. Crosthwaite and R. B. Nunn (First and Second Terms); T. R. Fisher and P. M. Cumming (Third Term).

We were sorry to lose Lieut. Brown at the end of first term; to him go our best wishes for the future. His place has been taken by Lieut. Nicholls, to whom we extend a sincere welcome.

In the realms of sport we have enjoyed quite a successful year, the following victories being ample proof of our activities:—Swimming, athletics, Forster Cup for sailing,

COLLEGE LOG—Continued

7. Muster by the open list for Commodore Farncomb.
13. Annual athletics. Senior champion, R. B. Nunn. Junior champion, R. J. Tulip.
18. Inter-Watch athletics. Starboard (22 pts.), Port (9 pts.).
26. Mid-term week-end at Cowes and Mornington.

NOVEMBER:

30. Examinations begin.

DECEMBER:

14. Cadets proceed on long leave.

senior cricket, senior hockey and junior rugby. In both the boxing tournament and the junior hockey, each Watch gained equal points. The most interesting and keen competition was seen in the senior rugby, where Port won hard-fought games by narrow margins. Congratulations, Port Watch. The Inter-Watch athletics, for which Port was firm favourite, turned into a most convincing win for Starboard, regardless of the fact that the baton was twice dropped by us in the All-hands Relay.

To P. R. Burnett go our congratulations for his fine effort in winning the trophies for the Best All-round Athlete; also to E. C. Gray, swimming champion. Probably the best two races of this year's athletic sports were run by Duncan and Coombs, who won the Open 440 and Mile respectively.

Unfortunately, we lost King and Leroy when four new Cadet-Captains were appointed from Port Watch. We welcome Cadet-Captains Fisher and Cumming in their places.

Starboard Watch all join in wishing Commander Loudoun-Shand, O.B.E., the very best of luck in his new surroundings. We thank him for his personal interest in all Cadets and his long service to R.A.N.C.

In conclusion, we hope that all our members are preparing to uphold the name of Starboard in 1946.

R. B. NUNN.



—Drawn by F. O. Eliason.



Watch Officer: Lieut. D. A. H. Clarke, R.A.N.

Watch C.P.O.: Mr. H. W. Downs.

Watch Cadet Captains: Chief Cadet Captain D. W. Leach (First and Second Terms); Watch Cadet Captain I. A. G. Macgregor (Third Term).

Cadet Captains: W. H. Money and I. A. G. Macgregor (First and Second Terms); R. W. Burnett and D. P. McIntyre (Third Term).

This year has not been as successful for Port Watch as might have been expected. A little slow off the mark at the beginning of the year, our efforts managed to secure the

following Inter-Watch events for 1945:—Regatta, cross-country, junior cricket, senior rugby, and junior tennis.

In addition, we drew with Starboard Watch in the junior hockey and boxing. The athletic sports showed that Port Watch was definitely superior in individual talent. However, we were unable to put this advantage into effect in the Inter-Watch events.

Port Watch shone at the prize-giving ceremony this year, but unfortunately our successes had their consequences. Two of the four Cadet-Captains chosen from Port Watch were relegated to Starboard Watch. In exchange for Fisher and Cumming we received King and Leroy, who should prove decided assets in the rugby next year.

We extend our congratulations to the following holders of trophies this year:—D. W. Leach, Burnett Memorial Prize for Rugby; Otto Albert Cup for Sculls. Money: Best time for 100 yards sprint. Morrell and Anderson: Cross-country. Tulip: Junior athletic championship. Charley: Shelley Cup for boxing.

In closing this resume of our activities we would like to wish Commander Loudoun-Shand, who is leaving us, the very best for the future.

"We lead; the rest follow!"

I. A. G. MACGREGOR.

SURRENDER AT TOKYO

The Commodore Commanding H.M.A. Squadron, Commodore J. A. Collins, C.B., C.O.N., R.A.N., has kindly sent us the following account of proceedings at the time of the Japanese surrender. In his covering letter he writes: "I thought it might interest Cadet-Midshipmen." We are sure that it will not only be of great interest to Cadet-Midshipmen, but to all readers of this Magazine; and we record our grateful thanks to Commodore Collins for giving us this description of those historic and memorable happenings.

H.M.A. Squadron (Task Group 70.9) consisting of H.M.A. Ships Shropshire, Hobart, Bataan, and Warramunga, having been detached from the Seventh Fleet, proceeded to Tokyo Bay, arriving on the morning of

August 31 and reporting to Commander Third Fleet for duty. All hands had looked forward to steaming up Tokyo Bay in bright sunshine with Fuji Yama completing the picture. In fact, the arrival was very disappointing, as there was half a gale blowing, with rain squalls and reduced visibility.

The offer of Japanese pilots from the U.S. Navy control destroyer in Sagami Wan was not accepted, and the Squadron entered harbour, anchored at noon and dressed ship with masthead flags. It was interesting to see the white flags flying at the defences at the entrance and to pass the badly-damaged battleship Nagoya lying at Yokusuka. Tokyo Bay is not unlike Port Phillip, and as the Squadron berths were ten miles from the shore there was little to see after anchoring.

Many units of the U.S. Navy were anchored at the southern end of the Bay, including U.S.S. Missouri (Admiral Halsey), where the surrender documents were later signed. The Royal Navy was represented by H.M.S. Duke of York (Admiral Sir Bruce Fraser), H.M.S. King George V (Admiral Sir H. B. Rawlings) and destroyers, including H.M.A.S. Napier and H.M.A.S. Nizam. Also present were several Australian frigates and minesweepers. Later, H.M.S. Newfoundland (Rear-Admiral Brind) and H.M.N.Z.S. Gambia entered and anchored close to the Squadron.

That evening the U.S. Naval transport, General Sturgess, arrived from Manila bringing most of the Allied Nations' representatives for the surrender ceremony. The Australian delegation on board included Lieutenant-General Berryman, Acting Rear-Admiral Moore and Air Vice-Marshal Jones and Bostock. Later, General Sir Thomas Blamey arrived by air and Commodore Collins joined the delegation on board U.S.S. Missouri.

The weather was in everybody's mind at daybreak on September 2, Surrender Day. A rough sea would have made difficult the considerable amount of boating required, and rain would have been disastrous as the ceremony was to be held on the upper deck. Fortunately, the morning was calm and the overcast sky produced no rain. In fact, cloud conditions improved rapidly and the sun broke through a few minutes after the documents were signed.

The ceremony itself, which was simple and impressive, has been well covered by the press and the camera. Those who attended found great satisfaction in witnessing the one time face-slapping bullies stand sullenly for five minutes whilst awaiting General MacArthur's entrance, and then, when ordered, sign the terms of total surrender. Interesting also was the assembly of famous men after the ceremony in the Admiral's cabin of the Missouri, including General MacArthur, Admiral Sir Bruce Fraser, Admiral Nimitz, Admiral Halsey, Admiral Helfrich and Generals Percival and Wainwright, the latter two straight from P.O.W. camps, and a host of others including Chinese, Russians and French.

That evening a party was given by the Commander-in-Chief, British Pacific Fleet, to witness the very impressive musical rendering of "Sunset" on board Duke of York. Flags of all the United Nations were broken at the yardarms fifteen minutes before sunset and were hauled down as the massed bands of the Royal Marines from British ships in harbour and the buglers played the "Sunset Call." The Empire Ensigns were at the fore yard, the Australian to starboard, the foreign ensigns being at the main.

During these two days, the ships other than the Fleet Flagships had been having a dull time. Now, however, the destroyers came into their own. Bataan and Warramunga were employed doing duty trips to Yokosuka and Yokohama with the C. in C., B.P.F., and his staff and later, to the envy of the cruisers, became part of the force collecting ex-prisoners of war from up and down the coast. Repatriates are collected at prearranged ports and after passing through an examination in a hospital ship, those fit to travel are conveyed back to Tokyo Bay in destroyers and delivered for transport away from Japan by air or sea. H.M.S. Speaker was the first to sail, and she was cheered by all ships as she steamed through the fleet with her ship's company and the repatriates lined up on the flight deck.

The cruisers, not being required for collecting repatriates, remained at anchor in the middle of the bay until September 12, when Hobart sailed for Australia and Shropshire, together with the R.N. ships, moved closer to the shore and to a more compact anchorage. Hobart took with her about 15 per cent. of the officers and ratings from the ships remaining, those with high points for demobilisation being selected. As she steamed past Shropshire, both ships informally manned ship and exchanged cheers.

The shift of berth and progress ashore has made it possible to grant short leave to small parties. At the time of writing, the first of these is about to land and the opportunity of going ashore is eagerly awaited as the majority of the Shropshire's personnel have so far seen little. All, however, are proud to have represented Australia on such an historic occasion.

SPORTS AND SPORTING

RUGBY.

1st XV v. SCOTCH COLLEGE.

7/7/45.

The field was sloppy and a strong cross wind was blowing. Soon after play commenced, Crosthwaite kicked a penalty goal. Scotch, who were almost unopposed by our half-hearted backs, scored twice and failed to convert. Rees, our rake, won many scrums for College, but the backs did not make full use of the opportunities. Half-time scores were: Scotch 6, R.A.N.C. 3.

After half-time, College backs got the ball smartly to Morrell, and he scored. Burnett I then sold a succession of "dummies" to Scotch backs and scored between the posts, finally converting. A forward rush carried the ball over the line, and Gray, who played a very good game, scored. The final score was by Coombs, the full back, who marked a penalty kick and dashed over the line before Scotch backs had realised what was happening.

Noteworthy players were Gray, Cordell, Duncan, Morrell and Holloway.

Final Scores: R.A.N.C. 17, Scotch 6.

W. H. MONEY

1st XV v. SCOTCH COLLEGE.

23/7/45.

This was mainly a forwards game, in which Cabban raked well. Crosthwaite played a particularly good game as half, and R.A.N.C. backs were very efficient considering the ground and the slippery ball. Crosthwaite and Holloway scored neat tries, and Cabban carried the ball over after a forward rush. Scotch played very well, and their full back thwarted many attempts to score by his excellent tackling. College kicking was poor, and none of the tries were converted.

Final Scores: R.A.N.C. 9, Scotch 0.

W. H. MONEY

1st XV v. NEW ENTRY SCHOOL.

4/7/45.

As we expected strong opposition, College fielded a particularly strong team. In the first few minutes a smart back fine movement found Mill in possession, and he scored at the corner flag. New Entry break-aways frustrated our half, and only a few movements ensued. Mill, who played a brilliant game, scored twice more. After half-time it was decided to keep the ball in the forwards as far as possible, and many good attempts to rush the ball over were spoilt by New Entries good kicking. Mill gave a fine exhibition by racing along the touch-line and scoring again. Burnett I converted. New Entries rallied well and a particularly good movement resulted in a score, which was not converted.

Players worthy of mention were:—Forwards: Leach, Gray and Cordell. Backs: Mill, Coombs and Holloway.

Final Scores: R.A.N.C. 14, New Entry School 3.

W. H. MONEY.

2nd XV v. SCOTCH COLLEGE.

23/6/45.

We won the toss, and elected to kick with the wind. Our forwards were very light compared to those of Scotch, but held on well. However, when the ball got out to the backs, good use was usually made of it.

There was no score in the first half of the game, in which play was very congested. Early in the second half, in a scramble near the Scotch line, a quick pass enabled McIntyre to score a try. Shortly afterwards, Tulip ran from near the half-way line to score a very good try. However, owing to the heavy ball, neither of these tries was converted. There was no more scoring, and we ran out winners after a very even game, with the score: R.A.N.C. 6, Scotch 0.

1st XV v. SCOTCH COLLEGE.

4/8/45.

This was the last match of the year against Scotch College, and was played under ideal conditions.

Scotch kicked off, and they were only just stopped from scoring in an early forward rush. We retaliated, and very nearly scored also, but were driven back. However, Mill scored on a penalty kick. The College constantly attacked, there being several fine back movements by Burnett, Money, Holloway and Mill, but the forwards were the next to score. The try was not converted. A Scotch attack was turned by our backs, who continued on with the ball to score nicely, the try being converted by Holloway. At half-time the score stood 11 to 0.

When play was resumed the College drove the ball up the field, and Coombs scored a try. College forwards were unsuccessful in several rushes, but Leach finally scored. This was converted by Holloway. Then, just before the final whistle, Burnett I took the ball on at the toe for over 50 yards, and this resulted in Anderson scoring.

The final score was 21 to 0, but the game was much more even than this indicates.

I. H. NICHOLSON

1st XV v. NEW ENTRY SCHOOL.

18/7/45.

NES kicked off and attacked with such determination that the College team was rushed off its feet, and failed to prevent break-throughs on four occasions. Only one of these tries was converted, and after 15 minutes' play we began to fight back. Soon a series of efforts was rewarded when Money scored after a brilliant 50 yard dash. Just before the half-time whistle blew, N.E.S. retaliated and brought the score to 17—3.

Heartened by their recent score, the back line coordinated superbly after the change over, and the R.A.N.C. wingers—Holloway and Mill—succeeded in taking the ball well down on several occasions. At last the latter with a side-line dash succeeded in touching down. N.E.S. was stopped time and time

again by the excellent tackling of our backs, but they managed to break through twice, bringing the score to 25—6.

With only five minutes to play the College forwards took the ball at the toe and Anderson scored in the centre of the ground. The conversion brought the full-time score to 25—11.

Outstanding in one of the best games of the season were Holloway, Mill, Cordell and Macgregor, while Money, Leach and Crosthwaite played their usual good games. R.A.N.C. did well to stand up to a heavier, older team, which included eight Depot first players, in the way they did.

W. J. ROURKE.

1st XV v. UNIVERSITY.

18/8/45.

Only nine University players turned up, so the College lent them their reserves and commenced the match without breakaways. It was fairly windy, and University, kicking with the wind, kept the play up their end. By half-time the score was 9—3 in favour of University.

The College attacked strongly, and scored three tries, one of which was converted. The score was then 11—9, favouring the College. University broke through, however, and scored two tries towards the end of the match. They finished up winning 17—11.

The College scorers were Mill (two tries) and Holloway (one penalty goal).

P. W. COOMBS.

INTER-WATCH RUGBY—SENIOR.

30/6/45.

Port Watch had a great percentage of the 1st XV backs, while Starboard had most of the forwards. As a result of a good back-line movement Money scored twice. The game was very willing, and Nunn scored for Starboard Watch and Burnett I converted. The half-time scores were Port 6, Starboard 5. Rees then went on to score again for Starboard. Port Watch rallied, and Holloway scored a beautiful try. Coombs, who played full back for Starboard, was very good, his kicking alone making him worthy of particular mention. No further scores were made, and the game resulted in a win by Port Watch. The teamwork of both Port and Starboard Watches was worthy of mention.

Final Scores: Port Watch 9, Starboard Watch 8.

W. H. MONEY.

INTER-WATCH RUGBY—JUNIOR.

30/6/45.

Starboard was weakened by the absence of Lercy and Flood. In the early part of the first half, Port scored two tries, both being converted. Starboard replied with a try, which was converted. At half-time the scores were: 10—5.

Having the advantage of the wind in the second half, Starboard rallied well and a try from Campbell brought the score to 10—8. The Port defence collapsed at this stage, and with its back line working well Starboard added two tries, of which one was converted, and eventually ran out winners 16—10.

RUGBY XV.

MONEY.—Captain of team. A good, fast-moving outside centre who was capable of playing outstanding football, but had rare moments when he failed.

LEACH.—Scrum leader. A very good forward with excellent football sense. Always on the ball.

CROSTHWAITE.—A capable scrum-half who was not slow in using to full advantage an opening offered.

BURNETT I.—Stand off. Had a few brilliant moments, but usually a steady and reliable player who opened up his back line.

CABBAN.—Hooker. Not much football sense, but always on the ball and full of enthusiasm. A good tackle.

HOLLOWAY.—A good wing three-quarters, who scored on the flag many times. A very sure tackle.

MILL.—A good wing three-quarter who handled well, but had very little rugby sense.

COOMBS.—A good full-back whose handling and kicking was excellent, although sometimes kicked too much. Tackling could be improved.

ANDERSON.—An excellent wing forward who never missed an opportunity.

GRAY.—A solid front row forward, was capable of playing very good football.

CORDELL.—A good front row forward, who always played a hard game.

NUNN.—A good second row who played well in an open scrum.

MACGREGOR.—A second row forward who could be very good in a forward rush.

DUNCAN.—An inside centre three-quarter who improved at every game. Should be good next year.

NICHOLSON.—A sound wing forward who played a hard game.

MORRELL.—A fair wing three-quarter who was never very brilliant, and often lost his place through bad handling.

EXCHANGES.

We have been glad to receive one or more copies of the following Magazines during the past year:—

Brighton Grammarian, Malvern Grammarian, Scotch Collegian, The Corian, The Cranbrookian, Wesley College Chronicle, St. Peter's College Magazine, The Scotsman, The Sydneian.



FIRST ELEVEN BATTING AND BOWLING
Averages for 1945 Season.

Name.	No. of Inns.	H. Score.	Runs.	Avg.	Not Out.
Burnett, P. R. ..	18	84	589	32.7	2
Mill, L. W.	7	32	106	17.7	1
Burnett, R. W. ..	19	53	309	16.3	—
Coombs, P. W. ..	18	46*	190	13.6	4
Seale, K. C.	18	46	201	11.2	—
Money, W. H. .. .	16	26	120	10.6	5
Crosthwaite, J. N.	17	25	149	9.9	2
Cordell, A. G. .. .	16	29	106	8.9	4
Leach, D. W. .. .	18	37	123	7	2
McIntyre, D. P. ..	15	17	56	3.7	—
Anderson, R. A. .	11	12	25	2.3	2

*Not Out.

Name.	No. of Overs	Mdns.	Runs	Wkts.	Avg.
Crosthwaite, J. N.	144	20	500	54	9.2
Burnett, P. R. ..	37	2	140	15	9.3
Burnett, R. W. ..	21	1	164	16	10.3
Anderson, R. A. .	68	5	304	16	19
Money, W. H. .. .	130	11	475	25	19
Mill, L. W.	31	1	155	7	22.1

J. N. CROSTHWAITE.

BURNETT I.—Good Captain with an excellent working knowledge of his team. Good steady bat, and mainstay. Bowling average often saved the situation.

CROSTHWAITE.—Good fast medium opening bowler who continually had good results. Batting, a hard hitter and sometimes made a good score.

BURNETT II.—Fair bat, sometimes failed through not getting on top of the ball. Good slow bowler.

ANDERSON.—Good fast medium bowler. Sometimes inclined to be erratic.

MONEY.—Good medium pace bowler, who would have been better if he could have had better length control.

COOMBS.—Awkward and unorthodox bat, who obtained some of our best results in this line.

SEALE.—Quite a good bat with a nice style, who would have obtained better results if he had seen them better.

MILL.—Average bat who sometimes obtained good results. Good medium bowler.

LEACH.—Average opening bat who was handicapped by being awkward. Slips field.

McINTYRE.—Sound keeper who may have developed into a good bat if he had concentrated more.

CORDELL.—Average bat who later in the season showed good promise.

R.A.N.C. 1st XI v. SCOTCH COLLEGE (Under 16A).

On February 17, R.A.N.C. went to Scotch for the first schools' cricket match of the term. Scotch batted first, Crosthwaite and Money opening the bowling. After slow scoring, they were dismissed for 96. The wickets were taken by Burnett I (4 for 7), Money (2 for 10), and Crosthwaite (2 for 16).

After the fall of the second wicket, R.A.N.C. declared at 109. Burnett I was top scorer with 76, while Burnett II was 26 not out at the declaration. The 1st XI thus started the term well, but were not so fortunate in other matches.

D. P. McINTYRE

DEPOT CRICKET COMPETITION.

During the 1944-45 season, the College took part in "B" Grade of the Depot Cricket Competition, with six New Entry teams. The 1st XI played a total of 12 matches and finished third out of seven teams. Positions were determined on a system of points. Details of the matches, in order, were as follows:—

R.A.N.C. v. N.E. PETTY OFFICERS.

The exact details of this game are not available. N.E. Petty Officers batted first, and were dismissed for about 130. R.A.N.C. replied with over 150, and logged a good win for its first match.

R.A.N.C. v. N.E. MISCELLANEOUS.

Full details of this match are unavailable also. R.A.N.C. scored its highest total for the season (197), and dismissed N.E. Miscellaneous with a comfortable margin to spare.

R.A.N.C. v. N.E. PETTY OFFICERS (8/11/44).

N.E. Petty Officers, 78 (Anderson 3/26, Burnett 3/3).

R.A.N.C., 31 for 1 wicket.

With R.A.N.C. in a winning position, rain stopped play in this game. The fielding and bowling of the team was good.

R.A.N.C. v. N.E. COMMUNICATIONS (23/11/44).

N.E. Communications, 136 (Crosthwaite 4/31, Anderson 3/31).

R.A.N.C., 159 (Burnett I 67).

Crosthwaite and Anderson did well to dismiss a strong batting side, and the team again batted well for its third win.

R.A.N.C. v. N.E. STOKERS (30/11/44)

N.E. Stokers, 130 (Crosthwaite 4/80, Burnett I 3/44).

R.A.N.C., 49 (Burnett I 23)

The College innings was played on a sticky wicket after a slight rain, but even considering this was a bad collapse.

R.A.N.C. v. N.E. SEAMEN (Starboard) (4/12/44).

N.E. Seamen (Starboard), 88 (Crosthwaite 5/29, Money 3/24) and 45 for 2 wickets.

R.A.N.C., 33 and 88 (Burnett II 51).

Good bowling by Crosthwaite and Money made R.A.N.C.'s position bright, but a collapse followed in which six "ducks" occurred. Following on the College scored a slightly better total with Burnett II batting well. However, the team was dismissed just in time for the N.E. Seamen to snatch an outright win by hard hitting.

R.A.N.C. v. N.E. MISCELLANEOUS (5/2/45)

R.A.N.C., 78 (Mill 21, Burnett 11 21).
 N.E. Miscellaneous, 95 for 2 (Crosthwaite 2/28).
 The College slump continued and a strong partnership gave the New Entries an easy win.

R.A.N.C. v. N.E. SEAMEN (Starboard) (8/2/45)

N.E. (Starboard), 105 for 4 wickets (Crosthwaite 3/17).

R.A.N.C., 95 for 7 wickets (Burnett 1 28).
 R.A.N.C. just failed to catch their opponent's score after a display of hitting brought them to within 10 runs at stumps.

R.A.N.C. v. N.E. SEAMEN (Port) (12/2/45)

N.E. Seamen (Port), 119 for 2 wickets.
 R.A.N.C., 117 for 3 wickets (Burnett 11 34, Coombs 27 n.o., Burnett 1 20, Seale 20)

The College was unlucky to lose this match by two runs after a good batting display.

R.A.N.C. v. N.E. COMMUNICATIONS (15/2/45)

R.A.N.C., 112 (Burnett 11 40, Crosthwaite 24).
 N.E. Communications, 55 (Mill 3/16).
 Playing against a slightly weaker team, the College registered a good win.

R.A.N.C. v. N.E. Stokers (1/3/45)

R.A.N.C., 120 for 5 wickets (Burnett 11 53, Mill n.o. 32)

N.E. Stokers, 72 (Crosthwaite 5/22, Mill 3/17).
 In this game, the fielding showed an improvement. A fine bowling effort by Crosthwaite was a feature of the match.

R.A.N.C. v. N.E. SEAMEN (Starboard) (8/3/45)

N.E. Seamen (Starboard), 129 for 3 wickets (Crosthwaite 3/43)

R.A.N.C., 116 (Seale 43, Burnett 1 29, Burnett 11 25).

The College again lost to this strong team, but played well, and came close to winning

In addition to the above matches, the two following non-competitive matches were played:—

R.A.N.C. v. O.T.S.

R.A.N.C., 157 for 6 wickets (Seale 46, Lt. Brown 31).
 O.T.S., 96 (Crosthwaite 4/28, Burnett 11 3/29, Lt. Brown 2/1)

In this match the two Term Officers played for the College team, which played well and won quite easily.

R.A.N.C. v. OFFICERS.

R.A.N.C., 35.
 Officers, 63 (Money 3/13, Burnett 11 3/23)

This game was played under a very short time limit. The College batting side collapsed badly.

R.A.N.C. v. PUBLIC SCHOOLS.**R.A.N.C. v. M.G.S., at M.G.S. (28/11/44)**

M.G.S. First innings, 105 (Money 4/23).
 R.A.N.C. First innings, 95 (Burnett 1 33 n.o.)
 A very evenly contested match. However, the batting was rather poor except for the performance of Burnett 1.

R.A.N.C. v. M.G.S., at R.A.N.C. (2/12/44)

M.G.S.: First innings, 73 (Crosthwaite 4/15).
 R.A.N.C.: First innings, 4 wickets for 82, dec. (Burnett 20 n.o., Seale 19).

A good match, in which R.A.N.C. were on top in both batting and bowling.

R.A.N.C. v. SCOTCH COLLEGE, at R.A.N.C. (9/12/44)

R.A.N.C.: First innings, 131 (Burnett 46 n.o., Coombs 23).

Scotch: First Innings, 3 wickets for 137, dec. (Crosthwaite 3/30)

A very uneven match, although a good one, in which Scotch showed us a lesson in hard hitting.

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

(17/2/45)
 Scotch: First innings, 96 (Burnett 1 4/7).
 R.A.N.C.: First innings, 2 wickets for 109, dec. (Burnett 1 75, Burnett 11 26)

An excellent performance both in batting and bowling by Burnett 1 gave us an easy victory.

R.A.N.C. v. M.G.S., at R.A.N.C. (3/3/45)

R.A.N.C.: First innings, 69 (Burnett 1 19, Mill 21).
 M.G.S.: First innings, 3 wickets for 71, dec.

A match in which a slump was witnessed in the College batting, and a lesson in steady, careful hitting by Grammar.

R.A.N.C. v. M.G.S., at M.G.S. (28/3/45)

R.A.N.C.: First innings, 117 (Coombs 46, Money 26, Crosthwaite 13)

M.G.S.: First innings, 130.
 A very close and interesting match in which our tail gave a glorious display of batting.

R.A.N.C. v. SCOTCH COLLEGE, at R.A.N.C. (7/4/45)

Scotch: First innings, 144 (Anderson 4/18, Crosthwaite 3/27)

R.A.N.C.: First innings, 99.
 A good match, but again our batting was not of a very high standard.

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

(21/4/45).
 R.A.N.C.: First innings, 127 (Burnett 1 53).
 Scotch: First innings, 101 (Crosthwaite 5/27, Anderson 2/39)

A good win for R.A.N.C.

J. N. CROSTHWAITE.

THE FORSTER CUP.

After an unsuccessful attempt due to contrary conditions, the Forster Cup was postponed last year until April 28 of this year. With a fresh south-westerly wind the course of two laps was covered without very much difficulty by all boats—cutters, whalers, gigs and skiffs. The few skiffs started first and at five-minute intervals the other classes of boats crossed the starting line in the order of whalers, gigs, and cutters. Four minutes before the start was due, the class distinguishing pendants and the preparative went up and were hauled down at zero time.

After the completion of the two laps, Commodore Drew kindly presented the Cup to Cadet-Captain Burnett, who represented the Starboard Watch. The points were: Starboard Watch 16, Port Watch 9.

L. C. BENNETT

THE REGATTA

The Annual Regatta was held on Saturday, April 21. During the afternoon a light north-westerly wind was blowing, and there were occasional showers of rain. The first event was the Junior Inter-Watch Whaler Race. This was over a distance of half a mile. Port Watch gained an early lead, and maintained it to win comfortably by two lengths. The next events were the Inter-Watch "A" and "B" Skiff Races. The first was won by Port Watch, and the second by Starboard. The next events were not Inter-Watch, and were won by the following Cadets:—Junior Sculling Over the Stern, P. M. Cumming; Senior Sculling Over the Stern, W. J. Rourke; Junior Sculls, C. H. C. Spurgeon; Senior Sculls (Otto Albert Cup), D. W. Leach.

The next Inter-Watch event was the Senior "B" Whaler Race. Port Watch had a much heavier crew, and were not troubled to win by a dozen lengths.

The next race, the Senior "A" Whalers, was the best of the afternoon. Port Watch maintained a lead of about half a length until 100 yards from home. Here Starboard Watch crept up until they had a slight lead. However, Port Watch put in an extra spurt, and managed to win by about two feet.

The last event was the Inter-Watch Cutter Race, in which all members of both Watches took part. The coxswains were the Watch Officers, Lt R. R. Brown for Starboard Watch, and Lt D. A. H. Clarke

for Port Watch. This was also very close, Port Watch winning by less than half a length.

Port Watch won the regatta by 18 points, the final scores being 42 to 24.

Mrs T. B. Drew kindly presented the prizes after the last event.

P. E. M. HOLLOWAY, J. ST. B. MORE



Finish of Cutter Race.

—Photo from J. M. Harries.

AQUATIC SPORTS

These sports were held, in the new indoor pool, on the afternoon of Wednesday, February 28, by kind permission of Commodore T. B. Drew. Officers and Masters of R.A.N.C., assisted by Mr. Saltmarsh, C.P.O. Fryer and P.O. Dickson acted as officials, and prizes were presented after the last event by the Commodore. Results were as follows:—

65 Yards Junior Free-style Championship:

Woods 1, Waring-Flood 2, Stacey 3. Time, 43 3-5 secs.

100 Yards Open Free-style Championship:

Gray 1, Seale 2, More 3. Time, 69 1-5 secs.

Junior Diving Championship:

Woods 1, Falkiner 2, Woodger 3.

50 Yards Open Breaststroke Championship:

Seale 1, Gray 2, Waring-Flood 3. Time, 37 3-5 secs. (Record).

Open Diving Championship:

Woods 1, Falkiner 2, Seale 3.

50 Yards Open Backstroke Championship:

Macgregor 1, Gray 2, Bennett 3. Time, 38 3-5 secs.

In the Inter-Watch events the first race, the Junior Inter-Watch Medley Relay, with teams of eight—two swimming breaststroke, two backstroke, and four free-style—was the closest and most exciting event of the

day, being won by Starboard Watch by a touch. Starboard Watch also won the Senior Medley Relay, the Senior Obstacle Relay, and the All-Hands Relay; Port Watch won the Junior Obstacle Relay; and Starboard Watch, therefore, won the competition by 19 points to 3.

As a whole, the sports were most interesting. Two outstanding performances were those of Seale, who broke the existing record with a fine demonstration of the breaststroke; and Woods, of the First Year, who won both Open and Junior Diving Championships, as well as the Junior Free-style.

LIFE-SAVING EXAMINATIONS.

On Sunday, March 25, three officers of the Royal Life-saving Society arrived from Melbourne to examine Cadets for the Bronze Medallion. The candidates included four Flinders Year, who, because of illness, were prevented from taking the exam. in 1944, two Paymaster Cadets and the Jervis Year.

Land drill commenced in front of the College at 1400 and later the Cadets proceeded to the indoor baths to carry out water exercises. These consisted of five methods of rescue, three of release and duck-diving for a brick. During these tests three Cadets failed to obtain the required standard.

The party returned to the College about 1600, where the Commander passed a motion of thanks to the examiners and instructors.

I. A. G. MACGREGOR.

TENNIS

OPEN SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP

Burnett I	}	Burnett I	}	}	}
Coombs		9-3			
Duncan	}	Fisher	}	}	}
Fisher		9-6			
Crosthwaite	}	Crosthwaite	}	}	}
McIntyre		9-4			
Seale	}	Burnett II	}	}	}
Burnett II		10-8			
					Burnett I
					6-4, 6-4

OPEN DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP

Leach-Burnett I	}	Gallasch-Mill	}	}
Gallasch-Mill		7-5, 6-2		
Coombs-Burnett II	}	Coombs-Burnett II	}	}
McIntyre-Jobson		6-3, 3-6, 6-3		

JUNIOR DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP

Jobson-McIntyre	}	Jobson-McIntyre	}	}
Williams-Woods		6-0, 6-3		
Letts-Gaynor	}	Richards-Stacey	}	}
Richards-Stacey		6-3, 6-0		

R.A.N.C. IN DEPOT COMPETITION.

A new activity for the R.A.N.C. in the summer term was their participation in the Depot Tennis Competition. With our limited numbers it was not thought that we would do very well in the competition, particularly as many high-class Public Schools players were in Depot teams. However, the College were runners-up to the New Entry Seamen (Part), who won by several points.

The team was divided up into four pairs—1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th. Burnett I and II formed the regular College first pair, and Crosthwaite and Rourke formed the second. Players who were interchanged in the third and fourth pairs were Coombs, Gallasch, Duncan, Seale, McIntyre and Fisher.

The sets were up to nine, advantage. The College started off their programme rather badly, but improved greatly towards the end of the season. Our play was more settled, and we very nearly carried all before us. Most of our games were held on our own courts, but one round was played upon the New Entry courts in the depot.

Our team was chosen weekly according to the positions then current on the College tennis ladder, the leading eight forming the team. These were then formed into suitable pairs. Burnett I was the College Captain throughout, and the competition proved a welcome novelty to our summer routine.

R. W. BURNETT.

WARDROOM v. R.A.N.C.

On Saturday, April 14, the Cadets played an Officers team at tennis. The match consisted of four doubles pairs, each of whom played the best of three straight sets.

The four games were played simultaneously, starting at 1430. The match was closely contested, the College winning by three sets to one after a total of ten sets. Individual results were as follows:—

Burnett I and II d. Mr. Adeney and Rev. Fawell, 6-4, 3-6, 6-4.

Mill and Gallasch d. Mr. Robin and Mr. Berry, 6-3, 6-4.

Lieut. Brown and Lieut. Clarke d. Crosthwaite and Rourke, 6-4, 6-5.

Coombs and Fisher d. Comm. Loudoun-Shand and Comm. Cairns, 6-3, 5-6, 6-5.

After the sets there was afternoon tea in the Mess-room, and this concluded a most enjoyable afternoon.

P. R. BURNETT

HOCKEY

R.A.N.C. v. NEW ENTRY SCHOOL.

17/7/45.

In this match, the College had a great advantage—the N.E.S. not having played as a team before. However, individually their play was better. The College stick work at no time approached the standard of the N.E.S. The ground was very muddy, most of the

match being played in the rain. The College settled down early, and a fine move by the forwards enabled Crosthwaite to score. Another goal was soon added by Coombs. In this match the flick pass was used to good advantage by the New Entries.

The N.E.S. broke through our backs to score a well-earned goal. However, Coombs scored another for the College, and at half-time the score was 3-1 in our favour.

In the second half the N.E.S. backs turned many of the College attacks, but soon, after a fine passing movement, Burnett I scored again. The N.E.S. rallied towards the end of the match, and scored two goals in quick succession. Until the end of the match, our backs kept the N.E.S. from scoring again. Credit must go to Macgregor, who did some excellent work in goal. The final score was 4-3 in favour of the College.

P. E. M. HOLLOWAY.

R.A.N.C. v. OFFICERS TRAINING SCHOOL.

10/7/45.

This was the first match played this season outside the College. The O.T.S. team, although very keen and energetic, did not function well as a team. This was shown throughout the game, the ball being played mostly in the O.T.S. half.

Bennett, at left wing, opened the College score, and was followed by Coombs a few minutes later. The ground was very slippery, and this caused much of the forward movement to be stopped. Just before half-time, Coombs again scored.

Many of the College's forward rushes were stopped by the excellent play of Lieut. Savage. In the second half, College were continually attacking, and two more goals, both by Holloway, were added to the score. The O.T.S. rallied towards the end, but were prevented from scoring by the fine, clearing play of the College backs. The match was a complete victory for the College, the score being 5-0.

P. E. M. HOLLOWAY

INTER-WATCH MATCH.

2/7/45.

This was the first Inter-Watch hockey match played this year. Right from the beginning of the match, Starboard Watch were superior. They worked together as a team, while the Port Watch forwards lacked cohesion, and were not supported by the backs. Star-

board opened the scoring with a fine goal by Coombs. This was soon followed by another from Crosthwaite. The Starboard Watch backs turned many Port Watch attacks, but Bennett finally got through and scored first goal for Port. However, Starboard retaliated with another by Coombs. At half-time the scores were 3-1.

After the interval, Port played with more determination and repeated attacks resulted in a goal by Holloway. Coombs again scored for Starboard, and was soon followed by another by Crosthwaite. Port scored again with another by Holloway. Towards the end of the match, Port Watch worked together as a team for the first time, but were prevented from scoring by the fine play of the opposing backs. The match resulted in a win for Starboard by 5 goals to 3.

P. E. M. HOLLOWAY.

BOXING TOURNAMENT

The Annual Boxing Tournament was held in the Drill Hall on July 11 and 12. As usual, Cadet-Midshipmen gave a good display and the majority of the bouts were interesting and closely contested.

The Inter-Watch contest resulted in a draw; and the Commodore decided that each Watch would hold the Shield for six months.

The Shelley Cup given to the "best exponent of the art of boxing" was won by a First Year Cadet, J. L. Charley. No prize for "best loser" was awarded this year.

Detailed results were as follows:—

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| Jobson d. Gaynor. | Woolrych d. Cumming. |
| Coombs d. McIntyre. | Anderson d. Duncan. |
| Rourke d. Melzer. | Kerr d. Tulip. |
| Simpson d. King. | Eliason d. Wilson. |
| Charley d. Mow. | Woods d. Williams. |
| Riddell d. James. | Nicholson d. More. |
| Stacey d. Snow (k.o.). | Spurgeon d. Richard- |
| Burnett I d. Bennett. | son. |
| Money d. Campbell. | Money d. Macgregor. |
| Holloway d. Rees (k.o.). | Crosthwaite d. Mat- |
| Waring-Flood d. Richards | thew. |
| (t.k.o.). | Falconer d. Woodger. |
| Middleton drew with | Dalrymple d. Calder. |
| Kelly. | Cordell d. Leach. |
| Hawkes d. Nunn. | Stacey d. Waring- |
| | Flood. |

ANNUAL ATHLETIC SPORTS

The Athletic Sports were held on the College track on Saturday, October 13. The weather was fine but rather too cold to be perfect. Once again music provided by the Depot Band added to the enjoyment. At the conclusion of the Sports, Mrs. Farncomb very kindly presented the prizes, and then spectators and relatives were entertained at afternoon tea at the College.

Chief Cadet-Captain R. B. Nunn, who won the Junior Championship last year, is to be congratulated on winning the Open Championship in his third year, with first place in four events; and R. J. Tulip put up a good performance in winning the Junior Championship. Only two records were broken this year, one by R. C. Campbell (a tall First Year Cadet who raised the figure for the Junior Long Jump to 19ft. 2½in.) and the other by J. G. Stacey, whose time for the

Junior (3ft.) Hurdles was 18.8 secs. In the heats of the Junior 100 Yards, Tulip equalled the previous record of 11 secs.

Detailed results are as follows:—

Open Championship (Franklin Trophy):

- R. B. Nunn, 1st (40 points).
- W. H. Money, 2nd (34 points)
- F. G. Morrell, 3rd (27 points).

Junior Championship (Fegan Trophy):

- R. J. Tulip, 1st (33 points).
- J. G. Stacey, 2nd (31 points).
- R. C. Campbell, 3rd (25 points).

100 Yards, Open (Carr Cup):

- Money 1, Holloway 2, Morrell 3. Time, 11.4 secs.

100 Yards, Junior:

Tulip 1, Stacey 2, Campbell 3. Time, 11.4 secs.

220 Yards, Open:

Money 1, Matthew 2, Holloway 3. Time, 25.8 secs.

220 Yards, Junior:

Tulip 1, Stacey 2, Campbell 3. Time, 25.8 secs.

440 Yards, Open:

Duncan 1, Money 2, Matthew 3. Time, 56.6 secs.

880 Yards, Open:

Morrell 1, Melzer 2, Coombs 3. Time, 2 min. 16 secs.

880 Yards, Junior:

Tulip 1, Jobson 2, Woods 3. Time, 2 min. 23.6 secs.

Mile, Open:

Coombs 1, Melzer 2, Morrell 3. Time, 5 min. 16.6 secs.

Mile, Junior:

Dalrymple 1, Eliason 2, Falconer 3. Time, 5 min. 40.6 secs.

High Jump, Open:

Nunn 1, Morrell 2, Leach 3. Height, 5ft.

High Jump, Junior:

Woods 1, McIntyre 2, Campbell 3. Height, 4ft. 11in.

Long Jump, Open:

Nunn 1, Money 2, Matthew 3. Distance, 19ft. 7in.

Long Jump, Junior:

Campbell 1, Stacey 2, Jobson 3. Distance, 19ft. 2½in. (Record).

Hurdles, Open:

Nunn 1, Holloway 2, Barnett 3. Time, 18 secs.

Hurdles, Junior:

Stacey 1, Woods 2, Jobson 3. Time, 18.8 secs. (Record).

Shot Putt, Open:

Nunn 1, Macgregor 2, Leach 3. Distance, 32ft. 1½ins.

In addition to the above Championship events the following were also included in the programme:—

Sack Race, Open:

Waring-Flood 1, Crosthwaite 2.

Sack Race, Junior:

Letts 1, Calder 2.

Obstacle Race, Open:

King 1, Fisher 2.

Obstacle Race, Junior:

Waring-Flood 1, Dalrymple 2.

880 Yards Consolation Handicap:

Spurgeon (80 yds.) 1, Cabban (25 yds.) 2.

R.A.N.C. ATHLETIC RECORDS.

100 Yards, Open:

D. A. H. Clarke	} 10½ secs {	1938
J. S. Austin		1940
A. F. Sallmann		1943

100 Yards, Junior:

K. W. Shands	} 11 secs {	1940
A. F. Sallmann		1942
R. J. Tulip		1945

220 Yards, Open:

A. F. Sallmann, 24.2 secs	}	1943
		1944

220 Yards, Junior:

A. F. Sallmann, 25.1 secs.	1942
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440 Yards, Open:

R. R. Dowling, 53 secs.	1918
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880 Yards, Open:

J. D. Goble, 2 min. 11.6 secs.	1941
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880 Yards, Junior:

R. B. Nunn, 2 min. 20 secs.	1944
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Mile, Open:

J. D. Goble, 4 min. 54.8 secs.	1941
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Mile, Junior:

E. J. Melzer, 5 min. 28.6 secs	1944
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High Jump, Open:

G. B. Thrum, 5ft. 5½in.	1940
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High Jump, Junior:

R. B. Nunn, 5ft. 2½in.	1944
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Long Jump, Open:

J. S. Austin, 20ft. 10½in.	1940
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Long Jump, Junior:

R. C. Campbell, 19ft. 2½in.	1945
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120 Yards Hurdles, Open:

R. D. Hancock, 17.3 secs.	1923
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120 Yards Hurdles, Junior:

J. G. Stacey, 18.8 secs.	1945
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Shot Putt:

J. S. Austin, 38ft. 6in.	1940
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CROSS COUNTRY—

This event was held on Wednesday, August 8. The course was the one that has been used for several consecutive years, although it was not raining on the day of the race, it had been wet earlier, and the going was heavy. The time (27 min.) for the 4½ miles was 27 secs. slower than last year. Once again the stirring music of the pipes entertained spectators at the finish, though it is to be doubted whether it helped greatly to stimulate the fatigued competitors.

The finish this year was most exciting, and resulted in a dead-heat between Anderson and Morrell, both of Port Watch.

After the run, Commodore Drew kindly presented the prizes and congratulated the Cadets on their good showing.

Results were as follows:—

Port Watch.			Starboard Watch.		
Name	Year	Place	Name	Year	Place
Anderson	IV	1	Nunn	III	3
Morrell	IV	1	Gray	IV	5
Melzer	III	4	Duncan	III	6
McIntyre	II	11	Cabban	IV	7
Falconer	I	14	Coombs	III	8
Woods	I	15	Burnett	IV	9
Leach	IV	16	Campbell	I	10
Charley	I	19	Calder	I	12
Macgregor	III	20	Stacey	II	13
Gaynor	II	22	Middleton	II	17
Dalrymple	II	23	Jobson	II	18
Simpson	III	24	Percy	III	21
Richards	II	25	King	III	30

Cumming	II	26	Leroy	II	32
Spurgeon	II	27	Richardson	II	34
Fisher	III	28	Rourke	IV	39
Snow	III	31	Kelly	III	40
Bennett	IV	29	Christie	I	41
Tulip	II	33	Rees	IV	42
Riddell	I	35	Crosthwaite	IV	43
Williams	I	36	Barnett	III	44
Falkiner	I	37	Woolrych	II	48
Holloway	IV	38	Cordell	IV	49
Letts	II	45	James	I	50
Hawkes	III	47	Kerr	II	46
Wilson	I	52	Woodger	I	51
Money	IV	53	Waring-Flood	II	55
Lang	I	54	Maw	I	56

Total Points = 767 Total Points = 829

Winners: Port Watch.

Individual prizes were awarded to the following who were first home, in each Year:—

Year IV:

Anderson and Morrell—equal 1st.

Year III:

Nunn, 3rd.

Year II:

McIntyre, 11th.

Year I:

Campbell, 10th.

THE CONCERT

On the evening of the last day in April, Cadet-Midshipmen gave a concert in the dressroom, in the presence of Commodore and Mrs. Drew and members of the College staff. The first half of the programme consisted of a number of solo items and short sketches. The recital, "Orange Peel," by Dalrymple, gave an amusing version of the old naval custom known as "passing the buck," as applied to Commodore's rounds at the College.

Cabban's tale of "Albert at College" (which readers of our 1943 issue, where this masterpiece first appeared, may remember) was expertly rendered, as was his amusingly libellous and quite easily identifiable series of "Impersonations" given later in the programme. Two sketches—"Tonic," by Macgregor and Nunn, and "Not Alone," by Coombs and Co.—presented conclusions with which the majority of spectators obviously agreed; while Woodger and Co., in "Heil the Fuhrer!" gave a new twist to a theme which has rightly been made the subject of numerous skits. Falkiner II, singing unaccompanied, Richards, on his piccolo, and Richardson,

Tulip and Woolrych, at the piano, in solos and duets, performed most creditably; and thoroughly deserved the applause their items aroused. The first half of the concert ended with a display of illusions and magic by "Rajah Hopper" (J. L. Jobson, complete with excellent make-up and all the stage presence and patter of the veteran) and "Foudini" (P. M. Cumming), a very able assistant. We think all present were rather astounded at the variety and excellence of the talent revealed by this part of the programme.

The second half of the programme was a presentation of the well-known stage thriller, "The Ghost Train," the original version being somewhat condensed. Excellent casting and skilful handling by those off-stage resulted in a performance which, as Commodore Drew said in a short speech at the end, was really a credit to all concerned, and was thoroughly enjoyed by the audience.

As far as the cast is concerned it would be invidious to mention names, when all did so well; especially when the handicaps of insufficient time available for preparation and rehearsal, and of makeshift and rather

cramped stage with inadequate lighting facilities are realised. But to W. J. Rourke, who, as originator of the idea, and as producer of the play, was really responsible for the whole show, a special word of commendation must be given. Only those who have tried something similar have any idea of the hard work associated with activities behind the scenes for a long while before the "opening night," and then culminating in a hectic climax!

And we would also like to congratulate all others "on" and "off," who had any share in the performance: the names of those concerned will be seen in the programme of the evening's entertainment which is reproduced below:—

(A) THE CONCERT.

1. Piano Solo: "Tales from the Vienna Woods" P. S. Richardson
2. Recital: "Orange Peel" H. H. G. Dalrymple
3. Piccolo Solo: "Various Tunes" I. H. Richards
4. Recital: "Albert at College" P. T. Cabban
5. Piano Duet R. J. Tulip
G. J. H. Woolrych
6. Sketch: "The Lion Tamer" P. S. Gaynor and Co.
7. Song: "Road to Mandalay" C. L. Falkiner II.
8. Sketch: "Tonic" I. A. G. Macgregor
R. B. Nunn
9. Impersonations P. T. Cabban
10. Sketch: "Heil the Fuhrer!" J. A. Woodger and Co.
11. Pian Solo: "Marche Militaire" P. S. Richardson
12. Sketch: "Not Alone" P. W. Coombs and Co.

RAJAH HOPPER of the East
with his Trusty Assistant, FOU DINI,
presents
"HOW'S TRICKS."

INTERMISSION.

(B) THE PLAY.

The Cast.

(In order of appearance).

Saul Hodgkin	I. H. Nicholson
Richard Winthrop	D. W. Leach
Elsie (his wife)	R. W. Burnett
Charles Murdoch	R. P. Hawkes
Peggy (his wife)	P. R. King
Miss Bourne	R. A. Anderson
Teddie Deakin	P. R. Burnett
Julia Price	P. M. Rees
Herbert Price	W. H. Money
John Sterling	E. C. Gray
Jackson	J. N. Crosthwaite
Smith	J. M. Kelly
Jones	I. A. G. Macgregor

Those responsible for the evening's entertainment were:—

(A) THE CONCERT.

Compere	J. N. Crosthwaite
The Artists	1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th Years

(B) THE PLAY.

Producer	W. J. Rourke
Stage Manager	J. St. B. More
Electrician	L. C. Bennett
Sound Effects	K. M. Barnett and Assistants
Costumes	J. A. Matthew
Art Director	R. Letts
The Actors	4th and 3rd Years

STAGE AND SETTINGS

Made possible by
kind assistance and advice of
C. P. O. MCKAY.



The Ghost Train.
—Photo from P. T. Cabban.

FROM TIME TO TIME

This section of the Magazine is devoted to brief reports of events and experiences during the current year.

On March 17 the first and second years went to Mornington for mid-term break. We arrived at the camping site at 0930 and pitched tents. That afternoon most went swimming; down on the beach a game of baseball was started, but it quickly came to an end with the breaking of the ball. That night the camp was deserted as everyone went to town for tea and the pictures.

Sunday passed quietly, and mid-term was soon over. The transport was loaded at 1600 on Monday, and arrived back at the College by 1700 after a very enjoyable break from routine, and with the first year slightly worse for wear after the traditional fight on the Sunday night.

J. L. JOBSON.

One of the most enjoyable afternoons of the term, for those Cadets concerned, was that of March 10. On that date, members of the Officers' Training School visited R.A.N.C. as guests of the Cadets. The College first XI played the O.T.S. XI, whilst a baseball team formed from our second XI met the Cadet ratings in that game.

The afternoon proved to be a successful one for the Cadets, and a most enjoyable one to all. The first XI was able to compile 157 runs for the loss of six wickets (including Seale 46, Lieut. Brown 31), whilst they combined well to dismiss the opposition for 96.

Two games of baseball were played, the first being an overwhelming victory for the home side. However, fortified by the liberal consumption of the tea provided in the College messroom, the O.T.S. improved greatly, final results of the second game being much more even.

At the completion of the matches, hosts turned guests, and vice versa, and were shown over "The Mill" by the Cadet ratings. This proved a very interesting tour, for few Cadets had been through the buildings before.

A very pleasant meeting was concluded by the lavish distribution of lemonade and sweets among the Cadets, provided from the O.T.S. canteen. Cheery farewells were exchanged, with the earnest wish that the occasion might be repeated in the near future.

R. B. NUNN.

On March 11, a Sunday afternoon, the R.A.A.F. sent down to Flinders Naval Depot a team of swimmers to oppose a Naval team. With the swimmers came a diving troupe. This was the Victorian Amateur Swimming Association Diving Troupe: the leader is Australian and British Empire Champion, Ron Masters, now a Warrant Officer in the R.A.A.F. There are five men in the troupe. On this afternoon they gave two exhibitions—one of fancy diving and the other a burlesque entitled "Just Down from Carpentaria."

The fancy diving was excellent, Ron Masters executing a perfect one and a-half with a full twist. Many other difficult dives were done by the others, with the grace and accuracy of the champions they are. This was followed by the burlesque. The men were dressed in gaudy clothes and were made up, and the burlesque consisted of prolonged clowning. All the spectators were unanimous in their applause.

K. BARNETT.

On Tuesday, April 10, regatta practice was cancelled because of rain, and we had a cross-country spin. One Watch was to go to the wharf where two whalers were waiting, man them and pull across to the range wharf. That Watch was then to round the inlet and come back to the College. The other Watch was to go to the range wharf, pull the two whalers back, return the gear, and come back to the College. The Watch that had every member home first was the winner.

Port won the toss and chose to let Starboard take the whalers first. The whalers reached the range wharf as the leading Port Watch arrived. As the whalers returned across the inlet, one ran ashore and that cost Port the race. It took about five minutes to get off the mud, and by that time the other whaler was nearly back to the depot wharf. The crew of the first whaler got back to the College a few minutes before the Starboard Watch, which arrived in one body. The second Port whaler's crew then came in, but the last Starboard had got home before them.

H. H. G. DALRYMPLE.

On the night of Friday, April 20, a most interesting lecture was given by Warrant Officer Vagg and Warrant Officer White on the voyage of H.M.A.S. Australia from Leyte to Lingayen Gulf. The main menace was from the Japanese suicide planes which came over in fours or fives, singling out their objectives, and where possible diving straight on to them. The Australia, although damaged, carried out the full three days bombardment, in which time she fired 450 8in. shells into the Japanese-held positions.

P. DUNCAN.

On Good Friday a walking party, under the leadership of the Commander, left the College at 1230 to walk to Sandy Point. We walked to the wharf and a power boat took us to the Range Wharf. From there, we walked up to the range and took a bush track.

The track was sandy and dusty and there were many side-tracks, but our pilot kept us on the right one. After a good hour's walking we arrived at the houses at the point.

Some enthusiastic Cadets went in swimming, but the majority were content to sun-bake. At 1530, we had afternoon tea and ate everything we had.

At 1600, we left to come back. We cut along the beach, thereby saving ourselves a mile walk. When we were nearing the range one Cadet nearly trod on a snake. It was promptly killed by Kerr with the Commander's walking stick.

On arriving at the Range Wharf at 1715, we found the power boat waiting for us. It took us to the wharf, and from there we walked back to the College.

R. J. TULIP.

A spoon shoot, sponsored by the Commander and open to all Cadets, was held in the latter part of the first term. Each Cadet fired 10 shots in all with eight to count, and sighted for himself. The scores ranged from 38 to 8, most of them being in the thirties. The winner was Simpson, followed by Morrell and More with 37. The latter two shot again, and the winner was Morrell, who scored a possible.

Spoons were presented by the Commander and C.P.O. Mackay.

A. W. SIMPSON.

On Wednesday, June 20, Second Year were ordered to the picket boat for instruction during the engineering period. The day was cold, and it had been drizzling since we left the wharf. Soon after passing the beacons at the end of the channel a heavy squall struck us broadside on, and those below received a severe shaking. Skilful manoeuvring by the A.B. at the wheel avoided any serious trouble, but the picket boat was forced to return immediately.

P. S. RICHARDSON.

A. R. WARING-FLOOD.

It was decided that the activity for the afternoon of Saturday, August 18, should be a paper-chase. The hares (Melzer and Campbell) were given eight minutes' start and laid a trail past the rear of the Study Block to the railway line, thence to the cemetery, and on through the worst scrub available, towards the outer west gate. The pack were held up for a while by false trails, but finally sighted hares between inner and outer gates. A hot chase followed and hares just led to the quarter-deck and "went to ground" in the College. One was found in the linen press, but the other evaded capture till search was abandoned.

C. H. C. SPURGEON.

I. H. RICHARDS.

Upon the arrival of the news of the Japanese decision to accept the Allied surrender terms on August 15, we were told that there would be no prep. that night, and that the next day the First, Second and Third Year might proceed to Melbourne by the early morning train, and return by the 5 o'clock train that evening. (The Fourth Year had not yet completed their Passing Out examinations). Nearly all of the three years took the opportunity of a day in Melbourne, and although the streets of the city were rather deserted in the morning, we all had a very merry time joining in the celebrations which started in the afternoon.

On the Friday the College was "out of routine," and the Fourth Year were this time allowed to go to Melbourne. A trip across to Cowes was planned, but was cancelled because of the weather. All Cadets were permitted to attend the Depot pictures that night—the show was "on the house."

And that is how the College celebrated Victory.

J. M. KELLY.

A CADET-MIDSHIPMAN AT JERVIS BAY

It will be remembered by many that 1924 was a year in which, at all events around Sydney, the Navy was brought into the lime-light. The battle-cruiser Australia was sunk some 20 miles off the Heads as one of the results of the Washington Agreement; it occurred in the midst of the visit of the Special Service Squadron, and, of course, a lot of publicity was given to the Navy. This, then, was the year in which my application was made to enter R.A.N.C. The preliminary hurdle—the educational examination—successfully surmounted I was summoned to be interviewed. Here I was confronted by a number of people, who, with the exception of one, seemed busily engaged in playing a solo form of noughts and crosses. The exception asked questions, and when he tired of doing so winked at one of the players who asked more questions—on an entirely different subject. My answers to these seemed to my mind so poor that I completely forgot about the Service. Some time later my astonishment can be imagined when a friend read my name out of the paper as one of the successful candidates.

Early in February, 1925, I "proceeded in execution of previous orders" to Sydney Railway Station, where I met a number of other lads bound for the same destination. We were, I suppose, like any other year, of all shapes, sizes, colouring and so on, as mixed a lot as could be gathered from six States. A Cadet Captain who had taken charge of us at Sydney successfully detained us at Nowra and piled us and our baggage into a couple of charabancs. This was my first meeting with Joe Collyer—I formed a great admiration for the way in which he made cigarettes and smoked them with the aid of a holder. The cigarette always appeared to be at the same stage, no matter how many he made; and how unperturable he was—whether driving a car or a charabanc, whether hot or cold, whether the road was dust inches deep or mud a foot deep (and incidentally 20 years later he is exactly the same).

My first view of the College was from the heights on entering F.C.T. It gave, at midnight, no great conception of Jervis Bay, but it was fairyland pointing the way to a future which for many of us was never and will never be realised.

Our first day was one of great excitement—putting on our caps, blue shirts and generally seeing what we all looked like in our new kits. It didn't take long for the dye to come out of our dungarees and give us dark blue legs. After 48 hours we began to realise what seniority meant—my first experience was meeting one of the Fourth Year at a time convenient to him in the boiler room to receive six for not knowing his name. My excuse—that I hadn't seen him before—was not accepted.

As far as my First Year was concerned I hardly think happy would describe my or any of our feelings, but none of us were discontented, though somewhat apprehensive for most of the first term. Our time was coming. We were well fed and comfortably housed: there was plenty of sport. In fact, it was forced on us: there were the beaches, the lagoons, the creeks and other places to ramble around in our week-ends. Our weeks were filled with work and a lot of that was of a totally different nature to the ordinary school curriculum. Engineering and Seamanship held all sorts of mysteries. When the mid-term week-ends came round we envied the Third and Fourth Year who went off in their cutters, whalers and yachts to Boat Harbour and Hole in the Wall. When at a later stage I with some others of my year visited Boat Harbour we spent the night wandering about in misery in the dark the mosquitoes having successfully ousted us from our tent. But then I never was keen on eating ants with my sandwiches, having sand in my butter or living voluntarily under primitive conditions.

During that year several events stand out in my mind. The whole College went to Sydney to look over the American battle-ships, being shown around Maryland, and allowed quite a lot of leave in the city. Such freedom was unprecedented. Our Year Officer was temporarily relieved by a Sub-Lieutenant (whose second stripe came very soon). He made us wonder whether we'd previously stood still or just crawled. Flying was the order of the day on duty with him, but going along the beaches was a glorious romp, he being the leader of the gang. Then the Passing Out with all of us in our pyjamas, watching through windows the Fourth Year dancing in the Mess; and, of course, the few

days between the exams. and going on leave—sailing and swimming in the warm, sunny weather. One experience that occurred during that year made me feel terribly small—a lady on one of the platforms at Sydney Station asked me was I a ticket collector. What a come-down for an important naval officer—a First Year Cadet-Midshipman!

Second Year impressions left are very few. Seniority was making us blase perhaps. The main event was a visit to Sydney for the "All Blacks" match—made in various cars and buses. I have forgotten who won, but remember an Irish Instructor Lieutenant to whom we were talking before the match started. By way of conversation, he said: "I'm waiting for a friend and HE hasn't arrived yet." Then turning his head slightly, and looking very pleased, "Ah, here she is."

Third Year brought quite a lot of ceremony and during the year each year was given a name—Phillip, Flinders, Cook or Jervis. We all went to Canberra to take part in the Review or Guard at Parliament House at the opening in May of that year by the present King. While there we stayed at R.M.C. Duntroon and saw for a week how the Army lived. Then again in November we took part at Canberra in the Armistice Day ceremony. Commander Fegen (later to become famous as the Captain of H.M.S. Jervis Bay) joined the College during this year.

In our Fourth Year we found that as the seniors of the College we had lost a lot of the privileges which had belonged to the Fourth Year in our First and Second Years. At our Passing Out we had a real band—the Sydney Port Division R.A.N.R. Band which came down in Marguerite. Previously we had had for our March Past the Pipes, played by Mr Hannay, assisted by a drummer. And in lieu of a play or concert we had a gym display. For our first two years we had had

a very good playwright in Lieut. Spencer, but on his returning to R.N. no one took his place as a producer.

Our year was the first for some time to go to sea in an Australian ship—Australia. Since our First Year the Fourth Year on Passing Out had gone straight to England. We were thus enabled to visit the College several times during 1929, where everything remained the same as we had known it. Our circumstances, however, had changed very considerably. While at the College the year before we had virtually been lords of all we surveyed, but our translation to sea very soon showed us how little we were worth in the opinion of quite a lot of other people.

Since that time I have visited Jervis Bay on several occasions. Once in 1936 in Waterhen. On that occasion I played hockey on the old ground, but on looking around the College it had altered considerably. The Wardroom was a hotel and so was the hospital. "C" Block in which I had lived for four years had been joined on to "D" Block to become a boarding house and a similar story could be told of almost every building. In Yarra in 1938 I was not keen to renew memories—they were rather sad.

The present-day Cadets whom I have had a little opportunity of watching appear to be just the same as we were—the First Year with their look of apprehension, the Second Year with their look of growing confidence, until the Fourth Year is seen with their complete mastery of the situation. But, yes, there is a difference: there are two, in fact. We saluted when we were in Rec. Rig, whether we wore a hat or a cap: they tug at the peak of their cap like a Melbourne schoolboy. We walked or doubled everywhere, while they have their bicycles (like the rest of F.N.D.) for use at least during their week-ends.



VOYAGER

—Drawn by I. H. Nicholson.

THIRD YEAR TRAINING CRUISE.

On Sunday, June 23, Third Year embarked in H.M.A.S. Doomba for a week's sea training. They were quartered in the port side forward mess deck which, though small, was well kept and comfortable.

During the trip, Lieut. D. A. H. Clarke instructed them, and made them familiar with their various duties while aboard.

Doomba left the Depot wharf at mid-day on Monday, 24th, and proceeded round through Bass Strait, berthing at Prince's Pier, Port Melbourne. Owing to the requirements of certain military officers undergoing sea training, the ship had to return each night to her berth.

Each morning, Cadets turned to at 0600, scrubbing and hosing decks. This exercise never failed to produce hearty appetites for the first meal of the day. All meals were good and in plenty. During the day, instruction in such subjects as lowering sea boats under way, gunnery, victualling of the ship, maintenance of logs, ship's books, etc., would be received. This practical work vastly improved the Third Year's knowledge of seamanship, and the organisation of a naval ship.

Watches were kept from 0630 to 2230 daily, though this did not correspond with the usual lengths of watches, Flinders Year learned much about the duties of O.O.W., quartermaster, and bosun's mate.

Cadets were granted a unique experience for the days of a modern navy; coaling ship. On Friday, having previously holy-stoned our snow-white decks, coaling was commenced. An ancient hulk, Moore by name, made fast alongside. By a system of pulleys and trolleys, great baskets of black coal were dumped wholesale upon our priceless decks, much to the dismay of those who had scrubbed them. All day was spent in energetically shovelling coal into the spacious bunkers in the ship.

One hour's guard-and-steerage was granted on Saturday morning; kits were packed, and the messdeck specially scrubbed. A service bus conveyed the Third Year direct from Port Melbourne back to R.A.N.C., thus ending a most interesting and instructive week.

R. B. NUNN.

ORIGINAL

"DOOMBA."

A capital ship for an ocean trip,
Was the wollowing "Doomba" boat;
No wind that blew dismayed the crew,
Or got the Captain's goat.
The man at the wheel was made to feel,
Contempt for the wildest blow,
Though it often appeared,
When the gale had cleared,
That he'd been in his bunk below.
So blow ye winds, heigh ho,
A'steaming she would go,
'Cross Bass Strait, or through the Rip,
Where'er the water's blue,
You can always depend on this little ship
To take you safely through.

"MALDYMER."

The Mighty Hun, the Master Race,
Is beaten, crushed and in disgrace.
Honourable empire of the Nip,
So sorry please—have got the pip.
The troubles of the world—to you
Seem now comparatively few.
I can't see much to shout about
My worries start with Passing Out!

F. G. MORRELL.



Third Year After Coaling Ship.
—Photo from P. R. ...

"LINES WRITTEN ON FINAL LEAVE."

Here, close to those whom I so love,
 Far from the sea and thoughts there-of,
 Without a care for war or strife,
 I relax in this peaceful country life.
 I try to firmly imprint on my mind
 Details of the home I am leaving behind.

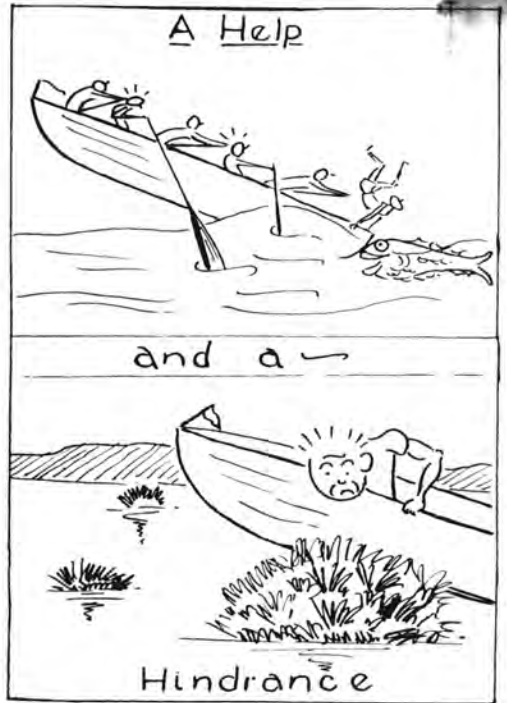
Small things that don't seem important now,
 Like feeding the horse and milking the cow,
 Digging the garden, pruning the vines,
 Taking the twist from the telephone lines.
 The family's habits, and things they say,
 All mean a lot when they're far away.
 A host of things no more thrilling than these
 Will be very dear—as memories.

F. G. MORRELL.

THE GROWTH OF MAN.

The following table shows how Cadets of the Passing Out Year have developed during their four years at the College:—

	Height.	Weight.	Chest.
	in.	lbs.	in.
Anderson	9	59	8
Bennett	7½	50	6½
Burnett	5½	40	7
Cabban	6¾	48	9
Cordell	6¼	34	7½
Crosthwaite	6½	43	8¾
Gray	7¼	62	10
Holloway	9¼	64	10½
Leach	8¾	57	10
Matthew	9½	45	8½
Money	4½	47	9½
More	6½	43	8
Morrell	6	44	8¾
Nicholson	7	47	8½
Rees	9¼	54	10¾
Rourke	7½	38	7



—Drawn by R. Letts.

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