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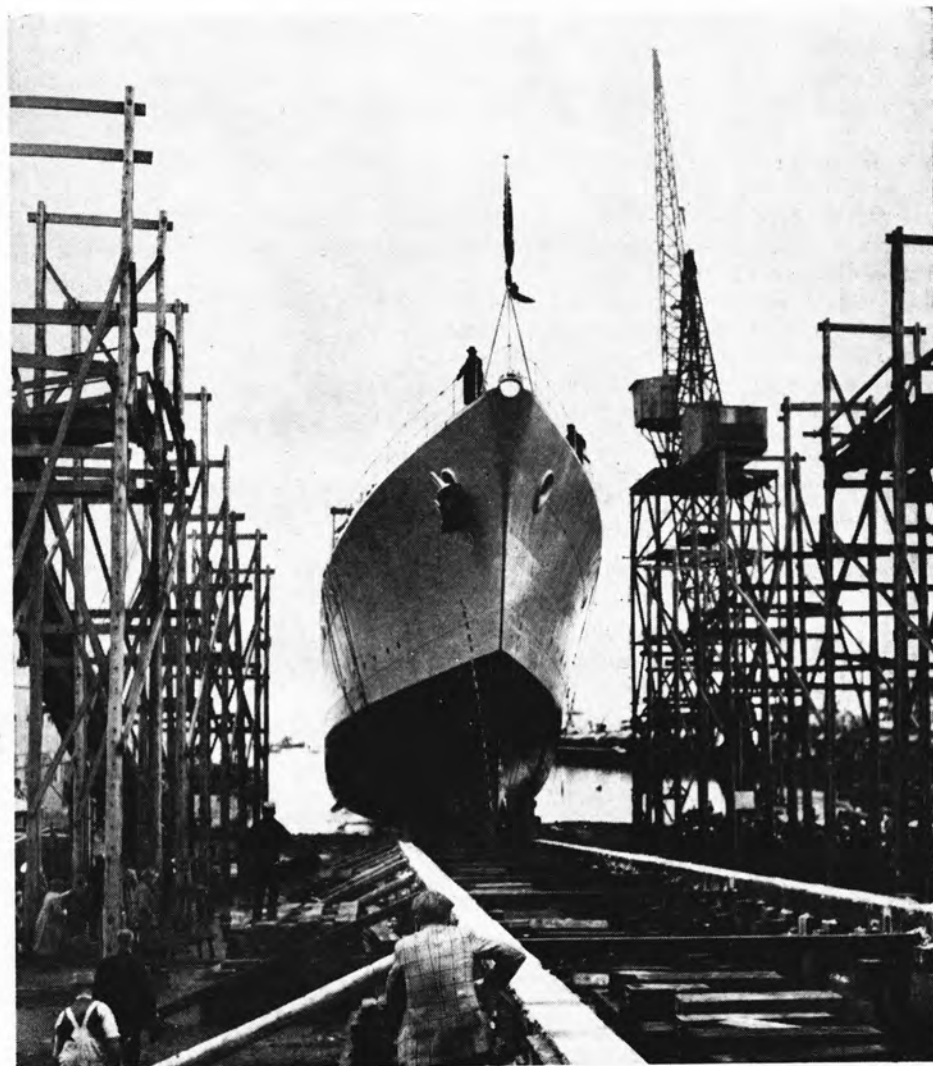
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PERSONNEL AND PERSONAL

To **Commodore W. A. Dallmeyer, D.S.O., R.N.**, who, on being appointed Commodore Superintendent of Training, also became Captain of the College, and to Mrs. Dallmeyer, we extend a cordial welcome. We are glad to have them with us, and trust that they will both enjoy their time in Australia.

We would also like to welcome **Commander T. K. Morrison, O.B.E., D.S.C., R.A.N.**, on his return to the College as its executive officer. Commander Morrison is the son of Professor L. N. and Mrs. Morrison and first came to the College at the age of three when his father was made a Senior Naval Instructor at Jervis Bay, in 1915. Commander Morrison entered the College as a Cadet in 1925, gained five colours, and on Passing-Out was awarded the prize for French. He was promoted to Lieutenant in 1933, Lieutenant-Commander in 1941, and Commander in 1946. His first ship was H.M.A.S. "Australia," after which he served in H.M.S. "Ramillies." He became a torpedo specialist, doing his Long (T) Course during 1936 and 1937. While in England in 1932 and again in 1936, he represented the Navy at cricket. He was appointed to H.M.A.S. "Hobart" on Commissioning in 1938 and served in her till April, 1943. In January, 1944, he was appointed to H.M.A.S. "Australia" as Squadron (T) Officer and at the cessation of hostilities he was taking a Staff Course in the United Kingdom. He was awarded the O.B.E. in April, 1941 for work in H.M.A.S. "Hobart" during the evacuation of British Somaliland, mentioned in despatches for his share at Leyte, and awarded the D.S.C. for his part in the operations off Lingayen.

To **Lieutenant-Commander W. J. Dovers, D.S.C., R.A.N.**, to **Lieutenant R. C. Savage, R.A.N.**, and to **Mr. R. R. Clark, B.A.**, who joined the Staff of the College during the past year, we also extend a cordial welcome.

Hearty congratulations are extended to

Lieutenant G. J. Willis, R.A.N. (1937 Entry), the only Australian in a 35-week navigation course at H.M.S. "Dryad," who was first in every subject and topped the course.

It was with great regret that we learned, early in the year, of the sudden death of **Commander (E) E. B. Vallence, R.A.N.** Commander Vallence passed out of the College in 1920, and during the war was mentioned in despatches for distinguished services in the Pacific. Shortly before his death he had been selected, with other Senior Officers of the R.A.N., to join an American task force operating in the Pacific; and it was as the ships of this force berthed in Sydney on a visit to Australia that Commander Vallence collapsed and died. Our deepest sympathy is extended to his wife and family.

In a broadcast from 3LO on March 6, 1948, Mr. F. B. Eldridge spoke on his experiences as a member of the College staff from 1914 to 1947, and recalled the now famous names of some of the Cadets who passed through the College during those years.

At present Cadets are particularly fortunate in the qualifications possessed by the Officers responsible for supervision and instruction in games.

Commander Morrison, winner of the Sarel Cup for golf, has also represented the Navy in England at cricket, and as a Cadet at R.A.N.C. gained colours in five sports. Lieutenant-Commander Dovers, this year's captain of the Victorian rugby team, is also a fine cricketer and hockey and soccer player. Lieutenant Thrum won the championship in athletics at F.N.D. last year and has been instructing Cadets in modern techniques of high jumping and javelin throwing; while Lieutenant-Commander Tidy, the present squash champion of the Depot, is one of the best hockey players to serve here for many years and has been giving Cadets valuable help with that game.

REAR-ADMIRAL J. A. COLLINS, C.B.

Early this year a significant event occurred when Rear-Admiral J. A. Collins, C.B., became the first graduate of this College to attain to the highest position in the naval service of his country on his

appointment as First Member of the Naval Board and Chief of the Naval Staff.

Rear-Admiral Collins began his naval career like any other youngster of thirteen, by passing his educational and medical



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examinations, surviving the ordeal of the interview by the committee appointed for that purpose every year, and he joined the College as a member of the original entry in 1913. He served his four years at the College, first at Geelong and later at Jervis Bay; and when he passed-out in 1916 he gained maximum time and had colours in athletics and rugby to his credit.

After passing-out, he was sent to England and served as a Midshipman with the Grand Fleet till the end of the war. During this time he decided to specialise in gunnery and in 1923 he won the Commander Eger-ton Memorial Prize, awarded annually to the naval officer of the Royal Navy, or any Dominion Navy, who, when qualifying as Gunnery Lieutenant, wins the highest marks in practical gunnery.

On returning to Australia he held various appointments as Gunnery Officer, including some time at F.N.D., was, for three years, Executive Officer of H.M.A.S. "Sydney;" commanded the destroyer H.M.A.S. "Anzac;" after that did a naval staff course, followed by two years at the Admiralty in the Plans Division, and then became Assistant Chief of Staff at the Navy Office, Melbourne.

When the second World War broke out he held, as well as that appointment, the post of Director of Naval Intelligence. He went to sea again in November, 1939, in command of H.M.A.S. "Sydney." The exploits of "Sydney" in the Mediterranean are too well known to need recapitulation; though it might be recalled that besides her most famous action, when she sank the fast Italian cruiser "Bartolomeo Colleoni," she was the first British ship to open an attack on an Italian colony, as she did in bombarding Bardia in the middle of 1940, and she was the first ship to penetrate the heavily mined Straits of Otranto. The attack on Bardia occurred just eleven days after Italy had entered the war and the intervening ten days had not been spent doing nothing, as "Sydney" had taken part in Admiral Cunningham's initial sweep through the whole of the Eastern Mediterranean immediately after Italy's declaration of war. It was for his ability in command of

"Sydney" and especially for the destruction of the "Bartolomeo Colleoni" that Captain Collins was awarded the C.B.

"Sydney" left the Mediterranean early in 1941 and returned to Australia. Shortly after that her Commander was appointed Chief of Staff to the C.-in-C., China, and later Commodore Commanding the British Far Eastern Squadron based on Java, and it was in recognition of the work he did then that Queen Wilhelmina of the Netherlands conferred on him a Knighthood of the Order of Orange Nassau.

In 1943 Commodore Collins went to England to assume command of the cruiser "Shropshire," presented to the Commonwealth Government to replace H.M.A.S. "Canberra." Under his command "Shropshire" took part in various actions in the Pacific area and later he was promoted to Commodore First Class and given command of the R.A.N. Squadron, the first graduate of the College to be appointed to the Squadron command. It was soon after he had assumed this post that he was seriously wounded when his flagship, H.M.A.S. "Australia" was in action in the Philippines and was attacked by a Japanese suicide plane that struck the bridge. Commodore Collins was evacuated to Australia, and for his work in the South-West Pacific was made an Officer of the United States Legion of Merit. On recovery from his injuries he was temporarily appointed Naval Officer in Charge, Fremantle. He remained there till August, 1945, when he reassumed command of the Squadron. In November, 1946, he relinquished the command to Commodore H. B. Farncomb, C.B., D.S.O., M.V.O., R.A.N., and left for England to attend the Imperial Defence College.

It was soon after his departure for England, on January 7, 1947, that the Minister for the Navy announced that Commodore Farncomb and Commodore Collins had been promoted to the rank of Rear-Admiral, thus becoming the first graduates of the College to attain flag rank and it was on February 24, 1948, that Rear-Admiral Collins took up his appointment as First Member of the Naval Board.

PASSING OUT, 1948

This year the Passing-Out ceremony was held on Thursday, October 28, in the presence of Their Excellencies the Governor-General of Australia and Mrs. McKell, Miss McKell, Members of the Naval Board, and Rear-Admiral H. B. Farncomb, C.B., D.S.O., M.V.O., Flag Officer commanding the Australian Squadron.

On arrival, His Excellency inspected the Royal Guard, which was under the command of Lieutenant-Commander G. Fowle, D.S.C., R.A.N., and was then introduced to the Naval and Professorial Staffs of the College. Then came the inspection of the Cadet-Midshipmen, followed by the march past, at which His Excellency took the salute. The large gathering, which included many senior officers of the R.A.N., with their wives, and the parents of the Passing-Out Year, then moved into the newly completed gymnasium where, for the first time, the prize-giving took place.

Opening this part of the ceremony, Commodore W. A. Dallmeyer, D.S.O., R.N. gave an address in which he thanked Their Excellencies for once again coming to the College. Commodore Dallmeyer referred to the presence of the First Naval Member, Rear-Admiral Collins, C.B., and Rear-Admiral Farncomb, and mentioned the fact that when he first went to sea as a midshipman in the R.N. these two officers were amongst the senior midshipmen in the Gun Room. The Commodore also referred to the success of the previous Fourth Year who, on completion of their time in the training cruiser, filled four of the first ten places, with Midshipman P. M. Cumming taking the top place, in competition with the very much larger number of midshipmen in the R.N. After congratulating the Passing-Out year, and wishing them success in their future careers, the Commodore asked the Director of Studies, Mr. H. D. Simpson, B.A., B.Sc., and Commander T. K. Morrison, D.S.C., O.B.E., R.A.N., to announce the names of the prize winners. These were as follows:—

Grand Aggregate—**C. L. Falkiner.**

English—**J. M. Harries.**

French—**J. A. Woodger.**

Mathematics—**C. L. Falkiner.**

Physics and Chemistry—**J. A. Woodger.**

Navigation—**C. L. Falkiner.**

Engineering—**F. O. Eliason.**

History—**J. M. Harries.**

The Otto Albert Memorial Prize for Seamanship—**C. L. Falkiner.**

The Burnett Memorial Prize for the best exponent of the game of Rugby football in the Fourth Year—**D. W. Falconer.**

The Farncomb Cup for the best all-round cricketer—**D. W. Falconer.**

The Governor-General's Cup, presented by Lord Forster in 1922, for the best all-round games player in the College—**E. R. Woods.**

The King's Medal—**F. O. Eliason.**

In an address, following the presentation of Prizes, His Excellency the Governor-General expressed his appreciation of the welcome which had been accorded to him, and to Her Excellency Mrs. McKell. He referred to the Trafalgar Day Ceremonial Parade which had taken place in Melbourne last week, and at which he had taken the salute, and said that he wished that it could have been witnessed by hundreds of thousands of people from all over Australia. His Excellency also mentioned the retirement of Mr. F. B. Eldridge from the Staff of the College and the forthcoming publication of his "History of the R.A.N.C." In congratulating the prize winners, His Excellency referred to the careers of Rear-Admiral Collins and Rear-Admiral Farncomb, and expressed the hope that the new graduates of the College would be able to carry on the fine traditions of the R.N. and the R.A.N.

The Honourable the Minister of State for the Navy also gave an address, in the course of which he voiced his appreciation of the assistance given by the R.N. to the R.A.N., not only in connection with such matters as the completion and delivery of the third H.M.A.S. "Sydney," due to commission shortly, but also in matters concerned with training of personnel and research in engineering.

The prize-giving ceremony was concluded when the Chief Cadet-Midshipman called for

three cheers for His Excellency the Governor-General.

It is with great pleasure that we record the fact that all Cadet-Midshipmen of the Fourth Year succeeded in Passing-Out. Their names are:—

M. Calder, F. O. Eliason, D. W. Falconer, C. L. Falkiner, J. M. Harries, I. B. James, R. W. Lang, J. E. C. Williams, I. K. Wilson, J. A. Woodger, F. R. Woods.

After the Passing-Out Ceremony, parents of the Passing-Out Year, with other visitors, Cadet-Midshipmen and members of the Staff, were entertained at a buffet luncheon at the College. The day was rounded off with the usual, and most enjoyable, Passing-Out dance, for which the gymnasium, gaily decorated with flags, clusters of balloons and coloured lights, provided an attractive setting.



COLLEGE LOG, 1948

- Jan. 27. First Year and Cadets (S) joined.
30. COLLEGE REOPENED.
- Feb. 7. First XI v. Officers. Won by Officers.
8. Rear-Admiral Farncomb paid informal visit.
9. Senior Inter-Watch Cricket. Won by Starboard Watch.
14. First XI v. Melbourne Grammar School. Won by one run.
16. Junior Inter-Watch Cricket. Won by Port Watch.
17. Tennis v. Officers. Won by Officers.
21. First XI v. Brighton Grammar School. Won by R.A.N.C.
23. Tennis v. Recruits. Won by Recruits.
24. Senior Inter-Watch Cricket. Won by Port Watch.
26. First XI v. P.O. School. Won by R.A.N.C.
27. Commodore H. A. Showers relieved by Commodore W. A. Dallmeyer as Captain in Charge R.A.N.C. First XI v. Officers. Won by Officers.
- Mar. 1. Junior Inter-Watch Cricket. Won by Port Watch.
6. First XI v. Navy Office. Won by Navy Office.
8. Senior Inter-Watch Cricket. Won by Starboard Watch.
13. Mid-Term at Mornington.
16. Fourth Year embarked in H.M.A.S. "Latrobe" for training cruise. Junior Inter-Watch Cricket. Won by Port Watch.
20. First XI v. Scotch College Under 16 and Under 14 teams. Both won by Scotch.
24. Aquatic Sports. Inter-Watch Sports. Draw.
28. First Naval Member and Lord Mountevans visited R.A.N.C.
30. First XI v. O.T.S. Won by R.A.N.C.
- April 1. First round of Forster Sailing Race. Won by Starboard Watch.
3. First XI v. Officers and Masters. Won by Officers and Masters.
9. Commodore Simpson of N.Z.N.B. visited R.A.N.C.
10. Forster Cup, Second Round. Won by Starboard Watch.
16. Forster Cup, Third Round. Wind dropped, race abandoned.
17. Tennis Championships.
18. Bronze Medallion Examinations. Third Year and Cadets (S).
21. Visit to Maribyrnong and Footscray Ammunition Factories.
24. Regatta. Won by Starboard Watch. End of Term Dance.
28. Hockey v. P.O. School. Won by R.A.N.C.
29. Depot Curry Cup. Won by R.A.N.C. in record time.
30. Long Leave, Negative Cadets (S).
- May 21. Return from Long Leave.
- June 1. Senior Inter-Watch Hockey. Won by Starboard Watch. First Naval member, Rear-Admiral Collins, visited R.A.N.C.
2. U.S. Naval Attache visited R.A.N.C.
3. Junior Inter-Watch Rugby. Won by Starboard Watch.
5. First and Second XV's v. Scotch College. First lost 11-9. Second won 19-3.
8. Senior Inter-Watch Rugby. Won by Port Watch. Softball v. P.O. School. Won by R.A.N.C.
10. Senior Inter-Watch Soccer. Won by Port Watch.
11. Cadets (S) departed on Leave.
12. First and Second XV's v. Melbourne High School. Both won.
15. Junior Inter-Watch Hockey, "A" Teams. Draw.
17. Junior Inter-Watch Hockey, "B" Teams. Draw.
19. First and Junior XV's v. Footscray Technical School. Both won.
22. Senior Inter-Watch Rugby. Won by Starboard Watch.

24. Junior Inter-Watch Soccer. Won by Port Watch. Hockey v. Officers. Won by Officers.
26. First and Second Junior XV's v. Scotch College. All won.
- July 1. Boxing Championship Finals.
3. Mid-Term in Melbourne. First and Second XV's v. Melbourne High School. Both won.
7. Junior Inter-Watch Rugby. Won by Port Watch.
8. Senior Inter-Watch Soccer. Won by Starboard Watch. Lecture to Cadets on Salvage by Lieut. Cdr. White.
10. First and Second XV's v. Footscray. Both won.
13. Senior Inter-Watch Hockey. Won by Starboard Watch.
14. Junior Inter-Watch Soccer.
15. R.A.N.C. v. Officers Hockey. Won by Officers.
17. R.A.N.C. and R.A.A.F. College combined v. Combined Schools of Melbourne. Won 9-8.
20. Junior Inter-Watch Hockey "A." Won by Starboard Watch.
21. Cross-Country Race. Won by Starboard Watch.
22. Cadets v. Officers Hockey. Won by Officers. Junior Inter-Watch Hockey "B." Won by Port Watch.
24. First and Second Junior XV's v. Scotch College. All won.
27. Senior Inter-Watch Rugby. Won by Port Watch.
29. Junior Inter-Watch Rugby. Won by Port Watch. Fourth Naval Member, Commodore Willoughby, R.N., visited R.A.N.C. Lecture by Captain Gatacre on Battle of Savo Island.
31. First and Junior XV's v. Footscray Technical School. Both won.
- Aug. 3. Senior Inter-Watch Hockey. Won by Port Watch.
5. Senior Inter-Watch Soccer. Won by Port Watch.
7. R.A.N.C. First and Second XV's v. M.H.S. First XV won. Seconds defeated.
8. Junior Squash Championships.
10. Junior Inter-Watch Hockey, "A" Teams. Won by Starboard Watch.
11. Senior Inter-Watch Soccer. Won by Port Watch.
12. Soccer v. College Staff. Won by Staff.
14. R.A.N.C. v. R.A.A.F. College, Point Cook. Lost 6-3. End of Term Dance.
15. Senior Squash Championships.
16. Junior Inter-Watch Soccer, "A." Won by Port Watch.
19. Inter-Watch Australian Rules. Won by Starboard Watch.
20. Long Leave.
- Sept. 10. Return from Long Leave.
17. Rear-Admiral Pizey paid informal visit.
25. Fourth Year v. Remainder of College Hockey. Won by Fourth Year.
- Oct. 2. Hockey First XI v. Officers.
9. Annual Athletic Sports Meeting.
12. Inter-Watch Athletic Sports.
16. Triangular Athletic Meeting v. Brighton Grammar "A" and "B" Teams.
23. Cricket Fourth Year v. The Rest.
28. Passing-Out of Fourth Year Cadet-Midshipmen.
29. Mid-Term.
- Nov. 13. First XI v. Scotch College Under 16 Cricket. Juniors v. Scotch Under 14.
20. First XI v. Brighton Grammar School. Juniors v. Brighton Grammar Juniors.
- Dec. 4. First XI v. Navy Office.
9. End of Year. Proceed on Long Leave.



—Photo from J. A. Woodger.

A HISTORY OF THE R.A.N.C.

The publication of a History of the R.A.N.C. is a very notable event, and one which must be of great interest to all who have been associated in any way with this College, or with the Officers who are its graduates.

Its author, Mr. F. B. Eldridge, as most of the readers of this Magazine will know, was a member of the staff of the College from 1914 to 1947, and both as a trained historian and as one who always had a very real interest in the young officers who passed through his hands was most highly qualified to undertake the very considerable research and work involved. The publishers are The Georgian House, Melbourne, and it is expected that the book will be out before Christmas this year. The title is "A History of the ROYAL AUSTRALIAN NAVAL COLLEGE (from its inception in 1913 to the end of World War II in 1945)." It is profusely illustrated, and the First Edition is limited to 750 copies. Prices are: Cloth

binding 42/-. Leather binding 63/-. the postage being a shilling in each case; and copies may be ordered from the publishers. A summary of the contents was given in the 1946 issue of this Magazine, but for those who may not have seen this we append it to this notice. We are sure that all those who are in any way interested in the growth and development of the R.A.N. will find it of absorbing interest, and we know that it will appeal particularly to those who have passed through the College. It is to be hoped that all our readers will show their appreciation of Mr. Eldridge's long service to the College, and of the time and effort he so gladly devoted to the task of writing this history, by buying copies themselves, and by bringing the publication to the notice of friends and fellow officers. We would like both to congratulate Mr. Eldridge on the completion of his task, and to wish him and the publishers who have so splendidly produced the history all possible success in the venture. Following is the Table of Contents:



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Watch Chief Petty Officer: Mr. W. J. Cantwell, D.S.M., R.A.N.

Watch Cadet-Captain: J. E. C. Williams.

"On behalf of the Port Watch I would like to thank Lieut. Savage for the keen interest he has taken in us during the last year, especially in all sports.

After losing every main event last year, we have made quite a remarkable comeback to win both Senior and Junior Rugby and Soccer, and also the Junior Cricket and Tennis. Apart from these events we gained a moral victory over Starboard Watch in the Aquatic Sports. The result of this Inter-watch event was a draw and Port Watch gallantly volunteered to double the points for the "all the Watch" relay, won by Starboard.

Starboard Watch are to be commended on their victory in the Forster Cup, Regatta and Cross Country, but we can take consolation in the fact that next year we will have the opportunity to regain these three "Pots" for Port Watch.

Our best wishes are extended to Lieut.-Commander W. J. Dovers, D.S.C., R.A.N., who joined the College at the end of the second term. He excels on the sports field, and will be of invaluable assistance to all College teams next year. Congratulations to the following members of the Watch on winning colours during the last year:

D. W. Falconer: Rugby, Tennis, Hockey and Cricket.

D. J. Dalton: Swimming, Rugby and Hockey.

W. D. Philpott: Rugby.

F. R. Woods: Rugby, Swimming.

In individual events, **S. B. Griffith** won the Shelley Cup for Boxing for the second year in succession, **P. A. Hawke** received laurels as Open Cross Country Champion, and **E. J. Barry** proved the Squash "master" of 1948.

Altogether a very satisfactory year, but not enough to quench the ardour of Port Watch, so to those who remain at R.A.N.C., the best of luck for 1949.

"WE LEAD, THE REST FOLLOW."

J. E. C. WILLIAMS.

STARBOARD WATCH

Watch Officer: Lieut. G. B. Thrum, R.A.N.

Watch Chief Petty Officer: Mr. J. H. R. Gill

Watch Cadet Captains: F. O. Eliason, C. L. Falkiner, J. M. Harries, E. J. Barry, I. A. Dadswell.

Throughout this year, Starboard Watch has been quite successful at sport. Though the number of wins to our credit is not as great as last year, there was still evident in every competition, the unflinching spirit and determination to win. This spirit has been a characteristic of Starboard Watch over the years. Lieut. Thrum has taken a keen interest in the Watch and has directed its movements with a great amount of enthusiasm. Starboard Watch extends to him our sincere thanks, for his valuable guidance. To go back to the beginning of the year, Starboard Watch effected a sweeping victory.

Port Watch were defeated in the Cricket, Regatta and Tennis, and only saved themselves from complete annihilation by drawing with us in the swimming. However, in the winter round Starboard, though winning the Hockey, was defeated in Rugby and Soccer. As usual the Senior Interwatch Rugby proved very interesting. In the first game Starboard had the inferior team on paper, but nevertheless ran through Port Watch to win. In the second and third matches, Starboard Watch seemed to have the stronger team, but failed to prove it on the playing field.

Those of Starboard Watch who are leaving this year, wish the remainder of the Watch the best of luck in the coming year, and hope to see the Watch's superiority upheld.

F. O. ELIASON.

THE TRAINING CRUISER



H.M.S. DEVONSHIRE.

—Photo from P.M. Cumming.

H.M.S. DEVONSHIRE

A Letter from Midshipman P. M. Cumming, R.A.N.

Since we left the R.A.N.C., so much has happened that it is impossible to go into detail about it all. But I will try and give you some idea of our trip across, our leave in England, and, finally, of all that has taken place since we joined "Devonshire."

Our trip in the "Stratheden" was a great opportunity to recover from our last home leave, or so we thought before sailing! As it was, we had a very full life during the time we were on board. The ship itself was exceptionally well fitted out. Our cabins were of the two-berth type, but were very roomy. The College cubicles suffered by comparison! Service was very good, as was the food. Even though my French was strained a bit at times I managed to put on weight, though a considerable amount was promptly lost during our innumerable sets of deck tennis. Most of us thought this a poor game at first, but quickly changed our ideas. By the time we reached the latitudes where play ceased, most of the year were pretty good players, though regular travellers could still beat us. We found most of the other passengers very helpful, and as most of them had travelled extensively, very interesting.

Our only landing places were Colombo and Bombay. During our passage of the Indian Ocean we were received as minions

of King Neptune and are now immune from all "haddocks, kippers and other denizens of the deep."

Colombo was our first foreign port, and we did exactly as thousands of others have done before us, namely, rode in rickshaws, raced up the main street, bought fruit and got taken down in the bargaining, and then had the fruit stolen later, and so on. Dick Tulip, Harry Dalrymple and I were invited out for the evening by Major-General Cawthorne, an Indian army officer of 33 years' experience.

Bombay was not such a pleasant spot, and we only had a few hours on Thursday morning to look around. I saw the Mohammedan mosque (taking off my shoes with great misgivings!) and the markets, where silks and squalor mingle. We found ourselves a guide and after we convinced him that we did not want to trade with the Kashmir Carpet Co., he showed us the sights. At one stage we called him "Jimmy," but he informed us with great dignity that his name was Mr. Gunpadt Singpular (???). So after that we treated him as a citizen of a Dominion, as he now is. Though he tried not to show it, he was bursting with importance.

Next stop was Aden. In the harbour were "Contest," and "Cockade," both side-tracked on their way home for Christmas. They had just landed Marines to quieten things down.

Suez we saw only as we waited at the entrance to the canal, and as it was dark I could not describe it. The ship's fancy-dress ball, held the night before Suez, was a great success. Much ingenuity was evident and we managed to do weird things with service gear!

Port Said is just a name to me still, as I awoke to see Egypt disappearing astern, and our passage to Tilbury Docks, England, was uneventful.

During the passage we were "nursed" by Lieutenant-Commander Smith, and also aboard was W.O. Frank Pascoe, who made the memorable trip to Tasmania with us in "Gladstone." Our only work during the trip consisted in taking sights, and keeping daylight watches every five days or so just to gain a little experience. We landed in

England about 1 p.m. on Saturday, December 20, and stayed in London till Monday. Then we went on leave till January 14, when we joined "Devonshire" at Plymouth.

After leaving Plymouth we had a good spell in which to settle in, as the 3,800-mile Atlantic crossing lasted till Tuesday 27, when we saw the Isle of Barbados with great relief. I say relief, because the cadets practically ran the ship, so it's just as well we had the whole ocean to play about in!

At first it was extremely cold, and we felt that turning out, at 6.20, to scrub decks, in bare feet, was mass murder. But clothes soon came off as we got south, and soon we were comfortable in shorts. They wear a special cadet's tropical rig of blue shorts, white shirt, white cap, blue stockings and black shoes, and money belt and knife. We only had our rugby shorts, and now anyone can tell an "Aussie" by his pants!

There are 243 Cadets aboard, consisting of seniors (doing their second cruise), and juniors. We have four Indians, two South Africans, 18 Australians, six Irish Navy, and the remainder English and Scots. There are 47 officers, most of them instructing as well as watch-keeping, etc., and 539 ship's company.

"Devonshire" has been completely converted for training. We have nine gun-rooms, a large Cadets' mess deck, and the bulk of the Cadets mess under General Mess, attended by Royal Marines. The gun-rooms are used as class rooms and we sling in them, and on the mess deck. There are plenty of boats aboard, and we have lots of sailing, pulling and power-boat practice.

Whilst on tropical routine we turn out at 0540, lash up and stow by 0600, scrub upper deck till 0645, breakfast, then instructional classes—have guard drill or signals till divisions at 0800. At 0840 classes commence and we do five periods till 1230. Lunch is at 1245. Then the non-duty watch gets leave from 1400-1900, while the duty watch has a make and mend and does anything on board. During the morning those Cadets who are not "studies" are "workshop." That means just that, and is hard work. It took 15 cwt. of paint to cover the ship's side! These Cadets also provide "special duties" such as boat's crews, watchkeepers in harbour, engineer watchkeepers, gunner's party, bosun's mate, etc. We juniors do about two days' instruction to one day's workshop. Studies include Gunnery, T.A.S., Electrics, Engineering, Seamanship, Communications and Navigation, and we do practical work in most of them.

Well it's about time for lights out (2130), and I'll be on the move all to-morrow, so I'll finally finish this. Best wishes to all at R.A.N.C. from the Jervis Year, and rest assured that the College training is equal to any anywhere. We have no trouble with the work here and keep our end up reasonably well.

[We are grateful for this informative letter. "Devonshire's" second cruise took the Jervis Year to the Baltic. We have heard that in the examinations at the end of the second cruise, the Australian midshipmen occupied four of the first ten places, and that Cumming topped the lot! Congratulations and best wishes for future successes to you all. Editor.]



FROM TIME TO TIME

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

Early in February the squadron, consisting of the flagship, H.M.A.S. "Australia," two destroyers, "Quiberon" and "Quickmatch," and the frigates, "Shoalhaven" and "Culgoa," anchored in Westernport Bay. Among the many visitors to the ships were the Cadets. At 0900 on Monday, February 9, Third and Fourth Years boarded the power-boat; and we quickly made our way out through the channel, where we first sighted the ships as they lay majestically at single anchor.

We came around under the towering stern of "Australia" to the port gangway. Fourth Year went on board, and the Third Year were taken to "Quiberon," where the gunnery and torpedo machinery were the main points of interest. After a hurried lunch we, also, boarded the flagship, and were shown the engine and boiler rooms.

Cadets returned to the College at about 1600; and an enjoyable day was rounded off by attending a violin recital by the famous Dutch musician, Willem Noske.

R. J. SIMMONDS.

On Tuesday, February 10, First and Second Year Cadets were taken to visit H.M.A.S. "Australia," which, with "Quiberon," "Quickmatch," "Culgoa" and "Shoalhaven," was anchored in Westernport Bay.

We left in the afternoon, soon after lunch, and were taken out in the tug-boat. We came alongside "Australia," and were first of all taken to the bows of the flagship, where we were given instruction in anchor work. Then we gradually moved towards the stern, having things explained to us on the way. After our visit to "Australia" we were taken to the destroyers and later returned to the Depot after a very enjoyable day.

J. FERGUSON.
G. HALLEY.

During first term sailing became popular again. At present four College skiffs are used, and Fourth Year use "Triton." With the increase in number of Cadets, it is hoped that more skiffs will be made available.

As "Triton" has again become a familiar feature of College sailing it may be interesting to recall her history. She was presented to the R.A.N.C., while at Jervis Bay, by Mr. Frank Albert, of Sydney. There she was used extensively for both racing and pleasure. After the College had been moved to F.N.D., "Triton's" sail area was somewhat reduced; and this, and the installation of a motor, considered a necessary precaution in the altered conditions, rather impaired her sailing qualities. However, she was in constant use till about 1941. Then she was taken out of the water for repairs, and nothing more of her was seen till she reappeared early this year. A race to Cowes against Mr. Adeney's "Kilki" was arranged, but this had to be abandoned, when "Triton" was temporarily dismayed after a little misunderstanding with the boat boom. However, the mast was quickly repaired, and during the first term, Cadets of the Fourth Year spent many pleasant afternoons in her. Finally, we understand that the installation of a new engine was being carried out during second term; and this will be greatly appreciated. On days when the wind drops Fourth Year are looking forward to more sailing in "Triton" during third term.

J. M. HARRIES.
E. J. BARRY.

On Saturday, March 13, the dress of the day was piped as "camping rig," and Cadets joyfully welcomed the few days' break from routine. After putting up the tents and cooking a meal, some Cadets went for a swim, finding the water cold, but refreshing. Then we changed our clothes and walked into Mornington, where we had tea and went to the pictures. After turning in and getting to sleep, the junior year were awakened when

their tents were let down; and the air seemed to be more full of eggs than ever was the largest frying pan. On Sunday, some Cadets picnicked with their parents, while others spent the time swimming or exploring the bush. Sunday night also was rather disturbed, and some spent the hours of repose on the beach, where, though it was cold, they slept soundly. Late on Monday afternoon we were taken back to the College and after tea turned in to a good bunk.

R. J. SHARP.
D. P. McDOUGALL.

After morning service on Good Friday, March 26, Cadets shifted into recreation rig and proceeded to the wharf. Here they manned "Triton," four skiffs and two whalers, the remainder going aboard T.B. 10, which took the sailing craft in tow. The entrance to the channel was cleared by noon, and the tow proceeded to Sandy Point. Here the tug-boat anchored till after lunch, one whaler party being sent ashore to boil the billy. After lunch "Triton," one whaler, and the skiffs went sailing; some Cadets went ashore in the remaining whaler, while the rest fished (with not much luck, however), from the tug. There was a strong wind and the sailing was greatly enjoyed. Then a start was made on the return trip, but only one skiff reached the channel before the tug arrived, with the remainder in tow. Cadets were rather cold, hungry, and wet by the time the wharf was reached; but all enjoyed the picnic, and are grateful to Lieutenant Thrum, who arranged it.

T. A. DADSWELL.

In introduction to the work of the T.A.S. Branch, a small party under Lieutenant Payne demonstrated aspects of Naval Demolition work to the Cadets (S) at the Depot rifle range on Thursday, April 15.

An interesting feature was the 6 lb. "bee-hive" charge, a cone-shaped charge standing on metal legs, the height so calculated that on detonation the charge blew a hole some three inches in diameter through a half-inch steel armour-plate continuing beneath the surface of the ground to a depth of several feet.

Into this hole was then placed a 25 lb. charge of T.N.T., earth being rammed over it to ensure a good explosive effect. The resulting explosion made a crater about ten feet wide and six deep, the inner soil being baked white by the explosive heat.

Throughout the demonstration we were impressed by the care taken at all times to ensure that no accident with the fuses, detonators and electric wiring used could occur. For these precautions the results of the explosions proved there was ample need.

J. N. WALKER.

On Wednesday, April 19, at 0800, the Fourth Year accompanied by Commander T. K. Morrison, Lieutenant Thrum, and Mr. Clark departed from the College for a visit to Melbourne. In the morning we inspected the Ammunition Factory at Footscray, while we went over the Ordnance Factory at Maribyrnong in the afternoon. We arrived back at the College at 1830 after spending a most interesting and instructive day.

I. B. JAMES.

On the night of April 22, owing to the proximity of Anzac Day, Mr. Clark, instead of the usual preparation, gave us a very interesting lecture on his experiences in Timor. He stated that his unit had relieved the famous Second Commando Company, probably the best that Australia had produced. Besides being a very interesting talk, it gave the Cadets an idea of the fighting against the Japanese in the islands. Mr. Clark pointed out that it wasn't merely "the dawn charge of the Anzacs up the cliffs of Gallipoli" that is remembered on Anzac Day, but the fact that the charge marked the birth of Australian nationhood.

J. B. EDNIE-BROWN.

The College end-of-term dance was held in the mess-room on the night of Saturday, April 24. Punctually at 2000 the 25-seater pulled up outside the College and guests were met by their friends. After the girls had thawed out in front of fires in the mess-room and library, couples began to gyrate

to music supplied by a Depot band; some dancing smoothly, while others proceeded to "cut a rug," the latter becoming more evident later in the evening. Everybody enjoyed it; and there was general regret when the playing of the National Anthem brought the dance to a close. After the guests had gone our reporter was besieged with many baffling questions, as for instance, "who was the fixture behind the Second Year gun-room?" and "who was the *cute* Lieutenant?"

C. L. FALKINER.

On Sunday, March 28, the Royal Australian Naval College was informally visited by Admiral Lord Mountevans, accompanied by Lady Mountevans, Rear-Admiral Collins and Commodore Dallmeyer.

The distinguished visitors arrived while the Cadets were at lunch and they inspected the mess-room, questioning various Cadets regarding the food.

They later visited the gunrooms, putting the Cadets at ease by talking about sporting events, and life in general at the College.

The remainder of the College was visited, then the visitors departed to inspect other sections of the Depot.

R. A. OSBORN.

Since the beginning of the year, much use has been made of the miniature rifle-range.

Chief Petty Officer Cantwell has displayed his accuracy several times, and a few of the Cadets have also shown a fair amount of skill.

Though rifle-shooting is not an art easily mastered, those interested have high hopes of becoming efficient; and, as in former years, may again be able to try their skill on the Depot range.

G. F. BALL.

The visit of Rear-Admiral Collins, C.B., on June 2, was greatly appreciated by Officers and Cadets of the R.A.N.C.

The Rear-Admiral was accompanied by other officers, some of whom, like him, were

graduates of the College. Cadets assembled on the quarter-deck and were inspected. During the inspection the First Naval Member chatted with some of the Cadets, while accompanying pressmen took countless photos. After the inspection the Cadets marched past the saluting base, outside the College.

P. J. HOARE.

On Thursday, July 29, the Fourth Naval Member, Commodore Willoughby, R.N., paid a brief visit to the College. After being shown around the Study Block by the Director of Studies, Commodore Willoughby inspected the new College gymnasium, and the Cadets' living quarters.

I. B. JAMES.

On Wednesday, June 2, Commander Jurika, U.S.N., gave us an interesting lecture on softball, in the Seamanship room during the recreational period. Commander Jurika explained to us the fundamentals of the game, and gave us hints on how to pitch the ball and set the field properly. The lecture proved very beneficial to us all as was shown in later games.

P. SINCLAIR.

On July 8, Lieutenant-Commander White gave the Cadets a very interesting lecture on diving and salvage operations. He told us of the advances made in these operations in recent years, and of the difficulties with which a diver has to cope. Cadets were also told of the way in which the fishing vessel "Victoria" was recently salvaged after she had been beached near Sandy Point; and showed us some of the rusty bolts from her keel. Lastly he showed us methods of stepping a mast, and of securing ropes in sandy country.

M. W. VARLEY.

The future installation of Sound Reproduction Equipment at the College will be a great boon. It will consist of small loud speakers in the four gunrooms, and in the library, with the control panel, wireless set and micro-

phone under the stairs in the west wing. The old wireless sets will be taken out, but the new arrangement will enable Cadets to listen to selected programmes, and will also enable messages to be passed without waste of time. It is hoped that the S.R.E. will be installed in the near future.

M. RAYMENT.

On the evening of July 29, Captain G. G. O. Gatacre, D.S.C., R.A.N., whom the College would like to congratulate on his recent promotion, gave a most interesting lecture on the battle of Guadalcanal.

The lecture told us of the planning of the operation, the armament of the American and Australian forces, the landing, and the night engagement, during which H.M.A.S. "Canberra" was lost. During the lecture, which was attended by Commodore Dalimier, the Commander, and other members of the College staff, Captain Gatacre passed around some photos which had been taken during the action. Cadets are greatly indebted to Captain Gatacre for his interesting and instructive lecture.

J. WILLIAMS.

D. HUNT.

On Wednesday, July 28, fourteen members of the First Year were confirmed, in the Depot Chapel, by Bishop McKie, of Geelong. Chaplain Were, R.A.N., had previously been holding classes for the candidates for confirmation. Our first Communion was received on the following Sunday.

A. R. HORTON.

During the winter term an epidemic of model aeroplane construction broke out in the College, and as a result Cadets have been noticed protruding from upper gun-room windows, launching their models. It is gathered that both Mr. Berry and Lieutenant Thrum have helped considerably in spreading the disease, and that even Chief Petty Officer Frew was not proved to be immune.

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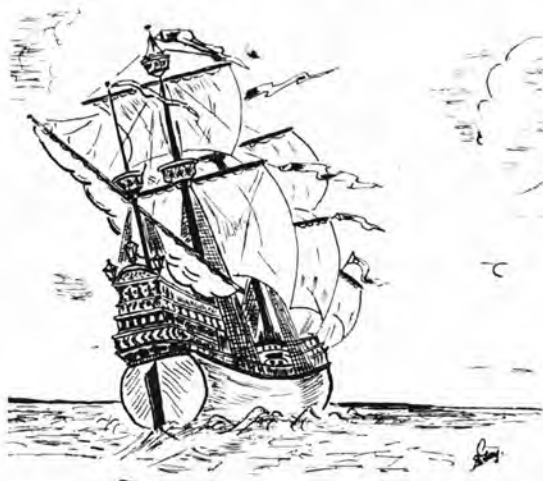
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EXCHANGES

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

R.N.E.C. Magazine, Barker College Magazine, Wesley College Chronicle, The Corian, The Scotch Collegian, Blue and Gold, The Melburnian, St. Peter's College Magazine, The Britannia Magazine, The Brighton Grammarian.





CADETS AT FIRE FIGHTING DRILL.

ORIGINAL

FUNNY THINGS, SAILORS

by "Kamloops"

"Funny things, sailors," observed the Chief Stoker, propping himself comfortably in the galley doorway, "Very funny things. You never know what they're thinking."

"I know what they're thinking right now," said the Petty Officer Cook pointedly, "They're thinking they're going to get this superbly cooked bit of topside sharp at 1145, and I'm thinking they're probably right—always providing my humble culinary endeavours are not unduly impeded by having to listen to a lot of longwinded . . ."

"That's just what I mean," went on the Chief Stoker relentlessly, "Here's us going out on an operation from which we might never return; seeing as how danger lurks beneath every blooming wave in the shape of hostile submarines, and behind every blooming cloud in the shape of hostile aircraft; but does the silly sailor think of that? Not he. He's only thinking about stuffing his kite and whether his 'scran' will be ready sharp on time.

"It's only when they've got nothing to do that they start to do any serious thinking. They say you're not allowed to think in the Navy till you're twenty-one, and then you're too old; and maybe they're right too, in wartime.

"We had a little 'yellow thumb' in my last ship—little wardroom steward—and his action station was with the after repair party. When we'd go to action stations to repel aircraft all he had to do was to help the cook draw the galley fires and then sit down on his tail and wait for some damage to happen, so that he could repair it, or for a fire to start so that he could put it out.

"Well, having nothing to do in action I suppose he started to think; and if you start to think about a dozen or so Stukas all swooping down on you from different directions with thousand pound bombs slung under their bellies, you eventually get around to realising that one of these days the Old Man's going to dodge the wrong way or something and one of these bombs is going to blow you sky high. And when you get to realising that, you're liable to get windy.

"This little steward used to sit on the deck in the galley, shivering and puffing away into his 'Mae West' until it looked like a ruddy great black pudden round his skinny little chest, and in between puffs he'd groan: 'Oo-er, they're coming over again, they're coming over again. Why doesn't somebody open fire? Oo-er.' Sounded proper windy.

"Well, they fixed him. They put him on ammunition supply. His job was to stand down in the magazine under the wardroom and hand up the cordite for the after guns through the hatch. You wouldn't imagine he'd like that, would you? But he did, which just goes to show that you can't tell, with sailors.

"He knew damn well that a destroyer's sides are only a quarter of an inch thick and I suppose he knew that cordite is by way of being a high explosive and that you can set a magazine off just by striking a spark from the steel deck with a nail in your boot. He knew it all right, but he didn't care. He loved it, and after the action he'd be up on deck with the gun's crew, blowing and bragging and blasting and swearing and slapping people on the back and carrying on like a good 'un.

"Did you ever notice a gun's crew after an action? How they curse and blind and laugh themselves sick about nothing? I don't think they know they are doing it. The Doc. says they're releasing their inhibitions or repressions or something. He says it's a good thing, like smashing things up when you're real wild about something. He says it's only when they get moody that you've got to watch them; but I dunno. Sailors are funny things.

"We were down the Libyan coast one day—'Bomb Alley,' the lads called it—and we got set on by a ruddy great flock of Stukas. We had a little R.N. ship with us and she copped it. We were lucky. We got out of it—that time. We not only got out of it all in one piece, but we managed to rescue all her survivors; but it was pretty sticky while it lasted.

"It was about four in the afternoon when they came over. Very clever, the old Hun. They always seem to attack you at eight bells when you are changing the watches, in

the hopes of catching you with your pants down; and they particularly like four in the afternoon. I suppose old 'Ribbonstrop' told them the British always drop everything at four o'clock to have a nice cup of tea. Anyhow they came over this day at four, but we were one jump ahead of old 'Ribbonstrop': we used to change the watches at seven bells.

"You know how the cows circle round just out of range and let you bang off all your ammo. at them, and as soon as you get fed up and stop firing a few peel off and come roaring down at you, and when you get your guns trained on 'em a dozen more come in from another direction, usually out of the sun.

"Well, they did that this day, but instead of only a few there were hundreds of 'em. The Captain said he counted a hundred and twenty all told. That's too many; you can't cope. Sooner or later one of us was bound to get clocked. We knew that; and we knew that as soon as one of us was crippled they'd concentrate on her and finish her off. Those Hun Stuka pilots are brave men all right, but they're not silly. They know it's easier to crack a wounded bird than an undamaged one that can dodge and crack back.

"The boys on the guns knew this and they put up some pretty good shooting and we held them off for a long time. We had the engines going full speed and the Old Man gave his helm orders more or less at random. There were too many of them coming in for him to dodge properly, so he'd just go hard a starboard and then hard a port and then hard over the other way. All hands were wet through with the spray and the bomb splashes, but they never missed a round. We got four of them before they got the little R.N. ship.

"But they got her in the end smack in the boiler room; and as soon as she slowed up they were on to her like a lot of black hawks. It's a pretty horrible sight to see a good ship being battered to death. We circled round and round her banging away with our guns, but we knew she was done for. She was settling down all the time and listing more and more heavily, until at last the guns' crews had to hang on as they fired to stop sliding over the side.

"It was getting on towards sunset when we had a bit of a lull. The Stukas all beat

it, and some of us thought they'd gone home to roost for the night. The old Hun doesn't like being out over the sea after dark. By this time the little R.N. ship was so low in the water and listing so bad she looked like she might go at any minute, so they got all hands on deck to abandon ship.

"We could see 'em lined up taking off their boots and blowing up their lifebelts ready to jump in when the skipper gave the word. Of course, they had no boats or rafts; they'd been all shot to pieces. We pulled over as close as we could and when they jumped we were all set to get 'em in-board—and then the Stukas came back.

"They went for us this time but we were so close to the other ship that the bombs fell in the water where they were all swimming about. The skipper rang down full speed and we pulled out as quick as we could to draw them off, but not before a lot of poor chaps had been smashed up in the water.

"We didn't like to leave them there swimming but we had to draw those ugly black swipes away from them and so we steamed straight out to sea at full speed and prayed for sunset. Sailors don't pray much as a rule, not so's you'd notice it anyway, but they prayed all right that day; and the damned sun seemed to hang there like a great red orange just above the horizon for hours before she finally decided to dip under; and then we saw the Stukas form up and fly away south, high up, with the red light of the sun shining on their sides.

"We turned back then; with the guns' crews sitting around on the deck resting up and drinking tea that the cooks brought round as soon as they got their galleys going again.

"When we got back she was just about gone. Just the bow sticking up out of the water and blokes still swimming about and hanging on to bits of wreckage. The skipper stopped the ship and all hands that could be spared went over the side to help get 'em in.

"I don't like to think about that part of it much. It's all right when you're fighting, but to come back like that in the sort of peace of the evening, with the lovely flat sea all round you and the sky all purple and green in the west like it does in the Med.—well, it doesn't seem right.

"Some of 'em were pretty bad. A bomb going off in the water alongside you doesn't do you much good and some of these blokes were pretty badly burnt before they went in. We got them all in and made them as comfortable as we could and then we got under way again. The crews gave the guns a bit of a sponge out and all hands had a bit of a sweep down and we exercised night action; and then, as darkness settled down, they piped the watch to supper.

"I was having a bit of a stroll round and a smoke on deck before going down for my supper; just checking the funnel guys and seeing everything was shipshape for the night, and enjoying the peace and quiet of the evening. I got down aft and then I saw a bloke in overalls sitting on a bollard with his head in his hands and looking pretty done in.

"I remembered what the Doc. had said about watching them when they start to get moody, so I went up to this feller. I expected to see one of the youngsters. We had some brand new second-class stokers aboard and you occasionally get a sensitive, imaginative one that gets a bit shaken up at first; but when I got up to this bloke I saw he was one of my staid hands; quite an old man as sailors go—thirty-seven or so.

"'Hullo,' I said, 'Not feeling too good?'

"'I'm all right,' he said, sort of gloomy.

"'Well, snap out of it,' I said, 'They've sounded off cooks. What about nicking down and getting your feet under the table?'

"'I ain't hungry, Chief,' he said, even more gloomy.

"'But you must eat,' I told him. 'You can't let these things get you down, you know. I know we've had a bad day, but we've had 'em before and we'll most likely have 'em again.' Trying to cheer him up a bit, see.

"'It ain't that,' he said.

"'Well, what the hell is it?' I said. 'You look about as miserable as a wet week. What's the matter with you?'

"'Wouldn't you be miserable?' he blurted out, all in a rush. 'Wouldn't you be miserable? I had a letter from the old woman

yesterday, and you know what she's gone and done? **Sold me ruddy bike!**' "

[We gather that the above is a true story. The ship was H.M.A.S. "Parramatta" and the R.N. ship sunk was "Auckland." We are grateful to our contributor, and would appreciate further contributions from him and from other graduates of this College Editor.]

The Road To The Sea

"Where are you goin', son?"

"Down to the wharf."

"What for, son?"

"I'm going to sea, old man, and I'm going to see the world."

"Sit down, son, and I'll tell you a story. Once, when I was young, like you, I thought I would go to sea, the same as you. We were on board and had weighed anchor, when suddenly the sky darkened, and the rain came down, and the lightning struck and a most terrible wind blew. It ripped the canvas, and broke the mast, and drove the ship aground. Two of the crew were drowned, and the cargo lost, and the ship was completely wrecked—where are you goin', son?"

"Home."

P. SIMPSON.

Tell me tell me groomed spiv,
Where gettest thou petrol for thy fliv,
Paint to stripe the streamlined chassis,
And telephone number of thy lassie?
I am eager for my learning,
Without enthusiasm burning
Kero in my old sedan.
I am you know, a business man,
Eking out my petrol ration,
Driving carefully never dashin',
Walking when my fuels expire,
Or gummed up plugs refuse to fire,
Then I wonder how the clever
Spivs in painted flivvers ever
Get the gas to gad about
Leaving folks like me without.

ZIP.

SPORTS AND SPORTING

COLOURS

(Showing Date of Award)

RUGBY	CRICKET	HOCKEY	TENNIS	ATHLETICS	SWIMMING	BOATS
1947	1947	1947	1947	1947	1947	1947
C. L. Falkiner	Nil	Nil	C. L. Falkiner	F. O. Eliason	F. R. Woods	Nil
1948	1948	1948	1948	1948	1948	1948
F. R. Woods J. A. Woodger D. W. Falconer D. J. Dalton W. D. Philpott	D. W. Falconer	D. W. Falconer D. J. Dalton	D. W. Falconer	F. R. Woods P. A. Hawke	D. J. Dalton	F. O. Eliason M. Calder



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

At Scotch, 8/11/47

This was the first match of the season, and by the way we played it looked as though our First Eleven was not going to excel itself.

Scotch batted first on a damp wicket and although they lost the first few wickets for 28 they went on to score 185.

Unluckily it came on to rain, and we were forced to bat on a very sticky wicket, which partly explained our failure, as we could only muster 32 runs.

After our short stay at the crease it began to rain again, and play was abandoned.

There were no scores on our side worth mention, but Ross and McDougall of Scotch scored 53 and 46 respectively.

R.A.N.C. v. SHIP'S COMPANY

8/12/47

R.A.N.C. batted first, and at first were troubled by the bowling of Winter (4-24), but later settled down and ended up with a reasonable score, considering the start.

The Ship's Company did not do very well and were all out for 46; Woods taking 3 for 9, Philpott 2 for 5, and Falconer 3 for 13.

R.A.N.C. went in again, easily playing the bowling. Williams scored 59, and the innings was declared at 6 for 159.

The Ship's Company in their second innings were all out for 107 (Martin 51), giving R.A.N.C. an easy win.

R.A.N.C. v. OFFICERS AND MASTERS

9/12/47

R.A.N.C. batted badly this match, being the third we had played in four days, and were all out for 45 (Woodger 17, Cdr. Plunkett-Cole 2 for 5, Mr. Turk 4 for 2).

Officers and Masters were very little troubled by our bowling, and put together a score of 142 (Mr. Calder 43, Cdr. Plunkett-Cole 29). Falconer took 5 for 34.

In the second innings, R.A.N.C. made 81, Williams making 18 and Commodore Showers taking 3 wickets for 5.

R.A.N.C. v. NAVY OFFICE

We batted first and opened shakily when the first wicket fell for one run. A short stand was made by Dalton and Falkiner, but after 20 runs were on the board wickets fell quickly, due to the bowling of Commander Morrison. Falconer and Eliason were the next to make a stand, scoring 50 and 22 respectively. When these two were separated, the side soon collapsed, and we were all out for 136 (Falconer 50, Eliason 22, Commander Morrison 5 for 36).

Navy Office opened fairly well, but the first wicket fell at 22, and the second at 49. Commander Napier, who opened, was still in, and he and Commander Morrison carried the score to over the 110, mercilessly attacking the bowling.

Commander MacKinnon, when he came in, also broke the bowlers' hearts, and carried his score to 25 before he was bowled by a full toss, which he tried to lift to the boundary. Soon after his dismissal Navy Office declared at 8 for 137 (Cdr. Napier 41, Cdr. Morrison 34; Woodger 3 for 42, Philpott 2 for 12).

College went in again and batted until time was up, and when they declared were 8 for 76 (Williams 19).

R.A.N.C. v. OFFICERS AND MASTERS

7/2/48

Officers had 32 runs on the board before the first wicket fell, but five were down before the sixty came up. Then came a depressing period for R.A.N.C. when Cdr. Morrison and Lt. Savage hit up

40 and 33 respectively. Officers were all out for 138. (Woodger 4 for 28, Philpott 2 for 22).

R.A.N.C. opened disastrously at 3 for 0, 4 for 3, due mainly to the efforts of Lieut.-Commander Dovers, who took 5 for 8. The tail wagged weakly, and we were all out for 73 (Barry 27).

Stumps were drawn when R.A.N.C. were 1 for 34 in their second innings.

R.A.N.C. v. M.G.S. Under 16 A's 14/2/48

As usual the R.A.N.C. opened badly (3 for 15), but the situation was relieved by Falconer 55, and Philpott 21, and the side was dismissed for 110.

M.G.S. made a good opening and kept scoring well, though the bowling attack was strong. When M.G.S. were 8 for 109, it seemed inevitable that they would pass our score, but Philpott saved the side by taking two wickets without having any runs scored, giving R.A.N.C. the victory. Falconer bowled well and was rewarded with six wickets, having had 33 runs hit from his bowling.

BRIGHTON GRAMMAR v. R.A.N.C. At R.A.N.C., 21/2/48

This was the only match played against Brighton Grammar this season and our XI very luckily gained an outright win. Brighton Grammar, in their first innings, could only muster 32 runs, while we declared with 7 wickets for 93, with the idea of getting them sent out cheaply in the second innings. Brighton batted again and this time had made 100 for 6 before declaring and giving us a sporting chance of getting 40 runs in 20 minutes, to win outright. Dalton, with a sound 33, helped to secure the victory for us. Chief scorers were:— Dalton 32 and 33, Falconer 25, and Philpott 15.

OFFICER'S TEAM v. R.A.N.C. at R.A.N.C.

Again the XI failed to show true form against the officers and we were bundled out for 85 in the first innings, and 39 for the loss of 6 wickets in the second. The chief scorers were Philpott 16 and Falkiner 20.

For the Officers, who made 135, Lieut.-Commander Dovers scored 54 and Lieut. Young 24.

R.A.N.C. v. NAVY OFFICE 16/3/48

Unluckily we were only able to meet the Navy Office XI once this term, but in this match we avenged many a former defeat by winning on the first innings by 12 runs.

We did, however, play a second innings on a time limit, and the result was not as favourable as in the first innings.

In the first innings we scored 91 runs; Philpott with 27 and Woodger with 22 were the main run getters. Commander MacKinnon taking 5 for 28, was the cause of our collapse.

Navy Office replied with a total of 79, Captain Harrington with 27 was the top scorer. Falconer 4 for 21, and Crago 4 for 16, were the most successful bowlers for R.A.N.C.

In our second attempt we could only muster 39 for the loss of eight wickets. Navy Office in their innings scored 62 for the loss of 4 wickets, Mr. Woolmer scoring 29 not out.

J. E. C. WILLIAMS.

SCOTCH v. R.A.N.C. 20/3/48

Play started at 11.25 with light rain falling, and the College batted. Philpott and Dalton opened. Dalton was caught and bowled by Kidd, as was Philpott soon after. A collapse occurred until Rae and Vonhethoff made a stand just after lunch. R.A.N.C. were dismissed for 36. Top scorers were Philpott 13, and Rae 9.

Scotch batted after lunch, and Bisset was dismissed by a remarkable catch. It bounced off Philpott's head, and after a dive, Griffiths managed to take it. Roger was soon dismissed for a small score. Scotch's score mounted steadily, with two more wickets falling. Then Grave came in and he, after baiting well, retired at 3 o'clock with a well-hit 52 to his credit. One more batsman appeared, but Scotch soon declared at 6 for 14!

We then opened again and another collapse occurred, and we were out for 37.

The day ended after an enjoyable match with Scotch winning by an innings and 68 runs.

D. J. DALTON.

INTERWATCH CRICKET

The Interwatch cricket proved to be, though fairly even, of a low standard, with some very low scores. Port Watch had a better team on paper, but lacked the balance and all round ability of the Starboard Watch team.

Soon after coming back from Christmas leave we played the first match, and Starboard Watch clinched the victory in the last few minutes of play.

Starboard Watch opened up and declared at 9 for 123, with Barry scoring an attractive 44 not out. Port Watch, batting with only ten men, were all out for 119, with Dalton 43, and Falconer 35 not out being top scorers.

The next match went to Port Watch on the first innings, the scores being, Port Watch 46 and 4 for 64, defeating Starboard Watch, 5 for 89. No batsman made a score in the first innings. However, in the second innings all batsmen hit out, and Falkiner scored 32 for Starboard Watch; while for Port Watch, Williams and Falconer scored 35 and 28 respectively.

The last and deciding match proved to be a walkover for Starboard Watch, who scored 114, while Port Watch only managed to scrape together 46. Dadswell scored 43 for Starboard Watch, while Adams taking 4 for 18 was the only successful Port Watch bowler.

Philpott was the mainstay of the Port Watch batting, scoring a solid 17.

Falkiner 6 for 19 and Woodger 4 for 23, bowled very well to dismiss their opponents so quickly on a fairly easy wicket.

D. W. FALCONER.

FIRST ELEVEN AVERAGES

Batting			
Name	Aggr.	Inns.	Aver. H.S.
Falconer	283	22	15.7 55
Dalton	292	23	13.3 46
Falkiner	260	23	11.8 43
Barry	136	18	9.7 44*
Philpott	204	23	9.3 29*
Woods	91	17	9.1 18*
Williams	185	23	8.4 59
Woodger	176	21	8.4 22
Eliason	109	15	7.8 22
Adams	112	17	7.5 22

*Not Out

Bowling			
Name	Wkts.	Runs	Aver.
Falconer	43	446	10.3
Philpott	28	292	10.4
Adams	17	179	10.5
Woodger	34	377	11.1
Woods	24	267	11.1
Falkiner	31	375	12.1
Crago	14	239	17

RUGBY

1st XV v. SCOTCH COLLEGE

5/6/48

R.A.N.C. kicked off and good play in Scotch's half met good defensive tackling. A try was narrowly missed, but the Scotch team scored from a line-out soon afterwards. It was not converted. Scotch resumed the attack, and despite good kicking by Woods scored, again failing to convert. At half-time the score was Scotch 6, R.A.N.C. 0.

Scotch kicked off in the second half and R.A.N.C. forced the game, but Scotch attacked again, scored a try and converted. R.A.N.C. now settled down to attack. Woods scored a penalty goal, which was soon followed by a try, which was not converted. Two field goals were attempted, unsuccessfully. The game remained near Scotch's back line and another try was scored. Just as the attempt to convert failed the full-time whistle blew, making the final score:— Scotch 11, R.A.N.C. 9.

J. SMITH.

1st XV v. MELBOURNE HIGH SCHOOL

12/6/48

On June 12, R.A.N.C. met M.H.S. at the College in the second match of the season. The previous week we had been defeated by Scotch, so everyone was determined to defeat Melbourne as decisively as possible. They were unlucky that eight of their firsts could not play owing to exams. The College forwards worked well, and won most of the scrums, both loose and set. By half-time we had built up a substantial lead, the backs breaking through quite successfully, and when the final whistle was blown we had achieved an easy victory with the scores 27 points to nil.

I. K. WILSON.

1st XV v. FOOTSCRAY TECHNICAL SCHOOL

19/6/48

On June 19, the College XV went to Footscray. It was our third match for the season and forwards had learnt a lesson from two weeks back and were now playing well. What they lacked in weight was made up with speed.

The ground was hard and fast and within the first few minutes, Footscray had scored a try, which they failed to convert. After this the College settled down and Falconer and Philpott were doing good work in defence. Soon, from a scrum near the line, Woodger sent out a neat pass and the backs broke through their opposing line for our first try, and soon after that Philpott scored a try in the corner. None of these tries were converted. The Footscray forwards were tiring and ours were playing on well. The backs were moving swiftly now and several times they crashed through the opposing three-quarter line; and R.A.N.C. ran out winners, 15-3.

F. R. WOODS.

1st XV v. SCOTCH COLLEGE

26/6/48

Our defeat by Scotch College in the first match for the season gave us something to really fight for. Within five minutes of the kick off a fast backline movement gave Philpott an easy dash to the line. Woods converted the try.

From a line-out in Scotch's twenty-five, Wilson took the ball down smartly, and forced his way over the line for a try. Once again Woods converted. Scotch forwards with their bustling manner succeeded in forcing the play into our twenty-five, where Falconer, playing full-back, gathered in the ball, did a neat kick down the field and followed up. A fumble by Scotch's full-back gave Falconer his chance and once again he neatly gathered in the ball and raced down the field to score our third try. This was not converted. Half-time scores: R.A.N.C. 13, Scotch 0.

From the kick-off in the second half, Scotch forwards made desperate attempts to break through, but our forwards having learnt their lesson from the first match against Scotch, held them up. Woods crashed through from a line-out in Scotch's twenty-five and scored a try which he converted. Well-judged kicking by Falconer caused many of the line-outs to be well within Scotch's twenty-five, and from these Lang and Calder scored a try each, but these were not converted.

Final scores were:— R.A.N.C. 24, Scotch 0.

1st XV v. MELBOURNE HIGH SCHOOL**3/7/48**

The day was fairly dry and their larger forwards forced us on the defence. The ball was often out to both backs. Early in the first half their wing broke through and scored their first try, which was not converted. From a line-out, of which there were a large number, the ball was passed out to our backs, and Falkiner scored our first try, which Woods converted. At this point the play became very fast, and occasional breaks were made to rest the players. Shortly after half-time, Melbourne High again broke through and scored a try near the posts, which was converted. Falkiner attempted to score, but was injured and had to be carried off. Eliason, however, replied with a try which was not converted. Thus at full-time the scores were even, with eight points each.

J. C. WALLER.

1st XV v. FOOTSCRAY TECHNICAL SCHOOL**10/7/48**

The toss was won by Footscray Technical School, and they kicked off at 1525. Both teams started off well and play in the forwards was hard. Any chance of movement in the backs was marred by loose passing, and Dalton at "Lock" was first to force the ball over the line, 15 minutes after the start of play.

Between then and half-time, F.T.S. twice broke through the back line, and the score at half-time was 6-3 in favour of F.T.S.

The play after the change over was even more determined, but though the passing was still loose, tackling was good, and Eliason scored twice, Barry once. With one conversion, the College won comfortably at 14-6.

P. J. SIMMONDS.

1st XV v. SCOTCH**24/7/48**

The three Scotch College teams arrived about 1345 and the 2nd and Junior XV's played first. The 1st's kicked off at 1520 and Scotch had the pleasure of kicking off. After this the College were immediately put into a defensive position until Williams and Woodger reversed the positions, narrowly missing a try. Scotch attacked several times, but Harries' kicking saved a try. The first try was scored close to the end of the first half by the Scotch winger, who toed the ball up the field after a line-out, but failed to convert. After some loose play, Eliason made a brilliant forty-yards run, but Scotch defence proved very sound. After a fast run by Scotch centres, they scored again, but once more failed to convert. This was immediately followed by a try from Williams which was also not converted. Some time later, Falkiner scored and it was converted. Scotch again scored, and the half-time score was Scotch 9, College 8.

The beginning of the second half showed good passing by our backs and we soon took up the attack. After much hard play, Philpott scored and the try was converted. Scotch followed this up by another try, which was converted. Some

minutes later, Woods kicked a penalty goal and after that our forwards forced the game, resulting in a try, which was not converted. The final score was College 19, Scotch 14.

D. J. DALTON

1st XV v. FOOTSCRAY TECHNICAL SCHOOL**31/7/48**

On July 31, the College played F.T.S. at home. Footscray kicked off and tried to break through with their forwards. The College replied with long kicks down the line. From a scrum near the Footscray goal; Woods went through to score a try between the posts. Dalton converted and the score was 5-0. The College forwards were winning the scrums and line-outs, and soon Dalton broke through to score a try, which he could not convert. Good passing by the backs sent Philpott over for the third try. Footscray were not keeping up with the ball, and soon Woods went over the line for his second try. Dalton converted it and the score was 16-0. Footscray made several attempts to score, but the College defence held them off. The half-time whistle blew with the College 16-0 in front.

The College threw all it had into the game and Footscray had no counter for the strong forward rushes. Philpott took a good pass from Dalton and scored. Soon after Dalton broke through to score his second try, which he converted. Play rarely left Footscray's half, and Dalton took the ball at the back of a line-out and scored again. Footscray made an effort to break through, but failed because of poor passing. Soon after Dalton scored his fourth try. The game ended soon after this with the College winning 30-0.

T. DADSWELL.

1st XV v. MELBOURNE HIGH SCHOOL**7/8/48**

There was a slight cross breeze blowing, but this had little or no effect on the game. The College scored early and kept on scoring intermittently through the first half. The Melbourne defence was good, particularly on their own back line; many times the College drove to within five yards or so from the try line only to be driven back. There was good team work, but the passing was not quite up to standard, the score at half-time being eleven to nil.

In the second half the College pressed even more fiercely and although the defence was still stubborn the game finished with a score of 28-0. The tries were scored by Dalton, Philpott, Charley, Woodger, Woods, Falkiner, Eliason and Williams; Dalton converted twice. This was one of the most decisive wins of the season.

R. APPLETON.

1st XV v. R.A.A.F.C.**15/8/48**

The First XV left the College by bus at 0945, arriving at Point Cook at 1145, where we were met by the Air Force Cadets. After a very enjoyable lunch we were shown over the station, and entertained in their recreation room.

The match began at 1415, but the extremely boisterous wind and the dry hard ground made the game very difficult. The wind was across the ground, and consequently every time a ball was kicked, it invariably went over the side-line.

The Air Force eventually won a hard game by 6 points to 3. The team then had a welcome shower and an excellent afternoon tea before leaving the establishment at 1615.

R. W. LANG.

SERVICES v. COMBINED MELBOURNE SCHOOLS

On Saturday July 17, a team from the College and the R.A.A.F.C. met a combined team at Scotch College.

From the kick-off at 1430, it was obvious that it would be a forwards' game, the ball being forced out many times. The forwards were very even and play see-sawed a lot until the Services scored the first try, making the score 3-0.

A determined rush by Combined was repulsed and the Services team nearly scored, but bad handling eased the position; play continued and the half-time whistle found the score still 3-0 in Services' favour.

Play recommenced and again the forwards fought hard, but frequent mishandling by both back-lines spoilt many chances of scoring. Combined attacked vigorously, but failed to score, then following a scrum, Woods took the ball on at the toe and scored, this being converted by Symons of the Air Force College. Score now 8-0, in Services' favour.

Combined drove the ball forward at the kick-off and after a tussle in the goal mouth they tried, but failed to convert. Score 8-3.

Forwards now attacked furiously, the Service team taking the ball on at the toe, but clever interception by a Combined man resulted in the Schools scoring; however, they failed to convert, and the final whistle found the scores 8-6 in the Services' favour.

All acclaimed it an excellent game and it is hoped that there will be more in the future.

J. M. HARRIES.

RESULTS OF 2nd XV MATCHES

June 5 v. Scotch College—won 19-3.

June 26 v. Scotch College—won 44-0.

July 3 v. M.H.S.—lost 6-5.

July 24 v. Scotch College—won 11-6.

August 7 v. M.H.S.—lost 15-3.

H. J. P. ADAMS.

RUGBY JUNIOR XV MATCHES

Results were as follows:

v. Footscray Technical School, R.A.N.C. won 6-0.

v. Scotch College, R.A.N.C. won 10-0.

v. Footscray Technical School, Footscray won 25-6.

v. Scotch College, R.A.N.C. won 20-0.

v. Footscray Technical School, R.A.N.C. won 8-3.

C. K. CALLINS.

INTERWATCH RUGBY

The first Interwatch game was played on Wednesday, June 9. Port were the favourites, but Starboard Watch took the field with an optimistic spirit.

The game started at a fast pace, with Starboard running east. Port pushed deep into Starboard's twenty-five and scored when their back-line got moving. The score was 3-0; Woods failing to convert.

Upon the commencement of play, Starboard attacked, but they were soon driven back and Woods broke through and scored for Port. The try was converted and at half-time the score was: Port 8, Starboard nil.

On the resumption of play, Starboard put some fire into their play, and soon scored from the blind side. Jacobs failed to convert and the score was 8-3. This try put some spirit into the Starboard Watch players, and again the backs broke through, Waller scoring for Starboard. No kick was taken and the score were 8-6.

Port kicked off and after some hard play, Jacobs scored again for Starboard, making the scores 9-8. No more tries were scored and the match ended in a hard-played victory for Starboard.

P. SIMPSON.

SOCCER

R.A.N.C. v. OFFICERS

22/7/48

Officers kicked off and immediately drove goalwards. The College defence stopped the attack and for sometime play centred about the half-way mark. The Officers again attacked and after a wild scramble, Mr. Robin scored. The College were finding the Officers' defence too strong and the forwards wasted many chances by poor kicking. Again the Officers attacked and Barry in attempting to head the ball away from goal, knocked it through. Just before half-time, Lieut-Cdr. Dovers drove the ball through for their third score.

The second half proved that the short passing of the cadets was useless against the long-driving kicks used by the Officers. Woods saved well in the goal mouth several times, but the ball rarely left the Cadets' half. Mr. Clark passed accurately from the wing to Lieut-Cdr. Dovers, who scored with a good kick. The College seemed to falter

and allowed Lieut-Cdr. Dovers to score his third goal. After this the College attacked with more purpose, but were unable to pass the Officers' defence. The final whistle blew with the score 5-0 in the Officers' favour.

T. DADSWELL.

R.A.N.C. v. OFFICERS

The first match was played in ideal conditions on Saturday, June 12. Although it was not the strongest team that the College could field—many of the usual players having taken part in a Rugby match just previously—they put up a good show. The first half was often marred by crowded play, but in the second half the play was faster and more open. The Officers showed better control of the ball and deserved their win (3-1).

The second match was played in similar conditions on Thursday, June 17. Both teams were soon into their stride, but neither side had scored up to half-time. The game provided a good spectacle, and

was fast and open. Soon after half-time, a delightful kick by Lieut.-Cdr. Tidy from near the half-way line registered the first score of the game. The play fluctuated, both teams showing good system. A few minutes before the end, Woodger got the equalising goal and the game resulted in a draw (1-1).

FOURTH YEAR v. THE REST

On Tuesday, August 17, the Fourth Year played the Rest soccer. The play was exciting and after

a great tussle, Fourth Year won 7-5. At half-time the score was 3-1 in favour of Fourth Year. After half-time, the Rest came to the fore and led 4-3. However, quick scoring by Eliason enabled the Fourth Year to win.

Scorers were: For Fourth Year, Eliason 6, Falkiner 1; For the Rest, Barry 2, Philpott, Dalton and Hudson, one each.

D. M. GRIGSON.

TENNIS

Soon after our return from leave the tennis championships were commenced. The weather on the whole was good, except for the closing games, but we were fortunate to have a good day for the finals.

Besides the singles and doubles championships, there was also a "mixed" doubles tournament, in which a Cadet was paired with a member of the College staff, and handicapped according to their respective abilities.

The standard of tennis throughout has been very good and much interest was taken in the championships, while in progress. From the results below it will be seen that the singles was fought out between Falkiner and Falconer, the doubles between Falkiner-Falconer and Williams-Harries, and the mixed doubles between Commander Gatacre-Falkiner and Commander Morrison-Falconer.

In the Open Singles the first set was very even until Falkiner was able to take Falconer's service, thus taking it 6-8. However, in the second set, Falconer could not cope with the hard, fast, and accurate tennis of his opponent and although he fought

on gamely could not prevent Falkiner from winning 6-1.

Some thrilling tennis was witnessed in the Open Doubles, which was played on the conclusion of the singles.

Williams and Harries took longer to settle down into their game than their opponents, but once both pairs were into their stride it was a very interesting spectacle. The match finally went to Falkiner and Falconer, 6-3, 6-3.

The final of the Mixed Doubles was the concluding event of the afternoon and provided much excitement. From the outset it became a tough contest. The first set went to Commander Morrison and Falconer, 7-5. They continued to have the edge on their opponents in the second set, and had three match points in their favour. But Commander Gatacre and Falkiner fought back, captured the three vital points, won the second set, 7-5, and came out victors, 5-7, 7-5, 6-1.

Mrs. Dallmeyer kindly presented the trophies to the winners.

OPEN SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP

Falkiner	}	Falkiner	}	Falkiner 6-3, 7-5	}	Falkiner 8-6, 6-1
Barry		Harries				
Adams	}	Crago	}	Falconer 6-2, 6-4		
Harries		Falconer				
Woods	}	Simmonds				
Crago						

OPEN DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP

Adams-Simmonds	}	Adams-Simmonds	}	Williams-Harries 6-4, 3-6, 9-7	}	Falkiner-Falconer 6-3, 6-3
Dalton-Charley		Williams-Harries				
Grigson-Ball	}	Falkiner-Falconer	}	Falkiner-Falconer 2-6, 6-1, 6-4		
Williams-Harries		Crago-Brown				
Falkiner-Falconer	}	Dadswell				
Crago-Brown		Woodger				

H. J. P. ADAMS.

JUNIOR TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Junior Tennis Championships were played off on Saturday, April 17. The day was somewhat overcast, with hardly any wind, thus making it practically an ideal day for tennis.

The match between Knox and Johnston was very well played, and Knox gained a well-earned victory. The scores were 6-2, 6-1.

The Doubles Championships between Knox and Griffith and Ednie-Brown and Johnston also resulted in a win for Knox and his partner.

The prizes, a cup for the singles champion, and serviette rings for the doubles champions, were presented by Mrs. Dallmeyer.

B. R. LEE.

SOFT BALL

CADETS v. PETTY OFFICERS' SCHOOL.

Three times in the second term, on June 8 and 15, and August 3, the Cadets played the Petty Officers' School soft ball. The Cadets won all three easily, the scores being 42 to 2, 18 to 13 and 18 to 5. The first game was an easy win, but after that, the Petty Officers' play improved with each game. On a latter occasion the teams were mixed and this made the game more even.

E. J. BARRY.

INTERWATCH TENNIS

The 1948 Senior Interwatch tennis was played on Wednesday, March 10. The conditions were ideal for tennis and Starboard Watch proved too good for Port Watch, winning seven sets to one.

The Junior Interwatch tennis was played off a few days before and resulted in a victory to Port Watch, who won five sets to three.

The following is the detail of the Senior Interwatch competition:—

Singles.

- Falkiner (Starboard) d. Crago (Port)—6-3.
- Harries (Starboard) d. Woods (Port)—7-5.
- Barry (Starboard) d. Brown (Port)—6-1.
- Simmonds (Starboard) d. Adams (Port)—7-5.

Doubles.

- Falconer-Williams (Port) d. Eliason-Woodger (Starboard)—9-5.
- Vonthehoff-Dadswell (Starboard) d. Charley-Dalton (Port)—9-1.
- James-Rae (Starboard) d. Philpott-Wilson (Port)—9-5.
- Blaikie-Calder (Starboard) d. Grigson-Hawke (Port)—9-5.

F. R. WOODS.

SQUASH

OPEN SQUASH CHAMPIONSHIP

Falkiner	}	Falkiner	}	Falkiner, W.O.	}	Barry 9-2, 9-4, 9-6
Philpott		9-1, 9-2, 9-3				
Falconer	}	Falconer	}	Barry 9-0, 9-1, 9-5		
Baird		9-3, 9-6, 9-7				
Williams	}	Adams	}			
Adams		9-0, 9-0				
Barry	}	Barry	}			
Woods		9-2, 9-4, 9-7				

JUNIOR SQUASH CHAMPIONSHIPS

Knox	}	Knox	}	Crawford 8-10, 9-0, 2-9, 9-6, 9-6	}	Crawford 9-7, 7-9, 9-5, 6-9, 9-7
Hunt		9-2, 9-4				
Evans	}	Crawford	}	Griffith 9-4, 9-3, 9-1.		
Crawford		8-10, 9-7, 9-5, 9-5				
E.-Brown	}	Baird	}			
Baird		9-3, 9-0, 7-9, 0-9, 9-0				
Sinclair	}	Griffith	}			
Griffith		9-4, 7-9, 9-2				

M. RAYMENT.

SWIMMING SPORTS

On Wednesday, March 24, the College Annual Swimming Sports were held in the indoor baths. There was very keen competition right throughout the events; in the Senior, Junior and Interwatch sections. We were unfortunate in that Woods, the 100 yards freestyle record-holder, was unable to

swim, owing to an injury. Dalton did very well to win the open 100 yards, open diving, and Senior Championship, with Grigson runner-up in the aggregate. Congratulations must also be extended to all participants in the events, for providing an entertaining afternoon.

The Junior Champion was Hudson, while the Inter-watch aggregate was shared between the two watches.

Mrs. Dallmeyer honoured us by presenting the prizes.

Results were as follows:—

Open 100 Yards Freestyle:

Dalton 1, Grigson 2, Calder 3. Time 69 secs.

Open 50 Yards Breaststroke:

Grigson 1, Dalton 2, Calder 3. Time 41.3 secs.

Open 50 Yards Backstroke:

Blaikie 1, Hawke 2, Calder 3. Time 39.6 secs.

Open Diving:

Dalton 1, Falkiner 2, Woodger 3.

Junior 66 Yards Freestyle:

Johnston 1, Hudson 2, Crawford 3. Time 50.2 secs.

Junior 50 Yards Breaststroke:

Arundel 1, Osborn 2, Waller 3. Time 45.6 secs (record).

Junior 50 Yards Backstroke:

Varley 1, Hudson 2, Osborn 3. Time 46.6 secs (record).

Junior Diving:

Machin 1, Morrice 2, Ednie-Brown 3.

Senior Championship:

Dalton 1, Grigson 2.

Junior Championship:

Hudson 1, Johnston, Machin 2, equal.

W. D. PHILPOTT.

CURRY CUP

In 1948, for the first time, the Cadets were officially entered in the Curry Cup. The previous year we took part in the race and completed the course in a record time of twenty-three minutes forty-five seconds, but, as we were not officially entered, the cup went to the Signal School.

This year, owing to the fact that there were twelve entrants and a lack of cutters it was decided to run off the race in two heats, of six teams each, and the first three to finish in each would qualify for the final.

At 1600 on Tuesday, April 27, the teams mustered in the drill hall. The first heat consisted of the Officers, Chiefs and Petty Officers, Ship's Company, Miscellaneous, Recruits Starboard and H.M.A.S. "Latrobe."

After a good race, in which Miscellaneous lost their baton overboard from the cutter, the Ship's Company came in first, registering a time of twenty-five minutes fifty-nine seconds. They were followed by Recruits Starboard, second, and H.M.A.S. "Latrobe," who just managed to beat the Officers to the post, in third place.

The second heat consisted of the Officers' Training School, R.A.N. College, Signal School, Engineering School and Recruits Port, as H.M.A.S. "Gladstone" had withdrawn. The College started quite well and when Charley handed the baton to Woods, the hurdler, we held fourth place with very little to choose between any team. After the hurdles, only the Engineering School were ahead of us and their cyclist, attempting to take a corner too fast, fell, thus giving Vonthehoff the lead. Falkiner was first to his boat and the crew pulled out four or five lengths lead from the O.T.S. This lead was retained and we got a good shout from the range wharf. When Eliason reached the septic tank bridge he was still in front, despite the fact that he had

taken a longer track than the O.T.S. runner, who held second place at this stage.

From here, the race was practically won. Rae took the baton from Eliason and ran to the baths where Grigson swam the length and Harries sprinted to the finishing line, crossing it twenty-three minutes, five-point-five seconds after the start, thus bettering our last year's record by forty seconds.

The next to finish about half a minute later was the O.T.S., followed by the Engineering School, Signal School and Recruits Port, in that order.

We had certainly started well and hopes were high for the finals, which would consist of the O.T.S., R.A.N.C., Ship's Company, Engineering School, Recruits Starboard and H.M.A.S. "Latrobe."

The finals were scheduled for Thursday, April 29, and at 1645 on that day the race started. Charley ran the obstacle course excellently, and when he handed the baton to the hurdler, we were leading by about four yards. During the hurdles, Woods increased the lead, and Vonthehoff raced off to the wharf where Falkiner was first to his boat.

At the Range Wharf "Latrobe" squeezed in before us, and Eliason strode away about ten yards behind the leader; nevertheless, when Rae took over we had regained the lead.

The pressure was now on and the first three runners were all within about one hundred yards of each other. However, our lead was held and Harries sprinted over the line first, registering the record time of twenty-one minutes thirty-six seconds.

Next to finish was the O.T.S., followed by Engineering School, H.M.A.S. "Latrobe," Ship's Company and Recruits Starboard.

Commodore Dallmeyer presented the Cup to Cadet-Captain Harries and congratulated all teams on their fine performances in such a testing race.

J. K. WILSON.

FORSTER CUP

The Forster Cup sailing race this year seemed to be doomed to failure from the very beginning. The first round was scheduled for Saturday, March 27, but a wind of gale force sprang up from the south-west, which caused it to be abandoned.

The next attempt, on Thursday, April 1, had to be abandoned in the middle of the race owing to the two A.M.S. vessels proceeding up the channel to berth alongside the wharf.

Friday, April 2, the day of the next attempt, promised to be more successful and the race was satisfactorily finished, Starboard Watch winning the first round, having only 33 points to Port Watch's 45.

The first attempt at the second round took place on Saturday, April 10, but once again had to be cancelled owing to a complete lack of wind.

R. W. LANG.

R.A.N.C. ATHLETIC RECORDS

100 Yards, Open:			
R. J. Tulip, 10.3 secs.	1946	Mile, Junior:	F. O. Eliason, 5 min. 8.4 secs. 1946
100 Yards, Junior:		High Jump, Open:	F. R. Woods, 5 ft. 6 in. 1948
K. W. Shands	} 11 secs }	1940	
A. F. Sallmann		1942	High Jump, Junior:
R. J. Tulip		1945	F. R. Woods, 5 ft. 2½ in. 1946
220 Yards, Open:		Long Jump, Open:	J. S. Austin, 20 ft. 10¼ in. 1940
R. J. Tulip, 23.2 secs.	1947	Long Jump, Junior:	R. C. Campbell, 19 ft. 2½ in. 1945
220 Yards, Junior:		120 Yards Hurdles, Open:	R. B. Nunn, 17.1 secs. 1946
A. F. Sallmann, 25.1 secs.	1942	100 Yards Hurdles, Junior:	F. R. Woods, 15.8 secs. 1946
440 Yards, Open:		Shot Putt:	J. S. Austin, 38 ft. 6 in. 1946
R. R. Dowling, 53 secs.	1918	Javelin Throw:	D. J. Dalton, 114 ft. 2 in. 1948
880 Yards, Open:			
E. J. Melzer, 2 min. 10.4 secs.	1946		
880 Yards, Junior:			
R. C. Campbell, 2 min. 15.8 secs.	1946		
Mile, Open:			
J. D. Goble, 4 min. 54.8 secs.	1941		

ANNUAL ATHLETIC SPORTS

The Annual Athletic Sports were held on Saturday, October 9. There was a good gathering of parents and friends, and the track was in splendid condition, thanks to the fine work of Mr. Frank Goodwin. Unfortunately the weather was most disagreeable. A steady drizzle, cold wind, and cloudy sky, provided the worst conditions we have had for many years. However, the events were closely contested and interesting throughout, and considering the circumstances, some very good performances were recorded.

One new event, the javelin throw, was added to the programme this year.

The winners of the Championships, Woods (Open), and Waller (Junior), are to be congratulated on fine performances, while another runner who deserved commendation was Eliason, who won the 100, 220, shot putt and mile; and only failed to break the mile record by half a second.

The only record broken on the day was in the high jump, won by Woods, who had had the benefit of the skilled coaching of the previous record holder, Lieutenant Thrum.

After the last event all adjourned to the College where Mrs. Dallmeyer kindly presented the trophies to the winners; and Commodore Dallmeyer, in a short speech, expressed his appreciation of the fact that so many parents had been able to attend, and promised them a welcome for next year. The concluding "event" was a most enjoyable afternoon tea in the Mess Room. Detailed results of the sports were as follows:—

Open Championship (Franklin Trophy):

1. F. R. Woods (52 pts.);
2. F. O. Eliason (40 pts.);
3. P. A. Hawke (34 pts.).

Junior Championship (Fegen Trophy):

1. J. C. Waller (50 pts.);
2. P. J. F. Crawford (36 pts.);
3. M. W. Hudson (18 pts.).

100 Yards Open (Carr Cup):

1. F. O. Eliason;
 2. F. R. Woods;
 3. P. A. Hawke.
- Time: 10.4 secs.

100 Yards Junior:

1. J. C. Waller;
 2. P. J. Crawford;
 3. B. E. Jacobs.
- Time: 11.1 secs.

220 Yards, Open:

1. F. O. Eliason;
 2. F. R. Woods;
 3. J. M. Harries.
- Time: 24.9 secs.

220 Yards, Junior:

1. J. C. Waller;
 2. P. J. Crawford;
 3. M. W. Hudson.
- Time: 25.9 secs.

440 Yards, Open:

1. F. R. Woods;
 2. P. A. Hawke;
 3. J. M. Harries.
- Time: 56.6 secs.

880 Yards, Open:

1. P. A. Hawke;
 2. I. K. Wilson;
 3. G. F. Ball.
- Time: 2 min. 19 secs.

880 Yards, Junior:

1. J. C. Waller;
 2. P. J. F. Crawford;
 3. B. E. D. Jacobs.
- Time: 2 min. 19 secs.

Mile, Open:

1. F. O. Eliason;
 2. P. A. Hawke;
 3. G. F. Ball.
- Time: 4 min. 55.3 secs.

Mile, Junior:

1. P. J. F. Crawford;
 2. D. T. Hunt;
 3. J. H. Wallis.
- Time: 5 min. 39.5 secs.

High Jump, Open:

1 F R Woods, 2 D J Dalton, 3 C L Falkiner
Height: 5 ft 6 in. (Record)

High Jump, Junior:

1 J C Waller, 2 E E Johnston, 3 M W Varley
Height: 4 ft 9 in

Long Jump, Open:

1 W D Philpott, 2 D W Falconer, 3 F R Woods
Distance: 18 ft 7 $\frac{3}{4}$ in

Long Jump, Junior:

1 J C Waller, 2 P H Simpson, 3 E E Johnston
Distance: 16 ft 6 $\frac{3}{4}$ in

Hurdles, Open:

1 F R Woods, 2 W D Philpott, 3 R J Simmonds
Time: 18.3 secs

Hurdles, Junior:

1 M W Hudson, 2 M B Raymont, 3 P J F
Crawford. Time: 16.2 secs

Shot Putt, Open:

1 F O Eliason, 2 D J Dalton, 3 J L Charley
Distance: 32 ft 9 in

Javelin Throw, Open:

1 D J Dalton, 2 D W Falconer, 3 J L Charley
Distance: 114 ft 2 in

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

Sack Race, Open:

1 J A Woodger, 2 S B Griffith

Obstacle Race, Open:

1 J L Charley, 2 M Calder

Sack Race, Junior:

1 S B Griffith

Obstacle Race, Junior:

1 S B Griffith, 2 R McKenzie, 3 L J Hodgkinson

880 Yards Consolation Handicap:

1 R J Simmonds

ATHLETICS v. BRIGHTON GRAMMAR SCHOOL

16/10/48.

On the Saturday following our Athletic Sports, a triangular contest was held, with R.A.N.C. competing against Brighton Grammar School "A" and "B" Teams. As was the case two years ago, a very interesting contest resulted; with R.A.N.C. once more the winners. The weather, though better than it had been the previous week, was still not good, as there was a very strong wind and a cloudy sky. Detailed results were as follows:—

Under 13, 4 x 110 Yards Relay:

1 R.A.N.C.; 2 Brighton A; 3 Brighton B. Time: 60.5 secs

Under 14, 4 x 110 Yards Relay:

1 R.A.N.C.; 2 Brighton A; 3 Brighton B. Time: 57.7 secs

Under 15, 4 x 110 Yards Relay:

1 R.A.N.C.; 2 Brighton A; 3 Brighton B. Time: 52.5 secs

Under 16, 4 x 110 Yards Relay:

1 Brighton B; 2 Brighton A; 3 R.A.N.C. Time: 51.4 secs

Senior, 4 x 110 Yards Relay:

1 R.A.N.C.; 2 Brighton B; 3 Brighton A. Time: 48.4 secs

High Jump, Under 14. (Teams of 2.):

1 Brighton B; 2 R.A.N.C.; 3 Brighton A

High Jump, Under 16. (Teams of 2.):

1 Brighton A; 2 Brighton B; 3 R.A.N.C.

Senior High Jump. (Teams of 2.):

1 R.A.N.C.; 2 Brighton B; 3 Brighton A

Under 14, 4 x 220 Yards Relay:

1 R.A.N.C.; 2 Brighton A; 3 Brighton B. Time: 2 mins 23 secs

Under 15, 4 x 220 Yards Relay:

1 Brighton A; 2 Brighton B; (R.A.N.C. disqualified)
Time: 1 min 55 secs

Under 16, 4 x 220 Yards Relay:

1 R.A.N.C.; 2 Brighton A; 3 Brighton B. Time: 1 min 47 secs

Senior, 4 x 220 Yards Relay:

1 R.A.N.C.; 2 Brighton B; 3 Brighton A
Time: 1 min 41.5 secs

Under 15, Long Jump. (Teams of 2.):

1 R.A.N.C.; 2 Brighton B; 3 Brighton A

Under 16, Long Jump. (Teams of 2.):

1 Brighton A; 2 R.A.N.C.; 3 Brighton B

Senior Long Jump. (Teams of 2.):

1 R.A.N.C.; 2 Brighton A; 3 Brighton B

Under 15, 2 x 100 Yards Hurdles:

1 Brighton A; 2 Brighton B; 3 R.A.N.C.

Under 16, 2 x 100 Yards Hurdles:

1 Brighton B; 2 R.A.N.C.; and Brighton A (dead heat)

Senior, 2 x 120 Yards Hurdles:

1 Brighton A; Brighton B; R.A.N.C. (dead heat)

Senior, Shot Putt. (Teams of 2.):

1 R.A.N.C.; 2 Brighton A; 3 Brighton B

Medley Relay. (Teams of 4):

1 R.A.N.C.; 2 Brighton B; 3 Brighton A. Time: 4 mins 10 secs

Final points on the basis of five for first, three for second, and one for third, were—

R.A.N.C. 74, Brighton A 55, Brighton B 50

BOXING

The Annual Boxing Tournament was held in the Drill Hall, beginning on Monday, June 28. The preliminaries were fought on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, with the finals on Thursday. There was a good attendance of Officers and members of the Ship's Company.

The Shelley Cup for the best exponent of the art of boxing was won, for the second time, by Griffith, winner in the Midge weight division, and the best loser's prize was shared by Beaumont and Andrewartha. Commodore Dallmeyer kindly presented the prizes at the conclusion of the tournament, for which Commander Morrison acted as referee; Mr. Adeney, as usual, was time-keeper, and Mr. Robin announcer. The judges were Lieut. Savage and Lieut. Richardson. The winners of the various weights were:—

Light-Heavy Weights: Dalton (3rd Year).
Middle Weights: Johnston (2nd Year).
Welter Weights: Woods (4th Year).
Light Weights: Falconer (4th Year).
Feather Weights: Woodger (4th Year).
Bantam Weights: Rayment (2nd Year).
Fly Weights: Barton (2nd Year).
Mosquito Weights: Lee (2nd Year).
Midge Weights: Griffith (2nd Year).

J. ANDREWARTHA.

A. R. HORTON.

THE CROSS COUNTRY

The Annual Cross Country was held during the afternoon of July 21, and was run under a handicap system, entirely different to that of previous years. First Year had a start of approximately 1400 yards on the Fourth Year, over the course of 5.2 miles. We started at a rather fast pace towards the outer-western gate, turned down another road into the pleasant panorama of rain-soaked paddocks. Then the sight of Mrs. Thrum, on the far hill-side, handing out oranges spurred us on to further efforts, and we plodded along the road towards Hope-Campbell's corner, turned there and headed for that imposing eminence, the septic tank.

Having passed that, we dragged ourselves along diverse paths, through the swamps, and struggled towards the inner-western gate. At last, one by one, or group by group, we got to the finish; where cups and cakes were kindly presented by the Commodore.

Winners were:—

D. Thomson, First Year and first home.
 F. Woods, first in Fourth Year.
 P. Hawke, first of Seniors and first of Third Year.
 J. Waller, first of Second Year.

Starboard Watch defeated Port Watch and the winner's time was 32 minutes, 30 seconds.—

B. J. REED.

J. O. MORRICE.

ANNUAL REGATTA

This year's Annual Regatta was held on April 24, in somewhat unfavourable weather. Though there was not much wind, the sky was overcast and looked very threatening.

As usual, the first event was the final of the Open Sculling Championship. This was between C.C.C. Eliason and C.C. Dadswell and was won by Eliason.

The results of other events were as follows:—

Junior Inter-Watch Gigs: Starboard.
Junior Inter-Watch "A" Whalers: Port.
Officers v. C.P.O.'s Skiffs: Officers.
Senior Inter-Watch Whalers: Starboard.
Senior Inter-Watch Gigs: Starboard.
Junior Inter-Watch "B" Whalers: Starboard.
Senior Inter-Watch Skiffs: Starboard.
Junior Inter-Watch Skiffs: Starboard.
All Comers Cutters: Starboard.

Not held on the day, but on Friday, was the **Cooks v. Stewards Skiffs**, which resulted in a win for the Stewards.

The Inter-Watch Competition again went to Starboard with 75 points against Port's 45.

The most thrilling event of the day was the finish of the Senior Whalers, which was won by inches. At the conclusion of the last event, the prizes were kindly presented by Commodore W. A. Dallmeyer.

M. CALDER.

HOCKEY

The College played three matches against the Wardroom during the term. All of them were won by the Wardroom. Their experience and fast handling of the ball proved too much for the Cadets. Scores were: 5-4, 2-0, 4-0.



LIST OF OFFICERS AND CADET-MIDSHIPMEN, 1948

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 G. B. THRUM, R.A.N.
 Instructor Lieutenant-Commander H. G. TIDY, R.N.
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 J. B. ROCHE, R.A.N.

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 Master R. F. BERRY, B.Sc.
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CADET-MIDSHIPMEN UNDER TRAINING:

Fourth Year 1945	Third Year 1946	Second Year 1947	First Year 1948
Calder, M.	Adams, H. J. P.	Arundel, R. A. J. T.	Andrewartha, J.
Eliason, F. O.	Appleton, R.	Barton, C. D. H.	Baird, R. M.
Falconer, D. W.	Arnold, P. J.	Collins, C. K.	Bartholomew, I.
Falkiner, C. L.	Ball, G. F.	Crawford, P. J. F.	Beaumont, A. L.
Harries, J. M.	Barry, E. J.	Ednie-Brown, J. B.	*Bligh, R. L.
James, I. B.	Charley, J. L.	Evans, A. Ap H.	*Bodman, W. T. H.
Lang, R. W.	Dadswell, T. A.	Griffith, S. B.	Chambers, K. J.
*Riddell, D. V.	Dalton, D. J.	Halley, G.	Curtis, J. L.
Williams, J. E. C.	Grigson, D. M.	Hudson, M. W. ← 1952	Ferguson, J.
Wilson, I. K.	Hawke, P. A.	James, P. H.	Gough, D. B.
Woodger, J. A.	Philpott, W. D.	Johnston, E. E.	*Harper, K. J.
Woods, F. R.	*Rae, P. E.	Knox, I. W. → RADM. 1951	Harris, R. G.
	Simmonds, P. J.	Lee, B. R. → Rear Adm. 1952	Hoare, P. J.
	Smith, J.	Martin, D. J. → Rear Admiral 1952	Hodkinson, L. J.
		Osborn, R. A. → 1952	Horton, A. R. ← Capt 1952
		Rayment, M. B.	Hunt, D. T.
		Read, B. J.	Jacobs, B. E. D.
		Scobie, R. J.	McDougall, D. P.
		*Seale, M. R. M.	McKenzie, R.
		Sharp, P. J.	Machin, R. G.
		Varley, M. W.	Morrice, J. O.
		Waller, J. C. → Naval Research	Pedler, E. A.
			Simpson, P. H.
			Sinclair, P. R.
			Stevenson, H.
			Thomson, D. H.
			Vincent, K. R.
			Wallis, J. H.
			*White, P. A.
			*Woodley, C. M.

1992 Admiral
 Vice Admiral
 1990
 Admiral
 1993
 C.D.F.

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 Commodore
 Albatross

Vice Admiral
 CNS 1983 →
 ADMIRAL 1990
 RETIRE
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 Reserve
 1991

Rear Admiral
 Gov NSW
 1990 →
 1995

(*Left the Service during the year).

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Blaikie, I. I. Brown, R. J. F. Crago, G. L. R.
 Carrington, B. Vonthothoff, K. Walker, J. N.

RADM Ian MacDougall
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 Inter Enby.