

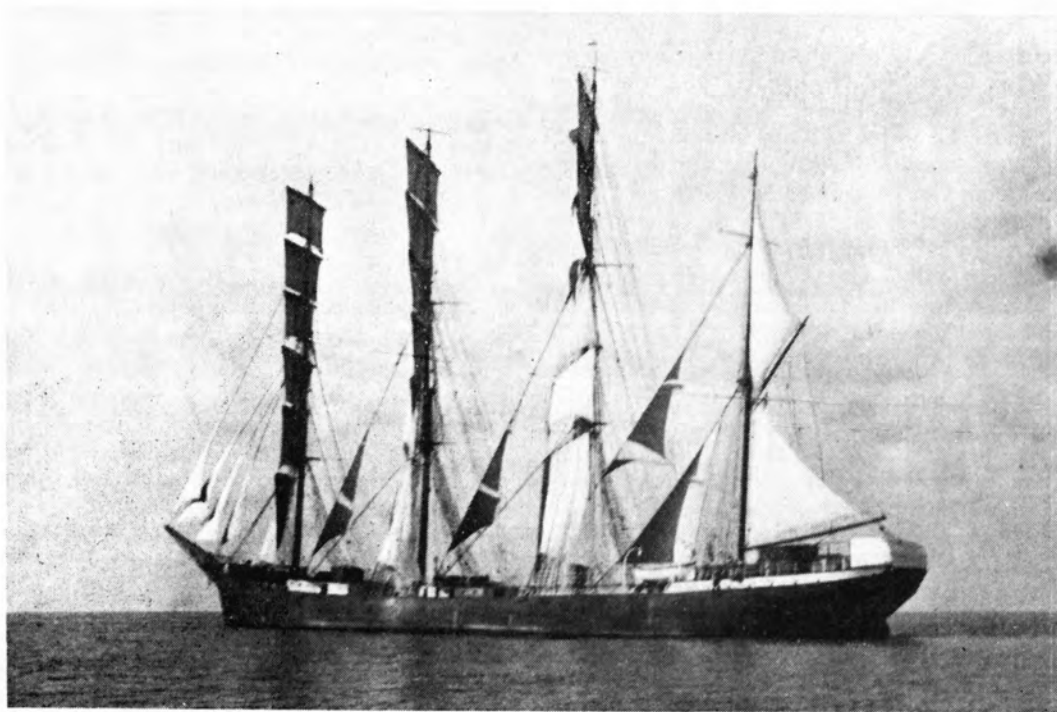
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PERSONNEL AND PERSONAL

We were very sorry, in August, to have to say goodbye to **Commander J. McL. Adams, O.B.E., R.A.N.**, Commander of the College, and to his family. In the two years of their stay with us, Commander and Mrs. Adams endeared themselves to all by their enthusiasm and friendliness. We give them every good wish for the future and hope that their memories of us will be as pleasant as ours of them.

In August, also, we lost our dynamic and cheerful First Lieutenant, **Lieut.-Commander W. F. Cook, R.A.N.**, and his wife when they moved off to Melbourne for Lieut.-Commander Cook to take up an appointment at Navy Office. During his period of duty at the College, Lieut.-Commander Cook did a great deal to make our lives more pleasant and to widen our interest. Everyone at the College will join enthusiastically in wishing this well-loved couple the success and happiness that they richly merit.

Commander Adams' place has been filled, since August, by **Commander W. B. M. Marks, R.A.N.**, and to him and to Mrs. Marks we offer a hearty welcome. We sincerely hope they will enjoy life at the College. Commander Marks entered the College in 1926. He was made a chief cadet-captain, gained his colours for rugby, tennis and rowing, became a midshipman on May 1, 1930, sub-lieutenant in 1933, lieutenant in 1935, and lieutenant-commander in 1943. His first ship was H.M.A.S. "Australia," after which he served in H.M. Ships "Royal Sovereign" and "Revenge." He specialised in gunnery and his Long (G) Course was taken in 1937-38. At the outbreak of war he was appointed to H.M.A.S. "Adelaide," serving in her till March, 1941, when he was appointed to the staff of the Flag Office in Command, Sydney, for gunnery duties for ships building. He served in H.M.A.S. "Canberra" from July, 1941, to February, 1942, and took part in the first convoy to Port Moresby after the entry of Japan into the war. In April, 1942, he joined H.M.A.S. "Napier" as Gunnery Officer of the 7th Destroyer Flotilla and was First Lieutenant, and

in September of the same year he became Squadron Gunnery Officer to the Commodore Commanding Eastern Fleet Destroyer Flotillas. In 1944 he was for a few months at the gunnery school at Flinders Naval Depot, proceeding in October to Navy Office on the staff of D.T.S.R. His next appointment was in May, 1945, to H.M.A.S. "Shropshire" as Gunnery Officer and Squadron Gunnery Officer to the Commodore Commanding the Australian Squadron. In this latter capacity he served also in H.M.A. Ships "Hobart" and "Australia." In December, 1947, he returned to Navy Office as D.T.S.R. and remained there until he was appointed to command H.M.A.S. "Bataan" in January, 1950, a task which took him into the Korean war. This was his last appointment before taking up duty as Commander, Royal Australian Naval College.

Our new First Lieutenant is **Lieut.-Commander D. H. D. Smyth, R.A.N.** Coming into the College as a special entry cadet in September, 1940, he passed out with "maximum time" and became a midshipman in January, 1941, sub-lieutenant later in the same year and lieutenant in 1943. He remained at the College until May, 1941, when he was appointed to H.M.A.S. "Australia." In July, 1942, he proceeded to the United Kingdom for courses which were completed in January, 1943, with five "ones" and a ten pound prize. Returning to Australia he was appointed to H.M.A.S. "Australia" from April to October 1943, when he again went to the United Kingdom on exchange service. He was appointed to H.M.A.S. "Danae" in January, 1944, and then in November of that year to H.M.A.S. "Norman." He saw service in the Pacific, Indian and Atlantic Oceans and with the Home Fleet. He was present at the battle of the Coral Sea in 1942. He took part while on exchange duty with the Royal Navy in the invasion of France, and he served in Burma and with the British Pacific Fleet in 1945. In the latter part of that year he was appointed first to H.M.A.S. "Queenborough" and then, as first-lieutenant, to H.M.A.S. "Murchison" (December). In March, 1946, he was appointed

to command H.M.A.S. "Latrobe" (a training ship attached to F.N.D.) and in April, 1947, he went to Canberra to take up his appointment as A.D.C. to His Excellency, the Governor-General (the Right Honourable W. J. McKell). After this he was appointed (May, 1948) to H.M.A.S. "Bataan" as first-lieutenant, and in this ship he spent 6 months on occupational duty in Japan, 6 months in Australian waters and 8 months in the Korean war. He joined R.A.N.C. as a year officer in February, 1951, was promoted to lieutenant-commander during the year and in August took over the position of first-lieutenant from Lieut.-Commander Cook. We bid him a sincere welcome and a happy association with the College.

During the year Lieut. D. W. Leach, Lieut. (E) J. C. W. Kennedy and Lieut. P. M. Rees have become members of the Naval staff of the College, either as replacements for officers who have moved on or as additions necessitated by the increased numbers of cadets at the College.

Lieut. D. W. Leach (K.M.), R.A.N., entered the College in 1942. He gained his colours for rugby, swimming and boats, was made chief cadet-captain and at passing out in 1945 was awarded the King's Medal. He served during 1946 in H.M.S. "Newfoundland" in the British Pacific Fleet in and around China and Japan and during 1947 in the same area in H.M.S. "Glory." He then proceeded to England where he spent the remainder of 1947 and also 1948 engaged in courses. He was then appointed to H.M.A.S. "Australia" (1949) and to H.M.A.S. "Murchison" (1950) before joining the staff of R.A.N.C. in February, 1951.

Lieut. (E) J. C. W. Kennedy (K.M.), R.A.N., entered the College in 1937, gained his colours for rugby and hockey and at passing out was awarded the King's Medal and the prize for engineering. He became a midshipman (E) in September, 1940, acting sub-lieutenant in May, 1942, and lieutenant (E) in 1944. He proceeded direct to the United Kingdom for his engineering course and on completion of this in June, 1944, was appointed to H.M.S. "Diomedes," returning to Australia at the beginning of 1945. He was serving in H.M.A.S. "Shropshire" at the conclusion of hostilities and he remained in

this ship until April, 1947. After this he was appointed to H.M.A.S. "Melville" as base engineer officer, Darwin, where he served for a period of eighteen months. He served briefly in H.M.A. Ships "Arunta," "Condamine" and "Warramunga" before taking up duty as engineer officer in H.M.A.S. "Bataan" at the latter end of 1949. Here he remained for a period of twenty months before coming to the College in the middle of this year.

Lieut. P. M. Rees, R.A.N., entered the College in 1942 and thus was one of those who passed out in August, 1945, just as hostilities ceased. He was appointed to H.M.S. "Newfoundland" as a midshipman and served in Chinese and Japanese waters. He was then in H.M.S. "Glory," where he did flying training, and in H.M.S. "Finistere" in Malayan waters. He went to England for courses early in 1947, returning to Australia at the beginning of 1949. On arrival, he went to Japan in H.M.A.S. "Shoalhaven." In August 1949, he was appointed to H.M.A.S. "Culgoa" and again went to Japan where he was appointed to the shore establishment H.M.A.S. "Commonwealth" in February, 1950. Leaving Japan in May, 1950, he was appointed to H.M.A.S. "Murchison" from which ship he was loaned briefly to H.M.A.S. "Condamine." In H.M.A.S. "Murchison" he engaged in A/S and radar training off Sydney and in May, 1951 departed for service in Korea, being recalled in August to join R.A.N.C.

The expansion in numbers of cadets at the College has meant that additional instructors have been added to the staff, and we have among us four new civilian masters and an additional instructor officer.

Instructor Lieutenant W. H. Douglas, B.Sc., R.A.N., joined the staff in February to assist in the teaching of navigation and science. He is a Queenslander and received his schooling at the Scots College, Warwick. He served in the R.A.N. as a stoker from 1945-47 and, having graduated B.Sc. (Qld.) in 1949, he rejoined the service. He has a University College rowing blue.

Mr. W. G. Richards, B.A., B.Ed., came to the College from Ballarat College where he was senior English and history master. He enlisted in the A.I.F. in 1940 and after gaining the rank of sergeant transferred to the Navy from which he was demobilised in 1946.

with the rank of lieutenant. He was educated at the Coburg and University High Schools and took his degrees at the University of Melbourne.

Mr. P. W. Hughes, a Tasmanian, was educated at the Devonport High School and the University of Tasmania, from which he graduated B.Sc. in 1946, having gained blues for athletics and Australian Rules football and a half-blue for cricket. He was appointed demonstrator in mathematics and lecturer in physics while still at the University and capped a brilliant record by gaining the Rhodes Scholarship for 1947. As a student of Wadham College, Oxford, he engaged in research work and obtained his research degree, B.Sc. (Oxon), in 1950, returning to Australia at the latter end of that year.

Mr. G. Gleeson, B.Sc. Dip.Ed., was educated at St. Patrick's College, Strathfield, and the University of Sydney. After his graduation and diploma course he joined the teaching service of the Education Department of New South Wales and taught at the Bowral High School and Hurlstone Agricultural High School. With Messrs. Richards and Hughes, he joined the staff of R.A.N.C. in February of this year.

Mr. C. G. Fitzpatrick is a Western Australian and was educated at Northam High School and the University of Western Australia, from which he graduated B.Sc. after obtaining a blue for cricket and half-blues for Australian Rules football and tennis. He also played one season of League football—with the Perth club—in 1944. After graduation he joined the teaching staff of St. Peter's College, Adelaide as a science and mathematics master. In the 5 years during which he was in Adelaide he gained his Diploma of Education (Adelaide University) and was awarded his University blue for tennis. He also gained selection in the Australian Inter-Varsity tennis team. He left St. Peter's to join R.A.N.C. in August.

To all these new officers and masters we extend a cordial welcome and the wish that they will be happy with us. We welcome also the wives and families of those who are married and, in the case of the masters, we hope their association with the Royal Australian Naval College will be long and very pleasant. The officers we have with us for the

comparatively brief period of two years but we hope that those two years will be very fondly remembered by them long after they have passed on to other service.

Before this magazine is printed we will have said farewell to **Lt. F. E. Wilson, R.A.N.**, who is leaving in December for the United Kingdom to do his long (T.A./S.) courses. We thank Lt. Wilson most heartily for his hard work among us and cordially wish him a happy and successful future.

We offer congratulations to no fewer than two of the staff who have been married during the year, Mr. Gleeson and Lt. Robertson, both taking the fatal step during the August leave. We understand that Lt. Wilson, also is enjoying his last weeks of single bliss and that he, too, will be a married man before this magazine gets into print. To all three of them and to their wives we wish the greatest of happiness.

During the year the cadets have been delighted to hear of the successes of members of the staff in the sporting field, notably the rugby triumphs of Lt. Leach, Lt. Wilson and Mr. Gleeson. Some or all of these three have during the year earned selection in teams representing Victoria, the Combined Services (Victoria) and the Australian Combined Services, while Mr. Gleeson went just that extra step further and was chosen as full-back in on Australia XV to play the visiting New Zealanders.



The Cadet who sneezed
in Church.

PASSING OUT

The passing-out ceremony for 1951 was held on Wednesday, October 24. His Excellency the Governor of Victoria, Sir Dallas Brooks, took the salute at the parade and later presented the prizes.

Heavy rain during the morning awakened fears that, as in 1949, the parade would have to be cancelled but the clouds broke shortly before the appointed time and the traditional ceremonial parade and march past took place

at having His Excellency, the Governor of Victoria, with us and voiced the general regret that Lady Brooks and Miss Jeanette Brooks were unable to be present. The Commodore then presented his report of the year's activities. He remarked that the number of cadets in the College had risen by 30 per cent as a result of the arrival of the Intermediate Entry cadets and explained why this entry was necessary. He stated that,



FOURTH YEAR, 1951.

Rear (left to right): Andrewartha, Hoare, Hunt, Gough, Beaumont, Wallis, Hodgkinson.
Centre: McDougall, Stevenson, McKenzie, Morrice, Jacobs, Horton, Machin, Curtis.
Front: Bartholomew, Chambers, Thomson, Baird, Vincent, Sinclair, Harris.

as arranged. A pleasing feature of a most impressive parade was the restoration of the march past, in extended single file, of the Passing-Out year, always a sight that stirs the onlookers.

The prize-giving took place in the gymnasium and, in opening this part of the ceremony, the Captain of the College, Commodore H. J. Buchanan, spoke first of our

as far as could be judged so early, this method of entry appeared to be entirely satisfactory but he indicated most definitely that there was no intention of abolishing the old 13-years old entry scheme. He also attributed at least some of the success of the new scheme to the fact that it is running in conjunction with the Normal Entry. The Normal Entry cadets received, he considered, a

training second to none in Australia, both academically and from the point of view of discipline. The example set by the "old-timers" had done much to influence and direct the Intermediate group, he thought. The Commodore touched briefly upon several aspects of the College's activities during the year, stressing most particularly the fact that we have achieved recently a closer link with the other services' colleges—a most desirable and enjoyable liaison—and that the extra curricula interests of the cadets have been considerably broadened by the formation of hobbies groups and study circles of many kinds, by the visits of many eminent speakers to the College, and by the visits of cadets to various places of particular interest. He welcomed those members of the naval and professional staffs who have joined us this year and concluded by offering his congratulations on a task well done to those who had successfully completed the course of training at the College.

Commodore Buchanan's speech was followed by the presentation of prizes by Sir Dallas Brooks. The prizes for 1951 were awarded as follows:

Grand Aggregate: **A. L. Beaumont.**

English: **A. L. Beaumont.**

English (2nd): **R. M. Baird.**

French: **A. L. Beaumont.**

French (2nd): **P. J. Hoare.**

History: **A. L. Beaumont.**

History (2nd): **P. J. Hoare.**

Mathematics: **J. L. Curtis.**

Mathematics (2nd): **K. J. Chambers.**

Physics: **J. L. Curtis.**

Physics (2nd): **A. L. Beaumont.**

Chemistry: **J. L. Curtis.**

Chemistry (2nd): **P. J. Hoare.**

Engineering: **D. B. Gough.**

Engineering (2nd): **J. L. Curtis and A. L. Beaumont.**

Navigation: **J. L. Curtis.**

Navigation (2nd): **A. L. Beaumont.**

The Otto Albert Memorial Prize for Seamanship: **A. L. Beaumont.**

Seamanship (2nd): **D. H. Thomson.**

The Burnett Memorial Prize, for the best exponent of rugby football in the Fourth Year: **R. McKenzie.**

The Farncomb Cup, for the best all-round cricketer: **P. R. Sinclair.**

The Dalton Cup, for the winning part of ship in the games competition: **Foretop (B. E. D. Jacobs, Captain).**

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

The King's Medal: **R. M. Baird.**

The following promotions were announced:

Senior Cadet Captains: **M. D. Jackson,**

E. T. Keane.

R. G. O. Gatacre

Cadet Captains: **H. C. Findlay**

R. T. M. Chandler.

P. J. Hocker.

W. E. R. Hawke.

R. S. Barrell.

J. A. McKenzie.

J. S. Dickson.

D. G. Holthouse.

The prize-giving was followed by a short but most informative and stirring address from His Excellency, Sir Dallas Brooks, who directed his remarks specifically to those who formed the Passing-Out year. After congratulating them on their achievement and underlining the importance of the service of which they are members, to the British Commonwealth, he told them 'something of the course their future training would take. This training, His Excellency said, consisted of four phases, about each of which he would like to say just a little. Firstly, they would join the training cruiser, H.M.S. "Devonshire," for a cruise in which they would learn the life of the sailor. They would work as he works, eat as he eats, sleep as he sleeps and, if possible, think and feel as he thinks and feels. He pointed out that this is entirely necessary if the young officer is to learn to command men—to command successfully, one must thoroughly understand the men in one's charge. Secondly, a further cruise would be spent in training them in the running of a ship from the officer's standpoint, a part of the training which is so obviously necessary as to require little comment. The third phase of their training would take them to Greenwich, the "Naval University," where in magnificent architectural surroundings, they would further their education and broaden their mind. Sir Dallas urged those passing out to take full advantage of Greenwich, to read widely and think deeply on topics outside their own service. A good naval officer should be a man of broad mind, wide vision and deep understanding—Greenwich would help them to achieve these qualities. The fourth and last phase of their training would come

ALAN VILLIERS



I have been so deeply enthralled by the works of this famous author that I feel bound to introduce him to those who have not yet made his acquaintance from the pages of the best sea books I have encountered. What place has he in a college journal? An honoured one; for this is a Naval College and he, "the most incorrigible sailorman alive," can tell us all there is to tell of the moods, the ships and the men of all the world's seas. He has done much to keep alive the finest traditions of the grand sailing era by his splendid voyages, his magnificent books, his films and his lectures. His life has been dedicated to the sea and the sailing ship, the beauties of which he has preserved for those who are unfortunate enough to have come too late for the great days of the windjammer.

Alan Villiers began his sailing career in 1918, when at the age of fifteen he joined the barque "Rothesay Bay" as a cadet. Dur-

ing his first few trips the Tasman soundly initiated him in the realities of life at sea. Possibly the realism of his writings owes much to those early experiences. He then joined the "James Craig" which, like the "Bay," was a happy ship, but after a few voyages to Tasmania and New Zealand she was paid off to become a coal hulk.

From Melbourne, he joined the big four-master "Bellands" which proved the hungriest, unhappiest and worst-offered ship he ever sailed in. She took 160 days from Melbourne to St. Nazaire via the Cape of Good Hope—a ship to avoid in the future. Villiers found himself "on the beach" and to find a ship in commission during the depression was like looking for the proverbial needle in the haystack. There followed a search of the Channel ports during which he lived largely in laid-up ships and obtained food as best he could until he signed on as an A.B. on the barque "Lawhill," Australia-bound. The food was good and plentiful and they had a remarkable voyage out of only 44 days but entering Port Lincoln the ship ran aground and Villiers, working aloft, was thrown to the deck. He was lucky to be alive. As it was, he was unable to walk and went home to Melbourne to recuperate. Recovered, he found that the only ship offering was the small and misnamed Tasmanian barque "Hawk." She leaked, her sails were rotten, her accommodation was poor, and to make the voyage practically unbearable, she reeked of benzine. One voyage was enough, in fact too much, for his old "Lawhill" wounds reopened.

It was now steam or nothing so he joined the "Erriba," a 6,000 ton tramp of the Commonwealth Line. However, the attitude of the seamen sickened a man who was used to putting the ship first and the prospect of continued service in such vessels left no thrill in the sea. Regretfully, he decided to leave the sea and went to Hobart, obtaining a job on the daily paper, "The Mercury." It was interesting work but the prospects of promotion were poor and he set about acquiring a berth in the "Sir James Clark Ross," bound for the Antarctic on a pioneer modern whaling voyage. He was given the right to send articles and photographs to Australasian papers.

The fleet sailed on November 30, 1933, and even the skill of the Norsemen did not remove all the hazards from the venture, particularly in the pack ice. Each day meant 12 hours of hard work in freezing conditions but Villiers found the Ross Sea, the Great Ice Barrier, and the whole life of the expedition, completely fascinating. Although the expedition was a failure, because of insufficient whales, Villiers had the satisfaction of seeing his story and photographs make world news. His reward was promotion to the position of junior reporter with "The Mercury." At the end of 1924 he married and settled in Hobart.

Early in December 1927 he went to Melbourne to cover a conference but the sight of two beautiful four-masters at anchor was too much for him, especially when he went aboard one, the "Herzogin Cecilie," and found that she was under his skipper of "Lawhill" days, Captain de Cloux, and that she was short-handed. Leave was obtained from "The Mercury" and he was at sea again,



"Joseph Conrad."

and engaged in a race with the "Beatrice," with two cups at stake. From Port Lincoln the "Cecilie" reached Cape Horn in 32 days and arrived in England 18 days ahead of the "Beatrice," which had gone by the Cape of Good Hope.

In England he investigated the conditions of apple-marketing, as required by "The Mercury," and he spent much time also in Europe. His first book, "Falmouth for Orders," was published at this time. Returning to Australia, he found it hard to settle down and early in 1929 with a friend, Ronald Walker, he shipped in the "Grace Harwar," intending to make moving pictures of life at sea, showing the beauties of sail. The ship left in April and arrived at Queenstown 138 days later after a series of misfortunes of which the worst was the death of Walker, killed by a falling spar. The film developed perfectly and produced some splendid pictures but it had to be mutilated and a cast added before it could be marketed. Fortunately, however, Dr. Grosvenor of the National Geographic Society heard of the film and booked Villiers to show and lecture on it in the U.S.A. To his own astonishment, Villiers found the tour most successful. On his return from the U.S.A. he published "By Way of Cape Horn" and "Vanished Fleets."

He now entered into partnership with Captain de Cloux and two others and bought the modern four-masted barque "Parma," of 3,091 tons. Within a month she was on her way to Australia in ballast to collect a cargo of wheat. The "Parma," under Captain de Cloux and with a crew mostly of boys, then completed many good voyages, one of 83 days from Port Victoria to Falmouth being the best for nearly half a century.

Villiers left the ship and the partnership in 1933 and began a search for a ship in which with a small crew, he could live comfortably and possibly train a few willing lads in the way of the sea. In 1934 he bought the miniature full-rigged ship "George Stage," previously a Danish training ship. Renaming her "Joseph Conrad" he took a group of boys on a two-year cruise around the world in her, his adventures being vividly told in "The Cruise of the Conrad." Alan Villiers kept his ideals, tried a few new ideas and turned out men—not a youngster trod the "Conrad's" deck who did not benefit from the voyage.

In 1938 he decided to sail with the mariners of the Persian Gulf in their stately deep-sea dhows, a mode of sailing unchanged through the ages. He sailed in the Red Sea in a leaky fifty-foot "zarook" before joining the 150-ton trader "Triumph of Righteousness" which sailed up and down the African coast, carrying passengers, smuggling and visiting out of the way ports. Throughout this wonderful experience, covering 10,000 miles of sailing, Villiers photographed and made notes, learning more about this ancient form of sea-faring than had any European for centuries. The result was a glorious colour film, "Sons of Sinbad."

Hurrying home to England at the outbreak of war, he joined the Royal Navy, receiving his commission, and saw service in the Mediterranean, at the Normandy landings, in Burma, Java and Indo-China. He achieved the rank of commander and won the D.S.C.

The war did not blemish his love of the sea and he continues to sail in all types of ships,

recently spending a season with the fishermen on the Great Bank off Newfoundland. His love of the sea and of her sailing ships shines like a beacon through his books and communicates itself to those who read them. It seems indeed a pity that the Cape Horn ships must go, for amongst man's working-creations for the carriage of his goods, they alone were supremely beautiful. It is well that Alan Villiers has captured the atmosphere of the sailing era and given to posterity a record of the great traditions of an age which will be fondly treasured by all lovers of the sea while the ocean winds blow.

D. T. HUNT.

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when they went to Portsmouth for their specialist courses. Sir Dallas stressed the fact that in this technical age, considerable technical education and training is necessary. On their success in these courses would success in their career, in no small measure, depend. Again, he urged them to use their opportunity to the full and to make themselves efficient officers.

After Commodore Buchanan, on behalf of the College, had expressed the thanks of the cadets to His Excellency for his very fine address, the ceremony came to an end and a buffet luncheon was enjoyed by all. In the evening the passing-out dance brought R.A.N.C.'s big day of the year to a very pleasant end.

The names of the twenty who successfully completed the course: J. Andrewartha; R. M. Baird; A. L. Beaumont; K. J. Chambers; J. L. Curtis; D. B. Gough; R. G. Harris; P. J. Hoare; A. R. Horton; D. T. Hunt; B. E. D. Jacobs; D. P. McDougall; R. McKenzie; R. G. Machin; J. O. Morrice; P. R. Sinclair; H. Stevenson; D. H. Thomson; K. R. Vincent; J. H. Wallis.



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THE INTERMEDIATE ENTRY

In the history of the Royal Australian Naval College in years to come, the year 1951 may well hold an important place, for it marks the arrival of the first batch of the new Intermediate Entry cadets. It is still too early to form any decided opinions on the scheme, but already several features are obvious, and for the sake both of posterity and of those who follow with interest the progress of the College, through which they once passed, it is worthwhile to record them.

The reason for the adoption of the new scheme was one of necessity. With the expansion of the R.A.N. and its aviation service, many more officers will be required, and where previously fifteen was quite a high figure for a year's output of cadets, in the future it will be between fifty and sixty. In order to get these extra numbers in a minimum of time in the years immediately following the war, the special entry system was reintroduced. At the beginning of the war many good officers were obtained in this way, and it was hoped that this method would provide a reasonably large intake in the post-war years. Very few youths with the right educational qualifications applied, however, and of these only a small proportion was accepted. The reasons for the lack of interest in the special entry, upon reflection, were clear. The average boy remains at school until Intermediate Certificate standard regardless of his future intentions. Then, he begins to think about his career or job, and only stays on to acquire a Leaving Certificate or matriculation if by so doing he will be assisted in a chosen career, often of a "professional" character requiring a University degree. Furthermore, he studies only such subjects as will fit him for that profession. There is no large pool of Leaving Certificate standard young men, with no specific intentions, from which to draw the special entry cadets.

The answer, then, appeared to be to draw upon the larger reserves of boys, aged about 15½ years, who had obtained their Intermediate Certificate. This would still mean that they got to sea sooner than do boys of the normal entry, and it would produce, it was hoped, numbers more commensurate with the requirements.

So it was, then, that in March, 1951, the first 28 Intermediate Entry cadets joined the

College. In 1952 the target is 40, and if the scheme succeeds and the numbers are still required future entries will be of similar size. They enter some six weeks after the beginning of the College year because, after their two years here, they will proceed to the R.N. Training Cruiser four months later than the normal entry fourth year who have passed out, thus staggering the flow to the training cruiser in accordance with Admiralty requirements. It is intended, actually, that only 20 will leave the College in March, the remaining 20 leaving in July to join the cruiser in September.

History has also been made by the first Intermediate Entry, who are now known as the Burnett Year, in that amongst them are three cadets of the Royal New Zealand Navy, the first to attend R.A.N.C.

At first temporarily accommodated in the Branch Officer's Mess, the Burnett Year moved into the wartime O.T.S. buildings later in the year when the conversion and modernisation of those buildings was completed. They are separate from the College proper for accommodation only—studies, sport, activities and administration are all combined with those of the normal entry cadets. Probably in 1952 the Senior Intermediate year will also live in the College, the Third Year moving over to the annexe (as the O.T.S. is now called) to live with the 1952 Junior Intermediates. It is intended that complete unification be achieved and with this end in view it has been decided that Intermediate and normal entry cadets will be considered equally in, for example, the selection of cadet captains, including the chief cadet captain.

First impressions of the scheme have been favourable, and suggest that it will probably become an integral part of the College organisation. It must be stressed, however, that its success is in large measure due to the fact that it is carried out concurrently with the normal entry, and would be less certain if it operated by itself. There is no doubt that the normal entry is still an excellent system of training future officers, besides being very democratic, and there is no question of the 13½ years old entry being dispensed with in favour of a complete 15½ years old scheme, as has been done in the Royal Navy.

D.H.D.S.

FROM TIME TO TIME

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

About thirty cadets from the College passed a most enjoyable mid-term break at the Lord Somers Holiday Camp during the winter term this year. The cadets arrived at the camp at 10 o'clock on Friday morning, after travelling from the College by bus, and were given complete freedom of the camp and its amenities from that time until camp was broken at half past four on Sunday — a very pleasant two and a half days. The aim of the camp is to bring into close contact with each other youths from all sections of the community and its achievements have frequently been the subject of high praise. For our part, we thoroughly enjoyed ourselves and we thank most heartily for his kindness and hospitality the present organiser and camp chief, Dr. C. G. McAdam.

W. HAWKE.

The game of water polo was introduced in the College during the first term of the year and it was taken up most enthusiastically. Lt.-Cdr. Cook first explained the rules and from then on the game was regularly played in the indoor swimming pool during the period each evening when the cadets have the use of this pool. Very few cadets had any previous knowledge of the game, so, naturally, there was very little skill applied at first. The handling of the ball was particularly clumsy in the early stages. However, constant practice rapidly improved the standard of play although we have still a long way to go before beginning to think of ourselves as efficient players. Everybody found the game very tiring, particularly the weaker swimmers, but all the same it is very good fun and we hope that the game has come to stay.

A. R. DOWLING.

On the night of July 22, we were entertained by Dr. C. G. McAdam at a musical evening in the College library. Dr. McAdam, who is keenly interested in music, brought along some long-playing, micro-groove, full frequency range recordings which were most effective in conjunction with his high fidelity reproduction equipment. The selection presented for our pleasure was substantial and

varied and we all found much to enjoy, especially as Dr. McAdam's lucid commentaries, delivered before the playing of each piece, gave us something to look for and helped many of us to a finer appreciation of the works we heard. Everyone present thoroughly enjoyed the recital and we sincerely hope that Dr. McAdam will be able to visit us again at some later date.

"B FLAT"

Not even the most optimistic supporter of the game of Australian Rules football could find much to enthuse over in the progress made by the game in the College this year. After the eager enthusiasm of the 1950 season, those of us who are lovers of this great game confidently expected that we would go on to bigger and better things this year. However, enthusiasm seems to have been at a much lower ebb this year and only a few games have taken place. As an immediate result of the lack of practice, the standard of play in those matches has been noticeably lower than last year. The two main matches of the year were probably those between Fourth Year and The Rest and between two scratch sides in which three masters and one officer played. In a game marred by a strong diagonal wind, much wandering from position and very poor kicking, The Rest defeated Fourth Year by eight points. For the second game conditions were perfect but play was always crowded and confused and very few players handled or kicked the ball cleanly. If the College had selected a senior XVIII this year it would hardly have been a good one as even our best players showed little knowledge of teamwork or cohesion and too frequently relied on individual effort to gain results. Among the players who could become better than average exponents of the game, many are in the ranks of the Intermediate and special entries, notably Torrens-Witherow, Falloon, Courtier, Winter, Horwood and Gibbs as the best of them—but the other years have a sprinkling of good footballers of whom the

outstanding ones are probably Cooper, Chandler, Bartholomew and Hunt.

M. J. S. KEAY,
R.R.C.

During the year, the work in many subjects of the College curriculum has been brightened and given added interest by the use of numerous educational films. These films have been obtained for the College, on loan, by Lt.-Cdr. Cook, Lt. Robertson and Mr. Berry and have been invaluable in showing the practical application of many aspects of the work to the cadets and thereby arousing a deeper interest in the subjects concerned. Also, Lt. Robertson began screening, on one night weekly, other films produced solely for entertainment and these have become a regular Saturday night feature. We are now able to attend screenings of well-known and good class films in the comfort and smokeless atmosphere of "our own theatre"—the gym. being used for this purpose. We are certainly very much indebted to those responsible for these additional pleasures.

H. F. ODLUM.

We feel deeply indebted to Mr. Fitzgerald for his visit to R.A.N.C. on July 18. Mr. Fitzgerald, a lecturer at the National University, Canberra, delivered a very interesting address to the officers and cadet-midshipmen of the College, his subject being China.

From his wide experience and deep study of China and her people, Mr. Fitzgerald drew a wealth of absorbing information which gave us a very clear picture of the Chinese way of life, with its quaint and picturesque customs and traditions. He explained that the reason Chinese habits differ from our own is that theirs was one of the original civilizations, developing relatively untouched by outside influences, whereas ours has derived from another and has been transformed in its passage down the ages. With a new understanding of the average Chinese, we felt (with Mr. Fitzgerald) that we had a better prospect of explaining why China is what she is today and a fairer prospect of visualizing what she may become in the future.

We do wish to express our sincere thanks to Mr. Fitzgerald for his very interesting and instructive lecture.

J. L. CURTIS.

On July 7 the "Down Under" club, accompanied by several members of the Photography Club, journeyed by bus to Sherbrooke Forest under the surveillance of Mr. R. Clark and Mr. P. Hughes. From the point of view of weather the outlook was indeed bleak as we travelled the fifty-odd miles to our destination. The main feature of interest on arriving at Kallista was the snow which had fallen the day before. A fast and furious snow fight ensued and after the combatants were sufficiently frozen to think of something other than snow, lunch was prepared. A thick drizzle soaked everyone but the fire miraculously stayed alight long enough to cook our sausages and eggs. At approximately one o'clock the group started out for the heart of the forest. Several glimpses of lyre-birds, the observation of which was the chief object of the outing, were obtained but we did not succeed in gaining a really good view. The snow had broken many branches and the forest was in a poor state, not enhanced by the steady rain. A nest and a dancing mound were discovered but still no good views of the birds. However, the rain stopped abruptly at three o'clock, the sky lightened, and visibility improved, giving promise of better things.

Our rising hopes were almost immediately fulfilled, a male bird allowing the keener photographers to approach to within six feet of it. This same bird shortly afterwards mimicked several denizens of the bush such as the whip bird, kookaburra, currawong and blackbird, with our entire group standing in a semi-circle only a few yards from him. Then, almost as if to please the onlookers, it began to display to a female which had answered its calls. It moved almost into the legs of some of the spell-bound watchers as it danced and was no more than thirty feet from its furthest admirer at any time during the performance. I have since been informed by an expert that it was not actually dancing but only "showing off." However, it was a glorious sight and will be remembered for many a day.

We left Sherbrooke at four o'clock and after a short stop at Belgrave journeyed back to the College, wet through but very happy. To cap the day, Messrs Hughes and Clark provided a fashion display in the bus on the way home, indicating for us what the well-dressed man considers "right" for winter



underwear—the photographer missed it! Our thanks go to Mr. Hughes, Mr. Clark (who organized the trip), Lt.-Cdr. Cook and Commander Adams for helping to make such a success of this first excursion.

P. BROOK.

The senior cadets and officers of the College were fortunate in being able to attend a lecture on Russia given by Mr. Brooksbank (Naval Intelligence Staff) at the College on August 5.

He commenced his lecture with some valuable advice on how to go about choosing the authentic information on Russia as opposed to the propaganda so frequently offered about this country. This was followed by a remarkably clear and complete summary of the history of Communism, in which he depicted the growth of the movement and traced its development into Russian Communism. He then gave us a brief glance at the social conditions in Russia and spoke of her internal stability, following these points with a summing up of her economic and industrial strength. He concluded with an assessment of Russia's war potential and a consideration of the possibility, or otherwise, of her waging a world war.

We listened with great interest to an enthralling talk and would like to express to Mr. Brooksbank our gratitude for his visit.

J. L. CURTIS.

One day in August some most peculiar "goings-on" were noticed at the College—it is reported that one master was even disrobed in his class (at least his gown was removed). The whole thing remains rather a mystery but our roving camera-man has presented us with the accompanying photograph which, he claims, bears some relation to the events spoken of. How this obviously learned and upright body of men could have had anything to do with the strange proceedings we glimpsed (stealing masters' gowns, forsooth!) we cannot explain. Nor can we offer any information as to what such sages may have been doing within the precincts of R.A.N.C. We cannot even tell our readers who they are—and yet—there is something strangely familiar about them, somehow. Stranger and yet stranger!

"PUZZLED"

Lt.-Cdr. Cook's enthusiasm for classical music and his anxiety to arrange that those cadets interested in good music should have the opportunity of hearing it at first hand led to his obtaining some twenty seats for the Youth Concert series. These concerts were arranged by the Australian Broadcasting Commission and the Victorian Symphony Orchestra and were presented in the Town Hall, Melbourne. In the course of the series we were privileged to hear four famous soloists, the South American violinist Odnoposoff,

the brilliant Australian-born organist Dr. Thalben-Ball, the talented aboriginal tenor Harold Blair and the young violinist Beryl Kimber, each of whom was very popular. All were certainly worth the trip to Melbourne to hear them. Alceo Galliera, the permanent conductor of the Victorian Symphony Orchestra, and Sir Bernard Heinze conducted during the six concerts. The music itself was rather mixed and varied, from very abstract French compositions to the universally popular Fifth Symphony by Beethoven. Although a lot of the music was far above our heads, we nevertheless enjoyed all the concerts of the series and would like to express our appreciation to those who made the visit possible.

R. G. HARRIS.

During second term Professor G. S. Browne, M.C., M.A. (Oxon), Dean of the Faculty of Education in the University of Melbourne, talked to the cadets on "The Art of Lecturing." The Professor stressed ten equally important points that every instructor should keep before him. He must have an up-to-date knowledge of his subject, show enthusiasm, and aim at clarity of thought and expression. A sense of humour in a lecturer helps tremendously. His speech should be clear but he should try to vary his voice; affected, elocuted speech is unnecessary. Careful preparation, up-to-date instructional aids, variety of presentation of material and class participation all make for successful instruction and learning.

Professor Browne was accompanied by Dr. Cramer, Dean of External Studies in the University of Oregon, U.S.A. Dr. Cramer is visiting Australia under a Fulbright grant which aims to promote educational and cultural relationships between U.S.A. and other democracies.

We would like to thank Professor Browne and Dr. Cramer for their visit to the College and to assure them that we found their respective lectures bright, entertaining and all too short.

"MID"

At the end of the second term an interesting lecture on the Woomera rocket range and the latest rocket developments was given to senior cadet-midshipmen by Lt. Commander (L) Norman, R.A.N.V.R. He explained that the Woomera range was the testing ground for the latest type rockets which were made in the United Kingdom and was used for practical investigations carried out in Australia. Because of the necessity for secrecy, U.K. manufactured rockets were flown by fast aircraft from the U.K. direct to Woomera.

The lecturer explained that the range was lined with pairs of receiving stations throughout its length and, from signals emitted from the rocket, the position of the rocket in space at any moment could be deduced. Because of the great expenditure required to produce the test rockets, considerable efforts were made to recover as much of them as possible: at the end of their flight, rockets were automatically exploded into sections which were then parachuted to earth. The sensitive recording apparatus was thus saved for re-use and the rocket itself was available for examination.

It was interesting to hear the lecturer, a rocket enthusiast, agree with the Commander, R.A.N.C. who moved a vote of thanks, that rockets were still very much in the development stage and that naval guns would be required for some considerable time before rockets could be produced which would have the required exact degree of accuracy laid down by the Admiralty.

ZOBGING ?

In Peter Fleming's book, "One's Company," which describes a journey into China, the following passage occurs:

"From a room downstairs came that sound which so often accompanies meals in China—the staccato, competitive ejaculations of a party playing the "scissors" game. In this you and your opponent shoot out your right hands at each other simultaneously, the fingers being arranged in one of three postures:

A clenched fist means "stone," two fingers extended mean "scissors," all five fingers extended mean "paper." Scissors cut paper but are broken on stone and paper wins against stone because stone can be wrapped in paper. It is a pleasant, childish game, and the Chinese play it endlessly on convivial occasions."

J. S. DICKSON

FOURTH YEAR TRAINING CRUISE

The cruise during the fourth year at the College is always eagerly anticipated and was this year spiced with reality as we exercised with the fleet in southern Tasmanian waters. After spending Friday afternoon learning to lash and stow our hammocks and how to adjust them for comfort and warmth, thirteen of us joined H.M.A.S. "Latrobe" on Sunday afternoon, the remainder going to H.M.A.S. "Gladstone." Included in the equipment taken aboard was a blackboard—the object of great scorn and derision. After sorting ourselves out in the gunroom (12 hammock hooks, 13 cadets—a problem, indeed!), we went up to the bridge to attempt to obtain an evening star sight but the results of our efforts were not entirely satisfactory. After supper we read a signal flashing exercise.

By nightfall we had cleared Westernport and were steaming along a course to leave Wilson's Promontory about fifteen miles to port. Cadets were turned out at 0345 next morning for star sights and at sunrise we were in sight of the Furneaux Group. On the previous evening we had been given an outline of a watch system and beginning at 2000 on Sunday we took two hour tricks as midshipman of the watch, helmsman and signalman in the engine-room (a most unpopular post).

Monday morning was occupied in taking sun sights while after lunch we practised several evolutions including sea-boat drill and passing the mail. In this way we spent the afternoon moving down the uninteresting east coast of Tasmania. That night we entered Storm Bay, finding it very aptly named. However, by sunrise on Tuesday morning we had run into the sheltered and beautifully calm D'Entrecasteaux Channel, west of Storm Bay. At 0800 we moved back into Storm Bay, finding it calm for the only time during the week. Here we joined the fleet, and cruised around waiting for the flagship H.M.A.S. "Sydney" and her escort, H.M.A.S. "Tobruk." However, before they arrived we were ordered to join H.M.A.S. "Australia" and anchor in Adventure Bay, which we reached some time before lunch. The boats were lowered and we went pulling and sailing. About 1400 we weighed anchor and proceeded once more into Storm Bay. "Tobruk"

and "Sydney" now joined the rest of the fleet, the carrier taking her place at the head of the line. The wind had by now increased to gale strength and we were forced to cruise back and forth in Storm Bay throughout the night. On Wednesday morning the wind moderated slightly and we went into North-West Bay and hove to, the remainder of the fleet following us in some time later. Wednesday afternoon we spent by having a sailing race between crews from "Gladstone" and "Latrobe" around the fleet. Our crew broke a stay early in the race, the only possible reason for the success of the "Gladstone" crew. That evening we thoroughly enjoyed a cinema show on the quarterdeck, in spite of the breeze. Next morning "Australia," H.M.N.Z.S. "Bellona" and the submarines "Telemachus" and "Tactician" weighed and departed before 0600, the remaining ships weighing two hours later. The first training flotilla brought up the rear until we entered Storm Bay and then, in response to a signal posted by the Senior Officer of Frigates, took up positions in three columns. However, the wind again freshened, dispersing the light fog, and the seas rose with the wind until, clearing the mainland, we ran into a long, rolling south-westerly swell which was particularly noticeable in the lighter ships. The fleet reduced speed to enable us to keep up and then, in conjunction with "Australia," we carried out a screen exercise which took us further south than any of us had ever been and also into rougher seas than we had yet struck. Turning north again we were ordered, at about 1200, to join "Australia." We left the frigates and accompanied "Australia" back to North-West Bay. En route we carried out various evolutions such as firing rocket pistols, rigging wind dodges, etc. on a competition basis, the "Latrobe" group being declared the winner. We found "Sydney" and "Tobruk" at anchor in North-West Bay and we took up our former position before coming to single anchor. The remainder of the fleet rejoined about dusk. We had another film on the quarterdeck and at about midnight we weighed with the fleet and moved out into Storm Bay where we formed up for "Operation Slaughter," which had been planned as an exercise in assault, the point chosen being Port Arthur.

"Gladstone" and "Latrobe" were the minesweepers and as the fleet, blacked out except for distinguishing lights, proceeded towards the landing area, we found ourselves in the midst of a "combined operations" exercise. At dawn the minesweepers went in to sweep a channel and as the grey light strengthened we saw that the mouth of Port Arthur was not more than a half-mile wide. We swept the length of the bay and stayed until "Bellona" and "Australia" had landed their Naval Brigades, which were supported by planes from "Sydney" strafing the enemy (landed from "Australia" the day before). The frigates were maintaining anti-submarine patrols ("Telemachus" and "Tactician" being the enemy submarines) well out from the mouth and the minesweepers maintained a concertina patrol inshore until 0800 at which time we secured and departed for Hobart to refuel. Arriving there about 1100 we made fast to Macquarie Wharf. After lunch we were allowed ashore but could not leave the wharf area as we had no suitable clothing. The task of fuelling completed, we cast off

at 1500 to begin our trip back to the depot and its classrooms. Storm Bay was as rough as ever but after rounding Cape Pillar we entered comparatively calm water and enjoyed a night's sound sleep.

On Saturday morning we made good progress up the east coast of Tasmania so we had some more sea boat drill and practised dropping and picking up a buoy—these exercises took place off Flinders Island. At 1600 we secured and resumed our course, coming in sight of Wilson's Promontory lighthouse at 2300. The wind had freshened considerably and was then blowing strongly with rising seas but at daybreak on Sunday morning, when we entered Westernport the sea was like a mirror and we anchored off Stony Point at 0800. Going ashore in depot boats we arrived back at the College, not having had a bath for a week but extremely satisfied with our first real taste of the sea and dreading the thought of confinement to the classrooms for the rest of the year.

R. G. HARRIS.



CLUB ACTIVITIES

Photography Club

Master-in-charge: Mr. P. W. Hughes.

President: P. J. Hocker.

Secretary: D. G. Holthouse.

We have a membership of approximately twenty, though usually a few more attend meetings, which are held each Monday evening. Early in the year Mr. Hughes obtained a number of developing dishes of all sizes, chemicals, printing frames and a supply of papers. However, it was decided that members should try to buy their own papers and developer, though the supply of hypo was more or less limitless. Although the facilities of the dark room were nil when the club was formed, we have improvised and gradually improved the room. For example, one member has made an efficient printing box, while another is making an aluminium glazing sheet at the workshops. The members have derived great pleasure from printing their own films, and those who have not done any photography have been taught "the art."

At each meeting, after the general business has been discussed, a party of six goes to the dark room, while one or two of the remainder give short talks on some aspect of photography, or describe the good and bad points of their cameras.

Mr. Hughes has suggested a competition for photographs taken, developed and printed by members, in which there would be three, or perhaps four, sections, those suggested being landscapes, portraits, architecture and trick photography. Although not altogether necessary, a membership fee of sixpence has been imposed and this money will be used for the purchase of small prizes for the winners.

The club, in conjunction with the Nature Study club, had a trip to Sherbrooke Forest and although the day was against our taking photos, it was enjoyed by all, and we extend our thanks to Mr. Clark and his "Nature Studiers" for their kindness in allowing us to fill the bus. Another outing to Phillip Island is planned for the near future and we hope that the day will this time be kinder to us and to our cameras.

Finally, we wish everyone a good leave and hope to enrol many new members in the coming year.

D.G.H.

Debating and Public Speaking Club

Masters-in-charge: Mr. W. G. Richards and Mr. G. Gleeson.

This club has operated in the College since the beginning of Term II. It has progressed in two main directions. Firstly, several most interesting debates have been held and much enthusiasm and interest was displayed not only by the speakers but also by the audience. Secondly, "mock Parliament" has been conducted with the members divided on a particular question, thereby gaining their participation in the discussion.

During Term II the members of the club visited Parliament House, Melbourne, on an evening when the Legislative Assembly was in session and saw the parliamentary system at work. This was a most interesting excursion and one that was thoroughly enjoyed by all who had the good fortune to be included in the party.

The success of the club has been very largely due to the work done by Mr. Richards and Mr. Gleeson and to them we extend our thanks and our appreciation.

The Play Reading Club

Officer-in-charge: Instructor Lieutenant W. H. Douglas, R.A.N.

The club has read and discussed quite a number of plays since it was formed and these readings have been thoroughly enjoyed by the members. The club's meetings are usually held in the Masters' Common Room on Friday evening. Early in the club's existence there was some discussion about the prospects of learning parts but it was decided that this would take up rather too much of the limited spare time available to the members and that it would also impose severe limits on the number of plays we would be able to enjoy. The club so far, then, has not presented a play before an audience, although the idea of doing so has not been completely given up. Plays read so far include "The Man in the Bowler Hat," "A Night at an Inn" and the delightful "The Little Man." The members of the club have derived a great deal of enjoyment from these and other readings and are looking forward to reading many more good plays in the future.

M.E.J.B.

Chess Club

Officer-in-charge and President: Instructor Lt.-Cdr. A. L. G. Hutchings, R.N.

Secretary: B. H. Wilson.

The first Chess Club meeting took place on June 21 and meetings have since been held regularly each Monday evening. Chess sets have also been made available in each gunroom. At each meeting those who had already played have played each other, whilst much time has been spent in teaching the rudiments of the game to beginners. An increase in the number of chess enthusiasts from the junior years is, however, desirable if the College is to produce a strong team in the future.

On two evenings matches have been played:

Cadets v. Officers and Masters.	
J. A. McKenzie	0 Instr. Lt.-Cdr. A. L. G. Hutchings 1
B. H. Wilson	0* Lt.-Cdr. W. F. Cook 0*
W. E. Winter	1 Commander W. B. M. Marks 0
W. T. C. Heather	1 Mr. R. F. Berry 0
P. R. Sinclair	0 Lt. J. A. Robertson 1
J. M. Bowman	1 Mr. W. G. Richards 0
H. Stevenson	0 Mr. P. W. Hughes 1
W. G. Bassett	1 Lt. F. E. Wilson 0

Cadets 4 Officers & Masters 3
*Cancelled.

Burnett Year v. The Rest (except Fourth Year)	
J. A. McKenzie	1 J. M. Bowman 0
W. T. C. Heather	1 B. H. Wilson 0
W. E. Winter	0 P. G. Brook 1
I. G. Nicholls	1 H. L. Stephens 0
P. V. Blackman	1 J. M. Gaul 0
J. A. Goodwin	1 J. A. W. Dick 0

Burnett Year 5 The Rest 1

On another evening, some variations of the Giuoco Piano Opening were played through and studied.

During the Winter Term, a knock-out competition was played. Of an entry of about 40, the three remaining are W. T. C. Heather, J. A. McKenzie and B. H. Wilson who have, at the time of writing, still to play each other in order to determine the winner of the competition.

A monthly chess journal will shortly be placed in the library and this should be of

great benefit to those who wish to play through the annotated games of the experts (the best way to improve one's standard).

The possibility of a wireless chess match—R.A.N.C. v. R.N.C., Dartmouth—is being explored. Chess will certainly be the only game which we shall be able to play with our "opposite numbers" in England!

B.H.W.

Nature Studies Club

Master-in-charge: Mr. R. R. Clark.

President: P. G. Brook.

Secretary: E. T. Keane.

We have a membership of twenty-four and the regular Thursday evening meetings have been attended by an average of approximately twenty of these enthusiasts. After the aims and objects of the club had been clarified by the method of round table discussions at the first two meetings, the members adopted the title of "The 'Down Under' Club" as a way of indicating their particular interest in the study of the Australian natural scene.

Each meeting, after the discussion of the general business, has been utilised in one of two ways: firstly, a form of open forum debate on matters of interest raised by members in which, frequently, there has been more of enthusiastic reminiscence than scientific appraisal and, secondly, a talk by one of the members on a topic of his own choosing.

Outstanding among these talks was one entitled "Birds of the Locality," delivered by P. G. Brook and illustrated with coloured slides on the epidiascope. This proved so interesting that Brook was called upon to expand his subject at a second meeting. Others to have delivered addresses are K. J. Bale ("Australian Wildflowers" — also using coloured illustrations) and W. N. Williams ("Ground Nuts"), while Instructor Lieutenant Commander Hutchings has agreed to give us an illustrated lecture on "The Great Barrier Reef."

At the instigation of the club, "Wild Life" and "Walkabout" have been added to the magazine subscription list of the College and the Hon. Librarian, Mr. W. G. Richards, has been bombarded with suggestions for titles of books to add to the shelves of the library.

Probably the highlight of our activities to date was the trip to Sherbrooke Forest, which

is covered in some detail elsewhere. This excursion was so successful that the next is being eagerly awaited—it will take the form of a trip to Phillip Island, with koalas and penguins the chief centres of our mounting interest. Also planned is at least one bush ramble in the immediate vicinity of the depot on which the chief objects of study will be wildflowers.

It would be indeed ungracious to close these notes without some reference to "The Bag." At our first meeting in Third Term, "The Bag" appeared and was opened, its treasures being passed around for examination and comment by the members, who found much to interest them in the collection, which consisted of such varied items as nests, eggs, shells and even dried fish! Our thanks are due, then, to "The Bag" for a very interesting evening—incidentally, if any cadet has a case larger than himself he may care to note that such a case is now properly known as a "Brownfield."

E.T.K.

Music Club

Officer-in-charge: Lt.-Cdr. W. F. Cook, R.A.N.

The club was formed at the latter end of last year under the guidance of Lt.-Cdr. Cook, who organized a series of excellent lectures given by the Depot Commissioned Bandmaster, Mr. McLean. It was also made possible for cadets to attend a series of six Youth Concerts in the Lower Town Hall, Melbourne. These concerts, produced by the A.B.C., were thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended them and the remarks of the conductors on the works being played were very helpful. The College acquired an electric pick-up, and a library was formed of some very good records which, with Lt.-Cdr. Cook's own gramophone and records, gave us many enjoyable evenings.

We are indeed very grateful to Mr. McLean who gave us the opportunity of hearing his high fidelity recording apparatus and, on behalf of all members, I would like to thank him for giving us so much of his time, and also for a delightful selection of music.

It is to be sincerely hoped that those cadets who have interested themselves in the Music Club will maintain their interest and in this manner gradually introduce to the College

an appreciation of good music, at present sadly lacking.

R.M.B.

Bridge Club

Master-in-charge: Mr. R. F. Berry.

President: C. R. L. Patten.

Secretary: P. J. Hocker.

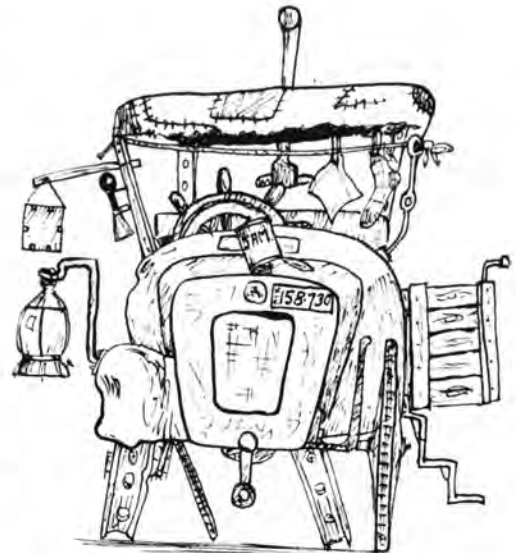
This was the first year in which the Bridge Club operated, the inaugural meeting being held on June 20, during the winter term.

The club has been meeting on Wednesday evenings under the guidance of Mr. Berry, who formed the club and organised its early activities, as well as providing tuition for those members who had not played before.

The club plays contract only but as auction is not quite dead a few games may be played later—possibly next year—to keep alive a dying cause! The present maximum membership is 24 but it is hoped that this will be increased next year.

P.J.H.

No reports have been received from the Woodwork, Ballroom Dancing, Fencing or Stamp Clubs.—Editor.



Happy Daze—The R.-L. Combine.

CANBERRA

Sixty-four cadets, accompanied by Lieut.-Commander Cook and Lieut. Robertson, visited Canberra for the Jubilee celebrations in June. We were divided into two parties for the plane trip and the first group left the College at 1130 on Saturday, June 9. Arriving at T.A.A.'s Melbourne office at 1300, we wandered about for a time until our bus left for Essendon airport.

The plane took off at 1430, the weather was perfect and we enjoyed a very pleasant trip, landing at Fairbairn at 1551 and being met by Commander Robertson and a lieutenant from Duntroon. From the aerodrome we were whisked off in an army bus to the Royal Military College, Duntroon. Greeted by Corporal Mark Smith, a member of the Senior Year, we were shown where our bunks were situated and given a little introductory information about Duntroon. Corporal Smith took us on a tour of the college and showed us the lay-out of the buildings and grounds.

Tea was at 1900 and our second party arrived just in time to sit down for it. Later there were pictures in the Duntroon theatre and, after the programme, we were all very pleased to get to bed.

We were rather envious of the good fortune of the army cadets in having their own single room which serves as their study and bedroom. The years at Duntroon run in reverse from ours, Fourth Year being their Junior Year and First Year the Seniors. The cadets can do either of two courses, arts or science, both being of university standard. The main buildings of Duntroon are on three sides of the parade ground; the living quarters of "A" and "B" companies are at the top of the parade ground while to the left is the administration block and to the right are the classrooms. The original house called "Duntroon," which was given to the government by a Mr. Campbell, now serves as the officers' mess and living quarters.

On Sunday morning we rose at 0745 and shifted into No. 1's. Breakfast was at 0800 and immediately afterwards we left with the army cadets for a full dress rehearsal of the parade and march past which were to take place on Tuesday, June 12. We fell in at the head of the naval division, which was of two companies, the cadets comprising "A"

company, while "B" company consisted of men of the R.A.N.R. The Army Royal Guard was formed by Duntroon cadets, the remainder of their number taking the position at the head of the army division.

We were marched on to the grass in front of Parliament House in the following order: Naval Royal Guard, Army Royal Guard, Air Force Royal Guard, Naval Division, Army Division, Air Force Division. We then stood in our positions while sufficient time elapsed for the Governor-General to have arrived, inspected the guards, and entered Parliament House. The parade was then marched off from the rear. Prior to this, however, some unfortunate cadets had found the period of waiting too long and several fainted. One was so bored with the whole procedure that he is reputed to have put himself to sleep counting the windows of Parliament House. We then marched back to the assembly area where we fell out for a short breather. Again fallen in, we marched past Parliament House, round the building and so back to the assembly area where we were dismissed and returned to Duntroon by 1215. Lunch was at 1230 and after that the afternoon was ours to do with as we pleased. Some of us decided to spend the time in looking at Canberra in case we had no other opportunity. The point of particular interest to us was probably the war memorial, although we were a little disappointed to find comparatively few exhibits from the Second World War. Most of the cadets found somebody among the army cadets that they knew with the result that the two services got along famously together. On Sunday evening there was another picture show and this found in us a more appreciative audience than Saturday's film had done. This may have been because we were not so tired but I feel sure that the fact that Clark Gable held the screen on Saturday night and Rita Hayworth on Sunday had at least a little to do with it.

Rain had started to fall on Sunday night and it continued to be showery on Monday with, it seemed, very little hope of Tuesday showing much improvement in the weather. In spite of the showers we had to spend Monday morning in squad drill in order to thoroughly master the slow step of the march.

During the morning we watched the Duntroon cadets rehearsing their Jubilee parade, which was to take place on Wednesday, June 13. This was also watched by the members of the various school cadet corps as they would be unable to see it on Wednesday. The parade was very finely executed, all the drill orders being given by senior Duntroon cadets.

On Monday afternoon we saw the Duntroon First XV play the Canberra Royals. After an even first half the cadets ran away to score an easy victory, 21—3. This in spite of the fact that the referee appeared to markedly favour the losing team, so blatantly, in fact, that when a Canberra Royals player was injured, one barracker shouted, "Hey, ref., one of your men is hurt!"

On Monday evening Fourth Year cadet midshipmen were invited to the main mess for supper. The messing arrangements we found very nearly akin to our own, except that the army cadets mess in their separate divisions and not in years. After the meal we went into the reading room and billiard room where we spent the remainder of the evening. We left about 2100, as Lieut.-Commander Cook was anxious to see us all in bed early to prevent any further collapses on Tuesday.

On Tuesday morning we were kept busy cleaning our uniforms and boots and being put through a final short period of squad drill to be sure that we could keep the slow step. Lunch was earlier than usual—about 1130—and we then shifted and fell in to be taken in trucks to Canberra. We arrived there at about 1300 to find that the rain which had fallen during the past two days had turned the clay assembly ground and clay paths to so much slush.

We marched on to the grass before Parliament House at about 1345 and stood at ease until His Excellency the Governor-General arrived at 1415. He inspected the guards and then entered Parliament House for the official opening of Parliament. The parade marched off from the rear and went back to the assembly area, where we were dismissed. We had found it very difficult to march on the clay roads as they were so slimy that our feet slipped. During the break we tried to wipe off as much mud as possible for the march past. The opening ceremony was broadcast and there were loudspeakers in the assembly area. Mr. McKell

made a very fine speech and during the break between its conclusion and the commencement of the march past, Marjorie Lawrence sang the Lord's Prayer, much of which was drowned, however, by the aeroplanes flying overhead. The rain had held off so far, but now it began again. Fortunately, it was not very heavy and the march past was successfully carried out. Back once more at the assembly area, we were dismissed and returned to Duntroon, where we arrived at about 1730.

Lieut.-Commander Cook had managed to secure seats for us at an amateur opera company's production "A Night of Opera," which was made up of selections from various famous operas, including "Faust," "Othello," "Rigoletto," "La Traviata," "Il Trovatore" and others. This performance was the work of New Australians and we thoroughly enjoyed the magnificent singing. However, the day had been a long, exciting and very tiring one and we were all glad to reach our beds when we returned to Duntroon at 2300.

On Wednesday most of us decided to miss breakfast and savour the luxury of a few more minutes in our bunks. At 0730 we had half an hour's gym and then shifted into No. 1's to watch the Jubilee parade of the Duntroon cadets. Light rain continued to fall throughout the morning but in spite of this the parade was carried out smoothly and well. Many members of the Federal Parliament were present, as were the Governors of New South Wales, Victoria and South Australia, accompanied in each case by his wife, and the salute was taken by His Excellency, the Governor-General. We were particularly impressed by the snap and precision of the rifle drill. After lunch the rain stopped so our First XV practised for their match against Duntroon on the following day, while Third Year challenged "the rest" to a game of Australian Rules, "the rest" winning by nine goals.

Three of our cadets—Jacobs, McKenzie and Baird—attended the Governor-General's Ball held at Parliament House and were present when the sad news of the death of Mr. J. B. Chifley was broken to the guests. Most of the remaining cadet-midshipmen once again visited the pictures on this evening.

On Thursday morning we were split into two groups, one going to Harman, the naval

signal station, and the other to Belconnen, a huge transmitting station which is used by all wireless stations as well as by the navy. At 1000 the groups changed over. We returned to Duntroon for lunch, after which our First XV played Duntroon's Fourth XV, strengthened by the addition of a few of their Thirds. The game was not a very good one but our team succeeded in winning 9—6.

On Friday morning we were shown over Parliament House. We were on the roof when Mr. Chifley's coffin arrived and was carried into King's Hall. As the cadets left they filed past the coffin with heads bowed as a mark of respect to this great Australian. We then visited the war memorial (the second time for most of us). Even those of us who had been earlier, however, found many things to interest us that we had missed before. We returned to Duntroon for lunch, after which we saw Mr. Chifley's coffin pass on a gun carriage on its way to the airfield to be flown to Bathurst. During the afternoon we visited

Fairbairn Aerodrome and examined a Mustang fighter with keen interest, before going on to Canberra Grammar School to play rugby. After a poor opening we managed to get going and won 19—0. Picture leave was once again granted for the evening, our last in Duntroon.

On Saturday morning, June 16, most of our time was spent in preparation for our return flight to Melbourne, made this time in three planes. We arrived back at the College feeling that this very pleasant break from our normal routine had been very worthwhile and memorable, indeed.

It would not, however, be proper to end this account without offering our thanks to all at the Royal Military College, Duntroon, for their splendid hospitality which will be long remembered by each of the very fortunate sixty-four cadets who made the trip and experienced the wholehearted friendliness of our army colleagues. Thank you, indeed!

D. P. McDOUGALL

INITIATION? MURDER?

It is an English Prep, and nobody is particularly busy, least of all the duty Fourth Year cadet who keeps glancing towards the door and emitting long-drawn sighs. Finally the door bursts open and out pour Third and Fourth Years. With a hurried word of explanation—something about special flashing exercises—our guard is off. Pitying him somewhat, the class settles down to work again.

A sigh of relief is heard as the studies bell sounds. Books are closed and everyone makes for the door. Suddenly a hideous shriek is heard. It is identified as the last cry of one member of the year by the terrified remainder who huddle in a corner. Suddenly a fearsome, devilish figure leaps into the room, brandishing a villainous weapon—a knotted towel. With shrieks and screams, the poor demented souls dash out, collecting caps en route and racing down the path. Here they are forced to run the gauntlet of towels, gym shoes and hoses, the latter being played by fiendishly clever operators over one's body in such a way as to make previous hurts feel like burns. Up to the flat—neat and shining haven—into gym rig and

down to the dreaded gym, again passing through that awful gauntlet.

"Up the ropes!" "On the wall bars!" "Start rolling!" scream our tormentors. Moaning low with terror the sufferers begin to roll about the deck, amongst the paint, soap, wood shavings and shoe cleaner, exposing tender parts which receive frightful whacks and cracks as they come into view. To escape this terrible fate a few manage, after a long period of struggle, to reach the top of the ropes, only to see their hideous pursuers mount one upon another's back and continue to wield their weapons. Regularly, every few minutes, a piercing scream is heard, as another poor soul breathes his last.

At last, the long-awaited order is given and the few remaining stagger towards the flat thinking, perhaps, of that nice, warm bunk. But what is this? The leaders halt with bitter cries, the stragglers piling up in the rear. No! No! Anything but this! Their beautiful flat has been converted into a shambles. Piled high in the corridor are the whole contents of their chests, tills lying all over the flat and not a single article of clothing left folded. Yes, there is no doubting

that the tyrants have done a magnificent job. Heartbroken owners stumble forward, throwing their arms about lost, loved shirts and trousers. But this is not their crowning sorrow, for at this moment the door opens to admit more of their relentless enemies. Into the bathroom they are herded and there, under the icy showers, they are left, not to bewail their manifold grievances, but to serenade their vicious oppressors, with such chants as "the seniors are merciful." After much painful scrubbing of bodies to rid themselves of the taint of foul tortures, the poor, broken creatures are left to the

squaring-off of the flat. Silence falls, the heart-rending silence peculiar to crushed and dispirited men. Suddenly that very silence is broken by peal after peal of hysterical, sobbing screams. A rush of feet is heard, a door bangs, a crowd gathers and—oh, supreme woe! Lying prostrate on the deck is the still form of a Second Year cadet, bearing the blue bruise of a gym shoe on his seat. The sight is too much! I draw the curtain and spare your tears. The Cook Year suffers.

D. G. HOLTHOUSE.

MEET THE BURNETT YEAR!

Barney: A Queenslander with an eye for a shiny shoe.

Keg: The street-fighter Sultan of Scone.

Jacky Jacky: Him only abo Burnettian in captivity.

Bodgie: A swarthy Welshman capable of blowing hard.

Beef: A negroid Westralian chess player.

Baby Breakaway: A Cremornean rugby surprise — handy with a light switch.

Georgie: A rasp-voiced Victorian with nasal trouble.

Jack: Our coalminer.

Johnny: A "rules" fan who's mislaid an appendix.

Tiny: A Caulfield broomstick warrior.

Tim: A piled-up kiwi capable of flying ON the field only.

Harrie: A goof from Gardenvale with a popular sister.

Oscar: An alto from Adelaide.

Mac I: An Essendon cripple with a sweet giggle.

Mac II: A religious fanatic from Sydney's society.

Fish: A small object given to violent explosions.

Moses: A morose specimen only half there.

Tods: Our ivory-tickler from Castlemaine in for a rattling time.

E. R. LEARY.

DEAR MOTHER . . .

(Being the first letter of Percival Fortescue-Bryqueme, Cadet-Midshipman.)

R.A.N.C.,

Flinders Naval Depot,

31/3/51.

Dear Mother,

This is really a lovely place! Everyone is nice and kind, and the beds (I think they are called banks here) are very comfortable. The gymnasium is certainly not as bad as Uncle Dick said it was—we play lovely games there, like giants and dwarfs, staying longest up the rope and pep-ups. They are very nice, but I like pep-ups the best; they are great fun.

We play lots of other games here too, not a bit like hop-scotch or skipping. One of them is to see who can run longest round a big path called a cinders track.

There are two sorts of people here, ordinary boys and others who are just simply wonderful. They are big, strong and so utterly kind. They are very friendly

and are called Fourth Years, or something like that. All of them are very nice and are always ready to let you play cinders track, and they give a wonderful imitation of a wounded tiger.

We are always playing games here. We even play one when we go to bed at night called "quick-shifts." The cadet-captain (they are the very nicest of the wonderful Fourth Years) snarls, just for fun, "Two minutes!" and then everyone has a race to see who can get into bed first. The cadet-captain even lets us have the game over again if we want to.

Someone told me that the cadet-captains are called "shurds," and when I asked one if he was, he gave a beautiful imitation of an enraged bull, and let me play cinders track for the next hour. You see, they are always joking and being kind to us.

They teach us all sorts of things here, even how to sweep and clean—I know all about cleaning a bathroom already.

Well, darling mother, I must go now. I will try very hard to be good and I am wearing my chest protector all the time. I will write again as soon as I can.

Your loving son,

Percival

C. R. L. PATTEN.



AN INSPECTION OF A SUGAR MILL

During the last vacation I had an interesting tour of inspection through the Moreton Central Sugar Mill at Nambour, Queensland. As crushing was in progress, it was possible to follow the whole process of the production of raw sugar.

The sugar cane arrives at the mill either by motor truck or, from those cane farmers whose properties are crossed by the tram lines, on cane trucks. These resemble a railway hand "jigger" without the superstructure, and are capable of carrying two tons of cane. As many as fifty loaded trucks are hauled in behind each tram locomotive, and a load arrives at the mill almost hourly for 24 hours of the day.

Before the actual process of crushing the cane begins, all the dirt and soot from the cane fires is removed by passing it through a spraying tank on a conveyor belt. It is loaded on the trucks again and taken to the mill proper. Here, on another conveyor belt the cane begins its last journey as such. It passes through the shredders—from four to six huge toothed wheels rotating at high speed in opposite directions—which reduce it to a fibrous mass ready for the rollers. There are three sets of these, and at each successive crushing more juice is extracted and the cane fibre finally emerges as megasse, a by-product used in the manufacture of "Caneite," the building material, or as fuel for the mill furnaces. This method of extracting the cane juice is very efficient as over 99 per cent of the juice is obtained.

This is strained to remove particles of cane fibre. Lime having been added to precipitate any remaining dirt, the juice is reduced greatly in bulk by evaporation in open pans and is passed to the closed-in affray vats. In the "A" set, the juice is reduced, by boiling under extremely high temperature and pressure, to a brown viscous liquid from which, in the last of the "B" set of vats, the "seed" sugar crystals grow. The "C" vat is charged

with the crystalline mixture and fed with concentrated cane juice from one of the "B" vats. The small crystals grow larger as more moisture is evaporated until an examination of them under a microscope determines that the mixture is ready for the fugals.

The fugals, of which there are eight in the Moreton mill, use the principle of centrifugal force to separate the crystals from the syrup. These machines consist of an outer metal cylinder about four feet in diameter and four feet six inches high, and an inner cylinder of fine gauze, with a space of six inches between them.

The sugar-bearing syrup is fed from the affray vat through a chute into the fugals which are whirled round at high speed forcing the mixture against the gauze screen. The syrup passes through this and is pumped back to the affray vats for recrystallization. The sugar crystals, which are too large to pass through the gauze, collect on the inside and, after they have been washed by having a spray of water directed on them for a brief period, the fugal is stopped and the raw sugar falls into a trough which runs the full length of the fugal stand. It is transferred from here by an archimedean screw and a conveyor belt to a large hopper from which it is poured into bags each containing one hundred and forty pounds.

At the completion of the second process of crystallization, the syrup is too low in sugar content for the preparation of that product, and is sold to consumers as molasses from which power alcohol and rum are distilled. Golden syrup and treacle are by-products of the sugar refining process.

The sugar industry in Queensland is second only to that of wool-growing and, in Northern Queensland especially, it is the most important crop, farms of as much as one hundred and twenty acres being given over entirely to the production of this valuable Australian asset.

B. R. BAMBRICK

I NOTES

up to the amount of spirit displayed—had they done so, the results would have been very different. Congratulations are due to Bartholomew and Horton on gaining their colours, the former for both rugby and hockey and the latter for rugby.

We are sure that when results of the Foster Cup sailing races, the athletics and the tug-o'-war are known, our position will be considerably improved.

On behalf of the watch I would like to thank the other three watches for their friendly opposition and for the keen atmosphere in which all sports were contested. Congratulations to them for their various successes.

During the year the watch performed well because every individual played for the team and though we were not often victorious we always gave of our best. I am sure the watch will do well in next year's competition and, I hope, will achieve a greater measure of success. All the watch members of the Jervis Year wish to next year's teams the very best of luck.

J. ANDREWARTHA



Maintop

Watch Officer: Lt. D. W. Leach, R.A.N.

Watch Cadet Captain: R. McKenzie.

Cadet Captain: J. H. Wallis.

In its first year of existence at the College, maintop has decisively shown how well it deserves its name.

After a highly creditable performance in the sphere of cricket we managed to secure second place with the help of our juniors. As



Forecastle

Watch Officer: Lt.-Cdr. D. H. D. Smyth, R.A.N.

Watch Cadet Captain: J. Andrewartha.

After a valiant attempt to regain the Dalton Cup in 1950 our watch was determined to do better in this year's competition. The entry of the new watch, maintop, into the competition made our task harder but added considerably to the interest of all sporting events.

Our seniors started off very successfully by winning every cricket match. In connection with this achievement special mention must be made of the work of Bartholomew and Syme, their aggressive bowling being the deciding factor in all games. Our juniors were not so fortunate and lost most of their matches though never from lack of spirit. Swimming proved to be, as expected, a weak point in our sporting make-up but we at least made the others work hard for their points. In an endeavour to improve our position we engaged in some very earnest training in preparation for the regatta. Our solid preparation very nearly gave us victory in this but maintop narrowly defeated us after a magnificent battle in all events culminating in a thrilling tie in the final race, the "All Comers" cutter, a race in which a forecastle victory is becoming almost traditional.

Although we held our own in rugby and hockey we failed in soccer and the cross-country. On the whole, then, we did not fare very well in the winter sports due to the fact that our abilities did not measure

we had not looked forward to this competition with any great confidence we were pleasantly surprised at doing so well.

Next came the difficult task of winning the swimming competition but once more we were just shaded by our foretop opponents. Congratulations to Torrens-Witherow on gaining his colours for swimming during his first six weeks at the College.

After a closely contested "all hands" cutter race in which we drew with forecastle, the points thus gained clinched for us the victory in the regatta. Such was the general rejoicing in the watch that Lt. Leach, our coxswain, did not even seem to mind getting wet when he was ducked, according to custom, after the race.

With the winter term well under way the annual cross-country race saw maintop rise to the occasion and carry off the honours.

The rugby became a struggle between maintop and foretop but there was a noticeable lack of weight in our scrum and, as a result, we had once more to be content with second place. However, another victory feast and another eight points towards the Dalton Cup came our way when our juniors, by their defeat of foretop, gave us top place in soccer.

Our congratulations must go to forecastle and quarterdeck who have put up a very fine effort in all sports and who have shown excellent sportsmanship in their acceptance of a run of defeats. As present we are equal on points with foretop for the Dalton Cup and with three events to go the battle for supremacy is going to be a tough one, but I am sure maintop will prove themselves equal to the task.

R. McKENZIE

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

Watch Cadet Captain: B. E. D. Jacobs

Cadet Captains: A. L. Beaumont, R. G. Harris, R. G. C. Gatacre, M. D. Jackson.

1951 saw the organisation of the watch system at the College into four watches, forecastle, maintop, quarterdeck and foretop.

Our newly formed watch began the year well with a decisive win in the cricket. The seniors performed well to finish second to forecastle but our success was due principally to the undefeated junior team who played the game with true watch spirit and enabled us to gain the coveted eight points towards the Dalton Cup. Special mention is due here to Beaumont and Sinclair, who were awarded cricket colours.

The next obstacle which faced us was the swimming sports. After a shaky start, we improved until the progress scores told us we had taken the lead. The senior medley relay team finished third and all then depended upon the junior medley relay and "all hands" relay teams. The juniors won easily and, after an exciting, see-saw battle we also emerged victorious from the "all hands" relay.

With these two victories under our belts and sixteen points towards the Dalton Cup, we faced the future with great confidence. Our heartiest congratulations to Torrens-Witherow and Frances for their success in the senior and junior swimming championships respectively and also to those others who were successful in championship events.

Next on the sports agenda was the annual regatta. Foretopmen knuckled down to serious training in the preceding weeks and produced some good crews. The day of the regatta arrived, accompanied by a gale force



Woodcut by A. R. Cummins.

wind. Setbacks were the order of the day for foretop. The junior A whaler was disqualified and the junior B whaler finished well behind the leaders. The senior whalers produced two outstanding performances, that of the A whaler which finished on strongly, its nearest rival 50 yards astern, and that of the B whaler which also won very comfortably. As in the swimming so in the regatta, the result hinged on the "All Comers" race. Maintop drew with forecastle and so gained the points necessary to win the regatta. Hunt upheld the honour of the watch by a well-earned victory in the senior sculling championship.

Then to the cross-country. Although we had very few runners of outstanding merit we were confident that we had enough average performers to give a good account of ourselves in this event. This confidence was somewhat misplaced as we were unable to fill any place higher than last. Our congratulations to McKenzie on his sterling performance in winning the race for the second year in succession.

The rugby proved a resounding triumph for the watch, both junior and senior teams being undefeated. Rugby colours were awarded to Jackson, and Jacobs and Jackson were selected as members of the Victorian junior team.

In the hockey competition we were again undefeated, clinching our victory with a fine win over forecastle in the last match.

The soccer saw our first lapse in the junior section and we finished second to maintop.

The College tennis championships enabled foretop to show its decided superiority in this field. The final of the singles championship is to be contested by Hunt and Sinclair, while the doubles final was won by Baird and Sinclair from Hunt and Jacobs, the three last-named being foretopmen.

The first two rounds of the Forster Cup were held in variable conditions with light breezes and a strong tidal set. Unfortunately, we were not over-successful in the first round and could manage no better than third boat home and third place behind maintop and quarterdeck. Our spirits rose considerably after the second round in which we had three boats in the first five, Harris being successful in the cutter as first boat home and first of its class.

With so much emphasis on the coming events, upon which will be decided the fate of the Dalton Cup, the remainder of the year should hold intense interest. We look forward with confidence to the inter-watch athletics and tug-o'-war.

The keenness and enthusiasm displayed by all members of the watch throughout the year has been exemplary and, coupled with a determination to prove the mettle of the foretopmen, should place the Dalton Cup where it rightfully belongs.

B. E. D. JACOBS



Quarterdeck

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

Watch Cadet Captain: R. M. Baird.

Cadet Captains: J. L. Curtis, E. T. Keane.

With the commencement of the new year, we renewed our resolutions of 1950 to try earnestly at all times and to give of our very best in every sporting competition. The watch members have, to the last man, lived up to these good intentions and the determination and enthusiasm shown throughout the year have been admirable. Unfortunately, our achievements in the Dalton Cup competition did not prove so encouraging as we had hoped, and it says much for the spirit of the watch that keenness and spirit have never flagged, even momentarily, in the face of adversity.

The complete reorganisation of the College into four watches, and the addition to each of these of seven intermediate entry cadets, who participated in senior events, gave us no basis of comparison with last year's teams. Generally speaking, the standard of performance in all inter-watch events proved to be far higher than that of the last two or three years.

It was therefore not surprising that we were unable to continue our cricket successes of the previous year, filling only third place. In the swimming sports, the watch showed great improvement by forcing an extremely close finish, so close that until the last event the quarterdeckmen were leading. However, we failed in this, the "all hands" relay, and were forced into equal second place (with maintop).

We commenced our regatta training knowing that time was very short and that we should have to crowd much solid work into a brief period. Unfortunately, we trained in the early stages without our two "A" crew strokes and, though our crews all worked desperately hard, they were not good enough and we occupied last place at the end of the day.

The rugby competition provided a further disappointment for us in that we lost all senior matches and won only one junior game. The reason for the failure of our senior team was an obvious one; our forwards were far

too light and too inexperienced for their opponents and were unable to provide our excellent backline with the opportunities they needed to win matches.

Hockey proved to be more of a weakness than we had anticipated and once again we had to take the wooden spoon. Our soccer teams were a little more successful, winning one game in the senior section and gaining a win and a draw in the juniors.

Altogether, the watch has shown great esprit-de-corps and, though we have to win a competition, we have been by no means disgraced. Our heartiest congratulations are due to fore-castle, foretop and maintop who have been splendid opponents throughout the year.

On behalf of the Fourth Year members leaving the watch this year, I wish the quarterdeckmen the best of luck for next year and hope that the present high standard of sport in the College is maintained, with the "gobbies" showing the way.

R. M. BAIRD.



SPORTS AND SPORTING

COLOURS

(Showing date of award)

RUGBY	CRICKET	HOCKEY	TENNIS	ATHLETICS	SWIMMING	BOATS
1950 J. Andrewartha B. E. D. Jacobs R. McKenzie	1951 A. L. Beaumont I. Bartholomew P. R. Sinclair	1951 I. Bartholomew M. D. Jackson	1951 R. M. Baird J. S. Dickson P. R. Sinclair	1950 B. E. D. Jacobs R. McKenzie	1950 R. G. Machin	1951 J. L. Curtis R. G. Harris D. T. Hunt
1951 I. Bartholomew A. R. Horton M. D. Jackson				1951 L. F. Betts B. G. Gibbs	1951 R. W. Torrens- Witherow	

CRICKET

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

Saturday, November 11, was a pleasant day for Scotch's visit to the College. Beaumont won the toss for R.A.N.C. and sent Scotch College in to bat on a firm wicket.

Scotch scored in lively fashion in compiling 132 runs, Watson, their most successful batsman, contributing 59 of them. Jackson, with 3 wickets at a cost of 30 runs, was our best bowler.

Most of the R.A.N.C. batsmen displayed form well below their best and only five men offered any real resistance to the keen Scotch College attack—these were Sinclair, who compiled 17 runs, Bartholomew, Jackson, Gatacre (each 16), and Jacobs (13). R.A.N.C. could manage only 102 for the loss of 8 wickets in the time available to them so the match ended in a draw.

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

Saturday, November 18, dawned cloudy and overcast but the game started on time although the heavy clouds threatened an early end. The cadets battled first and started very badly until Hunt, batting very well and showing some fine shots which always found the gaps in the field, stopped the rot. He was unlucky, after a sound knock, to be run out for 24. Gatacre, who made 25, also batted well particularly on the leg side. The College innings ended with the score at 110, Lt. Wilson (4 for 33) being the most successful bowler.

The wardroom began much more solidly than the College had done and their opening pair gave them a sound foundation for a good total. Despite this, they collapsed in the middle of their innings and had only struggled to a tally of 100 when their last wicket fell. Of this score, Commander Lowe and Lt.-Cdr. Cook made 25 and 21 respectively, while Jackson's excellent bowling was rewarded with the fine figures of 5 for 15.

Light rain had started to fall a little before the end of the Wardroom's first innings and continued for the remainder of the afternoon, making conditions particularly trying for the bowlers because of the greasy nature of both ball and approaches.

The College rattled up 94 for the loss of 3 wickets in their second innings before Beaumont declared.

Hunt had contributed a slashing 33, while Lt.-Cdr. Cook obtained 3 wickets for 30 runs.

The officers, with very little time left, scored 17 without loss before stumps, giving the College a victory on the first innings after an enjoyable day which was marred only very slightly by the rain.

R.A.N.C. v. BRIGHTON GRAMMAR SCHOOL

This match was played on Saturday, November 25, at R.A.N.C., on a decidedly unpleasant day. Beaumont won the toss and sent Brighton Grammar out to have first use of the damp wicket. Their first five wickets fell easily to Jackson and Bartholomew but Waite, coming in next, batted through the remainder of the innings and his splendid 46 not out lifted their final score to 100 runs. The speed attack captured most of the wickets, Jackson getting 5 for 36 and Bartholomew 3 for 24.

R.A.N.C. went out to bat with high hopes of victory but the fast bowling of Dale (8/21) and the accurate slows of Dave (2/10) were altogether too difficult for the College batsmen who, literally, scratched together a meagre 49.

In their second innings, Brighton Grammar were obviously looking for quick runs and slammed on 29 before declaring (Dale, 22 not out). R.A.N.C.'s opening pair also used the long handle effectively in knocking up 36 without loss (Jackson 19, Jacobs 10). This gave Brighton a first innings win in what was, from the point of view of our batting hopes, a singularly unimpressive display.

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

This match was played on Saturday, December 2, an unpleasantly hot and bright day. Commander Adams won the toss and decided to bat. Mr. McLean and Chaplain Fawell scored freely from Bartholomew's opening over but he then found a length and became much more hostile. Mr. McLean was dismissed by Jackson, in this bowler's third over, by one of the worst balls of the season. Chaplain Fawell continued to bat very attractively and, at one stage, hit four boundaries in succession. He reached 51 before being run out by an excellent return when attempting to take a short single. His was easily the best score for the officers whose individual totals were very small.

The field noticeably sighed with relief when Lt. Wilson was neatly caught in slips by Beaumont off Bartholomew for a "duck." The Wardroom innings ended at 98, bowling honours being fairly evenly distributed between Jackson, Morrice, Curtis and Gatacre.

Hunt and Sinclair were the College's openers and disaster struck early when the former went without scoring. However, Sinclair carried on to make 18 and Beaumont, after some solid defence, eventually provided some entertaining cricket before being dismissed for 43. The College's 125 runs were compiled against some really good bowling by Lt.-Cdr. Cook, Chaplain Fowell and Lt. Wilson.

In an eventful second innings the officers knocked up 52 runs for the loss of 4 wickets, Chaplain Fowell again top-scoring with 15. At this stage, a sporting declaration gave the cadets a chance of victory so, in an endeavour to score quickly, Beaumont sent Jackson and Jacobs in. Jackson immediately settled down and began to force runs. Giving Jacobs practically none of the strike, he raced to 34 (Jacobs 4) and the resulting 0 for 38 gave the College a well-deserved outright win after an exciting day's play.

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

The College team was keen to avenge its defeat of last season and hopes soared when we learnt that Captain Gatacre, who has been the mainstay of the Navy Office side for the last few matches, had left for the United Kingdom.

The match was played on Saturday, December 9, and Navy Office, winning the toss, decided to bat. They lost Commander Taff in Bartholomew's opening over and when the second wicket fell with the score at 19 we were jubilant. However, just as we were beginning to entertain hopes of dismissing our opponents for a really low score a partnership, in which the vigour of Lt.-Cdr. McDonald was coupled with the finesse of Captain Cook, yielded 47 runs. Lt.-Cdr. McDonald employed his hook shot to great effect to the particular sorrow of Jackson. The possibility of a mid-innings slump when two wickets fell with no addition to the score was ended by the fine batting of Captain McNicoll who added 54 and helped materially in carrying the total for the innings to 183. Of the College bowlers, Bartholomew was consistently accurate and always dangerous and well deserved his figures of 7 for 61 while Curtis bowled well but without luck for his 1 for 34, a result by no means worthy of his highly praiseworthy efforts.

Hunt and Sinclair opened for R.A.N.C. and dealt severely with the fast bowling until Sinclair was dismissed with the score at 28. Bartholomew then joined Hunt and proceeded to cap his good bowling performance with an equally attractive display of batting. Although wickets fell steadily enough Bartholomew stayed on and was eventually not out for a chanceless and sparkling 95. He was well supported by Jackson who again revealed his fine eye in compiling a hard-hitting 53. The remainder of the College XI disappointed against bowling which was noticeably weakened by the absence of Captain Gatacre. However, the team succeeded in compiling the required number of runs and, when play ended, had lost only 8 wickets for 233 runs, our highest score of the season and the best total by a College XI for quite a few years. The pitch, which yielded over 400 runs, was easily the best of the season and for this we must thank Mr. Goodwin. Again we were blessed with good

weather and our thanks are due to the College staff for providing a really excellent buffet luncheon.

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

Played at Scotch College on Saturday, February 2, 1951, this match saw the R.A.N.C. XI put up one of its worst performances of the season. After a really dismal opening in which 3 wickets fell for only 7 runs, we were somewhat heartened by a fighting stand in which Jackson and Hunt figured. However, this proved to be only a temporary stemming of the rattle of wickets and, in another burst of very fine bowling, we saw four wickets crash for as many runs. The last man was dismissed with the R.A.N.C. tally a miserable 49, of which Jackson and Hunt each contributed 15.

In reply Scotch College (notably the first six batsmen) batted very attractively in compiling 165, thus gaining a win by 116 runs on the first innings. Curtis and Jackson captured three wickets each, the former obtaining the best bowling average of the match.

R.A.N.C. v. WESLEY COLLEGE

This match was played at R.A.N.C. on Saturday, February 17. The weather was threatening and the wicket was very hard and showing signs of crumbling after a spell of almost 3 months without rain. R.A.N.C. won the toss and opened with Beaumont and Vincent. Beaumont went lb.w. to Davis and Vincent was caught and bowled by Yates to make the score a modest 2 for 21 when light rain began to fall. However, play continued and Syme and Bartholomew carried the score along to 87 before Syme was caught at the wicket off Colquhoun for 33. As it was by this time raining rather heavily play was stopped and the luncheon adjournment taken. During the break the rain stopped and play was resumed although the heavily overcast sky gave promise of heavy rain before stumps. Bartholomew and Sinclair took the score to 110 when the innings automatically closed because of the time limit. For Wesley, Colquhoun and Davis each took 1 wicket for 15 runs.

Colquhoun and Yates opened the batting for Wesley and the score had reached 21 without loss when heavy rain compelled the abandonment of play for the day, the game therefore being drawn.

R.A.N.C. v. BRIGHTON GRAMMAR SCHOOL

In this match, played on Saturday, February 31, the College XI (particularly the batsmen) atoned for the weak display they had given in the earlier game against Brighton Grammar School. Brighton's captain won the toss and elected to bat on a good wicket. However, the batsmen wilted under the sustained excellence of the bowling of Jackson and Bartholomew and the side was out for 66, of which meagre total Morriot and James contributed a total of 45 between them.

R.A.N.C. opened with Beaumont and Vincent, the latter batting very well to reach 50 before being run out in attempting a sharp single. Sinclair also batted attractively to score 40 (retired). A bright innings closed with the score at 8 for 148. Much of the pleasure of the innings lay in watching the particularly clean and alert fielding of the Brighton Grammar team.

Brighton batted again and sportingly went after runs instead of concentrating, as they might well have done, on purely defensive tactics. Due mainly to

the splendid bowling of Jackson, four wickets fell very cheaply and the College began to scent the possibility of victory in the air. However, the time factor decided the ultimate outcome of the game and when stumps were drawn Brighton had lost only 7 wickets for 34 so the cadets had to be content with a first innings win after a very pleasant day's cricket.

R.A.N.C. v. BALCOMBE

This match took place on Wednesday, February 28, and Beaumont, winning the toss, decided to bat on a sound wicket. Balcombe's good fielding, together with Edebone's bowling, kept the College batsmen severely in check. Vincent batted nicely in making 20 before he was caught off McLeod. Wickets then fell freely until Hall came in and, batting very forcefully, knocked up 25 of an eighth wicket partnership of 30. After his dismissal the College resistance ended and the side was out for 88.

In spite of good bowling by Jackson and Bartholomew, Balcombe scored steadily, Jones making 18 before Jackson claimed his wicket and Moller compiling a neat 30, which included three prettily placed boundaries. R.A.N.C.'s rising hopes of victory were checked by the stubborn batting of the army tail-enders and Balcombe ultimately passed our score with only a few minutes to spare, their 8 for 94 at stumps giving them a well merited win on the first innings.

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

Played on Saturday, March 4, this was the first match against the officers this year and their team, as a result of additions to the College staff, contained a number of new faces.

Commander Adams won the toss and elected to bat, Chaplain Fawell and Lt. Leach being the openers. With the score at 13 both these batsmen were back in the pavilion. Hall struck a good patch and bowled Commander Adams, Lt.-Cdr. Cook and Mr. Hughes as well as having the Commodore stumped. Lt. Wilson, coming in at third wicket down, got right on top of the bowling and rattled up a brilliant 58 before being bowled by Jackson. After his dismissal, Mr. Gleeson, Mr. Adeney, Lt. Robertson and Lt. Douglas (the not-out batsman) were fairly soon disposed of but not before the officers' score had mounted to 136. Of this total, Lt. Wilson's was the highest individual contribution while of the College bowlers Hall, with 4 for 41, and Bartholomew (3 for 62) were most successful.

The College batsmen were in trouble against the bowling of Chaplain Fawell, Mr. Hughes and Lt. Wilson practically throughout the innings and were finally all out for 116, of which Beaumont made 28, Sinclair a neat 36 and Jacobs 22, these being the only batsmen to look comfortable. The Chaplain and Mr. Hughes

each captured four wickets but Lt. Wilson had only one to his credit after some fine bowling.

The result—a win for the officers on the first innings.

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

Played on March 21, this was the last of three matches against Scotch College during the season 1950-51 and it proved a most interesting and exciting game.

Batting first, Scotch College opened very badly, losing their first wicket with only one run on the board and posting a slender 22 for the loss of 5 wickets. When 8 wickets had crashed for 49 runs, the end seemed very near but the tail wagged strongly and the innings ultimately reached the total of 84 runs, a very low score for this team which was undefeated to this stage of the season. Bowling honours went to Syme, who took 4 for 20, Bartholomew (2 for 32) and Jackson (2 for 11).

R.A.N.C. now batted but it was definitely a bowler's day and wickets fell rapidly while runs came slowly until we struggled to 6 for 39. As with Scotch, so in our own case, the innings was saved from total failure by the stout fight of the tail-enders who carried the score to 92 before the last wicket fell thereby snatching for R.A.N.C. a first innings victory in a close and enjoyable game for which conditions had been ideal throughout the day. The most successful bowler for Scotch was Sennitt, who thoroughly deserved his 5 for 48 after a particularly steady performance. For the College, Sinclair compiled 26 while Curtis contributed a valuable 13 not out.

R.A.N.C. v. PHOENIX CLUB

On Saturday, April 1, the College XI played a match against the Phoenix Club. All College cricket enthusiasts look forward eagerly to this game as an opportunity of learning something more of the game of cricket from the well-known and experienced cricketers who form the Phoenix Club team.

College won the toss and batted but could muster only 67 runs despite the fact that the College batted twelve men and that those who failed to score were given a chance to redeem themselves. However, Bartholomew and Syme redeemed our tarnished reputation to some extent, both batting very well. Syme's innings of 30 was particularly pleasing.

We now witnessed some extremely hard hitting by Sarovich, Thomas and Leckie in particular as the Phoenix Club ran up a score of 172 before stumps, to run out easy winners on the first innings.

The match, as usual, was very interesting and the College team and spectators should have derived much benefit from the polished play of the visitors to whom we are very grateful.

RUGBY

1st XV v. WARDROOM OFFICERS

May 30, 1951

This was the first match of the season and we were fortunate in meeting the officers when they were without the service of Mr. Gleeson and Lt. Leach, both of whom were in Adelaide with the Victorian

rugby team. This fact, coupled with the remembrance of our victory over the Wardroom at our last meeting, made the College team very confident of success.

From the kick-off, it was evident that the match was going to be a hard one. The Wardroom forwards were vastly superior in weight to those of the College XV and won most of the scrums. In spite of this ad-

vantage, they did not have everything their own way. The College backs, although managing to stop most of their opponents' movements, were not tackling at all well and at times their lack of experience was very noticeable.

Lt. Stevens raced through the College backs to score two tries for the Wardroom in the first few minutes. Lt. Wilson was playing very well, as was Lt. Stevens, and these two started many flashing backline moves. For the College, Jacobs played very well and scored a try which he converted. The Wardroom scored a further two tries, one of which was converted, to one by the College and ran out winners by 14 points to 8.

R. GATACRE

were easily pushed off the ball. Our backs thus gained plenty of opportunities and utilised most of them very well. By half-time the score had reached 15-0, Horton, Courtier and McKenzie having scored the other tries. None of these had been converted.

The second half saw the College forwards take complete control and tries were scored with monotonous regularity. Betts opened the scoring in this half with two tries in quick succession, to be followed by Bartholomew with another, all three unconverted. Courtier (2), Betts again, and finally Winter crossed the line in the closing stages of the game and R.A.N.C. ran out easy winners, 39-0. The victory was a well-deserved one, but the game was marred by its one-sidedness and by the shockingly inaccurate goal kicking



Rear (left to right): Drinkwater, Betts, Andrewartha, Hunt, McKenzie II.
Centre: Bartholomew, Heather, Baird, Jacobs, Horton, Sinclair.
Front: Barrell, Gatacre, Jackson, Lt. F. E. Wilson, McKenzie I (Capt.), Vincent, Courtier.

1st XV v. BALCOMBE 2nds

June 2, 1951.

Following the match against the Wardroom the College 1st XV was eager to enter the winning list and looked forward with keen anticipation to the next game, against Balcombe 2nd XV. The weather, which had been bad, suddenly changed for the better on the morning of the game and a pleasant afternoon followed.

The College opened in brisk fashion and within a few minutes Jackson broke through and, winning a desperate race for the line, touched down between the posts. The try was not converted. Soon afterwards he did the same thing but the kick again failed. The Balcombe forwards were too light for our pack and

of the R.A.N.C. team. Possibly the outstanding feature of the game from our point of view was the fine performance of Barrell playing half in place of Andrewartha, who was ill.

P. J. HOCKER

1st XV v. R.M.C. 3rd XV

June 14, 1951

During the cadets' visit to Canberra for the Jubilee opening of Parliament, the 1st XV played a rugby match against our hosts, the cadets of the Royal Military College, at Duntroon.

Our team lost the toss but the R.M.C. captain elected to run into the wind in the first half. The R.A.N.C. forwards began well, Jacobs initiating several

passing movements among them, but the backs were slow to settle down. R.M.C. scored first, when they were awarded a penalty in front of our goal. However, from a scrumage on the home team's goal line, second row forward Hall scored a welcome try to even the scores at the interval.

After the change-over, the backs had settled down and the team began to function more smoothly. An early result of this was a neat movement which culminated in Sinclair, inside centre, going through the army defence to score. As before, the try was not converted. Soon after Syme, at outside centre, received a chance and raced through to score the final try of the match—again not converted. The end of a tough, fast game found R.A.N.C. in front, 9—3.

E. T. KEANE

1st XV v. CANBERRA GRAMMAR SCHOOL

June 15, 1951.

This match, which proved to be a hard and fast tussle, was also played during the week spent in Canberra for the Jubilee opening of Parliament. The day was quite sunny, although there was a stiff breeze blowing at the beginning of the game, which opened with some fast play by the Canberra Grammar team. However, after a slow beginning, the College settled down and soon had their opponents on the defensive. The College forwards were not playing up to their usual standard and the backs marred their play, excellent for the most part, with several inaccurate passes. Syme was playing with plenty of dash and confidence, however, and soon opened the College score. Later in the half he again scored, giving the College a 6—0 lead at the interval.

After half-time, with the forwards packing tighter and Vincent winning the ball, the rate of scoring increased and the College won comfortably, 19—0. Syme, who played a very good game throughout, registered his third try, and Hunt, backing up well, also crossed. Jacobs converted both of these tries and also kicked a penalty goal during this half. The game was, on the whole, bright and fast-moving and not as uneven as the scores may indicate.

J. S. DICKSON

1st XV v. BALCOMBE

June 20, 1951.

Following our earlier easy victory over Balcombe, the College team expected another good win, but in this match we played the Balcombe 1st XV, which proved a vastly different proposition to the 2nd XV previously encountered. The Balcombe 1st XV, incidentally, occupied one of the top places in the Victorian Rugby Union "B" grade competition.

As soon as the match began the ball flashed into our half and, with only a minute or two gone, the army team had gained a 3—0 lead. Both teams were playing a hard, earnest game but the College's display was marred by "collar stud" tackling and, chiefly as a result of this flaw in our play, Balcombe led 9—0 at the change.

During the second half they continued to display superiority, which became more pronounced as the game proceeded, over the College forwards and backs alike and ran to a 20—0 lead. About three minutes from the end, the College was awarded a penalty, from

which McKenzie scored. A hard and fast game ended, then, with the scores 20—3 in Balcombe's favour. If the College learnt nothing else from Balcombe's fine play, it should at least have brought about a realization of the utter futility of high tackling.

D. G. HOLTHOUSE

1st XV v. SCOTCH COLLEGE

June 23, 1951

R.A.N.C. kicked off, giving Scotch possession of the ball, and only determined defence and solid tackling prevented them from scoring. Our forwards were working hard and our first try came when Boird, following up a short kick which was fumbled by a Scotch defender, touched the ball down over their line. McKenzie failed to convert. Immediately afterwards Jacobs provided the best try of the day when he ran from our 25 right through the Scotch team to put the ball down under the bar. This appeared to demoralise Scotch as their play from then on was rather ragged. As a result Courtier was able to pick up a rolling ball and, with fast running, score once again for Navy. Both his own and Courtier's try were converted by Jacobs. R.A.N.C. was still attacking at half time with McKenzie and Jacobs the outstanding players.

Immediately after the start of the second half, inside centre Teasey "dummied" his way past three Scotch players and handed the ball to Courtier, enabling him to score his second try. Jacobs followed this up by once again breaking through the opposition, but his pass, when he was tackled by a number of defenders, was rather inaccurate and Drinkwater failed to hold it. This was more than made up for when the College full-back, Bartholomew, gathered in the ball from a ruck and ran almost thirty yards before being brought down close to the touch line. Soon after, Hooke, the Scotch scrum half, worked the blind side of a set scrum to register Scotch's only try of the match. It was, however, unconverted and R.A.N.C. ran out comfortable winners, 16—3.

The features of the game were the hard, determined rucking of the forwards and the fine handling of the backs. Also, the tackling showed a marked improvement on that of the match against Balcombe and for this the full credit must be given to the fine coaching of Lt. Wilson.

A. L. BEAUMONT

1st XV v. SCOTCH COLLEGE

July 14, 1951

After 15 minutes of slow, fumbling play Jacobs opened the Navy's account with a try, obtained when he broke through a loose scrum. He took the kick himself and converted. Nearing the end of an uninteresting first half, Scotch gave away a penalty and McKenzie I scored from this opportunity, making the score at the interval 8—0, in R.A.N.C.'s favour.

Early in the second half Jacobs scored again but the try was not converted. The next score came in the form of a try gained by McKenzie II, a lovely 50 yards run ending right between the posts. The conversion was easy. McKenzie II soon afterwards earned another try with a good run following a cut through the Scotch College defence. McKenzie I just failed to convert from a difficult shot. Just before the end of the game Scotch gained their only score of the match—a try which was easily converted. This proved to be the last score in a match which was marred by

extremely bad handling, especially among the R.A.N.C. backs and we ended a drab game with the scores at 19—5 in our favour.

M. EARLAM

1st XV v. RECRUIT SCHOOL

July 25, 1951

This game proved to be one of the toughest of the season. The recruits, playing very well together, were on top in the first half and scored two meritorious tries neither of which, however, was converted. Possibly the most pleasing feature of the recruits' play was the tackling which was clean and crisp. They richly deserved their 6—0 lead at half-time.

In the second half the College was unlucky not to score during several wild melees on the opposing side's try-line. Finally Horton broke through and scored the first try for the College, McKenzie converting. Jacobs and Betts showed out in this half as the most solid tackles in the College team and Andrewartha was playing well at scrum half. During the half Chambers was carried from the field injured and Mortensen took over as hooker. With the minutes ticking away, the College strove desperately for the try that would give them the lead but it was not until one minute from the final whistle that McKenzie II broke through and passed to Drinkwater allowing him to go over for the College amidst wild excitement. The try was not converted and the final whistle found the College winners by 8 points to 6 of a hard, fast and thoroughly entertaining game.

H. P. BERGER

1st XV v. MELBOURNE 3rd XV

July 28, 1951

Man for man, Melbourne were a great deal heavier than the College team and it was fairly obvious that they went out expecting an easy victory. However, the College XV combined very well and ultimately ran the bigger side off their feet.

Soon after the start of play the College backs broke through and Drinkwater went over about ten yards from the touch line. McKenzie converted. It was not very long before Betts scored the College's second try, just outside the posts, from another backline movement. McKenzie again converted taking the score to 10—0. Play was reasonably even for the next ten minutes until Drinkwater gathered the ball very neatly and, going at top speed, beat the Melbourne defence to gain a free run to the posts from just over the half-line. His try was not converted but half-time found the College comfortably in front, 13—0.

In the second half the College forwards passed the ball about more and completely confused the bigger and slower Melbourne team. Jacobs scored two tries and McKenzie I and Horton also got across the line. The Melbourne forwards now made a determined attempt to break through the College defence. Slowly they pushed the College back for a time had our side in serious difficulties. However, Hunt managed to get his foot to the ball and cleared well down the field. Drinkwater, who had played very well throughout the game, then raced over the line for his third try just before the whistle blew to give the College a 28—0 victory.

M. D. JACKSON

1st XV v. WARDROOM OFFICERS

August 1, 1951

This, the second game against the Wardroom XV, proved to be one of the hardest and most rugged games of the season. It was also one of the best displays of football seen at the College for many years. The tackling and the handling of the ball by the College team were excellent.

The College was first to score when Drinkwater crossed, but the try was not converted. Lt. J. D. Stevens soon evened the score after weaving his way through the College backs to place the ball down between the posts. Mr. Gleeson put the Wardroom ahead when he converted this being the only converted try of the match. Soon afterwards Sinclair intercepted a 25 drop out and scored between the posts. The College went further ahead when, after a backs' rush, Hunt scored. At the change the College led 9—5.

Early in the second half the Wardroom took the lead after tries had been scored by Mr. Gleeson and Lt.-Cdr. Savage. The game then saw-sawed from end to end with both teams defending desperately. Lt.-Cdr. Cook scored from a scrum on the goal-line for the Wardroom and Horton scored for the cadets. The remainder of the half was scoreless thus gaining for the Wardroom their second victory of the season over the College. The final score was Wardroom 14—R.A.N.C. 12.

K. R. VINCENT

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

August 5, 1951

The visit of the cadets to Point Cook at the latter end of term II was, in a sporting sense at least, a very successful one for, in spite of losing the hockey match, we succeeded in giving a particularly good account of ourselves in the rugby match, played on the Sunday.

In 1950, we soundly defeated the R.A.A.F.C. 2nd XV, and this year played their 1st XV. This year, for the first time the Air Force College has attained its full complement and their team is a powerful one which was at the time, one of the leaders in the V.R.U. 2nd grade. The day of the match was not pleasant being very windy, with intermittent showers. R.A.N.C. kicked off into the wind but before many minutes had passed, Lyons, the R.A.A.F.'s stand-off, had cut through and scored, much to our team's dismay. The try was converted. Soon after this Heather touched down and McKenzie converted for us, levelling the scores at 5 all. Then Lyons made another cut through and scored his second try, this one not being converted. Just before this Bartholomew went off after a collision with an opponent and Barrel, as reserve, took his place. Just before the half-time whistle there was a sudden burst of scoring; the Air Force scored again and converted, to which the College immediately replied with a try by Betts (unconverted) and a penalty goal, leaving us 2 points down at half-time.

After the break, the R.A.N.C. XV really showed what they were capable of and play was very even, see-sawing up and down the ground with no score until almost full-time, when Andrewartha got across in the corner after a loose scrum. This final score brought the match to a close, and gave us a thrilling 1 point victory, 14—13.

A. R. HORTON

1st XV v. SOUTH AUSTRALIAN JUNIOR XV

August 12, 1951

This match was also played on a Sunday, on this occasion the day after the South Australia-Victoria Junior match. It had been raining on and off all the morning and the ground was in a very muddy state. Water lay about 2 to 3 inches deep in some parts of the field.

The game started with the College running west and we were soon attacking, a number of forward rushes taking the ball well into our opponents' territory. Jackson was unlucky to just miss scoring a try but immediately afterwards Drinkwater went over for

the College. McKenzie converted with what was, considering the conditions, a wonderful kick. Play see-sawed backwards and forwards and was very even until half-time. During the interval the South Australians replaced five players and, for the College, Gatacre took the place of Jackson.

About five minutes after the start of the second half, Baird received a split finger and the College played a man short for the remainder of the match. The College kept the South Australians out until the end of a half that made up in ruggedness what it lacked in science, and the game ended with the scores 5-0 in our favour.

A. R. HORTON

ANNUAL REGATTA, 1951

The annual regatta was held this year on Wednesday, April 25—a day of showers and squally westerly winds, blowing directly into the faces of the competitors. The four open sculls finalists pulled into choppy seas in a vigorous curtain-raiser, Hunt winning, after a fine display of oaranship, from McKenzie, Harris and Hall.

The Junior "A" Whalers were next away and when the rain squall that obscured the start lifted, the two top crews were revealed locked inextricably together only a few yards from the starting line. This result of careless steering disqualified both crews and Quarterdeck came home easy winners from Forecastle.

The Senior "A" whalers, pulling the full half mile into biting headwinds, were strung out early, and foretop gave a polished display to win comfortably from maintop, quarterdeck and forecastle.

The foretopmen continued their winning run to take the next two races, the Junior "B" and Senior "B" whalers, but maintopmen ended this run of successes by winning the Senior "C" whalers.

The officers versus C.P.O.s race came next. This year the increased numbers enabled the race to be held in whalers, and the professional staff also boated a crew. The officers came home comfortably the winners from the chiefs and petty officers, both crews giving a fine display.

The final event of the day, the All-Comers' Cutter, was eagerly awaited and keenly contested, for on its

result depended the outcome of the regatta. Maintop, urged on by Lt. Leach as cox, leapt to the front and led all the way. Forecastle, however, lashed along by Lt.-Cdr. Smyth, hung grimly to them and with a paralysing burst drew level in the last few yards to dead-heat for first place. Quarterdeck just beat foretop into third place. Forecastle's effort was not quite enough to wrest the championship from maintop, who won by three points. The whole regatta was closely contested, fought out with great keenness and well won by maintop.

Details of Results**Open Sculling—**

Hunt, 1; McKenzie 1, 2; Harris, 3; Hall, 4.

Match Race—

Officers, 1; C.P.O.s 2; Masters, 3.

Inter-Part of Ship Competition—

Senior "A"—FT, MT, AX, FX.

Senior "B"—FT, MT, AX, FX.

Senior "C"—AX, FX; (MT and FT disqualified).

Junior "A"—FT, MT, AX, FX.

Junior "B"—MT, FX, AX, FT.

All-Comers' Cutter—FX and MT (tie); AX, FT.

Points—

Forecastle, 30; Foretop, 29; Maintop, 33; Quarterdeck 25.

D. THOMSON.

SWIMMING

During first term we received an invitation from Wesley College to compete against them at their own indoor pool. The invitation was gladly accepted and the meeting was held on March 21. Our swimmers found the 25 yard pool strange at first but soon became used to it. This was our first swimming match with another school and, although beaten 83-69, we came away well satisfied with the performances of our swimmers. We were successful in the open 100 yards freestyle, the open 50 yards breast-stroke and in three relay events. Wesley's diving teams proved altogether too good for us and soundly defeated our divers. On behalf of the R.A.N.C. team, I would like to thank all at Wesley College who helped to make this meeting possible.

On March 31, another meeting was held, this time against Melbourne Grammar School in the depot pool.

The Grammar team was a very good one and defeated us by a substantial margin, 95½ points to 60½. The R.A.N.C. team won only three events and it was noticeable that our competitors lacked stamina. This meeting was arranged by the newly established swimming committee which consists of five Fourth Year cadets and its smooth running gave evidence of their enthusiastic organization. Thank you, Melbourne Grammar, for coming down and we hope we will be able to turn the tables on some future occasion.

The R.A.N.C. annual aquatic sports were held at the depot indoor pool on the morning of April 7. Probably as a result of the innovation of meetings with other schools, the standard at the College this year showed fairly considerable improvement. Congratulations go to all winners and particularly to those cadets who set new records, Jacobs, Cummins and Frances.

Analysis of Results

Open Championship—

1 Torrens-Witherow, 18 pts.; 2 Machin, 13 pts.; 3 Gatacre and Seaborn, 10 pts.

Junior Championship—

1 Frances, 19 pts.; 2 Cummins, 15 pts.; 3 Cant and Murray, 11 pts.

Open 100 Yards Freestyle—

1 Machin; 2 Gatacre; 3 Torrens-Witherow, 65.8 secs.

Open 50 Yards Breast-Stroke—

1 Jacobs; 2 Seaborn; 3 Teasey, 37 secs (record).

Open 50 Yards Back-Stroke—

1 Torrens-Witherow; 2 Seaborn; 3 Horton, 37 secs.

Open Diving—

1 Torrens-Witherow; 2 Gatacre; 3 Blackman.

Junior 66 Yards Freestyle—

1 Frances; 2 Buchanan; 3 Cummins, 44.2 secs.

Junior 50 Yards Breast-Stroke—

1 Cummins; 2 Cant; 3 Murray, 40.6 secs. (record).

Junior 50 Yards Back-Stroke—

1 Frances; 2 Buchanan; 3 Cant, 37.5 secs. (record).

Junior Diving—

1 Murray; 2 Frances; 3 Holthouse.

Inter-Part of Ship Relays**Senior Freestyle—**

1 MT; 2 AX; 3 FT; 4 FX.

Senior Medley—

1 AX; 2 FT; 3 MT; 4 FX.

Junior Freestyle—

1 AX; 2 FT; 3 MT; 4 FX.

Junior Medley—

1 FT; 2 FX; 3 AX; 4 MT.

All Hands—

1 FT; 2 MT; 3 FX; 4 AX.

Points—

1 Foretop, 20 pts.; 2 Maintop and Quarterdeck, 16 pts.; 4 Forecastle, 12 pts.

Finally, congratulations to Cadet-Midshipman Torrens-Witherow (intermediate entry), who has been awarded his swimming colours.

R. G. MACHIN

CURRY CUP

Once again, for the third time in five years, the College was successful in winning the Curry Cup. For those unfamiliar with the sporting life of Flinders Naval Depot I should possibly mention that this annual event is a medley relay, extending over a course approximately 4 miles in length, and including an obstacle course, hurdling, cycling, boat pulling, a cross-country lap, an 880 yards lap, swimming and finally a 440 yards sprint across the depot playing fields. It is a widely discussed and eagerly awaited event, each branch school in the depot entering a team and additional teams coming from the recruits and from R.A.N.C. As usual there were plenty of rumours flying for weeks before the heats but the general feeling seemed to be that there were three outstanding teams—the electrical school and the engineering school and R.A.N.C.

We met the electrical school team in our heat and easily overcame that obstacle, the College team romping home with over two minutes to spare. At no stage of the race did the College team hold any but first place! The engineers also won their heat and the final was eagerly awaited.

At the start, Sinclair got up the rope and broke away first. He dived under the canvas first but, rather to our dismay, emerged third. However, he made up most of his lost ground and Hunt, our hurdler, received the baton with one opponent only

ahead of him, the gap being about fifteen to twenty yards. However, the third runner almost caught Hunt and our cyclist started well behind the leader. Wallis, cycling very well, caught the leader in an incredibly short distance and went on to gain a substantial lead. This proved the turning point of the race and the College did not again lose the lead. Keane carried the baton to the cutter, of which he was cox and the crew pulled very well to increase the College lead. The members of the cutter's crew were Gough, Bartholomew, Murrice, Baird, Hall, Horton, Gunn, Syme, Earlam, McAlister, Gatacre and Harris. McKenzie I was put ashore at the range wharf with a comfortable start and when he increased his lead still further before passing the baton to Findlay for the 880, it was obvious that R.A.N.C. had won. The team finished on in dashing style, Machin swimming the pool's length in very fast time and Jacobs racing for the tape as though all his opponents were hot on his heels. The second team home, over a minute later, was that representing the King Division (recruits), third was the electrical school and fourth the engineering school.

The cup was presented to the captain of the R.A.N.C. team by Mrs. Buchanan, and we returned to the College in very high spirits.

P. J. HOARE

BOXING

The R.A.N.C. boxing tournament was held in the College gymnasium, with members of the College staff officiating. During the preliminary contests, several praiseworthy bouts were seen, although no surprise results were recorded.

In the light-heavy division, Bottomley of Second Year fought very solidly in the earlier bouts, but in the final was outclassed by McKenzie I, of Fourth Year. Baird won the middle weight final from Hawke after a fairly even display while Jackson took the welter title after a well-fought final against Hunt.

In the senior light weight, Barrell of the Burnett Year fought very aggressively to reach the final but he was forced to withdraw as a result of injury and the title was contested by Sinclair and Vincent. As in his earlier bouts, Sinclair showed great superiority in ringcraft and boxing skill and his fine performance gave him the victory over Vincent, who is to be commended for his "never-say-die" attitude. To Sinclair, congratulations are due as the winner of the coveted Shelley Cup, awarded annually to the best exponent of the art of boxing in the College. The

junior light weight was well won by Gunn, who was too strong for Frances, a very plucky trier. The feather and bantam weights produced some very good boxing and Wakeman, of Second Year, fought consistently well to contest the final but he was defeated by Andrewartha, of Fourth Year. The Stone-Ferris clash (bantam) was keenly contested but the First Year man held a slight edge over Ferris and thoroughly deserved his win. The fly weight was contested with more energy than skill to give the decision to Bowman over Perrett. As usual, the most popular bouts were in the midge and gnat divisions and some excellent boxing was seen in both, Steele taking the midge title from Cook and Bale capturing the gnat title after a particularly entertaining bout with Hawkin, who had boxed really well to reach the final in spite of the marked superiority in height and reach of each of his opponents.

As usual, the general standard of boxing was quite high and the essential qualities of determination, courage and sportsmanship were well to the fore although there was, this year, some criticism on the grounds that some bouts were spoilt by an element of brawling.

[In fairness to those who may have felt that this criticism was levelled against their particular performance, I feel that it should be pointed out that much of the "brawling" stemmed from the fact that a number of competitors who had little ability in the

istic art were forced to rely on whirlwind hitting and dogged courage to make any sort of showing. This must always be the case while entry into the competition is compulsory, and, under the circumstances, there are those who would admire rather than scorn such performances.—Editor.]

Cadet-Midshipman Bassett of the intermediate entry is to be congratulated on winning the "best loser's prize," after being defeated by Jackson in the semi-final of the welter weight division, and his performance was a sure sign of the spirit in which the boxing tournament is accepted by most cadets, who are not natural boxers but who realize that the qualities developed in a boxing ring must be encouraged and strengthened for their value in later service.

Complete results of the tournament:

Light-Heavy Weight: McKenzie I.

Middle Weight: Baird

Welter Weight: Jackson.

Light Weight (Senior): Sinclair.

Light Weight (Junior): Gunn

Feather Weight: Andrewartha.

Bantam Weight: Stone

Fly Weight: Bowman.

Midge Weight: Steele

Gnat Weight: Bale

Shelley Cup: Sinclair

Best Loser: Bassett I.

L. HODKINSON

HOCKEY

A far greater interest in hockey was this year apparent throughout the College and the players comprising the 1st XI were extremely keen though inexperienced and lack of team-work marred our early matches. In all, 10 matches were played and by their eagerness to learn and from the helpfulness of the visiting teams, the hockey XI reached quite a high standard of play—equivalent to grade B4 in the Melbourne competition.

We were very fortunate this season in that almost every Sunday during the second term a match was arranged. The first of these was on June 3 against Elsternwick and the College team was being badly beaten when, at half-time, the half-backs and forwards of both sides changed sweaters. The second half thus provided for us some excellent experience.

On June 7 we played and defeated the Wardroom officers, but they avenged their defeat by soundly defeating us, 5—2, when next we met them. . . The Kooyong team proved far too strong for us, in this game we again shuffled the players of the two teams at the interval and once more gained great benefit from the latter half of the game.

When, however, Elsternwick paid us a second visit on July 1 we played the match right through and, though we lost 6—4, it was obvious that we had im-

proved a great deal. Two weeks later, when we played Y.M.C.A., we were beaten 8—3, but the game in this case was a good deal closer than the scores would indicate. Our morale was considerably boosted when we defeated Toorak Ladies' College 4—2, but for too few cadets kept their eyes on the ball!

The XI put a very good performance at Point Cook where, in drizzling rain and on a slushy field, we were defeated by R.A.A.F.C., 4—3 after a grand game.

I am sure all 1st XI players will join with me in congratulating Bartholomew and Jackson, both of whom gained well-deserved hockey colours. As goalie, Bartholomew played excellently in all matches, saving many certain goals, while Jackson, at centre forward, led most of the College attacks.

In comparison with last year's team, the standard has improved amazingly, due no doubt to the greater number of games we have played this year and also assisted by our watching of the interstate games in Melbourne. However, the greatest single factor in this improvement was probably the expert and enthusiastic coaching of Lt.-Cdr W. F. Cook. In conclusion, I would like to wish next year's 1st XI good luck, and I feel certain they will improve even more and reach a still higher standard of play.

R. M. BAIRD

ATHLETICS

The annual athletic championships meeting was held this year on Saturday, September 29. The day was not pleasant as heavy rain in the morning was followed by a cold, windy afternoon in the course of which there were occasional drizzling showers. Possibly as a result of the conditions several records which we had confidently expected would be broken,

were still intact at the end of the afternoon, the only new record being the one set up by B. E. D. Jacobs, with a figure of 40 feet for the shot putt. Considering the hurried preparation for these sports this year, all competitors did well, particularly as most must have found the conditions rather trying. Mr Frank Goodwin also deserves full credit for the

excellent state of the tracks. Handicapped in his preparation by very bad weather, he still overcame all difficulties to have the oval in splendid shape for this meeting and for the one, a week later, against the Air Force College.

At the conclusion of the afternoon's sport, the prizes were presented to the winners by Mrs. H. J. Buchanan and the company adjourned to the College for tea.

Detailed Results:

Open Championship (Franklin Trophy)—

1 Betts; 2 Jacobs; 3 McKenzie I.

Junior Championship (Fegen Trophy)—

1 Frances; 2 Hankinson; 3 Williams.

100 Yards, Open (Carr Cup)—

1 Betts; 2 McKenzie II; 3 Gibbs. Time 10.4 secs.

100 Yards, Junior—

1 Williams and Hankinson; 3 Frances. Time 11.6 secs.

220 Yards, Open—

1 Betts; 2 Gibbs; 3 Jacobs. Time 25 secs.

220 Yards, Junior—

1 Hankinson; 2 Frances; 3 Williams. Time 28 secs.

440 Yards, Open—

1 Jacobs; 2 Betts; 3 Gibbs. Time 55.4 secs.

880 Yards, Open—

1 McKenzie I; 2 Findlay; 3 Bartholomew. Time 2 min. 13.6 secs.

880 Yards, Junior—

1 Frances; 2 Williams; 3 Murray. Time 2 min. 20.9 secs.

One Mile, Open—

1 McKenzie I; 2 Thomson; 3 Andrewartha. Time 5 min. 7 secs.

One Mile, Junior—

1 Frances; 2 Williams; 3 Murray. Time 5 min. 31 secs.

High Jump, Open—

1 McKenzie I; 2 Seaborn; 3 Morrice. Height 5 ft. 2 ins.

Hugh Jump, Junior—

1 Hankinson; 2 Cant; 3 Good. Height 4 ft. 11 ins.

Long Jump, Open—

1 Betts; 2 Jacobs; 3 Hunt. Distance 18 ft. 10 ins.

Long Jump, Junior—

1 Hankinson; 2 Frances; 3 Good. Distance 17 ft. 6 ins.

120 Yards Hurdles, Open—

1 Betts; 2 Hunt; 3 McKenzie II. Time 18 secs.

100 Yards Hurdles, Junior—

1 Cummins; 2 Cant; 3 Murray. Time 18.6 secs.

Shot Putt, Open—

1 Jacobs; 2 Gibbs; 3 Morrice. Distance 40 ft. (record).

Javelin Throw, Open—

1 Jacobs; 2 Gatacre; 3 Machin. Distance 127 ft. 10 ins.

Children's Race (30 Yards, Handicap)—

1 John Mesley.

Obstacle Race, Open—

1 Bassett I; 2 Wallis; 3 Patten.

Obstacle Race, Junior—

1 Cummins; 2 McLeod; 3 Yates.

880 Yards, Consolation Handicap—

1 Good; 2 Cook II; 3 Bambrick II.

Staff Relay—

Masters d. Officers.

R.A.N.C. v. R.A.A.F.C.

This meeting took place one week after the College championships and this time we were fortunate in that the weather was perfect. Although we had expected a close contest there were many who were openly surprised when the R.A.N.C. team registered a convincing victory. Many of our competitors seemed to have derived considerable benefit from the additional week of training and performed much better than they had done on the previous Saturday. On the day the R.A.N.C. cadets showed marked superiority in track events while the R.A.A.F.C. won handsomely in field events. Among the highlights of the meeting were Jacobs' shot putt, which added a further 18 inches to his record of a week earlier, Hankinson's gallant effort in the high jump, when he improved by 3 inches on his previous best to tie for second place against much older rivals, Thomson's mile run, McKenzie's 880 and the brilliant 220 run with which Gibbs came from behind to win the 880 (4 x 220) yards relay for us. In a short speech at the conclusion of the programme, Commodore H. J. Buchanan drew attention to the interesting fact that cadets of the intermediate entry had shown superiority over normal entry athletes in shorter distance events but the "old hands" had dominated the longer distances. He congratulated both teams and hoped for a regular continuance of this competition. After Squadron Leader Handbury had reiterated these sentiments, the visitors were escorted to the College for tea, a pleasant ending to a most enjoyable day.

Results: R.A.N.C. 142 points d. R.A.A.F.C. 100 points.

Details:

100 Yards—

1 Gibbs (N); 2 Betts (N); 3 Robin (A). Time 10.7 secs.

220 Yards—

1 Betts (N); 2 Gibbs (N); 3 Surman (A). Time 23.4 secs.

440 Yards—

1 Robin (A); 2 Betts (N); 3 Keane (N). Time 55.6 secs.

880 Yards—

1 McKenzie (N); 2 Findlay (N); 3 Brown (A). Time 2 min., 11.2 secs.

One Mile—

1 Thomson (N); 2 Earlam (N); 3 Andrewartha (N). Time 5 min., 3.8 secs.

120 Yards Hurdles—

1 Lyons (A); 2 Hewitt (A); 3 Drinkwater (N). Time 18 secs.

High Jump—

1 Hughes (A); 2 Cooney (A); Holding (A); Hankinson (N). Height 5 ft. 3 ins.

Long Jump—

1 Hewitt (A); 2 Brown (A); 3 Hughes (A). Distance 19 ft. 7½ ins.

Shot Putt—

1 Jacobs (N); 2 Brown (A); 3 Gibbs (N). Distance 41 ft. 6 ins.

Javelin Throw—

1 Brown (A); 2 Hughes (A); 3 Sinclair (N). Distance 131 ft. 11 ins.

Obstacle Race—

1 Bassett (N); 2 Cummins (N); 3 Wallis (N).

4 x 110 Yards Relay—

1 R.A.N.C.; 2 R.A.A.F.C. Time 43 secs.

4 x 220 Yards Relay—

1 R.A.N.C.; 2 R.A.A.F.C. Time 1 min., 39 secs.

Medley Mile Relay—

1 R.A.N.C.; 2 R.A.A.F.C. Time 3 mins, 58.4 secs:

Cross Country—

1st home and 1st in Fourth Year: R. McKenzie.

1st in Third Year: H. C. Findlay.

1st in Intermediate Year: C. R. L. Patten.

1st in Second Year: I. K. Frances

1st in First Year: R. S. Bambrick.

Consolation prize (cake presented by Mrs. Buchanan to the last cadet to finish): C. A. Reid (First Year).

Inter-Watch Placings: 1 MT; 2 AX; 3 FT; 4 FX.

TENNIS

The 1951 tennis tournament produced many close and interesting matches with more surprise results than usual, although the standard was not extremely high. Owing to the increased numbers of entrants to sickness, to bad weather and sundry other hindrances the competition extended over a major part of the three terms, the junior finals taking place during second term while the senior finals did not eventuate until early in the third term.

In the open singles, Dickson of the Second Year turned in a great performance in defeating Sinclair (Fourth Year) by three sets to one. Although each set was closely contested, Dickson's steadier play and surer ground strokes paved the way for his highly meritorious win. After winning the first set 6-4, Dickson temporarily lost control of his game and Sinclair took the second set 6-1, but Dickson fought back to take the next set 9-7. This third set was the best of the match, both players striking their best form and revealing some really good tennis. Dickson seemed now to have thoroughly settled down and, with steadiness the keynote of his play, he made certain of the set, which he took 6-4.

The senior doubles resulted in a win for Baird and Sinclair over Jacobs and Hunt, after a very close

and exciting match extending over five hard-fought sets. Each pair held the initiative at different stages of the match and the result was still uncertain when the last game began.

Dickson captured the junior singles title by defeating Rothwell, 7-5, 6-4 and, pairing with Rothwell, was successful also in the junior doubles, defeating Hankinson and McLead.

Open Singles—

Dickson d. Sinclair, 6-4, 1-6, 9-7, 6-4

Open Doubles—

Baird-Sinclair d. Jacobs-Hunt, 5-7, 9-7, 7-5, 4-6, 7-5

Junior Singles—

Dickson d. Rothwell, 7-5, 6-4.

Junior Doubles—

Dickson-Rothwell d. Hankinson-McLead, 7-5, 8-6.

Junior Squash Championship—

Dickson d. Rothwell, 6-9, 12-10, 13-11

Senior Squash Championship—

Dawling d. Hunt, 9-0, 9-1, 9-2.

DAILY ROUTINE

"Dress of the day number three's. Windows half each way!"

"Two and a quarter minutes, Filp Year!"

"Dressing of the company leaves a lot to be desired!"

"Tea, please."

"Who'll swap backs?"

"Jervis and Philip Yeeze stan da tease!"

"Asseyez-vous, s'il vous plait!"

"Definitely Carlton, this time!"

"Gosh, no jolly buns!"

"G.M.T.? You clot! M-m-m-m'yes, well, approximately."

"Resistance in kilowatts and current in foot pounds!"

"Bah, no mail!"

"Who wants some dishwater?"

"Keep silence! All the toime!"

"When you characters are ready, we'll do procedure this session."

"Forward pass! Green ball!"

"Soap, please—gee, I'm handsome!"

"Take a hint and shut up, Third year!"

ALL POWER MISS HOIST D Y M

"Parry septime, now!"

"No mail again!"

"Two and a quarter and GET TURNED IN!"

"Switch out!"

"Pay attention, Filp Year —————"

H. D. COOK

REGATTA INCIDENT

Wharf!

Piles!

Landing craft!

More piles!

What else to dodge with this infernal boat?

Someone says, "Put the tiller that way." Another voice screams, "Other side, you clot!" I slam the thing hard to one side and scrape past a marker buoy. Everybody laughs and I'm in more of a dither than ever. After all, how can a bloke (who has never been near a tiller before) know what on earth to do?

Well, we finally get into the channel and things are not so bad—only the piles to keep clear of! However, when we reach the starting point the real test comes. We seem to be doing wonderfully—we're in position hours (well, a good few minutes, anyway) before the rest. That is fine but to keep in position is another task altogether. The best method, it seems, is to go round in circles and this is amazingly easy. I am astonished at my own ingenuity. However, by the time the other crews are ready at the starting point, we are no longer there. It doesn't matter really as we are only a very little way out in front. The referee appears, though, to have no sporting sense and will not let us start from where we are. By the time we are back in position the other crews have drifted away to a simply enormous lead so it is thought an appropriate time to start—they obviously

do, want us to win! Off we go, in all directions at once, but gaining all the time on the other crews. Suddenly there looms up from the distance (maybe it wasn't far really) another crew having the same sort of roundabout game as ourselves.

We decided to exchange channels so each cox sets his course in the required direction. As this is a race neither of us has the slightest intention of giving way and, what do you think happens? Right! This other clumsy idiot runs smack into us, and both crews hurl choice phrases at ME! Justice is indeed dead! We are picked up by the tugboat and hauled back to the wharf. I climb the ladder and hide behind the sail loft reflecting that, at least, my experience has been broadened. Yes, I know now just how a grain of sand feels!

"COXSWAIN"

TEN LITTLE SAILOR BOYS

Ten little sailor boys going in to dine,
One ate some Pusser's pie and then there were nine.
Nine little sailor boys coming in late,
One awakened Third Year and then there were eight.
Eight little sailor boys thought they'd go to Heaven,
But Peter saw a Cook Year lad, so there were seven.
Seven little sailor boys getting up to tricks,
One got the gym-shoe and then there were six.
Six little sailor boys doubling past a hive,
One was stung by "Otto's" bees and there were five.
Five little sailor boys going through a door,
One walked in ahead of Baird—there were four.
Four little sailor boys, one of whom was me,
I was caught on the Fourth Year path, and so there were three.
Three little sailor boys, not having much to do;
There came a call for "Second Year," and then there were two.
Two little sailor boys, having lots of fun,
But Fourth Year were swatting, so there was one.
One little sailor boy eating Pusser's bun,
He died of indigestion so now there are none.

C.M.2

THE UNICORN

One day when Bill was on the moor,
He came upon a unique spear
The marks were there in two's and three's,
In and out among the trees.
He followed it for half an hour,
And, all at once, within a bower,
He saw a sight which made him freeze—
A unicorn reclined at ease!
It wakened with one final snore
"I don't think we have met before,"
It said, and then began to prance,
"But you may watch my ritual dance."
It thereupon removed its horn
And placed it on a nearby lawn;
And then began a stately walk,
And with a little piece of chalk,
Drew some patterns on the thing,
And, in an ever-widening ring,
Paced round the spot for quite a time
Chanting a peculiar rhyme.
At last it stopped, and brightly said,
"You know, I really should be dead;
The whole world knows it is my due,
On royal arms to take a pew!"

T. HEATHER

THE HISTORY OF WATER POLO, AS PLAYED AT THE COLLEGE

(Note: Any resemblance between this and any sport is purely accidental.)

Naval Water Polo can be traced right back to the very earliest days of sea-power. Even when men paddled coracles and conoes they used to brain each other with coconuts, and although this is no longer done (there are many more subtle ways of drowning a person), I am sure that this is the beginning of this game.

In the early 19th century Admiral Nelson had a sly bet with Napoleon that he could beat him at water polo. They each turned out a team and played in the centre of the English Channel. At half-time the "Frogs" were leading the "Lions" 4-0 but Nelson, at the end of his pep talk, said "Boys, I expect every man to pull his weight." They did, and they won 11-4. This was the start of international military water polo.

Now, news of this procedure (I hesitate to call it a game) came to the ears of some in the Royal Australian Naval College. It was introduced to the College in the first term by some particularly blood-thirsty fourth year cadets. They thought that the College was becoming over-crowded and, after a lengthy conference, picked water-polo as the most suitable way of reducing the College population. Any time now we expect to hear that the game is being introduced also at the hospital!

R. GATACRE.

MIDSHIPMAN

Extract from a "Dictionary of the Marine" by William Falconer (1789):

"Midshipman—a sort of naval cadet, appointed by the captain of a ship of war, to second the orders of the superior officers, and assist in the necessary business of the vessel, either aboard or ashore."

FROM T.A.A.'s STAFF MAGAZINE

"A cadet midshipman who travelled to Canberra for the Jubilee celebrations there last month (June) commented on our efficiency:

"The hostesses are very courteous and ensure everything in the way of pleasure and comfort for the passengers whilst they are in flight. Trans-Australia Airlines has a very efficient service!"

It is currently rumoured that this experienced gentleman may accept a post in the National Airlines Commission—as office-boy!

EXCHANGES, 1951

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
Prince Alfred College Chronicle

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Fourth Year 1948	Third Year 1949	Second Year 1950	First Year 1951	Intermediated Year I 1951
Andrewartha, J.	*Bathgate, I. F.	Bottomley, M. E. J.	Atkins, J. D.	Bambrick, B. R.
Baird, R. M.	Berger, H. P.	Bowman, J. M.	Bale, K. J.	Barrell, R. S.
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Beaumont, A. L.	*Campbell, J. B.	Campbell, M. G.	Bassett, D. A.	Betts, L. F.
Chambers, K. J.	Chandler, R. T. M.	Cooper, O. R.	Bonnar, R. S.	Bonnar, R. S.
Curtis, J. L.	Cook, H. B.	Cummins, A. R.	Brownfield, E. E.	Bourke, G. J. (N.Z.)
Gough, D. B.	Dowling, A. R.	Dick, J. A. W.	Cant, R. G. L.	Campbell, P. D.
Harris, R. G.	Earlam, M. E. H.	Dickson, J. S.	Cook, J. A.	Courtier, S. B. E.
Hoare, P. J.	Ferris, H. G.	Egan, D. F.	Corrie, I. T.	Craig, G. R.
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