

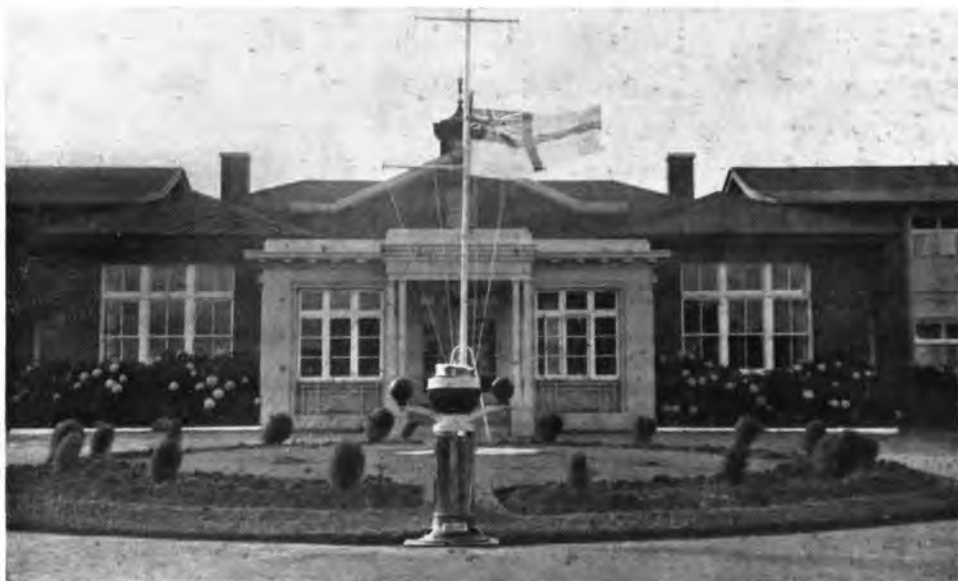
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# Editorial

Since the inauguration of the Royal Australian Naval College the magazine has been compiled and edited by a member of the staff, with the help of a number of cadets chosen from each year. 1953 marked the beginning of a new era, for this year the cadets took over and for the first time ran the magazine themselves. But a complete change-over of administration was not possible in one year and throughout the year we have been guided and aided in our efforts by Mr. R. Clark, who has edited the magazine for the last few years.

At the beginning of the year the magazine committee was formed and during the early meetings it became apparent that the form of this year's issue would show considerable changes. We have made many mistakes and have laboured under many difficulties, the greatest of these being lack of experience, but through all our work we have been hampered by one fault which could be easily overcome. Until the cadets in the College realize that this is THEIR magazine and not a magazine written by a half-dozen people who belong to a certain committee, the general standard will not improve to any appreciable extent. Only now do we on the committee realize what a magnificent job was done by Mr. Clark and his predecessors in their single-handed task. This year we have had more co-operation from cadets than in the past and we hope that the result of our efforts has been an over-all improvement. We hope, too, that in the future the cadets will come to understand that if they want a better magazine it is entirely up to them to do something about it.

## Personal and Personnel

In November we farewelled **Commodore D. H. Harries, C.B.E., R.A.N.,** and **Mrs. Harries,** when the Commodore was appointed 2nd Naval Member. We would like to thank him for his interest in us and his whole-hearted work on our behalf. We wish him, with Mrs. Harries, every success in his new appointment.

As the new Captain of the College we welcomed **Commodore J. C. Morrow, D.S.O., D.S.C., R.A.N.,** who has since shown very keen interest in the College and Cadet Midshipmen in both sporting and academical life.

At the beginning of the third term we were very sorry to farewell **Commander W. B. M. Marks, D.S.C., R.A.N.,** who in the last two years has done much in improving the College in many ways. In his place we are very pleased to welcome **Commander R. J. Robertson, D.S.C., R.A.N.**

During this year there have been the greatest number of changes for some time, totalling twenty-seven in number.

In March we were sorry to say good-bye to our First Lieutenant, **Lieutenant-Commander D. H. D. Smyth, and Mrs. Smyth,** when he left the College to take up an appointment in H.M.A.S. "Australia."

Other members of the staff to leave were:—In November, **Lieutenant R. J. Rust, R.A.N.,** who left us to become the First Lieutenant of H.M.A.S. "Cowra"; in December, **Lieutenant D. W. Leach, R.A.N.,** who left us to join H.M.A.S. "Arunta"; **Lieutenant P. M. Rees, R.A.N.,** who left for the U.K. for his Communications course, and during the 1st Term this year **Lieutenant-Commander J. C. W. Kennedy (K.M.), R.A.N.,** who left to take up an appointment at H.M.A.S. "Tarangau," Manus Island. From the Professorial Staff we farewelled, in December, **Inst. Lieutenant W. H. Douglas, R.A.N.,** who was appointed to the Educational School, Flinders Naval Depot; later during first term this year **Mr. C. G. Fitzpatrick,** who retired to become a farmer in Western Australia, and **Commander A. L. G. Hutchings, R.N.,** who returned to the U.K. for a Meteorological Course. During the Second Term our popular Mathematics Master and 1st XV Coach, **Mr. G. Gleeson, B.Sc.,** left to take up a position on the teaching staff of Sydney Technical College and our **Chaplain J. T. Trainer** left for H.M.A.S. "Tarangau," Manus Island.

To replace the above members of our staff we welcomed, as First Lieutenant, **Lieutenant-Commander I. H. Cartwright, R.A.N.,** who was replaced in the third term by **Lieutenant-Commander R. C. Savage, D.S.C., R.A.N.,** who is in fact an old friend of the College, having only left us after two years as a Year Officer at the end of 1949. Since that time he has served in H.M.A.S. "Culgoa," H.M.A.S. "Anzac" (as 1st Lieut.) and H.M.A.S. "Condamine" as Commanding Officer.

As Year Officers we welcome **Lieutenant (P) A. G. Cordell, R.A.N.,** who entered the College in 1942. He gained his Rugby Colours and passed out in 1945. As a Midshipman he served in H.M.S. "King George V" and H.M.S. "Cadiz" and was promoted to A/Sub. Lt. in May, 1947. He did various Sub. Lt. Courses until January, 1949, when he was appointed to the newly-commissioned ship H.M.A.S. "Sydney," in which he returned to Australia. From February, 1950-51, he did a flying course with the R.A.A.F. at Point Cook. From here he did further flying courses in the U.K. before being appointed to H.M.A.S. "Sydney" and later H.M.S. "Glory" in Korea. From July, 1952-January, 1953, he was a pilot in 805 squadron at R.A.N.A.S. "Nowra" and H.M.A.S. "Sydney."

**Lieutenant E. J. Melzer, R.A.N.,** who entered the College in 1943. He gained his Colours for Athletics and passed out in 1946. As a Cadet-Midshipman he served in H.M.A.S. "Shropshire" until March, 1947, when he was promoted to Midshipman. He served in various H.M. Ships in the Far East until August, 1948, when he was promoted to A/Sub. Lt. After his Sub. Lt. courses in the U.K. he was appointed to H.M.A.S. "Bataan" in which ship he was promoted to Lieutenant. From August, 1951, till October, 1952, he served in H.M.A.S. "Culgoa" and "Tobruk."

**Lieutenant J. B. Snow, R.A.N.,** who entered the College in 1943 and passed out in 1946, winning the History prize. He did the same courses as Lt. E. J. Melzer until mid-1949, when he was appointed to H.M.S. "Agincourt." He returned to Australia in July, 1950, and was appointed to H.M.A.S. "Murchison," in which ship he was promoted to Lieutenant. He served in Korea from June, 1951, to February, 1952. On returning to Australia he was appointed to H.M.A.S. "Tarangau," Manus Island, where he served until December, 1952.

**Lieutenant E. R. Whitmore, R.A.N.**, joined the Royal Navy in August, 1940, as a Naval Air Artificer (apprentice). After serving his apprenticeship he was appointed to 740 and 753 squadrons in Scotland. He joined 887 squadron in November, 1943, and remained in that squadron until the end of the war, serving in Northern waters and the Pacific. In 1948 he entered Upper Yardmen's College (Air). In December, 1948, he changed to Executive Branch. In August, 1949, he was promoted to Sub-Lieutenant and in July, 1950, he transferred to the Royal Australian Navy. Arriving in Australia, July, 1951, he served with H.M.A.S. "Sydney" in Korea. From April, 1952, to January, 1953, he served in H.M.A.S. "Colac."

**Lieutenant (E) P. W. Coombs, R.A.N.**, entered the College in 1943, gaining Colours in Rugby, Hockey, Cricket, Tennis and Athletics. As a Cadet he served in H.M.A.S. "Shropshire" in Japan. In September, 1947, he joined the Royal Naval Engineering College for an Engineering course. He served in various H.M. Ships whilst training in the U.K. In 1951 he returned to H.M.A.S. "Australia," in which ship he was promoted to Lieutenant. He was then appointed to H.M.A.S. "Sydney," during which period the ship was at Monte Bello for the A-bomb explosion.

#### PROFESSORIAL STAFF:

On the Professorial Staff we welcomed in January:—

**Inst. Lieutenant E. Y. Hokin, B.Sc., R.A.N.**

He graduated from the Sydney University, gaining his B.Sc. and majoring in Mathematics and Physics. After this he spent two years with the Technical Education Branch of the N.S.W. Education Department. He joined the R.A.N. in August, 1948, and was attached to the Electrical School, Flinders Naval Depot, and the Naval College for a short time before going to the U.K. for a Meteorological course. He then joined H.M.A.S. "Sydney" after serving in various R.N. Air stations and served two and a half years in H.M.A.S. "Sydney" before being appointed to the Naval College.

**Mr. D. I. Glastonbury, B.A., B.Sc., Dip. Sec. Ed. (Adelaide), B.Ed. (Melb.)**

He received his early education in South Australia and after teaching in Secondary Schools joined the Air Force in 1939. He became Senior Education Officer (with the rank of Squadron-Leader) and was demobilized in 1945. He then lectured for some time at the School of Education at the University of Melbourne before accepting an appointment as Senior Research Officer in the Industrial Training Division of the De-

partment of Labour and National Service at the beginning of 1952. He then decided to return to teaching and joined the R.A.N. College staff.

In May we welcomed:—

**Inst. Lieutenant-Commander Q. Des Clayes, M.A., R.N.**

He was educated at Radley College and Cambridge University, gaining an honours degree in Mathematics and a Rowing Blue, 1944-45. He joined the Instructional Branch of the R.N. in 1949 and after qualifying in Meteorological and Navigational courses he was appointed to H.M.S. "Norfolk" in the East Indies Station. In 1949 he became Senior Meteorological observer at R.N. Air Station, Culham, and was then sent to H.M.S. "Devonshire" for five cruises. Before coming to Australia he spent six weeks in France to qualify as a French interpreter.

**Mr. J. M. Davis, B.Sc. (Queensland)**

He was educated in Brisbane, entering the Teachers' College in 1938. He taught in Cairns and Central Queensland from 1940 to 1942, when he joined the A.I.F. in 2/1 Survey Company. In January, 1946, he was discharged and attended the Queensland University until 1949, when he graduated as B.Sc. In 1949 he went to teach at the Nambour High School, where he inaugurated an Army Cadet Unit. He stayed at this School until May, 1953, when he was appointed to the Naval College.

**Mr. M. M. Purser, B.A.**

He received his early education at Maryborough Grammar School (Queensland). In 1937 he graduated from the University of Queensland as a Bachelor of Arts with honours in Modern Language and Literature. From 1937-1949 he taught at the Brisbane Grammar School. From 1949 until February, 1952, he was an Adult Education Organiser and Lecturer in the Toowoomba district. From 1952 until he was appointed to the College he was Senior English Master at the Ballarat College.

**Sister S. Giles.**

We were also very happy to welcome, at the beginning of the Third Term, Sister Giles as Matron, which we have not had at the College since 1930. She was trained at the Royal Perth Hospital and on completion of training was appointed as a Nursing Sister to the Royal Australian Army Nursing Corps and served with Medical Units of the A.I.F. in the Middle East and New Guinea until 1946. She was then appointed to the staff of the Royal Free Hospital, London, and other private nursing appointments in England until 1952, when she returned to Australia.

### Sub-Lieutenant (S) PETER JOHN SHARP, R.A.N.

It was with great regret that the College heard of the accident in Scotland which resulted in the death of Peter John Sharp. Peter Sharp entered the College in 1947 from the Orbost Higher Elementary School. During his time at the College he became particularly interested in sailing, at which he was very good, and in boat work generally; and he gained his colours in this sport. During his course at the College

he had some rather serious illnesses; and his eyes gave trouble during the final year. In spite of these setbacks, he passed out of the College in October, 1950, and was appointed to the "S" branch.

At the time of his fatal accident he had reached the rank of Sub-Lieutenant.

To his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Sharp, of Foster, Victoria, we extend our sincere sympathy.

## Burnett Year Passing-Out

### THE COMMODORE'S ADDRESS

The Commodore, J. C. Morrow, Commanding the Royal Australian Naval College, addressing the Cadet-Midshipmen, parents and friends, expressed his happiness in welcoming them. In his following speech he expressed the fact that he, and Commander Marks, were pleased with the Burnett Year's progress during their two-year stay at the College. This was a very special Passing-Out as far as the College was concerned, for Burnett Year were the first entry of Intermediates to have passed out. In this year there were 28 Cadets, three being from New Zealand, who entered the College in March, 1951. Burnett Year like all other Intermediate entries was named after a Captain who lost his life in the service, commemorating Captain J. Burnett. After their College training, it was stated by the Commodore, they would proceed to England for further training aboard H.M.S. "Devonshire." The Burnett Year had given a boost to all sporting activities and by mingling with the Normal Entry of their own age developed into a fine Year during their course at the Naval College. The Commander, when asked by the Commodore for his opinion, said that they were more trouble than the rest of the College put together—but on the whole this entry was quite worthwhile. The Headmaster stated that he was completely satisfied as far as their academic achievements were concerned.

From the Burnett Year Passing Out there were five Cadets who would specialise in Engineering, four to specialise in Electrical Branch and three to the Supply and Secretariat. Of the Burnett Year that passed out

there were two New Zealanders to the Executive Branch.

Of the New Intermediate Entry, Getting Year, five of the 25 Cadets will be from New Zealand. The total number of Cadets at the College is 150—a record—and among them four are from the Merchant Navy to complete their National Service training here. Changes in Year Officers were made this year as usual and among them were welcomed Lieutenants Whitmore, Melzer, Snow and Cordell, the latter being the first qualified Naval aviator to take a commission at the College. Mr. Fitzpatrick, who resigned this year from the Professorial Staff, was wished every success for the future. The Commodore made reference to the swimming prizes taken by members of the Burnett Year in the Depot Championships and finally wished them every success in their future career overseas.

The Commodore's address was followed by the presentation of awards by the First Naval Member. The prizes for 1953 Intermediate Passing Out were awarded as follows:—

**Grand Aggregate:** G. J. TILLY.  
**Mathematics:** J. A. MCKENZIE.  
**Mathematics (2nd):** C. R. L. PATTEN.  
**Physics:** I. G. NICHOLLS.  
**Physics (2nd):** G. J. TILLY.  
**Chemistry:** B. R. BAMBRICK.  
**Chemistry (2nd):** I. G. NICHOLLS.  
**English:** R. J. M. SWANSON.  
**English (2nd):** G. J. TILLY.  
**History:** J. C. DRINKWATER.  
**History (2nd):** G. J. TILLY.  
**Engineering:** G. J. TILLY.  
**Engineering (2nd):** J. B. McALISTER.

**New Zealand Naval Board Prize for Navigation:** C. R. L. PATTEN.

**Otto Albert Memorial Prize for Seamanship:** G. J. TILLY.

The following promotions were announced to:—

**Chief Cadet Captain:** J. S. DICKSON.

**Senior Cadet Captain:** P. F. EGAN.

**Senior Cadet Captain:** W. E. ROTHWELL.

**Cadet Captain:** O. R. COOPER.

**Cadet Captain:** P. A. HARDY.

**Cadet Captain:** K. E. LANGFORD.

### ADDRESS BY FIRST NAVAL MEMBER

The First Naval Member, Vice-Admiral Sir John Collins, K.B.E., C.B., addressing the Burnett Year, stated that this Year was named after a very fine gentleman and that they should try to model themselves after him. The Admiral then summed up Captain Burnett's character, as having good personality, good all round sporting prowess and combining with these excellence on the academic side of the College. Sir John then asked all to stand for one minute's silence in remembrance of Captain Burnett. He also assured the Burnett Year that their progress would be watched very closely by the Naval Board and himself and stressed the point that these Cadets should look at the immediate problems facing them, pointing out that they would soon be going to the U.K. as 1st Class passengers in the Orient Line and that they would be mixing with adults. He then proceeded to deliver some advice which they would benefit by. Firstly, they would be embarking on the first phase of their naval sea life and should treat the Captain and Officers of the "Orcaedes" as they would Naval Officers; they should learn everything they could about the ship. Secondly, take part in all ship's games; meet the better type of people and not try to play the big man. Finally, whether ashore or afloat, to carry and preserve the name of the R.A.N. The senior Cadets at the College would be juniors on the training cruiser and were the lowest form of animal life. Sir John then warned the Burnett Year not to be surprised if the English Cadets are smallish, and that their stand-offishness will soon disappear; also to, by all means, associate with all the other Cadets on the cruiser. The hints given for the Orient liner apply here, too. Then with these closing words Sir John finished: "Fear God, Honour the Queen. Work hard, play hard and you will be right."

Those who passed out were: B. R. Bambrick, R. S. Barrell, W. G. Bassett, L. F. Betts, P. V. Blackman, G. J. Bourke

(R.N.Z.N.), P. D. Campbell, S. B. E. Courtier, J. C. Drinkwater, J. R. Falloon, W. T. C. Heather (R.N.Z.N.), J. S. Horwood, O. J. Hughes, J. B. McAlister, J. A. McKenzie, G. L. G. Moore, I. G. Nicholls, C. R. L. Patten, R. H. Seaborn, R. J. M. Swanson, G. J. Tilly, R. G. O. Gatacre.

### BURNETT YEAR PASSING-OUT MARCH, 1953

This year's Burnett Year Passing-Out parade took place on Friday, 6th March. The Salute was taken by the First Naval Member, Vice-Admiral Sir John Collins, K.B.E., C.B., who later presented prizes to the graduates.

The weather was clear and most suited to fine marching and the parade took the following form:—

1. The four watches marched to the rear of the parade.
2. The Burnett Year marched on to the parade.
3. The Colour party carrying the white ensign was escorted to the parade by three of the Passing-Out Year.
4. Then followed the inspection of all Cadets.
5. The parade marched past, firstly in threes and then in line around the grass parade.
6. The individual march past by the Burnett Year then followed.
7. The climax of the parade arrived at the completion of the Advance in Review Order when a salute was given by the Colour party.
8. The Colour party marched off, followed by the Cadets, while the graduates marched around the parade for the last time to the tunes of "Waltzing Matilda" and "Auld Lang Syne."



SEEN IN THE DEPOT.

## Fourth Year Passing-Out

The Passing-Out ceremony of the Cook Year (Fourth Year—Normal Entry) was held on Thursday, October 22, the salute being taken by Vice-Admiral Sir John Collins, K.B.E., C.B. In form, the parade followed a similar pattern to that used for the Burnett Year Passing-Out in March. First, the four parts of ship marched on to the gravel parade-ground, to be followed immediately by the Cook Year. The white ensign was then marched on to the parade by the colour party—four members of the graduating year. The First Naval Member, Sir John Collins, then arrived and the General Salute was given. After this, Sir John inspected the guard and the divisions before taking his place on the dais for the ceremonial march past.

This year the College marched past at the slow, led by the colour party and the Cook Year. The slow march past completed, the band swung into quick time and the whole parade marched past again. Then followed the individual march past by the members of the Passing-Out year. When the year was again in position the College advanced in Review Order and the climax was reached with the General Salute in front of the dais. The colour party then marched off, followed by the four divisions, and the Cook Year then paraded (alone on the parade-ground) for the last time.

The prize-giving was held, as usual, in the Gymnasium. The Captain of the College, Commodore J. C. Morrow, D.S.O., D.S.C., opening the proceedings with his report on the year's activities, first thanked Vice-Admiral Sir John Collins for his participation in the day's ceremonial. Commodore Morrow then spoke of the increasing size of the College and thanked Commander W. B. M. Marks for his grand work, particularly for his efforts in launching the very successful Intermediate Entry. The Professorial Staff were thanked for their extra-curricular activities and for their interest in College life generally. In the sporting field the College had enjoyed a successful year, of which the highlights were probably the 1st XVIII trip to Ballarat, the 1st XV trip to Sydney and the triangular contest in athletics with the R.A.A.F. College and A.O.T.S. (Portsea). The Commodore spoke of the great value of inter-part matches within the College as being a way of bringing the juniors directly under the influence of the older cadets, who are given a great opportunity in this way to develop their powers of command and leadership. In this matter of leadership and beneficial influence the Cook Year were deserving of high praise. Commodore Morrow

drew attention to the fact that for the first time since 1926 two Chief Cadet Captains would be appointed, the reason being the growing numbers of cadets at the College. In conclusion, he wished the members of the Cook Year good luck and success in the future.

After the Commodore's speech, Vice-Admiral Collins presented the prizes for 1953. prize-winners were as follows:—

- Grand Aggregate:** P. A. HARDY.
- English:** D. G. HOLTHOUSE.
- English (2nd):** M. J. TAYLOR.
- French:** J. S. DICKSON.
- French (2nd):** K. MURRAY.
- History:** A. G. FERRIS.
- History (2nd):** M. J. TAYLOR.
- Geography:** P. F. EGAN.
- Mathematics:** P. A. HARDY.
- Mathematics (2nd):** J. E. BUCHANAN.
- Physics:** M. J. TAYLOR.
- Physics (2nd):** A. R. CUMMINS.
- Chemistry:** J. E. BUCHANAN and P. A. HARDY (equal).
- Navigation:** P. A. HARDY.
- Navigation (2nd):** P. F. EGAN.
- Engineering:** P. A. HARDY.
- Engineering (2nd):** P. F. EGAN.
- Seamanship (Otto Albert Memorial Prize):** A. R. CUMMINS.
- Seamanship (2nd):** R. I. WAKEMAN.
- Burnett Memorial Prize (best exponent of Rugby football):** J. G. McDERMOTT.
- Farncomb Cup (best all-round cricketer):** A. G. FERRIS.
- Dalton Cup (winning Part of Ship in Sports Competition):** QUARTERDECK (W. E. ROTHWELL).
- Governor-General Cup (best all-round athlete):** W. E. ROTHWELL.
- The Queen's Medal (the Cadet having exhibited the most gentleman-like bearing and good influence on his fellows while at the R.A.N. College):** J. S. DICKSON.

The following promotions were announced:—

**To Chief Cadet Captain:** G. F. FURLONG, K. E. LANGFORD.

**To Senior Cadet Captain:** W. LEACH, I. F. HOLMES.

**To Cadet Captain:** J. G. McDERMOTT, H. L. STEPHENS, M. T. E. SHOTTER, D. W. DAISH.

The prize-giving was followed by a short address by Vice-Admiral Sir John Collins, in the course of which he addressed himself primarily to the members of the Cook Year. He recalled that he had delivered an address to the Burnett Year in March, in which he had delivered some few words of advice. He felt that the best he could do was repeat



## Fourth Year Passing-Out (contd.)

## MAN

that advice for the present group of young officers. He asked the Cook Year to take away with them one main thought—"be doers, not watchers." He went on to make a series of points which he asked the graduating year to remember—some small things that would help them to be, in fact, "doers, not watchers." These points, he said, he had asked the members of the Burnett Year to remember—he now asked the Cook Year to do the same. They were to remember that they carried with them the good name of the R.A.N. and of Australia and they must dress and behave accordingly. "Work hard," he advised, "play hard. Fear God; honour the Queen. I wish you good luck and good sailing."

The names of the seventeen who successfully completed the course and Passed Out: J. M. BOWMAN, J. E. BUCHANAN, O. R. COOPER, A. R. CUMMINS, J. S. DICKSON, P. F. EGAN, A. G. FERRIS, P. A. HARDY, D. G. HOLTHOUSE, E. T. KEANE, K. MURRAY, J. K. PERRETT, W. E. ROTHWELL, D. STEELE, M. J. TAYLOR, R. I. WAKEMAN, B. A. WILLCOX.

"WHAT OFT" WAS THOUGHT, BUT  
NE'ER SO WELL EXPRESSED"  
(Pope)

**The Commodore:**

"I am out of humanity's reach."

Cowper.

**The Commander:**

"I am monarch of all I survey,  
My right there is none to dispute."

Cowper.

**Dickson:**

"I cannot see what flowers are at my feet."  
Keats.

**Franki:**

"... a lovelier flower on earth was never  
sown."

Wordsworth.

**Hardy:**

"Awake, my little ones, and fill the cup  
Before Life's Liquor in its cup be dry."  
Fitzgerald.

**Maintop:**

"For frantic boast and foolish word."  
Kipling.

**Cadet Captains, on leaving R.A.N.C.:**

"Thus ye live on high and then  
On the earth ye live again."

Keats.

**R.A.N.C.:**

"Dost thou despise the earth where cares  
abound."

Wordsworth.

K. MURRAY.

As I sat gazing into the far hills, one could notice, now, small things which were often overlooked in the hurry and scurry of this modern world.

The horse, which had just been freed by its master after a long and tiring journey, sweated freely as it cropped the long, luscious grass. Then, in the background, great hills loomed up, holding in them secrets—mysterious secrets; which men would never know, and providing to all the animals and birds a place of rest—safe from their enemies—and Man. There in that haven of rest they would make their homes, feed and rear their young, not as carefree as their ancestors had been, for they did not have such an enemy as wild as today. For Australia had been a peaceful country, especially here in these hills, and now as the sun began to set and the sky turn from pink to scarlet, they returned to their young to keep them safe for another night, having still in their minds—Man, while he, still as boisterous and self-possessed as ever, boasted of his work, never giving credit to these animals who support Australia's beauty.

Yes, he will certainly boast to a foreigner of Australia's beauty—but what did he do towards it? He didn't make the hills or the trees or the animals, he doesn't even try to preserve it—all he can do is kill it. So as I sat thinking I thought of what marvellous things God had created.

M. B. WARD.

## FOG

Slowly rolling the fog comes in  
And the buoy bells' tolling,  
Low sounding, long tolling,  
Sounds unearthly, thin.

Even the small boats tethered,  
At the trot's serried mooring,  
Lift to the sea's greasy swell  
Accepting fate inevitable.

All is fuzzy, haloed,  
Unfocussed as a dream;  
With dull, dingy, dun curtains  
Draped, surges the sea.

Even the knife-edged seagull  
Is silent, awed by the dead,  
Oppressing evil that is the fog.  
Nothing is more like the fabric of a dream  
Woven into a heavy shroud  
Of sluggish orange doom.

Slowly rolling, bearing malice,  
The fog rolls in.

E. L. ROBERTS.

# The Admiralty



Admiralty Arch at night, looking from The Mall towards Trafalgar Square.

Throughout Australia's history, the Admiralty has been her guide and comforter. It has provided discoverers, governors, and much of her security from outside interference. Names such as Cook, Phillip, Flinders, Bass, themselves perpetuated in our naval establishment, serve to recall the association with the Royal Navy. Australia is the only British possession which joined the Commonwealth without being wrested from another power, bought from local inhabitants, or exchanged as war reparations. It is more than a child of Britain; it is a legitimate child, born of Admiralty, fed by convoy; and reared by naval officers.

That piece of land on which "the Admiralty" of today stands has been associated with the Royal Navy since 1622. In that year, Wallingford House, which stood there, was bought by one George Villiers, later Duke of Buckingham, who held the post of Lord High Admiral. At this time the control of the Naval Forces was divided. The Navy Board was responsible for the administration, the supply of ships, stores, and the control of the civil affairs. The executive and operational decisions were in the hands of a Lord High Admiral until some time

after Buckingham's death, when Lords Commissioners were appointed. The Navy Board, which has as its equivalent in our present day Navy the Civil Staff and non-executive Naval Staff, was housed in various parts of London including Deptford, Greenwich, near the Tower, and later Somerset House (where you may still see the fouled anchor worked into the stone work of the building). The Lords Commissioners met at Wallingford House until 1634. Later, as a result of the beginnings of centralisation during the first Elizabeth's reign these meetings were held on a weekly basis at the Tower, and for some years about 1690 at the house of the Lord Chancellor Jeffreys in Duke Street, St. James' Park (which at that time ran close behind Wallingford House). By the end of Elizabeth's reign Wallingford House had fallen into decay and had been pulled down.

The first new building was a failure. Their Lordships accepted the tender of John Evans whose figure was lower than Christopher Wrens' by £1500—and the building lasted only twenty years. By 1692, owing to the great energy of Pepys in the years preceding his fall, a "Commission of Admiralty" had been constituted giving power for the

management of the Fleet and creating the original form on which the present Board of Admiralty is based. In 1695, this Commission met in the new building, the freehold of which was purchased, and the name "Admiralty Office" given. The site has remained in constant use ever since, except for the period when the buildings were being reconstructed.

The present "old building" was built by Ripley between 1723 and 1726. Its construction, particularly the portico, designed with a severely restricted frontage, has been discussed by many and deplored by others as an example of a second-rate architect's art. But nevertheless it has withstood the constant use of over two hundred years, and to-day, to a layman, it has the dignity of age and familiarity.

It was designed as a building containing separate residences for the Commissioners with space for staff and one room in which the Commissioners conducted their collective business. In the courtyard of the main entrance from Whitehall you may still see the doors which were the separate entrances into the various apartments. In these dwellings, the Commissioners conducted their daily and personal duties.

#### THE BOARD ROOM

It is probable that the dining room of the First Lord was also used as a meeting place for the Commissioners, and so, until 1786 when the room was modified the Board met and conducted their business there. The history of the Board Room is inseparable from that of the Royal Navy, which in turn reflects the growth of a country from insignificance to the world's leading maritime nation. In this room have been made decisions which have turned the course of history; into here have come tidings of victories, threats of defeats, and a cavalcade of men who have been the architects of British maritime supremacy.

The room itself has many distinctive features which, apart from the historic association, make it worthy of note. The panelling, dating probably from the 1695 building, but perhaps from about 1720, was apparently made for a room of similar size to the present Board Room, but not this actual room. It is of dark oak with fluted Corinthian pilasters and although shattered when the Admiralty was bombed in April, 1941, has now been restored to its former state. The wind dial dates from Anne's reign, and is etched with a map of the British Isles, and other heraldic figures.

Around the dial is some exquisite lime wood carving, at present thought to have been executed under the direction of Grinling Gibbons. It includes an astrolabe, cross

and staff, quadrant, globe, compass, other nautical instruments, fish and marine growths. They are so realistic that many have thought them to be actual period instruments incorporated in the design, but although the moving parts do work, the fact that the figuring is incomplete and that many are executed in lime wood makes this unlikely.

It is likely that this carving was produced at the order of Pepys when Secretary under James II (between 1685-88) and originally fitted in York House, being transferred to the Board Room in about 1725 by way of Jeffrey's House, and the 1695 building.

The ceiling is not the original, for it was renewed in 1786-88 and even that was irreparably destroyed in 1941. The restoration has been faithfully performed and the whole room has regained the appearance which it bore when the travel-stained messenger arrived with the news of the victory of Trafalgar.

During the last century there have been few changes to the Board Room: a half-circle has been added to the table—supposedly to accommodate a corpulent member of the Board—but in general efforts have been made to resist turning this historic room into a museum. But, in recent years the autographed copy of Theodore Roosevelt's famous evocation of 1917: "Let us not owe our shameful safety to the British Fleet; let us do our own fighting" has been accepted.

#### ADMIRALTY HOUSE

In 1786 the First Lord's residence was required for additional offices. To house a noble lord of such standing, Lord Chatham had constructed the present Admiralty House. This building may be seen on the extreme right by an observer standing on the Horseguards Parade, facing the "South Block." It still serves as the official residence of the First Lord, and contains some fine furniture, including the famous Dolphin suite, so called because all the pieces have gilt dolphins as part of their structure; well proportioned staircase and remarkable pictures.

The arrangement of the Old Building and Admiralty House persisted until the middle of the 19th century. These residences and offices were served by gardens and stables at the rear (the doors and steps down may still be seen leading into what is now the inner courtyard), and on the North by Spring Gardens and a few decaying houses.

The growth of technical equipment, specialists, personal services and the Secretariat demanded a vast increase in office space. Many and varied were the competitive plans produced by the leading architects

of the day for what was to be a combined War Office and Admiralty. Fortunately, Victorian excesses were spared, and the present South, West and North blocks were built on the Admiralty gardens, and the Admiralty took on its present basic shape.

When the new buildings were designed there was incorporated a Board Room adjoining the new quarters of the First Lord in West Block. This room was used for Board meetings from 1900 for ten years only when, with due regard for tradition, the Board moved back to that room which had shared the vicissitudes of a succession of Boards for over two hundred years.

After Queen Victoria's death in 1901, Edward VII added to the buildings "Admiralty Arch" the gateway to London's delightful ceremonial avenue, the Mall. The part on the North side was named "Mall House" and was designed to be the official residence of the First Sea Lord. It remained in use for that purpose until 1932, when, because of the expense it was turned into offices. During the 1939-45 war, a section was re-

converted for the First Sea Lord's quarters. The Admiralty library occupies space on each side and across the arch. The remainder is office space.

During the war the last of the new facets was added: the Fortress or Citadel. This architectural monstrosity was added to the West Block and its barren walls and unrelieved outline stands in stark contrast to the remainder of the Admiralty buildings. Over the years perhaps the slowly climbing creepers will temper the harshness of the stone walls—at least during the summers. This building will stand as an example of modern construction where grandeur, form, and a pleasing aspect have been sacrificed in the interests of security, expediency and utility.

In these glorious days of Coronation year, the old buildings of the Admiralty, standing at London's most frequented ceremonial corner, sometimes shrouded in scaffolding, can gaze with pride at the pageantry which must be the most colourful, happy and glorious they have ever witnessed.

Lt.-Cdr. R. A. H. MILLAR.

## CLUB NOTES



### HOBBIES CLUB

**Chairman and Master-in-Charge:**  
Mr. BERRY.  
**Secretary:** C. HOLE.  
**Assistant Secretary:** E. MENTZ.  
**Treasurer:** R. I. CRAWFORD.

The year opened well after a superb display of models at passing out 1952. Many new members enlisted. The Hobbies Room was greatly improved when the members started building cupboards under the benches, and a weekly tariff of 3d. was imposed upon the members for the purpose of buying new tools. On Sunday, 19th July, the club went on a very pleasant excursion to Melbourn. This excursion is mentioned in detail in a different section of the magazine. In the Third Term a glider contest was proposed to add enthusiasm, with very good results.

The whole Hobbies Club had a very successful year and we all thank Mr. Berry for his keen interest.

C. HOLE.

### DEBATING CLUB

The Debating Club limited its activities to the winter term and during this time two senior debates were held with other schools.

On the 26th of June a senior debating team went with the 1st XVIII to Ballarat and debated with Ballarat College on the subject "That the Communist Party should be banned in Australia." The R.A.N.C. team (Holmes, Bradley and Cummins) won through better teamwork and this factor was again the deciding feature of our tactics when we went to Geelong Grammar on August 1st. Our team (Holmes, Holthouse and Furlong) formed part of a Rugby XV visiting the school and defeated Grammar on the subject "That the freedom of the press should be limited." The adjudicator remarked on the generally high standard of debating, but deducted marks from everyone for using the lectern as a shield.

The juniors have shown an interest in the club throughout the term and one round table debate was held on the topic "That every State should have a lottery." The last of several senior discussions under Mr. Richards' chairmanship was keenly fought over whether "Religion has lost touch with the people." The club wishes to thank Mr. Richards for his guidance.

I.F.H.

## LITERARY AND FRENCH CLUBS

Attempts to form literary and French-speaking groups this year met with some small success. The literary group, after a few pleasant sessions of play-reading, short-story-reading, and discussions and lectures, gave way before the stronger claims of several popular activities clashing with it; but the French group still meets, supported chiefly by Flinders Year cadets interested in play-reading and particularly in standing round the Annexe piano singing(?) traditional French songs and translations of pieces ranging from the National Anthem to recent "hits." Several Christmas carols may soon be added to the repertoire. Painless methods, these, of improving one's pronunciation, in which we may soon be greatly assisted by the use of Linguaphone records; and we hope soon to increase our stock of French plays, and to have some French periodicals available for library reading and group discussion.

### PHILATELIC SOCIETY

**Officer-in-Charge:**

INST. LT. E. Y. HOKIN.

**President:** R. I. CRAWFORD.

**Secretary:** J. FARRELL.

After the departure of Lt. Cdr. J. C. W. Kennedy the care of the Philatelic Society was taken over by Inst. Lt. Hokin, and under his guidance the society ran smoothly.

During the Winter Term Commander F. R. James was kind enough to let us look over his "Maritime History in Stamps," and this inspired members to keener efforts. It is hoped that during the Christmas Term we may hold an excursion to a Philatelic Exhibition in Melbourne.

In conclusion, we wish to extend our thanks to Lt. Hokin for his enthusiastic interest during the past year.

R.I.C. and J.F.

### PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB

The club started the winter term with many plans for the future. The darkroom was cleaned out and reorganised and photographic supplies, both permanent and expendable, were purchased through the Cadets' Fund. Owing to the many other activities, we were reduced to fortnightly meetings and thus our progress was retarded slightly. As has been confirmed this year, it is more desirable for office-bearers to be members of the third year as passing out years are unable to devote adequate time and attention to the club. Thus for its better running, it is suggested that this advice be followed next year.

D.C.R.

## NATURE STUDY CLUB

**Master-in-Charge:**

Mr. D. I. GLASTONBURY.

**President:** J. K. PARKER.

**Secretary:** J. FARRELL.

The club began the year in fine style with a most entertaining First Term trip to Phillip Island, where we visited the penguin and mutton-bird reserves. During the Winter Term another trip was undertaken, this time to the Dandenong Ranges. These extremely enjoyable excursion are more fully described elsewhere. We extend our sincere thanks to Mr. Glastonbury for his active interest in the affairs of the club throughout the year.

J.K. and J.F.

## BRIDGE CLUB

**Patron:**

COMMANDER W. B. MARKS, D.S.C., R.A.N.

**President:** L. G. TERRY.

At the beginning of the year it looked as if the Bridge Club might fall into obscurity, but with the enthusiasm of several seniors it made up ground and a large number of members were enrolled.

After teaching the members the "bare rudiments" of the game, Commander Marks very kindly helped by giving us a lecture on the finer points.

Contract Bridge (no Auction Bridge is played at the College) is a game of skill and can only be perfected with practice, but already most members are quite proficient.

L. G. TERRY.

## MUSIC CLUB

**Officer in Charge:**

INST. LT. CDR. Q. DES. CLAYES.

**Secretary:** A. R. CUMMINS.

The Music Club has had a most successful year. Some thirty cadets have been able to attend the A.B.C. Youth Concerts, held in the Melbourne Town Hall, and are gaining a critical interest in, as well as a liking for, the more serious works.

As well as these concerts in Melbourne, cadets were permitted to attend some of a series of recitals of recorded music held in the Depot Educational School, these always being well attended.

All the members of the club would like to express their gratitude to Dr. McAdam, who again this year gave of his valuable time to entertain us with his microgroove recordings, including both instrumental and operatic works.

Our sincere thanks are also due to Lt. Cdr. Des. Clayes, for his interest and encouragement throughout the year.

A.R.C.

# From Time To Time

## DR. IAN WOOD:

On Friday, the 12th of June, a very interesting lecture was given by Dr. Ian Wood, of the Walter and Eliza Hall Institute. The subject of his talk was medical research during the last twenty years. To illustrate this he took three outstanding examples. Firstly, he dealt with the search for and discovery of a snake-bite antidote. His second example was the discovery by an Australian doctor of the atebirin tablet used for control of malaria in the Islands. Lastly, he gave an account of the experiments conducted and the discovery of what we now know as penicillin. This talk was very beneficial and was enjoyed by all.

I. Bartlett.

## COMMANDER JAMES:

On Friday, the 10th of July, Commander James came to the College and addressed us on the very interesting topic "Naval Tradition." This he divided into a number of subjects; derivation of customs and expressions and the development of the uniform and growth of the Navy. In conclusion, he encouraged us to preserve the colourful words and phrases of the sailors' vocabulary and not to allow them to go out of use. Unfortunately, Commander James was not able to say all he wished owing to shortage of time, but the lecture was extremely interesting and appreciated by all.

J. Lattin.

## VISIT OF DINNY PAIS:

On the last Tuesday of third term, 1952, Dinny Pais, Australia's leading professional tennis player (at that time), visited the Naval College. After giving a short talk and a demonstration of how the strokes should be played, he played several exhibition matches, which were enjoyed very much by both participants and spectators.

J. S. Dickson.

## AS YOU LIKE IT:

On the 5th August, during the second term, 23 Cadets from the Senior Years, accompanied by Lieut. Cordell, saw the play "As You Like It." We proceeded to Melbourne by bus, returning after the play. Many of us had never seen a Shakespearean play acted on the stage and it was a wonderful introduction to see Anthony Quayle, Barbara Jefford and the Stratford-on-Avon Company. The play was enjoyed by all present and the experience should prove invaluable to those studying the play next year.

C. J. Thompson.

## VISIT OF REAR-ADMIRAL EATON:

On Thursday, the 19th of March, 1952, the Flag Officer Commanding Australian Fleet, Rear-Admiral Eaton, D.S.O., D.S.C., R.N., inspected the Cadets and the College Grounds. Having inspected the Cadets, he gave a short address, emphasising the fact that to become a proficient officer in the Navy of today two things are necessary—professional competence and leadership. In a signal received the following day Rear-Admiral Eaton said: "I very much enjoyed my visit to the depot yesterday. I was much impressed by the general bearing of the cadets and their smartness on parade."

C. A. Reid.

## NATURE STUDY:

On Easter Friday the Nature Study Club, accompanied by the Master in charge of the Club, Mr. Glastonbury, went to Cat Bay at the Southern end of Phillip Island. On arriving the members inspected the Penguin Reserve, which proved to be very interesting as it was the mating season and a number of "young ones" were seen in their holes. After dinner everyone walked to the Nobbies and saw the famous "Blow Hole," and seals on Seal Rock out to sea. Soon after this we left, all heartily agreeing that it had been a very enjoyable day.

L. Terry.

## FLINDERS AND GETTING YEARS:

Flinders and Getting Years' industrial excursion in the second term of this year was a great success. We went up in two buses, arriving at the Melbourne factory of Cumming Smith Ltd. in time for morning tea in the staff dining-hall. From there we proceeded, with pockets full of biscuits, to go over the factory. The time was short, but the organisation excellent and most groups were able to see all of the contact, lead-chamber and phosphating plants.

After a quick wash and brush-up, we proceeded on to the city, eating our bag-lunches as we went. The Years then separated, Flinders Year visiting the soap works of Messrs. Kitchen Bros. Ltd. and Getting Year carrying on to Wormald Bros. Ltd. Fire Engineers. After an hour or two, the two Years combined at the latter factory to witness two short demonstrations of the effectiveness of fire-fighting equipment.

In conclusion, we should like to thank the managements of the three firms we visited and the two Masters, Mr. Berry and Mr. Davis, who accompanied us, for a most enjoyable day.

E. L. Roberts.

### LIEUT-COMMANDER BATTERHAM, R.A.N.V.R.:

On Friday, June 24th, we had one of the most interesting talks of the year given by Lt. Cdr. Batterham, R.A.N.V.R., on "Frogmen"—their job and equipment. During the lecture two films were shown. The first, "Sleeping Beauty," was on the use of a one man underwater canoe of that name. The other, "Message from Below," dealt with the use of underwater television.

R. J. Varley.

### HOBBIES CLUB EXCURSION:

On Sunday, 19th July, thirty members of the Hobbies Club, accompanied by Mr. Berry, went for a very interesting excursion to Melbourne.

The day was marred by bad weather, so no model aeroplanes were seen in action. Further bad luck followed when it was found that the Museum of Applied Science would not be opened, but instead of looking over the museum the members were satisfied when they were given a very interesting tour through the Police Station and D24 in Russell Street.

This was followed by a very pleasant afternoon at "Modok," a modellers' holiday shack at Beaumaris, where model hydroplanes were demonstrated to the members and also a very intricate model steam engine was examined.

Our host provided us with an excellent afternoon tea to complete a very interesting and enjoyable trip.

C. Hole.

### JERVIS YEAR:

Accompanied by Lieut. Whitmore and Mr. Glastonbury, the Jervis Year visited the factories of General Motors Holden and Commonwealth Aircraft Corporation. At Holden's, Cadets saw a very interesting film showing the detailed preparation needed before a model was first put into production and the assembly line where the various engine parts were being assembled and the cars were completed. Also in production at the factory were Bedford buses and various other makes of vehicles. A splendid lunch was kindly supplied by the firm and after the meal the Cadets went to the C.A.C. Factory. Here a Sabre Jet was being tested for faults and subjected to conditions it would have to contend with in flying. Many jet engines were being repaired and tested and a very pleasant hour was spent in the machine shops where engine parts were being made. At 4.15 p.m. the Cadets were obliged to leave after a most pleasant and interesting tour.

P. J. Cornell.

### GOLF:

Golf is one of the most popular sports in the world, yet it is not known to many at the R.A.N.C. I am not the one to give the reasons for this, but shall try to boost its reputation amongst the Cadets.

The golf course at Flinders Naval Depot is not large, being only nine holes, but is very suitable for the young amateur, and for the more capable golfer it is easy to complete eighteen holes by playing two rounds. The Club House is small in keeping with the course, but it is quite big enough for its purpose. The course itself is naturally varied with fairways of different length and new hazards surrounding each green, yet the average "five club player" should be able to complete the first round in somewhere in the vicinity of forty-three shots, that is eighty-six for the full eighteen holes or thereabouts.

In the days when Commander T. K. Morrison was in command of the College he made the Cadets dig a well-placed bunker on the sixth. This has been a hazard to many a player since the Commander was in charge at the College.

This course, although very popular amongst the Depot personnel, seems to be rather avoided by the Cadets and I for one can see no particular reason for it, unless it is because the game is not popular amongst them. There are ample opportunities on Sunday afternoons to play nine or eighteen holes, or even thirty-six if the player plays by himself and is experienced in the finer points of the game.

Who knows, some time in the near future we might even play a competition amongst the Cadets?

C. Hole.

### CORONATION DAY CELEBRATIONS:

Coronation Day was triumphantly ushered in with the news of the conquest of Mt. Everest by a British expedition. That set the ball rolling! An extremely impressive parade held in the Depot strongly drove home the fact that we should feel honoured and proud to serve under our new Queen. The afternoon brought with it a few pleasant hours at Cowes, while the Rugby, Australian Rules and Soccer teams travelled to Balcombe Army Apprentices School. Leave to visit the Depot cinema to see the night's programme was welcomed by all. Two weeks later we were fortunate enough to see the coronation film "A Queen is Crowned." That night, as on the night of June 2nd, I am sure most Cadets went to sleep with one thought running through their minds—"Long Live Queen Elizabeth!"

D. H. Edgar.

**COMMODORE MADDEN, R.N.:**

During First Term this year the College was visited by Commodore Madden, R.N., who made a short tour of the College. Commodore Madden, recently arrived from the United Kingdom, was on his way to New Zealand to take up his appointment as First Naval Member of the Royal New Zealand Navy. After inspecting the College buildings, he took the salute at a special parade of the Cadets.

**J. G. Longden.**

**BRIGADIER DALY:**

Brigadier T. Daly, who had just returned from Korea, addressed the Officers, Masters and Cadets on the 29th May, his subject being the Korean War. Rarely has a lecture on warfare been so inspiring and the account of the type of warfare and the examples of small actions in which the men in his battalion participated held our interest for the whole evening.

**L. Renfrey.**

**ROYAL LIFE-SAVING SOCIETY  
EXAMINATIONS:**

On Sunday, 19th April, 1953, officials of the Royal Life Saving Society, Victoria Branch, visited the R.A.N.C. to undertake various examinations in life-saving. Given below are the names of Cadets who undertook the more difficult examinations. One hundred per cent. of Cadet-Midshipmen examined passed the tests.

**Bar to Award of Merit**

C.M. Cummins.

**Award of Merit**

C.M. Buchanan, Shotter and Wilson. C.M. Holthouse also obtained his Bar to Bronze Medallion and was commended for his determination in qualifying despite severe attacks of cramp.

**Bar to Bronze Cross**

C.M. Holthouse, Cummins.

**Bronze Cross**

C.M. Cant, Parker, Bonnar, Terry, Davidson and Wilson.

**Instructors**

C.M. Shotter, Langford and Furlong qualified as Instructors.

Thirteen Cadet-Midshipmen of the Waller Year (Senior Intermediate), twenty-two Cadet-Midshipmen of the Flinders Year (Third Year) and one from Cook Year (Fourth Year) were candidates for the Bronze Medallion and all qualified.

**P. F. Egan.**

**UNIVERSITY LECTURE:**

Although not directly concerned with the line of study, the Cook and Waller Years proceeded to the University Lecture Room on Friday, 31st July, to hear Professor Crawford's "Leonardo da Vinci." Tackling a very difficult subject with great ease, Professor Crawford's lecture was of interest to all who were present.

**P. F. Egan.**

**CHRISTENINGS:**

During the year the son of Lieutenant-Commander (E) J. C. W. Kennedy, R.A.N., and the daughter of Chaplain J. Trainer, R.A.N., were christened, following the naval tradition of using the ship's bell, upside down, as a font. Chaplain H. E. Fawell officiated at both ceremonies, using the College Quarterdeck bell in the manner described.

**R. A. Bryse.**

**EXCHANGES**

We have been pleased to receive one or more issues of the following magazines during the past year. Any omissions are regretted.

Journal of the R.A.A.F. College.

The Log.

The Scotch Collegian.

The Corian.

The Melburnian.

Wesley College Chronicle.

The Brighton Grammarian.

St. Peter's College Magazine.

The Unicorn.

The Minervan.

Prince Alfred College Chronicle.

The Viking.

Ripples.

The Record.





# Through the Years

## COOK YEAR

Woe is 1954. Yes, the Fourth Year flat will long long for such a year as was the 1950 Entry. However, the fact must not be bewailed. Some day, some year may come along to be its counterpart. Who knows?

Can the singing of Wakeman ("Old Shep"), Dick ("I Believe") and Buchanan ("Nicky, Nicky Nacky Noo") ever be rivalled?

Yes, 1953 was certainly an eventful year—what with the Coronation, Peace in Korea and the Cook Year Passing Out it certainly should be remembered!

Ever since the day Williams said "Peanuts to You!" early in the year it was common knowledge amongst the inner circle that Dickson's bark was worse than his bite. Throughout the year social engagements proved very successful. The Toorak ladies fell for the dashing, debonair Ferris and Bowman indeed proved to be a lady killer.

The Hobart trip earlier in the year was very successful, but I must say that Dickson (although he picked his seat) was actually snoring in the ballet! Disgraceful! In the Second Term we were all very sorry to hear Egan singing "A Star Fell From Heaven," but no doubt Cummins was pleased with himself.

By winning the Shelley Cup, Ferris disproved the theory on smoking which had been acclaimed after the Cross Country.

If there is anything left of anyone after the exams we fear disaster. At this late juncture it is rumoured that Taylor will move from Monto—"The hovel of a hundred horrors"—to Atherton. Now it is said that Steel has certain interests in that area he is anxious to hold and we maintain that there "jest ain't no room" for both of them, so a second death seems imminent. (We already have the late Mr. Rothwell). We could have yet a third if Willcox doesn't get it out of his head before going overseas that Trafalgar Square is not a square dance.

Just before the exams Lt.-Cdr. Des. Clayes pressed Wakeman into giving the year a lecture on entering Port Phillip. He seemed rather hazy about it, and we must surmise that more "errs" and a few less "butts" would be the remedy.

Incidentally, if you have been silly enough to read this piece it's your own funeral. Never mind. Hardy will carry the beer—sorry, bier.

## WALLER YEAR

Welcome to the Inner Sanctum of the Wallers where exists "a peace that passeth all understanding." We never argue amongst ourselves more than seven days a week and only the shortage of firearms prevents wholesale slaughter.

For a year whose numbers have dwindled to 14 we have set up a sports record rivalling that of the immortal Burnetts. Already ten colours have been won and more are on the way (we hope). Almost the whole year has represented the college in one or other of the "First" teams, and when not playing sport these athletic giants indulge in the exacting arts of "Patience" and Mammoth crossword puzzles.

The Year has become quite a zoo with the bevy of animals that have replaced our normal names. What with bears, stoats, crows, seals, bandicoots, etc., and the noises made to deride them by our bat with the co-ordinates (1, 1), the masters have just about lost hope.

Confucius say "Man at some time or other turns to plants and weeds." The Wallers are only human, but have learned that turning to one particular fragrant weed incurs official displeasure.

Our prefab. classroom is not only hot and cold in the wrong season, but acts as a remarkable amplifier for sound, particularly the studious shuffle and hubbub during prep.

Our time at the college grows short, but we feel that the original Waller Year will leave its mark (wait and see).

## FLINDERS YEAR

We have had a year of "ups and downs," but mostly "ups," we think, although a few slight misunderstandings in the earlier part of the year resulted in a week of much discomfort.

Our "Cruise" was quite eventful and I am sure we all enjoyed our fast sight-seeing tour of Burnie early one morning amidst the cheers of the wharfies. But we were very dismayed to see a "grievous waste" when a lot of "fag-ends" were thrown over the side before we left the ship.

Misappropriating Naval Stores has its disadvantages, as several people found out, but we must remind one member of the past Cook Year that he should not eat the Queen's evidence.

A chair missing from the gunroom was quickly noticed and was later found in a state of disrepair in a very obscure place. Take note, Harry!

At T.L.C. there was a downpour the night we went to see Macbeth. Dudley found himself lost in the woods at the dance. Deep sympathy—some people can be unlucky in raffles, can't they?

After a visit to the soap factory, Kitchen Bros. Pty. Ltd. showed a great deficit.

Finally, thanks to "Simple Simon," "Stinky" and, of course, "Frere" for their tender care during the year. On the whole it has been an entirely successful year and we look forward to even greater things next year.

## GETTING YEAR

Having been at the College for six months, we now feel confident that, with the continued assistance of our Year Officer, we may eventually come up to the standard expected of us.

We commenced the year quite well, when Youl and Stoker were included in the cricket team and with the success of Roberts and Bews in the swimming championships. Second term saw the inclusion of Stoker, McKay and Gulliver in the first XV and several of the year gained places in the hockey and Australian Rules teams. A few members of the year did quite well in the cross-country, and put up quite good performances in the boxing tournament, although showing a marked absence of ring craft and boxing ability in the latter competition.

The scholastic achievements so far have been limited, although a small number show marked genius in this field. The club activities have been rather confined and anyone wanting further particulars should refer to Bradley. The dance attended at the end of second term was enjoyed in particular by Mr. Pickford, who was seen to be having a marvellous time.

We feel that we are well and truly settled in now and forming quite an important part of the College, and we look forward to bigger and better things in the coming year.

## JERVIS YEAR

In studies, the dux for the last two terms has been Ward; he is outstanding at the arts subjects, especially French. Bartlett, who has been a very close second, is the mathematics genius, Irwin and Smith being close contestants for third place.

On the playing fields, Irwin and Ross have shown their might, Irwin having gained a place in the 1st XI cricket term, 1st XVIII

and 1st XI hockey, and also being successful at athletics, swimming and tennis. Ross is the outstanding footballer, swimmer and tennis player. He has gained a place in 1st XI cricket and 1st XVIII and has been junior tennis champion for two years. Ward is the star rugby player of the year, having held his place in the 1st XV throughout the season; he is also an excellent sprinter. Others successful at sport are Hole, Bartlett, Longden and Bryse, while Edgar excels at hockey.

This year's junior sport has been dominated, naturally enough, by the Jervis Year, while the year had eight representatives in the boxing finals, four of them being champions.

The year has one notable clown, who has a flare for contests of wit with the masters, one especially. Another seems to like writing out Contes et Legendes.

## PHILLIP YEAR

Well, here we are, for better or for worse, thirty-seven fine, upstanding young lads to fill the ranks of the all-important First Year. We hope to keep up the honour, tradition and the prestige of former Phillip Years.

We have been rather unfortunate in already losing two of our original number, but it is certain that the survivors can create enough noise and trouble to cover their loss.

The Burnett Year Passing-Out was quite an experience, particularly as it occurred so soon after our arrival in the College. Without boasting *too* much, I think we might say that we acquitted ourselves fairly well, considering we had been such a short time at the College.

The Initiation caused a great sensation. It gave us something new to talk about for a while, and also gave the English masters a new topic for us to write essays on. It was rather a thrill later to receive the certificates stating that we had been initiated and granting us the "freedom of Hann's Inlet."

The Annual Cross Country brought forth many moans, groans and lamentations, but now that it is all over we can sit back and laugh. Sailing has been very popular and we look like being excellent sailors (if they trust the boats to our tender mercies again). The athletics brought to light many star runners, jumpers and hurdlers. However, we cannot all be winners and it is hoped that those who did badly this year may be more successful on future occasions. The mid-term camp, after Cook Year Passing-Out, is eagerly awaited. Then comes the examinations, the Christmas leave, and lo—we will be Second Year!



#### FOURTH YEAR CRUISE, 1953

Cook Year cadets were fortunate in that this cruise took them to Tasmania's picturesque capital, Hobart.

The cadets boarded H.M.A.S. "Gladstone" at 3 p.m. on Monday, 9th March, and the ship sailed at 4 p.m. on the same day. The sea was not particularly kind for most of the down trip and many cadets were seasick and did not look forward to the prospect of having to work. The haven of Storm Bay was reached early on the Wednesday morning and after berthing the rest of the day was spent painting ship, which was particularly enjoyable for those "hardies" who were photographed for a newspaper whilst painting the anchor.

The leave allowed was particularly good for the non-duty watches, as they were allowed to go ashore for supper and enjoy a full-length film. Some were invited to a party, held at a retired naval man's home, which they enjoyed greatly, much to the envy of the duty watch. The cadets were offered free seats to a ballet in the city, which was accepted, but some members (one very obviously) did not enjoy the performance, although they had great pleasure in escorting the young ladies back to the ship later. A bus trip organised for the cadets took them over beautiful Mount Wellington, below which there was unfortunately a haze, and to the lovely little hop-growing town of New Norfolk. This trip was greatly appreciated by all cadets. The surveying ship, H.M.A.S. "Warrego," and the Hydrographic Office in Hobart were the subject of two other organised tours.

The return trip was quite smooth despite all that the Hydrographic Officer had told us; but the sunshine was kept out in several places by heavy fog banks. Westernport Bay was reached early on Monday morning, after leaving Storm Bay the previous Saturday. Then after lunch eager cadets doubled back to the College to remove the paint and grime accumulated on them over a week.

This cruise was quite advantageous in the fields of seamanship and experience; but its main benefit was that the cadets learnt the correct way to use a paint brush and this perhaps was very valuable knowledge for times to come.

#### THIRD YEAR CRUISE

Our cruise came at the end of First Term, but we weren't sure whether we were going to enjoy it or not. The first stage was by bus to Mornington, where we waited an hour in bitterly cold weather for H.M.A.S. "Bataan" to make an appearance. Due to the heavy seas, some members of the year had extreme difficulty in retaining their previous meal within a very short time from our departure for Burnie, on the northern coast of Tasmania. Plenty of work was soon found for us (plenty of this type of activity was always to be found), and we were given the "very responsible positions" of helmsman, lookouts and midshipman of the watch. We kept night watches until we anchored for the night at King Island at 0000. At 0500 some very unwilling hands were dragged from their not-so-comfortable hammocks to witness the weighing of anchor.

Most of us were still feeling effects from "mal-de-mer" and we were very relieved when we dropped anchor at 1700 off Burnie.

We enjoyed some leave ashore that night and we were very glad to feel dry land again after the rough crossing.

The following day was spent in sea boat drill after we left Burnie at 0900 that morning. We were also given useful instruction in astronomical observations and seamanship.

We had a very pleasant trip to Three Hummocks Island and by this time most of us had regained our lost appetites. We spent an enjoyable hour rifle shooting on the island before departing for Westernport at 2100.

At 1100 the next morning on a very fine day we were not really sorry to leave the ship for our comfortable conditions ashore.

L. G. Terry and C. A. Reid.

#### SECOND YEAR CRUISE

One foggy Monday morning during the latter half of the second term, the Jervis Year departed for the West Wing, Station Pier, Port Melbourne, where they joined H.M.A.S. "Gladstone." They were accompanied by Lieutenant Cordell.

In no time at all they were fallen in on the Quarterdeck, but because of the amazing array of rigs they were equally quickly dismissed to change into a uniform working rig. After reading Standing Orders, all watches were assigned to working part of ship until 1600.

While the blue watch toiled through the dog-watch, the remaining two watches toured the luxury Italian liner, Neptunia.

After typical "Pusser scran," they prepared for rounds and then enjoyed a comfortable night.

The next morning at 0600 they set sail and picked up the lattice-work gunnery target.

During the day several practice rounds were fired from the neighbouring vessel, H.M.A.S. "Condamine." Many members of the year took leave from their duties to watch the proceedings. The gunnery drill continued into the night, with the added effects given by star shells and tracers. Later most of the year had to be reawakened to haul in the target. This job completed, the ship's company turned in for what sleep they could get.

The next morning they sailed for Westernport. After a calm passage through the "Rip," they suffered their first stomach qualms. No-one was actually sick, but most were off colour until after our mid-day meal, when things subsided a little.

They arrived at Hann's Inlet at 1400 and disembarked a short time later, a scruffy mob of cadets.

It was discovered after that short experience that two days of this type of practical seamanship was worth two months of any theory.

#### Many Second Year.

#### THE SYDNEY TRIP

The Waller Year cruise started in beautiful sunny weather on Sunday, the 9th of August, when fourteen Waller Year and seventeen hangers-on or footballers embarked on H.M.A.S. Gladstone. After settling in and after a quick inspection of the ship to see anything new, the non-duty watches relaxed for the rest of the day. The cadets worked in three watches, the duty watch supplying a midshipman of the watch, a boatswain's mate, two lookouts, a lifebuoy sentry and a sea boat's crew. By supper time on Sunday all but those who were not to be sick for the rest of the trip were over their early uneasiness.

As well as watchkeeping, navigation parties were kept busy from 0600 to 1800 with astro-navigation and pilotage, and apart from the first day the non-duty watches were not idle. On Monday morning came the order, "Paint ship." The non-duty watches, the upper deck hands of the duty watch, and the ship's company set to work and worked steadily at this all day. Great interest was aroused, during the day, by the seals and porpoises which followed the ship. Monday night was eventful since we were passed by M.V. "Australia" and we also passed through a brightly phosphorescent area, the glow of this being attributed to a shoal of cuttle fish.

Jervis Bay was reached at 0630 on Tuesday, the 11th. At anchor there was the new anti-submarine frigate, H.M.A.S. "Quadrant," which was of great interest to the cadets. Soon after 0800 all hands fell in and proceeded ashore in a naval air-sea rescue craft, our first object being a quick tour of the old Naval College. Then by bus to the Naval Air Station, H.M.A.S. "Albatross," where a very interesting morning was spent seeing over the Sea Furies, the Fireflies, a Lincoln, the control tower and the meteorological office. We lunched at the station wardroom and played rugby against a team from "Albatross" in the afternoon. On completion of the game and after a most enjoyable day we returned on board.

Gale force winds compelled us to remain in the shelter of Jervis Bay on Tuesday night, but early on Wednesday morning we weighed anchor and set course for Sydney. It is very doubtful whether the scenic foreshores of New South Wales had much to do with the crowds on the upper deck—more likely the reason was the following swell, but work was carried on below by those still able to walk. Bondi from the sea failed to arouse any praise from the southerners, but "our harbour" and "our bridge" brought some comment. After oiling, Gladstone went alongside Kuttabul Dolphines and the cadets proceeded to Queen's Park to play rugby against the Christian Brothers' College, Waverley.

Immediately after the match the duty watch returned on board, whilst others proceeded either on short or long leave. On board the temperature was very low and the boiler room being closed down made conditions very uncomfortable.

On Thursday morning the usual part of ship routine was carried out, and in the afternoon a football match was played against the National Service trainees at Balmoral. Leave was given after the match to all but the duty watch, who returned on board.

Gladstone got up steam on Friday morning and the morning was mostly taken up with practising "coming to a buoy" and "dropping a seaboat," for the benefit of the cadets' seamanship. After securing alongside again at 1230, the cadets attended a lecture on minesweeping on board H.M.A.S. "Wagga," and then went for a quick tour of H.M.A.S. "Bataan." Whilst in Bataan we saw the Sydney come in after her Coronation and Naval Review trip. At 1600 the non-duty watches proceeded ashore for leave.

On Saturday morning the cadets saw over Captain Cook Dock, the pumping station and the Garden Island power station. Returning from this outing, we cleaned into No. 1's

and proceeded to the Town Hall to witness the march past of the Coronation Contingent. In the afternoon the football team played and defeated Petersham Juniors. The New South Wales and Queensland cadets were allowed to proceed on leave after the match and the remainder, destined to return to Melbourne in the Gladstone, considered themselves done in the eye.

On Sunday, after scrubbing down and cleaning up the messes, the cadets called it a day except for the duty watch. Non-duty watches had leave from 1130-2100, one member choosing to watch Instructor Lieut. Des. Claves and a midshipman from the Gladstone blithely sailing in the harbour from the bridge.

When the good ship Gladstone left Sydney after a very pleasant spell, most of the party was rather green about the gills for the first few hours. One cadet was particularly hardly hit, but brightened perceptibly at the prospect of Melbourne being only a few hours away on Wednesday morning.

During the return trip watches were two

in seven, the only duties being M.O.W. and Boatswain's Mate. Off watch little was done except study the sky above and observe the peculiarities of the coast under the guiding hand of Inst. Lt. Cdr. Des. Claves.

We navigated the rip at 1030 on Wednesday morning and were alongside Station Pier at 1600. All bar one meaty member who leaned too long proceeded on leave immediately. The one meaty member was sentenced to two weeks in F.N.D.'s Hospital.

The general success of the trip and the good time experienced by all can be put down to the hard work and organization of Lieutenants Coombs and Melzer and Lt. Cdr. Des. Claves. The cruise had been a welcome break from college routine and was enjoyed in varying degrees by all who went.

**P.I.P. and M.Dev.S.**

NOTE: The quantity and quality of the food throughout the trip was particularly good, the quantity being so good that we had enough for C/M. Taylor to throw three lunches on the deck within the space of ten minutes.

## Watch Notes



### Watch Officer:

LIEUTENANT J. B. SNOW, R.A.N.

Officers and Masters: Messrs. ADENEY,  
GLASTONBURY, PURSER.

LT. COOMBS (E), INST. LT. HOKIN.

Captain of Top: D. G. HOLTHOUSE.

### Cadet Captains:

G. W. FURLONG, J. M. YATES.

Opening the year in the now traditional fo'c'sle style, we carried off the cricket with but one loss—to Maintop. Congratulations, Maintop! To the surprise of everyone, we then proceeded to win round one of the Forster Cup. For both those victories we owe thanks to the Burnetts and, whilst lamenting their departure, wish them every success for the future. However, without their assistance we won the next round and

might be pardoned if we look forward to ultimate victory. Swimming proved to be a disappointment, for in spite of the considerable spirit displayed we managed only third place. Realising our shortcomings at the end of an oar, we hatched a murky plot, by means of which we hoped to better an otherwise inevitable fourth place in the Annual Regatta. The "stacked" crews worked wonders and but for the loss in the "All Comers" cutter the day would have been ours.

Although we held our own in soccer and rugby, we did not fare well on the whole in winter sports, due to the fact that our abilities did not keep pace with the spirit displayed by both teams and sidelines. Incidentally, support from the sidelines was particularly good this year and was certainly reflected in some of our wins, especially in the soccer. Far be it from us to single out any one member of the watch for praise, as all have done so well, but mention must be made of Doolan, who did such a magnificent job with our senior rugby team. I assure all players who left the field with a complex that "Crow's" caw is far worse than his peck!

Our efforts in the cross-country were not sufficient this year and we finally finished third—glad to congratulate Maintop on such a fine win over a really gruelling course. Nevertheless, we were still fit enough to

challenge Maintop again in the boxing and very nearly pulled it off, but once again we fell just short of the mark. Of our prospects in the athletics we endeavour not to think, but teamwork in the relays and the tug o' war will certainly make up for any ability we lack. However, we hope that when the results of the Forster Cup are known, our position will be considerably improved.

Congratulations are due to all members of Forecastle who gained positions in College teams and more particularly to Buchanan, Furlong, Doolan and Stephens, who were awarded colours during the year. Also, we would like to take this opportunity of thanking Lt. Snow for the great interest he has taken in his part of ship this year, remembering the early mornings he spent on the wharf with us during Regatta training and the afternoons he spent shouting himself hoarse at all our winter matches. Further, we would like to thank all the officers and masters attached to Forecastle for the considerable interest they have always shown in our watch activities.

In conclusion, the Cook Year members of the watch wish Forecastle the best of luck for next year's competition and join with the watch in hearty congratulations to Foretop, Maintop and Quarterdeck, who have been grand opponents throughout the year.

**D. G. Holthouse.**



**Watch Officer:**

Lt. Cdr. A. G. CORDELL, R.A.N.

**Officers and Masters:** Mr. R. R. CLARK and Lt. Cdr. Q. DES. CLAYES.

**Watch Cadet Captain:** J. S. DICKSON.

**Cadet Captains:** P. A. HARDY and C. J. WILSON.

Foretop have not had a very successful year from the sporting point of view. We have not possessed a watch full of sportsmen and although the members have shown a wonderful match spirit we have not been successful in our quest for the Dalton Cup.

Early in the year we were unlucky to lose Rothwell, by far our best all-round sports-

man, who was promoted to Senior Cadet Captain and shifted to Quarterdeck as captain of that watch. He was sadly missed, but we congratulate him on his promotion as we do also Hardy, who, after being promoted Cadet Captain, joined our ranks in Rothwell's place.

Cricket was our first interest and in this we hoped to do well. But, unfortunately, in nearly all the matches it was left to a couple of players and when these failed the side generally did likewise. We finished in fourth place and were away to a bad start in the Dalton Cup Competition, but we offer our hearty congratulations to Forecastle who registered their fourth successive win in the cricket.

In the swimming, all but ourselves quite expected us to finish last. But the result of the sports depended, as it usually does, on the "All Hands Relay" and before this event we were in equal top place with Quarterdeck. But try though we did, we could only manage to finish second to Quarterdeck in this event, and second to them also in the total.

A win in the regatta was essential, so we set to work training solidly. Our early rising for the sake of training was rewarded on the day of the regatta when, with a cosy win in the "All Comers Cutter," we romped home victorious.

The winter sports let us down badly and it was here that we lost our chance for the Dalton Cup. Through sheer lack of ability rather than lack of willingness we were beaten in nearly all our games by better equipped sides. To Grieve, who was a brilliant performer in all games, and to Dorward, who gained 1st XVIII colour, we offer our hearty congratulations and feel sorry we were not able to support them better. Of the juniors, Banks, Littleton and Roberts were our best performers, but again we were beaten by better sides. Hearty congratulations to Quarterdeck, who won the four main winter sports. Also congratulations to Maintop, who won the boxing and the cross country. In the latter event we should do well in future years as our juniors performed creditably.

At the time of going to press the Forster Cup Sailing Competition has not been completed, but with only one round to go it looks as though we will have to be content with second or third position.

The inter-watch athletics have not yet been held, but we are training hard and hoping that, with a little luck, we may have more success than we have had in the other sports.

Those of us who are leaving wish the watch well for the coming years and feel

sure that if the same enthusiasm and watch spirit prevails it will not be long before the Dalton Cup is back in Foretop's hands. In conclusion, a special word of thanks is due to Lt. Cordell, who has shown great interest in all our activities, and we only wish we could have rewarded his efforts with more success.

J. S. Dickson.



**Watch Officer:**

Lt. E. R. WHITMORE, R.A.N.

**Watch Masters:** Messrs. K. E. ARMSTRONG and R. F. BERRY.

**Watch Cadet Captain:** A. R. CUMMINS.

**Cadet Captains:** O. R. COOPER and K. E. LANGFORD.

Under the capable guidance of Lt. Whitmore, Maintop had another successful year.

In the First Term we gained second place in the cricket through the skill and efforts of Ferris, McKenzie, McDermott and Steele. This year's swimming sports saw Maintop floundering, gaining only equal third place with Forecastle, and our congratulations go to Quarterdeck on their well-earned victory. The Maintop swimming team was largely carried by Torrens-Witherow, who distinguished himself in the Depot Swimming Championships.

The Regatta saw us off to a good start, but we failed to hold our early lead and at the end of the day we were trailing the field.

In the Winter Term we were more successful, gaining first place in the inter-part boxing competition which was again held this year after a lapse of several years. Ferris, Steele and Murray were among those who won their weights, the others "mixing it" in the true Maintop spirit. We were also successful in the cross-country, due only to the fact that the whole watch ran as a team; Williams, James and Ferguson were among the first home. In rugby Maintop had to be content with third place despite the efforts of McDermott, Ferris and Egan. We were slightly more successful in Aus-

tralian Rules, soccer and hockey, gaining second place in each.

Maintop supremacy should be shown again this year in athletics, with Williams, Ferris and Holmes as the mainstays of our team. With the Forster Cup sailing races yet uncompleted, we look confidently to the future and hope that we will retain the Dalton Cup for yet another year.

Congratulations must go to Ferris and McDermott for gaining their cricket colours, Williams for his athletics colours, and McDermott and Cooper for rugby and Australian football colours, respectively; also to Ferris for winning the College heavyweight boxing title and the Shelley Cup.

Last, but by no means least, our thanks must be given to Lieutenant Whitmore for the time and energy he devoted to us throughout the year, and also to Egan, whose leadership and fighting spirit carried Maintop through the earlier part of the year. Finally, I wish Maintop the best of luck for every success in the coming year.

A. R. Cummins.

## QUARTERDECK



**Watch Officer:** Lt. E. J. MELZER.

**Watch Masters:** Messrs. P. W. HUGHES and W. G. RICHARDS.

**Watch Cadet Captain:** W. E. ROTHWELL.

**Cadet Captains:** P. F. EGAN and W. G. LEACH.

From the outset, it became obvious that Lady Luck was not disposed to frown upon us this year as she did in 1952. A distinct determination to avenge past defeats has animated the watch, with the ultimate results of many victories and satisfied appetites. We were fortunate to start the year with an equal second in cricket as we relied very heavily on our juniors, who won all their matches, in contrast to the seniors' solitary victory. In the Regatta, having very little time for training, and with most of our senior "A" team away training for the Curry Cup, our prospects were gloomy. But in great spirits we went away to an early lead and, though we dropped back later, a second in the All Hands' Cutter race

gave us second place on the day. Moreover, our honour was upheld by Foster, who won the Open Sculls and gained well-deserved colours. Well, done, Foretop, who really worked hard for their victory. The swimming brought us our first victory. Having led all the way, we depended for ultimate victory on the All Hands' Relay, which we narrowly won. So ended a successful First Term.

During the Winter Term Quarterdeck really proved its worth by winning all four winter sports and achieving a close second in the cross-country. Through the rugby, Australian football, hockey and soccer, our seniors remained undefeated while the juniors backed them up strongly in losing only two games. This year our teams suffered no injuries, a circumstance which would have helped the watch last year and one for which we were infinitely grateful this season. We owe much to Keane and Foster, who held our rugby side together and who both gained 1st XV colours, and to Ward, who played extremely well for the juniors and gained selection in the 1st XV on several occasions. Also our compliments go to our cross-country champion, Leach, on gaining his athletics colours and representing the Navy at the Inter-Services Sports. Irwin, too, has proved to be one of our mainstays in every junior sports, especially the cross-country, in which he ran third.

Now, in the Third Term, we are so far leading in the athletics though, with two rounds of the Forster Cup sailing contest completed, we are lagging in third place. We are at present well ahead on points for the Dalton Cup and I am certain that if the same dauntless esprit-de-corps prevails Quarterdeck cannot fail to take this coveted trophy.

Quarterdeckmen from the Cook Year all join me in wishing the watch the best of luck and we know that you will have no trouble in showing the way during 1954.

**W. E. Rothwell.**

### THANK YOU!

The magazine would not be complete without two special votes of thanks. Firstly, to W.R.A.N. Graham we owe a great deal, for she has helped us immensely throughout the year by typing most of the magazine before it went to press. Secondly, we are greatly indebted to Mr. Clark, for, although he bears the insignificant title of "Master in Charge," he has given us invaluable help and has probably put more individual effort into the compiling of the magazine than any member on the committee.

### THE R.A.N. MEMORIAL CHAPEL

The long awaited Depot Protestant Chapel is now nearing completion. The money for the building of the Chapel has been gathered through Chaplain Fawell's tireless efforts. He has organised bazaars, raffles and various collections in his drive for the required sum, and he will long be remembered for his part in building this fine Chapel.

The foundation stone was laid at a special ceremony by Sir William McKell in 1950. Pews have been given by the various towns which had corvettes named after them during the Second World War. Windows and monuments have also been given in remembrance of the gallant dead. Her Majesty the Queen Mother has presented a Bible bound in the Royal library at Windsor and the Naval Board has donated a Memorial Book which contains the names of all those who lost their lives in both World Wars. These two beautiful gifts will do much to enrich the interior aspect of the Chapel.

The opening service in the Chapel will be the Cook Year passing out service and for his efforts in having the Chapel ready for this service, the Cook Year extend their sincere thanks to Chaplain Fawell.

**R. I. WAKEMAN.**





# Sports and Sporting

## COLOURS

(Showing date of award.)

Rugby	Aust. Football	Cricket	Athletics
<p>1952 R. B. DOOLAN</p> <p>1953 E. T. KEANE J. G. McDERMOTT J. D. FOSTER</p>	<p>1953 G. W. FURLONG O. R. COOPER E. J. DORWARD</p>	<p>1952 J. S. DICKSON</p> <p>1953 R. B. DOOLAN A. G. FERRIS E. T. KEANE J. G. McDERMOTT</p>	<p>1952 W. N. WILLIAMS</p> <p>1953 W. G. LEACH G. W. FURLONG I. F. HOLMES M. J. YOUL</p>
Hockey	Swimming	Tennis	Boats
<p>1952 D. E. CLINCH</p> <p>1953 W. E. ROTHWELL H. L. STEPHENS</p>	<p>1953 A. R. CUMMINS J. E. BUCHANAN</p>	<p>1951 J. S. DICKSON</p> <p>1953 W. E. ROTHWELL</p>	<p>1953 J. D. FOSTER</p>



The team was fortunate in that it did not lose many of the previous year's 1st XI, of whom it retained five regular members and four others who had frequently played with the Firsts. Besides this the gaps in the team were filled so satisfactorily that the 1953 XI was appreciably stronger than in 1952.

Dickson was chosen as captain of the XI and proved to be intelligent and knowledgeable. He changed his bowling well, showed

good use of field placing and was willing to make changes in the batting order to fit the circumstances. He has developed into a graceful and consistent left-hand bat, with very good straight and off-drives, and he is a very useful slow bowler.

Ferris improved considerably during the year. He is an effective bat, an intelligent spin bowler and an extremely good fieldsmen. He has a good match temperament and generally succeeds when most required.

Rothwell has great natural ability, both in batting and bowling, yet had a disappointing season. In spite of some very good performances, his play showed an occasional lack of concentration. He fielded very well in the slips.

Keane had a disappointing season at bowling, but has developed into a very useful opening bat. His innings were of greater value to the team than the actual runs scored would indicate. Would be a much better bowler if he could find greater control over his length.



### FIRST ELEVEN

Left to right—

Standing: Stoker, Clinch, Keane, Ferris, Gaul, Youl, Doolan, Wakeman.  
Seated: Irwin, Dickson (c.), P. W. Hughes, Esq., Rothwell, McDermott.

Doolan performed well with bat and ball. Not an orthodox player, yet he has a good ball sense and is willing to attack the bowling. His own bowling, as a medium-pace outswinger, occasionally lacks control of length but is always dangerous.

Gaul was the most successful opening bowler. He has good control over length and occasionally swings the ball appreciably. Has a very good ball that moves back off the pitch.

McDermott was a safe and reliable wicket-keeper. He also proved to be a very useful bat, particularly when runs were wanted quickly. Has great determination and spirit.

Clinch is a brilliant field and a hard-hitting batsman. He fielded well either in the covers or at slip and had the knack of scoring runs when they were most required.

Irwin was the youngest member of the team and should be a very good cricketer when he develops more confidence. A very good field, a correct and attractive bat, he is also developing as a spin bowler.

Stoker and Youl joined the team for the latter part of the season and were valuable members. Both batted solidly and consistently and set a very good example in the field. Youl is a bowler who turns the ball considerably.

Others who helped the team were Frankish, Wakeman, Steele and Bowman. Frankish has a great deal of ability, but missed several matches through illness. Wakeman is an unorthodox but courageous player who kept wicket well on several occasions. Steel is a stubborn opening bat

who does not use his feet sufficiently to attack the bowling but shows great determination. Bowman is a useful medium-pace bowler.

The team has a great fighting spirit and several times turned a possible defeat into victory. They trained hard and showed plenty of enthusiasm.

P. W. HUGHES.

### WASHED OUT

Our first two matches, one against O.T.S., Portsea, at Portsea and the other against Brighton Grammar at the College, were both washed out after about half an hour's play. Consequently we had to wait until a later date before we opposed these two teams.

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

A fortnight after the washed out match we played Brighton Grammar on their home ground. Grammar won the toss and decided to bat on a slightly soft pitch. Wickets soon began to fall. However, a sticking innings by their captain and opener, Wood, of 42 saved the team from total rout. They were out for 76. As in the last match against Brighton last season, Rothwell again did most damage, taking 5/18. He was ably aided by Doolan who took 2/15.

College then batted with Rothwell and Dickson opening on a pitch that was playing quite truly. They were both batting in fine style and runs were coming easily. However, things were not to remain this way and

when Rothwell was dismissed for 15, only a valuable 18 by Ferris saved the team. However, we drew level with 4 wickets in hand, but then tension mounted as one of Grammar's spinners took the hat trick and the match looked as though it might end in a draw, since College were now 9 for 76. Wakeman, however, won the match for us with a four off the next ball, but was stumped off the next, thus giving us a 4 run win in what proved a very exciting match.

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

As in the previous year this match aroused very keen rivalry and was to prove a very entertaining one. College batted first on a soft wicket and declared their innings closed with 7 wickets down for 126. Ferris batted very well for the College with a delightful 52 not out. No College batsman, however, had felt at home when playing the bowling of Cdr. Owens, who finished the day with 5/31.

Navy Office then batted and as usual put up some pretty stiff resistance, but we were able to dismiss them for 97, Lt. Bennett (32) and Cdr. Owens (21) being Navy Office's best batsmen. The bowling and fielding by the College side in this match had been excellent with Rothwell (3), McKenzie (2) and Frankish (2) sharing the bowling honours. A delightful day was had by all and we were all eagerly looking forward to our next encounter with Navy Office.

### R.A.N.C. v. COOKS AND STEWARDS

Carrying on the old tradition, we played the Cooks and Stewards during Bush Week in our last match before long leave. The Cooks and Stewards batted first and were soon bundled out for 26 runs. Gaul (3), Ferris (3), Keane (2) and McKenzie (1) did all the damage.

McKenzie and McDermott opened the innings and when McDermott was dismissed for 9 the College was only one run short of Cooks and Stewards' total. Rain had now started to fall and between showers College scored 62 for 4 wickets before play was abandoned.

McKenzie (18), Rothwell (11) and Keane (16) scored College's runs, while Plaistead did all the damage for Cooks and Stewards, taking 4/37.

### R.A.N.C. v. RECRUITS' SCHOOL

This was our first match in 1953 and was the first of two matches played against the Recruits. College batted first and it was pleasing to see Dickson (31), Doolan (26), Keane (20 not out) and Frankish (22) in

good form so soon after our return to the College. As this was a time match College declared with 7 wickets down for 132.

The Recruits then batted, but only mustered 66 runs. They were unlucky in that they found Rothwell in brilliant form with the ball and he took 6/20, a very creditable performance. Laton (20) and Frankish (10) were the only batsmen to reach double figures for the Recruits.

### COLLEGE v. O.C.S., PORTSEA

This proved to be one of the best and most exciting matches of the season and was played on the R.A.N.C. oval. Portsea won the toss and decided to bat and right from the start it was evident that this would develop into a very keen battle. Portsea opened quite well and Russell (23) and Walker (21) pushed the score along until 58. A devastating bowling spell by Rothwell, in which he took 4 quick wickets, changed the score from 2/53 to 6/73. However, then Trevarthen (36 not out) and Carter (21) settled down and added 43 for the 7th wicket, thus stopping the rout. With the loss of two more quick wickets, Carter declared the innings closed with 9 wickets down and 127 runs on the board. Rothwell had again been our most successful bowler, taking 5/39.

He and Keane opened our innings, both scoring 15. Runs came slowly and with 6/58 and only 37 minutes of play left, McDermott joined Dickson, who was then 24. These two players accepted the challenge and went after runs. Dickson's wicket fell when he was 41 and the score 85. Doolan then joined McDermott and the score increased rapidly until McDermott's wicket fell with the score at 105 after he had made a very valuable 29. Clinch then joined Doolan and this pair, in a similar manner to the way Doolan and McDermott had, ran brilliantly between wickets and managed to compile the needed runs with 3 minutes to spare. With the score at 130 Herford had Doolan caught for 11 and Clinch remained 12 not out, thus giving us a 3 run victory. Herford had bowled excellently for O.C.S., taking 7 wickets for 36 runs. Consequently, a very enjoyable match had ended with College winning very narrowly.

### COLLEGE v. SCHOOL OF MUSIC

In this match we suffered our first defeat, being defeated by 14 runs. R.A.N.C. took the field and dismissed the Music School for 116. Commissioned Bandmaster Hooker and Ward each scored 36 and were the only batsmen to settle down against the accurate bowling of Doolan (3/20), Rothwell (2/36) and Ferris (3/12). College then

batted, but bad running between wickets soon paid the toll and two batsmen were lost run out. Once again, however, McDermott (35) and Doolan (22) came to the rescue and in an 8th wicket partnership of 52 took the score to 102, where it remained. Hooker, Noonan and Ward each captured two R.A.N.C. wickets. Consequently, the scoreboard read: School of Music, 116; R.A.N.C., 102.

### R.A.N.C. v. HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR'S XI

We were highly honoured indeed to have a visit from His Excellency the Governor of Victoria, Sir Dallas Brooks, and his cricket team on February the 14th this year. It was a fine day and after His Excellency had been introduced to the College team Dickson won the toss and sent the Governor's team in to bat.

College were not successful early and an opening partnership of 58 seemed certain to pave the way for a big score. The second wicket fell at 90, but after this wickets tumbled much more quickly. Ferris caught and bowled His Excellency after the latter had made seven and the last three wickets fell without the addition of a run, the innings closing with the total at 131. Doolan and Ferris were the main wicket-takers, Doolan taking 4 for 32 off 9 overs and Ferris 4 for 9 off 5 overs.

After our opening pair, Clinch and Keane, had put on 22 runs, College were struggling all the way. Runs came slowly, but at afternoon tea the match was still open with our score at 3 for 58. But after tea we collapsed miserably and Doolan played a lone hand trying to save the game for us. His 48 out of our total of 95 was full of merit and was his best innings of the season.

So the match ended with His Excellency's XI winning by 36 runs. It had been a wonderful match from our point of view and we had all thoroughly enjoyed it. We sincerely thank His Excellency the Governor and his team for troubling to come down and make the day such a success.

### R.A.N.C. v. R.A.A.F. COLLEGE (POINT COOK)

This season Point Cook avenged the defeats inflicted upon them by trouncing us thoroughly. A feature of the match was the relatively low scoring by both teams on a perfect batsman's wicket. We batted first and were dismissed for 23, there being six ducks in our innings. Radford (5), Brown and Hatmi (2) caused our failure with some excellent bowling.

Point Cook were then dismissed for 59 and with the exception of Monkley (22) and Lyons (16) their team collapsed completely, registering five ducks. Gaul bowled extremely well for his three overs and had 2/3 before he hurt his ankle. Dickson (5/11) and Ferris (2/10) both bowled extremely well as their figures indicate.

Chasing the 36 run lead established by Point Cook, the College managed to score 64 and, with the exception of Doolan (18) and Frankish (17), the team did little better than in the first innings. Ramsay (5/10) and Hatmi (3/42) did the damage in the second innings.

Needing only 31 runs to win, Point Cook soon scored them with the loss of three wickets. Ferris getting three for four runs. Thus we had suffered our third defeat by seven wickets.

### R.A.N.C. v. RECRUIT SCHOOL

The result of this match proved much closer than that of the previous encounter.

The College batted and were unlucky to lose Keane before he had scored, but a good innings from Doolan (34) with several other fighting innings brought the total to seven for 104 when our batting time expired. Thiele was the successful bowler with three wickets for 24.

The Recruits' reply of 97 was alarmingly close to our total. Earls, Dyer and Hinds batted well for their 30, 29 and 18 respectively. The bowling honours were shared between Dickson, four wickets for six, including a hat trick, Keane, three wickets for 31, and Doolan, one for thirteen. As before, this match was particularly enjoyable and once again there was an exciting finish.

### R.A.N.C. v. OFFICERS & MASTERS

As in the practice match, officers and staff again managed to record a narrow victory over us. Batting first, they scored 86, Commodore Morrow (17), Commander Marks (10), Mr. Armstrong (17) and Mr. Gleeson (15) being their main run-getters. Gaul again bowled extremely well and took 4/23, and was ably assisted by Rothwell (2/17) and Dickson (2/9). The highlight of the match was McDermott's brilliant one-handed catch behind to dismiss the Commodore.

Wickets fell rapidly in the College's innings, until Dickson (27) and McDermott (18) became associated in a sixth wicket stand of 36. However, once again, running between wickets cost the College several valuable wickets and we were out for 80, six runs short of the Officers and Masters' total. Mr. Hughes (5/20) and Mr. Armstrong (2/13) were the successful bowlers for the Officers and Masters.

After the match the Commodore very generously invited us to Wardroom North, where he treated us to soft drinks which were appreciated by all.

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

This, being a return match, was played at the College and we really saw College's batsmen and bowlers on top. College batted first and Dickson declared with the score 6 for 193—Keane, 56; McDermott, 37; Dickson, 32; Ferris, 27; and Rothwell, 21. All were on top of the bowling and were hitting every loose ball very hard, and the score soon mounted.

Brighton Grammar were then dismissed for 24, Keane taking 5 for 6, Gaul 3 for 10 and Rothwell 2 for 1. McDermott, R.A.N.C.'s keeper, had to leave the field during this innings with a badly bruised foot and Wakeman ably deputised for him. The College were just beaten by time from bundling Brighton out in the second innings and had them 9 down for 67. When play adjourned Rothwell and Dickson had each taken three wickets in this innings.

This was easily our biggest win during the season.

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

As on our previous encounter, the College again proved Navy Office's vanquishers. On winning the toss College batted on a good pitch and managed to compile 156. Rothwell and Keane opened and runs came slowly due to the accurate swing bowling of Captain Morrison, who was soon rewarded with Keane's wicket. The score then moved on steadily until lunch, when College were 3 for 83, with Rothwell and Dickson batting.

Commander Marks then entertained the visitors and the College team to refreshments at Wardroom North before retiring to the College Mess Room, where a delightful buffet meal was enjoyed by all.

After lunch Captain Morrison was rewarded with Rothwell's wicket after he had scored a delightful 61. Commander Stevenson speedily dismissed several College batsmen and only stubborn resistance by Clinch (24 not out) and Youl (11) saved the College from disaster. Lieutenant Bennett then dismissed our remaining two batsmen cheaply and we were all out for 156.

Afternoon tea was then served.

Lieutenant-Commander Hammer and Lieutenant Bennett then opened the innings for Navy Office, but Keane soon had Lt. Bennett's wicket with the total at 5. Commander Stevenson then joined Lt.-Com-

Hammer and together they added 31 runs before Cdr. Stevenson was run out for 16. Doolan then dismissed Lt.-Comm. Hammer for 15 and Capt. Morrison joined Cdr. Dovers and some delightful batting before Ferris dismissed Capt. Morrison for 3. Capt. Hutchinson was the next batsman and with Cdr. Dovers treated everybody to some excellent cricket before being caught off Ferris for 31. Rothwell a little later had Cdr. Dovers caught for 21 and with Ferris quickly dismissed Navy Office's tail. Rothwell and Ferris were mainly responsible for dismissing Navy Office for 112 runs, each finishing with three wickets. Thus finished a very enjoyable game with College emerging the victors by 44 runs.

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

On a perfect cricketing day the match against Phoenix Club commenced with the College taking the field. Gaul and Keane, after an unsuccessful opening attack, were relieved by Ferris and Doolan. Ferris, bowling well, quickly subdued the batsmen and in his fourth over bowled Holten with a beautiful yorker. Holten had made 58 and Court was 23 not out. Cosgrave then joined Court and after a few overs lunch was taken.

After lunch the attack was opened by Gaul, who this time was bowling very well, and he soon captured the wicket of Church, who was out for a sound 48. A little later Cosgrave was bowled by Dickson for 33, and Cormack by Youl for 7. From then on the innings was a procession of batsmen coming in, having a few hits and then retiring; they were Renowden, 9; Leckey, 17; Wallace, 29; Dove, 14 not out; and Ross, 10 not out. At this juncture the Phoenix Club's time had expired and after amassing a total of 253 they retired to the pavilion.

Next came the College's turn at the wicket, and the innings was opened by Rothwell and Keane, and the Phoenix Club bowled by Ponsford and Holten. After two overs, Cormack came to the crease and soon removed Rothwell for 11, and at the tea adjournment Youl was 7 not out and Keane 8 not out.

After the adjournment, Youl was well caught in slips by Ponsford off Cormack's bowling. Doolan followed and was soon in his stride, but the partnership was broken when Keane, after contributing 28 to the College's total of 3 for 60, was dismissed. Doolan and Dickson then added a quick 31 before Doolan was dismissed. Ferris followed and added 29 runs with Dickson, before Dickson was dismissed for 20. Next came McDermott, who made 11, while Ferris

added 17. Top score for the College came from Clinch, 34, who with Wakeman, 7, added 40 runs for the seventh wicket partnership. Gaul followed and made 11 retired and the last two batsmen, Stoker and Irwin, added 35—Stoker 18, Irwin 17—and helped to boost the College total to 226, only 27 short of that required.

For the Phoenix Club. Cormack, Dove and Lacey had each taken two wickets.

### BATTING AVERAGES

	Inngs.	N.O.	Runs	H.S.	Avg.
Rothwell . . . . .	14	2	194	61	16.2
Dickson . . . . .	13	0	203	41	15.6
Doolan . . . . .	13	0	199	48	15.3
Clinch . . . . .	10	2	118	34	14.8
Keane . . . . .	13	1	171	56	14.3
Ferris . . . . .	14	1	179	52*	13.8

### BOWLING AVERAGES

	Overs	Mdns.	Runs	Wkts.	Avg.
Ferris . . . . .	48	4	144	23	6.3
Dickson . . . . .	19	1	116	17	6.3
Rothwell . . . . .	55	1	312	31	10.1
Gaul . . . . .	44	6	189	16	11.8
Doolan . . . . .	40	3	220	18	12.2
Keane . . . . .	50	3	218	15	14.5

### SENIOR INTERPART CRICKET

The Senior Interpart cricket competition finished with Maintop and Forecastle sharing the honours. Forecastle had led until the final match, when these two teams opposed each other. However, Maintop managed to continue its run of first innings wins to draw level and remain the only unbeaten team. Both Quarterdeck and Foretop put up keen performances and matches were always in doubt until the final ball was bowled.

## Junior Cricket

Quarterdeck was without doubt the superior watch. In winning their three matches outright Quarterdeck scored the maximum number of nine points.

Throughout the course of the season several unusual incidents were witnessed. Firstly, there were three hat-tricks taken, a high number for any season. Thomason's bowling effort in the Maintop v. Forecastle match was one worthy of record. Forecastle, in a hopeless position, resorted to desperate measures and gave this previously unknown bowler the ball. He astounded everyone by taking 6 wickets for 6 and thus gave Forecastle the winning break.

During the 1st Year v. 2nd Year match Egan scored 78, which was easily the highest score of the season. A grand effort.

On the whole the juniors enjoyed a very good season's cricket. The weather treated us well and the seniors showed an unusual interest.

### JUNIOR XI v. BRIGHTON GRAMMAR

The opening match of the season was played at Brighton Grammar. The College made a very poor show in their first innings with Frankish the only one to make any stand.

Brighton followed up their good start by finishing up with a first innings lead of 60 runs. The match was completed on a light note with the College having a fine hit.

Brighton treated us to a delightful afternoon tea which concluded a very enjoyable afternoon's cricket.

### JUNIOR XI v. BRIGHTON GRAMMAR

On Saturday, the 25th of February, Brighton Grammar visited the College for the first time in the 1952-53 season.

The College won the toss and sent Brighton in to bat. The attack did not have much bite and at lunch time with the score at 2 wickets for 91 the College appeared to be in a bad position; however, after lunch wickets fell quickly and Brighton were finally dismissed for 129.

At 2.15 Hole and MacGowan opened the College innings. MacGowan was quickly dismissed for 1 and Ross joined Hole. Together they brightened our prospects considerably with a partnership of 65. The College was eventually dismissed for 124, thus losing by the narrow margin of 5 runs.

The day was thoroughly enjoyed by all and Brighton fully deserved their win.

### JUNIOR XI v. SCOTCH COLLEGE

On Saturday, the 21st of March, an under 13 Scotch College team visited us for the last match of the season. Due to a continuous drizzle until about 2 p.m., the match was totally abandoned. During the afternoon Scotch enjoyed a swim in the indoor pool and gave us a few tips on gymnasium.

After afternoon tea they left amid much discussion on what the result would have been had the weather been favourable.



### FIRST XV

Left to right—

Standing: Gulliver, Rothwell, Holthouse, Cant, Taylor, Ferris, Playford, Keane, Ward.

Seated: McKay, Holmes, Foster, Doolan (c.), Lt. P. W. Coombs, McDermott, Wakeman, Bowman, Stoker.



### FIRST XV NOTES

#### RESULTS:

v. Midshipmen of Fleet . . . . .	Drew 6-6
v. Portsea O.T.S. . . . .	Lost 12-8
v. Balcombe A.A.S. . . . .	Lost 33-3
v. Balcombe A.A.S. . . . .	Lost 14-9
v. Kiwis 2nd XV . . . . .	Won 14-0
v. R.A.A.F. Frognell . . . . .	Won 18-9
v. R.A.A.F. College . . . . .	Lost 26-3
v. Portsea O.T.S. . . . .	Lost 14-12
v. Navy 2nd XV . . . . .	Lost 23-0
v. R.A.A.F. Frognell . . . . .	Lost 27-0
v. R.A.A.F. College . . . . .	Lost 29-11
v. Wardroom, F.N.D. . . . .	Won 11-3
v. R.M.C. Duntroon . . . . .	Lost 29-11
v. Balcombe A.A.S. . . . .	Lost 32-11
v. Geelong Grammar School . . . . .	Won 33-0
v. Portsea O.T.S. . . . .	Won 9-0
v. R.N.A. H.M.A.S. "Albatross," N.S.W. . . . .	Lost 20-14
v. Christian Bros., Waverley, N.S.W. . . . .	Lost 38-3

- v. N.S. Recruits, H.M.A.S. "Pen-  
guin," Sydney . . . . . Lost 14-6  
v. Petersham Junior R.U., Syd-  
ney . . . . . Won 12-0

The season was commenced with six of the 1952 team and we were hopeful of a good season, provided we could find the necessary backs to support Doolan who was appointed captain.

The first four matches were practically practice matches to sort out the remainder of the team as there were no obvious new stars. Ferris had grown too big for scrum half and a new player, McKay, filled the position admirably throughout the season, continually sending out accurate passes and showing football brains. He gives promise of developing into a good player if he puts on weight in the next year or two.

Lacking backs, Ward of Second Year was persevered with as Five Eighth. He had a hard season, taking a tremendous number of knocks, but showed promise of developing into a good player next year.

Stoker and Playford played steadily, whilst Holmes in his first season of Rugby improved with each game and it was a pleasure to see him head flat out for the corner flag towards the end of the season. Collectively the backs were only an average lot, who had the misfortune to oppose heavier players in every match.

In the forwards, McDermott, Keane and Ferris formed a tremendous back row and seemed to be everywhere. The former led the forwards with great determination and if fault can be found it is that he tactically misdirected them on a few occasions.

Foster, the hooker, was never outhooked, no matter whether we were outweighed in the scrum or not, and showed by far the most mature outlook on the game. The remainder of the forwards developed, with the four mentioned above, into a really good pack who were never beaten. If fault can be found it is that they were a little loose in the line outs and slack in defence.

Perhaps the best match of the year was against Duntroon. We lost 29-11, but as a display of football it was outstanding. The backs tackled hard and the forwards attacked constantly. It was only in the last 15 minutes that we went down. The gem of the match was when Keane broke away and ran 75 yards to score, with the Army in full pursuit.

The season ended with a very enjoyable trip to Sydney, where we played four matches in five days. Throughout the season Commander Marks could be seen running up the sideline at full speed, stick in the air, and if his enthusiasm could have been transferred into tries we must surely have won every match.

P. W. Coombs.

## JUNIOR RUGBY

The standard of play reached by the Junior XV this year was of a very high nature. Although losing two games, drawing one and winning one, the team was forced to play much heavier sides in order to obtain

matches so that the results are not indicative of the quality of the Junior team. However, it will not be long before several of these juniors will have a permanent place in the First XV.

This team played as a unit and at all times played cohesive, vigorous football.

## SENIOR INTERPART RUGBY

The invincible Quarterdeck Seniors again proved unbeatable in the Senior Interpart Rugby. This again proved a very close competition and the remaining three watches finished equal, each winning a match. Quarterdeck, with six First XV players in their team and several reserves, proved far too strong. However, the other three watches tried hard all the time and in many cases were unlucky not to do better.

## JUNIOR INTERPART RUGBY

This year's junior rugby competition was very closely contested, Forecastle eventually running out winners. Quarterdeck, who were favoured to come first, were runners-up with Maintop third.

Forecastle forwards were very, very strong and they were their main asset. A light but nippy backline put to good use most of the opportunities which they were given.

It speaks well for junior football that one of our number, Ward, made the First XV and kept his position regularly. With this in mind, the juniors are confident that the First XV will be something to reckon with in the near future.



FIRST XVIII

Left to right—Standing: Frankish, Brennan, Austin, Egan, Dorward, Dadswell, Good, Dickson, Pell, Greve, Hanson, Youl, Irwin.  
Seated: Ross, Ferrier, Willcox, Gaul, Cooper (c.), R. R. Clark, Esq., Furlong, Longden, Dove, Shotton, Hole.  
Front: MacGowan.





# AUSTRALIAN RULES

The 1953 season found us with only five senior players from the previous year remaining as the nucleus of a new side. The result was that the team work gradually built up during 1952 was altogether missing in the early matches of this season and the team suffered several resounding defeats in the early stages. However, the players of the First XVIII list trained earnestly and showed a magnificent will both to learn and to win and this attitude was repaid with several equally spectacular victories in the last few games. It has seldom been my pleasure to handle a more enthusiastic, determined and willing bunch of footballers and, given those qualities, together with brilliant and inspiring leadership from the captain and vice-captain, the task of moulding a combination that was really good before the season ended was a particularly easy and pleasant one. Throughout the season the back-lines functioned smoothly and efficiently and never faltered in the face of some terrific hammerings. Key figures in these fine defensive lines were the brilliant and virile Greve, the ever-dependable Youl, the fierce and rugged Ferric and these players were admirably supported by Dove, a consistent full-back. In the course of the year the centre line was considerably changed but rarely failed to at least break even and was at times a dominating factor. Furlong and Hanson each gave good service at the pivot in a number of games, Hanson taking over when Furlong suddenly, and without reason, lost confidence in his ability to hold down the position and was switched to roving. Prior to this, it should be mentioned, Furlong had given the team enormous drive from the centre—however, Hanson proved a very capable centreman in his turn, so we lost nothing by the switch and, in fact, gained as a result of Furlong's dynamic roving and forward work. The best of the wingmen over the season were probably Hanson, prior to his transfer to the key spot, Irwin (always reliable and effective), and MacGowan, a game little player who did well here when switched from roving to make way for Furlong. Ross was our best forward over the year, giving splendid service either at the spearhead or at centre half forward.

Dorward, at centre half forward, was patchy and gave us his most consistently good football when shifted to the ruck and forward pocket, in which positions he excelled. Egan, used mainly in the following division, became full forward late in the year and solved the final forward problem by giving us a reliable spearhead to the attack as well as a good centre half forward. Late in the season, then, with Ross' brilliant marking and smart ground play giving us a real grip at centre half forward, Egan an effective goal-getter, and good supporting forward work from relief followers, Good and Dorward, and rovers, Cooper and Furlong, and with Brennan running into good form on a flank, the forward lines became really strong—the chief reason for the team's late season brilliance. The rucks did not function at all well for a great part of the season, it being too often left to the lion-hearted and selfless Good to fight a lone battle in the packs. Chiefly the fault of his fellow-followers lay not in lack of willingness to help but, bluntly, in lack of ability and in extreme slowness, both of foot and mind. Later, we concentrated on football ability and pace as against size and weight and the use of players like Shotter (our most valuable utility player), Dorward and Willcox, whose fierce determination to succeed atoned for his lack of finesse, gave an added vitality to the packs and afforded a great measure of relief to the over-worked Good. The roving, in the hands of Cooper, MacGowan and Furlong, was always thoughtful, courageous and penetrating and we owe much to these players for their efforts. In the course of these remarks there are references to a number of players, but no commentary on the team's efforts would be complete without mentioning the valuable assistance given to these regulars by the other members of the list. First player outside those above who deserves a word of praise is probably Longden. Still a junior, he was selected in every match for which he was available and, on either a half-back or half-forward flank gave us consistently useful service. Never brilliant, he was always reliable and has an excellent future. Others to give valuable help over the year were Dickson, Pell, Dadswell, Frankish, Hole, Gaul, Austin, Thompson, Boucher, Bryse, Wilson, Littleton and Denton. The junior XVIII played four matches for three wins and one defeat and must be highly commended for its efforts. Ten juniors were members of the 1st XVIII training list, a fact which augurs well for the future, particularly as most of these youngsters achieved regular selection. Of the juniors the best over the year seem to have been Foster, Austin, Taylor, Wilson, Littleton, Bryse, Bartlett and Topp. The

chief goal-kickers were Bartlett (full-forward) and Taylor (rover and pocket).

On umpires' votes R. Greve was selected as "Best and Fairest" player in the First XVIII, winning by one point from G. Furlong (18) and O. Cooper (16½). The most consistent player was the captain, O. Cooper; the most unselfish, N. Good; the most determined, J. Ferrier; the leading goal-kicker, J. Ross (19), a veteran of 20 First XVIII games who yet qualifies as my selection for the title of best junior—we are going to see some good football from this player before he finally leaves the College.

Summing up the team's performance, it must first be pointed out that half of the games played were won, four others being lost by one goal or less—in a season of fourteen matches, that in itself is a satisfactory record. However, the real reason for remembering this side with pride and affection goes deeper than matches won and goals missed. I have never coached a more earnest team of triers, nor have I ever seen a team improve so much in the course of a season (by the players' own efforts). Further to that, they enjoyed their football and those of us who were lucky enough to be connected with them could not help but admire their courage, determination, their joyous exuberance and dash and, as the season drew to a close, their very real team spirit, skill and confidence. 1953 for Australian Football has been a successful and, far more important, a very happy year.

R. R. Clark.

#### FIRST XVIII RESULTS:

- R.A.N.C., 12.9 (81), defeated Ship's Company, 8.11 (59).  
 R.A.N.C., 6.9 (45), defeated "The Rest," 5.1 (31).  
 R.A.N.C., 0.4 (4), lost to Balcombe Army Apprentices, 10.18 (78).  
 R.A.N.C., 6.9 (45), lost to St. Bede's (Mentone), 12.13 (85).  
 R.A.N.C., 7.8 (50), lost to Brighton Grammar (1st), 6.20 (56).  
 R.A.N.C., 3.7 (25), lost to Frankston H.S., 4.4 (28).  
 R.A.N.C., 10.7 (67), defeated Ship's Company, 5.6 (36).  
 R.A.N.C., 1.2 (8), lost to Melbourne H.S. (1st), 20.18 (138).  
 R.A.N.C., 9.7 (61), defeated Ballarat Grammar, 5.4 (34).  
 R.A.N.C., 1.6 (12) lost to Ballarat College, 10.18 (78).  
 R.A.N.C., 4.8 (32), lost to St. Bede's, 5.8 (38).  
 R.A.N.C., 6.13 (49), lost to Recruits' School, 6.16 (52).  
 R.A.N.C., 18.22 (130), defeated Brighton Grammar (2nds), 2.10 (22).

R.A.N.C., 8.2 (50), defeated Frankston H.S., 7.3 (45).

#### SECOND XVIII RESULTS:

- R.A.N.C., 2.3 (15), lost to St. Bede's (Under 15), 17.16 (118).  
 R.A.N.C., 19.25 (139), defeated Brighton G.S. (Under 14), 5.0 (30).  
 R.A.N.C., 5.8 (38), defeated St. Bede's (Under 14), 2.8 (20).  
 R.A.N.C., 12.9 (81), defeated Brighton G.S. (Under 15), 9.4 (58).

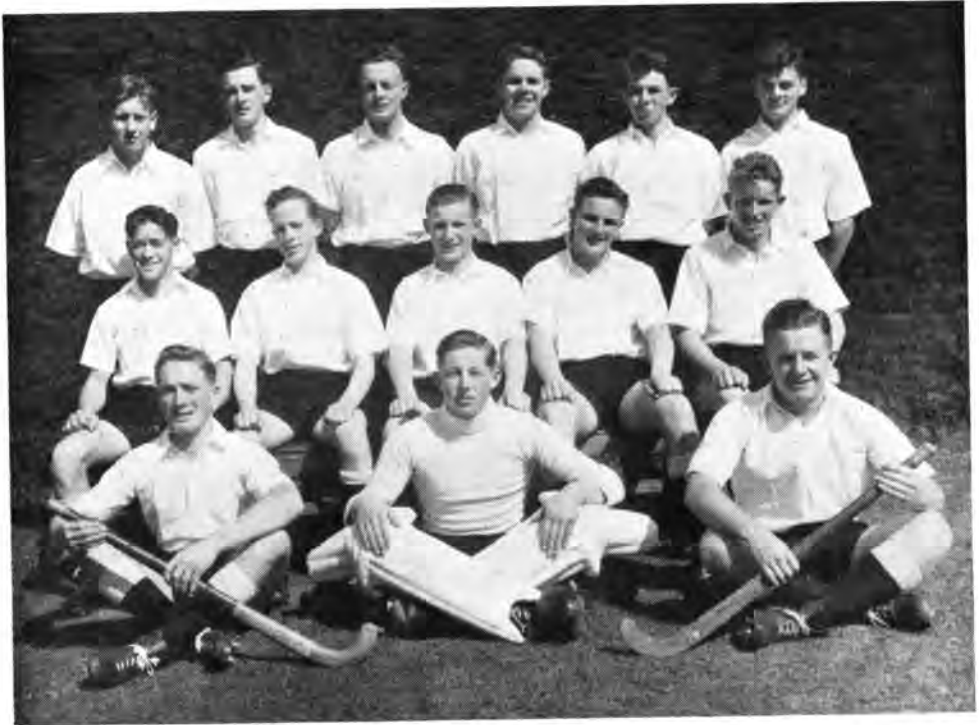
Quarterdeck again showed their superiority in winter sports when they defeated Maintop by 2 points to clinch the Australian Rules and Soccer competition and thus add another dinner to their many. Both the soccer and the Rules had been keenly fought, with Forecastle and Maintop being runners-up respectively. It was pleasing to note the improvement in the standard of both sports this year. And if the improvement noted this season continues it should not be long before the College can field really first class teams in these sports.



This season, despite a rather bad start, proved a successful one for the College Hockey Team. Of eleven matches played during the season, six were won, one drawn, and four lost. After losing the first three matches, the College team settled down well and played good hockey for the rest of the season. The team was handicapped again this year due to the absence of five of the First XI playing Rugby when the matches coincided. They were able to play in four of the matches. The high standard of College hockey was shown in the matches against Y.M.C.A. and M.H.S.O.B. The former was won 9—3 and the latter was lost 2—4. Although they beat us, the Melbourne High players compared the College standard favourably with that outside.

Rothwell and Stephens were awarded their hockey colours and we extend our congratulations to them both.

In conclusion, we wish next year's team the best of luck for a successful season.



#### FIRST XI (HOCKEY)

Left to right—

Rear: McDermott, Ferris, Roberts, Gaul, Doolan, Yates.  
 Centre: Steele, Stephens, Clinch (c.), Rothwell, Frankish.  
 Front: Murray, Cooper, Langford.

#### R.A.N.C. v. O.C.S., PORTSEA

The first match of the season was played against O.C.S., Portsea, at home on a fairly good and fast ground. Winning the first bully, College swept up the field but found O.C.S. defence too strong. An unsettled tussle between halves and forwards continued for several minutes until the Portsea forwards, catching our backs out of position, came through and opened their score. Five minutes later the ball was again in our circle—the Portsea left inner flicking a goal. The game became almost completely defensive for College, the O.C.S. forwards making several rushes. A weak clearance was snapped up by the Army forwards and another goal resulted after some excellent cross-passing. After this goal our forwards were soon on the attack, but they were unable to culminate any movements with a goal. Immediately before half time a rush down their right wing brought up Army's fourth goal.

In the second half our play improved considerably, the team playing much better as a team. The halves and inside forwards were playing much better hockey. But

Army, after about twenty minutes, came through quickly and scored. Another goal resulted from clever play on their right wing. The final score was **6 goals to nil**. The College team was obviously inexperienced, but after some further matches should improve greatly.

#### R.A.N.C. v. OLD SCOTCH COLLEGIANS

On the 7th June we played our annual match against Old Scotch. This year the hockey team was handicapped, having several players out playing Rugby. However, right from the start it was obvious that the College team was playing much better than in the previous match. On the attack for most of the first half, the College forwards played well and were well supported by the halves. Murray scored the only goal with a sharp shot from a centre from the right wing. The positional play and marking was much better and the play was fast on both sides. At half time the score was 1 goal to nil in our favour.

After the interval Scotch brought on an

almost completely new team, amongst whom was Commander Cook. We were glad to see him back again, but it would have been better for us if he had just watched. He gave us, with the other forwards, a great exhibition of stickwork from which came their first goal. However, our backs held together well and our forwards were still very dangerous. They forced a penalty corner, but the Scotch forwards broke through and came up the field together. After a skirmish in our circle Scotch scored their second and final goal.

The final score was: **Old Scotch, 2; R.A.N.C., 1.**

### R.A.N.C. v. PORTSEA O.C.S.

The return match against O.C.S. was played at Portsea on Sunday, 14th June. The ground we played on was a full size rugby field which was thus oversized for a hockey field. Portsea seemed used to playing a much more spread out game than us. Our forwards found it difficult, not being able to use a short passing attack. However, the wingers did well following up the many openings made by the halves. Irwin did very well on the left wing until a nasty crack on the leg seemed to make him lose concentration. The Portsea forwards made several dashes, but the long passes enabled College halves and backs to cut in and clear. However, two of their insides broke through, beating the backs and the goalie to score their first goal from a well directed flick. Immediately afterwards they forced a short corner from which they scored again. At half time the score was 2 goals to nil.

After half time the College played better hockey. More openings were made and it was only the good play of their backs which stopped us scoring several times.

There was no further score in this game and O.C.S., Portsea, ran out winners **two goals to nil.** This was a big improvement on the first game of the season.

### R.A.N.C. v. Y.M.C.A.

On Sunday, 28th June, Y.M.C.A. brought down their B grade team from Melbourne. The weather was rather dull, but the rain held off until the final stages of the game. This Sunday was the first time that all the First XI were available. With five different players in this match the team played much better hockey. However, the team took some time to settle down, costing us two goals. Y.M.C.A.'s first goal was scored by the right wing from a hard centre across field. This goal, scored very early in the first half, gave us the impression that we were in for a very hard match. Later, however, this proved to be wrong. Y.M.C.A. scored again shortly

afterwards, making the score 2 goals to nil. College came through and scored, but Y.M.C.A. immediately retaliated with their third goal. This proved to be their last goal. Clinch and Rothwell were working together and, in spite of some lack of understanding between the defence players and a rather sparing use of the wings, College were leading 5 goals to 3 at half time.

In the second half College had the upper hand and were in Y.M.C.A.'s half for most of the half. Several attacks down their wing were stopped before they could enter our circle. During the half we were able to add a further four goals. The final score was **R.A.N.C. 9 to Y.M.C.A. 3.** College scorers were Ferris (4 goals), Rothwell (3) and Clinch (2). This was the first win of the season, but it could be seen that this team will do well later in the season.

### R.A.N.C. v. DEPOT OFFICERS

On Wednesday, the 8th July, the College First XI played the Wardroom Officers in the Depot. The College, winning the toss, played downhill for the first half, immediately showing superiority on the field. The weather was overcast, several showers occurring during the match. Ferris scored the first goal from an angle on the right wing. Soon after College forced a penalty corner from which another goal resulted. The play was swinging from wing to wing and, from a scrimmage in the circle, Rothwell flicked our third goal. The Officers started to combine much better now and several attacks were made down each wing. These were beaten back, but only after the Officers had got into our circle several times. From one of these attacks the Officers scored their first goal. This was just before half time, when the score was four goals to one.

In the second half the Officers played better than in the first half. College seemed to be rather flustered and were not playing well together. Most of the Depot attacks were stopped outside our circle, but some got through, from which they scored their second and third goals. For several minutes after this there were tussles between the Depot forwards and the College halves and backs. Just before the final whistle the College forwards broke through and Ferris scored from the centre of the circle. The final score was **5 goals to 3.** College scorers were Rothwell and Ferris (two each) and Clinch (one).

### R.A.N.C. v. R.A.A.F. FROGNELL

On Saturday, 11th July, a College XI travelled to Melbourne to play against Froggnell. The game was played at Elsternwick

Park on a good, hard and fast ground. The weather was very good. College began well by winning the first bully and immediately sweeping up field. However, attack after attack fell down in front of goal, shots missing the goal narrowly several times. From one clearance by the Frognell right back their captain, the centre forward made a brilliant solo run up the centre of the field, bouncing the ball on his stick. However, he was stopped just outside our twenty-five yard line. The College team again came into the attack, but there were several missed chances in the circle. College forced a penalty corner from which we scored our first goal. College were playing all over Frognell, apart from occasional Frognell attacks which were breaen off. At half time the score was still one goal to nil.

The second half produced some better hockey, Frognell sometimes getting past our halves and backs. At times, however, their forwards crowded each other and this spoilt all their chances of scoring. From a scrimmage in Frognell circle, Clinch scored our second goal. The third and final goal came soon afterwards from a penalty corner. The difference between the two teams is not clearly shown by the score, Frognell being on the defence for most of the match. The final score was 3 goals to nil.

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

The College hockey team played a team from the Royal Australian Air Force College at Point Cook on Saturday, 18th July. This match showed a much improved College team who combined well both in attack and defence. It was not long before Navy scored their first goal. It came from a centre from the left wing and was scored eventually by the left winger, Murray. Immediately after the bully-off Navy forced a penalty corner from which they again scored. The play was mostly on the wings, but the R.A.A.F. College inside forwards combined well when they got the ball. However, each time they broke through the College defence rallied and cleared the ball to the wings. Several times Stephens backed up very well when the backs were beaten. From one forward rush Point Cook scored their only goal. It came from the very edge of the circle. At half time the score was still two goals to one.

In the second half, College used their wings even more, especially in turning defence into attack. Right-winger Frankish had many runs down his wing. From one of his centres came College's third goal. College were now mainly on the attack, but were not combining as well as earlier. Centre forward Yates, however, broke away by himself almost from the half way mark to

score College's fourth and final goal. With no further score the final whistle went, giving College its fourth win of the season.

#### R.A.N.C. v. M.H.S.O.B.

Sunday, 12th July, proved to be a great picnic day for the Melbourne High School Old Boys' Hockey Club. They hired two buses and brought down a party of sixty players and friends. There were two hockey matches during the afternoon, the first being between the College First XI and a M.H.S.O.B. team, and the second being between two teams made up of the remaining Melbourne players and some College reserves.

The weather was perfect, but the ground was rather soft when the College match began at two. The opposing team was made up of three A grade players, three B grade players, three C grade players and two under 16 players. At the beginning of the match M.H.S.O.B. played well together, forcing us on the defensive. College found their feet and came into the attack, missing the goal narrowly several times. More than once College shots hit the goal posts. The game was swinging from end to end, Foster saving several good shots. However, M.H.S.O.B. managed to score one goal which was quickly followed by a second one. For a time High were playing all over us, their halves backing up their forwards well. They scored yet another goal and at half time the score was three goals to nil.

Immediately the second half began an attack formed on their left wing, from which their left winger scored. However, from now on it was mainly College in the attack. From one attack we scored our first goal and from another a penalty bully was forced which Rothwell converted. The final score was four goals to two in Melbourne's favour.

#### R.A.N.C. v. TOORAK LADIES' COLLEGE

On Sunday, 19th July, Toorak Ladies' College brought down a hockey team to play the College First XI. The weather was atrocious and it was only the keenness of the girls that enabled the game to be played. Despite continuous heavy rain and a very soft ground, the game was played and was enjoyed by all.

At the start of the match—when the ground was reasonably dry—Toorak showed us some superior stickwork and scored a very quick goal. However, when the ground began to get muddier the College's long hitting game came on top. College scored two quick goals, one by Clinch and one by Yates. Toorak came back and scored two

more goals to make the halftime score three goals to two in Toorak's favour. Immediately after half time College equalised through McDermott, having a spell on the right wing. Soon afterwards McDermott was "removed" from the field after some doubtful play. Dickson come on to replace him. The second half produced little good play and was mainly taken up by some very biased umpiring by Ferris and Keane. Even against this College managed to score two more goals—by Gaul and Clinch—before an early full time whistle brought the game to a close. We extend our heartiest thanks to the Toorak Ladies for giving us a game in such unfavourable weather. The final score was five goals to three.

## INTERPART HOCKEY

### Senior

The Senior Interwatch Hockey was won by Quarterdeck, followed by Maintop, Forecastle and Foretop, in that order. Although Quarterdeck won all their matches, they had hard matches against both Forecastle and Maintop. Foretop were unlucky not to have any First XI players in their watch, but

they put up good fights against much better teams. Apart from the high standard of play in Senior Interwatch matches, it was seen that the standard in the junior years, especially Jervis Year, was much improved on last year.

### Junior

The junior hockey competition this year was also very closely fought, with Forecastle being the eventual winners.

They had a very good team and were best served by Ross and Jones. Quarterdeck were not very far behind Forecastle and thoroughly deserved their position.

The match between these two watches was extremely hard fought, Forecastle winning by one goal. Maintop were unlucky not to do better. They proved themselves a fighting side although lacking system.

Foretop may justly claim that in Roberts they possessed a very good goalie. He saved many a certain score.

Hockey proved very popular amongst the juniors this year and it is evident that the general standard of hockey is improving in the college.



The finals of the College Tennis Championships were played as usual late in first term under ideal tennis conditions. The afternoon's programme consisted of the finals in both the senior and junior singles and doubles.

The afternoon started with the senior singles final on No. 3 court and the junior doubles final on No. 4 court. In the singles final we saw Dickson win his third consecutive open championship when he defeated Rothwell in straight sets (6-4, 6-3). Both players seemed nervous but were able to produce some quite good tennis, but Dickson, as in previous years, proved too good for his opposition.

However, the junior doubles final went to three sets and proved to be a battle right to the finish with Pullar and Jones eventually the winners (6-4, 1-6, 7-5). They took the first set from Bartlett and Taylor (6-2), but the latter were not going down without a fight and the second set produced some

excellent tennis with them winning (6-1). Although Pullar and Jones won the final set (7-5), Bartlett and Taylor fought till the bitter end and should do better in the future.

These two matches were followed by the senior doubles final on No. 4 court and the junior singles on No. 3. In the doubles final Dickson and Rothwell teamed and went on to defeat Doolan and McDermott in straight sets (6-4, 6-2). This match was patchy with some excellent tennis on occasions. Both pairs seemed very nervous and except for the final four games, which went with service, they played nothing like their best tennis.

Although it proved a straight set victory for the 1952 champion, Ross, the junior singles proved to be the most entertaining match of the afternoon and produced perhaps the best standard of tennis. Ross defeated a newcomer in White (6-3, 6-3). However, both finalists played exceptionally good tennis and showed they had very good ground strokes. Ross's crisper volleying gave him the match as he was quicker to follow his forcing strokes into the net and put White's returns away for winners. The standard of play in the junior championships was very encouraging and a good standard of tennis should be maintained in the College in years to come.

With the conclusion of these events Mrs. Marks very kindly presented the trophies. After the presentation afternoon tea was served on the College lawns, thus bringing to a conclusion a delightful afternoon's tennis.

Rothwell, because of his fine performances in both the senior singles and doubles championships, was awarded the only colours for tennis this year.

### AMERICAN TENNIS

After a lapse of several years, American tennis between the Officers and Masters and the Cadets was restored, and on the last Wednesday afternoon of First Term a match was played with Officers and Masters winning nine out of fifteen sets. Each team consisted of five pairs who each played three one-set matches. Two pairs remained undefeated, Lt.-Cdr. Cartwright and Mr. Berry for the Officers and Masters, while Doolan and McDermott displayed much better form than they had in the championships to remain undefeated for the Cadets. A grand afternoon was had by all and it proved a fitting finish to First Term sport.

#### R.A.N.C. v. R.A.A.F.C. (POINT COOK)

Point Cook visited the College and in conjunction with a cricket match a tennis match was played. Four doubles and singles matches were played. However, with the majority of our tennis players engaged at cricket we were thoroughly beaten, winning only one singles match with Dorward the victor.

#### R.A.N.C. v. R.A.A.F.C. (POINT COOK)

Due to the state of the wicket from the previous night's rain, it was impossible to play cricket.

Instead of cricket as arranged, it was decided to give as many as possible a game of tennis.

We went off to a good start when Dickson defeated Hazel, their number one player, 6-5, 6-4.

Dickson lost the first four games, but recovered well to win the set. The next set he won easily. On the other court Dorward won his match in straight sets, 6-0, 6-4.

We lost the next two matches in straight sets. Bowman lost to Clark and Denton lost to Batchelor.

The next matches went to advantage sets. Rothwell was defeated by Radford, 6-2, 4-6, 7-5; and Doolan was defeated by Radford junior, 3-6, 6-9; 9-7. These two matches were very close as can be seen from the scores.

The doubles were both in their favour. Rothwell and Denton went down to Radford Junior and Hazel in the first set. They were losing 5-1 in the second set and brought it up to 5 all, but were unlucky to lose the next game and thus the match. Dickson and Doolan played Radford and Batchelor. They never looked like winning and lost 6-2, 6-3.

The hospitality of the Point Cook cadets was most generous and an excellent lunch and afternoon tea was had by all.



This year swimming has unfortunately become a minor sport and we had no outside matches at all. This was all the more disappointing as our team was very strong and on the strength of schools in Melbourne we should have obtained excellent results.

At the beginning of the season we were in a weak position due to the approaching departure of Burnett Year and, with it, the backbone of last year's team. However, when Getting Year arrived we discovered that there were at least two who could strengthen the team considerably.

On Saturday, April 4th, the Annual Swimming Sports were held at the Indoor Pool. A good programme was expected and the spectators were certainly not disappointed. The result of the senior championship was almost a foregone conclusion and Cummins fully deserved to win. He astonished everyone with his stamina and won the 50 metres breaststroke, the 100 metres freestyle and came second in the 50 metres backstroke. In the junior championship Ross won easily and showed promise of fast times next year.

The open diving this year, although far below the standard of the Melbourne schools, was very good and Holthouse gave a very creditable display to win, with Doolan and Langford tying for second place.

The senior consolation race was an extremely exciting event. Cook Year, by skulduggery and sheer weight of numbers, overpowered the Wallers and meanwhile Cooper ploughed steadily ahead. However, Ferrier of Waller Year sneaked away to a good start underwater and was forging ahead until Cook Year spotted him and effectively dived-tombled him. Cooper, all on his own, reached the other end and won a cake for his year.

The Inter-Part-of-Ship Competition this year was very exciting with Quarterdeck winning comfortably and Foretop, to everyone's surprise, coming second.

### RESULTS

#### Open 50 Metres Backstroke—

1, Roberts; 2, Cummins; 3, Rothwell.

#### Open 50 Metres Breaststroke—

1, Cummins; 2, Bews; 3, Roberts.

#### Open 100 Metres Freestyle—

1, Cummins; 2, Bews; 3, Rothwell and Buchanan.

#### Open 400 Metres Freestyle—

1, Buchanan; 2, Dadswell; 3, Rothwell.

#### Open Diving—

1, Holthouse; 2, Langford and Doolan.

#### Junior Diving—

1, Owens; 2, Jones; 3, Lamperd.

#### Junior 50 Metres Backstroke—

1, Ross; 2, Kilmer; 3, Littleton.

#### Junior 50 Metres Breaststroke—

1, Selby; 2, Jones; 3, Lamperd.

#### Junior 66 Metres Freestyle—

1, Ross; 2, Irwin; 3, Lattin.

#### Beginners' Race—

1, Anderson; 2, Smith; 3, Renfrey.

#### Junior Consolation Race—

1, Jones.

#### Senior Consolation Race—

1, Cooper.

#### Part-of-Ship Competition—

1, AX; 2, FT; 3, MT equal FX.

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where only inches separated the leaders. Williams won the senior championship with 32 points, Holmes was runner-up with 28 points and Furlong third with 27 points. The junior championship was won by Ward, 37 points, with Irwin, 32 points, runner-up.

The obstacle races this year proved to be really tough endurance tests; however, with the exception of the ropes, the obstacles were handled extremely well by the finalists in spite of the tiring conditions.

After these came a very fine gymnastics display and demonstration of various chair tricks by a specially selected group of cadets. They were trained for the occasion by C.P.O. Fox.

The Officers v. Masters relay, the final event on the programme, was no exception in an afternoon of close finishes with Lt. Coombs passing the winning post only inches in front of Mr. Armstrong, thus giving the Officers a short head victory.

After this Mrs. Morrow very kindly presented trophies and consolation prizes to the winners, thus bringing our 1953 Athletic Championships to a close.

### RESULTS

#### Open 100 Yards—

1, Williams; 2, Holmes; 3, Ferris.  
Time: 10.9 seconds.

#### Open 120 Yards Hurdles—

1, Furlong; 2, Ferris; 3, James.  
Time: 17.5 seconds.

#### Open 220 Yards—

1, Holmes; 2, Williams; 3, Clinch.  
Time: 24.3 seconds.

#### Open 440 Yards—

1, Holmes; 2, James; 3, Williams.  
Time: 55.5 seconds.

#### Open 880 Yards—

1, Youl; 2, Leach; 3, Williams.  
Time: 2 min. 13.4 seconds.

#### Open Mile—

1, Youl; 2, Leach; 3, Williams.  
Time: 5 min. 2 seconds.

#### Open Long Jump—

1, Furlong; 2, Rothwell; 3, Keane.  
Distance: 19 feet 8½ inches.

#### Open High Jump—

1, Keane; 2, Cant; 3, Ferris.  
Height: 5 feet 2 inches.

#### Open Shot Putt—

1, Foster; 2, Cooper; 3, Gulliver.  
Distance: 32 feet 9 inches.

#### Open Discus—

1, Denton; 2, McQueen; 3, Gaul.  
Distance: 86 feet 3½ inches.

#### Open Javelin—

1, Frankish; 2, Gaul; 3, Steele.  
Distance: 129 feet 11 inches.

#### Open Hop, Step and Jump—

1, Rothwell; 2, Furlong; 3, Keane.  
Distance: 39 feet 10 inches.



Weather conditions proved perfect for our Annual Championships which were held on

Saturday, the 26th of August. Because of this, many parents and friends attended the meeting, helping to make it a delightful success.

This year it was pleasing to note a pronounced improvement in the general standard of athletics, although all existing record times and distances were left intact. This can be credited to better training methods introduced by C.P.O. Fox and P.O. Stowe.

Competition was very keen and many close finishes were recorded, especially in the finals of the open 100 yds. and 880 yds.,



**Senior Obstacle Race—**

1, Cummins; 2, Langford; 3, Foster.

**Junior 100 Yards—**1, Ward; 2, Ross; 3, Hole.  
Time: 11.6 seconds.**Junior 100 Yards Hurdles—**1, Ward; 2, Jones; 3, Ross.  
Time: 16.1 seconds.**Junior 220 Yards—**1, Ward; 2, Longden; 3, Hole.  
Time: 26.3 seconds.**Junior 880 Yards—**1, Lattin; 2, Irwin; 3, Johnson.  
Time: 2 min. 27.6 seconds.**Junior Mile—**1, Irwin; 2, Johnson; 3, Bryse.  
Time: 5 min. 9 seconds.**Junior Long Jump—**1, Longden; 2, Littleton and Irwin; 3, Jones.  
Distance: 16 feet.**Junior High Jump—**1, Austin; 2, Ward; 3, Ross.  
Height, 4 feet 8 inches.**Junior Obstacle Race—**

1, Turner; 2, MacGowan; 3, Ellis.

**Year Handicap, 100 Yards—**

Cook and Waller Years—Clinch; Flinders and Getting Years—Stoker; Jervis Year—Ross; Phillip Year—MacGowan.

**Year Handicap, 220 Yards—**

Cook and Waller Years—Dickson; Flinders and Getting Years—Shotter; Jervis Year—Taylor; Phillip Year—Nisbet.

**Junior Consolation, 880 Yards—**

Johnson.

**Senior Consolation, 880 Yards—**

Brennan.

**Bandsmen's Race—**

Musician Tull.

**Children's Race—**

Miss J. Glastonberry.

**Staff Relay, Officers v. Masters—**

Officers.

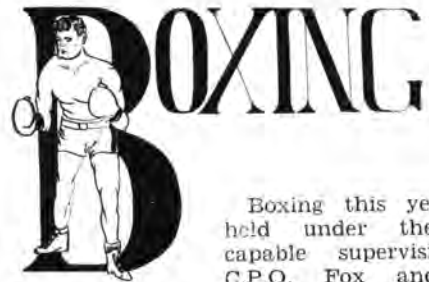
**CROSS COUNTRY**

After weeks of intermittent training, the big event was suddenly upon us. The weather turned out to be as traditionally vile as we had feared.

Starting at the cinders track in what was almost a gale, everyone set off at a great pace—no doubt due to the early enthusiasm. Before the main bunch had reached the Inner West Gate rain had set in. The field had spread out considerably by the time the leaders reached the stile leading into Boadle's paddock and it was here that a severe hailstorm hit the runners, who found the going particularly difficult against the high wind and stinging hail. The sodden fields and chafing football shorts added to the hazards. The hail ceased on the Somers road and from here on the race became for

most a matter of merely plugging on. Everyone had their second wind by this stage and did not particularly notice the distance, although it must be mentioned that all were pleased to be across the finishing line.

As had been anticipated, Leach turned out the winner, but Williams ran doggedly and, but for some bad luck, could have made the finish really close. Johnson (First Year) put up a good performance in running fourth. Williams, Leach, Ferguson, James, Irwin and Johnson received cakes for being first home in their respective year. Willcox, last in the Fourth Year, received the "Booby Prize" obviously meant for Dickson. Mrs. Morrow very kindly presented the prizes to the winners.



Boxing this year was held under the very capable supervision of C.P.O. Fox and P.O. Stow. The tournament finals were staged on Thursday, 23rd July, when most of the championships were decided.

The final results were:—

**Mosquito Weight:** M. B. Taylor.

**Fly Weight:** G. R. Lamperd.

**Feather Weight:** I. G. Bartlett.

**Midge Weight:** K. Doolan.

**Light Welter Weight:** K. Murray.

**Welter Weight:** A. G. Ferris.

**Bantam Weight:** T. W. Jones.

**Light Weight:** D. Steele.

**Light Middle Weight:** R. Greve.

**Middle Weight:** M. T. Shotter.

**Heavy Weight:** A. R. Cummins.

The Shelley Cup, awarded to the best exponent in the art of boxing, went to A. G. Ferris.

Commander W. B. M. Marks acted as referee.

The attention given by both instructors was rewarded by the high standard of all bouts, favourably commented on by the Commodore, and we are very grateful to them for their ready interest and expert assistance.

P. J. CORNELL.

## Soccer

Soccer in the College is only a minor sport; however, three matches against outside teams and one against the College Officers and Masters made it more interesting.

The first was against Balcombe, but we were well beaten. However, this proved a great help and the team played much better in its next match against Frankston High, but we were again defeated, 3—1. Later in the year this team again defeated the College team in a very keenly fought match, the score being this time 5—0.

We managed to defeat our Officers and Masters though, in a grand game which we won 5—1. This match was played in pouring rain and hail, but I think this only went to better the spirit of the game, which everyone enjoyed.

It is unfortunate that the soccer team gets so little match practice, but with the standard improving each year this should be soon remedied. With this necessary practice the College will field a much improved team which will give much sterner opposition to rival teams.

## Regatta

It was unfortunate that the day chosen for the annual regatta was dismal and drizzly. In spite of this, many of the ship's company and all the officers attended, bringing with them their wives and friends.

All events were keenly contested and Foretop repeated last year's performance by winning the Part of Ship prize again. This was due mainly to their rising very early to go down to the wharf to do extra training under the guidance of Lt. Cordell and C.P.O. Geddes. Foster won the sculling championship, finishing several lengths ahead of Wakeman, with Dodd and Shotter filling the other places.

Fittingly, the seamen beat the cooks and the stewards in the Ship's Company Challenge Cup. The Chief and Petty Officers

finished a long way ahead of the Officers and the Masters. It was suspected that the Officers had a very deterring factor under their coat. Foretop won the all-comers cutter.

Mrs. Morrow very charmingly presented the prizes to the captain of the winning watch and the all comers cutter and to the sculling champion at the conclusion of the afternoon's sport.

**Senior A Whaler:** MT, AX, FT, FX.

**Senior B Whaler:** FX, MT, FT, AX.

**Senior C Whaler:** FT, AX, FX, MT.

**Junior A Whaler:** AX, FT, MT, FX.

**Junior B Whaler:** FX, FT, AX, MT.

**Junior C Whaler:** FX, FT, MT, AX.

**All Comers Cutter:** FT, AX, MT, FX.



Only two heats have been sailed in this year's Forster Cup and at present Forecastle with 16 points is leading Maintop, 14, Foretop, 10, and Quarterdeck, 9. With one heat to be decided the cup is far from won, but at present it looks as though FX and MT will fight out the honours.

**Heat I (coxed by Burnett Year)—**

	FX	FT	MT	AX
Whaler . . . . .	6	3	2	D
Skiff . . . . .	5	1	—	3
Cutter . . . . .	—	3	2	1

Total points . . . . . 11    7    4    4

**Heat II (coxed by Waller Year)—**

	FX	FT	MT	AX
Whaler . . . . .	2	1	6	—
Skiff . . . . .	3	0	1	5
Cutter . . . . .	—	2	3	—

Total points . . . . . 5    3    10    5

## CURRY CUP 1953

The only weakness in this year's Curry Cup team was the lack of weight in our cutter's crew. However, everyone pulled with a will and we were most unfortunate in coming second to the Engineering School in the final after winning our heat.

Our team comprised the following: Gymnast, Cummins; Hurdler, Furlong; Cyclist, Keane; Sprinter (and Cox), Ferris; Boat's Crew, Foster, Ferrier, Doolan, McDermott, Playford, Wilcox, Taylor, Bambrick, Shotter, Dodd, Pickford, Stone; Cross Country Runner, Leach; 880 Yards Runner, Williams; Swimmer, Buchanan; 440 Runner, Holmes.

Our heat was won easily, a lead being established from the start when Cummins made a quick getaway from the ropes and Furlong increased the distance over the hurdles. From there on it was easy work

and with a creditable performance from the not very well trained team we romped home ahead of the Engineering School.

The second heat was easily won by the Electrical School who, like the Engineering School, were very fortunate in having a professional man to run the cross-country leg.

In the final we unfortunately got away to a bad start and after the hurdles were lying third in the field of four. An excellent display of cycle riding by Keane put us in second place, and although several oars were broken on the way to the Range wharf we were second equal with Electrical School on handing over to the cross-country runner. The positions remained the same until

the end of this phase when Electrical School led. However, Williams put up an excellent performance to pass his Electrical counterpart and thus we were second, which position we grimly clung to until the contest was over.

An unfortunate incident occurred on the last leg when Holmes, on running out of the pool, gashed his knee deeply on a concrete projection. He finished nobly and was then escorted to the hospital, where he was obliged to remain for a week.

We give our hearty congratulations to Engineering School for their win with the promise that next year will see things in a better light for the Royal Australian Naval College.

## SKIFF SAILING IN SYDNEY

In the early 20th century, a new craze struck Sydney—sailing. Little was then known of the theory of sailing, and the natural supposition was that the more sail a boat carried, the faster she went (providing the crew could keep her upright). The result of this was the ten-foot "skiff." These little boats often had a boom 15 feet in length and were nearly as wide as they were long. Eight or nine was a normal crew to carry and it was common to carry more. Their sail spread was colossal and in the course of a race up to seven different sails might be carried, including "ringtails" and a watersail. "Ringtails" were set on the end of the mainsail between the peak and clew, and were just long strips of canvas, the length of the leach, and about 2 feet wide. The watersail was slung underneath the boom, about the middle. Its name is derived from the fact that it skims across the surface of the water as the boat goes along.

As time went on the sails became smaller and fewer in number and the crews also decreased in size. The boats grew longer and narrower, until by 1935 the eighteen-footer was the most popular skiff, and the ten-footer was quickly going out of existence. However, the spread of sail was not cut down to a minimum, as ringtails are still often carried on eighteens and a spinnaker is a must for every race.

Today the ten-footer is no longer to be seen—the twelve has completely taken its place, but even the twelve is a big change from the ten-footer of the 1920's. It has sleeker lines, a smaller sail area and is really just a smaller edition of the eighteen.

These modifications greatly improved the performance of the boats. A few years ago a famous N.S.W. eighteen, "Aberdare," reached the amazing speed of 21 knots in a

squall on the Brisbane River during a heat of the Australian championships.

Sydney yachtsmen regard with contempt the latest "scow" designs from the United States and in 1950 "Myra Too," a new boat, but with none of the modern trends in design found overseas, defeated a field of the world's best by winning all three heats of the world eighteen-footer championships.

Perhaps Sydney skiffs are not designed as scientifically as they could be, but is it necessary?

J. LATTIN.

## DALTON CUP

At present it looks as though the Inter-watch Competition to decide the winner of the Dalton Cup for 1953 will go to Quarter-deck, who hold quite a substantial lead over their nearest rival, Maintop. At the time of going to press the following points have been awarded:—

	FX	FT	MT	AX
Swimming . . . . .	1	5	3	8
Cricket . . . . .	8	1	4	4
Regatta . . . . .	3	8	1	5
Cross Country . . . . .	3	1	8	5
Rugby . . . . .	5	1	3	8
Soccer . . . . .	5	1	3	8
Hockey . . . . .	3	1	5	8
Aust. Rules . . . . .	1	3	5	8
Boxing . . . . .	5	1	8	3

Totals . . . . . 34 22 40 57

Points for Athletics, Forster Cup and Studies have still to be awarded.

# Team Trips

## BALLARAT VISIT

26th June saw the Australian Rules team depart for Ballarat. We set off as early as possible under the expert guidance of Mr. Clark, Mr. Richards and Lieut. Cordell and, with Geoff. Furlong rendering melodious strains on the guitar, the long journey was soon well under way. At Myrning we stopped for lunch and about 12.30 moved on. Arriving at Ballarat, Mr. Richards, an old resident of the area (that is, he used to live there), took us to many interesting places, including the Eureka Stockade and the Botanical Gardens. About 2 p.m. we arrived at Ballarat Grammar, where the first match was due to be played.

The kick off was at 2.30 and right from the bounce the College attacked. Playing the best football they had displayed throughout the year, our team co-operated well and at half time held a handy 15-point lead. In the second half, our team never let up for a moment and with the defence playing better than ever we finished the game with the scores: College, 9.7 (61); Ballarat Grammar School, 5.4 (34). For the College Furlong won in the centre all day and was our best man. Egan, in the ruck, played very well indeed and scored 3 goals. Greve, at centre half back, was never beaten and Cooper, roving, led the side well and was continually putting us into attack.

After the match, everyone gathered at the Grammar School, where the Headmaster told us all the arrangements for the rest of the weekend. Most of the cadets were then billeted out, some with boys from the Grammar and others with boys from the College. Eight remained at the two schools.

On Friday night a dance had been arranged for our benefit at Queen's College. Most of the cadets went along, with their hosts, and had a very enjoyable evening. Many of us were introduced to square dancing—even Mr. Clark, who came through the encounter with colors flying. Mr. Richards, however, poor sick man that he was, was unable to participate on account of a gammy leg, but nevertheless seemed to enjoy the evening as did everyone who attended.

On Saturday morning the match against Ballarat College was played. Our team, confident after the win against the Grammar, took the field hoping to repeat the performance. But we looked a vastly different team to that which had convincingly beaten Grammar the day before and, tired from the wonderful time we had enjoyed the previous night, we played ragged and sluggish football. Ballarat College did not play brilliantly

either, but on the day were definitely the better side. For the College Greve played one of his best games.

Many of the cadets watched the match between the Ballarat and Bendigo leagues on Saturday afternoon. In the evening we were entertained by our hosts in various ways, mostly by trips to the pictures.

On Sunday morning there was a church service at the Grammar School and the end of our short stay came all too soon, for at 2 p.m. we mustered at the College and set off for "home."

We had all thoroughly enjoyed a wonderful weekend and must truly thank all our hosts and billets for the magnificent way they treated us. We only hope now that at some future date we may be able to partially return their hospitality by inviting them down to spend a weekend at R.A.N.C.

J. S. DICKSON.

## THE DUNTRON CADETS' VISIT

This year we had the privilege of having the R.M.C. Duntroon third grade Rugby team and their first grade hockey team visit us for a weekend. They arrived on Saturday, the 25th of July, about lunch time. After lunch they were shown around the College before the Rugby game began.

There was a good crowd to witness the Rugby game, including the First Naval Member, Vice-Admiral Sir John Collins. However, we were not able to topple R.M.C. as the College team had in his College days.

The game started at 1400 and was played under ideal Rugby conditions. We were first to score when Wakeman kicked a nice penalty after about 15 minutes play. However, Duntroon were soon on the attack and equalised with a very nice field goal by their five-eight. Both sides were now playing very hard football and managed to score a try each before half time, thus making the scores level at 6-6 then.

However, in the second half Duntroon combined much better than we did and soon had another 23 points on the board. Our only score in this half came in the last three minutes of play when Keane broke away on our own 25 and managed to outpace the R.M.C. defence to score wide out. Wakeman kicked a grand goal to convert. The full time bell rang soon after this, giving R.M.C. the match 29/11, thus avenging the defeat we had inflicted on them at Duntroon last year.

## The Duntroon Cadets' Visit (contd.)

### HOCKEY MATCH

The hockey match began soon after the end of the Rugby match. Several of the College Rugby players were in the team. The game opened very slowly, both sides trying out their opponents. However, it soon became apparent that College were a better team than Duntroon. Yates scored College's first goal after a solo run. Then the play became more ragged and continued for some time a battle between the teams' halfbacks. College managed to force a penalty corner from which they scored. The score at half time was 2—0.

In the second half, in spite of his Rugby game, Rothwell played some brilliant hockey, scoring a hatrick during this half. The rest of the team played well and but for a couple of break-throughs by the Duntroon forwards the play was mostly in their half. The final whistle went with the score at R.A.N.C., 5; R.M.C. Duntroon, 0.

After supper the R.M.C. cadets attended the Depot Cinema with us before retiring. On Sunday they attended divisions and showed us the Army methods of drill. After attending the Divine Service in the Depot our visitors boarded the bus which was to take them non-stop back to Canberra.

We hope that they enjoyed their stay here as much as we enjoyed having them and we are all looking forward to their next visit.

J. G. McDERMOTT.

### THE GEELONG TRIP

On the afternoon of the 31st July the Rugby team and the Hockey team left the College under Lieut. Cordell to board H.M.A.S. "Gladstone" for the trip to Corio Bay. There was a chilly breeze and quite a swell and many of the less experienced Cadets fed the fishes! Owing to the weather the ship was delayed some hours and arrived off Geelong in the middle of the night.

Early next morning the teams left the "Gladstone" and an interesting hour and a half was spent inspecting the frigates in reserve in Corio Bay. After the visit some Cadets complained of stomach ache! The teams proceeded by A.P.V. to Geelong Grammar School, which is situated on the foreshores of Corio Bay, and anchored out in the stream. After some slight delay a gig was baled out and put at the Navy's disposal by the music master of the school. The teams then proceeded ashore and made their way to the sick bay, which was to be their sleeping quarters for the night. Some of the senior boys then conducted the Cadets on a tour of the school. They were all greatly impressed by everything they saw.

After a very good lunch, the footballers

watched the Hockey team do battle and draw with Geelong Grammar after Roberts, one of the backs, had to leave the field with a broken finger. Next it was the turn of the Rugby team to take the field. They were honoured by the presence of Commodore Morrow and several other personalities. The team was greatly outweighed but played fast and clean football to win 35—nil. The half-back McKay kicked exceptionally well.

Before the pictures in the evening the Cadets all attended a debate, the subject being "Should the Press Be Restricted?" By good team work the College outshone their opponents. Later, the Cadets saw a good film, "Morning Departure," and after that were given an excellent supper.

Next morning the visitors rose at half past seven and after breakfast returned to the A.P.V., accompanied by a band of sea cadets from Geelong Grammar School, who were to be the guests of the College for the night. They all returned to the "Gladstone" and sailed immediately for Westernport. Some Cadets managed to do a little practical work and the sea cadets were shown around. The party arrived back at the College in time for tea, after which everyone was entertained by the film version of Noel Coward's "In Which We Serve."

The following morning the sea cadets went for a swim in the Depot's heated pool, and then departed for Geelong in H.M.A.S. "Gladstone." All those who went on the trip to Geelong greatly enjoyed it, and felt it had been a complete success.

N. J. STOKER.

### SYDNEY TRIP

We arrived at Jervis Bay early on Tuesday, the 11th of August, and on disembarking were shown over the old Naval College's grounds. A bus then took us to the Naval Air Station at Nowra, where we played the Recruit Naval Airmen in our first match.

Prior to the kick-off in the afternoon, Commander Marks arrived to watch the match and as in previous matches he again proved our most enthusiastic supporter. The naval airmen had a very fast set of backs and as a result scored early. Our forwards, however, were playing very well and were giving the backs a good chase of the ball. Soon after the start of the second half the College, after a very determined effort, drew level, but two late tries gave the match to Recruit Naval Airmen 20—14.

We reached Sydney after a rough trip up from Jervis Bay on Wednesday morning and had only a couple of hours ashore before kicking off against Christian Brothers' College, Waverly. Waverly had a heavy pack

of forwards who won more than their share of the ball. Their backs ran strongly and evaded our disorganised backline to make the scores 12—0 in their favour at half time. In the second half Waverly showed their superiority, as the final scores indicated—38 to 3, Wakeman kicking a penalty for the College.

On Thursday we played National Servicemen from H.M.A.S. Penguin at Rushcutter's Bay oval. Right from the start both teams played well and it was some time before Penguin scored. The scores were level at half time, 3—3. In the second half College were unlucky not to score after Keane had

broken through. However, Rothwell scored soon after. National Servicemen fought back and managed to compile eleven points quickly, thus beating us 14—6.

We played our final match in Sydney at Marrickville oval on Saturday, the 15th, against Petersham Junior Rugby Union Club. The ground was very hard and our tackling was not up to standard. However, we managed to hold the early lead we had gained and eventuated the winner, 12—0. This match brought our 1953 Rugby to a finish and although we did not have a highly successful season it was enjoyed by all.

P. D. McKAY.

## Original

### A THIRD YEAR'S MISGIVINGS BEFORE A BLIND DATE

Well, tonight's the night! Who's scared? Not me—not half! Get that half nelson off—I'm coming. Won't someone break my arm; no, only the good die young. The bus has arrived—couldn't have broken down—no such luck! Well, mob, don't rush them, will you? Shall I sneak off to the pictures—no, guess not, as now that I've come this far I'll see it through. Okay, I'll make the plunge—which 'girl' shall I take? Wouldn't turn me down, would she? No, not her. What? Pay for her drinks? Not half likely! Oh, yes, she'll dance! I should have gone to the pictures, after all! What, some without partners—lucky devils. When's supper? Samba? I can't samba—neither can she, apparently. Now, what did Mum say—be nice—huh! Supper—good—oh! Oh, she doesn't feel like any; nice time to find she's not hungry! Well, anyway, more for me! Well, look at the manners! Parker has only had thirty sausage rolls and he's leaving already—must be sick! More dancing. Look at Stone—can't he do anything but waltz. Yates looks as though he's still on the parade ground. Well, time to leave—thank goodness! Good-bye and good riddance. Gee, wasn't that fun!

K. BALE.

### NOTICE TO AUSTRALIAN PILOT VOL. II

Mariners are warned against anchoring in the vicinity of Cowes beach, owing to a fast ebb tide which has been discovered of late.

### WOMAN—CHEMICAL ANALYSIS

Symbol: Woo.

**Occurrence:** Found wherever man exists, seldom in the free state.

**Physical Properties:** Boils at nothing, and may freeze at anything. Melts under proper treatment, and is even said to thaw, by use of fur coats, jewellery, etc.

**Chemical Properties:** Very active. Possesses great affinity for gold, silver and precious stones. Turns green when placed beside a better looking specimen. Bitter if improperly handled. Reacts violently when dropped, and after a certain stage ages rapidly.

**Uses:** Highly ornamental. Useful as a tonic, but sometimes has reverse effects. Equalises distribution of wealth. Most powerful (cash) reducing agent known.

**Caution:** Explosive, handle with care. Dangerous in inexperienced hands.

M. J. TAYLOR.

Fall from a haystack,  
Fall from above,  
Fall from anywhere,  
But don't fall in love!

(An urgent message to Fourth Year).

ANON., GETTING YEAR.

### Heard at the High Jump Pit:

Cadets must keep clear of the take-off area.

ORC.

### "TWELFTH NIGHT"

Orsino, Duke of Illyria, thought  
That he was in love with a slashing blonde  
sort,  
But the slashing blonde sort, Olivia by name,  
Knew all the tricks and was on to his game;  
She covered her dial with a piece of black  
lace  
And counted Orsino out of the race,  
For she had her eye on a bloke she could  
tame,  
A cove named Cesario (who was really a  
dame).  
Like a woman in love, she soon tried to  
force it  
Until she found out that the "he" wore a  
corset!  
Then she gave up and tried on another:  
This time she picked on Cesario's brother.  
She fell for his looks, he fell for her beam  
And it turned out, together, they made quite  
a team;  
They lived on their love until they were  
married—  
Then they lived on the cheque-book Olivia  
carried!

Note: Read the play first.

P. J. CORNELL.

### ODE TO THE CLASSROOM FIRE IN WINTER

(Dedicated to Ezra Pound)

The mercury doth fry the bowl to o'erfill,  
The fierce, wild wraiths do moan thin Arctic  
song,  
And on parade I stand one quarter long:  
O, for the fire to thaw the chill,  
The numbing;  
O, for the classroom fire.  
Electrons jumping to the lower ring  
A photo synthesis in spring  
Doth give to me the body warming heat,  
I care not if it's wood or peat  
Or brown coal  
(Mr. Berry has been to Yallourn).  
The master enters now the torture room;  
We,  
Reluctant to relinquish the foothold so  
richly won,  
Absorb the last warm values (according to  
Joule):  
O, for the morning sun.  
I hear you, Porky.  
But alas, he orders "nous" to seats,  
Alack, alas, I sit in the far corner;  
What fool designed this room  
Who puts the hearth in the wrong corner?

SOURIS.

### FAGGING

Smoking is that boundless joy  
That is not free from any boy,  
The endless pleasure when that fag  
Is lit and he begins to drag.

When to the College he must go,  
His heart is filled with awful woe:  
Cadets, while under punishment, will  
Not keep fag ends in their till.

So now when they have been turned in  
They plot and plan to smoke and sin,  
Alas, sir, those who think they're smart  
They do not know they're in the cart.

A nasty, slimy form of life,  
Who spend their time in curing strife,  
Indulging in what they call sport  
Have placed our addicts on report.

Alas once more, for they are bound  
The big parade to circle round;  
Then let this poem show to you  
What dreadful things a fag can do.

NON-SMOKER.

### EVER BEEN HAD?

Ever been had by the posters and ads.  
That say, "It's the life just for the lads  
With the luxuries laid on  
And free ice creams for din,  
With a cap for his scone  
And a packet for gin"?

I was had in that way,  
And, boy, was I gay  
When a letter I got  
Which gave me the gen  
On being a good snott.  
Never again!

But, boy, am I glad,  
Even though I've been had,  
That I came at sixteen  
And not when a squirt,  
'Ccs the cinders I've seen,

Boys they come, boys they go,  
As some suckers already know.  
With squad drill for lunch  
And squad drill for break,  
We're not a bad bunch  
And the gym shoe, it hurt.  
Though our freedom they take,

D. A. PICKFORD.

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## BURNETT YEAR

### BAMBRICK, B. R.

Nambour, Q. Nambour H.S.

2nd XV '51. 1st XV '52. C.C. Mar. '52. Pres. Woodwork Club '51, '52. 1st Prize Chem.

### BARRELL, R. S.

Scone, N.S.W. Maitland H.S.

1st XV '51, '52, Colours '52. Runner-up Light Wt. '51, Welter Wt. Champ. '52. C.C. Oct. '51.

### BASSETT, W. G.

Brighton, V. Brighton Tech. H.S.

1st XVIII '52. Aths. Team '52.

### BETTS, L. F.

Mascot, N.S.W. Homebush Boys' H.S.

1st XV '51, '52. Athletics '51, Open Champ. and Colours '51. Swimming '51, '52, Colours '52.

### BLACKMAN, P. V.

West Perth, W.A. Hale School.

1st XVIII '52. Aths. '51, '52. Swimming '52.

### BOURKE, G. S. (R.N.Z.N.)

Auckland, N.Z. Sacred Heart Coll., Auck.

2nd XV '51, '52.

### CAMPBELL, P. D.

Melbourne, Vic. University H.S.

1st XVIII '52. Hockey '51, '52. Tennis '51, '52.

### COURTIER, S. B. E.

Caulfield, V. Brighton Grammar S.

1st XV '51, '52. Aths. '51, '52. S.C.C. Oct. '52, W.C.C. Ax. Oct. '52-Feb. '53.

### DRINKWATER, J. C.

Newcastle, N.S.W. Newcastle Boys' H.S.

1st XV '51, '52. Aths. '51, '52, Colours '52. 1st Prize Hist.

### FALLOON, J. R.

Williamstown, V. C.B.C., Essendon.

2nd XV '51. 1st XVIII '52. Leading Goal-kicker. Aths. '52. S.C.C. Oct. '52, W.C.C. Mt. Oct. '52-Mar. '53.

### HEATHER, W. T. C. (R.N.Z.N.)

Tauranga, N.Z. Tauranga G.S.

1st XV '51, '52, Colours '52. Boats Colours '52. Chess Champ. '51.

### HORWOOD, J. S.

Gardenvale, V. Brighton G.S.

2nd XV '51. 1st XVIII '52, Best and Fairest.

### HUGHES, O. J.

Plympton, S. Aust. Adelaide H.S.

Hockey '51, '52, Colours '52. Tennis '52.

### McALLISTER, J. B.

Essendon, V. Scotch College.

1st XV '52. Tennis '52. Aths. '52. 2nd Prize Engineering.

### McKENZIE, J. A.

Ashfield, N.S.W. Homebush Boys' H.S.

1st XV '51, '52. Aths. '51, '52, Open Champ. and Colours '52. Sculling Champ. '52, Boats Colours '52. 1st XI '52, '53. C.C. Oct. '51. 1st Prize Maths. Max. Time.

### MOORE, G. L. G.

Epping, N.S.W. Sydney Tech. H.S.

2nd XV '51, '52. Award of Merit R.L.S.S. '52. Soccer '52.

### NICHOLS, I. G.

Balwyn, V. Wesley College.

1st XVIII '52. Award of Merit R.L.S.S. '52. 1st Prize Physics, 2nd Prize Chem. Max. Time.

### PATTEN, C. R. L.

Menindie, S.A. Prince Alfred Coll.

Pres. Bridge Club '52. Dance Secretary Oct. '52-Mar. '53. N.Z. Naval Board Prize for Nav., 2nd Prize Maths., Seamanship. Max. Time.

### SEABORN, R. H.

Cooparoo, Q. C. of E. G.S., Brisbane.

1st XV '52. 1st XI '52, '53. Swimming '51, '52, Colours '52. Aths. '51, '52. Tennis '51, '52, Runner-up Open Championship and Colours '52. Hockey '52. Runner-up Middle Wt. Champ. '52. Governor-General's Cup '52.

### SWANSON, R. J. M.

Rozelle, N.S.W. Fort Street H.S.

Producer of College Revue "Les Folies Bizarre" '52. 1st Prize English.

### TILLEY, G.

Peppermint Grove, W.A. Perth Modern School

Captain of Boats Oct. '52-Mar. '53. Grand Agg. Prize, 1st Prize Seamanship. Engineering, 2nd Prize English, Hist. Nav., Physics. Max. Time.

### GATACRE, R. G. O.

Hawthorn, V. Cranbrook School.

Entered 1949. 1st XI '51, '52, '53. 1st XV '51, '52. Swimming '49, '50, '51, '52, Captain '52. Aths. '50, '51, '52. Tennis '51, '52. C.C. Aug. '51, S.C.C. Oct. '51, W.C.C. Fx. '52.

## COOK YEAR

### BUCHANAN, J. E.

Melbourne, V. Melbourne Grammar School.

Swimming '51, '52, '53, Colours '53. Curry Cup Team '53. College organist '52, '53. 1st Chem.; 2nd Maths.



**BOWMAN, J. M.**

**Bondi Junction, N.S.W. Sydney High School.**

Jun. XI '50, '51. Jun. XV '50, '51. 1st XI '53. 2nd XV '52. 1st XV '53. Aths. '50. Bantam Weight Champ. '51.

**COOPER, O. R.**

**Shepparton, V. Kyabram H.E.S.**

Jun. XI '51. Jun. XV '51. 1st XVIII '52. '53 (Capt. '53); Colours '53. 1st Hockey XI '53. C./C. Mar. '53. President Stamp Club '52. Sec. Dance Club '53. Aths. Team '53.

**CUMMINS, A. R.**

**Hampton, V. Wesley College, Melb.**

Swimming '50, '51, '52, '53; Open Champ. '53; Colours '53. Aths Team '50, '51, '52. 2nd XV '52, '53. Secretary Music Club '52, '53. C./C. Oct. '52; S. C./C. Aug. '53; W. C./C. Maintop, Aug. '53 to Oct. '53. Heavyweight Champ '53. Curry Cup Team '53. Otto Albert Memorial Prize, Seaman-ship; 2nd Physics.

**DICK, J. A. W.**

**Brisbane, Q. Stafford State School.**

Jun. XV '50. Aths Team '50, '52.

**DICKSON, J. S.**

**Kalorama, V. Melbourne Grammar School.**

Jun. XI '50, '51. 1st XI '52, '53. Colours '52, Captain '53. Jun. Tennis Champ. '50, '51. Open Tennis Champ. '51, '52, '53. Colours '51. Jun. Squash Champ. '50, '51. 1st XVIII '53. C./C. Oct. '51, S. C./C. Oct. '52, W. C./C. FT. '53, C.C.C. Mar. '53. Joint Editor Mag. '53. Queen's Medal; 1st French.

**EGAN, P. F.**

**Erlington, V. Portland High School.**

2nd XV '53. C.C. Oct. '52, S.C.C. Mar. '53, W.C.C. Maintop. Mar. '53-Aug. '53. News Editor Mag. '53. Coll. Librarian '53. Geog. Prize '52. 2nd Nav.; 2nd Engineering.

**FERRIS, A. G.**

**Kedron, Q. Woolloowin S.S.**

Entered 1949, Junior XI '49, '50. 1st XI '51, '52, '53. Colours '53. Jun. XV '49, '50. 1st XV '52, '53. 1st Hockey XI '51, '52, '53. Midge Wt. Champ. '50; Light Wt. Champ. '52; Welter Wt. Champ. '53; College Champ. '53; Shelley Cup '53. Aths. Team '49, '50, '51, '52, '53. Tennis Team '53. Curry Cup Team '53. 1st Hist. Farncomb Cup (Cricket).

**GAUL, J. M.**

**Lidcombe, N.S.W. Homebush Boys' H.S.**

Jun. XI '50, '51. 1st XI '52, '53. 1st Hockey XI '52, '53. Jun. XV '50. 1st XVIII '53. Tennis Team '53. Pres. Dance Club '53. Aths. Team '53.

**HARDY, P. A.**

**Warradale, S.A. Scotch Coll., Adel.**

Dux of 3rd Year '52. C.C. Mar. '53. Grand Agg. Prize; 1st Maths.; 1st Chem.; 1st Nav.; 1st Engineering.

**HOLTHOUSE, D. G.**

**Cookernup, W.A. Guildford Grammar.**

Jun. XI '51. Jun. XV '51. 2nd XV '52. 1st XV '53. Swimming '51. C.C. Oct. '51; S.C.C. Oct. '52; W.C.C. Fx. '53. Mosquito Wt. Champ. '50. 1st English.

**KEANE, E. T.**

**Summer Hill, N.S.W. Goulburn H.S.**

Entered 1949. Jun. XI '49, '50. Jun. XV '49, '50. 1st XI '51, '52, '53; Colours '53. 1st XV '51, '52, '53; Colours '53. 1st Hockey XI '52, '53. Tennis Team '53. Swimming Team '52. Aths. Team '49, '50, '51, '52, '53. C.C. '50; S.C.C. '51; W.C.C. Ax. '51, '52. 1st XI (Soccer) '53. Curry Cup Team '51, '52, '53. Flyweight Champ. '49.

**MURRAY, K.**

**Bankstown, Sydney. Newcastle H.S.**

Jun. XV '50, '51. 2nd XV '52, '53. 1st Hockey XI '52, '53. 1st XI (Soccer) '53. Aths. Team '50, '51. Swimming Team '50, '51, '52. Lt. Welter Champ. '53. College Librarian '53. 2nd French.

**PERRETT, J. K.**

**Kingsgrove, N.S.W. Broken Hill H.S.**

2nd XV '53. 1st XI (Soccer) '53. Mag. Committee '53.

**ROTHWELL, W. E.**

**Clontarf, N.S.W. Fort Street Boys' H.S.**

Jun. XI '50, '51. 1st XI '52, '53; Colours '52; Farncombe Cup for Cricket '52. 1st XI (Hockey) '51, '52, '53; Colours '53. 2nd XV '52. 1st XV '53. Tennis (Doubles) '50, '51, '52, '53; Colours '53. Swimming Team '50, '51, '52. C.C. Oct. '52; S.C.C. Mar. '53; W.C.C. Ax. '53. 1st XI (Soccer) '53. Aths. Team '53. Gov.-Gen.'s Cup.

**STEELE, D.**

**Atherton, Q. Boonah State School.**

Jun. XI '50, '51. Jun. XV '50, '51. 1st XI '52, '53. 2nd XV '52, '53. 1st XI (Hockey) '53. Art Editor Mag. '53. Midge Wt. Champ. '51. Light Wt. Champ. '53.

**TAYLOR, M. J.**

**Monto, Q. Monto State School.**

Jun. XI '50, '51. Jun. XV '50, '51. 2nd XV '52. 1st XV '53. 1st Physics; 2nd English; 2nd History.

**WAKEMAN, R. I.**

**Croydon, V. Box Hill Tech. School.**

Jun. XI '50, '51. Jun. XV '50, '51. 1st XI '53. 1st XV '53. 1st XVIII '52. 1st XI (Hockey) '52. 2nd XV '52. Literary Editor Mag. '53. 2nd Seamanship.

**WILLCOX, B. A.**

**Coburg, V. Coburg H.S.**

1st XVIII '53. Curry Cup Team '53. Secretary Dance Committee '53.

**WILLIAMS, V. N.**

**Brisbane, Q. St. Patrick's Coll., Sydney.**

Jun. XV '50. 2nd XV '52, '53. Aths. Team '52, '53; Inter-Services Aths. Team '53; Colours '52; Curry Cup Team '53. Open Champ. (Aths.) '53.

**LIST OF OFFICERS AND CADET-MIDSHIPMEN, 1953**

Commodore . . . . . J. C. Morrow, D.S.O., D.S.C., R.A.N.

**NAVAL STAFF**

Commander . . . . . R. J. Robertson, D.S.C., R.A.N.  
 Lieutenant-Commander . . . . . R. C. Savage, D.S.C., R.A.N.  
 Instructor Lieutenant-Commander . . . . . Q. Des Claves, M.A., R.N.  
 Lieutenant (E) . . . . . P. W. Coombs, R.A.N.  
 Lieutenant . . . . . A. G. Cordell, R.A.N.  
 E. J. Melzer, R.A.N.  
 J. B. Snow, R.A.N.  
 E. R. Whitmore, R.A.N.  
 Instructor Lieutenant . . . . . E. Y. Hokin, B.Sc., Dip.Ed., R.A.N.  
 Chaplain . . . . . H. E. Fawell, Th.L., R.A.N.  
 G. S. Lake, R.A.N.

**PROFESSORIAL STAFF**

Headmaster . . . . . Q. de Q. Robin, B.A., Dip.Ed.  
 Senior Master . . . . . G. F. Adeney, M.A., Dip.Ed.  
 R. F. Berry, B.A., B.Sc.  
 Master . . . . . R. R. Clark, B.A., Dip.Ed.  
 P. W. Hughes, B.Sc. (Tas.), B.Sc. (Oxon.).  
 W. G. Richards, B.A., B.Ed.  
 K. E. Armstrong, B.A.  
 D. I. Glastonbury, B.A., B.Sc., Dip.Sec.Ed.  
 (Ad.), B.Ed. (Melb.).  
 J. M. Davis, B.Sc., A.Ed.  
 M. M. Purser, B.A.

**Fourth Year 1950**

Bowman, J. M.  
 Buchanan, J. E.  
 Cooper, O. R.  
 Cummins, A. R.  
 \*Dick, J. A. W.  
 \*Dickson, J. S.  
 Egan, P. F.  
 Ferris, A. G. (1949)  
 \*Gaul, J. M.  
 Hardy, P. A.  
 Holthouse, D. G.  
 Keane, E. T. (1949)  
 Murray, K.  
 Perrett, J. K.  
 Rothwell, W. E.  
 Steele, D.  
 Taylor, M. J.  
 Wakeman, R. I.  
 Willcox, B. A.  
 \*Williams, W. N.

Stephens, H. L.  
 Stone, M. D.  
 Terry, L. G.  
 Thompson, C. J.  
 Wilson, C. J.  
 Yates, J. M.

**Second Year 1952**

Anderson, J. V.  
 Banks, R. M.  
 Bartlett, I. G.  
 Bryse, R. A.  
 Cornell, P. J.  
 Crawford, R. I.  
 Doyle, J. J.  
 Edgar, D. H.  
 Farrell, J.  
 Frizell, B. P.  
 Hole, C. M. G.  
 Irwin, L. J.  
 Jones, T. W.  
 Lamperd, G. R.  
 Lattin, J. N.  
 Longden, J. G.  
 Maxwell, P. F. P.  
 Mentz, E.  
 Owens, D. T.  
 Pullar, I. S.  
 Ross, P. A.  
 Sharpe, M. V.  
 Smith, D. D.  
 Taylor, M. B.  
 Thomason, C. H. S.  
 Topp, A. G.  
 Turner, H. L.  
 Ward, M. B.  
 Wright, M. T.

**First Year 1953**

Austin, R. L. G.  
 Becher, M. H.  
 Burns, R. J.  
 Campe, A. J.  
 Cowdell, G. T.  
 Dechaineux, P. G. V.  
 \*Doolan, K. A.  
 \*Egan, F. G.  
 Ellis, J. W.  
 Ferrier, S. W.  
 Ferry, D. S.  
 Foster, F. D.  
 Golding, C. J.  
 Hammer, R. E.  
 Houghton, K. C.  
 Jessurun, R. M.  
 Johnson, A. G.  
 Kilner, P.  
 Leach, P. A. H.  
 Lees, W. D. H.  
 Littleton, C. J.  
 MacGowan, K. H.  
 Nattey, R. J.  
 Nisbet, C. J.  
 Phipps, D. N.  
 Renfrey, L. W.  
 Rice, J. W.  
 Ridley, R. H.  
 Roach, T. A. A.  
 Roberts, W. J.  
 \*Rollinson, E. L.  
 Rowling, T. D.  
 Selby, J.  
 Tye, J. A.  
 Varley, R. J.  
 West, A. D.  
 White, M. W. D.  
 Wilson, B.  
 York, D.

**Intermediate Year II 1952**

Clinch, D. E.  
 Doolan, R. B.  
 Dorward, E. J.  
 Ferrier, J. E.  
 Foster, J. D.  
 Furlong, G. W.  
 Herron, R. A.  
 Holmes, I. F.  
 Langford, K. E.  
 Leach, W. G. (N.Z.)  
 McDermott, J. G.  
 Playford, P. I.  
 Rose, D. C.  
 Salmon, M. de V.

**Intermediate Year I 1953**

Arnott, F. D. (N.Z.)  
 Bews, D. G.  
 Bigelow, B. C. M.  
 Boucher, J. C. W.  
 Bradley, I. L. (N.Z.)  
 Brennan, D. F. G.  
 Callaway, I. A.  
 Dadswell, D. H.  
 Denton, K. E.  
 Dodd, B. C.  
 Dove, G. K.  
 Graham, P. V.  
 Gulliver, K. A.  
 James, D. F.  
 McKay, P. D.  
 McQueen, A. A.  
 \*Mark, J. K.  
 Merton, L. R. (N.Z.)  
 Pedersen, L. J. D. (N.Z.)  
 Pickford, D. A.  
 Rikard-Bell, M. G.  
 Roberts, E. L. (N.Z.)  
 Stoker, N. J.  
 Tooth, H. E.  
 Youl, M. J.

\*Left the service during the year.

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