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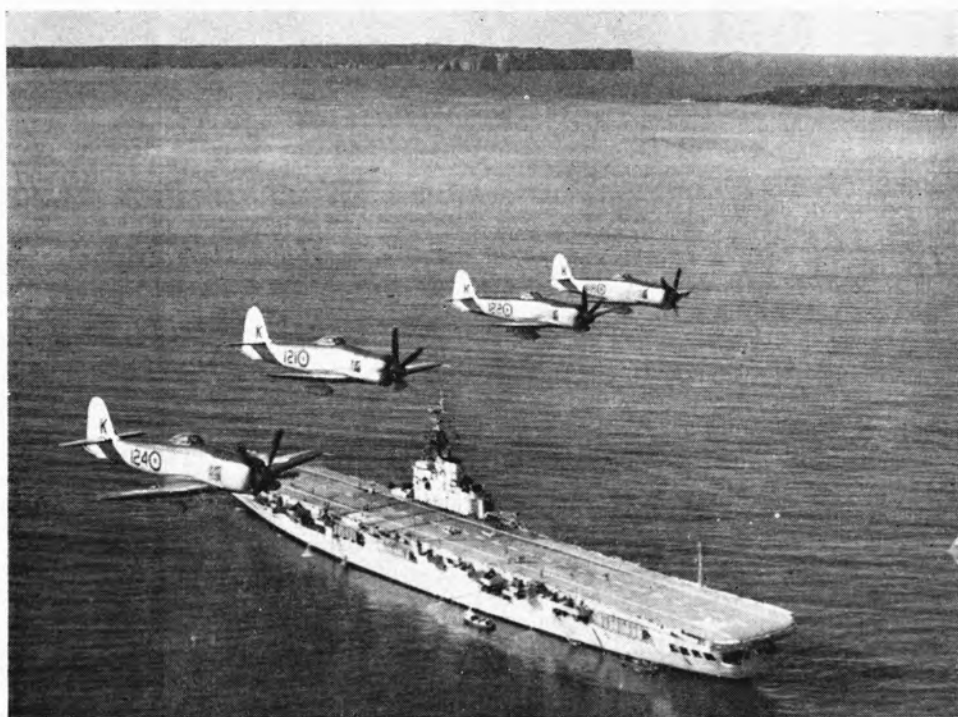
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H.M.A.S. SYDNEY AND SEA FURIES IN JERVIS BAY.

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PERSONNEL AND PERSONAL

There have been a number of changes both in the professorial and naval staffs of the College during the past year. In June, **Mr. Q. de Q. Robin, B.A., Dip.Ed.**, was appointed Director of Studies, and sent to England for twelve months to study educational developments in the R.N. **Mr. H. D. Simpson** is to remain on the staff as Acting Director of Studies till Mr. Robin's return.

Instructor-Lieutenant E. Y. Hokin, B.Sc., Dip.Ed., R.A.N., was temporarily appointed to carry on Mr. Robin's work in Mathematics and English till **Mr. R. H. Cowban, B.A., Dip.Ed.**, joined the staff at the beginning of the Third Term.

On the naval side we said goodbye to **Commander T. K. Morrison, O.B.E., D.S.C., R.A.N.**, in September. Commander Morrison leaves the College to take over the command of Australia's first Battle Class destroyer, H.M.A.S. 'Tobruk'; and we wish him continued success and happiness in his new command. His place as executive officer of the College has been taken by **Commander J. McL. Adams, O.B.E., R.A.N.**, to whom we extend a cordial welcome. The following summary of the career of Commander Adams to 1945 is quoted from Mr. Eldridge's "History of the Royal Australian Naval College."

"**Commander J. McL. Adams, O.B.E., R.A.N.**, the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Adams, of Croydon Park, South Australia, entered the College in 1928, where he gained his colours for cricket, rugby, swimming, and hockey. At Passing Out in 1931, he was awarded the Otto Albert Prize for Seamanship. His first ship was H.M.A.S. 'Australia,' which he joined in January, 1932. On going to the United Kingdom he served in H.M. Ships 'Sussex' and 'Durban' before doing courses in 1934 and 1935. In 1939, he did an anti-submarine course, and on the outbreak of war, after completing his courses, he was serving in H.M.S. 'Osprey,' where, on the staff of F.O.I.C., Portland, he was occupied in fitting out A/S trawlers. He served with the A/S Training Flotilla and took part in the Channel Islands evacuation and Channel patrols. In August and September he saw special service with Atlantic convoys, and later, in H.M.S. 'Eaglet' was detailed for duty with Senior Officers of Convoy Escorts at Liverpool. At the end of 1941 he

was at Tobermory, working up base for escort corvettes, and then in March, 1942, returning to Australia, was engaged in instructional work at Rushcutter. From February, 1943, to July, 1945, he was Squadron A/S Officer on the staff of Commodore (D) Eastern Fleet and took part in the Burma campaign and in the re-occupation of Rangoon. Loaned to Commodore (D) Levant, during part of this time (from April to July, 1943) he took part in the Tunisian and Sicilian campaigns. He was Mentioned in Despatches at the New Year, 1941, and was awarded the O.B.E. (Military Division) in 1945."

In December, 1945, Commander Adams commissioned H.M.A.S. 'Murchison' in command and was then at sea for six months in the Halmaheras and Japanese waters. From May, 1946, to May, 1948, he operated 'Murchison' as Radar and A/S Training ship. In June, 1948, he took passage to England in 'Kanimbla' to stand by H.M.A.S. 'Sydney,' then building; then served in the carrier till July, 1949. After leaving 'Sydney' Commander Adams served for two months on the staff of Rear Admiral H. B. Farncomb, C.B., D.S.O., M.V.O., R.A.N., as Operations and Intelligence Officer. He was promoted to Commander at the end of June, 1949."

In welcoming Commander Adams as our Executive Officer we would like to express to him and to Mrs. Adams our best wishes for a happy commission at the R.A.N.C.

At the end of the Second Term we also said goodbye to **Lieutenant G. B. Thrum, R.A.N.**, who left us to join H.M.A.S. 'Sydney.' Lieutenant Thrum's cheerful personality will be greatly missed; and Cadets are grateful to him for the keen interest he took in everything pertaining to their well-being and happiness. We wish him all good luck in the future. His place on the College staff has been taken by **Lieutenant F. E. Wilson, R.A.N.**, to whom also we extend a hearty welcome. Lieutenant Wilson entered the College in 1940, gained his colours for cricket, rugby and athletics, and on Passing Out, was awarded the Governor-General's Cup for the best all-round athlete. On arrival in the United Kingdom he served in H.M.S. "Duke of York" and later in H.M.C. Ships "Algonquin," "Sioux" and "Lioness." After doing courses he returned to Australia

in November, 1945, and served in H.M.A. Ships "Shoalhaven," "Culgoa" and "Air-master."

Finally, we hear that by the time this appears in print **Lieutenant R. C. Savage, R.A.N.**, will also have left the College to join H.M.A.S. "Culgoa," and to him also we say goodbye and good luck.

Our congratulations go to **Lieutenant R. E. Lesh, R.A.N.** (1939 Entry), on being awarded the Jackson-Everett Prize this year. This prize is awarded to the officer who passes the best final examination (V/S and W/T) in the qualifying courses for Signal Officers. Lieutenant Lesh is also a winner of the Ian McDonald Memorial Prize.

PASSING OUT, 1949

This year the Passing-Out ceremony was held on Thursday, October 27. His Excellency, the Governor-General of Australia, having been unable to attend, was represented by the First Member of the Naval Board, and Chief of the Naval Staff, Rear-Admiral J. A. Collins, C.B., R.A.N.

Unfortunately heavy rain during the morning made it impossible to hold the traditional ceremonial parade and march past.

The Prize-Giving took place in the gymnasium

In opening this part of the Passing-Out ceremony, Commodore W. A. Dallmeyer, D.S.O., R.N., welcomed Rear-Admiral Collins, one of the first graduates of the College. He went on to refer to the results achieved by the previous Fourth Year, during their period in the training cruiser. Though not equal to those of the 1947 Year, last year's Cadets had done well; and had made quite a name for themselves on the sporting side. He also referred to the achievement of Lieutenant R. E. Lesh, R.A.N. (1939 entry) on winning the Jackson-Everett Prize, as mentioned elsewhere in this issue. The Commodore pointed out that at one time this year we had had ninety-one Cadets in the College, and that the large number of applicants for admission next year was a healthy sign. He announced the addition of a new prize, the Dalton Cup, presented by Cadet Captain Dalton's mother, in memory of her husband Commander (E) L. S. Dalton, D.S.O., R.A.N., who was lost in H.M.A.S. "Sydney." This Cup is to be awarded annually to the winning part of ship, in the games competition. Commodore Dallmeyer referred to the improved equipment now available at R.A.N.C., and to staff changes which have taken place during the past year; and concluded by reading a telegram from the Minister for the Navy who regretted his inability to attend and sent his congratulations to the Passing-Out year.

Next followed the presentation of prizes by Rear-Admiral Collins. The prizes were awarded as follows:—

Grand Aggregate: **H. J. P. Adams.**

English: **H. J. P. Adams.**

French: **J. Smith.**

History: **P. A. Hawke.**

Mathematics: **J. Smith.**

Physics and Chemistry: **R. J. Simmonds.**

Navigation: **T. A. Dadswell.**

Engineering: **H. J. P. Adams.**

The Otto Albert Memorial Prize for Seamanship: **H. J. P. Adams.**

The Burnett Memorial Prize for the best exponent of Rugby Football in the Fourth Year: **D. J. Dalton.**

The Farncomb Cup for the best all-round cricketer: **D. J. Dalton.**

The Dalton Cup: **Forecastlemen.**

The Governor-General's Cup, presented by Lord Forster in 1922 for the best all-round games player in the College: **D. J. Dalton.**

The King's Medal: **T. A. Dadswell.**

The following promotions were announced:

Chief Cadet-Captain: **J. C. Waller.**

Watch Cadet-Captains: **M. W. Hudson.**
D. J. Martin.

Cadet-Captains: **E. E. Johnston.**

A. ap H. Evans.

C. K. Callins.

J. Andrewartha.

R. M. Baird.

B. E. D. Jacobs.

Following the Prize-Giving, Rear-Admiral Collins gave an address. After expressing his disappointment that the unfortunate weather conditions had prevented the holding of the march past, Admiral Collins spoke specially to the Passing-Out Year. He congratulated the winner of the King's Medal, the other prize-winners, and those who had successfully completed their four-year course of training. He then made four points which he

hoped the new graduates would be able to remember and apply. The first duty of a naval officer, he said, is towards his men. They must be treated justly and fairly, as individuals. The officer must be patient with them; and must remember that though the R.A.N. rating is equal to the finest in the world, he does not suffer fools gladly. It therefore behoves an officer to know his job.

Secondly, he said, they must be prepared to avoid taking the safe and easy way out of a difficult situation, for often the hard way and the policy of attack is the right way, and proves in the long run to be the best. Thirdly there was the question of obedience. Young officers must, of course, obey orders; but they should do so not blindly, but remembering that changed circumstances since the order was issued should be taken into con-

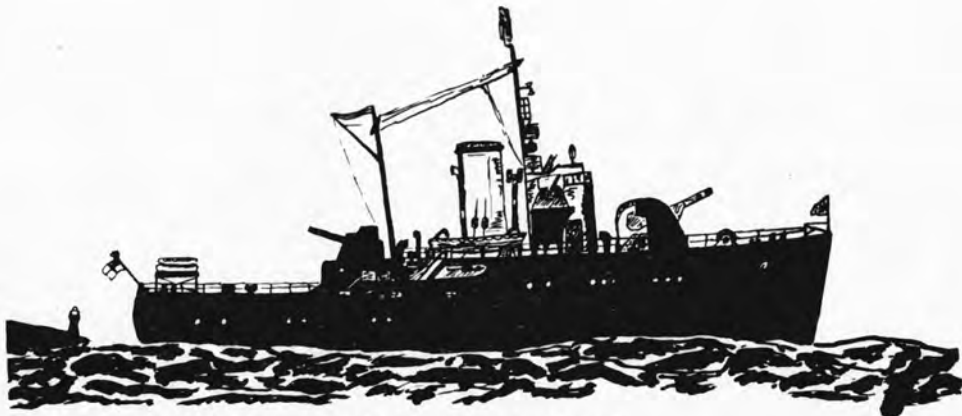
sideration, and the officer should be prepared to think and to use his common sense. The Admiral's final advice was to "keep steaming": not to get slack and idle, but to be energetic and active; to seek out opportunities for games and exercise, instead of waiting for them to be provided as at the College; to read good books and be mentally as well as physically alert; to work and play hard; to "keep steaming."

At the conclusion of Admiral Collins address the Chief Cadet-Captain called on the Cadets for the customary three cheers and the Prize-Giving ceremony for 1949 was at an end. Parents and guests, and members of the staff were entertained at an enjoyable buffet luncheon at the College and in the evening the Passing-Out Dance brought the big day of the year to an end.

COLLEGE LOG

- 1948
- Nov. 13. Cricket, R.A.N.C. v. Scotch College at R.A.N.C.
- Nov. 15. First R.A.N.C. "Splice the Main Brace." Ordered by H.M. in honour of birth of H.R.H. Prince Charles.
- Nov. 20. Cricket, R.A.N.C. v. Brighton Grammar School at R.A.N.C.
- Nov. 27. Cricket, R.A.N.C. v. Army Apprentices School, Balcombe Camp at R.A.N.C.
- Dec. 4. Cricket, R.A.N.C. v. Navy Office.
- Dec. 10. Term III Ends.
- 1949
- Jan. 25. First Year and four S.E. Cadets joined.
- Jan. 28. Term I Commenced.
- Feb. 12. Cricket, R.A.N.C. v. Melbourne Grammar School at M.G.S.
- Feb. 19. Cricket, R.A.N.C. v. Scotch College at S.C.
- Feb. 23. Exhibition tennis at R.A.N.C. courts by Sedgman and Bonner.
- Feb. 26. Cricket, R.A.N.C. v. Navy Office at R.A.N.C.
- Mar. 8. Cricket, R.A.N.C. v. Brighton Grammar School at R.A.N.C.
- Mar. 12. Mid-Term.
- Mar. 14. Fourth Year Training Cruise.
- Mar. 19. Fourth Year returned from Training Cruise.
Cricket, R.A.N.C. v. Scotch College at R.A.N.C.
- Mar. 23. Fourth Year visit to Maribyrnong Munition Factory.
Third and First Year visit H.M.A.S. "Australia."
- Mar. 24. Second Year and S.E. visit H.M.A.S. "Australia."
- Mar. 25. Fourth Year visit H.M.A.S. "Australia."
- Mar. 26. Forster Cup sailing race in Westernport.
- Mar. 27. Divisions inspected by F.O.C.A.F.
- Apr. 2. Cricket, R.A.N.C. v. Scotch College at S.C.
- Apr. 6. Annual Swimming Carnival.
- Apr. 9. Annual Tennis Championships.
- Apr. 16. Annual Regatta.
- Apr. 21. Curry Cup.
- Apr. 23. Golf, Cadets v. Officers. Cadets to the "Fore."
End-of-Term Dance.
- Apr. 24. Bronze Medallion Examination.
- Apr. 29. End of Term I.
- May 20. Term II Commenced.
- May 25. H.E. The Lieutenant-Governor of Victoria visited R.A.N.C. and spoke with Cadets.

- May 30. Inter-Part of Ship Winter Games commenced.
- June 4. Rugby, R.A.N.C. v. Scotch College at R.A.N.C.
- June 11. Rugby, R.A.N.C. v. Melbourne High School at R.A.N.C.
- June 18. Rugby, R.A.N.C. v. Footscray Technical School at F.T.S.
- June 25. Hockey, 1st and 2nd XI v. R.A.A.F., Point Cook at Point Cook.
- June 29. Soccer, R.A.N.C. v. Army Apprentices School, Balcombe Camp.
- July 1. Fourth Year and S.E. Cadets visit Commonwealth Air Corporation and Holden Factories. Mid-Term.
- July 15. S.E. Cadets departed for pre-embarkation leave. Third Year Cadets visit H.M.A.S. "Warramunga."
- July 16. Second and Fourth Year Cadets visit H.M.A.S. "Warramunga."
- July 17. Lifesaving demonstration by R.L.S.S. of Victoria, featuring Olympians John Marshall and Judy Joy Davies.
- July 19. Cadets (S) Deeble, Fox and Matthews joined.
- July 22. Annual Boxing Championships commenced.
- July 23. Rugby, R.A.N.C. v. Scotch College at S.C.
- Aug. 3. Annual Cross Country Race, Aug. 5. S.A. Junior Rugby Team arrived for week-end visit.
- Aug. 6. Rugby R.A.N.C. v. S. A. Junior Team at R.A.N.C.
- Aug. 13. Rugby R.A.N.C. v. R.A.A.F. Apprentices at R.A.N.C. Rugby R.A.N.C. v. Scotch College Juniors at R.A.N.C. End-of-Term Dance.
- Aug. 14. Junior Squash Championship.
- Aug. 16. Rugby Cadets v. Officers.
- Aug. 19. End of Term II.
- Sept. 9. Term III Commenced.
- Sept. 10. 2nd Round Forster Cup Sailing Race.
- Sept. 15. Commander J. McL. Adams joined. Lecture by Surgeon-Captain (D) Woolcott.
- Sept. 17. 3rd Round Forster Cup Sailing Race.
- Sept. 18. Senior Squash Championships.
- Oct. 1. 4th Round Forster Cup Sailing Race.
- Oct. 3. Visit of H.E. the Governor of Tasmania, Admiral Sir Hugh Binney, K.C.B., D.S.O.
- Oct. 8. Annual Athletic Sports.
- Oct. 13. Interwatch Athletic Sports.
- Oct. 15. Athletic Tournament, R.A.N.C. v. R.A.A.F., Point Cook.
- Oct. 27. Passing-Out Ceremony. Passing-Out Dance.
- Oct. 28. Mid-Term.



FLEET MINE SWEEPER.
—L. J. Hodkinson.

FROM TIME TO TIME

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

Since Tuesday, February 15, the Depot Band has been coming to the College every Tuesday and entertaining the Cadets with music during the lunch hour. The music is appreciated by all.

R. McKENZIE.

On February 22, Lieutenant-Commander G. L. Fowle, D.S.C., R.A.N., who has sailed in two Sydney-Hobart Yacht Races and was navigator of the steel cutter "Southern Maid" in the 1949 Race, gave Cadets and Staff a most interesting and informative lecture on the event. He first told us how the competing yachts were handicapped; and then went on to describe the different winds and currents which affect the yachts on their 670 miles course; and finally gave us an account of his own experiences. The talk was most interesting and Cadets are very grateful to Lieutenant Fowle for giving us this first-hand impression of the sport of ocean racing.

P. G. KENNEDY.
K. VINCENT.

Towards the end of last year rumour had it that a full sized billiard table might soon make its appearance at the College. Our high hopes were later justified for on the return from Xmas leave cushions, pockets, legs and other paraphernalia were found scattered around the library. By the following Wednesday the table was completely assembled and ready for use. With it came a generous supply of cues and other gear. The table provides an ideal relaxation for the Fourth Year whose privilege it is to use it; and is much appreciated. Gone are the days when the old rule: "the harder you hit the more likely you are to score" applied.

J. SMITH.

During the First Term an interest in chess developed in the Third Year. A couple of sets of chessmen were produced and those who did not know how to play but wanted to

learn were taught the rudiments of the game by the experts. A chess ladder, too, has been made to encourage competition.

S. B. GRIFFITH.



Photographed at the beginning of the first term the front lawns and flower beds were a credit to the College and to the gardener, Mr. Goodwin. The Quarterdeck was ringed with petunias, gladioli and standard roses; while other beds contained pansies, antirrhinum and golden glows; the latter not yet in flower. The well-trimmed hedges surrounding were a perfect frame to the picture.

R. A. OSBORN.

During the same term the Inter-Service Sports were held in the Depot; the Cadets were given a make and mend on Wednesday, March 9, to watch the Athletics. Lieutenant Thrum, who represented the Navy in several events, broke the record in winning the hop, step and jump. Navy won the Athletics, and at the end of the week it was found that Navy was again the winner of the whole competition.

A. R. HORTON.

On Tuesday, March 8, instead of the usual routine for the afternoon, Cadets were privileged to see a technicolour film on the "XIVth Olympiad." The first reel showed the winter sports at St. Moritz, Switzerland. The ski jumping and bobsled races were very spectacular. The second reel centred on the

athletic and swimming sports at Wembley Stadium. The film conveyed a very vivid impression of the Games.

J. ANDREWARTHA.

On Good Friday, 1949, a sailing picnic was planned for all who wanted to go. Immediately after Church Cadets shifted into recreation rig and proceeded to the wharf. After the food had been put aboard "Cerebus" the three whalers, three skiffs, and "Triton" were taken in tow, and we headed for Sandy Point. On arrival the boats were slipped and after everyone had been ferried in to the beach a fire was prepared and soon the chops were sizzling over the coals. After lunch those Cadets who were going sailing grabbed their afternoon tea and set out for French Island. The remainder boarded "Cerebus" and tried their luck fishing; though the total catch was only four. Towards 1700 the boats were taken in tow again and Cadets arrived back at the College after a pleasant day.

D. J. MARTIN.

On Wednesday, February 16, Cadets had a short break from morning studies to watch a Vampire jet fighter from Point Cook. The fighter flew quite low over the Depot and gave a thrilling exhibition of high-speed flying. Although the display unfortunately lasted only a few minutes it gave Cadets an idea of what a jet fighter is really like.

P. SINCLAIR.

On Tuesday, March 22, representatives of the Australian Broadcasting Commission came to the Depot and made some recordings for a feature programme on the Westernport area. At the College some recordings of Cadets at work were taken, and these were later incorporated in a very interesting programme over the national network.

J. O. MORRICE.

On the morning of Wednesday, February 23, the Cadets were privileged to see four of Australia's leading tennis players in action on the College Courts. The players to whom we are greatly indebted for their kindness in coming down were Mr. Frank Sedgman, Australian national singles champion and Davis Cup representative, Mr. Max Bonner, Miss Marie Twomey and Miss Dot Moran.

After a short lecture on the technicalities of the game, given by Mr. Bonner, the players began a fast game of mixed doubles. This was closely contested but finally concluded in a win by Mr. Sedgman-Miss Moran. In the following game of singles Mr. Bonner managed to defeat the national champion after an exciting match. Although interrupted by rain the exhibition was most interesting and instructive.

J. BARTHOLOMEW.

Strikes and the foreign situation
Have affected transportation.
Some solution must be found
No conveyance quicker than sound
Was needed here to fill the bill,
And carry officers to the mill.

College, Royal, Australian, Naval,
Replied with different kinds of save-all.
How to circumvent this walking
Was the topic for much talking.
Listed here in order solemn
Comes the solution of the problem.

First-Lieutenant bought a two-stroke
So in rain he would not quite soak;
Lieutenant Thrum a Malvern Star:
He didn't wish to walk too far!
Lieutenant Savage bought a car (?!!)
Which often dropped its bumper-bar.

Commander, with his brand-new Humber,
Added another to the number.
Though this is very modern transport
Fast, efficient, much before-thought,
Remember! Humber, pride of men,
One day may look like Citroen!

A. BEAUMONT.

During the year it was decided to remove the cypress hedge facing the parade ground. This was quite a task, and much hard toil, and more advice, was expended before the job was completed. Each afternoon a party of Cadets under the supervision of one of the Officers went to work with axes, mattocks and other dangerous implements; while the hauling away of the uprooted trees provided excellent tug-of-war practice for all. A bonfire one Saturday morning disposed of the branches, and now there is a green sloping lawn where the hedge used to be.

E. PEDLER.
J. FERGUSON.

The Cadet's end of term dance was held in the mess-room on April 23. The weather was true to its usual form, being cold and wet; and after a strenuous afternoon Cadets were somewhat unsteady; so much so that some sarcastic remarks were made by the fair partners. It is rumoured that one was even heard to remark: "Your feet are getting me down!"

As usual, Cadets thought the time was all too short. Many thanks are due to the Chief Steward for a really excellent supper.

E. J. BARRY.

Cadets have been pleased to note the improvement in sporting facilities at the College. The old hard courts have all been replaced now by modern and very good porous courts; the running track was re-surfaced prior to the inter-service sports; and new turf has been placed in several of the cricket pitches. The College skiffs are to be overhauled and painted; the new gymnasium has been a most welcome improvement as it provides the usual equipment, including a badminton court.

P. J. F. CRAWFORD.

On Thursday, March 24, Second Year went with Lieutenant Thrum on a short visit of inspection to H.M.A.S. "Australia." We left the wharf at 0900 in "Cerebus" and, on arrival on board, were taken to the gun-room. Then we went on deck and examined all the deck fittings. From there we went to the fore-castle to see the anchor gear. Next came the bridge and radar room, and after this we had lunch; and a game of table tennis in the gun-room. After lunch we saw over "A" turret and the magazine; then the chain locker, tiller flat and wireless room where several of us put on ear-phones and spoke to the wireless operator at F.N.D. Then we went on deck to await the "Cerebus" which was to take us back to the Depot. This ended a very interesting visit to the flagship of the Australian Fleet.

R. G. MACHIN.

On Saturday, April 23, Cadets played a golf match against the Officers, on the Depot links. Two Cadets played against one officer, Cadets best ball to count and in addition Cadets received a stroke a hole. This turned

out to be a bit severe on the Officers. Of the ten matches that were played Cadets won eight, drew one, and lost one. All enjoyed the day's outing; though there was some rain at times during the afternoon. The Officers' wives very kindly provided an excellent afternoon tea at the nineteenth.

D. J. DALTON.

M. W. HUDSON.

The Royal Live Saving Society, of which His Majesty the King is Patron, has set a world-wide standard of life-saving and resuscitation. Every year in the first term, Cadets, generally from the Third Year, Special Entry, and Cadets (S), must qualify for the Bronze Medallion. The examiners are usually the President and Secretary of the Victorian Branch. The College can be justly proud in that it has an excellent standard of drill and a much higher percentage of passes than any other college or school in Australia. The examination this year was held on Sunday, April 24.

R. ARUNDEL.

During the tests for the Bronze Medallion the Commander asked the examiners some questions concerning methods and drill used in the Society. This led to them sending down a team to give a demonstration in the indoor pool on Sunday, July 17. Included among the participants were John Marshall, one of the greatest swimmers Australia has produced; Frank Lohning, the present holder of the Australian and Victorian Life Saving Championships; William Atkinson, three times holder of the Australian Individual Life Saving Championship; Ron Boyd, Medley Champion of Australia, Les Errey, Chief Instructor for Australia; Judy Joy Davies, Medley world record holder; Margaret Farrer, Victorian Freestyle Champion; Olive Jones, holder of the Fresh and Salt Water Diploma of the Society, the highest award in the world; and June Coubrough, holder of the Scientific Championship for Ladies. First on the programme was a demonstration of rescue and release in water, followed by a demonstration of unigrip method of rescue; trouser and kit-bag method of rescue; demonstration of various scientific swimming movements; and demonstrations of freestyle, backstroke and

breaststroke swimming by the above-mentioned champions. Altogether we can count ourselves very privileged to have seen such a display given by such proved experts and we are most grateful to them for the time and trouble they devoted to instructing and entertaining us.

J. SMITH.

On Wednesday, May 25, the Lieutenant-Governor, Sir Edmund Herring, paid an official visit to Flinders Naval Depot. Arriving at the College in the forenoon, the Governor met Officers and Masters, and then gave the Cadets a short address in the Assembly Room. During the afternoon he took the salute at a March Past in the Depot.

On Sunday, July 10, Commodore Dallmeyer was accompanied in his inspection of the Cadets at Divisions by Captain R. R. Dowling, D.S.O., R.A.N., a graduate of this College, and now in command of Australia's first aircraft carrier, H.M.A.S. "Sydney." A son of Captain Dowling is now in his first year at the College.

J. O. MORRICE.

Oh! what a lovely sound to hear
That shriek that echoes in my ear,
And bids me now to "rise and shine"
Instead of sleeping in till nine.
Hearing that voice so clear and true
Just makes me pity people who
Can let the hours go ticking by
While they in blissful slumber lie;
Instead of waking with the lark,
And peering blindly in the dark,
Unlucky wretches, they don't know
The thrill it is to waken so;
To be informed with equal glee:
"Dress of the day is number three!"

J.D.

Much to the relief of all the job of enlarging the bathrooms and drying rooms was at last completed by the end of the third term. Throughout the year the back of the College has been cluttered up with building materials. The front of the College has also been improved by the addition of a porch necessitated by the enlargement of the mess-room; and odd improvements in the gymnasium have also been effected. All these improved facilities have added to everyone's comfort.

D. HUNT.



The College is now equipped with a modern gymnasium, which includes a badminton court and a cinema projection room. The gymnasium also acts as an excellent hall for the Passing-Out Presentation Ceremony and for the following Dance.

P. H. JAMES.

On the last night of the First Term, instead of the usual prep, Mr. Berry gave us a very interesting illustrated lecture on the atomic bomb. On completion of this three of the Cadets gave short talks. Waller spoke on radar, Sharp on crime detection and Knox on the stars and planets of the solar system.

J. FERGUSON.

On Friday, July 1, the Fourth Year, with Commodore Dallmeyer and some members of the College staff, spent a most interesting day. In the morning we went to the Commonwealth Aircraft Corporation's factory at Fishermen's Bend where Lincoln bombers were being built, repaired and serviced. After a brief description of the Corporation's history, activities and aims, given by the General Manager, Mr. Woodfull, Cadets were shown round the plant, in small groups, and all processes were thoroughly explained. Finally we were entertained at an excellent lunch.

In the afternoon we went on to the nearby factory of General Motors Holden, and saw the foundry and machine shops and the assembly line on which Holden and Vauxhall cars were being completed. Altogether a most interesting day; and we are deeply indebted to both great organisations for their kindness and hospitality.

On Mondays and Thursdays two ladies, members of the Victorian Branch of the Red Cross Society, come to visit everyone who is sick in the hospital. They maintain a library, and books are put on a trolley and taken round the wards. There are generally magazines on the trolley, too, and you can pick out any you like to read. Cigarettes are given to officers and ratings, and packets of sweets to Cadets. I am sure that all in hospital appreciate the work done by these voluntary helpers.

A. DOWLING.

Instead of the usual Seamanship periods on Saturday, July 16, the Fourth Year Cadets, accompanied by Lieutenant Savage, visited the destroyer H.M.A.S. "Warra-munga," which was at anchor in Westernport. On going aboard we were given a brief look at the forecabin; then the mechanism of the main armament was explained. We also saw the mess decks, and the gyro compass room. The latter was viewed with special interest, as the instrument was the current topic in navigation. After a quick look at the after part of the vessel we returned to the College, the visit having been most interesting and instructive.

P. ARNOLD.

It was with quite an amount of pleasure that Cadets of the Non-Conformist Churches heard of the appointment of Chaplain, Rev. J. T. Freeman, R.A.N.R. Mr. Freeman, who is the Methodist minister at Frankston, has visited the College frequently to instruct Cadets of the Free Churches in preparation for joining their respective Churches. The Cadets are very grateful to Mr. Freeman for his help and guidance.

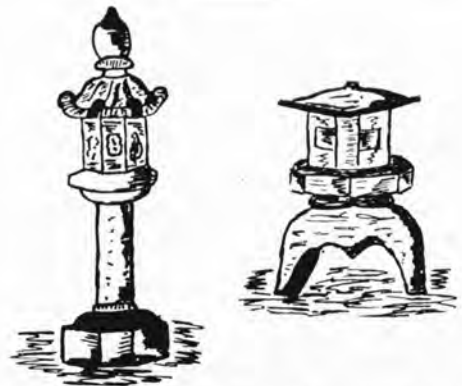
T. DADSWELL.

On Monday, October 3, His Excellency, Admiral Sir Hugh Binney, K.C.B., D.S.O., Governor of Tasmania, visited the College and, after meeting the Staff, gave an interesting and inspiring address to the Cadets. His Excellency, after a reference to the establishment of the R.A.N., told of his early contacts with Australian "Diggers," in the war of 1914-1918, when he was Gunnery Officer of H.M.S. "Queen Elizabeth," engaged in bombarding the Turkish positions on Gallipoli. He went on to mention his service in the Second World War when, as

Commanding Officer of the forces defending Scapa Flow, he was responsible for the protection of the main anchorage for the battle fleet. Then His Excellency spoke of the fine manner in which men like Sir Andrew Cunningham and Captain E. S. F. Fegen, V.C., R.N. (Commander R.A.N.C. from January, 1928, to August, 1929) carried on the traditions of the Service established by the great leaders of the past. His Excellency concluded by referring briefly to the qualities of leadership and loyalty; loyalty both to superiors and to those whom he leads; so essential to the good naval officer; and by wishing Cadet-Midshipmen a successful career in the R.A.N., for which he predicted a period of expansion, with opportunities for all.

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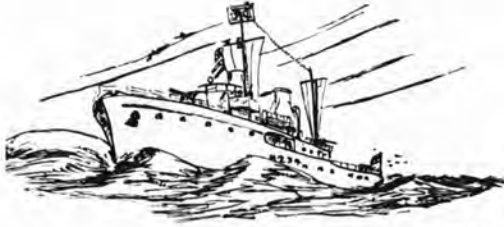
The "History of the Royal Australian Naval College," by Mr. F. B. Eldridge, was published during the year, and is available from Georgian House, 431 Bourke Street, Melbourne, (cloth binding £2/2/0; leather £3/3/0. Postage 1/- extra.) All those who have passed through the College, and who have not so far obtained a copy are advised to do so at once. They will find the account of the College's origins and development from the very beginning to the end of 1945 of absorbing interest, and will perhaps be specially interested in the biographical section, which gives a concise account of the career of every officer who passed through the College in those years. A summary of the contents was published in the 1948 issue of this magazine.



JAPANESE LANTERNS FROM HIROSHIMA WHICH NOW STAND IN FRONT OF GYMNASIUM.

—D. Hunt.

AN ACCOUNT OF THE FOURTH YEAR TRAINING CRUISE



—R. J. Simmonds.

On Monday, March 14, 1949, eleven Cadets, in their final year of training, packed their bags and hammocks, and proceeded at 0800 to the wharf at Flinders Naval Depot. Two ships were alongside, H.M.A.S. "Gladstone" and "Latrobe," the former being the one in which we were to do a five-day training cruise. Once aboard we stowed our gear in the Gunroom, and were then instructed in the method used in securing the ship to the wharf.

At 1100 the ship slipped from the wharf and edged cautiously down the channel to Westernport, with Cadets fallen in on the quarter-deck. After we came up from dinner we found the ship well out in Bass Strait where a fairly long swell was running: some of us began to feel the usual effects. However, the dreaded "Rip" was quiet, and at about 1500 we entered the calmer waters of Port Phillip Bay. We anchored off Dromana, and during the next hour we were given a lecture on fire-fighting and shown the precautions taken to prevent damage by fire. That night there was a picture-show on the quarter-deck, but few Cadets remained to see the end, as we were very tired and our comfortable hammocks most inviting.

Tuesday's work began with the evolution of laying out a kedge anchor, quite a lengthy job, involving the use of two boats, and the rigging of a derrick. At 1100 we weighed and spent the rest of the morning taking soundings. In the afternoon we practised mooring ship, after which we proceeded up the Bay as far as Frankston, where we anchored for the night, and were joined by H.M.A.S. "Latrobe."

Morning again and we rose for another day of the cruise which we were really beginning to enjoy. Some of the Cadets went ashore in the ships' motor boats and whalers to pick up a party of signalmen from F.N.D., and the starboard watch were transferred to "Latrobe" for the day, the idea being that during the manoeuvres to be carried out we should not only learn our signals, but also do the actual work of hoisting, translating, etc. The whole day was spent in these exercises; then the two ships anchored off Frankston again and the signal party was landed. Both ships then weighed and we proceeded in company to Williamstown where "Gladstone" secured alongside H.M.A.S. "Labuan" or L.S.T. 3501. She has since returned to the Antarctic with building material and a party of scientists on board. Early next morning we changed our berth in order to fuel ship and while this was going on the Cadets were taken on a tour of inspection by Lieutenant Savage. We had a look over "Labuan" and heard some of her Captain's interesting tales of the Antarctic. Nearby was the "Wyatt Earp," the little wooden ship which had headed the expedition down south; and also the new battle class destroyer "Anzac," which is still under course of construction. (A photo of her launching was the frontispiece in our 1948 issue.—Editor.)

Then at 1230 the "Gladstone" slipped, and proceeded on the first stage of the return trip. As we headed down the Bay the Cadets did quite a lot of work on the bridge till we arrived off Dromana, where, in a fairly strong breeze and a rough sea, we carried out sea-boat drill. After having lowered the whaler five times Cadets began to feel they knew something about this operation.

That evening we joined the "Latrobe" at anchor off Portsea, where several other ships came to shelter, and with some apprehension we listened to the storm-warnings being broadcast to all shipping. Next morning some Cadets attended a lecture by the coxswain, while others took the motor-boat into Portsea to collect mail. Soon after, we weighed anchor, and proceeded towards the Rip, where we could see a mass of breaking waves and flying spray. Most of us were

only too glad to do something as it took our minds off the obvious unpleasantness ahead, so we put all we had into taking fixes and general work of the ship. The Rip proved to be as terrifying as it had seemed from Port-sea, and by the time Port Lonsdale was astern everyone on the bridge was drenched with spray. Meanwhile, down aft, some poor souls were prostrate with sickness but, as we got outside, the sea settled down from wild confusion to a steady roll, and things brightened a bit as the sun shone through. Nevertheless, everyone was pleased when we sighted Phillip Island and steamed into Westernport. Soon we were back on dry land, which seemed to be heaving a bit, and so concluded our first taste of life at sea.

W. D. PHILPOTT.

P. A. HAWKE.

R. J. SIMMONDS.

H. J. P. ADAMS.



—R. J. Simmonds.

CONTINENTAL ADVENTURE

(Extracts from a letter from Midshipman H. H. G. Dalrymple, R.A.N., who passed out of the College in 1947.)

A Canadian chap and I decided to go over to France. That was on August 1, and we crossed over the next day.

We were lucky in that Jim, the Canadian, could get American dollars travellers' cheques. One pound is worth \$4.03 in England, but in France £1 was only worth 950 francs and a dollar 360, so we definitely made on the exchange. We took one haversack each and very few clothes other than one decent set of sports clothes.

We caught a train from Calais to Amiens, spent one night there, and then hitch-hiked to Paris next day. Had just a night there and pressed on, taking about 5 days hitch-hiking to Marseilles. That part was very nice as we did just what we liked and looked at all the places and the country as we went. Lyon was really a very good place and we came straight down the Rhone valley to Avignon. From there to Marseilles, but that is a filthy hole and we got out after a day and went to Aix, which is a truly beautiful city. We met two French students there and had a great time with them, staying in their homes, for two days.

Had a bus from Aix to Cannes and then had a beautiful week all along the Riviera. Absolutely perfect, and all the good things you have heard and read about it are true. Most of the people are foreigners, i.e., English or American, and so loaded down with cash it wasn't funny, but there were also quite a number of hikers like us. It was terribly hot—too hot to be on the beach between 12.30 and 3.30 each afternoon, and everyone took a siesta then.

We were very pleased with ourselves about winning at the Casino at Monte Carlo. Even more so because a rich bloke beside us was getting mad as he lost about £5 each time and we won about 5/-. We won enough to pay our fares there from Nice, have a good meal and a few drinks, and have £3 clear.

Went to a few dances there and they were great; dance floors in the open air and amongst the trees over the water, and everyone in shorts, shirt and sandals.

The food over there is wonderful but very expensive. Steaks and eggs and things we never see in England. Wine is very cheap and everyone drinks a lot of it.

We took two days coming by bus from Nice to Paris, and the first 100 miles was

really terrific. Came straight north from Nice across the Alps. It was the most mountainous country I have ever seen and very beautiful, but very slow going with the huge bus crawling round the mountains on very precarious roads.

Had five days in Paris with two Danish chaps whom we had met on the bus and did a lot of sightseeing. Also went round the night clubs. They were very expensive but

we were all right, doing a bit of dancing and watching the floor show while making about two drinks last all night.

Paris was full of tourists as the Riviera is considered too hot for many of the middle-aged and older people at this time of the year.

We came back to England on August 24, having kept just enough cash to have a really terrific meal in Calais.

SPORTS AND SPORTING

COLOURS

(Showing Date of Award)

RUGBY	CRICKET	HOCKEY	TENNIS	ATHLETICS	SWIMMING	BOATS
1948	1949	1948	1949	1948	1948	1949
D. J. Dalton W. D. Philpott	P. G. Kennedy W. D. Philpott D. J. Dalton	D. J. Dalton	P. G. Kennedy	P. A. Hawke	D. J. Dalton	P. J. Arnold P. J. Sharp
1949		1949		1949	1949	
E. J. Barry T. A. Dadswell P. J. F. Crawford		E. J. Barry		J. C. Waller	D. P. Weil	

CRICKET

R.A.N.C. 1st XI v. MELBOURNE GRAMMAR SCHOOL UNDER 16A.

Our first game in Melbourne for the season resulted in a first innings' victory for M.G.S. We won the toss and decided to bat, but it was soon apparent that our batsmen were finding the bowling both accurate and dangerous, and it was not long before our openers were dismissed. The tide was momentarily stemmed by Kennedy, who combined batting skill with a considerable amount of determination, but our batsmen were dismissed for a total of 46. M.G.S appeared to be in trouble when one of their opening batsmen was dismissed for no score, but they rallied, and were finally all out for 84. R.A.N.C. batted much better in the second innings and there was some very bright batting from Kennedy, Philpott and Dadswell. In this innings the team was dismissed for a total of 166, leaving Grammar no possible chance of an outright win as they had only 30 minutes to bat.

R.A.N.C. 1st XI v. SCOTCH COLLEGE 2nd XI.

Scotch College won the toss and we were sent in on a damp wicket. In the hour before lunch we scored 52 runs for the loss of nine wickets, many runs being saved by good fielding on the part of Scotch. However, our last wicket fell soon after lunch, with the score at 59 (Barry 17, Kennedy 15).

Our visitors started well, the first wicket falling at 26, but after this they went cheaply and were all out for 51. Griffith bowled well, taking 5 for 14.

In the second innings R.A.N.C. closed at 4 for 39, and Scotch made 24; R.A.N.C. winning on the first innings by 8 runs.

R.A.N.C. 1st XI v. SCOTCH COLLEGE 2nd XI.

This, the last match in the first term, was played on a very sticky wicket. Scotch batted first, and wickets fell quickly, top score being 12 and the whole team being dismissed for only 24 runs. With high hopes R.A.N.C. went in, but again a low score, only 34, was made. In their second innings Scotch declared at 5 for 65, and with a good 24 from Barry, we made 60 for six wickets to win the match.

SENIOR INTER-PART CRICKET.

With the College divided into three parts for the first time, rivalry was very keen. First game of the season was the match between Forecastle and Topmen. Top's batsmen failed to master the bowling, with Kennedy (24) the only high scorer. Griffith took 4 for 13 and Adams 3 for 0: a hat trick. Top were all out for 43. FX also failed to find form and just managed to equal the score of Top. Philpott took 5 for 23 and Kennedy 4 for 13. In the second innings Top scored 49 (Barton 15), Griffith and Arundel taking the wickets. Batting with caution FX played out time; and the game resulted in a draw.

In the next game Top played Quarterdeck. Top trounced the AX bowlers making 177 for 5 wickets: Kennedy getting 106 n.o., Barry 27, and Johnston 21. AX failed to make a good score and were all out for 58. In their second innings they fought the clock and managed to prevent an outright win. Final scores were Top 5/177, AX 58 and 6/30.

In the third game FX played AX. AX made 45, Griffith again bowling well to take 5/18. FX quickly overtook their score and declared at 6/69; Adams making 33. In the second innings AX made 62 (Hudson 15, Evans 10) while Adams took 5/21. Racing the clock FX secured an outright win in the last over. Final scores were: FX 6/69 and 3/39; AX 45 and 62.

Final game was between Top and AX—Top again being the victors. Final scores were Top 61 and 5/51 defeated AX 48 and 9/43. As FX had already won the competition the remaining two games were not played; so FX opened the year's sport in the right manner by winning the College cricket.

RUGBY

R.A.N.C. 1st XV v. MELBOURNE HIGH SCHOOL. 11/6/49.

This match was played at home. Our opponents kicked off but were carried away by our forwards and a penalty kick was given against them. From this Dalton scored three points. Although the backs were starved Todd got a try after a twenty yard dash and Dalton converted; and shortly after scored again from a line-out. The College were winning most of the scrums and from one on the twenty-five yard line Hawke toed the ball on and Varley scored. Shortly after half-time Hawke scored, and then Weil, from a line-out. Varley, Hawke, Weil, Todd and Crawford I also scored, and the match ended with the score R.A.N.C. 37, M.H.S. 0.

P. H. JAMES.

R.A.N.C. 1st XV v. SOUTH AUSTRALIAN RUGBY UNION JUNIOR XV. 6/8/49.

The South Australian Team arrived on Friday and practised in the afternoon. On Saturday a strong breeze was blowing, and, when Dadswell, the College captain, won the toss, he elected to run with the



—Photo from D. Thomson.

wind in the first half. The visitors kicked off and the College quickly took the offensive; but a series of loose scrums made it obvious that the Southerners had an advantage in weight. From a free kick given against the visitors Dalton failed to score; but a few seconds later they were again penalised, this time for handling the ball on the ground; and this time Dalton kicked a penalty goal. The South Australian defence was very sound and at half-time we held the slender lead of 3—0. In the second half Hudson kicked off, and the ball was quickly passed to the visitor's backs. Down they raced, passing from one to the other, and their left wing, Tickle, scored an excellent try. Several loose scrums followed; and a penalty goal to the College was kicked by Jacobs. The score was then 6—3 in our favour, and the game was restricted to loose scrums and line-outs till the SA back line broke through twice and scored. This gave them a lead of 9—6 which they held to the end.

G. HALLEY

R.A.N.C. 1st XV v. R.A.A.F. APPRENTICES. 13/8/49.

RAAF won the toss, and College kicked off with a slight following breeze. During the first half the College were winning most of the scrums but the backs failed to make use of their opportunities, while the RAAF back line were breaking through. A cross kick and good following up gave them their first try; however, this was not converted. The College twice got the ball over the line but failed to touch down and two good movements by their backs scored for them again. At half-time the scores were six all. In the second half the ball travelled up and down the field as a result of free kicks given to both sides. A good back movement by RAAF scored, but the try was not converted. Then after a scrum near the line the College forwards broke through. The try was converted and the College led by 11—9. Then a good movement by their backs scored and the try was converted. The whistle blew and the final scores were RAAF 14, RANC 11.

I. W. KNOX

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

The second match against Scotch College was played on the Scotch ground under wet and muddy conditions. Scotch attacked right from the start, and were soon awarded a penalty which they converted to lead by three points. Scotch continued attacking and the play was mostly in our half. Their forwards broke through from a kick ahead, and a try was scored near the corner flag. This was not converted. In the second half a penalty awarded to us gave us our first score. We continued to attack and our forwards broke through. The resultant try was converted and Scotch now led 9—8. However, Scotch rallied and after some nice cross kicking their wing man went over for another try, which was not converted. The College forwards penetrated the Scotch defence, and a try was scored and converted, making the scores 12—11. But Scotch again scored and the final scores were Scotch 17, RANC 11.

P. SIMPSON

R.A.N.C. 1st XV v. FOOTSCRAY TECHNICAL COLLEGE.

Although considerably lighter than our team Footscray played their usual hard game. Footscray had the kick off and the College immediately attacked

The R.A.N.C. forwards kept the ball close and when checked whipped it out to the backs. However, the latter did not pass quickly enough and long kicks, too far ahead, spoiled many chances. The first score was registered when Dalton put through a penalty kick. In the first half we scored two tries which were not converted. After half-time the College played more as a team, and repeatedly went through Foot-scray. Five times the College crossed the line but without converting, although three kickers were tried. Just before the bell Dalton put through another penalty and College ran out winners 32—0.

E. E. JOHNSTON.

HOCKEY

1st XI v. R.A.A.F.C.

Navy began running south. Air Force were faster than the Navy, the ball being more in our half than theirs. A long corner and a penalty corner followed by a scrimmage in the circle gave them their first goal. Shortly after Simmonds scored from a roll-in. Not long after half-time a penalty corner was forced by Air Force from which a goal was scored. Towards the end a break away by Air Force resulted in a goal. The final score was 4—1 in their favour.

2nd XI v. R.A.A.F.C.

With a strong wind blowing Navy were running south. In the first half the ball was at each end several times, near misses being the only result. Shortly before half-time the Air Force hit the ball over the goal line. From the twenty-five a goal was scored. Soon after half-time a centre from Varley to Philpott gave Navy's first and only score. From the hit-off the ball was taken up towards our goal, where a scrimmage produced second goal for the Air Force. Not long after their right wing broke away and a goal was scored from his centre. Final result was a win by Air Force 4—1.

J. WALLER.

1st XI v. PETTY OFFICERS' SCHOOL.

On Thursday, August 11, the Cadets played the Petty Officers' School, and this proved to be, like all the other matches between these two teams, very enjoyable. Although the ground was very soggy the game was fast, and it was some time before either side scored. Perfect centre by Smith let Varley in to score, and before the first half was over Hudson also scored. In the second half play was somewhat slower. The School attacked for the first few minutes but were repulsed by the College defence. Hudson brought up his second score; just before the game ended Hawke got another and the College ran out winners by 4—0.

E. J. BARRY.

THE CROSS COUNTRY

The Annual Cross Country Race was run over the same course as last year; Mr Boodle again kindly allowing us to cross his paddocks. It was held on the afternoon of Wednesday, August 3, not much of a day in the opinion of Cadets, as it had been raining very heavily during the previous few days, and consequently the paddocks were somewhat of a quag-

mire, and with a high tide the swamps were even worse than usual. It was certainly a small man's day. The handicap was cut down to a more reasonable figure; First Year getting a half mile start on Fourth Year, Second Year six hundred yards; and Third Year three hundred yards. Over the course of 5.1 miles Fourth Year still had a difficult task ahead of them.

There was great competition, for the event was not only individual but Inter-Watch and a valuable five points could be gained towards the Dalton Cup, presented annually to the "Cock" Watch. After thirty odd minutes the first runners began to come in, and after about forty minutes they came in bunches. Griffith surprised by winning the Senior Championship, coming in 8th out of the 68 running; and Keane did very well to win the Junior Championship. We don't know what "Scot" will do with his Cup; but we can have a good guess. "Top" very surprisingly won the points for the Inter-Watch Competition, Fore-castle were a close second and Quarterdeck quite a long way behind.

Results—

- S. B. Griffith—First in Seniors and First in Third Year.
- P. A. Hawke—First in Fourth Year.
- R. McKenzie—First in Second Year.
- E. T. Keane—First in Juniors and First in First Year.

P. A. HAWKE

OR, AS OUR POET SEES IT—

The day arrived for the Annual Race
Gloom was seen on each runner's face,
Five hard miles they had to run
And it's hard to pretend its only fun!

They moved up close to the starting points
(Trotting around to loosen the joints!)
The flag swept down and off they went,
On winning the race they were all intent.

Over the gate and across the field,
That's the place where the slackers yield,
Down the roads and through the slush,
Runners crossing the swamps with a rush.

At last through the welcome "Inner West"
Every runner is doing his best,
Down the road . . . the end in sight:
And "Top" enjoyed the feast that night!

A. R. HORTON

CURRY CUP

This is a medley event run annually in the Depot. In 1947 the College was allowed to enter unofficially, but were not allowed to hold the Cup which they won in record time. In 1948, the College won again, breaking their previous record, and this year had high hopes of completing the "hat-trick." The team this year was: Gymnasium, Arnold; Hurdles, Todd; Bicycle, Crawford II; Coxswain, Simmonds; Boat's Crew, Weil, Dalton, Sharp, Johnston, Evans; Cross Country, Varley; Middle distance, Waller; Swimmer, Machin; Sprint, Philpott. In the heat the College was lucky to be placed after the baton had been dropped overboard.

from the boat. On Friday, the six teams left in the final were "Latrobe", Wardroom; Signal School; Ship's Company; Chief and Petty Officers and College. The weather had been threatening all day and just before the race started at 1600 dark clouds gathered. Chiefs and P.O.'s led from the Drill Hall, followed by Wardroom and College. Todd closed the gap and good riding by Crawford gained the lead for the College. However, Simmonds was overtaken by the Chief's coxswain and the two boats left the wharf together. There was a considerable amount of jostling in getting away from the wharf and the College dropped back to third place. Running in grand form Varley overtook the Wardroom runner and Waller kept the Cadets in second place. However, the Chief's had a lead and kept this to the end, beating the Cadets by 43 seconds. Final places were: 1, Chief and Petty Officers; 2, R.A.N.C.; 3, Wardroom; 4, "Latrobe"; 5, Ship's Company; 6, Signal School.

E. E. JOHNSTON.

RESULTS OF ANNUAL REGATTA, 1949

Open Sculling Championship—

P. J. Sharp (1); J. L. Curtis (2); R. J. Simmonds (3).

Junior Sculling Championship—

B. E. Jacobs (1); J. L. Curtis (2); D. P. McDougall (3).

INTERWATCH—

Senior "A" Whaler—AX, FX, TOP

Senior "B" Whaler—AX, FX, TOP

Junior "A" Whaler—TOP, FX, AX

Junior "B" Whaler—AX, FX, TOP

Junior "A" Skiff—AX, FX, TOP

Junior "B" Skiff—AX, TOP, FX

All Comers Cutter—AX, FX, TOP

Points—AX, 72, FX, 44, TOP, 28

	FX	TOP	AX
Senior "A" Whaler	8	2	14
Senior "B" Whaler	7	2	12
Junior "A" Whaler	7	12	2
Junior "B" Whaler	6	2	10
Junior "A" Skiff	6	2	10
Junior "B" Skiff	2	6	10
All Comers' Cutter	8	2	14
Total	44	28	72

BOXING

The Annual Boxing Tournament was held in the Depot gymnasium, the College Staff, as usual, acting as officials. In the early rounds of the tournament there were few surprises though there were some extremely good bouts. In the semi-final of the middle weight division McKenzie, of Second Year, had a very meritorious win over Ball, of Fourth Year, and went on to win the final with a victory over the Chief Cadet-Captain, Dadswell. In the welter weights Hawke defeated Varley, Collins and Hudson to win the weight. In the feather weights Jackson, of the First Year, gave one of the best displays of the tournament to beat Morrice, of the Second Year, and then Barton and Rayment of the Third Year. His win over Rayment, a very capable boxer, was an especially fine effort. In the bantam weights the stan-

dard was not so good, though the finalists were both triers. Keane, of the First Year, did well to win the fly weights, as did Andrewartha in the mosquito weights. The lightest weight of all, the midge weight division, in which the finalists weighed ninety-seven and ninety-eight pounds, produced, as it frequently does, some of the most skilful boxing of the competition. Beaumont, who was defeated in the semi-final round, is to be congratulated on winning the Shelley Cup, awarded to "the best exponent of the art of boxing", while the "best losers" prize was shared by Hodgkinson, defeated by Rayment in the first round of the feather weights, and Stevenson, who got into the final of the fly weights. Complete results are as follows—

Heavy weight: Dalton

Middle weight: McKenzie

Welter weight: Hawke

Light weight: Simpson

Feather weight: Jackson

Bantam weight: Scobie

Fly weight: Keane

Mosquito weight: Andrewartha

Midge weight: Sinclair

To sum up it may be said that the 1949 tournament produced a generally good, though not uniformly high, standard of boxing; and gave plenty of evidence of those qualities of courage, and the ability to give and take punishment without rancour, which we expect to find at R.A.N.C. The event is not by any means popular with all Cadets who are compelled to take part; but we feel that they must all recognise that the qualities demanded in the boxing ring must be cultivated and encouraged in even the junior members of a fighting service.

SWIMMING

At the Annual Swimming Sports three of the existing records were broken. New records were made for the Open Backstroke by Weil, and for the Junior Backstroke, by Jacobs, of Second Year, while Machin, also of Second Year, established new time for the Junior Breaststroke. Weil is to be congratulated on winning the Open Championship by a narrow margin from Dalton, last year's winner, and Machin for his easy win in the Junior Championship.

Detailed results are as follows—

Open 100 Yards:

Weil, 1; Dalton, 2; Machin, 3. Time 68.1 secs.

Open Backstroke, 50 yards:

Weil, 1; Philpott, 2; Hawke (1), 3. Time 36.4 secs. (record)

Open Breaststroke, 50 yards:

Dalton, 1; Weil, 2; Hawke (1), 3. Time 38.5 secs.

Open Diving:

Dalton, 1; Crawford (1), 2; Kennedy (1), 3.

Open Championship Points:—

Weil, 1—30; Dalton, 2—28; Hawke, 3—14.

Junior 65 Freestyle:

Machin, 1; Pedler, 2; Gatacre, 3. Time 44.4 secs.

Junior Breaststroke:

Machin, 1; Jackson, 2; Jacobs, 3. Time 43.9 (record).

Junior Backstroke:

Jacobs, 1; Horton, 2; Beaumont, 3. Time 41.6 (record).

Junior Diving:

Machin, 1; Morrice, 2, Gatacre, 3

Beginners' Race:

Hawke (11), 1; Watts, 2, Bearlin, 3

Junior Championship Points:

Machin, 1—30. Jacobs, 2—18. Pedler, 3—11

Inter-Part of Ship Competition:

	First	Second	Third
Senior Freestyle Relay ..	AX	TOP	FX
Senior Medley Relay ..	AX	FX	TOP
Senior Obstacle Race ..	TOP	FX	AX
Junior Freestyle Relay ..	AX	TOP	FX
Junior Medley Relay ..	FX	TOP	AX
Junior Obstacle Relay ..	AX	FX	TOP
All Hands Relay ..	TOP	AX	FX

Results:

AX, 25. TOP, 21. FX, 17

ATHLETICS

The Annual Athletic Sports were held on the afternoon of Saturday, October 8, and this year conditions were almost ideal, with clear sky, warm sun, and only a light breeze. Though no records were broken there was some close competition. Hawke and Simpson are to be congratulated on winning the Open and Junior Championships respectively.

At the conclusion of the meeting Mrs. Adams kindly presented the prizes to the winners; and the assembled company of officers and wives, parents and friends, then adjourned to enjoy a very pleasant afternoon tea at the College.

Detailed results are as follows:

Open Championship (Franklin Trophy):

1. Hawke (35 points); 2. Waller (33 points); 3. Crawford (25 points)

Junior Championship (Fegen Trophy):

1. Simpson (40 points); 2. McKenzie (32 points); Jacobs (31 points)

100 Yards Open (Carr Cup):

1. Hawke; 2. Deeble; 3. Crawford. Time 10.9 secs.

100 Yards Junior:

1. Jacobs; 2. Simpson; 3. Curtis. Time 11.3 secs.

220 Yards Open:

1. Crawford; 2. Waller; 3. Simmonds. Time 25.3 secs.

220 Yards Junior:

1. Simpson; 2. Jacobs; 3. McKenzie. Time 25.5 secs.

440 Yards Open:

1. Hawke; 2. Fox; 3. Crawford. Time 58.6 secs.

880 Yards Open:

1. Waller; 2. Hawke; 3. Ball. Time 2 mins. 18.1 secs.

880 Yards Junior:

1. McKenzie; 2. Jacobs; 3. Andrewartha. Time 2 mins. 16.3 secs.

1 Mile Open:

1. Johnston; 2. Scobie; 3. Osborn. Time 5 mins. 37.5 secs.

1 Mile Junior:

1. Andrewartha; 2. Vincent; 3. Thomson. Time 5 mins. 20.8 secs.

High Jump Open:

1. Arnold; 2. Simmonds; 3. Dalton. Height 5 ft. 3 ins.

High Jump Junior:

1. McKenzie; 2. Jacobs; 3. Gough. Height 4 ft. 8 ins.

Long Jump Open:

1. Waller; 2. Deeble; 3. Arundel. Distance 17 ft. 9 1/4 ins.

Long Jump Junior:

1. Simpson; 2. McKenzie; 3. Gough. Distance 16 ft. 6 1/2 ins.

Hurdles Open:

1. Hudson; 2. Simmonds; 3. Varley. Time 19 secs.

Hurdles Junior:

1. Simpson; 2. Hunt; 3. Ferris. Time 16 secs.

Shot Putt Open:

1. Jacobs; 2. Dalton; 3. Dadswell. Distance 32 ft. 5 1/4 ins.

Javelin Throw Open:

1. Dalton; 2. Adams; 3. Matthews. Distance 110 ft. 1 1/2 ins.

Discus Throw:

1. Adams; 2. Dalton; 3. Deeble. Distance 73 ft. 5 ins.

In addition to the above championship events (in which, it will be noticed, the discus throw was included for the first time) the following events were also decided:

Sack Race Open:

1. Crawford; 2. Arundel.

Sack Race Junior:

1. Chambers; 2. Wallis.

Obstacle Race Open:

1. Arundel; 2. Knox.

Obstacle Race Junior:

1. Sinclair; 2. Wallis.

880 Yards Consolation Handicap:

1. Harris; 2. Findlay.

Finally, that event so popular with Cadets and spectators but not, repeat not, with the competitors, the Staff Handicap, was won by that very fine runner, Chaplain, J. O. Were.

The only other thing that remains to be said about the Athletics for 1949 is to once again congratulate the groundsman on his preparation of our cinder track. It was in excellent condition, and if no records were broken it was not the fault of Mr. Frank Goodwin.



FORECASTLE "H.M.A.S. AUSTRALIA."

—P. Sinclair.

TENNIS

The annual tennis championships were held during the first term, and while they were in progress they provided considerable interest in the College. Some exciting tennis was witnessed throughout the whole competition, especially in the closing rounds.

The day chosen for the finals was cold and windy, making conditions unfavourable for tennis, and several players fell heavily during the course of the day's play.

Barry and Kennedy were the finalists in the Open Singles. Kennedy settling down to the windy condi-

tions found touch quicker, and won the first set 6-1. In the second set Barry's improved play made Kennedy's task harder but could not prevent him taking the final set 6-4.

The doubles, between Barry-Knox and Simmonds-Adams, went to three sets. Simmonds-Adams took the first set 6-1, and Barry-Knox won the second 6-1 also. The final set was a close fight all the way. However, Simmonds-Adams, after surviving three match points, won the vital set 9-7.

The Handicap Singles was played at the end of Third Term, 1948. The final between Barry and Hunt resulted in a win for Barry 6-3, 7-5.

Details are as follows:—

OPEN SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP, 1949.

Simmonds Gatacre	} Simmonds 6-2, 6-2	}	Barry 6-2, 6-2	}	Kennedy 6-1, 6-4
Barry Crawford II	} Barry 6-4, 6-5				
Adams Knox	} Knox 6-3, 6-2	}	Kennedy 6-4, 6-2		
Kennedy Johnston	} Kennedy 6-1, 6-1				

JUNIOR SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP, 1949.

Andrewartha Sinclair	} Sinclair 6-1, 6-3	}	Sinclair 7-5, 6-4	}	Baird 6-0, 5-7, 6-2
Hunt Collins	} Hunt 6-4, 6-2				
Baird Wallis	} Baird 6-0, 6-1	}	Baird 6-3, 7-5		
Chandler Pedler	} Pedler 6-2, 5-6, 6-1				

SENIOR DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP, 1949.

Adams-Simmonds Callins-Crawford	} Adams-Simmonds 6-2, 6-5	}	Adams-Simmonds 6-0, 6-0	}	Adams-Simmonds 6-1, 1-6, 9-7
Kennedy-Philpott Baird-Hunt	} Kennedy-Philpott 6-3, 3-6, 7-5				
Barry-Knox Charley-Ball	} Barry-Knox 6-1, 6-0	}	Barry-Knox 7-5, 6-2		
Johnston-Griffith Barton-Hudson	} Johnston-Griffith 6-3, 6-4				

Junior Doubles Championship, 1949.

Andrewartha- Johnston	}	Jacobs-Simpson	}	Ferris-Mortensen 6-3, 2-6, 6-4	}	Baird-Hunt 6-0, 6-0
Jacobs- Simpson		6-4, 6-3				
Ferris- Mortensen	}	Ferris-Mortensen	}			
Vincent- Wallis		6-2, 3-6, 6-1				
Baird- Hunt	}	Baird-Hunt	}			
Keay- Gatacre		6-0, 6-0				
Sinclair- Beaumont	}	Baird-Hunt	}	6-3, 6-2		
Morrice- Chambers		Sinclair-Beaumont				
		6-4, 6-3				

"MIXED" DOUBLES HANDICAP, 1949.

Commander Morrison- Simmonds owe 30	}	Commander Mor- rison-Simmonds	}	Lt. Cdr. Tidy- Barry 6-2, 6-1	}	Lt. Cdr. Tidy- Barry 6-4, 5-7, 9-7
Mr. Berry- Knox owe 15		6-4, 3-6, 6-4				
Lt. Cdr. Tidy- Barry owe 15.2	}	Lt. Cdr. Tidy- Barry	}			
Lt. Savage- Ball rec 2		6-1, 6-0				
Commander (E) George- Kennedy owe 15.3	}	Mr. Adeney- Griffith	}	Mr. Adeney- Griffith 7-5, 6-8, 6-3		
Mr. Adeney- Griffith Scratch		6-4, 6-1				
Lt. Cdr. Dovers- Adams owe 15.1	}	Lt. Cdr. Dovers- Adams	}			
Mr. Clarke- Philpott rec. 30		6-2, 6-3				

FORSTER CUP SAILING

The Forster Cup Sailing races have provided more interest than usual this year, as, for the first time, all races were held in Westernport Bay instead of using the inner course adjacent to the wharf. This proved a great success and has enabled the Cadets to gain considerable experience sailing in comparatively open water and having to contend with a strong tidal stream during a race.

Throughout these races, which are run on an Interpart of Ship Basis, the boats were coxswained by the Fourth Year and the remainder of the cadets provide the crews. It has been most noticeable that the experience gained has been valuable as the later races were very much more closely contested than the early ones, and the sailing and seamanship ability displayed by the coxswains was of a much higher standard.

In all, four races were held, one in the First Term and three in the Third Term, and the course consisted of three one-mile legs in the form of a triangle from the entrance to Hann's Inlet, to a point off Tankerton Jetty, to a point of Stony Point Jetty. Two circuits of the course were made, making a race of six miles and the fleet handicapping system was adjusted to this distance. Cutters, whalers, and the College skiffs were used and each Fourth Year Cadet sailed each type of boat at least once.

Each days' racing produced a different set of conditions of wind and tide, and apart from the experience gained in the actual sailing, great value was obtained rigging the boats and in the towing out to the start and returning to the wharf on completion of the racing. In fact, the scene alongside the wharf on the Saturday mornings in question was one of considerable activity as the coxswains chased their crews to have

everything on top line for racing. The boats were all towed down channel to the vicinity of the start by two power boats and these boats stood by during the race in case of accidents.

The controlling of starts, direction of sailing, hand-caps, etc., was all done from the Starter's Boat by signal in the usual manner and this in itself proved to be valuable in the lessons learnt category. It can safely be said that the Fourth Year Cadets now have a reasonable idea of the method of conducting a service sailing race and the Rules of Racing.

The Forster Cup was won very decisively by the Quarterdeck, who lost only one race. This was mainly due to the ability displayed by Arnold, Dalton and Simmonds who proved superior to the other coxswains in all-round knowledge of different types of boats. Adams and Hawke, of the Top and Forecastle respectively, also, on occasions, showed that they have learnt a lot and sailed quite well.

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