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Mr. H. D. Simpson, B.A., B.Sc. (Hon.), who retired during 1950 after 27 years on the Professorial Staff of the Royal Australian Naval College, including nearly 10 years as Director of Studies.

PERSONNEL AND PERSONAL

In March we said farewell to **Commodore W. A. Dallmeyer, D.S.O., R.N.**, who, as Commodore Superintendent of Training, was also Captain of the College, and to Mrs. Dallmeyer. We wish them every happiness and trust that they enjoyed their stay in Australia as much as we of the College enjoyed having them with us.

Commodore Dallmeyer's place has been taken by **Commodore H. J. Buchanan, D.S.O., R.A.N.**, and we extend to him and to Mrs. Buchanan a cordial welcome. We are happy to have them with us, and hope that they will enjoy their period of association with the College.

In the course of the year we have had to say goodbye to **Lieutenant-Commander W. J. Dovers, D.S.C., R.A.N.**, our enthusiastic and energetic First Lieutenant, and to **Instructor Lieutenant-Commander H. G. Tidy, R.N.**, who has returned to England after three years spent with us. We are very sorry to lose these two officers and take this opportunity of expressing our appreciation of the fine work each of them did for the College, and of wishing them both every success and happiness in their present and future appointments.

Instructor-Lieutenant E. S. Rothery, R.N., was temporarily appointed to the College to carry on Lieutenant-Commander Tidy's work in Navigation until **Instructor Lieutenant-Commander A. L. G. Hutchings, B.Sc., R.N.**, joined the staff in May. To Lieutenant-Commander Hutchings and Mrs. Hutchings we extend a hearty welcome and the hope that they will have a very pleasant stay in Australia.

The new First Lieutenant of the College is **Lieutenant-Commander W. F. Cook, R.A.N.** He entered the College in 1930 and Passed Out in 1933 having gained his colours in Hockey. His first ship was H.M.A.S. "Australia" in which he participated in the Royal cruise, and also in the Abyssinian crisis. He then went to H.M.S. "Devonshire" before doing courses in 1936 and 1937. Following these he returned to Australia and was appointed to H.M.A.S. "Yarra." At the outbreak of war in 1939 he was serving in

H.M.A.S. "Perth," in which ship he remained till July, 1940. His next ship, in which he served at Malta, Libya, Greece and Crete, was H.M.A.S. "Voyager" from August 1940 to January 1942, the last couple of months being in command. It was during this commission that he received a Mention in Despatches for good service in Greek waters. In 1942 and 1943 he served in H.M.A.S. "Nizam" and saw service in the East Indies Station, with the Malta convoy, in the Madagascar campaign, and with the South African Escort Force. He returned to Australia in September 1943 and served at the College as Year Officer till September 1944, when he was appointed to H.M.A.S. "Vendetta" in command and took part in the landing of Australian soldiers on New Britain. In November 1944 he was appointed to command H.M.A.S. "Nizam," which was attached to the British Pacific Fleet, and consequently saw service in Japanese waters.

In welcoming Lieutenant-Commander and Mrs. Cook among us, we would like to add the wish that they will thoroughly enjoy their period of connection with the College.

Lieutenant J. A. Robertson, R.A.N. joined the staff at the latter end of last year as Year Officer and to him also we extend a hearty welcome. Lieutenant Robertson entered the College in 1940 and at Passing Out was awarded the prize for English. His first ship was H.M.S. "Cumberland" and he later served in H.M. Ships "Paladin" and "Vanquisher." After doing courses he returned to Australia. He was appointed to H.M.A.S. "Shropshire" in January, 1946, and served in her until April, 1947, when he was transferred to H.M.A.S. "Australia" for a short time. Promoted Lieutenant in May, 1947, he shortly afterwards joined the 20th Mine Sweeping Flotilla with which he remained, serving in various ships of the Flotilla, until December, 1948. He then joined H.M.A.S. "Arunta" and served for one year in this ship before taking up his post at R.A.N.C. in which position we sincerely hope he will be very happy. Welcome, Lieutenant Robertson!

Mr. Q. de Q. Robin, B.A., Dip.Ed., and Mrs. Robin returned to Australia in August of this year having been away for a little over twelve months, during which time Mr. Robin investigated and studied educational developments in England and, more particularly, in the R.N. It is quite impossible to over-estimate the pleasure with which all members of the College greet Mr. and Mrs. Robin again, and the heartiness with which all join to wish our new Director of Studies and his wife every happiness and success.

We understand that by the time this magazine appears in print Mr. R. H. Cowban, B.A., Dip.Ed., will have left the College. We wish to express our thanks to Mr. Cowban for the work he has done with us and to wish him much success in his future career.

Passing-Out Ball:

On with the dance! let joy be unconfined!
Byron.

Mr. Goodwin:

How well the skilful gardener drew,
Of flowers and herbs this dial new!
Marvell.

F.N.D. Weather:

And the rain drips,
Drips, drips, drips from the leaves.
W. M. Letts.

Barton:

What immortal hand or eye,
Could frame thy fearful symmetry?
Blake.

The Boxing:

And four strong yeomen bare him,
Still senseless, from the field.
Macaulay.



GUESS WHO?

By T. E. K. Wishart.

PASSING OUT, 1950

Held on Friday, October 27, the Passing-Out ceremony was attended by the Right Honourable, the Prime Minister of Australia, Mr. R. G. Menzies, K.C., accompanied by Mrs. Menzies and Miss Heather Menzies, Mr. J. Francis, the Honourable the Minister of State for the Navy and the Army, Senator McBride and Colonel Rupert Ryan. Apart from these representatives of the Federal Government, there were also present the Chief of the Naval Staff, Vice-Admiral J. A. Collins, C.B., R.A.N., and the members of the Naval Board and Rear-Admiral J. A. S. Eccles, C.B.E., R.N., Flag Officer Commanding the Australian Fleet.

On his arrival, the Prime Minister was met by the Commander, R.A.N.C., and the Director of Studies who introduced the officers and professorial staff of the College to Mr. Menzies.

Mr. Menzies then inspected the Cadet-Midshipmen of the Royal Australian Naval College before taking his place on the dais at the Saluting Base for the March Past of the Cadets. The March Past was very well executed and the parade was most impressive and inspiring. The keynote of the ceremonial parade is simplicity but it never fails to stir the souls of those who are privileged to witness it.

The Cadets and spectators then proceeded to the Gymnasium and the official Prize-Giving took place in that building. In opening this part of the Passing-Out ceremony, Commodore H. J. Buchanan, D.S.O., R.A.N., delivered his report as Captain of the College. He mentioned that this year's Passing-Out was only the second in the history of the College at which a Prime Minister of Australia had been present. He stated that the previous occasion was back in 1919 when Mr. W. M. Hughes attended the ceremony, and went on to speak of his vivid recollections of the address given by Mr. Hughes to the Passing-Out Year, of which he was a member. Commodore Buchanan gave a brief resume of events at the College during the last year, touching upon all aspects of the life of the Cadets. He congratulated the members of the Passing-Out Year on their fine bearing and the splendid example set by

them during their four years at the College. Of an entry of 24 Cadets, 20 were Passing-Out—the greatest number to graduate in any one year since 1920. The Commodore concluded his address on a note of high optimism for the future of the Royal Australian Naval College, pointing out that the present number of Cadet-Midshipmen (100) would be nearly doubled in the near future by means of the Special Entry of 15-years-old Cadets who would be admitted for the first time next year.

Following Commodore Buchanan's address, the Director of Studies, Mr. Q. de Q. Robin, B.A., Dip. Ed. announced the names of the winners of academic prizes, and the Commander, R.A.N.C., Commander J. McL. Adams, O.B.E., R.A.N., announced the winners of sporting trophies, the recipients coming forward to the dais to receive their awards, from the Prime Minister.

Next, the Commander, R.A.N.C., announced the names of the new Chief Cadet Captain, and the new Cadet Captains who advanced to the dais to have the chevrons marking their rank pinned to their sleeves by the Prime Minister.

Commodore Buchanan then announced the name of the Cadet Midshipman to be recommended for His Majesty's consideration for the award of the King's Medal as having, during his period at the Royal Australian Naval College, exhibited the most gentleman-like bearing and good influence on his fellows—the highest honour that can be won by any Cadet passing through the College. Tokens in appreciation of their services, presented by the Naval Board, were then presented to their recipients. Finally, the Commodore asked Mr. Menzies to make a presentation to Mr. H. D. Simpson, B.A., B.Sc., who recently retired after 27 years on the College professional staff, for the last 10 years of which he was Director of Studies.

Mr. Menzies' warning of another dull Speech Day address was not fulfilled. He delivered a sparkling address which completely captivated his audience. In the midst of many scintillating passages, however, there were several outstanding points, all the more impressive and forceful for



FOURTH YEAR, 1950.

Left to Right:

Rear: Arundel, Ednie-Brown, Griffith, Read, Scobie, Knox.
 Centre: Halley, Osborn, Lee, Rayment, Varley, James, Sharp.
 Front: Evans, Johnston, Martin, Waller, Hudson, Callins, Barton.

their colourful framing. Mr. Menzies first impressed upon his audience Australia's urgent need of an adequate naval service, and used the teachings of history to illustrate the fact that this need grows ever more and more imperative. He pointed out that it is not only the spectacular work of the Navy that must count but also the deadly monotonous and unsung battles to maintain our sea lanes and to blockade the enemy in time of war. The people of this country must endeavour to achieve a realization of the value of this type of work and to force themselves to reach an understanding of the interdependence of nations in the world of today. We must not be isolationist and insular in our outlook. Fortunately for themselves, those Australian men who are members of the naval service have the supreme opportunity for gaining a knowledge of the essential reliance of nations

upon each other, theirs being a service of wide horizons and broad views.

Switching to another aspect of naval life Mr. Menzies underlined the importance of tradition and continuity in life and in the Navy. He told us how thrilled he had been to see in the March Past the son of one of the Royal Australian Navy's outstanding officers. The presence of Chief Cadet-Captain J. C. Waller in the College was, he said, a very fine thing for the College and for the Navy as it was tangible evidence of the existence in the Royal Australian Navy of the important element of continuity, of tradition.

Speaking particularly to the Cadet-Midshipmen who were Passing-Out of R.A.N.C., Mr. Menzies concluded with a few words of advice in which he asked them always to be forthright, honest and completely fearless in delivering their opinions and expressing

their judgments. He said that the world stands in need of men who will deliver their considered views, based on their knowledge and experience, definitely, firmly and impartially, thereby rendering real service to the community.

Commodore Buchanan thanked Mr. Menzies for his inspiring and encouraging address and then, led by the Chief Cadet Captain, the Cadets gave three cheers for the Prime Minister.

Parents, guests and members of the staff were entertained at a pleasant buffet luncheon at the College, and the Passing-Out Dance in the evening brought yet another Passing-Out to an end.

THE PRIZE LIST.

- Grand Aggregate—**J. C. Waller.**
- English—**E. E. Johnston.**
- French—**C. D. H. Barton.**
- History—**B. J. Read.**
- Mathematics—**J. C. Waller.**
- Physics & Chemistry—**J. C. Waller.**
- Navigation—**C. D. H. Barton.**
- Engineering—**I. W. Knox.**
- The Otto Albert Memorial Prize for Seamanship—**B. J. Read.**
- The Burnett Memorial Prize for the best exponent of Rugby football in the Fourth Year—**M. W. Hudson.**
- The Farncomb Cup for the best all-round cricketer—**S. B. Griffiths.**
- The Dalton Memorial Cup, awarded to the winning part of ship in the games competition—**Topmen.**
- The Governor-General's Cup, presented by Lord Forster in 1922 for the best all-round games player in the College—**M. W. Hudson.**
- The King's Medal—**M. W. Hudson.**
- The following promotions were announced:
- Chief Cadet Captain—**R. M. Baird.**
- Watch Cadet Captains—**B. E. D. Jacobs.**
J. Andrewartha.
- Cadet Captains—**J. L. Curtis.**
R. McKenzie.
J. H. Wallis.
E. T. Keane.
M. D. Jackson.
R. T. M. Chandler.

- Recipients of Naval Board tokens—
- J. C. Waller.**
 - M. W. Hudson.**
 - D. J. Martin.**
 - E. E. Johnston.**
 - A. Ap. H. Evans.**
 - C. K. Callins.**

It is with pride and pleasure that we record that all members of the Fourth Year succeeded in Passing-Out. To each and every one of them we offer our hearty congratulations and sincere good wishes for the future. Their names are:—

- R. A. J. T. Arundel, C. D. H. Barton, C. K. Callins, J. B. Ednie-Brown, A. Ap. H. Evans, S. B. Griffith, G. Halley, M. W. Hudson, P. H. James, E. E. Johnston, I. W. Knox, B. R. Lee, D. J. Martin, R. A. Osborn, M. B. Rayment, B. J. Read, R. J. Scobie, P. J. Sharp, M. W. Varley, J. C. Waller.**

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- Johnston:
There is delight in singing, tho' none hear
Beside the singer.
W. S. Landor.
 - Perrett:
A little black thing among the snow.
Blake.
 - Sharp:
Some deemed him wondrous wise, and
some believed him mad.
James Beattie.
 - The Study Block
The little ones spend the day
In sighing and dismay.
Blake.
 - The Paying Officers:
So much was theirs who so little allowed.
Browning.
 - Lieut. Wilson:
Earth has not anything to show more fair.
Wordsworth.

MR. H. D. SIMPSON, B.A., B.Sc. (Hon.)

A farewell to one who has served for 27 years on the Professional Staff of the Royal Australian Naval College, and who was Director of Studies for nearly 10 years.

Born at Stockton on Tees in the County of Durham, England, Hugh Denney Simpson was educated at a Church of England Grammar School at Stockton, and later at Durham. Coming to Australia as a very young man he entered the teaching service in the Education Department of South Australia.

Continuing his own studies, he went on to the University of Adelaide where his record was a fine one. In one year there he was placed second for the History Scholarship and won the John Howard Scholarship for English a year later. At the Adelaide University he won his Blue for Rifle Shooting, and was for two years captain of the Rifles team. Taking degrees in both Arts and Science, he was well-equipped for a successful career in his chosen profession of teaching.

After leaving the University, he was first appointed to the staff of the Brighton Grammar School as Senior Master, leaving this school in 1916 to take up a position as Science Master at the Dookie Agricultural College. After a short period in this capacity he became Headmaster of the College, a position he held until he joined the Royal Australian Naval College in October, 1923, as a Master. He became a Senior Master in 1932 and was appointed to the post of Director of Studies in January, 1941. After the appointment of Mr. Q. de Q. Robin as Director in June, 1949, Mr. Simpson was asked to defer his retirement for a year until the new Director of Studies had completed a trip to England to study education in the R.N. So for his last twelve months at the College, Mr. Simpson was Acting Director of Studies until, on August 24, 1950, he handed over to his successor and stepped down from the position which he had so splendidly filled.

Although the fact of his leaving us before the end of 1950 had been well established in our minds for a full year and, although his duties frequently took him away from the College for varying periods, still it came as something of a shock to most of us to

realise, at the beginning of Third Term, that the familiar figure was no longer to be with us. The Royal Australian Naval College only gradually awoke to its loss, but it was felt possibly all the more keenly for that. In Mr. Simpson, the College has had for many years an intensely loyal and devoted servant, one who has upheld her prestige and protected her rights and standing in the community so faithfully that nothing we can say or do could hope to repay his efforts. We can, and do, say, however, "Thank you," and we say it with every ounce of sincerity and feeling that we can muster. For most members of the College, past and present, there are probably lingering memories of something personal that H. D. Simpson has done for them, for all these are thoughts of efforts made by him on behalf of the College, and for not a few there are recollections of the dreaded visit to the Director's study for brief, heart-to-heart chats following Study Board meetings or misdemeanours, many and various. Even those of us who made these awful pilgrimages on numerous occasions carry with us always a grateful memory of the essential honest friendliness of the man who sat behind his table and surveyed us so calmly, so searchingly and so shrewdly that we felt our souls, in all their sin, were open to his penetrating eye. Few, if any, ever left Mr. Simpson's presence without feeling that they had been generously treated and, more important, without feeling encouraged and strengthened. His candour, his ever-lurking sense of humour, his quiet determination, his enthusiasm, his justice, his stalwart refusal to preach—these are among the qualities which have endeared Hugh Denney Simpson to those who knew him. These, and many other fine characteristics, are the qualities which have helped to make it hard to say goodbye to him. These are the things that have led us to the verdict that, in Hugh Denney Simpson, the College has admired and respected a gentleman, known and loved a man.

WHO GOES HOME?

Elsewhere in this issue, if the Editor be kind (or in sore literary straits), will be found a few reminiscences of this College which return clearly to the mind after almost twenty years and which may interest the present cadets and possibly those who remember, as does the writer, "the tough old days!"

This article proposes to deal with something which, to use a well-oiled cliché, should be near and dear to the heart of every ex-cadet—the future of the Royal Australian Naval College.

The history and vicissitudes of the College from its inception to the year 1946 have been dealt with most capably by Mr. F. B. Eldridge in his work entitled "A History of the Royal Australian Naval College," and I do not propose to try to enlarge on the work of my old master. He has recorded the past; we have our job to do in shaping the future.

As I write, the number of Cadets vic-tualled in R.A.N.C. is 100—a vast increase from the depression figure of 24 in 1932—and we are gradually advancing to the original conception of roughly 30 cadets in each year. It is no secret that the policy of the Naval Board is to increase the numbers to 160-180 cadets and, to do this, a special entry of 20 youths aged approximately 15-16 years will be taken in twice yearly, commencing in March, 1951. These cadets will arrive at R.A.N.C. with a standard of education equal to that of a cadet commencing his third year, and they will stay for two years only, passing out in the normal manner. By the end of 1952, therefore, it is hoped to have between 160 and 180 cadets under training.

To house all these cadets, an interim plan to use the wartime-built and temporary Officers' Training School buildings has been approved, and certain additions and alterations are to be completed before the new "Intermediate Entry" arrives in March.

But the problem is not so easily resolved. More cadets mean more Naval Staff, more Masters, more Ship's Company—all of which means more accommodation. With 180 cadets under instruction the situation regarding boats (both voluntary and instructional), which at best has always been

poor at F.N.D., will become almost hopeless. The College gymnasium, only recently acquired, now proves to be too small for the larger classes, viz., 28 cadets, and is far too crowded during voluntary gym. The really excellent study block, which was completed in the '30's is now too small for the present size of the "years."

To those of us who had the pleasure of commencing our naval careers at Jervis Bay, there seems to be one very simple answer to all the College problems—to return to the home which was built especially for the training of Naval Cadet Midshipmen.

The motto of a well-known Sydney firm comes to mind: "While I live I grow." R.A.N.C. is living now as it has never lived for many years, and it is growing in proportion. To stifle its growth now is to kill it, or at least to kill something in it which is vital.

Our sister training establishment, Duntroon, was confined to Victoria Barracks in Sydney for a very few years only during the depression. The Army fought its way out and regained its heritage.

From R.A.N.C. the cry goes up, "How long?"

It is certain that the question of finance has a great deal to do with our remaining at F.N.D. But the alternatives which now face the College seem equally expensive. Briefly they are:—

A. To build another wing onto the existing main building—it will need to be as large as the latter—and to build a new administration block, thus allowing "J" block to revert to its originally intended use as a hospital (a long-felt want at R.A.N.C.). This must be done within the next ten years as the O.T.S. buildings must be regarded as temporary only. It should not be contemplated that one half of the graduates of this College do their course in temporary wooden buildings while the other half have the comfort of more solid accommodation.

B. To renovate the buildings at Jervis Bay and return the College to its proper sphere.

To the bigoted "returnist," as I call myself, there seems to be no problem which cannot be solved by this move. To bring up

a future naval officer in the surroundings which, originally deemed ideal, have now been enhanced by the proximity of the first R.A.N. Air Station, seems to me to outweigh every other consideration.

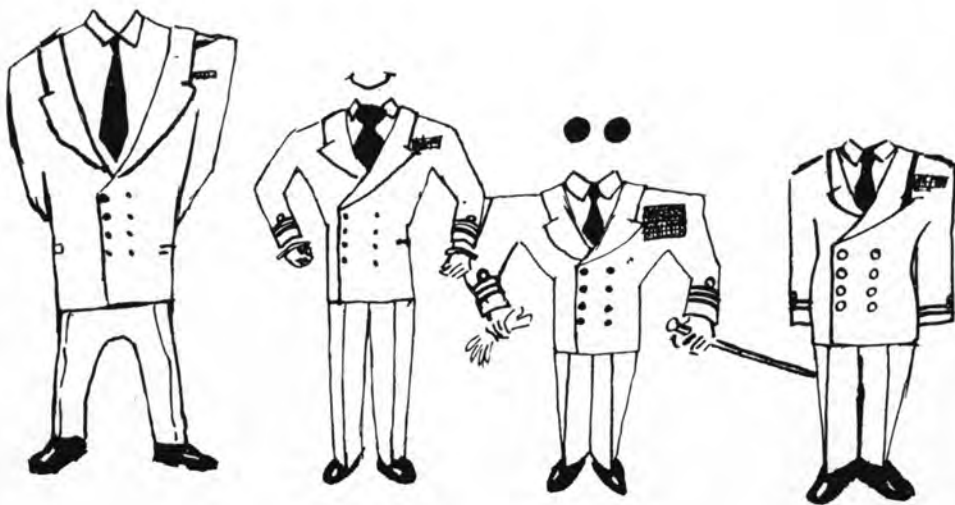
The virtues of initiative, independence and self-reliance which were engendered by the freedom and wide open spaces enjoyed by the cadets during their spare time at Jervis Bay, are not so readily developed in the present surroundings at F.N.D. The magnificent opportunities for boatwork, both instructional and recreational, the sight of units of the Fleet anchored at one's "front doorstep"—in short, the sight and sound of the sea, as opposed to the tidal swamps of Hann's Inlet—must be more effective in the shaping of a sailor. The romancing and the dreaming of a small boy, in the few moments in which he lay awake after "Pipe Down," were inspired beyond words by the flash of Point Perpendicular

light, swinging at intervals across the wall of his dormitory. F.N.D. has nothing to offer in exchange for the thrill of owning one's own hut on the lagoon, and the magnificent walks and beaches of Jervis Bay.

It seems to me, as the College approaches this crucial crossroad in its career, that those of us who are sufficiently interested in our old "Alma Mater" could use our influence to effect a favourable decision for the future. It is not just a College consideration: it vitally affects the future of the Royal Australian Navy.

"For," to quote Mr. F. B. Eldridge, "if it is upon the Navy that, under the providence of God, the wealth, safety and strength of the Commonwealth chiefly depend, it is upon the Royal Australian Naval College that the well-being, quality and efficiency of the Royal Australian Navy depends."

"RETURNIST."



SEEN AT DIVISIONS.

Drawn by T. E. K. Wishart.

COLLEGE LOG

- 1949.
- Oct. 28. Mid-Term.
31. Lecture by Commander Stevens.
- Nov. 2. Tennis v. C.P.O.'s
19. Ist. XI. v. Brighton Grammar School.
- Dec. 1. Lieutenant Robertson joined R.A.N.C.
2. Western Australian leave party departed. One week's extra sand-groping!
3. Ist. XI. v. Scotch College.
5. Ist. Year Sailing Picnic complete with breathless messengers and salvage operations. But "Good Experience"!
10. Cadets proceed on leave. Lieutenant Savage left College for "Culgoa."
- 1950.
- Jan. 31. New Cadets joined.
- Feb. 3. Remainder of Cadets rejoined. So-o-o good to be back!
9. Tennis v. Recruits Starboard.
11. Ist. XI. v. Melbourne Grammar School.
Junior XI. v. Melbourne Grammar School.
21. Official Visit and Address by Sir Willoughby Norrie.
25. Ist. and Junior XI's v. Brighton Grammar School XI's.
26. Ist. XI. v. Phoenix Cricket Club.
- March 1. Official Visit and Address by Sir Dallas Brooks.
4. Ist. and Junior XI's v. Melbourne Grammar School XI's.
Cadets witnessed laying of Chapel Foundation Stone by His Excellency the Governor-General.
6. Tennis v. Miscellaneous Division.
11. Ist. XI. v. Navy Office.
16. Flinders Year Visit Maribyrnong.
17. Mid-Term at R.A.N.C. (Some cadets reported to commence construction of an Ark).
20. Flinders Year joined Ist. Training Flotilla for Training Cruise.
24. Flinders Year rejoined College (Chorus off: "The Oceania Roll." No parrots or ear-rings sighted).
- April 1. Tennis Championships—Finals.
5. Swimming Sports.
22. Regatta.
23. A.M. Large sales of hair oil, etc. reported from Canteen.
P.M. Tennis v. Toorak Ladies' College.
25. Ist. XI. v. Officers and Masters (My dear, such fielding, such bowling!)
26. Curry Cup Final. Cadets close second.
28. Cook Year visit H.M.A.S. "Australia." Lieutenant-Commander Cook joined R.A.N.C.
29. A.M. Phillip Year visit H.M.A.S. "Australia."
P.M. College invaded by strange, wonderful creatures—les girls!*
End of Term Dance.
30. R.L.S.S. Examinations. (Ask the Jervis Year).
- May 1. Visit and Address by Admiral Radford, U.S. Navy.
5. Leave.
Lieutenant-Commander Dovers left for "Australia."
26. Cadets returned from long leave.
- June 3. Ist. and Junior XV's v. Scotch College.
6. We raise our voices in Choir Practice.
7. Ist. XV. v. Balcombe Army Apprentices. (We show the sterner side of our nature).
9. Canberra Royals XV. arrive.
10. Ist. XV. v. Canberra Royals. (They are by no means gentle with us.)
12. Cook Year visit H.M.A.S. "Sydney" Canberra Royals depart.

17. 1st. XV. v. R.A.A.F. Apprentices.
2nd. XV. v. Scotch College 2nd. XV.
21. 1st. XV. v. Balcombe Apprentices.
28. Junior XV. v. St. Ignatius'
- July 1. Hockey v. R.A.A.F. College.
Rugby 1st. XV. v. R.A.A.F. College.
Rugby Juniors v. Scotch College. (My dear, they were everywhere! Chasing footballs and hockey balls, and the shouting, and the crowds!)
3. Cross-Country training run. (Groans!)
No "Prep." because of power failure. (Cheers!!).
5. Annual Cross-Country Race.
7. Mid-Term.
13. Flinders Year visit Beaufort Division and General Motors Holden.
15. 1st., 2nd. and Junior XV's. v. Scotch College.
17. Brisk trade at Sick Bay. An epidemic of Pendulo†Plumbitus?
18. Blood Sports commence. (Boxing, you clot! Wake up in the back!)
20. Visit of the Hon. J. Francis, Minister of State for the Navy.
21. Preliminary manoeuvres for Operation Terpsichore.
25. R.L.S.S. Demonstrations for the benefit of you-know-who.
26. Boxing Championships. Messrs. Famechon, Scrivano and Joris show us how it should be done. (Ask Sinclair!)
29. 1st. XV. v. Scotch College at M.C.G.. In another match played on this day Victoria was beaten by Queensland.
30. Visit by Mr. Joe E. Brown.
- Aug. 2. Hockey v. Toorak Ladies' College. ("Of course I didn't mind signing a few autographs"—Good fellow!)
Junior XV. v. St. Ignatius'.
5. Dance at T.L.C.
Not one case of stubble trouble, hungry hair, etc. reported in Senior Years. So you **do** read the advertisements!
9. 1st. XV. v. Balcombe Apprentices.
Hockey v. T.L.C.
16. "Splice the Main Brace" in honour of the Royal Birth.
17. 1st. XV. v. Wardroom. (My good chap, it's years—puff—since I played! Yes, oxygen, please - -)
19. Australian Rules on Depot Oval (Who'd dare to comment?)
End of Term Dance. (No sleep till 2359 when youth and beauty meet.)
23. Fourth Year v. The Rest (Rugby).
24. 1st. XVIII. v. Geelong Grammar Sea Cadets.
25. Leave. (What a Term!)
- Sept. 15. We return from Leave.
21. 1st. XV. v. Recruit School.
23. Forster Cup, Sailing.
24. Motor Cycle Racing in the Depot. (I, too, am thinking of having an eardrum punctured.)
25. } Cook Year Visit H.M.A.S.
26. } "Gladstone."
27. } Phillip Year Visit H.M.A.S.
28. } "Gladstone."
30. Forster Cup Sailing.
31. Motor Cycle Racing in the Depot. (Mustard **and** Tomato Sauce on mine, please.)
- Oct. 2. Commence Athletics Heats.
7. Forster Cup Sailing.
14. Annual Athletic Sports
21. Athletics v. Brighton Grammar
27. Passing-Out.
* But it's kind of fun, at that.
† Pendulo—I Swing.

REMINISCENCES

By "One Who Passed Out"

If Mr. Fougasse was asked to caricature "The Changing Face of R.A.N.C.," he would do little better than contrast the "lean and hungry" College of July, 1932, and its 24 Cadets, with the bulging establishment of to-day, which boasts 101 future officers under training, together with the promise of a speedy increase of almost 100%.

R.A.N.C. of 1932 was a grim place in many respects. Two only of the four existing dormitories were in commission, two small tables sufficed in the messroom, which was smaller than it is at present, the First, Second and Third Year Gunrooms and Bathrooms were much smaller, the Reference Library was housed in the present Billiard Room, and the Fiction Library stood in the present Third Year Gunroom. The lower East cabin was the Sick Bay and Year Officers lived in the upper cabins. The First Lieutenant (there was no College Commander) used the lower West cabin, as the present day cabin was truly the Common (and only) Office!

Chief Petty Officer "Taff" (or "Like") Thomas was a familiar figure at the typewriter while, his opposite number, Chief Petty Officer Newman, shook us up at "Jankers." The College Officers each had a table in the cabin, and Defaulters took place in the corridor outside.

The study block then used by the Cadets is now the Educational School, and all Gym. was done in the main Drill Hall. This meant marching to studies and prep. three times a day, and **doubling back.**

The only swimming pool was the open air one at the Southern end of the Depot, and the long double there and back made swimming a bore rather than a pleasure. The Canteen was housed in the small cubby-hole at present used by the First Year Cadets for hanging No. 1 suits, Sporting gear was kept in what is now the Fourth Year Cadet Captain's cubicle.

Our playing fields were non-existent. We "owned" no field at all, but used the various grounds in the Depot. I think it was in 1932 that owing to our small numbers, the practice of Cadets competing against Depot teams in the Brock Cup was discon-

tinued. The first cricket match to be played on the large field took place in the third term of 1933 and, about this time, the Depot officially turned over to the College the small oval and the cinder track. Cadets of 1932 and 1933 spent many hours in weeding the large cricket ground—then under construction.

The small numbers in 1932 prevented any great inter-part activity. Allowing for sickness, etc., it was difficult to get two hockey teams together. Yet the 1st. XV. and the 1st. XI. managed to maintain the high R.A.N.C. standard. The magazine of 1932 records the hockey team's defeat of the Old Melburnians 3—1, and a 3 all draw with a Metropolitan team, while the 1st. XV. had some notable wins against University (24—6), and Combined Scotch College-Melbourne Grammar (19—3), a well fought draw of 14 all with the R.A.A.F. Cadets, and a notable beating by the Depot team (6—0). Boxing consisted of ten bouts, Starboard versus Port Watch, and was over in one day! There was only one tennis court in 1931, another being added in 1932; no Rifle Range, no Jervis Block and no Gym.

The routine was much the same, except that Cadets went to Divisions (both daily and on Sundays) with the Depot in the Drill Hall.

The silent pictures were replaced by the modern "Talkies" in 1931, "The Middle Watch" being the first film to be seen and heard. I can still remember the Depot band playing "Nights of Gladness" during the filming of the "silents," and the remarks of the sailors amused us all without drowning any film voices as they do now!

"Up the line" mid-terms were not in vogue in 1932. We made the best of the bad weather in tent or Gunroom. At Jervis Bay, of course, we had our own huts, but several efforts at building down here came to nothing, and although hut-building revived for a while between 1933 and 1937, it was never a popular hobby.

Discipline between years and by Cadet Captains was enforced with the gym. shoe, a clothes brush being used for very serious

offences. "General Whackings" on Sunday evenings were the rule rather than the exception, and the venue of such punishment, the Fiction Library, was soon renamed "Friction" Library.

You can imagine with what joy the entry of 1930—which had endured the drudgery

of being "first" year for two years and two terms—hailed the advent of the Jervis Year in September, 1932! And yet, for all their suppression, the 1930 entry, to a man, succeeded in Passing Out, and of the twelve originals, nine are still in the R.A.N. This must be almost a record—75% left after 20 years!

FOURTH YEAR TRAINING CRUISE

On March 20, the cadets of the 4th Year embarked, ten on each of H.M.A. Ships "Gladstone" and "Latrobe," for the annual training cruise which forms part of our training in our final year at the College. The cadets were first shown how to go about slinging a hammock, and then escorted over the ship, after which each cadet was required to make a sketch diagram of all the various compartments. At 1410 we slipped from F.N.D. wharf, and proceeded down the channel, to manoeuvre in Westernport Bay and finally anchor for the night off Stony Point Pier.

Next morning the two ships proceeded into Bass Strait, and entered Port Phillip Bay. The weather was very good and the dreaded "Rip" was as calm as a millpond, except for the presence of small swirls here and there. Mentally magnifying these, one could easily imagine how very trying the passage through the "Rip" can be when the weather is not so pleasant. During the voyage the cadets performed a variety of duties, from scrubbing the sea boat to acting as helmsman and bridge lookout.

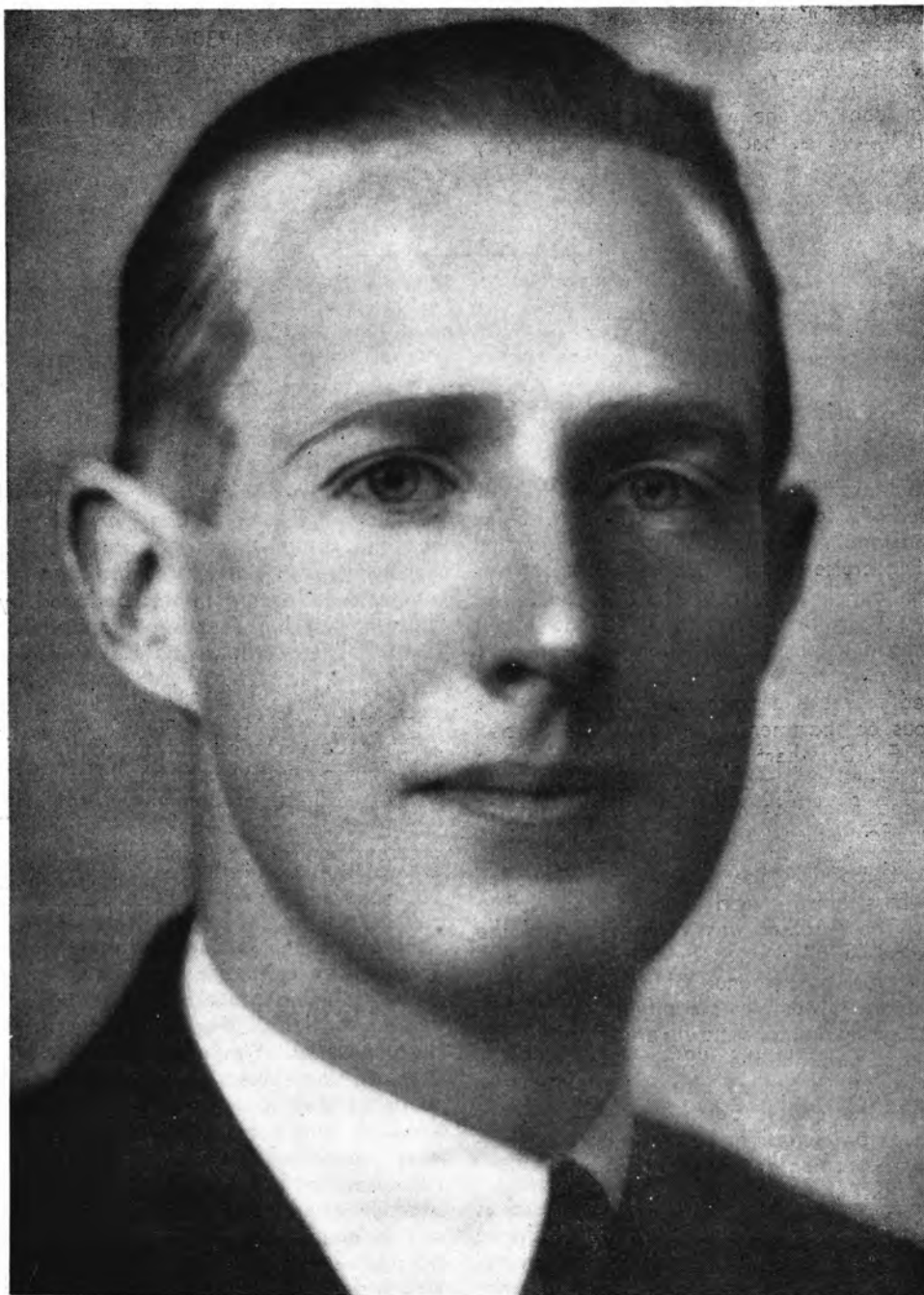
Once inside Port Phillip further exercises were carried out, in the course of which the sea boat was dropped three times with recruits as crew and a cadet as coxswain. "Gladstone" secured to Nelson Pier, Williamstown, at 1615. Cadets were shown round the dockyard and saw H.M.A.S. "Anzac" and a "Daring" class destroyer in the process of construction. On the follow-

ing morning we were rudely awakened by a half-hour of P.T. on Nelson Pier; this at least had the result of making breakfast a very popular meal. After breakfast our already over-crowded gunroom was besieged by the other half of the Year who dropped in from "Latrobe" to compare notes.

Proceeding out into Port Phillip Bay we performed a series of manoeuvres, during which cadets carried out the duties of officer of the watch, yeoman, helmsman, flag hoister and telegraphman. Visibility was very poor as "Gladstone" anchored off the Quarantine Pier on Point Nepean. Due to a rising wind "Midshipman of the Watch" was kept all night in one hour tricks.

By the time we turned to in the morning, the stomachs of more than a few of us were beginning to take notice of the lively motion of the ship, some to the extent of developing an intense interest in what lay over the side rails! We were given freedom to do as we pleased until the ship entered Western Port. Here we took part in another series of manoeuvres before again anchoring off Stony Point. On the next day, exercises were carried out which included station keeping with "Latrobe" and we entered Hann's Inlet at 1400, tying up at F.N.D. wharf shortly afterwards. In spite of our initial fears and misgivings we were all able to say, with perfect truth, that we were sorry to disembark and return to the more academic pursuits of life at the College.

J. C. WALLER,



MR. Q. de Q. ROBIN, B.A., Dip.Ed., Director of Studies.

FROM TIME TO TIME

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

On Tuesday, February 21, the Governor of South Australia, Sir Willoughby Norrie, and Lady Norrie visited the College. Sir Willoughby and Lady Norrie were first introduced to the officers and masters, after which His Excellency gave a most interesting address to the Cadets, tracing the development of the tank as a weapon of war. He described the part played by tanks in the wars of 1914-18 and 1939-45, and particularly stressed the changes in tank tactics that have occurred since these machines were first used in 1916. He pointed out that no arm of any service, and no one service alone can achieve anything without complete co-operation from the others, and advised Cadets to make co-operation a part of their daily lives. Concluding a very enjoyable address on this note, His Excellency wished the Cadet-Midshipmen a successful career in the R.A.N. Afterwards, the Vice-Regal couple met and chatted with the South Australian members of the College on the Quarterdeck.

S. B. GRIFFITH.

One cold winter morning while the Cadets of Phillip Year were attending a Physics period, one member of the class who had a window seat noticed something moving about in the scrub near the Study Block. By the end of the period almost everybody in the classroom was aware of the "mystery of the scrub" and they all headed for the fence to discover the solution before their presence in the Mathematics room was insisted upon. The strange object was soon proved to be nothing more than a wallaby hopping about. As wallabies are very rarely seen here the Cadets reached the conclusion that the wallaby must have escaped from the Depot Zoo. By this time Mr. Cowban was showing considerable interest in our extra-curricula activities so we were forced to leave the wallaby and return to studies.

M. D. JACKSON.

On Sunday, July 31, Mr. Joe E. Brown, the American comedian visited the Depot. Divisions took place an hour later than usual. The Cadets then marched to Church where Mr. Brown read the lesson. After Church,

Cadets were inspected by the Commodore and then marched to the Quarterdeck where Mr. Brown had an interesting and informal talk with us. One of the first things he did was to pick out Cadet-Midshipman Cooper of the First Year as R.A.N.C.'s loudest singer at Church. On noticing the interest of the Cadets, particularly those of the Senior Years, in his daughters ("my Cadets"), Mr. Brown called them over and we met them. We all enjoyed meeting Mr. Brown and his family and it will be a long time before the memory of his visit and his richly humorous personality leaves us.

A. R. CUMMINS.

On Wednesday, June 28, our usual Prep. was cancelled in favour of a most interesting talk given by Major Forbes, Superintendent of the Holding Centre for New Australians at Somers. Major Forbes told us several stories of the naval adventures of one of his ancestors, Captain Brenton, who was in command of H.M.S. "Caesar" at the Battle of Cape St. Vincent. Captain Brenton was Major Forbes' great-grandfather, and these tales had been passed down through the family to the Major. The three very lusty cheers which followed the talk conveyed some indication of the enjoyment derived by the Cadets from these pleasant ramblings into history's byways.

J. O. MORRICE.

P. G. BROOK.

This year has seen a growing interest in the game of Australian Rules football at the College. During the winter term inter-year fixtures on Sundays were quite a regular feature and much enthusiasm prevailed. After a series of these matches it is pretty generally conceded throughout the College that Third Year have the outstanding team. On several occasions we were lucky enough to obtain the use of the Depot No. 1 oval for matches. Among the outstanding matches of the season were two towards the end of Term II—firstly a pick-up match between teams led by Griffith and Waller, and secondly, a match against the Geelong Grammar Sea Cadets. Even keen Rugby supporters have taken an interest in the national game as a result of these clashes

and there are many among the Cadets who hope that this new-found enthusiasm will continue.

M. J. S. KEAY.

The thanks of Cadets are owing to Chaplain Fawell for many things, but not the least of these is his clearing up of the mystery (to many of us) of the term "Toc H." In interesting talks, Chaplain Fawell has told us of the origins and works of this organisation. The origin of "Toc H" is not widely known; it started during the First World War as a place of relaxation for soldiers not in action. The name "Toc H" comes from the initials of the building, Talbot House, where the club was situated. Since then it has become a world-wide organisation with the object of giving help wherever it is needed. Since Chaplain Fawell's explanation of the meaning of "Toc H" there have been suggestions that the College might consider the formation of a branch. Whether anything grows from these so far vague hints and mutterings or not we are indebted to the Chaplain for his interesting talks on the subject.

H. STEVENSON.

At the completion of the College Boxing Finals on Wednesday, July 26, the Commander introduced Mr. Eddie Miller and a trio of professional boxers whom Mr. Miller had brought to the College to give an exhibition. Mr. Miller introduced Bob Scrivano, Andre Famechon and Karel Joris who then proceeded to show us the nature of a professional boxer's daily workout. They started with bag-punching followed by several rounds of shadow boxing. Messrs. Famechon and Joris then sparring three rounds in the course of which Cadets were much impressed with the speed and dexterity of movement of head, hands and feet exhibited by both boxers. Cadet-Midshipman Sinclair then went into the ring for two rounds with Mr. Scrivano; this exhibition was highly pleasing to all the Cadets, with one possible exception! After this, the three boxers continued with normal training exercises including shadow boxing, punching of heavy and light bags, and skipping. The Cadets greatly enjoyed the exhibition and the response to the Chief Cadet Captain's call for three cheers for the visitors when they came to the Mess-room to say good-

bye was both wholehearted and vociferous. Our thanks are due also to Lieut. (L) I. Barnes, R.A.N., who arranged the exhibition and thereby gave us an insight into the hard work that goes into the making of a first class professional boxer.

R. G. MACHIN.

During Second Term, three enterprising Cadets in Keay, Pennock and Odum started a sports magazine called "Hi Mark." Originally intended only to report on the progress of Australian Rules football, the magazine in its second number dealt with all sports. The initiative and energy of the Cadets responsible for this highly entertaining sports review are to be highly commended, and we hope that the Editor and his staff will continue their good work.

M. E. H. EARLAM.

The first End of Term Dance, the big social event of the term, took place on Saturday, April 29. Always eagerly awaited by both beaux and gourmets, it was on this occasion a great success from both points of view. With a large bevy of beauties and a plentiful supper, the evening was assured of success. Add to these factors a beautiful evening, a very fine programme and an excellent band, not to mention the fact that this time the bus bringing the ladies was a mere twenty minutes late, and it will be understood that the party went with a real swing. Our enthusiasm only waned as the time marched relentlessly along towards midnight when we were forced to make our fond farewells. I am glad to be able to report that even the most heart-broken and desolate appeared to have fully recovered in time for breakfast next morning.

B. J. READ.

On Wednesday, March 1, Sir Dallas Brooks, Governor of Victoria, delivered an address to the Officers, Masters and Cadet-Midshipmen of the Royal Australian Naval College. Taking as his subject "The Royal Marines," Sir Dallas told us of the origins, the traditions and the tasks of this fine body, of which he is a proud member. As there are no marines in the R.A.N. we have had no contact at all with these men and Sir Dallas said that his aim was to introduce us to them before we meet them. Pointing out the mutual admiration and respect for each other entertained by both sailors and mar-

ines, His Excellency stressed the fact that this was essential in view of the necessity for close co-operation between the Navy and the Marine Corps. When he had concluded, Sir Dallas asked his aide-de-camp to give us an indication of the active service work of the Royal Marine Corps by relating some of his experiences at British Honduras. Before leaving, Sir Dallas met and talked informally with the Victorian Cadets. His visit, and particularly his absorbing and enlightening address, was greatly appreciated and is pleasurably remembered by all of us.

P. J. SHARP.
C. K. CALLINS.

An afternoon's tennis was arranged for Sunday, April 23, when a team of young ladies from Toorak Ladies' College met a team of Cadet-Midshipmen. Some concern was experienced at their failure to arrive on time, but it was found that their bus had suffered a mechanical breakdown just outside Hastings. The afternoon got away to an enthusiastic, if belated, start with their ultimate arrival at 3.15 p.m., and it proved an immense success. It was such a welcome change from the normal run of events that the Cadets, although thoroughly beaten, enjoyed every moment of the afternoon. We hope that this experiment is one that will be frequently repeated.

A. L. BEAUMONT.

On Saturday, March 4, with fitting pomp and ceremony, the foundation stone of the Protestant Memorial Chapel of the R.A.N. was laid. As this Chapel is to be a Memorial to those Australian seamen who paid the supreme sacrifice in two world wars, this ceremony was an important event in the history of our Navy, and by three o'clock, a large crowd had assembled to witness the dedication and pay homage to those whose heroism it will serve to keep green in our minds. At three o'clock His Excellency the Governor-General, Mr. W. J. McKell, arrived and inspected the Royal Guard. He then proceeded to the dais where Church dignitaries of the Protestant denominations were gathered. There were present the Right Reverend J. D. McKie, M.A., Bishop of Geelong, the Reverend H. G. Secomb, D.D., President-General of the Methodist Church of Australia, the Very Reverend Walter Maclean, M.C., V.O., re-

presenting the Moderator of the Presbyterian Church of Victoria, the Senior Chaplain the Reverend W. H. Henderson, O.B.E., R.A.N., and the Chaplain of the Flinders Naval Depot the Reverend J. O. Were, M.A., R.A.N. Also in the official party were the First Naval Member, Rear-Admiral J. A. Collins, C.B., R.A.N., the Premier of Victoria, the Right Honourable T. T. Hollway, and the Commodore Superintendent of Training, Commodore W. A. Dallmeyer, D.S.O., R.N.

A short service of a nature fitting the occasion ensued and in the course of this there was an excellent address by His Excellency, the Governor-General. He reminded those present that March 4 was also the anniversary of H.M.A.S. "Yarra's" last fight against overwhelming enemy opposition. After his speech he carried out the actual laying of the stone, using a trowel especially made for the occasion in the Depot workshops, and presented to His Excellency by the architect who designed the Chapel, Mr. Louis R. Williams.

It was a ceremony which those present will remember throughout their lives, and we are indeed proud that some fitting memorial is to be erected to the memory of those gallant Australians who, in two major wars, have helped to build the proud traditions of the Royal Australian Navy.

G. HALLEY.
J. O. MORRICE.

During the Second Term the College was visited by The Honourable the Minister of State for the Navy, Mr. Francis. After inspecting the Cadets and meeting the College staff, Mr. Francis spoke briefly to the Cadets, expressing his pleasure at being with us and urging us to exert ourselves to the fullest in equipping ourselves to be worthy servants of our country. Following his brief speech, Mr. Francis met the Queensland Cadets in the Library before going on to take the salute at a march past of personnel at present serving in the Depot.

H. G. FERRIS.

On Thursday, March 16, the members of the Fourth Year visited the Ordnance Factory, Maribyrnong, and the Ammunition Factory, Footscray. On arrival at the former, we were divided into two parties and escorted through the factory. This interesting tour occupied the entire morning so we

proceeded directly to lunch in the fine dining rooms and spare pocket money was spent in the canteen. At about half past one the bus took us to the Ammunition Factory where we were again split up into parties and shown the plant. We were all greatly impressed here by the action of the giant power hammer which we watched pounding a length of red hot metal which was destined to emerge from the factory as a gun barrel. This very interesting and educational day was a welcome break from the usual routine and was thoroughly enjoyed by all members of the party.

M. RAYMENT.

A very interesting and striking personality in Admiral Arthur William Radford, U.S.N., Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Pacific Fleet, visited the College on Monday, May 1, and delivered to the Cadets an enlightening and inspiring address. On arrival at the College, Admiral Radford first met the officers and masters and then inspected the Cadets. Beginning his address, he briefly reminded us that it was Coral Sea Week before going on to tell us something of his own experiences as a very junior officer. He informed us that his decision to specialize in naval aviation was taken while he was still a midshipman but that his ambition in this direction was temporarily halted by the 1st World War. Immediately after the war he applied for flight training at Pensacola.

"Since that time I have devoted my entire service life to the development and integration of Naval Air into our Navy. The cardinal principle we have followed has been its complete integration with the Fleet. That integration and the years of peacetime training first paid off in victory in the Battle of the Coral Sea, which victory we are joined in celebrating this week."

Speaking then of the possible development of the future and the problems likely to be encountered, Admiral Radford pointed out that technical competence has become more necessary than ever before. This entails specialisation but, he warned, specialisation must not be allowed to draw an officer so far from the Navy that he loses the feel of being a Naval Officer. "You should be a Naval Officer first and a specialist second."

Going on to stress the vital importance of a navy to Australia, and to briefly name

some few of the great men who have helped to build the Royal Australian Navy, Admiral Radford then said, "I have read with interest of your five year plan to develop the Australian Navy into a well-balanced fighting force capable of holding its own in any emergency until joined by friendly forces, WHICH WILL SURELY COME—that plan, however, even when realised in material—will need for successful realisation and execution a body of efficient and well trained career officers—officers who are responsible to the country for the development of the weapons, the techniques and the leadership which make any navy strong. In the final analysis gentlemen, a Navy is not a mere collection of weapons and devices, it is men—it is you."

After his impressive speech, for which we are extremely grateful, Admiral Radford made a rapid tour of inspection of the Cadets' quarters, study block and gymnasium before leaving the College and concluding a memorable visit.

B. R. LEE.

R. A. J. T. ARUNDEL.

SICK BAY BLUES

Ah've got dose Sick Bay Blues!

Twisted fumbs, blistered heels,

Coughs, colds, flus,

Dat's how Ah feels—

Ah got dem Sick Bay Blues.

Yeah, sure is Sick Bay Blues!

Sore throat, boilin' neck,

Ain't got no clues,

Yeah ma'am, Ah'se a wreck,

Ah got S.B. Blues.

Yo' heard o' Sick Bay Blues?

Ah'm ill, no foxin'.

'Tain't jus' cos youse

Havin' de boxin'.

Ah'm sick—mighty sick—S.B. Blues.

Sick Bay Blues? Ah, well,

Roll on October.

Ah'm feelin' mighty swell,

Now cross country's ober!

Doggawn y'ole Blues.

Me? Ah ain't got no Blues!

Feelin' fit, full o' fight,

Just heard de news,

Ah'm goin' on leave tonight,

Goodbye y'ole S.B. Blues.

"WUN."

During this year there seems to have been rather more social activity than previously, particularly in regard to communication with the members of the fair sex. This has been attained with the aid of considerable co-operation from the Toorak Ladies' College, Frankston, and activities involved in the process of teaching Cadets that there are female members of the species, have taken the form of hockey and tennis matches, dances and the performance of a Shakespearian play by the young ladies of T.L.C. After much nervousness and trepidation in the early stages of these exchanges, most Cadets (excluding the couple of strong men who pound their chests and roar that they are woman-haters) have grown to appreciate them, and it is widely hoped that many more such contacts will be possible.

D. GOUGH.

On Thursday, August 24, we were very pleased to have with us the Geelong Gram-

mar School Sea Cadets. Having embarked at Geelong in H.M.A. Ships "Gladstone" and "Latrobe" on the morning of Wednesday, August 23, they reached the Depot in time to join us at Divisions on Thursday morning. Following Divisions, they attended a lecture in the Prep. room, delivered by Commander Adams, and spent the remainder of the morning in being shown over the College, the 4th Year acting as guides. We saw them again during the afternoon when the Sea Cadets met the College in an Australian Rules football match. Remaining in the Depot for a week, they were thoroughly occupied with boat pulling, sailing, instructional films and lectures and, according to all reports spent a most enjoyable seven days. To Geelong Grammar School belongs the distinction of being the first Public School to take up naval training since the war, and also of being the first to send a body of Sea Cadets to do a course at Flinders Naval Depot.

R. G. HARRIS.

OPERATION "TERPSICHORE"

During the Winter Term, as a small libation to the Goddess of the Dance, it was decided to sacrifice Flinders Year before the court of Terpsichore in a series of small encounters called collectively by the above title.

Phase ONE, on "D" minus 15, consisted of a full dress rehearsal carried out in the mess room at 2000 on July 21. A number of ladies from the Depot kindly presented themselves as instructresses and, after lessons from them, together with the First Lieutenant's exhibition of "Rhythm," and Lieutenant Robertson's Square Rhumba and Slinkey Samba, the Cadets felt themselves adequately briefed.

After a reconnaissance carried out under the guise of a hockey match at the Toorak Ladies' College, the Flinders Year scouts reported on the terrain and the strength of the opposition likely to be encountered. As "D-day" approached, excitement at R.A.N.C. ran high. "Ammunition" in the form of various "calibres" of brilliantine was quietly broken out of the "magazines," and in the Flinders Year dormitory—

"Even the bravest held his breath
For a time!"

A paper-chase on the great day was just a warm-up and, at 1915, the fully equipped combat team embarked in their transportation.

Operation "Terpsichore" was mounted!

After a conventional approach, the "enemy" lines were reached with little or no opposition, and before long both sides were locked in close "combat." Miss Jenny Brennan, the well-known "referee" of such operations, had the situation well in hand at an early stage and, supported by her pianist, kept things going at a lively pace. (It is reported that one Cadet who was having grave difficulty with the tempo of a tune called "Nickelodeon" was heard to say, "She's put a dollar in!").

However, reinforcements and rehabilitation for both sides, in the form of supper, were speedily brought up to the front line, and all combatants, except a certain Welsh Cadet who remained concealed under the camouflage of the soft drink table for most of the evening, greatly refreshed themselves.

The engagement soon recommenced with renewed vigour, and it was at this stage that the First Lieutenant almost disgraced the attacking force by falling heavily during the assault on "Hill 60", known locally as 'The Pride of Erin.' By now, however, it was apparent that the defenders were gaining, and that the Cadets were being "repulsed" (in a nice sort of way) with heavy losses. The end, which was a foregone conclusion, was reached when the R.A.N.C. capitulated unconditionally to the charms of their "opponents" and the "referee" ruled a "draw," to be "replayed" at a later

date on Navy Ground. One Cadet (the cad!) refused to surrender so easily and, on the pretext of having left his cap behind, attempted to invade the enemy lines after the "armistice" had been signed. He was "driven back" (after a suitable pause).

Many valuable lessons were learnt from this interesting encounter. Not the least of these was by the Commander himself who, we regret to say, is inclined to be somewhat overmodest for one with such a reputation as a "jitterbug"!

"WUN."

PEOPLE

You Said It!

Handing in his badge, **John Clark ("Schnozz") Waller**, recent (1949-50) sheriff of the Naval Academy and graduating member of the class of '47 had something to say. Said Arm of the Law Waller, "I am not running for office next year. Newton Abbott*!"

Lanky, gangling, bow-legged six and a half footer, horse-hockey jockey, **C.D.H. ("Sticks") Barton**, sat loosely in his saddle and reflectively chewed the business end of his polo-crosse stick. Said "Sticks"—"Sure is sorta tough when a guy's gotta say good-bye to his hoss."

Frat-leader (Top), handsome **David J. Martin**, denied rumours of current entanglements. Said D.J.: "My career comes first. Sorry girls, you'll have to wait till I'm in the top brass with one thick stripe." Wailed one Melbourne cutie, "Well, he sure fooled me!"

Out of the Bullpen.

"I am so thrilled," gushed 6 years old petite (3' 0½") Mimi Moidore of upper-crust Toorak as she stood in her dressing gown looking at the autograph of field hockey-player **Robert G. Machin**. Goalie Machin seemed pretty pleased, too!

Snorted footballer (see Sports) **Eric ("Eric") Johnston** (no kin to the keeper of Hollywood's morals), "No, I don't wear anything—I just grew that way," when asked if he used pads to bolster his famous hip check. Commented **Duncan ("Rusty") Steele**, star Navy half-back, "It certainly needs all my weight to pull him down." **Coach Wilson**, no slouch himself in the back line, gave a terse "No comment!"

The Well Fed People.

It took more than a broken collarbone to wipe the inscrutable facial grimace from the dial of ardent grouper **M.W. ("Mona Lisa") Hudson**, top hand of the "Gobs." Rugged contender for Vice-Regal "ace-sportsman's" Cup, Hudson commented thus when queried on the number of banquets enjoyed by other groups, "The fantail boys will be in there pitching next year."

"ANON."

* You can have it!

(The impact that "TIME" has made on this contributor who states, and I quote, "I read "TIME" from cover to cover" became a little too obvious when this column was received.—Ed.)

WATCH NOTES



Watch Officer: Lieut. J. A. Robertson, R.A.N.

Watch Cadet Captain: M. W. Hudson.

Cadet Captains: C. K. Callins, A. V. H. Evans, R. M. Baird.

Having done none too well last year we arrived back from Christmas leave with the feeling of "do or die" and we were determined to put every ounce of effort into the inter-Watch sports. Thus we were very pleased when we won the Cricket, which victory was achieved only after two very close games with the senior Topmen. Evans' batting and Sinclair's slow spinners played a major part in giving us pride of place in Cricket.

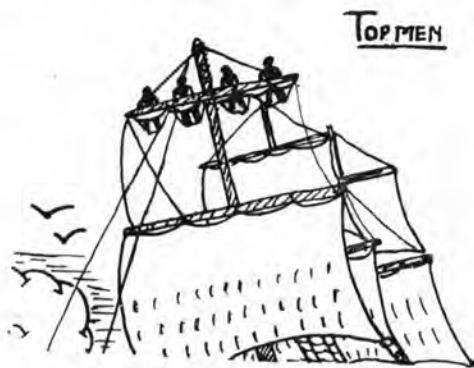
We suffered a reverse however, when we came last in the Swimming Sports, although we made the Topmen work very hard for their points. Notwithstanding this defeat we entered the Regatta very confidently, giving ourselves the edge on Top, whom we regarded as the more dangerous of our rivals. We were surprised, to say the least, when we again came last.

In the second Term we won the Soccer outright, winning all but one match in which we drew with Forecastle. With Rugby our seniors were unfortunate, being beaten in every game. Our juniors saved the situation here when, ably captained by Keane they were successful in all but one game. The Hockey was very close, and the ultimate result hinged on the last match with Top. Unfortunately for us, they won this deciding game to put us in second place. In the Cross Country we were again last.

Knox is to be congratulated on being awarded his Tennis colours and for winning the Open Tennis Championship; also Curtis, who was runner-up in the Open Sculling Championship. Rugby colours were awarded to C. K. Callins and M. W. Hudson, Cricket colours to M. W. Hudson.

I would like to congratulate the Topmen and Fo'castlemen on their performances this year. I would also like to remind the Topmen that, with three more inter-Watch events to go, we can still draw with them for the Dalton Cup, so I suggest they should not become too confident.

M. HUDSON.



Watch Officer: Lieut. F. E. Wilson, R.A.N.

Watch Cadet Captain: D. J. Martin.

Cadet Captains: E. E. Johnston, B. E. D. Jacobs.

Having occupied second place for the Dalton Cup in 1949, the Topmen entered their games this year, under the enthusiastic whip of the Watch Officer, with a zest which promised great results. And now, looking back over the year, we can feel satisfied with our efforts. With four wins and three seconds we are placed in a position where, even by coming last in the Athletics, Tug-of-War and Forster Cup (which is in itself highly improbable), we cannot be pushed out of first place for the Dalton Cup.

The Swimming saw us win after a tussle which left the issue in doubt until the last event. In the Cricket, with Johnston, Ednie-Brown and Simpson the mainstays of the side, we came second. The critics were astounded when Top carried off the Regatta honours—severe voluntary training being the secret of our success. The Senior "A" crew was, with one change, the crew used by the College in the Curry Cup. We all looked forward to a successful winter, and our chances were strengthened by the arrival of C.M. (S) Wood, whose aid in the Rugby and Hockey proved invaluable. Very good senior Rugby and junior Hockey teams helped us to victory in those competitions—incidentally, Top supplied eight of this year's First Fifteen. In the Soccer and Cross Country we came in second, Varley gaining second place in the latter event.

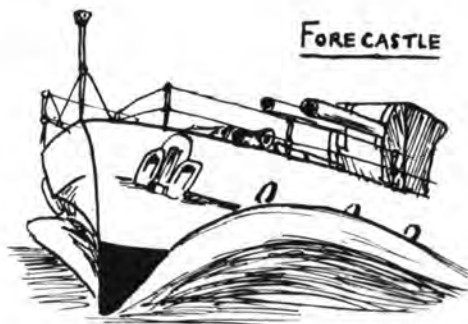
As for individual efforts, several are worthy of special mention. Machin and Gatacre were senior and junior Swimming champions, Machin being awarded his colours. C. M. (S) Dunn reached the final of the Open Sculls and Watts, Gatacre and Cook filled the first three places in the Junior Sculls. Jacobs and Simpson, in the College Tennis Championships, reached the final of the Open Doubles. Rugby colours were awarded to Varley, Wood, Jacobs and Martin.

We wish the best of luck to Simpson (3rd. year) and Bearlin (2nd), both of whom left the Service during the year.

We can be thoroughly satisfied that everyone has pulled his weight throughout the year, and the watch spirit has left nothing to be desired. Top should continue to do well if this spirit is maintained at its present high level.

Our congratulations go to Fo'castle and Quarterdeck, who have made every contest a very close one, and who deserve praise not only for their wins but also for the splendid manner in which they have accepted defeat. We sincerely hope that the prevailing enthusiasm will continue in years to come, and wish the best of luck for the future, not only to the Topmen, but also to the rest of the College.

D. J. MARTIN.



Watch Officer: Lieut-Commander W. F. Cook, R.A.N.

Watch Cadet Captain: J. C. Waller.

Cadet Captain: J. Andrewartha.

After winning the Dalton Cup last year, Fo'castle started 1950 very confidently. However, our good luck of last year has not held, and although we have acquitted ourselves creditably we cannot now win the Dalton Cup which goes to the Topmen. Our hearty congratulations go with it. We have, however, come first in the Cross Country, and a very close second in each of the Rugby, Swimming and Regatta. In other sports we have not done so well, but it is pleasing to report that our failures have been due to lack of skill, never to lack of spirit.

Our effort in the All Comers' Cutter in the Regatta was a commendable one, and partly compensated for our loss of the day. It was a gruelling struggle all the way with the Top and Fo'castle cutters neck and neck. We finally won by considerably less than a boat's length.

Our congratulations to Sharp on his achievement in winning the Open Sculls for two years in succession; also to McKenzie and Andrewartha for their excellent efforts in the Cross Country Race. These two have always been amongst the leaders in the Cross Country since their first year. Congratulations to the same pair for gaining their Rugby colours and to McKenzie for his gallant effort in this year's Curry Cup. Griffith was runner-up in the senior Singles Tennis Championships and, with Knox (Quarterdeck), won the senior Doubles. These performances have earned for him his Tennis colours. He has also won the Squash Championship in convincing style. Odum scored a noteworthy double victory at the

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Swimming Sports when he carried off both the senior and junior Diving.

The watch members of the Passing-Out Year wish all luck to the Fo'castle teams

next year and hope that they will bring back the Dalton Cup to its proper home, "the leading part of ship!"

J. C. WALLER.

SPORTS AND SPORTING

COLOURS

(Showing Date of Award)

RUGBY	CRICKET	HOCKEY	TENNIS	ATHLETICS	SWIMMING	BOATS
1950	1950	—	1950	1949	1950	1949
D. J. Martin C. K. Collins M. W. Varley M. W. Hudson F. A. Wood J. Andrewartha R. McKenzie B. E. D. Jacobs	M. W. Hudson S. B. Griffith		S. B. Griffith I. W. Knox	J. C. Waller	R. G. Machin	P. J. Sharp
				1950		
				B. E. D. Jacobs R. McKenzie		

CRICKET



Left to Right: **FIRST ELEVEN.**
 Standing: Ednie-Brown, Sinclair, Johnston, Bartholomew.
 Seated: Beaumont, Callins, Hudson (Capt.), Griffith, Hunt, Arundel. Absent: Evans.

R.A.N.C. 1st. XI. v. BRIGHTON GRAMMAR SCHOOL

This match was played at R.A.N.C. on Saturday, November 19, 1949, and as it was our first game as a team, we were naturally anxious to see how we would fare. Winning the toss, Brighton decided to bat, and sent their opening pair out to a hot,

dry wicket. Arundel opened the bowling and captured a wicket in his first over with the score at 7. Griffith continued the good work by also taking a wicket in his first over. Our bowling continued to be good and the Brighton batsmen were unable to settle down. They were all out for 54, of which

McFarlane made 16 and Marriott 14 not out: Going in to bat with high hopes, we suffered a severe setback in the third over when both openers were dismissed. However, Evans settled down to make an excellent 38, and Griffith also batted well to score 18. We were finally dismissed for a total of 79. Brighton batted again, and although making a fine effort in a short time, they failed to reach our score. Thus our first match ended in a win on the first innings by 25 runs.

M. W. HUDSON

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

Played at Melbourne, this was the first match of 1950. The College won the toss and batted. Chiefly due to useful scores of 48 by Griffith and 31 by Sinclair, we reached a total of 112 runs. However, Grammar proved a much more mature batting side than our own, and had reached 225 when time forced them to close their innings, thus achieving an easy win. Our most successful bowlers were Sinclair (3 for 48), Griffith (2 for 68) and Jackson (2 for 20).

D. J. MARTIN.

R.A.N.C. 1st. XI. v. PHOENIX C.C.

On Sunday, February 26, the Phoenix Cricket Club visited the College and played a match against our 1st XI. The visiting team included such notable players as C. McDonald, W. Ponsford Junr., and K. Sarovitch. College won the toss and sent Phoenix in to bat. At the end of their innings they had amassed 265 runs, outstanding batting being shown by McDonald (45) and Sarovitch (40). College found the bowling too good and could manage only 92 in reply, top scorers being Lieutenant Wilson and Arundel with 14 each. Altogether the 1st XI gained much valuable experience in this match, and it is their desire to thank the Phoenix XI for giving them this opportunity to learn something more of the game of cricket.

P. HOARE.

R.A.N.C. 1st. XI. v. NAVY OFFICE.

This very interesting match was played on Saturday, March 11, and resulted in a first innings victory for Navy Office. Captain Gotacre won the toss and batted. After losing a wicket before scoring, Navy Office went on to compile 146 runs, top score being Captain Cook's 33. R.A.N.C. only managed 95, of which Hudson and Evans each compiled over 20. Commander McKinnon took 4 wickets. Bating again, Navy Office went for the runs and declared at 6/72, Lieutenant-Commander Robertson making 30. Griffith bowled well to capture 5 wickets. With only one hour to play, R.A.N.C. required 124 runs to win. A noble effort to reach this tally found the College only six runs short of victory at stumps. In some really remarkable batting, Sinclair top-scored with 42. The result was thus a win by 51 runs on the first innings for Navy Office in one of the brightest matches of the season.

D. T. HUNT.

R.A.N.C. 1st. XI. v. BRIGHTON GRAMMAR SCHOOL

This return match against Brighton Grammar School was played at Brighton on April 15. We won the toss and put Brighton in to bat. Arundel opened the bowling on a fast, hard wicket and secured two early dismissals. Then a firm stand by Brighton added 61 runs before both batsmen were dismissed

by slow spinner Sinclair. Arundel ran very quickly through the remainder, and Brighton were all out for 87, Arundel taking 6 wickets for 20 runs. R.A.N.C. opened rather shakily, and this uncertainty persisted throughout the innings. Bating streakily against very good bowling, we were all dismissed for a total of 51. Brighton batted again and very quickly compiled 54 runs for the loss of eight wickets, Arundel and Griffith taking four each. Brighton's declaration at this stage saw our batsmen struggling again. Jackson batted stubbornly for 15, but stumps found us with only 51 runs on the board for the loss of eight wickets, the match thus ending in a well-merited first innings victory for Brighton.

P. H. SIMPSON.

R.A.N.C. 1st. XI. v. OFFICERS AND MASTERS.

The Officers and Masters played and defeated the College XI during the afternoon of Anzac Day. The Officers won the toss and decided to bat. Chaplain Fawell, opening with Chaplain Ellis, fell l.b.w. with the score at eight. Lieutenant-Commander Dovers partnered Chaplain Ellis to 55, when both wickets fell in quick succession. Chaplain Ellis top-scored with 35 of the Officers' total of 94 runs. Sinclair was the 1st XI's most successful bowler with 3/13, while Griffith and Johnston each took two wickets. Excellent bowling by Lieutenant Wilson (6 for 7), and Chaplain Fawell (3 for 4) routed the College XI for the meagre total of 34, of which Jackson scored 12. Five College batsmen failed to score.

J. CURTIS

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

Played at the College, this match provided an excellent day's cricket. Winning the toss, Melbourne Grammar sent R.A.N.C. in to bat. In the total of 101 which the College compiled, Beaumont made 23 and Jackson 14 not out. Melbourne Grammar's innings opened disastrously with the loss of their two openers for "ducks". A good hand by McDermott was mainly responsible for Grammar's total reaching 95 before the last wicket fell. R.A.N.C. failed dismally in their second innings, the total only reaching 27. Making a quick 60 before stumps, Melbourne Grammar gained an outright win.

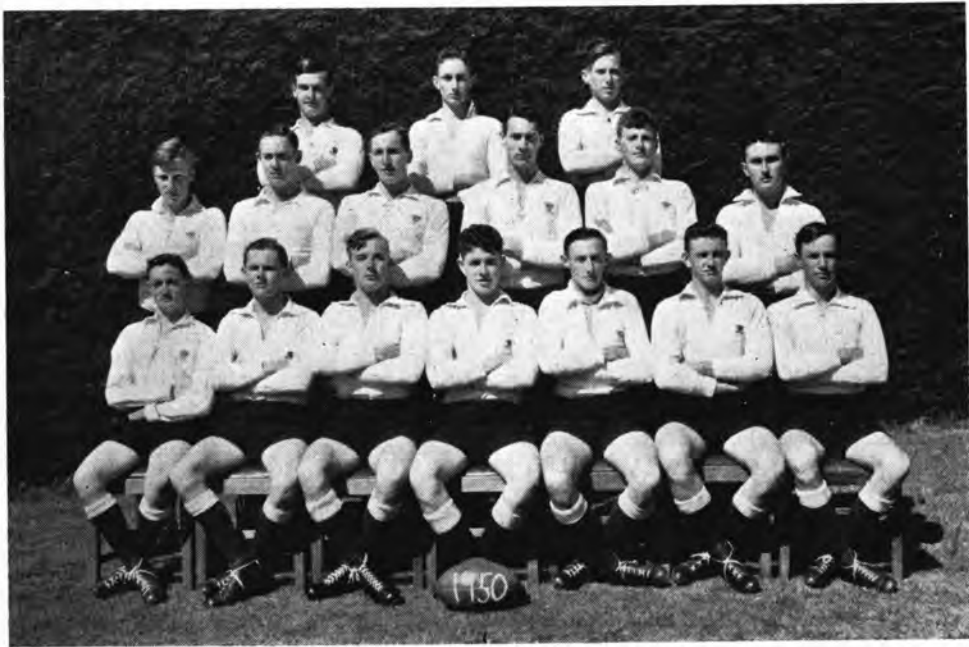
A. DOWLING.

R.A.N.C. 1st. XI. v. CONVERSION OFFICERS.

The Conversion Officers won the toss and elected to bat. Lieutenant George batted attractively, and soundly in making 25, the highest individual score of the match. In spite of this handy knock, the Officers could achieve only 48 runs before the last wicket fell. The outstanding bowler for the College was Johnston, whose endeavours earned the fine figures of five wickets for only eight runs. College then batted, but were in trouble from start to finish of the innings which achieved only 46 runs, no batsman reaching double figures. Bating again, the Officers declared at 6 for 47, leaving the College only 20 minutes in which to chase the 50 runs necessary for victory. The College failed by only 10 runs to achieve this task, having rattled on 40 for the loss of seven wickets at stumps. Evans was responsible for 21 and Johnston for 10 of these. A close and exciting day's cricket thus ended in a win on the first innings by two runs for the Conversion Officers.

P. SINCLAIR.

RUGBY



FIRST FIFTEEN.

Left to Right:

Rear: Wood, Rayment, Hunt.
 Centre: Waller, Horton, McKenzie, Jacobs, Barton, Johnston.
 Front: Andrewartha, Osborn, Varley, Martin (Capt.), Hudson, Callins, Curtis.

The standard of football played by the First XV has been most satisfactory. In fact, even some of the "old hands" have reluctantly admitted that this year's team must rank amongst the best the College has produced. The writer, at least, is certain that the pack was second to none. The backs, too, were good, but not so consistently good as the "other half," though one or two, particularly Hudson, played well throughout the season. Their main weakness was in defence, when, too often, futile attempts "around the neck" were mistaken for tackling. Wood, who unfortunately did not join the team until halfway through the season, was the only player not guilty of this **crime**. Our "monster" scrum half (Hia!) deserves special mention, for he lacked nothing but the ability to deliver a perfect pass. If our future Rugger players follow his example of doggedness and courage they will do well.

From the forwards it is hard to choose stars, but I think full marks must go to McKenzie, who shone in all departments. Jacobs, too, played solidly throughout the season, using his weight to good advantage, and with both these players still with us next season, the prospects are already bright.

The team was ably led by Martin, who played and captained well. I strongly advise, however, that the use of the expression "kill 'em," as a method of urging the team along, be dropped, for if used on the SCG it might result in his being the victim.

To conclude these notes on the Senior Rugby, I say to those members who have left us, that they

set a good standard of play and, more important still, sportsmanship for those who follow them.

Of the present Juniors, who have done well, Gateacre, Keane and Jackson must come first, and all three should be valuable additions to next year's First XV.

F.E.W.

1st. XV v. WARDROOM.

The eagerly awaited game against the Wardroom Officers took place on August 17, and an "Optional Field" was granted to the non-playing Cadets in order that they might judge whether the College Officers "practised what they preached."

The side lines were packed with vultures slaving for the kill.

Wardroom were unfortunately one man short when the game commenced but, as the Commander was refereeing, it was considered a "fair go."

Without going into too much detail, it should be mentioned that the game resulted in as close and hard fought a match as any of the season, and Cadets, with much better condition and more combination, won by 11 points to 9. Lieutenant Wilson's kicking was the deciding factor!

The College Officers are proudly boasting of a certain try in which, by handling the ball strictly in ascending Navy List order, they managed to send their senior playing member over the line with two inches to spare.

In all, it has been a very good season

F.E.W.

1st. XV. v. SCOTCH COLLEGE.

The Scotch College ground was fairly slippery for this match, but there was only a slight breeze. R.A.N.C. won the toss. From the kick-off the ball went to our forwards who formed a rough scrum, and the backs passed the ball out to Varley, who scored 10 yards from the corner flag. From a penalty, Scotch just failed to score. At half-time scores were still 3-0. Immediately after the interval R.A.N.C. missed a penalty goal but atoned very soon afterwards when Varley was sent over the line as the result of a good pass from a loose scrum. R.A.N.C. scored again when the ball was passed from a set scrum to Simpson, on to Collins, and then to Jacobs, who carried the ball across for our third try. Now well on top, R.A.N.C. scored two more tries through the agency of Simpson and Varley before the final whistle. The game was marred by the wet conditions but even the mud was insufficient excuse for much fumbling and shockingly bad kicking—not one try was converted!

Final scores: R.A.N.C. 15, d. Scotch College 0.

J. WALLER.

1st. XV. v. BALCOMBE ARMY APPRENTICES.

R.A.N.C. won the toss and kicked with the wind. Winning most of the scrums, our forwards soon gave Varley the chance to score his first try. Balcombe soon equalized the score when some fine passing and a speedy run ended with a try in the corner. With neither side able to gain a break, half-time was reached with the scores still 3 all. After the break, the R.A.N.C. forwards played very well and, winning every scrum, kept the ball in the opposition's half for most of the time. In this half forward rushes were tried with great success. The final scores were: R.A.N.C. 12 to Balcombe 6. Varley scored 3 tries and Andrewartha 1.

R. MCKENZIE.

1st. XV. v. CANBERRA ROYALS.

Played at R.A.N.C. on Saturday, June 10, this match proved to be our toughest for the season. Canberra Royals won the toss and elected to run uphill and against the wind for the first half. The visitors' backline proved to be very skilful and fast, and adequately compensated for the advantage which the College gained through the forwards. Early in the game Canberra Royals were unfortunate to have their hooker injured in a scrum. He carried on as breakaway for the remainder of the game. Throughout the game the College three-quarters did not approach the clockwork precision of their opposite numbers who played magnificently. The Royals' backs broke through many times but the College defended stoutly with both centres doing some fine tackling. After a disastrous first half, the standard of our play improved considerably and, with the forwards continuing to work very hard and some really good backing up, we were able to carry the game into the Royals' half and endanger the goal line on several occasions. However, the backs lacked the touch of finesse necessary to score from an attack and our only points came when Evans drop-kicked a penalty goal from right in front. This game against a vastly superior side proved to be very valuable experience for the First XV, and their play showed much improvement as a result. A final word of praise must be given to our forwards,

who won all day, and to the rest of the team for the staunch manner in which they fought the game right out to the finish.

Final scores: Canberra Royals 28, d. R.A.N.C. 3.
C. K. CALLINS

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

After the hard match between R.A.A.F. and R.A.N.C. last year this match was eagerly anticipated. The match was played at the College on Saturday, June 17. The day was fine, the ground firm, and the Cadets were very confident. From the start the game was very even. R.A.N.C. scored first when McKenzie went over after a solid attack by the forwards. No conversion was made. R.A.A.F. evened the score with a penalty and shortly afterwards went to the front with a try (unconverted). Just before half-time our backs broke through for Varley to gain a try which was, again, not converted, and the interval came with the score 6-6.

Throughout the second half the College forwards attacked vigorously and the play was mostly in R.A.A.F.'s twenty-five. However, the R.A.A.F. side proved very strong in defence, and even our most desperate efforts failed to produce a score. Thus one of the most keenly contested and enjoyable matches of the year ended with the scores: R.A.A.F. 6, drew with R.A.N.C. 6.

J. ANDREWARTHA

1st. XV. v. BALCOMBE ARMY APPRENTICES.

Played at R.A.N.C. on Wednesday, June 21, this match saw our forwards gain the advantage from the start and hold it throughout the match. The game was played for the most part in the opposition's half though Balcombe broke through for a fine try early in the second half. Again, the College kicking was poor and of four tries, none was converted though McKenzie did collect a penalty goal early in the game.

Final scores: R.A.N.C. 15, d. Balcombe 5.

D. HUNT

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

On July 1, R.A.N.C. defeated a R.A.A.F. College team at R.A.N.C. Navy kicked off and, owing to the softness of the ground, the forwards were able to fully exploit their superiority which was chiefly responsible for a splendid win. Although lacking in weight, R.A.N.C. lost very few scrums and the improved tackling of the backs allowed very few opportunities to the opposition, R.A.N.C. being able to attack throughout the match. McKenzie converted 5 tries, the scorers being: Callins (2), Varley (2), Jacobs, Andrewartha, Hudson and McKenzie. Final scores: R.A.N.C. 34, d. R.A.A.F.C. 13.
J. CURTIS.

1st. XV. v. SCOTCH COLLEGE.

Played at R.A.N.C. on July 15, this match was decidedly one-sided and ended in a 43-0 win for our First XV. However, it held the interest of all until the finish because of the manner in which the weakened Scotch College team fought out the issue—theirs was a truly gallant effort and greatly impressed all those who witnessed the game. The R.A.N.C. forwards again excelled, Jacobs and McKenzie doing particularly well. The backs also did well, although eclipsed by the forwards, and Hudson and Andrewartha deserve special mention for the way in which they kept system in all moves.

Tries were scored by Hudson (4), Andrewartha (2), Osborn (2), McKenzie (2), Wood, Varley, and Simpson (1 each). McKenzie converted two of these.

R. T. M. CHANDLER.

1st. XV. v. SCOTCH COLLEGE.

This match, played on the M.C.G., was one of the most eagerly-awaited for many a season. For the majority of the Cadets it meant an extra trip to Melbourne (and great was the rejoicing) but for the members of the First XV it entailed weeks of painstaking preparation. By mid-term we were fielding a good all round, smoothly functioning team, but between then and July 29 there was earnest endeavour to impart that little extra polish and finesse that is part of the play of a really fine Rugby XV.

Scotch won the toss and immediately had us on the defensive. A succession of loose scrums yielded no marked gain to either side in the early stages. However, R.A.N.C. drew first blood with a penalty goal from directly in front. Play continued, with much fumbling and many errors, through a long succession of line-outs and scrums until the interval when the board read 3-0 in our favour.

The second half was a little more lively and systematic with several good backline movements. Then hooker Callins scored a typical forward's try, increasing our lead to 6-0. Scotch replied with an all-out attack and received a penalty kick when one of the R.A.N.C. forwards handled the ball in the scrum. A magnificent kick reduced Scotch's leeway to three points. Scotch hurled themselves into the attack with great zeal and another penalty goal, from another splendid kick, evened the scores. At this stage the hardest workers were those vociferous worthies outside the fence as College vied with College in hurling leather-lunged defiance at the foe. When Horton crossed the line just before full time, the cheers were thunderous. The whistle ended a magnificently exciting game with R.A.N.C. 9, defeating Scotch College 6.

G. HALLEY.

1st. XV. v. BALCOMBE ARMY APPRENTICES.

For this match, played on August 9, our ground was very wet and a fast and furious opening burst saw both sides slipping and sliding in the mud. After fifteen minutes a desperate forward rush ended with a try to McKenzie. Wood's endeavour to convert struck the goal post. Balcombe's back-line was slightly superior to ours but the R.A.N.C. forwards especially McKenzie, Jacobs, Callins and Martin played splendidly and were chiefly instrumental in carrying the score to 8-0 at half time. After the break Balcombe improved considerably, despite the now very muddy ground, and two speedy runs resulted in tries, neither of which was converted. There followed a tense and exciting period, as Balcombe strove desperately to gain the try that would put them in front, but again our forwards come to the rescue with a well-earned try, scored by Johnston. Balcombe refused to be beaten and R.A.N.C. spent the last few minutes of the game on the defensive. A thoroughly enjoyable game ended with the scores 11-8 in our favour.

P. J. HOCKER.
M. J. S. KEAY.

1st. XV. v. RECRUIT SCHOOL.

This match was played on September 16 on the Depot No. 1 Rugby ground. The College team, after winning the toss, commenced play, running north, against the wind. Early in the game a penalty was awarded against the College but the Recruits failed to score. Later in the first half, Andrewartha broke through to score the first try, and a failure to convert left the score at 3-0. No further score was made before half-time. Soon after half-time Jacobs increased the score to 6-0. A determined effort by the Recruits ended with their first try, but Johnson crossed the line and Woods goalied to give the College a handy lead of 14-3. This was lessened when the Recruits scored their second try, 14-6. Tries in quick succession to Waller and Barton increased that lead to 20-6. Finally, a well-judged field goal from Curtis brought the full-time score to 23-6 in favour of R.A.N.C.

J. O. MORRICE

1st. XV v. RECRUIT SCHOOL.

On Thursday, September 21, the College met the Recruit School in a return match on the main Depot ground. College won the toss and travelled south, with the wind. There was a hard struggle for supremacy during the first twenty minutes of the match, until Wood, with a brilliant dash, drew first blood for the College. McKenzie converted. Soon afterwards Wood kicked a penalty goal to bring the score to 8-0 at half-time. During the first half the College forwards won most of the scrums and created opportunities for the backs to execute brilliant passing rushes which gained many yards. The second half opened with the College attacking in full force, and it was not long before Callins and Johnston broke through with the ball at the toe for Jacobs to score a try which, however, was not converted. With the College obviously tiring, the Recruits forced the play and broke through twice to score full points. They were at this stage the better team but the College, defending grimly, managed to hold on to their slender lead until the end of the game. In a particularly strenuous and interesting game, the final scores were R.A.N.C. 11, d. Recruits 10.

H. STEVENSON



P. H. James.

ATHLETICS

The Annual Athletic Sports were held on Saturday, October 14, in ideal conditions. The warmth of the sun was tempered by a light breeze, and the competitors showed their appreciation of the perfect conditions by turning on some really outstanding performances. Chief among these must be counted those which resulted in the breaking of three College records and the equalling of yet another. R. McKenzie clipped nearly three seconds off the record for the Open 880 yards, C. D. H. Barton smashed that for the Javelin Throw, and B. E. D. Jacobs added over 20 feet to the Discus Throw record, while J. C. Waller ran a fine 100 yards to equal the College record time of 10.3 seconds. Our congratulations to all of these athletes on their splendid efforts. As two of these cadets, Jacobs and McKenzie, are only in Third Year, there is already speculation concerning the fate of several College records in 1951.

Speaking of records naturally brings us to the subject of the man whose unremitting toil in preparing the ground is in no small measure responsible for the setting up of new figures, Mr. Frank Goodwin. The tracks were, as always, perfect, and all competitors will join in a sincere, "thank you, Frank, for a big job well done."

At the conclusion of a splendid programme, Commodore Buchanan supplied a few figures, collected by Mr. Robin on his recent visit to England, which indicated that R.A.N.C. more than holds its own with the Royal Naval College, Dartmouth, in the field of athletics. After this, Mrs. Buchanan kindly presented the prizes to the winners, and the assembled company adjourned to the College for the best event of the afternoon, Tea.

Detailed results were as follows:—

Open Championship (Franklin Trophy):

1. Jacobs; 2. Waller.

Junior Championship (Fegen Trophy):

1. Jackson; 2. Findlay.

100 Yards Open (Carr Cup):

1. Waller; 2. Jacobs; 3. Varley. Time: 10.3 secs (equals record).

100 Yards, Junior:

1. Jackson; 2. Wishart; 3. Findlay. Time: 11.3 secs.

220 Yards, Open:

1. Waller; 2. Varley; 3. Wood. Time: 24.6 secs.

220 Yards, Junior:

1. Jackson; 2. Wishart; 3. Keane. Time: 26.2 secs.

440 Yards, Open:

1. Jacobs; 2. Varley; 3. Curtis. Time: 56 secs.

880 Yards, Open:

1. McKenzie; 2. Jacobs; 3. Waller. Time: 2 min. 7.5 secs. (Record).

880 Yards, Junior:

1. Findlay; 2. Jackson; 3. Frances. Time: 2 min. 18 secs.

One Mile Open:

1. McKenzie; 2. Andrewartha; 3. Bartholomew. Time: 4 min. 58.5 secs.

One Mile, Junior:

1. Findlay; 2. Earlam; 3. Frances. Time: 5 min. 27.1 secs.

High Jump, Open:

1. Varley; 2. Waller; 3. McKenzie. Height: 5 ft. 3½ ins.

High Jump, Junior:

1. Findlay; 2. Keane; 3. Jackson. Height: 4 ft. 10 ins.

Long Jump, Open:

1. Waller; 2. Varley; 3. Jacobs. Distance: 19 ft. 2½ ins.

Long Jump, Junior:

1. Jackson; 2. Keane; 3. Findlay. Distance: 17 ft. 7½ ins.

120 Yards Hurdles, Open:

1. Rayment; 2. Hunt; 3. Varley. Time: 18.5 secs.

100 Yards Hurdles, Junior:

1. Wishart; 2. Ferris; 3. Murray. Time: 17.8 secs.

Shot Putt, Open:

1. Jacobs; 2. Wood; 3. McKenzie. Distance: 37 ft. 4 ins.

Javelin Throw, Open:

1. Barton; 2. Machin; 3. Jacobs. Distance: 133 ft. 8 ins. (Record).

Discus Throw, Open:

1. Jacobs; 2. Wood; 3. McKenzie. Distance: 96 ft. 8 ins. (Record).

This completes the list of championship events. In addition, the following events were decided:

Sack Race, Junior:

1. Dick; 2. Rothwell.

Obstacle Race, Open:

1. Griffith; 2. Wallis.

Obstacle Race, Junior:

1. Odium; 2. Murray.

880 Yards Consolation Handicap:

1. McLeod; 2. Scobie.

Staff Handicap (100 Yards):

1. Mr. Robin; 2. Mr. Adeney (after protests—numerous—had been lodged, heard, and dismissed).

Questions arising out of the running of the Staff Handicap:

- A. Who told Lieut. Robertson this was a Mile race?
- B. Who said, "Too old at 40"?
- C. Why did the Starter not start when the gun went?
- D. Why did the Commander start before the gun went?
- E. Whose idea was this, anyway?

INTER-WATCH ATHLETICS (RELAYS)

Senior 4 x 110—1. TOP; 2. FX; 3. AX.

Junior 4 x 110—1. AX; 2. FX; 3. TOP.

Junior Obstacle—1. FX; 2. AX; 3. TOP.

Senior Hurdle—1. FX; 2. AX; 3. TOP.

Junior Hurdle—1. FX; 2. TOP; 3. AX.

Senior Obstacle—FX and AX tied; 3. TOP.

Senior Medley—1. FX; 2. TOP; 3. AX.

Junior Medley—1. TOP; 2. AX; 3. FX.

Junior 4 x 220—1. TOP; 2. AX; 3. FX.

All Hands Relay—1. FX; 2. AX; 3. TOP.

1. FX, 25½; 2. AX, 19½; TOP, 18.

BOXING

The Annual Boxing Tournament was this year, for the first time, held in the College gymnasium, part of the east wall having been knocked out, and a huge double door fitted to enable the ring to be readily taken into the building and removed again at the completion of the tournament. The opening date of the Tournament was Tuesday, July 18, and boxing continued each afternoon until the middle of the next week, the final bout of each weight being fought on Wednesday, July 26.

This year there were no bouts in either the Heavy Weight or Light Heavy Weight divisions. Jacobs was the only Cadet in the former division this year, and in the latter, injuries and illness encountered by the various contenders finally left McKenzie alone in his weight. After McKenzie's splendid performances in 1949, there was general disappointment that he was not seen in action this year. In the earlier rounds of the Tournament there were no upsets, though we did have the pleasure of witnessing some very even and interesting bouts. The surprise of the entire Tournament was the splendid showing of Cadet-Midshipman (S) Wood who, arriving at the College just before the Boxing and having had absolutely no experience in this sport, fought his way through three bouts to reach the Final of the Middle Weight division. This final, incidentally, must have been easily the closest of any as Wood, by courage and persistence, scored freely and solidly despite the greater skill and reach of his opponent, Hudson. As a result of Wood's performances, there was general gratification expressed when he was awarded the "best loser's" prize for his efforts in the Final and earlier bouts. The prize certainly could not have been more fittingly bestowed. To win the Middle Weight division, Hudson defeated Harton, Baird (a good bout) and finally the energetic and enthusiastic Wood, in cool, skilful fashion. In the Welter division, Barton defeated his vanquisher of last year, Jackson, by a skilled use of an advantage in reach and by the use of straight punches, remaining undisturbed throughout the bout by Jackson's disconcertingly furious rushes. Rayment defeated Lee to win the Light Weight division, his chief ad-

vantage lying in his speed of movement. Some of the most entertaining boxing of the entire series was seen in the Feather division where Sinclair ultimately scored a meritorious victory over a worthy opponent in Hodgkinson. In the Bantam Weights Ednie-Brown's greater reach was of no avail against the vicious wasp-like tactics of Griffith who won the weight and also the Shelley Cup, awarded to "the best exponent of the art of boxing." This splendid little boxer has taken this honour for three of his four years at the College—an outstanding effort! Keay and Brook milled willingly through their Fly Weight final for Brook to gain the victory. A complete surprise to most was the fine win of Holt-house, a First Year Cadet against Beaumont, of the Third Year in the Mosquito division. Before the bout only his most ardent supporters conceded him any chance whatever but his courage and his very straight punching gave him a well-merited victory over the 1949 Shelley Cup winner—no mean performance for a First Year boy. Finally, two very attractive stylists in Ferris and Steele peppered each other liberally before Ferris gained the victory in the Midge Weight.

After all bouts were over and Commodore Buchanan had presented the prizes to the winners, there was a demonstration by a group of professional boxers brought to the College by Messrs. Eddie Miller and Jack Warner. For this splendid exhibition, which set the seal on a very fine tournament, we are indebted to Lieutenant (L) I. Barnes, R.A.N., who organised it for our pleasure and benefit.

Complete results of the Tournament were as follows:—

Middle Weight: Hudson
Welter Weight: Barton
Light Weight: Rayment
Feather Weight: Sinclair
Bantam Weight: Griffith
Fly Weight: Brook
Mosquito Weight: Holthouse
Midge Weight: Ferris
Shelley Cup: Griffith
Best Loser: Wood

CURRY CUP

The results of the heats, which were held on April 20, were as follows:

1st. Heat: Chief and Petty Officers, 1; R.A.N.C., 2; Engineering School, 3.

2nd. Heat: Recruits (Starboard), 1; Signals School, 2.

The Final was held on Wednesday, April 26, and there was every reason to believe that it would be a very close race. Excitement ran high as the teams lined up in warm autumn sunshine for the start.

R.A.N.C. got away to a good start in the Gymnasium, with Rayment completing the lap second. Hudson maintained this position, and gained slightly on the leading runner over the hurdles. Osborn, the College cyclist, rode a splendid race and passed the baton to coxswain Evans with five yards in hand. Getting away first, the College boat's crew (con-

sisting of Dunn, Jacobs, Sharp, Johnston and Martin) pulled magnificently to reach the Range wharf one hundred yards ahead of the C.P.O.'s and the Recruits.

At the southern end of the footbridge the three leaders were Chief and Petty Officers, Recruits (Starboard) and R.A.N. College, in that order. In the cross-country lap the College representative, Varley, had put up a dogged fight against his more mature and stronger opponents and it was still a very open race at this stage. McKenzie ran a really splendid 880 yards race to the swimming pool. He rapidly overhauled the Recruits' runner and reached the pool only feet behind the leader. Lack of physical strength again told against the College in the swimming lap, and Machin, after a plucky effort, passed the baton to Waller with a leeway

of over ten yards to make up in the sprint to the tape. Even Waller's fine sprinting was not equal to this task, and in spite of a sterling effort, he failed by four yards to catch the winner.

The placings of all teams taking part in the Final were as follows:

Chief and Petty Officers, 1; R.A.N.C., 2; Recruits (Starboard), 3; Engineering School, 4; Signals School, 5.

Mrs. Buchanan presented the Cup to the captain of the winning team, and it was announced that this had been the closest finish in the history of the race. The fine effort put forth by all members of our team earned for all Cadets an evening at the cinema instead of the usual Prep.

E. E. JOHNSTON.

A. A. H. EVANS.

D. J. MARTIN.

R. A. OSBORN.

SQUASH RACQUETS

In spite of the apparent lack of enthusiasm for squash racquets most of the cadets entered for the Open and/or Junior Championships this year.

The finals, which were held on Saturday, August 19, produced a reasonable standard of play, although the old R.A.N.C. fault of not utilising the soft and subtle shot was most marked. It is indicative of our style of play that a good tennis player and a good cricketer should win the Junior and Open Championships respectively—it shows that a good eye and a powerful hit are the yardsticks by which our squash is measured.

However, it is our earnest hope that the day is not far distant when we shall have our own courts at R.A.N.C., and, with such facilities at our doorstep, interest and enthusiasm should surge ahead, to be followed inevitably by higher standards of play.

In the Open Final, Griffith played Sinclair, whose opponent in the Semi-Final, Evans, was unfortunately

unable to play owing to illness. After a hard struggle to win the first game, Griffith moved ahead and won in straight sets, 10-8, 9-5, 10-8. The champion has some good strokes, a good eye and court sense, and when he learns the guile of the game, he should be a very good player.

Dowling, in the Junior Championship, went down to a magnificent fighting recovery staged by Dickson. The latter, at a disadvantage of two games to nil, and with the match hanging at least three times on the result of one point, fought back superbly to win 8-10, 2-9, 10-8, 9-4, 9-5. It was a courageous example of exploiting the old adage, "While there is life, there is hope!" and Dickson showed that his match temperament is well developed. Both Cadets played reasonable squash, but their position play must improve and they must overcome a tendency to try to "belt" the cover from the ball. Details of the squash results are as follows:

		OPEN	CHAMPIONSHIP		
Griffith	}	Griffith	}	Griffith	}
Baird					
Hudson	}	Hudson	}	Griffith	
Read					
Knox	}	Sinclair	}	Sinclair	
Sinclair					
Evans	}	Evans	}	(W.O.)	
Simpson					
		JUNIOR	CHAMPIONSHIP		
Dickson	}	Dickson	}	Dickson	}
Hankinson					
Hardy	}	Earlam	}	Dickson	
Earlam					
Gatacre	}	Berger	}	Dowling	
Berger					
Cooper	}	Dowling	}	Dowling	
Dowling					

Griffith
10-8, 9-5, 10-8

Dickson
8-10, 2-9, 10-8,
9-4, 9-5.

TENNIS

Despite promising weather for the previous few days, the day of the tennis championships dawned overcast and intermittent rain fell throughout the day.

The opening match on Number 3 court, the final of the Open Singles Championship, contested by Knox and Griffith, produced easily the best tennis of the day. Although serving was rather weak, placement was good, as were recoveries, and a number of thrilling rallies excited the spectators. When Griffith ran to a 4-1 lead in the first set he seemed to be thoroughly in control but Knox steadied and with better placement and an unusual amount of luck in tipping shots over the net-cord, took the set. The second set, played at a slower tempo was won by Griffith but in the final set Knox, with better control,

took command early and was never in any real trouble.

The remainder of the tennis seen during the afternoon was also of good standard. In the Open Doubles Championship Knox and Griffith, after a shaky first set, went on to out play their opponents, Jacobs and Simpson, and to record a very easy win in the Junior Championships Dickson of First Year showed great promise in winning the Singles from Dowling and, partnered by Rothwell, the Doubles from Ferris and Dowling. In the final of the "Mixed" Doubles, Commander (E) George and Barton played steady tennis to overcome their handicap and go on to a comfortable win over Lieutenant (E) Lade and Arundel.

Details are as follows: —

OPEN SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP, 1950

Knox	}	Knox	}	Knox
Evans				
Hudson	}	Sinclair	}	Knox
Sinclair				
Griffith	}	Griffith	}	Knox
Hunt				
Simpson	}	Baird	}	Knox
Baird				

OPEN DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP, 1950.

Knox-Griffith	}	Knox-Griffith	}	Knox-Griffith
Dickson-Rothwell				
Evans-Hudson	}	Evans-Hudson	}	Knox-Griffith
Bartholomew-Beaumont				
Johnston-Baird	}	Johnston-Baird	}	Knox-Griffith
Jackson-Gatacre				
Hunt-Sinclair	}	Jacobs-Simpson	}	Knox-Griffith
Jacobs-Simpson				

"MIXED" DOUBLES HANDICAP, 1950

Mr. Adeney-Griffith	}	Lt. (E.) Lade-Arundel	}	Lt. (E.) Lade-Arundel
Owe 30				
Lt. (E.) Lade-Arundel	}	Chaplain Ellis-Osborn	}	Cdr. (E) George-Barton
Rec. 30				
Instr.-Lt. Rothery-Evans	}	Cdr. (E.) George-Barton	}	Cdr. (E) George-Barton
Scratch				
Chaplain Ellis-Osborn	}	Lt.-Cdr. (S.) Campbell	}	Cdr. (E) George-Barton
Rec. 15				
Lt.-Cdr. Dovers-Johnston	}	Lt.-Cdr. (S.) Campbell	}	Cdr. (E) George-Barton
Owe 30				
Cdr. (E) George-Barton	}	Lt.-Cdr. (S.) Campbell	}	Cdr. (E) George-Barton
Rec. 15				
Lt.-Cdr. (S.) Campbell	}	Lt.-Cdr. (S.) Campbell	}	Cdr. (E) George-Barton
Varley				
Rec. 15.3	}	Lt.-Cdr. (S.) Campbell	}	Cdr. (E) George-Barton
Cdre Buchanan-Baird				
Scratch	}	Lt.-Cdr. (S.) Campbell	}	Cdr. (E) George-Barton

JUNIOR SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP, 1950

Dowling	} Dowling 6-2, 6-3	} Dowling 6-2, 4-6, 6-3	} Dickson 2-6, 6-1, 6-3
Hocker			
Jackson	} Jackson 6-0, 6-1		
Collins			
Rothwell	} Rothwell 6-4, 6-4	} Dickson 4-6, 6-4, 6-2	
Ferris			
Dickson	} Dickson 6-4, 6-3		
Gatacre			

JUNIOR DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP, 1950

Jackson-Gatacre	} Gatacre-Jackson 6-3, 6-1	} Ferris-Dowling 6-4, 6-3	} Dickson-Rothwell 6-4, 3-6, 6-2
Hocker-Findlay			
Ferris-Dowling	} Ferris-Dowling 6-0, 6-3		
Frances-Holthouse			
Watts-Kennedy	} Hankinson-Cummins 6-3, 6-2	} Dickson-Rothwell 6-2, 6-1	
Hankinson-Cummins			
Chandler-Brook	} Dickson-Rothwell 6-1, 6-1		
Rothwell-Dickson			

E. E. JOHNSTON.

R. McKenzie—First Senior and First in Third Year.

M. W. Varley—First in Fourth Year.

E. T. Keane—First Junior and First in Second Year.

I. K. Frances—First in First Year.

After the race, the Cadets adjourned to the Gymnasium, where Mrs Buchanan kindly consented to present the winners with their trophies, including a surprise presentation by herself to the last Cadet to finish, this distinction falling upon D. K. Scott, of the First Year. Rumour has it that Scott was uncertain as to whether he should eat his prize or feed it!

I. BARTHOLOMEW.



THE CROSS COUNTRY.

The Annual Cross Country Race was held on July 5, under adverse conditions, it having rained very heavily during the previous night. The handicap system of starting was again altered—First Year receiving ten seconds from Second Year, with Third and Fourth Years a further ten seconds behind Second Year. The first leg of the course was also changed, the runners starting on the small oval in the playing fields and travelling to the Outer West Gate via the stables. The finishing run across the playing fields was slightly lengthened by moving the "funnel" from the main Rugby field to the small oval. The Juniors were speedily overtaken, with McKenzie setting the pace, closely followed by Andrewartha. Crossing Mr. Boadle's paddocks, McKenzie steadily increased his lead while Varley came up to occupy second position. Even at this stage there was little doubt as to the ultimate winner and McKenzie carried on very strongly to a well-earned victory, with Varley second and Andrewartha third. Complete list of prize winners:—



THE ANNUAL REGATTA.

The Regatta was this year held on Saturday, April 22, the weather fortunately being mild and sunny. As usual the races were contested in whalers and skiffs, a minor change from previous years being that the latter were 16-footers instead of the usual 14-footers. The pleasant weather and the evenness

of the teams together helped to make the Regatta of 1950 one of the best for many years. In a generally close contest, the outstandingly exciting event was the Senior "B" Whaler, in which, in a storm of hysterical cheering, Top and Quarterdeck fought out a magnificent finish to flash over the line only inches apart. A certain amount of sting was taken out of the last race, the popular All Comers' Cutter' by virtue of the fact that the Top Watch could not lose. Congratulations to Sharp on his second successive win in the Open Sculling Championship.

At the conclusion of the programme, the prizes were presented by Mrs Buchanan and the Cadets proceeded back to the College, the Topmen to enjoy the well-earned "spread" that accompanies victory in the Regatta.

Details of Results:

Open Sculling:—

Sharp (1); Curtis (2); Dunn (3).

Junior Sculling:—

Cooke (1); Watts (2); Gatacre (3).

Match Races:—

Chief and Petty Officers d. Officers.
Stewards d. Cooks.

Inter-Watch:—

Senior A Whaler—TOP, FX, AX.

Senior B Whaler—TOP, AX, F.X.

Senior Skiff—TOP, AX, FX.

Junior A Whaler—TOP, AX, FX.

Junior B Whaler—FX, AX, TOP.

Junior A Skiff—AX, TOP, FX.

Junior B Skiff—FX, AX, TOP.

All Comers' Cutter—FX, TOP, AX.

J. EDNIE-BROWN.

Junior Breaststroke, 50 Yards:

Cummins, 1; Gatacre, 2; Jackson, 3. Time 42.8 secs. (record).

Junior Backstroke, 50 Yards:

Keane, 1; Gatacre, 2; Campbell 1, 3. Time 41.5 secs. (record).

Junior Diving:

Odlum, 1; Murray, 2; Gatacre, 3.

Junior Championship Points:

Gatacre, 1—29; Cummins, 2—17; Keane and Odlum, 3—13.

Beginners' Race:

Willcox.

Inter-Part of Ship Relays:

TOP, 25; FX, 21; AX, 17.



SWIMMING

The Annual Swimming Sports were held on Wednesday, 5th April. Two records were broken and we congratulate the new record-holders, Cummins (Junior Breast-stroke) and Keane (Junior Back-stroke), on their excellent performances. Both Championships were won easily, the Open by Machin and the Junior by Gatacre. Our congratulations to these two and also to Odlum, who had the unusual distinction of gaining first place in both the Open and the Junior Diving.

Detailed results:—

Open 100 Yards Freestyle:

Machin, 1; Johnston, 2; Dunn, 3. Time 71 secs.

Open Backstroke, 50 Yards:

Varley, 1; Horton, 2; Dunn, 3. Time 38.6 secs.

Open Breaststroke, 50 Yards:

Jacobs, 1; Machin, 2; Osborn, 3. Time 39.4 secs.

Open Diving:

Odlum, 1, Rayment 2, Machin, 3.

Open Championship Points:

Machin, 1—24; Dunn, 2—11; Horton, 3—9.

Junior 66 Yards Freestyle:

Gatacre, 1; Cummins, 2; Hankinson, 3. Time, 45 secs.

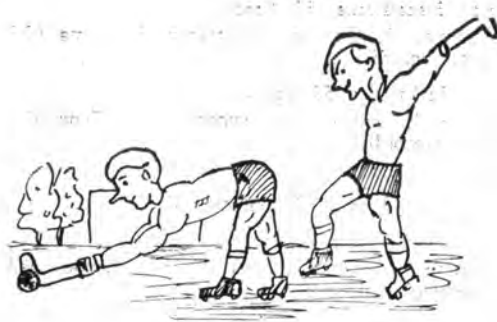
FORSTER CUP SAILING

This year Sailing has been rather crowded out of the sporting life of the College by Cricket. However, during the third term time was found to permit the sailing of three heats to decide which Watch was to capture the Forster Cup for 1950.

The first two rounds saw some good sailing with conditions very good on the first day but with the second heat rather marred by the absence of sufficient wind. However, at the conclusion of the second day's sailing an interesting position had arisen in that all three Watches had amassed an equal number of points. The concluding round was decided in cutters and whalers, a blustery Force 4 wind necessitating the omission of skiffs from the racing on this day. An exciting afternoon's sailing saw Forecastle win the Cup. Points:—FX, 29; AX, 25; TOP, 21.

This year Sailing has been handicapped as a sport by the absence of the College yacht "Triton," which has been in commission for only two days during the year. The loss of her mast, numerous engine overhauls, and a damaged hull have kept her out of action for the rest of the year. It is hoped that she will soon be available again as the cadets enjoy sailing her as a change from Service-rigged boats.

P. J. SHARP.



HOCKEY

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It is to be regretted that the standard of Hockey played at R.A.N.C. is not high. The emphasis on Rugger as the Number One winter sport and the lack of suitable interesting competition, particularly outside games, are both factors which have contributed to the decline of our skill with the curved stick. The first of these difficulties, if Rugger can be called a difficulty, cannot be remedied, but it is sincerely hoped that interest in Hockey will be stimulated next year by a series of matches against Melbourne clubs. It should be borne in mind that Hockey is played in all parts of the world and at all seasons and, unlike Rugger, it does not require its players to be in top notch training in order to enjoy a game. Hence it is very popular with Naval personnel, who frequently find their training opportunities very limited.

During the winter term, a belated attempt was made to "alert" the enthusiasm of the cadets on two occasions. However, although these meetings were of prime importance in the advancement of the training of cadets in the social graces, it cannot be said of them that they improved our game—our Hockey game!

The main criticism of Hockey at the College is that far too little attention is given to the practising of stick work. Most cadets use a hockey stick as they might wield a scythe or a pickaxe—or a cross between the two. Hard hitting, or attempts at it, instead of being one small item of the repertoire to be used sparingly, has become the Alpha and Omega of the game, and position play, system and team work have fled.

Of the seniors, Wood has the most knowledge of the game and plays a "pretty" stick as an inside forward. Waller and Barton are average backs with good clearing shots, but still not enough system. Griffith has the makings of a centre half, Scobie is a "plodder" in the half-back line and has been assisted by Read. The forwards lack polish, although they started to look like a team towards the end of the season. Amongst the junior cadets, Jackson is the most likely forward, with Rathwell still to show us his best. Ferris is also getting an idea of the game, and Gatacre shows promise as a back.

It was decided that no Hockey colours could be given this year without lowering the standard for which this award is generally made.

W.F.C.

AUSTRALIAN RULES

Growing interest in this game has resulted in inter-Year and "Pick-Up" matches being played on most Sundays of Second Term. The premier team in this unofficial competition was that produced by the Third Year. In the course of the last couple of seasons there has been a marked improvement in the standard of play seen in Australian Rules matches at the College, and one or two of the games played this year produced some quite good football. On Saturday, August 19, a match was played on the Depot No. 1 Oval between teams captained by Griffith and Waller. Wardmaster Lieutenant J. Levy very kindly umpired this game for us and we wish to thank him both for umpiring and for giving us much valuable advice and instruction. All College officers and one of the masters took part and an interesting game resulted in a win for Waller's team by 10—8—68 to 6—12—48. Frequently too crowded and unscientific, the game nevertheless served as proof of an improving standard in this code of football at the College, particularly when one recalls the unorthodox scramble that a similar match produced in 1948. August 24 produced the unusual sight of an R.A.N.C. 1st XVIII taking the field against a team representing the Geelong Grammar School Sea Cadets. Umpired by Mr Clark, this game was a great encouragement to those enthusiastic Cadets who stoutly maintain that R.A.N.C. could, given a little time, produce an Australian Rules team worthy of the College. A fast and open game that revealed some flashes of excellent football saw the College go down before the more systematic methods and play-on style of Geelong, who won the game with a splendid third quarter in which they scored 4—2 to nil. Final scores were:—Geelong Grammar 6—9—45 d. R.A.N.C. 3—6—24.

Goals:—Bartholomew (2), Hudson (1).

Best Players:—Jacobs, McKenzie, Evans, Griffith (who also proved an able captain), and Frances stood out in a team where everybody pulled his weight and which, in its only game as a team, put up a highly creditable performance against more experienced and polished opposition.

"NOAH"



WRONG! IT'S THE CINDER TRACK!
P. H. James.

THE ESCAPE

The situation was tense. Bob Delland looked round desperately at the men who were crouched round him, and who were to decide his fate. A lump rose in his throat as the attackers moved in closer, and he swallowed hard when a burly man came running towards him with something clutched in his hand.

He breathed easily again as the fast bowler's first ball whistled harmlessly past the stumps to the 'keeper.

A. DOWLING

"FYRESIDE" THOUGHTS

(Kerosene heaters substituted for radiators this winter.)

Huffle, huffle,
 Little fire;
 How I wish,
 Your flame was higher.
 You are meant,
 To warm afar;
 But you're not so hot,
 As you think you are!
 Splutter, splutter,
 Little flame—
 Sometimes up,
 Then down again.
 How we'll cheer,
 When Winter's done—
 But louder still,
 When the Amps come on.

"WUN."

FROM THE ENTRY PAPERS

When the rain clouds get to East Australia they rise into the cold atmosphere and form ice blocks which melt when the sun comes up.

Asked for the main products of cold climates, one candidate supplied this:

The cold weather makes the inhabitants sell furs and skins and they also manufacture cough mixture.

Coral islands are made by little insects known as polygons.

The question read: What are the physical features of England and Scotland?

The answer: The physical features of England is cricket and for Scotland tossing the caber.

The Great Fire of London was caused by a cow named O'Leary.

Asked to reproduce in his own words: "I now found myself totally alone in the wild African forest. After separating from my companions I ran at my utmost speed in the direction of a dense jungle . . ." one candidate startled the examiner with the following: "Being alone in Africa for the first time, I set out in search of a dark piece."



MIDDLE WATCH

There is calm tonight, Heavenly calm!
 The convex bowl of the sea's face,
 Stretches glassily and sleeps,
 Breathing in undulating swell.
 The bows cut deep, and the water
 Pushed aside and upward,
 Curls and falls and breaks in snowy sibilance,
 Distorting the moon's image.
 The stars contribute glittering points of fire,
 Glowing rubies, icy zircons;
 And the steady planets, adding their light,
 Assist to cleave the power of the night.
 Nature's spell has prompted silence,
 And talk above a whisper seems irreverent.
 How one's imagination tries to roam,
 And soar beyond the limits of the mind—
 But pause—and try to count the stars—
 Then ponder on the pattern of mankind!

"WUN."

FOOT ROT

(or on First Putting My Nose Into the Fiction Library)

"There's a deadly whiff in your hose tonight,
 Two toes out and a heel as well,
 A bunion, too! What a dreadful sight!
 But it cannot compare with the nauseous smell!
 Could it be for the sake of the freedom felt,
 In the joyful lift of a wriggling toe?
 Or the ease of pain on a blistered welt?
 Alas, alack, I fear me, no!
 Is the weight of your gaiters far too great?
 Do your boots emit an embarrassing squeak?
 Have your arches dropped? Did your laces break?
 Has your sole developed a dangerous leak?"
 They replied: "You're wrong, but the guesses are neat.
 We're not doing this for fun you know—
 The Doctor's here to inspect our feet."
 "Feet UP! Feet UP!" Oh brave M.O.!!
 (With apologies to no-one, although Sir Henry Newbolt may have had something to do with the metre!)

"WUN"

THE POINTING FINGER

There is a breathless hush in the gunroom as a Senior comes in. Who will it be? Who is the latest victim of Fate? Everyone tries to look as if he is engaged in a task of momentous importance. Each Cadet is desperately praying that the loathed pointing finger will not come to rest on him. Slowly it sweeps the room. It is moving more, and yet more, slowly. No! oh, no! Let it not be me! It hovers and—relief, oh blessed relief!—moves on to come to a quivering halt anywhere else in the room. The unfortunate Junior selected steps forward with a heart rending sigh to receive his destiny—a muddy pair of football boots to be cleaned by the morning.

—Anonymous—for there is always tomorrow!

THIS OCEAN

Round Earth's encircling, wave-diminished shore,
There swells a mighty sea of changing blue;
A region in which time and space are void,
And stretching far beyond all human view.
It is a realm full crowned with majesty
A source of power that is not man controlled;
And hidden in its restless sombre depths,
There is a story countless ages old
A vast and mighty tract of water, formed
By Him who reigns in Glory from above;
Reaching to every corner of this earth,
Yet Home for men who choose to give it love.
We mortal men and women pass away,
Perhaps for better or perhaps for worse;
But this great ocean ever rolleth on,
To never change or vary from its course.

P. SIMPSON

THE PUTT-PUTT BIKE

'Twas a little bit of iron,
With a little bit of tin;
And for all the load it had to hold,
'Twas a teeny little thing.
We'd always hear its putt-putt,
As it struggled through the gate;
With Number One rugged up to kill,
And he was no mean weight.
'Twas a gallant little engine,
For such a weeny bit;
But all could see, save W.D.,
He should have carried it!

T. E. K. WISHART.

Rayment:

Cuckoo, jug-jug, pu-we, to-witta,woo!
T. Nash.

Commander Adams:

He strides among the tree tops and is
taller than the trees.
G. K. Chesterton.

Martin:

Timely blossom, Infant fair.
A. Philips.

College Haircuts:

For ever cursed be this detested day,
Which snatched my best, my favourite
curl away!
Pope.

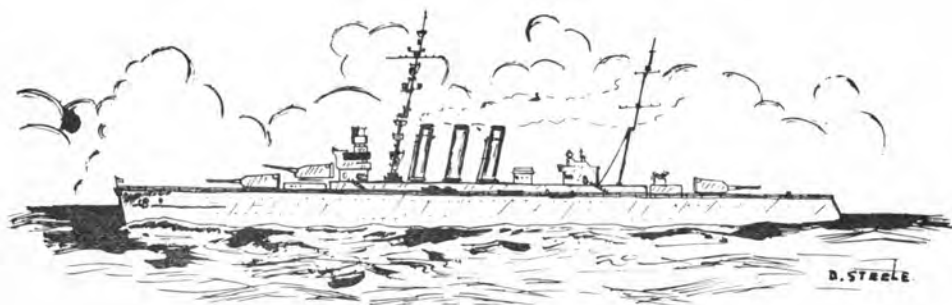
P.T.I.'s:

Ye are wondrous strong,
Yet lovely in your strength.
Byron.

EXCHANGES, 1950

We have been pleased to receive one or more issues of the following magazines during the past year:

The Britannia Magazine
The Devonshire Magazine
Journal of the R.A.A.F. College.
The Log—Royal Roads
The Scotch Collegian.
The Corian.
The Melburnian.
Wesley College Chronicle
The Brighton Grammarian
St. Peter's College Magazine.
The College Barker.



LIST OF OFFICERS AND CADET-MIDSHIPMEN, 1950

Commodore H. J. BUCHANAN, D.S.O., R.A.N.

NAVAL STAFF:

Commander J. Mc.L. ADAMS, O.B.E., R.A.N.
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Lieutenant J. A. ROBERTSON, R.A.N.
Lieutenant F. E. WILSON, R.A.N.
Instructor Lieutenant-Commander A. L. G. HUTCHINGS, B.Sc., R.N.
Lieutenant (E) A. F. LADE, R.A.N.
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K. P. ELLIS, R.A.N.

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Master R. R. CLARK, B.A.
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CADET-MIDSHIPMEN UNDER TRAINING:

Fourth Year 1947	Third Year 1948	Second Year 1949	First Year 1950
Arundel, R. A. J. T.	Andrewartha, J.	Bathgate, I. F.	*Ashley-Cooper, B. N.
Barton, C. D. H.	Baird, R. M.	*Bearlin, R. C.	Bottomley, M. E. J.
Callins, C. K.	Bartholomew, I.	Berger, H. P.	Bowman, J. M.
Ednie-Brown, J. B.	Beaumont, A. L.	Brook, P. G.	Buchanan, J. E.
Evans, A. Ap. H.	Chambers, K. J.	Campbell, J. B.	Campbell, M. G.
Griffith, S. B.	Curtis, J. L.	Chandler, R. T. M.	Cooper, O. R.
Halley, G.	*Ferguson, J.	*Collins, J. B.	Cummins, A. R.
Hudson, M. W.	Gough, D. B.	Cook, H. B.	Dick, J. A. W.
James, P. H.	Harris, R. G.	Dowling, A. R.	Dickson, J. S.
Johnston, E. E.	Hoare, P. J.	Earlam, M. E. H.	Egan, D. F.
Knox, I. W.	Hodkinson, L. J.	Ferris, H. G.	Frances, I. K.
Lee, B. R.	Horton, A. R.	Findlay, H. C.	Gaul, J. M.
Martin, D. J.	Hunt, D. T.	Forsey, K. R.	Grimshaw, R. O.
Osborn, R. A.	Jacobs, B. E. D.	Gatacre, R. G. O.	Gunn, J. H.
Rayment, M. B.	McDougall, D. P.	Hawke, W. E. R.	Hankinson, P. B.
Read, B. J.	McKenzie, R.	Hocker, P. J.	Hardy, P. A.
Scobie, R. J.	Machin, R. G.	Jackson, M. D.	Holthouse, D. G.
Sharp, P. J.	Morrice, J. O.	Keane, E. T.	McLeod, R. J.
Varley, M. W.	*Simpson, P. H.	Keay, M. J. S.	Murray, K.
Waller, J. C.	Sinclair, P. R.	Kennedy, G. T.	*Parker, J. H.
	Stevenson, H.	Mortensen, E. A. M.	Parkinson, D. V.
	Thomson, H. H.	Odlum, H. F.	Perrett, J. K.
	Vincent, K. R.	Pennock, R. J. R.	Rothwell, W. E.
	Wallis, J. H.	Reece, J. D.	Scott, D. K.
		Unwin, M. S.	Steele, D.
		Watts, J. H.	Taylor, M. J.
		Wilson, B. H.	Wakeman, R. I.
		Wishart, T. E. K.	Willcox, B. A.
			Williams, W. N.

(*Left the Service during the Year).

CADET-MIDSHIPMEN (S):

Dunn, B. G. J.

Stewart, G. W.

Holden, T. J.

Watson, P. C.

Wood, P. A.