

54



The Royal Australian  
Naval College  
Magazine

# Royal Australian Naval College Magazine



## MAGAZINE COMMITTEE, 1954

### Master-in-Charge:

Mr R. R. CLARK, B.A., Dip. Ed.

### News Editor: L. G. TERRY.

(Assistants: D. H. EDGAR, P. J. CORNELL).

### Editors:

C. A. REID and M. J. YOUL.

### Literary Editor: R. G. L. CANT.

(Assistants: P. I. M. FERGUSON, D. HUNT).

### Sports Editor: K. A. GULLIVER.

(Assistants: F. D. FOSTER, J. D. ATKINS).

### Art Editor: I. BRADLEY.

(Assistant: C. M. G. HOLE).

**Distribution:** T. A. A. ROACH.

---

FORTY-SECOND NUMBER

DECEMBER, 1954

# Editorial

I imagine that one of the greatest problems to confront the editor of a school magazine is that of deciding upon the subject of his editorial. My problem this year in setting out to write this piece has been rather different — it is not a question of what to write about on this occasion, but of how I can possibly do justice to the topic. The subject, I consider, selects itself for during 1954 Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II visited the Commonwealth of Australia.

This visit was, of course, something completely memorable for every man, woman and child in Australia, being as it was the first ever made to these shores by a reigning monarch. The radiant charm and regal dignity exhibited by Her Majesty on all occasions throughout the Royal Tour are things the average Australian will remember and be the better for throughout his life. We at the Royal Australian Naval College should, I think, draw a little greater inspiration from the visit. We are, or should be, dedicated in our chosen profession to the service of Her Majesty and we should feel in ourselves a new pride and zeal as a result of our first experience of the right Royal sovereign who stands at the head of our Service. Elizabeth II is the grand-daughter of a sailor, the daughter of a sailor and the wife of a sailor. She stands very close to the Navy, she knows its high traditions, she is familiar with its record of service and she doubtless expects that it will continue to live up to its fine history. May we, for our part, draw from our first contact with Her Gracious Majesty and His Royal Highness, the Duke of Edinburgh, a lasting inspiration to make Her Navy the equal of the best that has been in England's naval history.



# Personal and Personnel

In comparison with last year, we have had very few staff changes during 1954.

At the beginning of the year we farewell **Lieutenant (P) A. G. Cordell, R.A.N.**, who left us to undertake a jet conversion course at Williamtown, N.S.W. **Lieutenant E. J. Melzer, R.A.N.**, who is now in the United Kingdom, and **Lieutenant J. B. Snow, R.A.N.**, now serving in H.M.A.S. "Cootamundra". In March **Lieutenant E. R. Whitmore, R.A.N.**, left the college to join H.M.A.S. "Warrego" and from the Professorial Staff we lost **Mr P. W. Hughes**, who went to a position at Devonport High School, Tasmania. Mr. Hughes has been appointed to a research post at the University of Tasmania and we wish him well in this career.

To all of these gentlemen we would like to express our thanks for the very enthusiastic work they did for our welfare in all fields and we wish them luck in their new fields of service.

As Year Officers we welcome:

**Lieutenant P. M. Cumming (K.M.), R.A.N.**, who entered the College in 1944 and passed out in 1947, winning the King's Medal, the Grand Aggregate prize, the Otto Albert Memorial prize, and the navigation and engineering prizes. He was first in all subjects but French and gained maximum time. After two terms in H.M.S. "Devonshire" he served in a number of Royal Navy ships before returning to Australia to serve in H.M.A.S. "Karangi" (Monte Bello operations) and H.M.A.S. "Culgoa" (in Korea). He came to R.A.N.C. at the beginning of the year, relieving Lieut. Melzer as entertainments officer.

**Lieutenant (P) J. A. Matthew, R.A.N.**, who entered the College in 1942 and passed out in 1945 to the British Pacific Fleet, serving in H.M.S.'s "Newfoundland", "Belfast", "Glory" and "Cossack". He studied in the U.K. for his Sub-Lieutenant's courses during 1947-48, and returned to Australia to H.M.A.S. "Gladstone" in 1949. At Point Cook he received his flying training and in 1951 went again to the U.K. Returning to Australia, he served with 816 and 817 Squadrons aboard H.M.A.S.'s "Sydney" and "Vengeance" before coming to R.A.N.C.

**Lieutenant P. G. Duncan, R.A.N.**, who entered the College in 1943 and passed out in 1946, after gaining colours for rugby. He then proceeded to Japan in H.M.A.S. "Shropshire" and later served in Hong Kong and

New Zealand in H.M.S. "Theseus". Taking passage in H.M.A.S.'s "Australia" and "Bataan" to Yokosuka, he joined H.M.S. "Sussex" on the China Station. After Sub-Lieutenant's courses in the U.K. he returned to Australia to serve in H.M.A.S.'s "Australia", and "Shoalhaven" and, after a year ashore in Japan, "Cootamundra" and "Kangaroo".

**Lieutenant J. L. Jobson, R.A.N.**, who passed out of the College in 1947, gaining the Governor-General's Cup and colours for rugby, cricket and tennis. He was also awarded Maximum Time. After cruises in H.M.S. "Devonshire" he served in H.M.S.'s "Vanguard", "Vengeance" and "St. Kitts". He then did his Sub-Lieutenant's courses and after returning to Australia, served in H.M.A.S.'s "Bataan" and "Fremantle". He was promoted to Lieutenant in 1950 and joined the College in September, 1953.

On the Professorial Staff we are happy to welcome:

**Mr. W. H. Wilde, B.A., Dip. Ed. (Sydney)**. He received his education at St. Joseph's College, Sydney, and the New England University, which he entered in 1941. His studies were interrupted by the war and he saw service with the A.I.F. in the campaigns of New Guinea and New Britain. After his discharge in 1946 he resumed his studies and gained his B.A. degree in 1947. Prior to his appointment to the College in January, he taught at Griffith High School, New South Wales.

**Mr. A. H. Trewin, B.Sc., B.Ed. (Melb), A.R.A.C.I.** He was educated at the University High School and the Melbourne Teachers' College and gained his B.Sc. degree at the University of Melbourne. He enlisted in the R.A.A.F. in 1940 and later became Senior Chemical Warfare Officer with the rank of Squadron-Leader, in which capacity he travelled very widely. On discharge he returned to teaching with the Victorian Department of Agriculture and, until he joined the staff of R.A.N.C. in January this year, was lecturer in sciences at Dookie Agricultural College. He took out his B.Ed. degree in 1950, obtaining the Harold Cohen prize for educational investigation.

**Mr. M. L. Brooks, B.Sc. (Adelaide)**. He was a student of the Adelaide High School before attending the University of Adelaide. He also spent four years at the Adelaide Teachers' College which he represented at

tennis, Australian football, baseball and athletics (being awarded a Blue for the latter sport). Prior to joining the College staff, Mr. Brooks taught for six years at Port Pirie High School.

**Mr. D. G. Thompson, B.Sc., Dip. Ed.** Educated at Maitland Boys' High School which he represented at athletics, football and debating. He gained his degrees at New England University, representing the university at athletics and rugby. He then taught at Sydney Boys' High School and Newcastle Boys' High School before coming to R.A.N.C. in March.

There was one other change this year—in the very important post of College Matron. We were dismayed when we learned that **Sister S. Giles** was leaving us at the end of First Term to be married to Brigadier W. N. Tinsley. It was with keen regret that we said goodbye to Sister Giles, and we will be forever grateful to her for her easing of our aches and pains. We wish her (and her husband) the very best of luck.

In place of Sister Giles, we now have **Sister M. Jones**, to whom we extend a warm welcome. We sincerely hope she will enjoy her stay with us. Sister Jones began her training at the Brisbane General Hospital during the war and on completion of her course undertook obstetric training at the Brisbane Women's Hospital. After the war she went to Thursday Island and, as Matron, took over the hospital from the Army Nursing Service and helped to convert it again to a peace-time hospital with white and native patients. One of the duties of her very interesting life there was to visit hospitals on neighbouring islands which came under the Torres Strait Hospitals Administration. She was finally released to do Child Welfare Training (Truby King) in Sydney. For three years prior to coming to Flinders Naval Depot, she was Charge Sister in the operating theatres at the Royal Melbourne Hospital. Sister Jones came to F.N.D. to obtain experience under service conditions and spent two and a half years at the Wrannery before coming to R.A.N.C. in May.

#### **Rear-Admiral C. A. M. SAREL, O.B.E., A.D.C., R.N. (Retd.).**

In the years 1932-3 Rear-Admiral Sarel served in Australia as Second Member of the Naval Board, Captain Superintendent of Training and Captain of the R.A.N.C.

We are sorry to learn that Rear-Admiral Sarel died in London on Monday, 7th June.

#### **Mr. JAMES BRYANCE CONDER**

It was with regret that the College learned of the death on 3rd August, 1954, of Mr. J. B. Conder, who was for many years Study Corporal at

#### **LIEUTENANT (P) ERNEST CHARLES GRAY, R.A.N.**

Ernest Charles Gray was born on 31st July, 1928, at Maryborough (Queensland), the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Gray, of Kedron, Brisbane, and entered the College in 1942. He gained colours in rugby and swimming and passed out in August, 1954, to join H.M.S. "King George V", serving in the Home Fleet for the next two years.

On completion of Sub-Lieutenant's courses he returned to Australia in 1949 to join H.M.A.S. "Australia" until 1950, when he commenced flying training with the R.A.A.F. In 1951 he returned to the U.K. to Operational Fighter School, where

Before leaving Australia in 1934 Rear-Admiral Sarel presented the Sarel Cup as a perpetual trophy to be competed for annually and awarded to the champion golfer of Flinders Naval Depot. We understand that the competition for this trophy takes place about September or October of each year.

R.A.N.C., serving at both Jervis Bay and Flinders Naval Depot. We extend our sympathy to the family of Mr. Conder in their sad loss.

he flew Sea Furies. On completion he returned to H.M.A. Fleet as a pilot in 850 Squadron, serving at H.M.A.S. "Albatross" and aboard H.M.A.S.'s "Vengeance" and "Sydney" when she returned to Japan for her second tour in 1953.

On his return in mid 1954 he was seconded to R.A.A.F. Station, Sale, for a Flying Instructor's course during which he was killed when a Tiger Moth crashed.

He leaves a wife and two children to whom, and to Lieutenant Gray's parents also, we extend our sincere sympathy.

# Waller Year Passing Out

Waller Year are the second Intermediate Entry of Cadet Midshipmen to Pass Out from the Royal Australian Naval College. Like their predecessors the Burnett Year, the year is named after a Captain of the Royal Australian Navy who lost his life during the Second World War.

The Passing Out Parade was conducted on Friday, 12th March, with the Governor-General, Field Marshal Sir William Slim, G.C.B., G.C.M.G., G.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., K.St. J., taking the salute. After the parade had ended, and the Waller Year had marched past for the last time, everyone moved into the Gymnasium where Commodore Morrow welcomed His Excellency.

In his speech he referred to the growth of the R.A.N.C. during the past year, and praised the new entries for their fine performance on the parade ground. He then outlined recent staff changes and emphasised the valuable work done by the officers and tutorial staff.

To the Wallers he commended very highly their record in College life and leadership. On the sports field and in the classroom they showed true leadership and a will to work hard.

His Excellency then presented the studies and naval prizes as follows:

**Grand Aggregate:** Chief Cadet Captain G. W. Furlong.

**Mathematics:** Cadet Midshipman D. E. Clinch. 2nd, Chief Cadet Captain G. W. Furlong.

**Physics:** Cadet Captain I. F. Holmes. 2nd, Chief Cadet Captain G. W. Furlong.

**Chemistry:** Cadet Captain I. F. Holmes. 2nd, Chief Cadet Captain G. W. Furlong.

**French:** Cadet Captain I. F. Holmes.

**Latin:** Chief Cadet Captain K. E. Langford.

**History:** Cadet Midshipman P. I. Playford. 2nd, Cadet Midshipman R. A. G. Herron.

**English:** Chief Cadet Captain G. W. Furlong. 2nd, Cadet Captain I. F. Holmes.

**Engineering:** Cadet Captain I. F. Holmes. 2nd, Chief Cadet Captain G. W. Furlong.

**Navigation (N.Z. Naval Board Prize):** Cadet Midshipman D. E. Clinch. 2nd, Cadet Captain I. F. Holmes.

**Seamanship:** Cadet Captain I. F. Holmes. 2nd, Chief Cadet Captain K. E. Langford.

## PROMOTIONS

**To Chief Cadet Captain:** Cadet Captain Wilson; Cadet Captain Yates.

**To Senior Cadet Captain:** Cadet Captain Stephens; Cadet Captain Shotter.

**To Cadet Captain:** Cadet Midshipman Cook; Cadet Midshipman Atkins; Cadet Midshipman Rikard-Bell; Cadet Midshipman Bigelow.

Tokens of appreciation were presented by the Naval Board for services as Cadet Captains to:

Chief Cadet Captain Furlong; Chief Cadet Captain Langford.

Senior Cadet Captain Leach; Senior Cadet Captain Holmes.

Cadet Captain McDermott.

Address by His Excellency the Governor General, Field Marshall Sir William Slim, G.C.B., G.C.M.B., G.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., K.St.J. at the Passing Out Ceremony:

"You must be tired of old men like me coming down here and giving you advice, so I won't give you advice. I'll only ask you to remember a few things. If you do, you won't need advice because then your own sense of honour will tell you what to do and how to conduct yourselves as Naval Officers in any circumstances.

The first thing to remember is that an officer is a leader, and you've no business to set yourself up as a leader unless you know more about the job in hand than the men you are supposed to lead. You have acquired basic knowledge of discipline here, you have learnt that to command you must first obey. Shortly you will study your profession more deeply and more practically. When you do, remember there is no place for passengers in a Ship of War, nor is there in the Royal Australian Navy. You are in honour bound to carry your own burdens and your share of the Common burden.

You will often inspect your men. Don't kid yourself that as you walk down the line you are doing all the inspecting—they are inspecting you. Remember that an officer is always under inspection—you will be under inspection on the deck of your ship, when you are at a cocktail party ashore, when you walk down the street of a foreign town. Above all, remember that wherever you are, in uniform or in mufti, you represent Australia. Your rank

doesn't matter, Midshipman or Admiral, it will be from you that your country will be judged.

Everybody keeps on telling me that Australia is a very big country. So it is, but it is still an island, just as Great Britain is, and like all islands it is dependent in peace and war on command of the sea—on its sailors. So who should represent the Island of Australia better than you—and who will have more opportunities?

You, each of you, have been chosen by your Queen and your country to lead your countrymen in battle on the seas. Than that you can have no higher honour paid you. In return, remember and live up to the noble traditions you inherit. All the age-old traditions of the Royal Navy are yours, for your ancestors just as much as mine fought under Drake and Nelson. To these traditions you can now add the magnificent tradition the Royal Australian Navy built up in the two great wars. That tra-

dition means you have a standard of conduct in courage and honour below which you will never fall.

Now, I have asked you to remember that you must know your job, that you will always represent your country and that you must live up to the great tradition of the Naval Service. And I said I would not give you advice, because if you did that it would not be necessary.

But I will give you one bit of advice, one only. If, remembering all these things, you find yourself in a situation with two evenly balanced courses of action, as you well may—then choose the bolder. And good luck to you."

The names of those who succeeded in Passing-Out are as follows:

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

## Flinders Year Passing Out

The Passing-Out ceremony of this, the seventh Flinders Year to pass through the College, was held on Friday, October 22.

The Flinders Year themselves, the other members of the College and all others who played any part in it are to be heartily congratulated on a particularly smooth and neat parade. It was in every respect a splendid exhibition, helped no doubt by perfect weather conditions. The salute was taken by the Minister of State for the Navy, the Honourable Jos. Francis, M.P.

The parade was followed by the prize-giving in the gymnasium. Commodore J. C. Morrow, D.S.O., D.S.C., Captain of the College, first presented his report on the year's activities since March, when the Waller Year graduated. Commodore Morrow thanked the Minister for the Navy for his attendance and bade him welcome on behalf of the College. He then went on to summarise the work of the College over the last six months or so and stated that he was pleased to be able to report that the College was continuing to do the job in spite of cramped quarters and sundry related inconveniences. The fourteen members of the Flinders Year passing-out today, he said, would be followed in March by twenty-two Cadets of the Getting Year and

at the end of 1955 a further sixty members of the Jervis and Burnett Years would graduate. These members would be followed by similar groups now in the junior years. Of the Flinders Year, the fourteen graduates, all that remained of an entry twenty-eight strong, had passed all the tests set for them in academic and professional subjects and had measured up to the high standard of officer-like qualities required to enable them to proceed with their training. These young gentlemen had upheld the high standards set by their predecessors, had shown enthusiasm and had pulled their weight in every aspect of College life. It was unfortunate that one of their number, Cadet Captain C. J. Wilson, had been forced to retire from the service as a result of an accident on the playing fields. Wilson had done very well and all would wish him every success in his career outside the Navy. The Commodore then spoke with pride of the splendid results of the Cook Year in the training-ship and said that the Waller Year were also, according to reports received, doing very well. Commodore Morrow mentioned the changes in the staff and thanked the masters and the officers for the work they had done. He mentioned briefly some of the highlights



of the College's sporting life and spoke of the beneficial influence of the various extra-curricular clubs and societies in widening the interests of the Cadet-Midshipmen. In this respect also, he stated that we owed thanks to our many lecturers some of whom he was pleased to see in the audience. In conclusion, Commodore Morrow congratulated the Flinders Year on having passed-out and wished them very good luck.

The prize-winners were then called up to receive their awards from the Honourable Jos. Francis. The complete list of prize-winners follows:

**Grand Aggregate:** C. A. Reid.

**Mathematics:** C. A. Reid. 2nd, P. I. M. Ferguson.

**Physics:** C. A. Reid. 2nd, K. J. Bale.

**Chemistry:** C. A. Reid. 2nd, D. M. Davidson.

**English:** C. A. Reid. 2nd, K. J. Bale.

**French:** J. A. Cook. 2nd, C. A. Reid.

**History:** K. J. Bale. 2nd, J. K. Parker.

**Navigation:** K. J. Bale. 2nd, P. I. M. Ferguson.

**Engineering:** C. A. Reid. 2nd, D. M. Davidson.

**Seamanship** (Otto Albert Memorial Prize): C. A. Reid. 2nd, J. D. Atkins.

**Burnett Memorial Trophy** (best exponent of rugby football): N. J. Stoker.

**Farncomb Cup** (best all-round cricketer): R. B. Doolan.

**Governor-General's Cup** (best all-round athlete): D. F. James.

**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. M. Yates.

**Dalton Cup** (winning Part of Ship in Sports Competition): Forecastle (J. M. Yates, Captain).

The following promotions were announced:

**To Chief Cadet Captain:** M. G. Rikard-Bell; B. C. Bigelow.

**To Senior Cadet Captain:** M. J. Youl; H. E. F. Tooth.

**To Cadet Captain:** D. F. James; D. G. Bews; I. G. Bartlett, D. H. Edgar; G. C. Cockram; J. M. Nelson.

After the prize-giving the Minister for the Navy, the Honourable Jos. Francis, delivered a short address. He began by congratulating the College on the appearance and bearing of the Cadets on parade and by expressing his delight with the excellent report presented by Commo-

dore Morrow. He then went on to emphasise the importance of good training and of a high standard of efficiency being reached by Cadet Midshipmen while at the College. Mr. Francis directed attention to the great part played in the history of the Australian Navy by officers who had passed through the College. He directed particularly our attention to the work of these officers in the Second World War both in the European and Pacific sectors and spoke with evident pride of their work in Korean waters. As they had received their inspiration from their predecessors all the way back to Nelson and beyond, so should the newer generation of officers draw further inspiration from those who had set them such high ideals and standards of conduct. The Minister then addressed himself directly to the Flinders Year and bade them not to be influenced by the current newspaper rumours that the Navy is falling into decline and its work would in future be done by other services. The Navy is as useful as ever and just as vital for the proper defence of Australia. He spoke of the "Satex" exercises recently carried out in the vicinity of Manus Island as having clearly demonstrated the great value of the Navy in war, and stated that we in Australia should learn from America's concentration on naval defence, if we had not already a full realisation of it, the great and essential nature of the work in store for the Navy of the future. Mr. Francis then reminded the members of the Flinders Year of their responsibility of upholding the reputation of Australia and the Australian Navy overseas and told them that they were, in fact, ambassadors for Australia. In conclusion, Mr. Francis said that he must thank the Commodore and the officers and masters of the College for their work in reaching and maintaining such high standards in spite of cramped conditions and inadequate facilities.

The names of the fourteen who successfully completed the course and Passed-Out:

J. D. Atkins, K. J. Bale, R. S. Bonnar, R. G. L. Cant, J. A. Cook, D. W. Daish, D. M. Davidson, P. I. M. Ferguson, N. C. Good, J. K. Parker, C. A. Reid, H. L. Stephens, L. G. Terry, J. M. Yates. C. J. Wilson, who failed to Pass-Out for medical reasons as a result of a football injury, completed a very fine record at the College when, in the Passing-Out examinations, he finished equal first in the Grand Aggregate and gained four first and four second placings in the nine subjects.



## H.M.A.S. "AUSTRALIA"

H.M.A.S. "Australia", first commissioned in 1928 and finally paid off in 1954, has had a long and interesting career in the Royal Australian Navy. There are very few officers or men in the R.A.N. today who have not, at some time or other, served in her and we all look back on her with affection.

In these days of "gadgets" and "magic boxes" which do a lot of the hard work for us, it is well to remember that it is the men who work these "gadgets" that really count. As I said, we all look back on the "Australia" with affection, but what we really remember is the fine spirit of her ship's company. "Australia" had her small share of gadgets when she commissioned — there was no radar in those days — and she had her very large share when she finally paid off — radar and V.H/F aerials sprouting everywhere in place of the tall graceful masts as originally fitted for flag signalling, and a modern well controlled set of Anti-Aircraft weapons in place of the archaic equipment of the 1920's — but she has always had a high morale and a determination to do her best at whatever task she was set.

Her first voyage to sea provided an incident which could well have been a tragedy, but in fact went to show how well her ship's company settled into their new ship. An Able Seaman was washed off the forecastle in the middle of an Atlantic gale when lowering of a boat was out of the question. The seaboard was manned immediately on the Pipe 'Away lifeboats crew', but the Captain decided to manoeuvre the ship alongside the man to windward and try to recover him from a scrambling net. The ship's Commander (now Captain H. L. Howden, C.B.E., R.A.N. Rtd.) climbed over the side and the man was recovered successfully — a very fine feat of seamanship.

The ship then carried out a flag-showing cruise to Canada, U.S.A., Jamaica, Panama, Tahiti and New Zealand before finally crossing the Tasman at 28 knots in the wake of Sir Charles Kingsford Smith on his first flight from New Zealand to Australia. Her ship's company, acting as unofficial ambassadors for Australia, met many people in the countries visited, and did a lot — as sailors always do — to cement the friendly bonds of international relationships.

For the next five years "Australia" formed part of the Australian Squadron, cruising around the coast, carrying out exercises and practices and in general performing the thousand and one duties of a

cruiser in peace time — showing the flag and maintaining that high pitch of training that is always necessary in a smart ship.

At the end of 1934, after some changes in the ship's company, she embarked H.R.H. the Duke of Gloucester in Brisbane and set off for England via the Pacific to attend the Jubilee Naval Review at Spithead, in July 1935, and to spend a year with the Mediterranean Fleet. Here was a real chance for the ship's company to prove their worth in competition with the best in the Royal Navy — and how well they fared can be seen by their record. Their successes in Sailing, Swimming, Rugby, Water Polo, Cricket, General Drills, Fleet Exercises and practices, Gunnery Firings, Torpedo Firings, and the like were perhaps capped by winning the Cruiser Regatta two years in succession, in a record field of ten cruisers. This had not been achieved in the Mediterranean for something like sixty years.

"Australia" arrived home in August, 1936, after what was perhaps the most stirring two years of her life. Morale was at its highest, and not only have a large percentage of the ship's company risen to responsible positions in the R.A.N., but the example they set remained with the ship afterwards.

For the next three years "Australia" remained on the Australian station, but shortly after the out-break of war she escorted one of the troop convoys of the A.I.F. to England via the Cape of Good Hope and was soon involved in naval war in the Arctic Patrols, Atlantic Patrols, air raids in Liverpool, the action against the French off Dakar, and many others, before returning to Australia in 1941.

From the end of 1941 until 1945 she worked with the U.S. 7th Fleet in the Pacific, and she had her fair share there too — Coral Sea, Guadalcanal, Arawa, Cape Gloucester, Hollandia, Biak, Aitape, Morotai, Leyte and Lingayen Gulf. Mostly her role was that of bombardment ship, though she always held a key position in the Air Warning organisation, and her radar operators were well-known among the Americans for their voices and the quick and accurate information they gave.

Her bulk made her a "first" amongst bombing targets, and during the "Kamikaze" phase she collected six, one at Leyte and five at Lingayen, and although many were killed and wounded, the ship carried on with her job until the main landing was completed and she could be sent south for a rest.

Soon after this she was sent to England for repairs and modernisation, and it was not until April, 1945 that she was in full commission again.

The final phase of "Australia's" career, from 1947 to 1954, was again spent in the Australian Fleet — rather the "old lady" now, but none the less a fully active member, both as Flagship and as Training Ship for the Fleet.

Two further episodes remain to be recorded; first, her dash to the Antarctic to pick up a man suffering from appendicitis from Heard Island, and finally and by no means least, the honour she had in forming part of the escort for the "Gothic" when H.M. The Queen visited Australia. The Queen, accompanied by The Duke of Edinburgh boarded the "Australia" off Cairns in March, 1954, almost 19 years to the day after her father had walked the same deck when he boarded her to meet his

brother, the Duke of Gloucester, in Portsmouth in March, 1935.

We at the Naval College said Goodbye to H.M.A.S. Australia on Saturday, 29th May, 1954, when she left on her last voyage from Westernport to Sydney.

As her epitaph I can not do better than to quote the message sent by the Admiral Oldendorf, U.S.N., the Commander of the Bombarding Squadron when "Australia" left the Combined Fleets in Lingayen Gulf before coming south in January, 1945:

"Your gallant conduct and that of your ship has been an inspiration to all of us. Sorry to lose you at this time."

We are sorry to lose her too, and hope that in due time another H. M. A. S. Australia will follow in the footsteps of her illustrious predecessor.

—Commander R. J. Robertson,  
D.S.C., R.A.N.

## CLUB NOTES



### JAZZ CLUB

#### "The Birth of a Band"

Towards the end of 1953 a couple of us stumbled upon the idea of starting a band of some description. We were, however, confronted immediately with the difficulty that there were very few musicians in the R.A.N.C. suitable for our "rythm group." Nevertheless we interested a few prospective members who all went home for Christmas with hopes of buying instruments. As is usually the case, the first enthusiasm died and about half our would-be players did not come good but we did have enough instruments to warrant making a start. With Bigelow as pianist, Irwin the trumpeter, Hole on the guitar and myself on the drums, we soon got down to work but if the outcry raised against our effort at the Annexe is any basis for judgment we can't have sounded too good.

We worked on steadily through the year, carefully selecting the most suitable numbers for our group and gradually over-

coming our faults. Our first show was a small farewell concert for Lieutenant Whitmore but we were hardly proud of our efforts on that occasion. After this we completely reshuffled and started working up for a variety concert, which we hoped would come off before the end of the winter term.

After the May leave we had several improvements; Irwin had bought a new horn and I managed to obtain several additions to my drum kit, in addition to which we had gained the services of Arnott on the double bass. Our end of term show consisted of several skits and a dozen or so numbers by the band. Mainly due to much hard work by Lieutenant - Commander Hokin the show was smoothly presented and appears to have been well enjoyed by the College. Tooth and Brownfield appeared in several humorous sketches, there were various conjuring and magic acts and a glamorous ballet starring that vivacious redhead, Miss B. Good. The highlight of our own contribution was a magnificent trumpet solo of "I Only Have Eyes For You" but our numbers in general were smooth and even and were very well received.

We all wish to thank Lieutenant-Commander Hokin for his unceasing assistance, and we hope to put on another show (a bigger and better one) next year.

—"Woopaa Kroopa."

## YACHTING CLUB

Under the able leadership of Commander Robertson, himself a keen yachtsman, this new club has accomplished quite a bit this year.

In general, our main activity has been improving the appearance and sailing qualities of the College yacht, "Triton," which for the past few years has been in a state of semi-neglect. As some might know, she used to have a very strong weather helm. This has been countered to a great extent by reduction in the area of the main sail and the provision of a bigger foresail, in fact, a gig's main sail.

Among our other notable feats was a mid-winter cruise in Westernport which, in spite of the lack of wind, was most enjoyable. It comes to the question of temperature, we maintain we were at least as warm as, if not warmer than, the campers at Portsea.

All in all, it has been a very successful year. Our thanks must go to Commander Robertson, of course, for all the time he has spent with us. We are confidently looking forward to more and even better cruises in the not-so-distant future.

—J.N.L.

## HOBBIES CLUB

**President:** Mr. R. F. Berry

**Secretary:** C. M. Burns

**Tool Secretary:** C. M. Mentz

This year the scope of the Hobbies Room has been widened to provide facilities for the practical work of other clubs such as Science, Radio, Conjuring and photography, and also for general repair work.

A good selection of tools has been obtained during the year and the Tool Secretary has been engaged in the preparation of a shadow board so that each tool will have its proper place. Cadets have used the room whenever they have had free time and entries have been made in the record book as to the nature of the work on which they were engaged. This book shows that a great variety of activities has been attempted and that the room is serving a very useful purpose.

A highlight of the year was the excursion to Melbourne on Sunday, 10th October. The party first visited Moorabbin Airport where Mr. Harley, a member of the Royal Victorian Aero Club, gave a most interesting address on the formation, membership and aims of the R.V.A.C. The training planes,

Tiger Moths, Austers and Chipmunks were then inspected. Planes of many different types were also observed in the private hangars.

Later in the day some very interesting exhibits, including the first plane constructed in Australia, were inspected at the Technological Museum. The party visited Albert Park where a demonstration of aqua-planing was witnessed and model yachts and aeroplanes seen in action.

## SMALL ARMS CLUB

One of several new clubs formed this year under the guidance of Mr. A. H. Trewin, we are a small group of ardent small arms enthusiasts. Meeting every third Wednesday night under the instruction of several Depot Gunnery Instructors, who very generously gave up their spare time to help us, we soon learned the mechanism, stripping and maintenance of the Bren L.M.G., the Thompson S.M.G., the Lee-Enfield .303 service rifle and several pistols. Safety rules were stressed as being of major importance and were always closely observed.

On the last day of Second Term we spent the morning at the Depot range, firing all the weapons we had learned to handle. On this occasion we were also shown how to use mortars and grenades and were given a memorable lesson on how to recognise tear gas! Johnny Ray had nothing on some of us!

We wish to thank Mr. Trewin and the Gunnery Instructors for the valuable instruction they have given us and the time they have devoted to the Club.

—M.T.W.

## RADIO CLUB

Over the last year the Radio Club has flourished under the patient and paternal guidance of Instructor Lieutenant-Commander Hokin.

This year has been the first in which the work has not been done at the Electrical School but has been carried out at our own room at the Annexe.

The membership has necessarily been small, but all members have been working strenuously on the component parts of a huge radio set for the College. This will also be used as an amplifier for any concerts which may be held in the gymnasium.

We all join in thanking Lieut.-Cdr. Hokin for the time he has spent with us and for the knowledge he has passed on to us.

—D.D.S. and R.M.B.



## BALLROOM DANCING

During the year, and arising out of the great interest shown in the Jervis and Burnett Years, this very interesting activity has flourished in the College under the able guidance of Mr. Trewin and Lieut. Duncan. Because of the large numbers of Jervis and Burnett Year cadets involved it was, unfortunately, impossible to allow any participation in the activity by the juniors. However, their opportunity should come next year as the present members of the Club who have shown the necessary concentration should have reached the standard aimed at.

The Club began to function at the beginning of the second term and instruction was greatly assisted by the willing co-operation of the wives of College masters and officers, and of Depot officers. We would like to take this opportunity of expressing our appreciation of the help given us by the ladies.

On alternate Thursdays throughout the winter Jervis and Burnett Years visited the Toorak Ladies' College to join the girls there in receiving instruction in the finer points of dancing. These outings were much enjoyed by all and we thank the girls for their cheerful sacrifice of toes and insteps in the cause of imparting polish to the future officers of the Navy. Their heroism should not be forgotten.

In conclusion, we would like to thank Mr. Trewin and Lieut. Duncan for their help in making this one of the most successful of the winter activities.

## AERO CLUB

**Officer-in-Charge:** Lieut. J. A. Matthew.

This club consists of cadets who are hoping to join the Fleet Air Arm. The year's activities have been limited to lectures and films, though we hope to progress to more practical aspects of flying next year. We cordially thank Lieut. Matthew for his active interest and participation in the Club. —"Flyboy."

## BRIDGE CLUB

This club met fortnightly during the winter and averaged about a dozen regular members. Without the finesse and guile shown by adults some interesting hands were played. Two or three members showed good card sense and should develop later on into quite good players.

## STAMP AND COIN CLUB

**Master-in-Charge:** Mr. D. G. Thompson

The Club has had very few meetings during the year but the individual members have gone keenly about the business of adding to their collections. We wish to extend our thanks to Lieut.-Cdr.(S) W. Harris, R.A.N., who gave a very interesting and instructive talk on two sets of stamps which were mounted in a novel way. It is hoped that we may have more lectures of this type in the future.

—R.I.C.

## CONJURING CLUB

The Conjuring Club started its career with a large membership, mainly consisting (one fears) of "rounds-dodgers." There were a few conscientious conjurers as well and they formed the backbone of the club and put on the highly efficient display that was greatly appreciated as a part of the Jazz Club concert. The chief conjurer is Lt. Jobson, who also supplies all materials and costumes at considerable personal expense. All our tricks have been learned from Lt. Jobson and we are very grateful to him for the fun he has given us. Our natural talent is, of course, unbelievably great. If our engagements are not too heavy we may oblige the College with more exhibitions of magic in the future.

—"W.H.L."

## CAR MECHANICS CLUB

Unfortunately our meetings were interrupted somewhat but perhaps now one or two members know what goes on under the duco.

Some members gained some practical experience on Lt. Cumming's motor-bike and I'm sure that the club would be a big success if some benevolent owner would donate a car to be "operated" on.

## MUSIC CLUB

The Music Club this year has been, as usual, one of the more thriving of the College clubs. During Second Term regular meetings were held during which classical music was played to an appreciative group. These meetings were thoroughly enjoyed by all members and thanks go to Instructor Lieutenant-Commander Des Clayes for arranging them. The regular excursions held to the Youth Concerts in Melbourne were heavily patronised and well enjoyed.

## SCIENCE CLUB

The R.A.N.C. Science Club formed at a special meeting of about twenty cadets early in the second term. It was decided at this meeting that the Club would operate essentially as project groups, but would meet from time to time on a full-Club basis for lectures, films and excursions.

Three project groups were organised—one incorporated the functions of a former Nature Study Club, another was concerned with the applications of the principles of Physics and the third carried out experiments connected with Chemistry. Club members were free to join the group of their choice but, before beginning projects had to submit proposals to the masters supervising the respective groups. The projects adopted covered a wide range, including the examination and mounting of geological specimens, pyrotechnics, distillation and the making of working electrical models.

Other activities included a lecture on radar, a film evening, and two full-day excursions. In addition, the nucleus of an activities library was established.

As the scope of activities of the Club became better known, the membership increased. Altogether, between 40 and 50 cadets participated during the year.

The Club greatly appreciated the help that was given it by various sections of the Depot outside the College, in regard to the radar lecture, films, transport for excursions and materials for carrying out projects. It was appreciative also of the efforts of the three masters and of the office bearers in ensuring a successful first year of Club life.

## DEBATING CLUB

The Club continued this year with a small but highly enthusiastic membership inspired and guided by Mr. W. G. Richards whom we cordially thank for his interest in us.

At our first meeting of the year, our voices were recorded by Mr. Richards and great was the embarrassment of some members when they heard, for the first time, their own voices as others hear them. A very large programme was envisaged but unfortunately it could not be carried out in its entirety. However, at our fortnightly

meetings we had a variety of discussions, both formal and informal, and we did meet teams from three other colleges.

At Scotch College, the evening took the form of a round table discussion of various matters of topical interest rather than a formal debate and this proved most interesting. At R.M.C., Duntroon, our team consisted of Roberts, Jones and Nelson and they, supporting the statement that "Euthanasia Should be Made Legal," scored a narrow victory. Against Geelong Grammar School the subject "The R.A.A.F. Is Now Australia's First Line of Defence" was hotly debated. Our team (Roberts, Nelson and Bradley) took the negative and we again scored a narrow victory.

These were the only outside engagements but the Club also held a number of Model Parliaments for the education and enjoyment of members.

I. L. Bradley  
T. W. Jones

## COOKERY CLUB

### "The Fraternity of Fat Men"

Though our numbers were small we managed to cook, and eat, more food than the average cadet would get through in two terms. Our meetings were all of a practical nature and after filling ourselves up with the products of our toil we would stagger back to the College where the remnants of the night's feast were consumed by the eagerly waiting cadets of our respective Years. These poor underfed wretches must have envied us our repasts; particularly must they have sighed for more cooking (at the College) of such excellence.

The fraternity was excellently organised by the First Lieutenant and he deserves the credit for the fact that we cooked and ate such mountains of food but still managed to be back at the College for rounds on all but one occasion.

Some well-known Fourth Year members were responsible for our worst mess. They endeavoured to make some toffee with horribly sticky results—when last heard of the gruesome mixture had still not set! However, there were very few failures and all members learned a lot about the art of preparing food—as far as eating it is concerned, it was soon capably demonstrated that they had nothing to learn.

—P.L.

## SHALLOW WATER DIVING

The year saw the institution of a new activity in the form of the Shallow Water Diving Club. The prime moving force behind the formation of this group was Lt. P. M. Cumming, to whom we desire to express our thanks. Although some of us were not quite sure of the exact nature of the activities to be undertaken there was no lack of interested parties and it was found necessary to limit the membership to those in the Fourth and Senior Intermediate years. We held fortnightly meetings under the direction of our sponsor who gave some very interesting and educational lectures and demonstrations. Various enthusiasts tried the "Salvus" kit for themselves. Apart from providing an interesting pastime here, the year's activities will undoubtedly prove a valuable background for any cadet who intends undertaking a diving course.

—I. Bradley

## CHESS CLUB

The Chess Club this year has functioned very successfully and many new members have been taught the elements of the game. The full membership is well over 20 and on each Thursday night at least a dozen members have managed to attend. This year we were pleased to engage in a match against Scotch College. Even though we were well beaten we gained valuable experience from the encounter. The team that represented us consisted of Jessurun (Captain), York, Bateman, Gilmour-Walsh and Horlor. We have a Chess ladder competition running and, at present, Jessurun is on top. The Chess Championship is still in its preliminary rounds but it is hoped that it will be decided before the year is out.

—D. York

## THE ATOMIC SUBMARINE "NAUTILUS"

January 21st, 1954, marked the beginning of a new era in world history when the world's first atomic submarine, U.S.S. "Nautilus", was launched by Mrs. Dwight D. Eisenhower.

Most of the credit for the achievement of this revolutionary advance must go to Admiral H. G. Rickover, U.S.N.

The keel of the "Nautilus" was laid in June, 1952, and a prototype engine was built at Areo in Idaho. Known as an S.T.R. (Submarine Thermal Reactor) engine, it was designed to work with a radio-active core of U 235, submerged in a tank of highly purified water which acts as a moderator and heat exchanger. The heat produced is used to make steam which drives the turbines. Thus, as the engine requires no oxygen, the vessel can remain submerged, theoretically for an indefinite period but practically as long as the crew can stand the strain.

The limitations which are accepted in the case of the conventional submarines disappear and the range of the atomic submarine is limited only by the endurance of its crew. Its speed submerged is from 25 to 30 knots which indicates that it can match a destroyer under ordinary conditions and outpace it in rough weather. It should also be capable of operating at a greater depth

which will render it less vulnerable to detection by surface vessels or aircraft.

As the engine requires no oxygen the Schnorkel device is thus rendered obsolete. For years the submarine has suffered a loss of caste relative to the aircraft carrier but now that trend is reversed. The aircraft carrier has become a sitting duck.

Further, the atomic submarine should prove efficient for the task of bombarding shore installations and will be capable of launching rockets with atomic warheads. Against atomic submarines armed with atomic weapons the convoy system would give little or no protection.

With the development of this vessel, another possibility comes to light—that of under-sea liners. With such an engine as is incorporated in "Nautilus", the size of the submarine is unlimited and passenger-carrying submarines could be a paying proposition. The submarine liner would travel in comparative calm beneath the surface and the worries of sea-sickness would vanish. Services could be made more reliable for a submarine does not have to run for shelter if a storm blows up.

It is obvious that the advance which is represented by U.S.S. "Nautilus" is destined to leave a substantial chapter in our history.

T. A. ROACH.



### R.A.N.C.—THE VISION SPLENDID

To the visitor approaching from seaward, over the wide expanse of the sheltered bay, the first sight of the College is memorable. Passing between the trimly kept boats of the College "fleet", the pair of ocean-racing yachts, the cutters, whalers and power boats, an approach is made to the stone-faced embankment where the landing-steps are flanked by boatsheds, slipways, sail-loft and rigging shed. The short rise behind is terraced into lawns and flower-beds, above which stand the imposing and attractive College buildings.

On one side of the main parade ground is the Study Block, with class-rooms and laboratories grouped round the finely proportioned Assembly Hall, library and gymnasium. These class-rooms, designed by an Australian of international repute in educational architecture, are equipped with every necessary facility for the efficient instruction of the young Cadet Midshipmen in accordance with the best modern techniques. In addition to the bright, airy class-rooms, masters' rooms and laboratories, the art room, music and hobbies room, there are rooms specially fitted for instruction in the professional subjects of seamanship, navigation and engineering, as well as a comfortably equipped, though by no means luxurious, theatre, which serves for the presentation of plays and concerts, the addresses of visiting lecturers, and the screening of instructional films which is a regular feature of College teaching.

The library is well worth the attention of any visitor to the College. From the exterior a most attractive building, it houses a carefully chosen and accurately catalogued collection of books, models and pictures; and has been a place of absorbing interest and continuous inspiration to generations of Cadets.

Those who are interested in any aspect of physical education should also spare time to see the gymnasium with its shower and locker rooms, its squash courts, and its complete equipment for instruction in gymnastics, rope-climbing, boxing, fencing and so on. Close behind the gymnasium lie the running track, with its standard quarter-mile circuit, the football and hockey grounds and the tennis courts.

On the other side of the parade ground, the Cadets' dormitories, austere by some standards, are nevertheless comfortable and

convenient, grouped closely round the central Mess Hall with its honour boards and cases of trophies. This mess is capable of accommodating at one sitting the whole of the three hundred Cadets for whom the College was planned; and is served by a large galley as well equipped as that of any first-class hotel.

Among the trees on the slopes above the College are the houses for members of the naval and professorial staffs of the College, and the ship's company, and crowning all on the hillside is the College Chapel, its beautiful design giving dignity and unity to the whole group of College buildings.

The abiding impression left on the mind of the visitor to R.A.N.C. is that of a unified whole, planned and equipped to provide the ideal setting for the mental, physical and spiritual education of the future officers of our navy; and of an attractively designed and beautifully kept establishment of which the whole nation can be justly proud.

—G.F.A.



# From Time To Time

His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh visited the College on Tuesday, 2nd March. It is a date every Cadet will cherish in his schooldays memories. For most of us it was our closest view of Royalty and everyone was impressed by the handsome person and the alert, inquiring mind of the husband of our Queen.

After the Royal car had arrived, the Commander and the Headmaster were presented to the Duke, who then inspected the Waller Year and the front rank of each of the other platoons. During his inspection the Duke spoke to a number of lucky, but very nervous, Cadets, and following this he took the salute at the march past of the College.

At the conclusion of the parade His Royal Highness left the saluting base to inspect the College buildings, and whilst doing so he obliged the Cadets by signing his photograph which now stands proudly in the main mess room.

This was our part in the Royal Tour. It was brief but, we like to think, important for the Duke has a high regard for the Commonwealth Naval Colleges having himself passed out of the Mother of them all, Dartmouth.

I. S. Hill.

On Wednesday, 20th March, the Masters, Officers and all the Cadets spent the day aboard H.M.A.S. "Vengeance" to witness flying operations. The party was first divided into groups which were taken on a tour of the ship. At 1040 flying operations commenced, with H.M.A.S. "Bataan" off the port quarter and "Vengeance" doing a steady 22 knots. At this stage we were able to witness the fly-off from catapults and later on the deck landings which were the highlights of the day. After lunch we witnessed the operation of refuelling at sea and then came the big moment when Mr. Richards and four Cadets of the Waller Year (Langford, Foster, Furlong and Ferrier) went for a flight in Fireflies and carried out firing at a towed target. When the planes had landed "Vengeance" turned for Frankston, where the Cadets disembarked and returned to the College after a most enjoyable day.

P. J. Cornell.

At the end of Term I, "Gunroom Gazette" made its first appearance at the R.A.N.C. and was justly accorded a hearty welcome by all. "Gunroom Gazette", edited by Mr. M. M. Purser of the Professorial Staff, has already (after only two issues) made itself a definite part of the life of the College and all connected with the College wish it long life and continued success. Its breezy reporting of the events of the year and its splendid original work make it worthy of the highest praise. We of the R.A.N.C. Magazine Committee offer our heartiest congratulations to Mr. Purser and his committee on a job well done and also our thanks for assistance we have received from the "Gazette" and its staff.

R.R.C.

On the last Friday of second term, Geelong Grammar School teams for debating, rugby and Australian football matches arrived at the College. The debate took place on the Friday evening and, under the leadership of E. L. Roberts, we won in convincing, if rather hilarious style. The subject was "That the R.A.A.F. is now Australia's first line of defence". We took the negative side. Following this was an excellent concert by the Jazz and Revue Club.

Saturday began with sailing for the visitors and after lunch the Australian Rules and rugby matches were played in extremely wet and muddy conditions. The rugby players in particular soon resembled large, shapeless clods of moving mud. R.A.N.C. won the Australian Rules game but lost the rugby. The evening was pleasantly spent at the pictures in the Depot cinema. The Geelong Grammar teams left by bus after lunch on Sunday following a grand weekend to which the only dullness was contributed by the weather.

F. D. Foster.

Early in the first term, the College obtained the services of its own dentist. The cloakroom was converted to equip a surgery and this improvement has saved much time. The first full-time Dental Lieutenant was Lieutenant (D) Childs, B.D.Sc (Adel.), R.A.N., who was relieved during Third Term by Lieutenant (D) Blythe, B.D.Sc (Q'land), R.A.N.

"G. A. Aiken-Touth".

"Seems there is a second Sir Edmund Hillary. He's in the Navy! R.A.N. Cadets were at Dookie Agricultural College for football matches recently, and to have a look at the country, of course!

A couple of days before they left, the college flag mysteriously disappeared from the flag-pole. The Cadets went home . . . still no sign of the flag.

A week later someone found it—at the top of another pole at the top of the weather station, on top of Mount Major. (As far as we know, it's still there)."

**From the Melbourne "Herald."**

On the evening of Saturday, 11th September, the Junior Ballet Guild of Victoria visited the College. After dinner in the mess-room they demonstrated the types of exercises ballet dancers learn. After a brief interval, three short ballets were presented, these being an excerpt from "The Sleeping Beauty", "Tarantella" and a skit on the "Hornpipe". In conclusion, Cadet Midshipman Brownfield thanked the Ballet Guild for a very interesting evening.

**R. J. Varley.**

In the course of this year Cadet Midshipmen have been privileged to hear a larger number of guest speakers than ever before at the College. The lectures delivered have been as diverse as the offices and personalities of the speakers themselves, and have had in common only their extreme interest for the Cadets, who have enjoyed them immensely and learned a great deal from them. For the arrangement of these talks we are deeply indebted to Mr. A. H. Trewin for his zealous efforts on our behalf and we would like to express our appreciation to him and also, of course, to each of the guest speakers who honoured us during the year. The full list of names and titles follows:

21st April: Captain J. P. Williams—"Salvage of the Santhia."

25th May: Lieut. H. R. Syme, G.C., G.M. (and Bar), R.A.N.V.R.—"Rendering Mines Safe."

4th June: Captain S. J. Benson, R.D.—"The Port Phillip Pilot Service."

11th June: Mr. Daryl Lindsay, Director, National Gallery of Art—"Masterpieces of the Victorian Gallery."

18th June: Mr. P. G. Law, Director, Antarctic Division, External Affairs Department—"Antarctica."

2nd July: Mr. C. Lawrence, Chairman, Snowy Mountains Hydro-Electric Authority—"The Snowy River Scheme".

16th July: Dr. Ursula Hoff, Keeper of the Prints, National Gallery of Art—"The Art of Landscape Painting."

23rd July: Mr. A. A. Wilcock, Senior Lecturer in Geography, University of Melbourne—"Getting Around."

30th July: Mr. A. A. Phillips, Senior English Master, Wesley College—"The Writing of English."

3rd August: Detective-Inspector C. E. North, C.I.B.—"The Applications of Science in Modern Crime Detection."

7th September: Dr. A. E. Coates, O.B.E., M.D., M.S., F.R.C.S.—"Experiences as a Surgeon in Japanese P.O.W. Camps."

11th September: Demonstration by the Melbourne Ballet Guild.

1st October: Captain R. A. MacPherson, U.S.N.—"The Training of Midshipmen at the U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis."

8th October: Wing Commander R. T. Susans, D.S.O., D.F.C.—"The Problems of Flying Jet Aircraft."

**Editor.**

Our heartiest congratulations must be extended to the Cook Year (1950-53) on their grand performance in the R.N. training ship H.M.S. "Triumph" during 1954. Individually and as a group they have covered themselves with glory and their record must be a source of pride and inspiration to every Cadet at the R.A.N.C.

D. G. HOLTHOUSE was awarded the greatly coveted Queen's Sword, P. F. EGAN won the Seamanship Prize, P. A. HARDY the Prize for Engineering and Electrics and O. R. COOPER took Second Prize for Navigation. The Australian group filled seven of the first eighteen places which is, in itself, a very pleasing result but possibly our greatest cause for pride lies in the fine reports received of the performance of this group as a whole in every aspect of their life in the training ship. They have set for us a very high standard and it is most encouraging to learn, from early reports, that the Waller Year Cadets (1952-54) are following worthily in their footsteps. When we say "Congratulations, Cook Year (and Wallers)!" it is up to us also to resolve that we, in our turn, will do all in our power to maintain this excellent record.

**Editor.**



On August 9th the members of Phillip Year went on an excursion to General Motors Holden and the Government Aircraft Factory. Arriving at G.M.H. at 8.30 a.m., we were first taken to the foundry where we donned special glasses to view the production of the multifarious parts that go to make an engine. We moved on to see the machining and finishing of these parts, the testing for faults and the ultimate assembly and running of the engine. We saw the assembly line method of production at work and the sight of the gleaming new cars brought thoughts of the old family "bomb"—not a favourable comparison. After refreshments we saw the interesting show "Preview of Progress" in which many new principles and inventions were explained. After a very interesting morning we moved on to the Aircraft Factory where we first saw the new pilotless jet bomber, the Jindivik, in various stages of its production and then the Canberra jet bomber, also at different stages of construction. We visited the Perspex workshop and then the instrument factory where we were enthralled by the modern labour-saving equipment.

Before leaving to return to the College we saw one of the last of the Lancasters being made at the factory. Altogether it was a most interesting day and we are deeply indebted to both General Motors Holden and the Commonwealth Aircraft Factory.

**T.A.R.**

One Tuesday in July, Jervis and Burnett Years spent a very interesting day exploring the Commonwealth Fertilizers Plant at Yarraville and the Commonwealth Industrial Gases Factory at Preston. The management of both firms treated us very kindly and we are extremely grateful to all who helped to make the tour so interesting.

We had been briefed on the manufacture of sulphuric acid in previous classes, but to see the process at first hand was a great experience. Any previous misunderstandings about the process of manufacture of sulphuric acid or of superphosphate were quickly removed by the morning's experiences. In the afternoon, at the C.I.G. factory, everyone enjoyed seeing for himself the process of making acetylene and oxygen. An extremely interesting demonstration of the properties of liquid oxygen completed a thoroughly absorbing excursion.

**D. H. Edgar.**

On the afternoon of Friday, 9th July, five Jervis Year members of the Yachting Club were towed out into the Westernport Bay for the beginning of what was supposed to be a sailing week-end in the College yacht "Triton".

The five sailed as far as Stony Point but because of the failing light and the light breeze the leader of the expedition, Mentz, decided to tow "Triton" behind his outboard dinghy. It was dark when we reached Hastings after a hazardous journey up the channel.

The next morning a heavy fog did not lift until mid-day, when "Triton" was towed out into Westernport. Once out in the bay we found the flooding tide far superior to the wind and were rapidly swept towards Middle Spit. It was decided to drop anchor and wait for the ebb tide in the morning.

Again, the next morning, the fog was extremely heavy but hunger pangs were becoming increasingly disturbing (we had last eaten at breakfast on the previous day) and the tide was right so we set a compass course for Cowes. After two and a half hours of sailing we anchored and waited for the fog to lift. This did not happen until 2.15 p.m. when we found ourselves off Sandy Point. The wind had completely dropped so, if Cowes was to be reached, another tow was inevitable. We finally anchored off Cowes at about 3.30 p.m. on Sunday.

On the Monday morning the fog lifted early but there was again no wind so we began towing back to the Depot on the flood tide. We were finally met by the College motor-boat which finished the tow for us. It was a very enjoyable week-end, although we cannot claim to have done much sailing.

**"Bosun."**

Towards the end of the second term the respective parts of ship chose and trained teams for a gymnastics competition held on the last Tuesday of the term. The competition was decided on vaulting and parallel bar work done by both seniors and juniors in turn and on a pyramid executed by mixed senior and junior groups. The display resulted in a very good demonstration of gymnastics in spite of the short notice at which it was held. Foretop gained first place, with Forecastle, Quarterdeck and Maintop following, in that order.

**I. Bradley.**

On Friday, 30th July, the Ballarat College football team arrived at R.A.N.C. for a week-end visit. This team had the honour of defeating the famous St. Patrick's College team twice during the season to take the premiership of the Ballarat Public Schools. St. Patrick's had been premiers for 49 years in succession, not having lost a match in that time. On the Saturday morning the Ballarat boys were taken sailing. The wind was very high and the seas in Westernport somewhat unpleasant but, apart from several groundings, no real mishaps occurred. On Saturday afternoon, despite a plucky fight by our seriously weakened XVIII, the Ballarat College team gradually swung into a fast, systematic game and capably demonstrated their right to the Ballarat premiership. They won comfortably by 40 points which would have been increased had not their kicking for goal been astray.

On Saturday night the team attended the Depot cinema and on Sunday morning witnessed Divisions and attended Church. They departed during the afternoon after a week-end which had proved a marked success and during which many friendships were made or renewed. We hope to maintain the close contact established in recent years with the Ballarat College.

**P.J.C.**

On Sunday, 28th March, we were visited by a team from the Royal Brighton Yacht Club to compete against us in a sailing race in Westernport Bay. A fresh south-westerly breeze kicked up quite a sea, and most of the boats shipped some water. One boat failed to finish and one was disqualified. Royal Brighton won by 28 points to 25.

On the following Sunday the R.A.N.C. team went up to Brighton for a return race. The race was sailed in Cadet Dinghies (12-footers) which were new to the College crews. However, they did well in going down to Royal Brighton by 28 points to 18.

After the race our hosts presented us with one of their club pennants, which has been framed and hung in the mess-room.

College coxswains: Cant (Captain), Ferguson, Terry, Davidson and Dodd.

**J. N. Lattin.**

On Thursday 14th and Friday, 15th October, the R.A.N.C. Dramatic Society presented the musical burlesque, "Silence in Court", to what was, on each occasion, a most appreciative audience. In addition to the Cadets and Staff, Depot Officers and their wives and families were present on the first night while parents of the Cadets attended on Friday. For a most amusing and entertaining show full credit must be given to all the members of the Dramatic Society, while a special word of praise should be reserved for those two hard-working gentlemen, Mr. W. G. Richards (Producer) and Instructor Lieut-Commander Q. Des Clayes, R.N. (Musical Director). The members of the orchestra also deserve commendation for the splendid manner in which they handled their part of the performance. Apart from the seven stalwart policemen and the stout fellows (and stout, er, that is, good ladies) of the jury, the leading members of the cast were as listed:

Judge: G. K. Dove.

Prosecuting Counsel: I. L. Bradley ("Call Me Madame").

Prisoner: W. S. G. Bateman.

P.C. Bloggs: J. M. Nelson.

Clerk of the Court: L. M. Sulman.

Sergeant: M. B. Horlor.

**R.R.C.**

During first term a group of officials from the Royal Life Saving Society visited the College and examined members of the Getting and Jervis Years. Of those who attempted the Bronze Medallion examination, all but one qualified. Below are listed names of cadets who gained higher awards:—

Bronze Cross: Anderson, Boucher, Jones, Lattin, Mentz, Owens, Pickford, Ross.

Instructor's Certificate: Bradley, Dodd, Stoker.

Silver Cross: Merton, Dadswell.

Bar to Silver Cross and Second Bar to Bronze Cross: Roberts, E. L.

**J.V.A.**

# Queen Elizabeth II's Arrival In Melbourne

On the morning of Wednesday, 23rd February, there was a quite unusual air of excitement at the Royal Australian Naval College. Everywhere there was hustle and bustle as Cadets struggled into stiff collars and "No. 1's" but whatever the appearances to the contrary, it was an organised confusion.

The Cadet Midshipmen of the College had been chosen, on this great day, to line a section of the route to be traversed by Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II, and Prince Phillip in their triumphal progress from Essendon Airport to Government House, Melbourne. On this morning there was no "early morning routine" and after a hurried breakfast and a few last words of advice from the Commander, we marched to the station from which our train left a few minutes later for the city.

The two-hour journey was quite uneventful, apart from the minor disturbance caused when a Second Year Cadet lost his cap overboard, and nobody was sorry to have the journey over.

On arrival at Flinders Street Station we fell in and marched to Alexandra Gardens where we were given light refreshments. Half an hour later we were all served with bag lunches and when these had been consumed we settled down to a long wait which would have been most tedious on any other occasion. However, in the particular circumstances the time passed rapidly as we wandered in groups through the Gardens, discussing the forthcoming procession and wondering just how the Queen would look.

By the time we were to leave the gardens the excitement had become intense and we all felt the tension in the air as the crowd grew and patiently endured the almost unbearable suspense. At length, however, we fell into our respective squads and marched to our section of the route where we formed on either side of St Kilda Road and took up our positions.

After a wait of about an hour three policemen, mounted on magnificent horses and with burnished trappings gleaming in the sunlight, passed us. By now an atmosphere of almost hushed expectancy had replaced the earlier excited gaiety of the crowd. The whole scene was one of blazing colour and vivid sunshine.

Suddenly the policemen of the mounted escort were passing us, followed closely by the first of the official cars. Gleaming black Humber after gleaming black Humber rolled slowly and noiselessly by. There was a slight gap—and he was indeed a well-trained serviceman who did not roll his eyes up the road towards the approaching Royal car. A magnificent open car gave the crowd a splendid view of the radiantly beautiful Queen and her handsome, sun-tanned husband. I suppose the Queen's car was past and disappearing down St. Kilda Road all in the space of a second, yet I think each onlooker gained an impression that will last in his mind for the rest of his days. Admiration, reverence, wonder and awe all had their place in our feelings for the graciously smiling and waving little figure of OUR Queen.

We were amazed at the flashing beauty of her smile and at her truly regal self-possession on this wonderful occasion and were sorry (perhaps) that we could not join in the tumultuous reception given the Queen by her devoted subjects in the crowd.

A few minutes later, after the cars carrying the tour officials and the rest of the Royal entourage had passed, we reformed and marched back to the station.

It was dark when we arrived at the Depot and marched back to the College. Supper completed we turned in immediately, after a day which all of us will hold proudly and affectionately in our memory for ever.

—W. B. Loftus



### THE STAGHOUND ARMoured CAR

Like the Naval Commander who uses his destroyers and other light forces to obtain information regarding the enemy, the Commander of land forces must have reconnaissance groups at his disposal, to obtain all the available data regarding enemy strength and dispositions. Of course, much of this information is obtained by the Air Force, but this arm is often restricted in its movements because of the weather, or in its effectiveness because of the concealment of the enemy. This latter lesson was well demonstrated by the Communist forces in Korea when they were able to conceal in a very small area a large force for several days before launching a full scale offensive, and this was during a time and in an area of absolute air superiority on the part of the United Nations' forces. The Army Commander must therefore have under his control ground troops that he can use to probe the enemy positions. These troops normally move in armoured cars of which the Staghound is a type often used.

This vehicle weighs approximately 12 tons, has four wheels, an overall width of 3 feet 10 inches, a length of just under 18 feet, a height of 7 feet 8 inches and a ground clearance of 13 inches. It is powered with two G.M.C. Chevrolet 6-cylinder overhead-valve petrol engines, each with a rated horsepower (S.A.E.) of 34-35, and each engine has 97 brake horsepower at 3,000 revolutions per minute. The maximum allowable engine speed is 3,500 r.p.m. The engines have a fluid coupling and a hydromatic gearbox which drives from all four wheels. The vehicle carries approximately 95 gallons of fuel, which give it a range of 500 miles at 40 miles per hour on normal roads, and it has a maximum sustained speed on hard roads of 55 miles per hour. Its performance across open country is amazing and it can ford streams through water not exceeding 32 inches in depth. The crew comprises five men, consisting of the Commander, the driver, the hull gunner, the turret gunner and the wireless operator. The cross country performance of the car is accounted for by its large tyres. Due to metal bead spaces and extra hard reinforcement of the walls of the tyres they are capable of running up to 75 miles on normal surfaces, even when pierced by bullets or shell fragments. The Staghound carries a certain amount of armour plating and mounts a 37 millimetre

tank gun (firing A.P., H.E. and Canister shot) in the turret. In addition to this it carries a Browning machine gun in the turret and another in the hull.

These vehicles carry powerful radio equipment and their purpose is not to fight, unless forced, but to obtain all possible information regarding the enemy. Their armour gives them adequate protection against small arms and light anti-tank gun fire. Their armament can be used effectively if required, but they are usually employed thirty to forty miles in advance of the main forces and their role is to report back by wireless all information likely to be of use to the Commander so that he has time to alter his plans or make such preparations as the situation demands.

In peace time, in order to promote a competitive spirit between units possessing these cars, a trophy known as the Forster Cup is competed for. The best squadron in each unit is used and the contest is judged by a panel of impartial observers. The competing squadrons usually consist of two Canadian Scout Cars and two Staghounds. The Canadian Scout Car is a smaller edition of the Staghound with an armament consisting of one Bren gun and with higher powered radio equipment than the Staghound. The procedure usually adopted is to place a certain territory in "enemy" hands and then to send the squadrons in on reconnaissance, under wartime conditions. A Canadian Scout Car leads the procession and goes alone to the first prominent high feature on the route to be traversed. If the coast is clear it then signals up its escort, the first Staghound, which reaches the point just vacated by the Scout Car. Here it remains until called up by the advance Scout Car, which has now proceeded to the next hill. The procedure is then repeated, with the order Scout Car, Staghound, Staghound, Scout Car. This hill-hopping method of approach continues till the objective is reached. Reports are sent back of the nature of the terrain and of any enemy elements seen. At the objective a shoot is carried out, accuracy counting towards points awarded by the judges. This latter proceeding is not normal in warfare for, as stated above, the object of the Staghound patrol, usually sent out without Scout Cars, is to seek out information, not to actively engage the enemy.

—K. Bale.



# Through The Years

## FLINDERS YEAR

What with the first mid-term camp, the memorable last cruise of the "Australia," the formation of the F.Y.I.W.W. (with Daish as President, Stephens as Secretary and Terry as Treasurer) and the achievement of our twenty-first broken window, it has been a highly successful year!

Inspired by Good's perpetual happiness we have remained cheerful through all the trials and tribulations of Fourth Year.

Even though some members do not appear to remember much about the early hours of the Sunday morning, the Cowes camping week-end was very well "spent." One illuminating remark overheard at the second camp at Portsea was, "How mad can some people get — hitch-hiking seventy miles to the pictures?"

We are rather doubtful of the way in which those Western Australians spent their time on the long trek from Perth to Brisbane to join the "Australia." We hope "Toni" looked after them from Melbourne to Sydney, at least.

Although the "grease-mongers" were very happy about the closed down boiler-room on the "Australia" the "execs" were also undisturbed in the gunnery director. Talking of gunnery reminds us of Stone's excellent demonstration of firing at angles 0°-90° at the target.

Probably one of the most generous donations to the Canberra War Museum this year was the presentation of "Australia's" crest by a member of the Flinders Year.

"One with Cook's Disease, one in love," should have been heard at divisions the day after the Toorak Dance. (Junior Cadets — beware of one of the most contagious diseases in the College, Cook's Disease!)

We are wondering if "Sambo" Davidson will have any trouble getting a passport.

Discreet inquiries have revealed that Ferguson and Reid have their bookings on the "Orion."

The Grapevine reports that: Bale has gone underground to the "Dairy" following the revelation of Document J.

The Terry-Yates catamaran, although highly successful, was not appreciated in naval circles.

Parker and Bonnar are going into business together in an alcohol distillery.

Brownfield found that "Anniversaries" are more important than dental appointments.

Hawkin broke the twenty-first window.

Atkins and Shotter have developed an undying friendship with the Merchant Navy.

Liaison has been established between South Africa and Cant (H), the last of the Mohawks.

In conclusion, we would strongly recommend a diet of Vegemite and milk for rugby enthusiasts and for those who "eata-lot."

## GETTING YEAR

We would of course be the last to deny that this is the best year in the College. This year we got off to a reasonable start, cleaning up the hockey, swimming, cricket, Aussie rules, rugby, soccer, sailing and athletics, to mention just a few. This was no doubt due to the fantastic consumption of Vegemite and milk which occurs in the Getting Year flat.

Naturally, the course of our spectacular run of achievements was interrupted here and there. At one time we were fully expecting to lose "Wunar" our members to the Petrov inquiry — about these things one must be Frank mustn't one be, Frank?

Yet another (oh, these New Zealanders!) was reputed to have returned home to answer some questions on his earlier (?) career.

Adoption of the motto, "He who smokes Turf coughs loudest!" has resulted in much effort being expended in this sphere by those concerned. Who? Me?

Imagine our pride when we moved into our capacious new class-room. This good luck came our way because the cat couldn't be swung in any room less than three times the size. Cat, we are deeply grateful!

As you will doubtless appreciate, it would be impossible in such a small magazine as this to record even a fraction of the great story of Getting Year, even if we kept the unimportant years down to the space they deserve (or if we were magnanimous and gave them a **whole** page to themselves). The story of the College is, of course, the story of the Gettings, anyway, so we will confine ourselves to a few snippets.

Heard in the flat:  
 "Hey, Robo, what's ornithological mean?"  
 "Lyre Boid, stupid mortal!"

"Yes, a genuine flying saucer! Poor old Bouch."

"New style 'pack' suit, as worn by Dove."

"I don't want her, you can have her, she's too fat for me."

"Professor Oliphant has been increasing . . ."

Suggestions for Passing-Out: Year Officer astride horse (Charlie), Getting Year marches on preceded by designation banner (as in Empire Games) to the tune of Basin Street, followed by Junior Intermediate, staging ballet demonstration. Neat, eh? Newsflash—One of our members has just won the "Mr. Australia" Contest. Guess who?

Don't forget the "Ton o' Gutz" Challenge Cup, open to all.

Lastly, don't forget this coming March, the supreme event of our career here. Yessir, the "Teddy Bear's Picnic!" Now only one thing worries us—"The Breath."

### JERVIS YEAR

This is an inside account of life with the Jervis Year throughout the year, September, '53-September, '54. Each member of this illustrious clan has had a widely varied career throughout this period, and has been assessed in the following manner:

Anderson: Has improved his standard of card playing immensely, and has also put down his "6-shooters."

Banks: Progressed greatly from a ukulele to a guitar.

Bartlett: Advanced from lemonade to a much stronger beverage, and holds a great interest in the female sex.

Bryse: President of the "Lonely Hearts Club" for interstate boys.

Cornell: This year at last sees him breathing regularly underwater with the aid of the "Cornell Doyle" apparatus.

Crawford: "It's not on the Notice Board," but he's given it up at last???

Doyle: Also breathing regularly underwater!

Edgar: Has become a truly professional whisker remover, but has "Dots" before his eyes.

Farrell: Last report has it that it's pretty cold up there.

Frizell: His food still takes second priority to his drums.

Hole: The "Geetar" has surpassed gash and girls in the last few months.

Irwin: Trumpet tinkerer with a terrific tone.

Jones: Has been offered the job of Sports Officer at "Pentridge."

Lamperd: Not visible through the "fog!" Lost heavily on 13th September.

Lattin: Has recently taken up sipping soda through a straw.

Longden: He's still waiting for the Saints to come marching home. Also lost heavily on 13th September.

Maxwell: Suspected of conducting a first rate swindle with our dance fund.

Mentz: The captain of the "Dolphin" is still only visible from dead ahead, but will soon be able to converse with Farrell.

Owens: The "Boy from Bondi" has decided to join the "Luftwaffe" with Hole and Ward.

Pullar: With the modern aid of electricity he is now able to shave five times daily.

Ross: Has never recovered from the shock of Dookie—but is still writing to her.

Smith: Has run, rather than walked up the "Primrose Path". Watched furnace burn brightly on 13th September.

Taylor: Has greatly improved Australian-American relations with the female sex.

Thomason: We are all waiting for the time when we see him on his home ground in the Corroboree ring at Cairns.

Topp: Is noted for his open house parties at Portsea.

Turner: "Yes, Vee haf no Bananas!"

Ward: "He dreams of Judy with the light brown hair."

Wright: Has recently given away the brick kilns for spear fishing.

—"The Men"

### COOK YEAR

Here we are at the R.A.N.C., thirty-nine bright, strapping young lads to take up the name of the Cook Year and to carry on its tradition. We are only First Year, but where would Fourth Year be without us?

Unfortunately our number has dwindled from thirty-nine to thirty-two but, in our year, there are some little men with big voices who have the ability to create enough row to make up for the lost seven.

On our arrival we had to bring our drill up to standard for the Waller Year passing-out, the Duke's visit to the College, and the street-lining for the Queen's arrival in Melbourne. We think we did pretty well and, at that, without earning any extra drills for slackness.

Everyone was dreading the initiation for, as one might expect, highly exaggerated tales were passed on to us of the fearful sufferings of previous years. Our actual initiation came on the night following that of the Burnett Year and when it was over we were able to laugh (in rather relieved tones) for it was not half so gruesome as we had been led to expect. We are proud to be able to show our certificates granting us the freedom of Hann's Inlet. By the way what should we do to a certain person who had a poisoned hand and missed the great event. Cook Year will gratefully accept any suggestions.

In our year we have some sportsmen to represent our name in various fields. We have Lowe, junior sculls champion; "Flash" Davis, the sprinter, and Simmonds, our cross-country runner and trout fisherman. Also we are well represented in the junior rugby and cricket teams and the Second XVIII and Simmonds and O'Loughlin made the First XVIII.

We anxiously awaited our cruise which turned out to be exhilarating, exciting—terrific! We left on a Sunday afternoon, spent the night on "Gladstone" at Williamstown, cruised round to Westernport, thence to the Depot wharf by work boat and tug.

Now we are all waiting anxiously for the Christmas leave for it is decreed that we shall never again return to the College—alas lowly First Year!

## PHILLIP YEAR

Newly elevated and with the added inspiration of our new Year Officer, Lieutenant Cumming, we began our second year at the College. Almost as soon as we got back our enthusiasm was fired when it was announced that a £10 prize, donated by E. E. Mayo's parents, was to be awarded to the Dux of Second Year.

At last, after the excitement of the Royal Visit and Waller Year passing out, the usually eventful mid-term arrived. In the course of the week-end a certain College Officer and his friend arrived to visit us, and drove away with a conglomeration of boots, tins, etc., tied to the back bumper bar of his car.

Practising his aboriginal instincts one bright spark attempted to send smoke signals

to a friend's tent down the valley. But not being a thorough aboriginal the smoke poured out in all directions, enveloping the whole camp. Chaos followed, our friend even looking like an aboriginal now. With much effort the fire or smoke was controlled. Our aboriginal friend was observed almost completely black, running round in circles screaming with laughter.

No sleep was had that mid-term as some friend persisted in letting the tents down. Soon it was over, however, and we returned to the grind. Time dragged on with the cricket season rapidly drawing to a close, and MacGowan was awarded colours for this sport, thus being the first to gain colours in the Year. The sky blackened, the sun said goodbye and winter was upon us.

Leave passed quickly, and second term with its winter sports enveloped us. The Year was well represented in the First XVIII and the First XI hockey, and although being too light to become a member of the Firsts, one member of the Year distinguished himself at Rugby. The second mid-term, this time at the Y.M.C.A. camp at Shoreham, came around and activities were just as ridiculous as those of first mid-term.

A saboteur (guess who?) hand-grenaded several huts with crackers. Damage control was quickly effected, and huts immediately flooded. Fatty experimented at being Tarzan. He flew through the air with the greatest of ease but alas, he missed the rope and dived into a puddle!

The term concluded by a visit to G.M.H. and C.A.F., the prime feature being the demonstration of a tremendously noisy model jet engine. With this most interesting excursion Term II came to a close.

Straight after we came back from leave to commence the "home run" we went on our cruise. This was truly the event of the year, and nobody was disappointed, except one poor unfortunate who missed out. Perfect weather prevailed throughout, and the three days aboard H.M.A.S. "Gladstone" were enjoyed to the utmost.

Angus, our cross country star, looks like chopping the junior mile record to bits as the athletic sports loom in the not so distant future. Somebody's feminine friend sent a beautiful photograph of herself. Yes, remarkable snap, but alas, the lassie was only two in the photo!

With regret we leave these notes and look forward to the cricket, Fourth Year Passing Out, and like a sinister black cloud slowly approaching, the end of year exams. The race for the prize is reaching a climax, and a select few are desperately fighting it out.

## BURNETT YEAR

The 26th January, 1954, saw the advent of the second Burnetts to R.A.N.C. More numerous and surely louder than the "immortals" we have high hopes of following in their famous footsteps. From "Shorty" Mulcare (6 ft 4 inches) to "Dogs" Ramsay (5 ft 5 inches) we are thirty-two sparkling naval officers.

Our first week was spent mainly at drill. Among other things we learnt the Chunt march, swinging the right arm with the right leg. We were divided into two watches, and it was unfortunate that Green and not Red watch took up Russian. The languages are the most colourful of our periods. It has been stated that a certain "Fang" is a thorn in the side of a certain French Master. Little genius has yet been uncovered, except perhaps for Loftus, but we should all make the exams.

We remember Waller Year and Point Leo Camp of the first term. During winter

term Raymont acquired our "Moosecot" and Nelson joined the Young Argus Club. While at Portsea at mid-term, five members made a memorable acquaintance of Mr. Knowles.

Already we have made our mark in the College report, having had 17 representatives in 'first' so far. Our colourful trio Sulman, Horlor and Cockram have, together, earned six cups.

The year holds many fine sailors, and we cherish the vision of Horlor sailing "down the channel" one Thursday morning. Burnetts have been noted on geology excursions, but whether they were looking for rocks or weeds no one knows. Well, has Annexe quailed at the sonorous notes of Warnick and Sulman, and blood-curdling cries of Keyes—the "yeah man".

We have great hopes for the coming athletics season and, indeed, for the rest of our stay at R.A.N.C. We shall attain, and possibly surpass, the high standard set by all former Intermediates.



## FLINDERS YEAR CRUISE

After an enjoyable trip up to Brisbane, from as far away as Perth for some, we had a brief view of the city while the bus took us to the Brisbane River where H.M.A.S. "Australia" was berthed. When we arrived, there seemed to be about five thousand people aboard, with a still greater number on the wharf. After some delay the dockyard police eventually let us through and we managed to scramble on board, under the critical eyes of what felt like the entire population of Brisbane.

We sailed at 10 o'clock the next morning, Monday, 24th May, and the ship was given a great farewell by the city of Brisbane as the tug slowly towed the big cruiser down the river, with her paying off pennant vainly trying to fly at the stem. This pennant should have been two thousand feet long but there was only enough white bunting on board to make eight hundred feet of which, in spite of the assistance of a hydrogen balloon, only about two hundred feet eventually became air-borne.

During our stay on board we took the part normally that of the Midshipmen serving in the Fleet. In fact, we were lucky (or unlucky!) enough to have a Midshipman on board, a personality whom we had cause to remember from our earlier days at the College, and he had much to do with us during the cruise. Another interesting aspect of the cruise was the fact that we were divided into our respective specialist groupings—three: electrical, seven engineering and ten executive. The prospective pilots of the Year had to "string along" with the intending executive officers.

The routine consisted of turning out in the morning at 0630 for twenty minutes of gym. on the quarter deck. After breakfast came divisions and then each executive cadet was allotted each morning to a different office. In the afternoon there was usually instruction on various departments of the ship. The engineers kept entirely to themselves and did only a couple of watches in the course of the trip.

On Wednesday during the dog watches we carried out the routine for evening quarters, during which some cadets took away both sea boots while the remainder rigged sheerlegs and kept Lieutenant-Commander Hokin "in suspense" for a time. Mr. Purser and Mr. Berry also found themselves with various tasks which the Captain, apparently a remarkably well-informed gentleman, made them perform correctly.



On Thursday the cadets, manning the single 40 mm. Bofors, and the National Servicemen, on the quadruple Bofors, fired at smoke shells from the 4-inch gun amidships. Almost straight after the firing practice the Chief Engineer was taken seriously ill and the ship had to proceed at full speed to Westernport, where he was disembarked. On the way, steaming at 26 knots, we passed close to a merchant ship which sent us the message: "You look too good to throw away."

We reached Westernport on Thursday afternoon and returned to the College on Friday afternoon after a very enjoyable cruise, capped with a pleasant gesture from the officers of "Australia", who entertained us in the wardroom before setting us ashore.

**C. A. Reid.**

### PHILLIP YEAR CRUISE

Eighteen cadets of the Port Watch, Phillip Year, expectantly clambered over the oft-painted side of H.M.A.S. "Gladstone"—that familiar O.M.S. which is often seen lurking around Hann's Inlet—on the Monday afternoon following our return from winter leave.

The fine weather of that day promised much for the next three days, so we set sail for Port Phillip on our long-awaited annual cruise. After twenty minute watches on the Bridge, engine room and boiler room, we were free to procure our supper but, one emerald-coloured shape in a rope coil did not appear to be thus inclined. Up onto the forecastle for anchoring we doubled, and we slid to our berth for the night off Portsea. "Never have so many, for so long, lived in so small a space" (without apologies) aptly described the gunroom.

Our attentions the following morning were occupied by much sea boat drill. Lowering, slipping, under oars, hoisting and turning in, which so many of us know. The afternoon was spent watching an antiquated film called "Torrid Zone".

On Wednesday we began bright and early at 3 o'clock, and we were given a demonstration on the laying and retrieving of buoys. At Station Pier two envied Cadets went ashore in a motor boat to collect the mail, while the remainder watched the liners "Strathnavar" and "Taroona" at their berths. The previous night many had tried a little night chart work whilst anchored off Portarlington.

Mooring was arranged that night at Corio Bay near the reserve ships ("mothball fleet"), and the decrepit condition of these ships gave us an indication of the state to

which a ship is reduced without a full complement. The Geelong Shell Oil Refinery caught our eyes by way of its brilliantly lit structures.

After inspecting the frigates "Burdekin" and "Diamantina", we slipped and returned to Westernport. On arrival in Westernport we were greeted by the humorous sight of a red-faced Cadet trying to fish his cap out of the water.

After these three instructive and interesting days we felt ready for a refreshing shower, meal and sleep which we soon received—but we will never forget our first nights at sea, on a warship, for many a year.

On the return to normal routine of the Port Watch, the Starboard Watch undertook a similar cruise for the three days following.

**T.A.R. and P.A.L.**

### JERVIS YEAR CRUISE

It was at Station Pier on the afternoon of Sunday, 25th April, that H.M.A.S. "Gladstone", the ever popular training ship, awaited the arrival of twenty-eight Jervis Year cadets. That which impressed us most during the first afternoon aboard was the fact that even the Fleet regard Sunday as a sort of holiday.

The following forenoon, "Gladstone" did the Harbour Trust a great service by removing a pontoon from a sand bar. At 1330 we left our berth and proceeded down Port Phillip. Lieutenant Commander Des Clayes spent a very busy afternoon traversing between the chart room and the bridge, trying to teach us the finer points of navigation.

That night, the "Gladstone" peacefully rode to her anchor just off Portsea. The next day most of us were employed in doing the usual duty chores reserved for cadets. Early in the afternoon, "Gladstone" turned her bows towards Station Pier, owing to a case of measles amongst the crew. Tuesday night was again spent alongside Station Pier.

On Wednesday afternoon our good ship had a very quiet voyage through the Rip, much to the surprise of Jervis Year in general. When we finally emerged into the Strait, the wheel was turned to port, and an all night trip to Wilson's Promontory commenced. Valuable knowledge on watch-keeping was gained during the next few hours.

Shortly after 0100 on Thursday we turned around and headed back towards Westernport Bay where we finally dropped anchor at 1000. Of course F.N.D. turned on its typical welcome—buckets and buckets of dismal rain.

**D. H. Edgar.**

## 2,500 MILES BY THUMB

Early on the first Monday morning of the May leave the two of us (C. M. Bews and McQueen, both of the Getting Year—Ed.), carrying thirty pound packs, set out on the long road from Melbourne to Brisbane. We hoped to reach the Queensland capital in not more than seven days and to spend the same time on the return journey.

We caught a train and went to a northern suburb and then set out along the highway. After walking a few hundred yards we were lucky enough to be picked up by a traveller on his way to Narrandera—a promising start! As the driver left the highway about fifty miles out of Melbourne and travelled by back roads to Narrandera, we saw a lot of territory we would have missed by travelling directly along the highway, including the Kelly country round Jerilderie. After taking us about 300 miles the driver finally dropped us on the Sturt Highway and a transport driver picked us up shortly afterwards and took us into Wagga where we helped to unload his fifteen tons of gypsum, this gaining for us permission to sleep in the plaster factory.

We made an early start on the next morning and soon got a lift with a young farmer in a utility truck. As he was on holiday he decided to show us around Canberra. Thanks to his knowledge of the city we learned quite a lot from our inspection. While in Canberra we visited the War Museum and nearly walked into a memorial service at which Admiral Halsey, U.S.N., and Vice-Admiral Sir John Collins were present. Acutely conscious of our rather disreputable appearance, we discreetly backed away, to watch from a distance. We obtained a lift to Camden and from there had no trouble in thumbing a ride to Sydney, arriving there at about six o'clock.

After a pleasant day in Sydney, we were on the road again early on Thursday morning, from one of Sydney's northern suburbs. From here to Newcastle, and then on to Maitland we travelled by means of a number of short rides being picked up chiefly by trucks and commercial travellers' cars. At Maitland we had our first long roadside wait, of an hour and a half, before a truck driver took us to Singleton. Just before sunset we secured a ride with a visiting Swedish car manufacturer in his "Volvo" and he took us another thirty miles to Muswellbrook. Here we talked a truck driver into letting us ride on his load of bricks (there was no room in the cabin). Fully dressed, we got into our sleeping bags and pulled our ground sheets over our heads but

it was still a cold journey for about three hours. We finally slung our hammocks in a shed in a small country town among the southern New England Ranges.

The next day we got only local lifts which eventually landed us at Armidale where our luck changed when we were picked up by a farmer who took us forty miles further than he had intended. The reason for this gesture was his interest in the Navy due to the fact that his son had ambitions in that direction. We ended the day at a small country town named Deepwater where heavy rain forced us to put up for the night at the only hotel.

We waited patiently for five hours the next morning but to no avail—no lifts of any sort. Finally we decided to take one side of the road each and the first one to succeed would settle whether we carried on to Brisbane or returned to Sydney. Fortunately, Brisbane won the day, as we were picked up by a cabinetmaker who was going to Ipswich, some thirty miles from Brisbane. We reached Ipswich after a slight mishap in the form of a flat tyre and from there went, by train, into Brisbane and stayed the night at the Y.M.C.A. We were well inside the schedule we had planned so we took a day to have a look over the city of Brisbane.

On Monday morning we caught a train to Ipswich where we waited by the road for thirty minutes before discovering that we were not on the main highway to Sydney. As it was 10 o'clock we decided not to return to Brisbane and the highway but to take a chance from Ipswich. Luckily we were picked up by an empty timber jinker on its way to the mountains and taken to Cunningham's Gap. We had to wait a couple of hours here for our next lift and were disgusted when a couple who stopped to cool their engine proved to be going to Melbourne but had their car so packed that they couldn't squeeze us in. Finally, we got moving again and reached Tenterfield with the aid of a number of short lifts. As the weather here was extremely cold we spent the night at a guest house.

Early the next morning we travelled on a truck carrying empty petrol drums to Glen Innes, a distance of about forty miles and from there we got the slowest lift of the whole trip, in an old Bedford truck which, with the accelerator flat to the boards, took thirty minutes to cover the ten miles to Ben Lomond, which must surely be the coldest place in New South Wales. After a couple of hours we were picked up by a squatter, travelling with a friend. The latter was a Brigadier in the army and kept asking us

questions, most of which we were unable to answer. This lift took us to Armidale where we got another from a traveller going to Tamworth, which we reached at between two and three o'clock in the afternoon. Luck deserted us at this stage and we finally slept in a farm shed only five miles from Tamworth. That night we slept hungry and were on the road by six o'clock the next morning. We went about twenty miles on a truck and a further series of short lifts in rapid succession got us to a town where we stoked up on steak and eggs. That afternoon found us stuck on the road about two hundred miles from Sydney, with little traffic going our way and a rain storm coming up. Just as it was starting to rain and our hopes, too, were beginning to fall a Mercedes-Benz with a foreign plate pulled up, and we were saved. The owner was a Cinghalese planter who had been touring Australia with his daughter. They were on their way to Sydney which suited us down to the ground. Arriving in Sydney at 6.30 that evening we had a bath and, reasonably presentable again, went to a show.

Next morning we caught a train, intending to alight at Liverpool, but the train broke down two stations short of our destination. However, we got a lift on a truck to Mittagong and went from there to Goulburn with a traveller. A further lift set us down at Bowning, twenty miles on,

and as it was getting dark we stayed there for the night sleeping in the waiting room at the station.

We pushed on next day to Wagga, but had to wait three and a half hours on the outskirts of this town before getting our next lift from a traveller who took us to Wangaratta, where we arrived at about seven o'clock. Looking about for a place to sleep, we finally came across an empty transport parked by the road and the driver agreed to take us on to Melbourne; he was just about to leave. We had to ride on the trailer as the cabin was full but this did not worry us at all until it started to rain. We crawled into our hammocks and pulled our ground sheets over us but the rain continued to find its way in. To make matters worse the driver stopped every couple of hours to have a nap on the roadside. The rain and the halts continued throughout the night and we were very glad when we ran into Melbourne at seven o'clock on Saturday morning, some forty-eight hours ahead of our schedule.

During our lengthy hitch-hike we gained a lot of knowledge, made some extremely interesting contacts and saw a lot of things that would have been denied to us by more orthodox modes of travel. Quite apart from all this, of course, we had a really good time.

D. G. Bews, A. A. McQueen.

## Watch Notes



### Watch Officers:

Lt. J. L. JOBSON, Lt. P. W. COOMBS.

Watch Masters: Messrs. G. F. ADENEY, D. I. GLASTONBURY, M. M. PURSER.

Captain of Top: J. M. YATES.

Cadet Captains: Nil.

Continuing our tradition we began the year by winning the cricket. We beat F.T. and A.X. and, although M.T. proved our betters our Juniors pulled us through to tie with M.T. for first place.

Thanks to Lt. Jobson's increasingly powerful barracking and confident assurances we came second in the swimming, only one point behind A.X.

The final summer sport was the regatta and we again proved ourselves by winning the day. This victory was the result of much earnest training in the early mornings. Congratulations to Forecastleman M. D. Stone, who won the open sculls.

On the winter field we were at our best, winning the rugby, Australian football and senior hockey, while the junior hockey and soccer teams lost only one match each, A.X. being the conquerors on both occasions.

After a very close points recheck we just defeated M.T. in the cross country run. We had a few outstanding men but it was the determined effort of the whole watch that brought us the cup.

An added interest was given to the boxing tournament this year by the introduction of a "Milling Competition" in which we defeated F.T. but were, in turn, beaten by M.T. who were the victors in this competition.

In the gymnastics competition towards the end of second term we finished a very close second to F.T.

Now, with only the athletics and the Forster Cup (sailing) to be decided, we are almost certain of victory in the Dalton Cup, as we are well ahead at the time of writing.

In conclusion, I would like to wish F.X. the best of good fortune for the coming year and to express the hope that they will again prove themselves the outstanding watch.

J. M. Yates.



**Watch Officers:**

Lt. J. A. MATTHEW, Lt. Cdr. Q.  
DES CLAYES.

**Watch Masters:** Messrs R. R. CLARK, M. L. BROOKS, D. G. THOMPSON.

**Captain of Top:** J. D. ATKINS.

**Cadet Captains:** R. G. L. CANT, B. C. M. BIGELOW, H. E. TOOTH.

From the beginning it was obvious that we had few sporting stars but we were blessed with a hearty bunch of pluggers who, with Lt. Matthew's perseverance and Mr. Clark's gentle (?) suggestions managed to deal out plenty of shocks to the opposition. We had representatives in all first teams but we lacked the little extra brawn and technical knowledge that are necessary if victories are to be regularly achieved. However, at sailing and gymnastics, where skill is all that is required, we have come out on top.

At cricket we have never claimed to excel but beyond that comment the less we say about this sport the better.

Our hopes rose with the approach of the swimming and the regatta for we have always managed to achieve a high standard in these fields of endeavour. It was not until half-way through the all hands' relay that the number of poor swimmers in the watch began to make their presence felt, to our disadvantage. However, we struggled on and were by no means disgraced. In the regatta we thoughtfully stepped aside for Forecastle.

Although in rugby and Australian football we had a few good players, the remainder in each team lacked the skill that comes of a complete understanding of the game. Although we were not victorious we did, in both hockey and soccer, give our opponents some worrying moments.

In the gymnastics competition we showed superior control and co-ordination and, with plenty of team spirit in evidence, romped home to a well-earned victory.

Now, with the athletics still to be decided, we are hopeful that we may register another success. We have a sprinkling of very good athletes and a large number of better than average performers so our prospects are fairly bright.

We are justly proud of our present excellent record in the Forster Cup sailing competition. With a number of clear victories in the heats already decided we are confident that the remaining heats will confirm our opinion that this trophy is to be ours.

Finally, I wish Foretop every success in the coming year.

John D. Atkins.





# MAINTOP



**Watch Officer:** Lt. P. G. DUNCAN.

**Watch Masters:** Messrs K. ARMSTRONG,  
R. F. BERRY.

**Captain of Top:** H. L. STEPHENS.

**Cadet Captains:** J. A. COOK, M. J. YOUL.

This year has not been one of triumph for Maintop as we look like finishing only third to Forecastle and Quarterdeck in the Dalton Cup but we have still managed some good results in various sports.

The year started off well for us when we tied with Forecastle for first place in the cricket. In the first term we had no other success, running last in the swimming and gaining only third place in the regatta.

For the winter sports we seemed to be better equipped with individual talent than was any other watch but we were unfortunate in having a number of injuries and feel that we were decidedly unlucky not to achieve more success. In rugby we finished second to Forecastle, after holding a 7-0 lead at the half-way mark in the last game, against that watch. In the cross-country we were "pipped" for first place, again by Forecastle, by the narrow margin of three points. We were second to Quarterdeck in soccer and finished third in both Australian Rules and hockey.

In the Forster Cup we finally managed to fill second place, behind Foretop, after the earlier heats sailed had put us in what seemed to be a hopeless position at the tail of the field.

The athletics have still to be decided but we feel confident that Maintop will win the day for the third time in four years.

Although 1954 has not been a particularly successful year we have some very good juniors coming on and I feel sure that Maintop will be the watch to beware of next year. On behalf of all Flinders Year Maintopmen, I wish the watch every success in the future.

**H. L. Stevens.**

# QUARTERDECK



**Watch Officer:** Lt. P. M. CUMMING.

**Watch Masters:** Mr. W. G. RICHARDS,  
Mr. A. H. TREWIN.

**Captain of Top:** M. T. E. SHOTTER.

**Cadet Captains:** C. J. WILSON, M. G.  
RIKARD-BELL, M. B. WARD, L.  
J. IRWIN.

With the loss of so much of our strength when the Cook Year passed out it was generally felt that our prospects, compared to last year, were rather gloomy. The predictions of people from other watches that we were in for a rather lean year have, unfortunately, proved pretty well-founded.

However, we had a reputation to live up to and each and every member knuckled down to the task with a will. There has been a rather marked lack of success attendant upon our efforts but at least there

has been no lowering of morale and certainly no slackening of effort.

We finished third in the cricket and have to thank our juniors for lifting us as far as that. Our determined efforts in the regatta netted us second place there and we won our first dinner by snatching victory in the last race of the programme at the swimming sports, the margin being one foot.

In the winter sports we did not repeat the triumphs of 1953 by any means, but we did finish second over the entire winter games programme and, due to the preponderance of First XI players in our Soccer team, we had a comfortable victory in that sport. In the annual cross-country race we just did not measure up to the standard of the others and came in rather a bad last.

At the time of writing these notes the annual athletics meeting is rapidly approaching and we of Quarterdeck feel sure that we are headed for another victory dinner. Win or lose, it is certain that Quarterdeck will fight out the issue to the end as in every event this year. In conclusion, I congratulate the watch on its team spirit and courage and trust that 1955 will bring better luck and more successes.

**M. T. Shotter.**

## Memorial Chapel

After several years of intensive effort, the Memorial Chapel, erected in memory of Naval casualties of both World Wars, is now in use.

For the information of those who have not returned to Flinders Naval Depot in the past three years, the Chapel is situated quite near to the College, occupying the position formerly used as the gardener's nursery.

In the same area, and closer to the Drill Hall, is the Roman Catholic Memorial Chapel, completed a few years ago, and the improvement to the Depot by the addition of the two Chapels has to be seen to be appreciated.



The Chapel was officially opened and dedicated on Saturday, the 15th May. We were honoured by the attendance of His Excellency, the Governor of Victoria, Sir Dallas Brooks, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., K.C.V.O., D.S.O. who declared the Chapel open for public worship. Sir Dallas was accompanied by Lady Brooks.

The rite of dedication was performed by His Grace, the Archbishop of Melbourne, the Most Reverend J. J. Booth, M.C., D.D., in association with the Moderator General of the Presbyterian Church, and the President General of the Methodist Church.

The number attending the ceremony was so large, that amplifiers relayed the service to the grounds surrounding the Chapel, and to an overflow congregation of 600 in the Drill Hall.

St. Paul's Cathedral kindly lent us their choir and organist for the ceremony, and the music rendered was worthy of the occasion.

The Chapel, completely furnished, cost £75,000. The amount yet to be found is £5,000.

From a Naval historical viewpoint, the Chapel is already a treasure house. The memorials, formerly housed in the Drill Hall Sanctuary, have been built into the Chapel, whilst a number of stained glass windows, to commemorate ships lost, or casualties sustained in action, were given by interested bodies. The most important of these are:—

The Main West Window, in honour of H.M.A.S. "Sydney", given by the citizens of Sydney, and the crew of the Carrier, now carrying that name.

The East Rose, in honour of H.M.A.S. "Perth", given by the citizens of Perth, and the survivors from the sinking of "Perth".

The Chapel Rose, on honour of H.M.A.S. "Canberra", given by the citizens of Canberra.

A window, to honour H.M.A.S. "Parramatta", given by the citizens of Parramatta.

Two windows, to commemorate the Battle of the Coral Sea, given by the Australian-American Association.

The pews in the building were given by cities or towns from which our war-time Corvettes took their names. The coloured crest of the particular town is carved at the end of the pew.

The King George V and VI Colours have been laid up in the Chapel.

Already two former Cadet Midshipmen have been married in the Chapel, Lieutenant Ian Hawkins to Brenda Lowthen, and Lieutenant Richard Nunn to Wendy van Senden.

# Sports and Sporting

## COLOURS

(Showing date of award.)

Rugby	Aust. Football	Cricket	Athletics
<b>1954</b> W. BOWER R. G. L. CANT K. A. GULLIVER D. F. JAMES P. D. McKAY M. D. STONE N. J. STOKER M. B. WARD	<b>1954</b> G. E. COCKRAM G. K. DOVE N. C. GOOD P. A. ROSS M. T. E. SHOTTER L. M. SULMAN M. J. YOUL	<b>1954</b> D. F. JAMES K. H. MacGOWAN M. J. YOUL	<b>1953</b> M. J. YOUL <b>1954</b> D. F. JAMES A. G. JOHNSON I. D. G. MacDOUGALL
Hockey	Swimming	Tennis	Boats
<b>1953</b> H. L. STEPHENS <b>1954</b> E. L. ROBERTS	<b>1954</b> D. G. BEWS D. H. DADSWELL M. B. HORLOR L. MORRIS E. L. ROBERTS	<b>1954</b> K. E. DENTON L. M. SULMAN	<b>1954</b> R. G. L. CANT B. C. DODD M. D. STONE



The 1953-54 cricket season comprised 14 matches and these resulted in 10 wins for the College XI and four losses. The standard of cricket displayed varied from brilliant to mediocre with the College bowlers mainly responsible for our many wins.

College cricket owes a great deal to Mr. P. Hughes, and his resignation and consequent loss to the College will be keenly felt in this sphere. Mr. W. Wilde assumed

the position of First XI coach in March this year.

The season began well with some promising form being shown at the nets in early practice sessions. Doolan, Clinch, McDermott, Youl and Stoker with the bat soon showed good form while among the bowlers Doolan, MacGowan, Ross, Shotter and Austin were working hard and troubling most batsmen.

By early November the team was fairly settled and looked strong in all departments. The first important match was against Navy Office and the list of players in the Navy Office team drew some apprehensive gasps from the Cadets. Navy Office were dismissed for 124 of which Lt. Cdr. Gray and Lt. Cdr. Hamer scored 52 between them. Our best bowlers were Youl 3/34 and Stoker 3/17. The College replied with 146, McDermott contributing 45, James 30 not out and Stoker 24. The game was quite exciting as the last two College batsmen were together when we passed the Navy Office total.



### FIRST XI

**Left to right—Standing: Jessurun, Keyes, Austin, Shotter, James, Ross, MacGowan.  
Seated: Hole, Irwin, Mr. W. H. Wilde, Youl (c), Stoker, Dove.**

In a low-scoring match against O.C.S. Portsea in late November, College were defeated by six runs. O.C.S. were dismissed for 62, Doolan having the grand figures of 4 wickets for 4 runs and Youl 3 for 1, while MacGowan took 3 for 20. The College replied with 56, McDermott, James and Stoker being the best with the bat.

The match against Chindwarra was notable for some very fine batting by Waller Year players, Clinch and Doolan, the captain. Clinch scored an excellent century while Doolan was well on the way to his with 75 not out. The College innings was declared closed at 5/246. Chindwarra could muster only 59 runs in reply for Ross took 6 wickets for 25 runs.

After the Christmas leave and a new entry of cadets the team remained unchanged with the exception of Keyes, a Burnett Year Cadet, who was showing promise as an opening bowler at the nets. In the first match the College avenged its defeat by O.C.S. Portsea. Played in early February under good cricketing conditions, O.C.S. were defeated by 4 wickets on the 1st innings. O.C.S. were dismissed for 83 and a new bowling star had emerged, MacGowan of Phillip Year. His figures were outstanding, 7 wickets for 23 runs. This match gave MacGowan much confidence and he was to prove valuable to the College in

later matches. Waller Year, who were to shortly pass out from the College, dominated our batting, Doolan and McDermott adding 42 runs to give us victory.

Perhaps the highlight of the cricket season was the match in which the Phoenix Club led by Lindsay Hassett played the First XI on 14th January. Players and spectators alike enjoyed a first-class match, which included a delightfully free innings of 49 by Australia's last Test captain.

Phoenix Club scored 179, Holten, Prahan's first grade captain and Victorian Sheffield Shield representative, scoring 42 retired, Hassett 49 and Cosgrove 38. To the delight of the large crowd the College team went very close to victory, replying with 171. Clinch of Waller Year top-scored with 87 while the other two Waller Year players McDermott and Doolan added 51 between them.

R.A.A.F. College proved too strong for us in our first clash with them. Hatmi, of Pakistan, scored 118 for R.A.A.F.C. and they closed their innings at 3/240. We could reply with only 82 of which some desperate hitting by Dove accounted for 20.

When Waller Year left the College in March the three best batsmen in the team, Doolan the captain, Clinch and McDermott, went with them and thus left a tremendous



gap in the batting strength of the team. To fill this gap Jessurun, Austin, Shotter and Keyes were added, while Youl was appointed captain.

The re-arranged side did well to hold the strong R.A.A.F. College to a narrow 21 runs victory. Ross, Hole and Youl batted well in the College total of 119. The R.A.A.F.C. replied with 140, Hatmi again batting well to score 60. MacGowan added to his laurels with 6 for 30.

An easy victory over Brighton Grammar followed, Ross and MacGowan dismissing them for 12. Ross had the phenomenal figures of 6 for 5, and MacGowan 4 for 4. Wicketkeeper James took three smart catches in Ross's first over. College declared at 6 for 102, James 33 and Hole 24. Brighton Grammar again fared badly being dismissed in the second innings for 46, MacGowan taking 4 wickets for 10 runs.

The final match of the season was the return with Navy Office. Batting first, Captain Becher's team totalled 86, Captain Peek and Lt. Cdr. Clarke scoring almost half the runs. College won narrowly, being 7 down for 57 and finally scoring 109. Ross with some good strokes and some big hitting saved the side, scoring 33. Irwin batted patiently for 16.

After the season's cricket, colours had been awarded to Clinch, Doolan, McDermott, MacGowan, Youl and James. Before the 1954-55 season commences, Lindsay Hasset is to visit the College to give the cricketers some valuable points and this should help them a great deal in the future.

W.H.W.

### BATTING AVERAGES

	Inns.	N.O.	Runs	H.S.	Avg.
James	14	5	180	33*	20.00
Youl	15	3	207	42*	15.92
Stoker	15	1	202	30*	14.43
Ross	10	2	103	33	12.88

### BOWLING AVERAGES

	Overs	Mdns.	Runs	Wkts.	Avg.
Stoker	20.5	1	87	14	6.22
McGowan	77.5	9	358	50	7.16
Youl	41.7	3	211	26	8.12
Shotter	40.0	2	179	20	8.95
Ross	61.3	9	257	24	10.71

### SENIOR INTERPART CRICKET

Maintop as last year won the Senior Interpart Competition. Maintop's victory was helped greatly by their outright win over Foc'sle. Quarterdeck who came second were unbeaten but did not win their matches convincingly and this resulted in their obtaining only mediocre points. Foc'sle finished the season well and filled third position. Foretop had a poor season but a glimpse of their true form was shown when they went within four runs of beating Maintop in the last game of the season.

K.A.G.

### JUNIOR CRICKET

This year Junior Cricket attained a high standard. The interwatch competition was very close and three games were played against other schools.

Throughout the season Forecastle showed a slight superiority. The Quarterdeck v. Forecastle match finished in favor of the latter after Quarterdeck just failed to make it. In the intensity of the last few moments White finished a dazzling 66 including two sixes but couldn't make up the necessary score. Perhaps the most exciting match was between Forecastle and Foretop. Two matches were played, the first match being a draw with Jessurun (Fx) scoring 64. It was the second match however, that caused a sensation. After playing full time it was found that Foretop led by 18 runs but it was decided that play would continue for an extra 15 minutes. Contrary to all expectations Burns and Simmons stayed in and scored the winning runs for Forecastle. The other games were clear cut victories with no team particularly outstanding.

The first of the three inter-school games was against St. Bede's College, Mentone.

Batting on a good wicket St. Bede's opened poorly, as within 15 minutes the score was 5 wickets for 2 runs. However their captain, batting carefully, pulled their score up to 88.

Whether it is generally true or not that history repeats itself it was certainly so on this occasion as with almost the same precision our early batsmen commenced their long walk back to the pavilion. The score did not increase until MacGowan, batting well, scored 35. This almost saved us but we could not manage the 88 and were all out for 82 thus leaving St. Bede's the victors by 6 runs.

The other two matches against Brighton Grammar School were won outright, the scores being:—

First Match:

R.A.N.C.: 1st Innings, 8-162 (Jessurun 41).

B.G.S.: 1st Innings, 25 (Foster 7-6. 2nd Innings, 5-67.

Second Match:

R.A.N.C.: 1st Innings, 9-127 (Foster 31).

B.G.S.: 1st Innings, 32 (White 5-9). 2nd Innings, 40.

Altogether the Juniors this year enjoyed a closely contested and successful season.

**F. D. Foster.**





**FIRST XV**

Left to right—Rear: Yates, Gulliver, Nelson, Mulcare, Pickford, Stone, Denton, Bigelcw.  
Centre: Roberts, Ward, Stoker (c), Lt. (E) P. W. Coombs, Cant, McKay, James.  
Front: Winter, Jones.



This has been a good year in Rugby. Last year's practice of playing the young players paid dividends when, with the benefit of a year's experience they combined well and set the example for our new players to follow.

We commenced the season with two gaps to fill, namely hooker and full back, and were lucky to find the scrum position so well filled by a new cadet in Nelson who was beaten in only one match. He will be a tower of strength next year.

James, a former centre, filled the full back position admirably and learnt as the season went on, that it is one of the most enjoyable positions to play. He still has a lot to learn—especially to kick or pass before he is tackled after running.

Stoker, at inside centre was the outstanding player of the season. He is a very brainy player and surely one of the best we have had for some time. It was a pleasure to watch him break through—generally with a change of pace, but sometimes with a swerve or side step.

Ward, in his second season of 1st XV play improved, and should be a valuable member of the team next year. He must learn to be able to turn left as well as right to be a good centre. He started the season at outside centre but changed to Five Eighth.

v. Wardroom	... ..	Lost 6-9
v. Balcombe A.A.S.	... ..	Lost 5-23
v. Portsea O.C.S.	... ..	Lost 3-23
v. Scotch College	... ..	Won 22-0
v. R.A.A.F.C. 2nd XV	... ..	Won 19-3
v. R.A.N.C. Officers and Masters	... ..	Drew 6-6
v. Melbourne University	... ..	Drew 6-6
v. Duntroon Military College	... ..	Won 8-6
v. F.N.D. Recruit School	... ..	Won 32-0
v. Wardroom	... ..	Won 11-6
v. R.A.A.F.C. 1st XV	... ..	Won 14-3
v. F.N.D. First XV	... ..	Lost 5-17
v. Portsea O.C.S.	... ..	Lost 0-11
v. Wardroom	... ..	Lost 0-5

McKay disappointed! He is still a good scrum half, but unfortunately he hasn't grown from last year. His passes from the scrum weren't as good as last year, but he made up for it by being everywhere when the ball was loose. He could develop into a very good player.

Winter started at Five Eighth but found the going too tough against the older and heavier teams, so he was replaced by Ward, Jones coming in at outside centre to fill the vacancy. These three players should form a solid trio on which to build a back line for next year.

Yates and Denton were only average wings. Yates improved a lot and should go on doing so.

The forwards collectively were very good and Cant led them very well — he stood out and probably Nelson's success at hooker should be largely attributed to him.

The wing forwards, Roberts I. D. and our National Service Cadet Bower, could have remembered that the foot serves a useful purpose around the scrum when the ball is loose. Bower otherwise was excellent.

Our most important match—against "Duntroon" in Canberra—was very exciting. Our forwards were unable to get going in the first half, and we were fortunate to be only three points down at half time. It was a different story after half time and we soon built up an 8-3 lead with tries by Jones—his best match of the season—and Mulcare, "Duntroon" scored at the end to give us an 8-6 victory.

The three matches against the Wardroom were all very even, and perhaps a draw in the last match would have been a fitting result, but the Wardroom scored a lucky try in the second half, it being the only score of the match.

With Nelson, Roberts I. D., Mulcare, Winter, Jones and Ward back next year, there is a sound core on which to build another good team.

P. A. Coombs.

### SENIOR INTERWATCH RUGBY

FX 30	defeated	FT 0
MT 6	"	AX 0
MT 10	"	FT 5
FX 25	"	AX 3
AX 15	"	FT 13
FX 18	"	MT 14

This year all matches were very keenly contested, and a high standard of rugby resulted.

Forecastle who had no fewer than seven First XV players proved to be the best team. Maintop did better than was expected, and in the final match of the season nearly succeeded in beating Forecastle. Quarterdeck defeated Foretop in a very close match which decided the "wooden spooners".

These matches showed that there are several players who, if given the necessary encouragement, will develop into good players and thus be a great asset to the College next year.

### JUNIOR RUGBY

Again in the rugby competition Forecastle distinguished themselves. As in previous years the competition was rather one-sided. However, the games provoked considerable interest. All teams played consistently, either well or poorly.

Many games were practically walk-overs, though when Forecastle clashed with Quarterdeck, one of the best College games resulted.

Quarterdeck held down Forecastle till half time, when Jessurun came on, and with his help Forecastle won 11-9. From here Forecastle went on undaunted to win the Junior Rugby. From the junior teams came the Junior Eleven.

Handicapped greatly by lack of competition they nevertheless enjoyed a few games. The first game was against a Scotch Junior XV which they defeated easily 48-3. In a return match they encountered the Scotch Second XV. Although Scotch were much heavier and taller we held our own to half time. After this we lost two men due to injury, and went on to lose 18-6. An underweight First XV defeated the juniors 22-0. The last game was played in driving rain and thick mud against a very solid Geelong Grammar "only" XV. After a persistent struggle we lost.

Highlights of the season were Jessurun's dominating forward play, MacGowan's long field goals and, to a lesser extent, Nattey's face-high tackles.

The season was very successful and a very good Junior XV was formed. The results of the interpart competition were Forecastle, Quarterdeck, Maintop and Foretop in that order.

F. D. Foster.





### FIRST XVIII

Left to right—Rear: Foster, Longden, Hole, Cockram, Good, Dadswell, Irwin, Bryse, Taylor.

Centre: Austin, Keyes, Youl (c), Mr. R. R. Clark, Shotter (vc), Ross, Dove.

Front: O'Loughlin, MacDougall, Carpenter, Bartleit, MacGowan, Brownfield, Thompson. Absent: Boucher, Sulman.



With sixteen of the 1953 First XVIII training list available in 1954, we appeared to be set for an excellent season. When the early training sessions revealed considerable talent among the newcomers to the College and the members of last year's Second XVIII, the prospects seemed even brighter. The season's matches only served to strengthen the early impression that we had much more talent in the ranks than in earlier years. However, the team fared very little, if any, better than in 1953. Sixteen matches were played, of which we won seven, lost eight and drew one—a satisfactory result in itself, but rather disappointing when we think that individual stars were much more numerous than in previous seasons and that this team carried no players who were below the standard we could call satisfactory.

The reasons are various. First of all, although we had more first rate players than has been the case in previous years, we did not have the right men to fill the gaps left by the loss of Greve (centre half back) and Egan (full forward) from the line-up. These two positions were filled reasonably well, but remained always weaker links in the team. Secondly, we were very heavily hit by injuries this year — fourteen players were unavailable at one time or another with various injuries, some of them quite serious. This was naturally upsetting to the balance and poise of the team. However, too much can be made of such misfortunes in excuse of a team's failures. The players fretted and worried far too much over losses sustained by injury and did not show the necessary faith and confidence in their reserves. There was too great a tendency to resignation to the cruel fates that had robbed the side of its stars and not enough of the fighting quality that makes a team triumph in adversity. Thirdly, team-work was far too little in evidence—kicks were wasted, backing-up of the player in trouble was ignored, handball was poor, players went blindly after the ball on the ground and in the air, ignoring the fact that they were often competing with better-placed team mates, errors made were loudly and harshly criticised with a natural resentment and loss of confidence the reaction of the

player attacked. All this adds up to team-work or team spirit and in the 1954 First XVIII it was too frequently lacking — cohesion and team spirit were much in evidence if we were on top; when we were in trouble all unity vanished. That is bad football and many of our defeats were due to nothing less than just that form of bad football.

The field umpires' voting for the best and fairest player for 1954 resulted in a runaway win for the captain M. Youl, who scored 23 points, to win from G. Cockram (12) and N. Good (10). Youl played at centre, full-forward and rover and forward-pocket in the course of the season, and gave good service in each job. However, his best work was done on the ball where his solid marking, fast breaking from the packs and dogged courage made him an inspiration to the team — he certainly merited his individual success and his efforts deserved better team results. Cockram, a good mark and an elusive ground player was always dangerous whether on the ball or resting on the forward or back lines. He should have a great season next year. Good was the hardest working follower in the team, and one of the few players to demonstrate the value of effective shepherding. Quite apart from his sterling play, his great courage, his unselfishness and his wonderful team spirit made him one of our most outstanding men. In this latter regard, Shotter, a fine utility player who had a crack at everything but roving in his three years in the First XVIII, must also be mentioned — he was also a loyal and helpful vice-captain and ably led the team in Youl's absence. The player who showed most improvement from 1953 was Dove; last year a solid and consistent defender he developed this season a dash and judgment, both on the ground and in the air, that made him a really brilliant player whose defensive moves frequently flung the team into attack as he raced out from goal to drive his raking drop-kick across the centre. He was admirably supported by young Foster in the pocket, with lovely high marking and steady ground play. In the other back pocket Dadswell and Cockram gave good service with safe marking and sound general play. The whole back line functioned very smoothly and with admirable team-work throughout the year. The half-back line suffered many changes and re-arrangements, but over the season Keyes and Bartlett gave the best service on the flanks, and Longden stuck grimly to a big job in the key position. All will do better next year. Irwin, a winger in 1953, was

tried on the half-back line this year, but did not show much liking for the position and will probably have to be played on the centre-line or in attack next season if we are to get this player's real value. On the other hand, Bryse, a comparative failure on the wing and at half-forward, was showing the qualities of a successful defender as the season ended and should be a valuable player in defence, especially if he can develop more confidence. M. B. Taylor ran back into form after a couple of poor games early and became our best wingman of many tried during the year. A good mark and very clever ground player, he capped thoughtful and constructive football with splendid disposal. The team should have concentrated more attacks through him. Sulman did well when he took over the centre after the fourth game and cleverly covered his lack of aerial ability to become a real driving force over the season. On the other wing many players failed until Brownfield was promoted late in the season and made a success of the job. Playing always from in front, he marked well and more than held his own on the ground—it is a pity we did not select him earlier. Simmons showed some promise on the wing, although still a little young to really clinch a place. He has brains and moves well, but was a little too slow; he will do well later. Ross, at centre half-forward, had a very good season characterised by brilliant high marking and rugged ground play. He topped the goal-kicking, as he did in 1953, and was easily the most effective of the forwards—it was a heavy blow to the team when injury put him out for the last four games. Able support came from Austin on one flank. A very polished player, with a lovely turn and clever baulk, Austin tends to drift out of a game and loose concentration; however, he did much good work and will do even better now that his physique is robust enough to enable him to play on the ball. On the other flank many players were tried, the most successful being the very fast MacDougall whose play improved greatly in the course of the season, although his ball-handling remains uncertain. The most promising of the numerous full-forwards tried appears to be Hole who is a sound mark and a dashing ground player. If the team can learn to play to his fast, well judged leads he could become the best centre-forward we have yet seen. Good, MacGowan, Cockram and Youl all did well in the pockets, as did Carpenter and Littleton, the latter appearing only three times as a reserve (he was out with a knee injury for most of the season).

Actually, the forward line as a whole had the players to be successful, but it lacked the necessary understanding and co-operation. The ruckmen were good and our packs were rarely beaten; Good and Cockram, Shotter and Dadswell, Keyes and Hole were all used in the ruck and all did well there. They were backed up by intelligent, quick thinking and fast moving rovers in Youl, MacGowan and Carpenter. MacGowan's knack of bobbing up on his own was particularly damaging—with sure hands to back up his other attributes, he should be a grand player in future teams. This year he was easily the best junior in the XVIII. Apart from his solid roving, Carpenter did well as a winger, a half-forward and, late in the season, as a half-back—a very valuable player. O'Loughlin, in and out of the side early, finally settled into a back pocket and played very well there. A sure mark and a solid ground player he has plenty of confidence and is a cool, quick thinker. Boucher and Wilson spent most of the season out of action with broken bones, and neither had enough chances to show his undoubted worth. Bews was given very few opportunities, but showed plenty of determination and a capacity to absorb a power of punishment with a grin. Thompson was given plenty of chances, but failed to hit form—he has plenty of ability but no confidence whatever, and thus gave himself little chance to succeed.

In spite of unnecessary failures due to lapses that could have been prevented, the season was successful and enjoyable even if our record of achievement was perhaps not so glorious as we had hoped. With no fewer than 20 of the 1954 First XVIII training list likely to be available next year the immediate future at least is very bright provided that the lessons of 1954 are applied in 1955 and result in a regaining of the smooth team-work and fighting heart that must be characteristic of the play of any team that hopes to be really successful.

R. R. Clark.

#### FIRST XVIII RESULTS:

- Lost to Frankston High School, 5.6 (36) — 7.5 (47).
- Defeated Ship's Company, 11.16 (82) — 9.10 (64). Ross 5, Sulman 3.
- Defeated Officers and Masters, 11.12 (78) — 8.15 (63). MacGowan 3.
- Defeated Brighton Grammar School, 14.14 (98) — 10.8 (68). Youl 7.

- Lost to Melbourne High School (2nds), 6.10 (46) — 10.6 (66).
- Lost to Melbourne G.S. (3rd), 6.11 (47) — 7.6 (48).
- Drew with Mentone G.S., 11.3 (69) — 9.15 (69). Ross 3.
- Lost to Melbourne H.S., 4.4 (28) — 17.17 (119).
- Defeated Dookie A.C. (2nds), 11.8 (74) — 10.5 (65).
- Defeated Frankston H.S., 5.11 (41) — 3.7 (25). Shotter 3.
- Defeated Brighton Grammar School, 8.14 (62) — 5.9 (39). Good 4.
- Lost to Melbourne G.S. (3rds), 4.9 (33) — 14.11 (95).
- Lost to Ballarat College, 3.6 (24) — 8.16 (64).
- Lost to Mentone Grammar School, 5.5 (35) — 10.8 (68).
- Defeated Geelong G.S. (3rds), 7.8 (50) — 1.8 (14). Hole 3.
- Lost to Officers and Masters, 5.6 (36) — 6.9 (45).

#### SECOND XVIII RESULTS:

- Defeated Brighton G.S. (Under 14), 6.19 (49) — 1.8 (14).
- Lost to Melbourne G.S. (Under 15A), 0.6 (6) — 21.21 (147).
- Lost to Mentone G.S. (2nds), 5.7 (37) — 9.11 (65). Lawn 3.
- Lost to Brighton G.S. (Under 15), 4.6 (30) — 4.7 (31). MacDougall 3.
- Defeated Melbourne G.S. (Under 15B), 9.9 (63) — 3.3 (21).
- Lost to Mentone G.S. (2nds), 7.12 (54) — 9.5 (69).

Best players over the season: Brownfield, D. Taylor, MacDougall, Houghton, Bews, Simmons, O'Loughlin.

#### FIRST YEAR RESULTS:

- Defeated Camberwell G.S. Prep., 15.12 (102) — 3.9 (27). Barber 4, Partington 4.
  - Defeated Camberwell G.S. Prep., 8.7 (55) — 3.6 (24). Lawn 3.
- Best players: O'Loughlin, Simmons, Barber, Parr, Partington, Lawn.

#### SECOND XVIII

After selection of a first XVIII, thirty cadets nominating Australian Rules as first preference were left from which to form a second XVIII. However, this did not work out in practice owing to heavy casualties in the senior team particularly.

Brownfield was appointed captain, and did an excellent job in the preliminary work of organising and encouraging the "left-overs" so that, throughout the series of matches played, the seconds team showed excellent team spirit and morale. We were very pleased, therefore, when Brownfield's own football improved to the extent that he was promoted to the senior team, and held his place for the end of the season matches. His place was taken by Burnett Year Taylor who led the team well.

Apart from Taylor, Thompson, Bews, Harries, Hunt, Stephen and Wells, and occasionally Bryse, the junior team came from the junior years, and this "mosquito fleet" on most occasions found itself against far taller and much heavier teams. Training nights were well attended, and it was noticeable in practically all games that our juniors finished far more strongly than the opposition. This ability to play on powerfully in the last quarter undoubtedly won us several matches against superior teams.

A new innovation this year was the 14-a-side First Year matches against Camberwell Grammar School, when our team was successful on both occasions.

We have found some promising talent here in O'Loughlin and Simmons (who went to the firsts eventually), Barber, Lawn, Parr and Partington.



With the large number of cadets now at the College and the limited playing areas, it has been necessary to modify the old system of sporting activity, when all cadets played every game and the best players in the College were selected to play in the teams required.

This year cadets stated their preference for a winter game, and the "First" teams were selected from these lists, although every endeavour has been made to coach and help all cadets to learn all sports.

Second Year has been regularly represented by Cowdell, Dechaineux, Ferry, Houghton and Renfrey.

A.H.T.

### INTERWATCH AUSTRALIAN RULES

FX	4-5 (29)	defeated	FT	1-3 (7)
AX	9-9 (63)	"	MT	3-1 (9)
FX	9-6 (60)	"	MT	1-3 (10)
FT	12-3 (75)	"	MT	3-10 (28)
AX	4-7 (31)	"	FT	2-4 (16)
FX	9-4 (58)	"	AX	5-3 (33)

Forecastle, as in the Rugby, was unbeaten and easily defeated every team. Forecastle again had many players who were in the First XVIII training list; on the other hand Maintop only had a few, the remainder being mainly Rugby Union players; this was mainly why Maintop failed to win a match. Quarterdeck played well, but did not have enough drive to defeat Forecastle. Foretop had several good players in its team, but it did not play as well as was thought possible.

The standard of play was not very high, except in the case of Forecastle. This tended to make players very despondent. It is hoped that next year competition will be keener and teams more evenly matched, for Australian Rules is a major sport at the College.

Twenty-seven cadets covering all years chose Hockey as their main sport, and from this limited number our First XI, which included three second year, was selected.

By the end of the season some position play, system and team work had been introduced, and in addition the hard hit had become one of a few strokes instead of the only one. Enthusiasm and energy had improved, and the team played creditably under the captaincy of Senior Cadet Captain Stephens.

Thirteen matches were played during the season for four wins and nine losses, those in the latter half being closely contested. The College was treated to a wonderful exhibition of hockey by the United Kingdom Liaison Mission, a Service team of old veterans who defeated us 6-0. This game proved that, unlike Rugby, one need not be physically perfect to enjoy the game of hockey, and hence the games value to a service, where opportunities at sea for physical recreation are few.





### FIRST XI

Left to right—Standing: Smith, Edgar, Leach, Horlor, Wilson, Banks.  
Seated: Hawtin, Bonnar, Stephens (c), Davidson, York. Absent: Roberts.

We did, however "slashingly" defeat the ladies of Toorak College and in the return game proved that the age of chivalry is not past by gallantly losing 2-3.

Large stakes hinged on a game between the "Firsts" and the "Rest" but the Sports Officer (a "Rest" man), having seen our defeat of the Army 3-0 in the first game of the year, conveniently forget this important item, thus clinching our reputation for the year.

Congratulations to Cadet Midshipman E. L. Roberts who was awarded his colours. All would do well to copy his stick work and position play.

R. C. Savage.

### SENIOR INTERPART HOCKEY

Forecastle thoroughly deserved their win in this year's interwatch hockey competition. Their all round strength was the deciding factor. Quarterdeck, the runners-up, showed flashes of brilliance in parts, but were let down badly in other positions.

Quarterdeck started the season as favourites, and after their satisfying victory over Maintop in the first game, they made that honour secure for the time being. The other first round game between Forecastle and Foretop resulted in the way everyone had expected.

The next game, Forecastle versus Quarterdeck, showed the true value of both teams, and Forecastle from then on had the competition "sewn up". In this round Foretop had their first win at the expense of Maintop who unfortunately lost all their games.

In the third round Forecastle completely overwhelmed Maintop and Foretop were lucky to just scrape home against Quarterdeck. I think the only player who wielded the stick to advantage during the year's competition was Irwin, Quarterdeck's right-winger, but Stephens, Maintop's captain and centre-half, deserves praise for the manner in which he doggedly battled his way through every game, and never once gave up.

D.H.E.

## JUNIOR HOCKEY

Hockey teams this year enjoyed a very eventful season. No team was consistently good, but Forecastle had a slight edge which developed into a winning combination.

The games were closer and more interesting than those of the Rugby competition. There were two drawn games. Forecastle defeated Quarterdeck team. It is interesting to notice that Foretop managed to draw with both the top and bottom teams, while being heavily defeated by Quarterdeck.

The result of the competition was—

- 1st: Forecastle.
- 2nd: Quarterdeck.
- 3rd: Foretop.
- 4th: Maintop.

Forecastle having won two and drawn one.

Outstanding players of the year were York, Leach and Roberts. York, with clever ball control, held a weak Maintop together and proved both an offensive and defensive danger. Leach, backed by a more powerful team, was keyman in Quarterdeck's strong defence. Though not in the class of Leach and York, Roberts proved himself the life-saver of Foretop as goalie. York and Leach gained selection in the 1st XI.

F. D. Foster.

## ANNEXE BUILDINGS

The Cadets' accommodation  
Should be in publication,  
To show the population  
The facts about this station;  
Or else our resignation  
Will force their contemplation  
To hurry the condemnation,  
So we can move our situation  
Away from degradation  
To a place of new location.

R.G.C.

## THANK YOU!

In order to complete this magazine it is necessary to make three votes of thanks.

Firstly, to W.R.A.N. Batson for all the time and energy which she has put into typing out the articles for the magazine.

Secondly, to the Cadets for the improved co-operation and help given to the committee throughout the year.

And lastly, but by no means least, to Mr. Clark, our Master-in-Charge, for the inspiration and guidance given to the committee during the entire preparation of the magazine. Without his untiring help, our task would have been greatly multiplied.

## "DEPARTED GLORY"

It was towards the end of April,  
And the clouds had gathered black—  
The chevron they had given him,  
They had just taken back.  
He said "I don't want this chevron,  
It's not good enough for me,  
From henceforth until passing out  
Plain Cadet Captain will I be!"  
But later, after thinking  
Along a mournful strain,  
He decided that things that had been  
Would never be again.  
He remembered all he hoped to do,  
And now would be unable;  
No longer would he sit on high  
At the head of the senior table.  
Now there'd be others over him—  
He that had ruled before.  
No longer would he stand supreme,  
And dictate College law.  
For he had been disgraced,  
For all the world to see;  
And from then until his passing out,  
Plain Cadet Captain would he be!

C. J. Wilson.

## A PUZZLE

Now I have just arrived, and it's all so  
puzzling.  
A lot of little boys tell me what to do, and  
what's more, I do it.  
It's said we must not smoke, but the Cadet  
Captain is going to make me fag.  
We were issued with shoes for gymnasium,  
but I am very sure that is not their  
only use.  
We have a gunroom, but I am told fire-arms  
are not allowed.  
Now I have just arrived, and I am on First  
Year privileges—  
But I do not seem to have any privileges at  
all, and it is all so puzzling.

## "ASIA"

The continent of many contrasts;  
Colours; races—teeming millions,  
Mighty mountains, sacred cities,  
Now the victim of cunning invasions.  
Mystic lands and mystic faces,  
Eternal religions and starving populace,  
Struggling hard to stay in existence,  
Look with envy on us and our race.  
Land of natives ruled by foreigners,  
Rise and stand for thyself once more,  
Fight against the political soldiers,  
Trying to take thy land by war.

S. W. Ferrier.

# S O C C E R



## FIRST XI

Left to right—Standing: R. Selby, Pullar, Payne, Parker, Bradley, Rice.  
Seated: Lamperd, Loftus, Lt. P. M. Cumming, Arnott, J. Selby.  
Absent: Daish (c), Dalton, Merton (vc).

This year, thanks to the influence of Lieutenant Cumming, we were provided with a competent and qualified coach, namely Petty Officer Eagle. Under his guidance, we received expert tuition on the fundamentals of Soccer, realising as we went along that there was more to this game than meets the eye.

At the start of the season the team practised more or less individual movements such as heading, trapping and dribbling. Later, when we had become more proficient at these manoeuvres, the backs and forwards were split up and trained separately, the forwards concentrating on passing, intercepting and shooting. The backs devoted their time to defence tactics. Several pick up games were played with the backs and forwards forming opposing teams, thus benefitting both forwards and backs. There were very few of last year's first XI left, and not many others had had outside experience, but a team could be seen taking shape as players gained more ability and confidence.

During this time the team had had several matches. Although it was defeated each time, these were enough to show that the coach's time had not been wasted.

Early in the season, Daish had spent some time in conjunction with the coach, in arranging the team to have the right players in the right positions. In the subsequent matches, teamwork was of paramount importance and skill in handling the ball improved immensely. The opposition proved to be just a little better, and we were defeated in all matches. The consistency of the game results was remarkable.

Throughout the season J. Selby played very well on the wing. His footwork was something well worth seeing. Praise was also due to Pullar the goalie, a vital and essential player, who made many spectacular saves. The backs, Parker and Dalton did a grand job in defence, especially Dalton who kicked equally well with either foot. The most versatile player in the team was Arnott, who acquitted himself well in many

positions. Early in the season during the absence of Daish, the team was ably led by Merton.

Perhaps the highlight of the season was the mid-term visit to Dookie. The Australian Rules and Soccer players journeyed up the Goulburn Valley to the College where they were entertained for the weekend. From the kick-off it could be seen that Dookie forwards had more control over the ball than R.A.N.C. forwards. Despite attacks made by R.A.N.C. forward line, Dookie won 4-1.

This year has been noteworthy in that soccer has become more of a major sport, and it is hoped that with the talent available, the standard of soccer will continue to improve

### RESULTS

- R.A.N.C. lost to Frankston High, 0-5.
- R.A.N.C. lost to Ship's Company, 2-7.
- R.A.N.C. drew with Recruit School, 1-1.
- R.A.N.C. lost to Communications School, 0-4.
- R.A.N.C. lost to Recruit School, 0-4.
- R.A.N.C. lost to Dookie Agricultural College, 1-4.
- R.A.N.C. lost to Balcombe A.A.S., 3-4.

**M.R.L.**

### INTERPART SOCCER—1954

This year, soccer showed itself to be much more popular in the College than in previous years. The interpart soccer was played with that same fine spirit of teamship and hard, but friendly, rivalry that is so noticeable in all the College sports.

Quarterdeck were the leaders this year, with two wins and one drawn game. Forecastle won two games and lost one, to come second, while Maintop were third—one game won, one lost and one drawn. Foretop were rather unlucky in the soccer this year, and did not win a game.

Awarding three points for a win, two for a draw and one for a game lost the points table becomes—

- 1st Quarterdeck—8 points.
- 2nd Forecastle—7 points.
- 3rd Maintop—6 points.
- 4th Foretop—3 points.

Let us hope that soccer will become even more popular at R.A.N.C. as it has done in the rest of the world, and that we shall have a much better standard of play to do justice to a fine game.

**B.L.**



The finals of the College Tennis Championships provided some very entertaining and keenly contested tennis.

The first match was the junior singles in which MacGowan showed his superiority by defeating White 6-1, 7-5. Both were very nervous at the beginning; MacGowan gained a distinct advantage by being the first to settle down and play good consistent tennis to win the first set very easily. White gained more confidence in the second set and started to play really well; he took the offensive by very good volleying at the net. MacGowan fought back well, took full advantage when White's play lapsed after several foot faults against him, and went on to a comfortable win.

MacGowan and White then combined to defeat Lees and Wilson—6-2, 6-4. The standard of play was not as high as in the previous match, but nevertheless there was some good tennis. MacGowan and White quickly settled down and their combination and individual experience was too much for their opponents who, although not given much hope, played well and made their opponents fight for every point.

The second set proved to be better than the first, but MacGowan and White finished easy winners.

The senior doubles saw two new players to the College, Sulman and Cockram defeat Hole and Irwin in a very closely contested match. In the first set both pairs turned on some brilliant tennis; Sulman played very well and his smashes were a delight to see. Cockram, although not as brilliant as his partner, was very consistent and made many openings for Sulman. Hole was erratic but produced some good shots at times; Irwin was steady and consistent and his lobs found his opponents out of position many times. Sulman and Cockram gained the upper hand early in the second set by combining well; this aided them in winning an enjoyable match rather comfortably.

The final match was the senior singles in which Sulman defeated MacGowan 6-4, 7-5. Sulman lost the first two games, but fought back well and evened the score. He was



very devastating overhead and MacGowan won very few points in this regard. MacGowan played to his opponent's backhand and forced him to play defensively; this resulted in baseline rallies with Sulman running into the net occasionally. The second set provided the best tennis of the afternoon. MacGowan served and volleyed very well, after finding Sulman out of position and at this point he looked a very definite danger. Sulman, with some hard hitting, fought back well to clinch the second set and the match.

Commodore Morrow presented the prizes to the winners and stated that Captain Nicholson, who himself was College champion some years ago, had remarked on the high standard of play and the enjoyment it had provided.

For his fine performance, Sulman later received his colours. Denton, who unfortunately was injured some time before the championships, very deservedly received his colours also.



This year swimming has received quite a lift from the presence in the College of a number of very talented performers. Early in the year Bews, Roberts and Horlor represented the Navy at the Inter-Services sports and were all well-placed. The same trio later secured good places in the annual Victorian All Schools' Championships. This year also the R.A.N.C. swimmers had the opportunity of competing in a triangular match with Scotch College and Melbourne Grammar on two occasions. In the first of these fixtures we came a very bad last but improved considerably in the second when the emphasis was more on individual performance. We gained very valuable experience in these contests but could not help getting the impression that our training programme was far too indefinite for us to achieve standards comparable with other schools.

Later in the first term came the Annual Swimming Championships at the College and these resulted in some very fine performances. Outstanding among these were the efforts of Bews, Roberts, Dadswell, Morris and Horlor, all of whom were awarded

colours for swimming. Bews won the Senior Championship while the Junior Champion was Kilner.

- RESULTS**
- R.A.N.C. lost to O.C.S., Portsea, 3-7.
  - R.A.N.C. lost to R.A.A.F. College, 3-7.
  - R.A.N.C. lost to R.A.A.F. College, 2-8.
  - R.A.N.C. lost to Toorak Ladies' College, 2-4.
  - R.A.N.C. defeated Torrak Ladies' College, 3-1.

**RESULTS**

The following are the results of the individual events—

- Open 50 Yards Backstroke—**
  - 1, Roberts, Horlor; 2, Dadswell. Time: 33.8 seconds.
- Junior 50 Yards Breaststroke—**
  - 1, J. Selby; 2, Becker; 3, Nisbet. Time: 42 seconds.
- Open 50 Yards Breaststroke—**
  - 1, Bews; 2, Roberts; 3, Cant. Time: 34.7 seconds.
- Open Diving—**
  - 1, Jones (81 points); 2, Morris (80½ points); 3, Dove (65½ points).
- Open 50 Yards Butterflystroke—**
  - 1, Bews; 2, Roberts; 3, Morris. Time: 33.7 seconds.
- Junior 50 Yards Backstroke—**
  - 1, Kilner; 2, Foster; 3, Golding. Time: 40 seconds.
- Beginners' 33 Yards—**
  - 1, Winter; 2, Payne; 3, Harvey.
- Open 100 Yards Freestyle—**
  - 1, Dadswell; 2, Morris, Horlor. Time: 66.9 seconds.
- Junior 66 Yards Freestyle—**
  - 1, Lambert; 2, Kilner; 3, J. Selby. Time: 43 seconds.
- Junior Diving—**
  - 1, Dechaineux; 2, Mews; 3, Houghton.

**400 Yards Freestyle—**

1, Bews; 2, Dadswell; 3, Horlor. Time 5 minutes 47.2 seconds.

Following these events was the Interpart of Ship Competition. The events in this competition were keenly contested and much encouragement was given by the cadets to those swimming for their particular part of ship. Undoubtedly the cadets were thinking of the victory dinner given for the winning part of ship which, this year, was Quarterdeck. Quarterdeck were closely followed by Forecastle then Foretop and last but not least, Maintop.

The results may be seen below—

**Senior Freestyle Relay (6 x 33 yards)—**

1, Forecastle; 2, Maintop; 3, Quarterdeck; 4, Foretop.

**Junior Freestyle Relay (6 x 33 yards)—**

1, Forecastle; 2, Quarterdeck; 3, Foretop; 4, Maintop.

**Senior Medley (6 x 33 yards)—**

1, Foretop; 2, Forecastle; 3, Quarterdeck; 4, Maintop.

**Junior Medley (6 x 33 yards)—**

1, Quarterdeck; 2, Maintop; 3, Foretop; 4, Forecastle.

**All Hands Relay—**

1, Quarterdeck; 2, Forecastle; 3, Foretop; 4, Maintop.

Worthy of note is the fact that the previous Junior 66 yards Freestyle record of 44 seconds was broken by 1 second by Lambert. As it was the first time the race was held the time of the winner, Bews, also goes down as a record for the open 50 yards butterfly.

S. W. D. Hill, I. Bradley.

**TERRORS OF THE RING**

Into the ring the fighters go,  
One to Fox and one to Stowe.  
The Commander rises from his chair,  
A deathly silence fills the air.  
Round one: Toe to Toe,  
Then dodging madly to and fro.  
A tremendous thud, a body's flying,  
On the canvas a heavyweight's lying.  
Next the fight between two midgets,  
Nervous feelings shown by fidgets,  
But out they go with a minus love  
To kick and push, and fight and shove.  
In the back the next two wait,  
Hoping it's stopped before too late.  
But to the ring they both must go,  
And soon they're swapping blow for blow.  
When at last they both return,  
With cut lip, black eye, bleeding nose,  
Each thinks he has a lot to learn,  
For he couldn't duck all those blows.

"Slugger".



1954 has proved to be a very successful season for the College. The athletes have shown considerable enthusiasm and the majority have trained well in the limited time at their disposal.

Our first meeting was a triangular contest between Melbourne Grammar, Brighton Grammar and R.A.N.C. held at Brighton on September 2. For the most part, the performances of our athletes exceeded general expectations. The College acquitted itself very well, winning eight of the 24 events on the programme. The performances of MacDougall and Johnson were outstanding and were a prelude to greater feats in forthcoming events.

A week later our team went to Portsea for another triangular contest in which our opponents were O.C.S., Portsea and the R.A.A.F. College. This meeting resulted in an overwhelming victory for R.A.N.C., a great majority of the events being won by our athletes. Impressive performances were put up by—

Stoker, who won the 100 Yards and 220 Yards;

MacDougall, who ran 53.5 in a fine 440 Yards;

Robinson, winner of the half-mile;

Carpenter and Johnson, who ran 1st and 2nd respectively in the mile;

James, an easy winner in the 120 Yards Hurdles;

Cockram and Bartlett, in the Jumping events.

The annual Athletics Championships of the College were held on Saturday, October 16, a week after the Portsea triumph. The weather was perfect for athletics and the tracks were, as usual, in beautiful condition for which thanks must be given to Mr. Frank Goodwin and his helpers. These facts helped towards the setting of four new records. Easily the most meritorious performances of the day were by Johnson who broke the existing Junior records for the 880 Yards and the Mile by approximately six seconds and 20 seconds respectively. A great deal of credit for the fast time in the Half-mile can be given to J. Selby, who set

a cracking pace and was only caught by Johnson in the last 15 yards. Davis proved to be the best sprinter among the juniors, taking both the 100 Yards and the 220 Yards. However, good all-round performances gave the Junior Championship to Austin.

In the Senior Championship MacDougall snatched victory from James by narrowly gaining second place in the last event of the day, the mile. James quickly set up a big lead for the Cup by winning the 100, 220 and hurdles (the last in record time), but MacDougall came back with  $\frac{1}{4}$ -mile and half-mile victories and sufficient placings to win by 1 point.

No one jumper or field games exponent proved outstanding as all these events were won by different competitors.

The Officers v. Masters relay race resulted in an easy win for the Masters, but it would have been much closer had one officer not run with an exaggerated body lean and thus hit the deck.

Prizes were presented at the end of the afternoon by Mrs. Morrow and all adjourned to afternoon tea after a very fine meeting.

## RESULTS

### Open 100 Yards—

1, James; 2, Tooth; 3, Stoker.  
Time: 11.1 seconds.

### Open 120 Yards Hurdles—

1, James; 2, C. Wilson; 3, Ward.  
Time: 16.5 seconds (record).

### Open 220 Yards—

1, James; 2, MacDougall; 3, Tooth.  
Time: 24.2 seconds.

### Open 440 Yards—

1, MacDougall; 2, James; 3, I. Roberts.  
Time: 54.8 seconds.

### Open 880 Yards—

1, MacDougall; 2, I. Roberts; 3, Robinson.  
Time: 2 minutes 13 seconds.

### Open Mile—

1, Carpenter; 2, MacDougall; 3, Youl.  
Time: 4 minutes 59.9 seconds.

### Open Long Jump—

1, Yates; 2, Cockram; 3, Gulliver.  
Distance: 18 feet 4 inches.

### Open High Jump—

1, Cockram; 2, Good; 3, Cant.  
Distance: 5 feet 4 inches.

### Open Hop, Step and Jump—

1, Bartlett; 2, Dove; 3, Denton.  
Distance: 39 feet 6 $\frac{1}{2}$  inches.

### Open Javelin—

1, McKay; 2, Dadswell; 3, Shotter.  
Distance: 118 feet 11 inches.

### Open Discus—

1, Denton; 2, McQueen; 3, Youl.  
Distance: 96 feet 11 $\frac{1}{2}$  inches (record).

### Open Shot Putt—

1, Gulliver; 2, Dadswell; 3, Shotter.  
Distance: 34 feet 3 $\frac{3}{4}$  inches.

### Open Obstacle Race—

1, Jones; 2, Graham; 3, Banks.

### Junior 100 Yards—

1, Davis; 2, Austin; 3, O'Loughlin.  
Time: 11.4 seconds.

### Junior 100 Yards Hurdles—

1, Foster; 2, MacGowan; 3, Rowling.  
Time: 16 seconds.

### Junior 220 Yards—

1, Davis; 2, Austin; 3, O'Loughlin.  
Time: 25.8 seconds.

### Junior 880 Yards—

1, Johnson; 2, J. Selby; 3, Lowe.  
Time: 2 minutes 9 seconds (record).

### Junior Mile—

1, Johnson; 2, J. Selby; 3, Lowe.  
Time: 4 minutes 48.5 seconds (record).

### Junior Long Jump—

1, Austin; 2, Lees; 3, MacGowan.  
Distance: 15 feet 11 $\frac{1}{2}$  inches.

### Junior High Jump—

1, Foster; 2, Nattey; 3, White.  
Distance: 4 feet 11 inches.

### Junior Obstacle Race—

1, Nisbet; 2, B. Wilson; 3, Jessurun.

### Non-championship Events—

Senior 880 Yards Consolation—Kedge.

Senior 880 Yards Novice—Warnick.

Junior 880 Yards Consolation—MacGowan.

Junior 880 Yards Novice—Lambert.

100 Yards Handicaps, First Year—Lawn.

100 Yards Handicaps, Second Year—Varley.

100 Yards Handicaps, Third Year—Smith.

100 Yards Handicaps, Fourth Year—Thompson.

Staff Relay, Officer v. Masters—Masters.

Children's Race—Miss Julie Savage.

### Senior Championship—

MacDougall, 38 points.  
James, 37 points.

### Junior Championship—

Austin, 27 points.  
Foster, 21 points.

M. L. Brooks,  
D. G. Thompson.

## ANNUAL CROSS COUNTRY

On Wednesday, July 21, the College Annual Cross Country took place. At the starting line 186 bright and enthusiastic cadets impatiently awaited the final word from Mr. Adeney.

First Year were the first to start and many of them were noticed sprinting across the main oval. However, unbelievable as it may seem, many of them were still sprinting at the finish, but whether or not they did the same between these two points is a debatable question.

Early in the race the lead was taken by James and Johnson, who never at any time looked like being beaten. The final stage of the race consisted of a sprint between the two in which James led Johnson to the finish by a small margin.

After waiting for some time for the mud spattered stragglers, Mrs. Robertson presented the prizes to the various winners who were—

Open Champion: James.

Junior Champion: Johnson.

Year Winners—

4th Year: Ferguson.

Getting Year: James.

MacQuarie Year: Stanesby.

3rd Year: Bartlett.

Burnett Year: Sulman.

2nd Year: Johnson.

1st Year: Simmons.

The Part-of-Ship result was—

1st: Forecastle.

2nd: Maintop.

3rd: Foretop.

4th: Quarterdeck.

N.B. Several MacQuarie Year cadets showed their enthusiasm by completing the course several more times during the latter days of the week.

## CURRY CUP 1954

This year R.A.N.C. lived up to expectations and won in record time. The first heat was won by the Electrical School in a fast time—Officers who were competing for the first time won the second heat convincingly from R.A.N.C.

Our team comprised the following—

Gymnast, Jones; Hurdler, James; Cyclist, E. L. Roberts; Sprinter and Coxswain, Yates; Boat's Crew, Pickford, Dodd, Stone, Wilson, Shotter, Good, Cant, Pennock, Costello.

Lucas, McQueen, Ross; 1st Cross Country Runner, Irwin; 2nd Cross Country Runner (1,000 yards), Youl; Swimmer, Dadswell; 440 Runner, MacDougall.

In the final we were given a very good start by Jones, who owing to his small build was buffeted around a great deal. James hurdled so well that we had a lead of thirty yards on the next change. E. L. Roberts cycled very well to hold this lead but it was unfortunate that at this stage the Electrical School bicycle "broke down" and thus one dangerous team lost any chance of winning. Yates made a speedy dash to the wharf and then proceeded to cox the cutter very skilfully to hold off the Officers; both crews reached the range wharf together, with all the other teams so far behind that it didn't matter. Thompson (Officers) let Irwin set his own pace for some time, but had too much in reserve at the critical moment, with the result that he gave the Officers a handy lead of about eighty yards. Youl ran very well and gained about fifty yards. An unfortunate incident occurred in the swimming when the Officers representative lost the baton. Dadswell quickly snatched the lead, and the Officers seemingly unbeatable position became ours. MacDougall held this lead without trouble, and R.A.N.C. finished a comfortable winner, Officers came in second and the Electrical School a creditable third.

This noteworthy effort by R.A.N.C. was shown in the time (21 minutes 34 seconds) which broke the previous record held by the College by six seconds.

## BOATS

At the beginning of the year the College possessed ten skiffs, four of which were the old black and white boats which have been with the College for longer than most of us can remember.

During the second term we were given four skiffs from H.M.A.S. "Australia" as well as a twin-screw motor boat. At the latter end of the same term four more skiffs arrived so that we now have eighteen of them. They have been allocated to the watches for maintenance and Forster Cup races, numbers 17 and 18 being reserved for use by any watch which has a skiff out of commission.

During the third term we have had an individual skiff race every Wednesday to decide the best crews to represent the Col-



lege against other schools and clubs. We met the Royal Brighton Yacht Club twice, victory on each occasion going to them. There has been an Inter-Watch Forster Cup heat every Saturday and at the moment Foretop has run away to what would seem to be an unbeatable lead.

With the formation of the sailing committee, races are now being sailed strictly in accordance with the rules laid down by civilian and service yachting authorities.

R. G. L. Cant began the year as Captain of Boats and held this post until May, when he was promoted to Cadet-Captain. Since May, C. A. Reid has been Captain of Boats.

Next year promises to be an eventful one, with the suggestion that a College yacht may be entered in the Sydney-Hobart race. Our new boat shed should be completed very soon so we are able to look both forward and back with great pleasure.

## REGATTA

Another Annual Event at the College is the Regatta. This Regatta is keenly contested each year, and in 1954 showed no signs of being dull or one-sided (until the actual day arrived . . .). Solid training was attended by all crews (including early morning jaunts) for two weeks prior to the BIG day.

The only races in which individual skill was required were the senior and junior skulls. These races were won respectively by Stone (Flinders Year) and Lowe (Cook Year).

Stone must be congratulated on his fine effort in obtaining his Boat's Colours for Pulling this season.

The heats for these two events had been run off several days prior to the Regatta, and some fine competitors had been eliminated.

In the senior events Foc'sle showed their skill by winning all but one of the events. The junior events were monopolized by Quarterdeck.

A new system of points scoring was introduced this year, and Foc'sle with their superior seniors obtained the most beneficial points and came out easy winners.

**Senior Cutter:** 1, FX; 2, FT; 3, MT; 4, AX.

**Senior A Whaler:** 1, FX; 2, AX; 3, MT; 4, FT.

**Junior A Whaler:** 1, AX; 2, MT; 3, FT; 4, FX.

**Open Sculling Championship:** 1, Stone; 2, Shotter; 3, Rikard-Bell; 4, Pennock.

**Senior B Whaler:** 1, FX; 2, FT; 3, AX; 4, MT.

**Junior Sculling Championship:** 1, Lowe; 2, Littleton; 3, Foster.

**Junior B Whaler:** 1, MT; 2, FX; 3, AX; 4, FT.

**Junior C Whaler:** 1, AX; 2, MT; 3, FX; 4, FT.

**Ships Co. Challenge Cup:** 1, Seamen; 2, Cooks; 3, Stewards.

**Officers v. Masters v. C.P.O.'s, and P.O.'s:** 1, FX; 2, FT; 3, AX; 4, MT.

### FINAL POINTS

	FX	AX	MT	FT
1.	11	3	6	8
2.	10	7	5	3
3.	3	10	7	5
5.	8	3	1	5
7.	5	3	8	1
8.	12	6	3	9
Total Points	50	38	33	31

Places	1st	2nd	3rd	4th

**R. A. Keyes.**

### FIGURES IN THE FIRE

Look!

There's a tiger in the fire grate.

A hot animal with glowing eyes,

Red-coated belly, barred teeth,

Flaming tail flowing behind,

Prowling through the fiery campus in among  
the coals.

And yet . . . .

Is that a tiger

Never!

A dog perhaps, with red tongue hanging  
out . . . .

The scene changes.

A cottage with red-bricked chimney,

Perhaps even a red sports car, shining on a  
golden road.

Picture that log with spectacles,

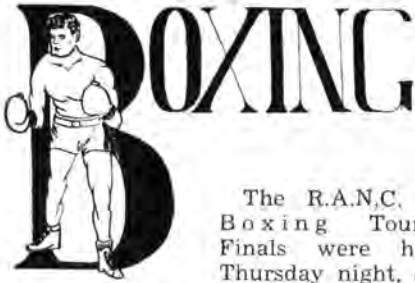
Long night-cap and flowing red beard;

A better Grandpa Rufus.

The coals grow dull, the night chiller,

Fantasies of the flame flee—forgotten for-  
ever.

**A. Hunt.**



The R.A.N.C. Annual Boxing Tournament Finals were held on Thursday night, July 15.

Determination was shown by all contestants. This resulted in many good, hard fights.

This year a Milling Contest was held for the first time. Each side had a team of eleven and each contestant fought for one minute. The four teams were picked on an inter-watch basis, the winning team being awarded a cake. Maintop defeated Fore-castle in the final.

The following are the results of the boxing championships—

**Gnat Weight:** Winner, Ridley, 6 st. 6 lb. Loser, Barber, 6 st. 6 lb.

**Midge Weight:** Winner, Campe, 6 st. 8 lbs. Loser, Partington, 6 st. 12 lbs.

**Mosquito Weight:** Winner, Kilner, 7 st. 5 lbs. Loser, Houghton, 7 st. 0 lbs.

**Fly Weight:** Winner, Simmons, 7 st. 12 lbs. Loser, Stephen, 8 st. 0 lbs.

**Bantam Weight:** Winner, Jessurun, 8 st. 2 lbs. Loser, Winter, 8 st. 4 lbs.

**Feather Weight:** Winner, Taylor, M. B. 8 st. 10 lbs. Loser, Becher, 8 st. 12 lbs.

**Light Weight:** Winner, Cook, 9 st. 1 lb. (Forfeit) Loser, Bartlett, 9st. 5 lbs.

**Light Welter Weight:** Winner, Graham, 9 st. 13 lbs. Loser, J. Selby, 9 st. 13 lbs.

**Welter Weight:** Winner, Daish, 10 st. 6 lbs. Loser, Dove, 10 st. 7 lbs.

**Light Middle Weight:** Winner: Cockram, 10 st. 13 lbs. Loser, Cant, 11 st. 0 lbs.

**Middle Weight:** Winner, Bews, 11 st. 3 lbs. Loser, Dadswell, 11 st. 8 lbs.

**Light Heavy Weight:** Winner, Stone, 12 st. 0 lbs. Loser, Nelson, 11 st. 10 lbs.

**Heavy Weight:** Winner, Good, 13 st. 4 lbs. Loser, McQueen, 13 st. 3 lbs.

**Milling Contest:** 1, Maintop; 2, Fore-castle.

The winners of the championships each received an eight ounce tankard. Cadet Midshipman Stone was awarded the Shelley Cup for the best exponent of the art of boxing. Six cakes were awarded for the best losers. Cadet Midshipmen Wood, Renfrey, Hill, Selby and Nelson and Probationary Midshipman Wadey received these. After the last event of the evening, the Milling Match, the presentation of prizes took place.

**S. Hill.**

## GLASGOW AND WORLD WAR II

Soon after war was declared on September 3, 1939, it was seen that the Second World War was to be very different from the First. Most of the old restrictions and controls had to be accepted again and usually in a severer form.

The blackout even preceded the outbreak of war. It was particularly thorough during the first few weeks when even street lights and interior lighting of buses and trams was forbidden.

At times supplies were very limited, especially in the middle of the war when such luxuries as cigarettes, matches, newspapers and fruits were practically non-existent.

During the war a balloon barrage protected Glasgow with the aid of an occasional fog screen and everyone was supplied with gas masks. Perhaps partly due to the fact that it was further from the Continent, and harder to reach from German air fields than most other important cities, Glasgow did not suffer as badly as many other industrial centres, such as London and Liverpool. The worst raids were carried out in the spring of 1941 when, in the course of three consecutive days of March, 1,083 were killed and 1,602 seriously injured.

The worst raids, however, did not occur in Glasgow itself but in Clydebank, an adjoining ship-building town, separated from Glasgow by a "wee burn". Here, only twelve houses were entirely undamaged and all but 2,000 of the 55,000 people had to be evacuated. In spite of this, 75% of the industrial production was resumed within 48 hours, though some workers had to travel over 60 miles to work each day.

Even through all this the transport services were well conducted and in its organisation of trams and buses Glasgow Corporation was generally thought ahead of the rest of the country.

Glasgow's chief job during the war was that of being Britain's main port when the others had to be closed to shipping because of air raids, and it also shared with Liverpool the handling of 80% of the merchant shipping coming into Britain. A steel net boom was strung across the Firth, the harbour equipment was increased and the river deepened and widened.

Ship-building during the war was of even greater importance than previously and among the ships built during this time were the "Vanguard", launched by the Queen (then Princess Elizabeth) in November, 1944, and the "Indefatigable", launched in December, 1942.

Another feature of the Clydeside during the war was the building of large munitions factories and the manufacture of large tanks and guns.

Glasgow's interest was aroused on May 10, 1941, when Rudolf Hess, Hitler's deputy, baled out over Renfrew Shire and surrendered to local authorities.

Glasgow's record of military decorations was upheld when four Glaswegians earned V.C.'s.

When peace finally came on May 9, 1945, Glasgow could look back with pride on a particularly fine record of service in many fields over the length of the war.

**R. Ridley.**

## 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 Viking.  
Prince Alfred College Chronicle.  
The Record.  
Wesley College Chronicle.  
The Scotsman.  
Ripples.  
The Unicorn.  
The Scotch Collegian.  
St. Peter's College Magazine.  
The Minervan.  
Apprenticeship.  
R.M.C. Journal.  
The Britannia Magazine.  
The Corian.  
The Melburnian.  
The Thunderer.  
The Brighton Grammarian.

# TEAM TRIPS

## THE TRIP TO DOOKIE

For Mid-term of the second term this year the 1st XVIII Australian Rules and the 1st XI Soccer travelled to Dookie Agricultural College to play matches.

The teams left by bus on Friday morning 9th July, accompanied by Mr. Trewin and arrived at Dookie at about 2.30 p.m. The long trip was broken in several places by welcome stops for refreshments. After being welcomed by the Principal, Mr. Provan, and the sports master, Mr. Cook, the Cadets were shown their quarters. 15 Cadets were billeted at the main College, the other 16 being billeted at the Rural Training Centre, the quarters for farmers doing short courses. Both teams then had a training run and supper at 6 p.m. The College grows most of its own food which was delicious. A picture "Passport to Pimlico" was shown before supper in the College hall and then supper was served at which the teams had a get-together. The Cadets finally staggered into bed at various hours of the night and morning and slept soundly in spite of the cold.

The next morning, Saturday, everyone managed to get up in time for breakfast at

7 a.m. with the aid of gongs sounding half an hour and a quarter of an hour before the meal. During the morning, the visitors were shown around the farm and Mount Major, a hill about 1,000 feet high behind the College. The College runs about 2,000 fowls, 600 pigs, sheep and 60 milking cows. From the expressions shown by some cadets on seeing sheep being marked there is no doubt that they would not make farmers.

The boys at the College do one day on the farm and one day in the classroom. In this way they learn both the practical and theoretical side of farming. After lunch the Soccer and Australian Rules matches were played. The Soccer lost 4-1 and the Australian Rules won after a good game by 11 goals 8 points, to 10 goals 5 points. After this the Cadets watched the match between the Dookie Agricultural College 1st XVIII and Dookie. Although Dookie Agricultural College won easily the game was always interesting.

Supper was served at 6 p.m. after which everyone spruced himself up for the end of term dance in the Assembly Hall. Girls were invited from surrounding towns such as Benalla, Shepparton, and Dookie. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed himself, the dance

being very well organised. Several boys were noticed to have arrived back later than others. No doubt they had an even better time. Again the bedtime was somewhat later than normal, the average being somewhere about 2 o'clock on Sunday morning.

On Sunday morning Cadets attended a Church service in the Hall at Dookie College. The minister came from the neighbouring township of Violet Town. The teams had lunch and at about 1 o'clock two buses left with the opposing teams for a tour of the Goulburn Valley. Cadets were shown types of farms, and were told acreages, types of soil and other points by Mr. Trewin. On the tour Shepparton was passed through twice and short stops were made there.

On arrival back at the College the teams had supper and later in the night agricultural films were shown in the College Hall.

After the films several Cadets decided to go mountain climbing and an expedition set out to conquer the lofty peak, Mt. Major. With their standard (the Dookie Football flag) fluttering in the cold night air the party gained the peak and tied the pennant to a triangulation station with an R.A.N.C. trademark below.

The next morning the R.A.N.C. teams left in their bus at 0800, returning via Eildon Weir. A stop was made there and the cadets were shown over the new dam and hydro-electric station, being built there, by the concreting manager. After this break the only other stop was at Healesville and at about 1800 the teams arrived back at the College.

### TRIP TO DUNTRON

The Thursday before winter mid-term saw an expectant group of cadets depart the College by bus to catch the Spirit of Progress from Melbourne, on the first leg of the trip to Canberra. The Rugby and Hockey teams comprised the group, and accompanied by the First Lieutenant, Mr. Robin, Lt. Coombs, Lt. Jobson and Mr. Thompson, we all hoped to spend an enjoyable mid-term break at Duntroon Military College.

We arrived in Canberra at mid-morning, and were taken by bus straight to our quarters to the Kuyong area, a section of the College, which proved extremely comfortable — two to a room. We lunched

with the Duntroon cadets in their large, well-equipped dining hall, which we were soon to learn could be used for a variety of purposes. Soon after lunch we were taken for a quick tour of Canberra, and thence on a conducted tour of Parliament House, which proved very interesting. The College Hockey team then took part in a match against Canberra High, while the Rugby team practised on their excellent rugby field. Our Hockey team was unlucky to lose against clever opposition, 1-0.



The College debating team, Roberts, E. L., Jones and Nelson, took part in a very interesting debate on Friday night, convincing everyone present that "Euthanasia should be compulsory at sixty," and thus carrying off a highly interesting debate. Before turning in, we were treated to some short, but well-chosen films in the College theatre.

Saturday morning saw us off to the naval signal station H.M.A.S. "Harman," for a short tour of the largest signal station in Australia. Before returning for lunch we stopped off at the Civic Shopping Centre for a quick look around.

The rugby match in the afternoon saw the College team score a narrow 8-6 victory over a hard-fighting home side. The College team produced its best football of the season to make a spectacular second-half comeback and clinch the game with two clever tries and a conversion.

The Winter Ball on the Saturday night proved an enjoyable evening for us all, most agreeable blind dates being procured for us from the local Grammar school. Unfortunately they had to leave at mid-night much to the disappointment of Bower and several others.



Church Parade saw us up early on Sunday morning, and soon after the Hockey team went on to play its second match in Canberra against Duntroon. Our team went down fighting in a 7-nil defeat; however, they put up a splendid effort against the superior home team. A very quick look over the Australian War Memorial preceded our departure by train from Canberra, and a sorry departure from the wonderful hospitality of Duntroon and its cadets.

A five-hour wait between trains confronted us at Goulburn, but fortunately enough we spent a wonderful evening in the hands of the Country Women's Association, who treated us to an excellent supper and made us feel really at home. Further entertainment came from the presence of two very talented local singers, some very agreeable schoolteachers from the local private school, and Bigelow's evergreen piano. We really enjoyed this little interlude at Goulburn, and I'm sure we will always remember it as an evening well spent. We offer our sincere thanks to the wonderful people who made our wait so enjoyable.

An uneventful journey back to Melbourne, first in the night train from Goulburn to Albury, and then in the "Spirit" to Melbourne, preceded our trip back to College by bus, for a late lunch. Overall the weekend had been really enjoyable, and speaking for the cadets who went up, I'm sure we won't forget the hospitality of the Duntroon cadets for a long time to come.

—J. Nelson

## COINS

By simple definition a coin is a piece of money. It varies in structure, size and shape and the collection of coins is often made a hobby which can be useful, interesting and very instructive.

Coins can be constructed out many different minerals. Once they were made only from valuable metals like gold or silver but now they are mostly made from copper alloy or an alloy containing only a small proportion of silver. In times of inflation, for example in France during World War II, coins have been made of aluminium or zinc.

The size and shape of coins varies very greatly. There are square coins, an example being the singhalese one cent; there are many round coins such as the English half-crown; there are round coins with a round hole in the middle, as the Fijian

penny; and there are round coins with a square hole, an example being the Chinese one yen. I think that possibly the strangest shaped coin of them all is the octagonal George VI English threepence.

Most coins have a milled edge. One explanation of this is that in England in the late 17th Century, people used to trim sovereigns and hoard the gold, until at last the difference in size between two sovereign pieces could be nearly as great as that between a modern Australian penny and half-penny.

An interesting fact about British Commonwealth coins is that every monarch has his or her face turned in the opposite direction to that of the ruler immediately before him or her. This custom came about when Charles II first had his coins minted about 1670 and refused to be represented facing in the same direction as Oliver Cromwell.

Coins can be instructive in a number of different ways. Firstly, if you save coins you have obvious interest arising from the comparison between the coins of various countries. A second value lies in the historical significance of coins. You may, for example, learn at school of the history of the Glorious Revolution and the reign of William III and Mary II—this seems to acquire added meaning if you have in your collection a penny of this period with William and Mary shown together on the front and Britannia on the reverse side. The story of modern Italy, as a further example, can be traced quite readily from a collection of this country's coin. Thirdly, there is much to be learned from the designs of various coins and the method of portraying various significant figures. There have been many different versions of "Britannia" until she became standardised in Queen Victoria's reign. Before George III she had faced left since then she always faced to the right.

I have been saving coins for about three years and I now have about one thousand coins differing greatly in size, shape and nationality. The question might occur to someone: "How do you get these foreign coins?" The answer is easy—the easiest way is to begin swapping coins with New Australians but another obvious beginning would be made by establishing pen friendships in various parts of the world. Once you begin saving coins it is certain that you will never give up this most interesting hobby.

—T. D. Rowling

## VALETE

## WALLER YEAR

**CLINCH, D. E.**

**Sydney, N.S.W., Melb. High School.**

1st XI '52, '53, '54; Colours '54. 1st XI (Hockey) '52, '53; Colours '52, Captain '53. 1st XI (Soccer) '52, '53; Vice-captain '53. Aths team '53. N.Z. Naval Board Prize for Nav., 1st Maths.

**DOOLAN, R. B.**

**Brisbane, Q., Brisbane State H.S.**

1st XI '52, '53, '54; Colours '53, Captain '53, '54. 1st XV '52, '53; Colours '52, Captain '53. 1st XI (Hockey) '53. Tennis team '52, '53; Runner-up Open Doubles '53. Curry Cup team '53. Farncomb Cup.

**DORWARD, E. J.**

**Queenscliff, V., Queenscliff H.E.S.**

1st XVIII '52, '53; Colours '53. Tennis team '52, '53, '54; Captain '53, '54.

**FERRIER, J. E.**

**Preston, V., Preston Tech. School.**

1st XI (Soccer) '52, '53. 1st XI (Hockey) '53. 1st XVIII '53. Curry Cup team '53.

**FOSTER, J. D.**

**Coolangatta, Q., Newington College, Sydney, N.S.W.**

1st XV '52, '53; Colours '53. Athletics team '52, '53. Swimming team '52. Curry Cup team '52, '53. Open Sculling Champion '53; Boats Colours '53. Magazine Committee '53.

**FURLONG, G. W.**

**Moe, V., Hampton H.S.**

1st XVIII '52, '53; Colours '53, Vice-captain '53, Runner-up Best and Fairest '53. Athletics team '52, '53; Colours '53. Curry Cup team '53. 2nd XV '52, '53. C.C. '52; C.C.C. '53; W.C.C. FX '53. Grand Agg. Prize, 1st English, 2nd Maths, Physics Chem., Engineering.

**HERRON, R. A. G.**

**Melbourne, V., Scotch College, Melb.**

1st XI (Soccer) '52, '53; Captain '53. Swimming team '52, '53, '54; Swimming Committee '53, '54. 2nd History.

**HOLMES, I. F.**

**Melbourne, V., Brighton G.S.**

Athletics team, '52, '53; Colours '53; Runner-up Open Championship '53. 1st XV '53. Debating team '52, '53; Captain '53. S.C.C. '53; W.C.C. FT. 1st Physics, Chem., French, Engineering; 2nd English, Navigation.

**LANGFORD, K. E.**

**Tweed Heads, Q., C.E.G.S. Brisbane**

1st (Hockey) '52, '53. 2nd XV '52 '53. Swimming Committee '53. Editor Magazine '53. C.C. '53; C.C.C. '53; W.C.C. MT. 1st Latin; 2nd Seamanship.

**LEACH, W. G., R.N.Z.N.**

**Auckland, N.Z., Takapuna G.S., N.Z.**

Athletics team '52, '53; Colours '53; Navy Representative Inter-Service Sports '53. Open Cross-country Champion '53. Curry Cup team '53. 2nd XV '52, '53. 1st XI (Soccer) '53. C.C. '53; S.C.C. '53; W.C.C. AX.

**McDERMOTT, J. G.**

**Mordeth, N. S. W., Maitland Boys' H.S.**

1st XI '52, '53, '54; Colours '53. 1st XV '52, '53; Colours '53; Burnett Memorial Prize '53. Tennis team '52, '53. 1st XI (Hockey) '53. Curry Cup team '53. Athletics team '52, '53. C.C. Oct. '53. Sporting Editor Magazine '53.

**PLAYFORD, P. I.**

**Gulgong, N.S.W., St. Joseph's Coll., Syd.**

1st XV '52, '53. 2nd XI '52. Curry Cup team '52. Athletics '53, 1st History.

**ROSE, D. C.**

**Sydney, N.S.W., Launceston State H.S.**

1st XI (Soccer) '53.

**SALMON, M. de V.**

**Tasmania, Launceston C.E.G.S.**

Captain of Boats '53.

## FLINDERS YEAR

**ATKINS, J. D.**

**Terang, V., Terang H.S.**

Junior XV '52; 2nd XV '53, '54. Athletics team '52. Sailing team '54. C.C. Mar. '54; S.C.C. May '54. Magazine Committee '54. 1st Geography; 2nd Seamanship.

**BALE, K. J.**

**Perth, W.A., C.B.C., Perth.**

Gnat wt. champion '51. 1st Hist., Nav.; 2nd Physics, English.

**BONNAR, R. S.**

**Moss Vale, N.S.W., Bowral H.S.**

1st XI (Hockey) '54.

**BROWNFIELD, E. E.****Perth, W.A., Perth Boys' H.S.**

2nd XVIII '53, '54. 1st XVIII '54. Sailing team '54.

**CANT, R. G. L.****Vaucluse, N.S.W., Cranbrook School.**

Junior XI '51, '52. Junior XV '51, '52. 1st XV '53, '54; Colours '54. Sailing team '51, '52, '53, '54. Athletics team '51, '52, '53, '54; Junior Champion '52. Magazine Committee '54. C.C. '54.

**COOK, J. A.****Cootamundra, N.S.W., Cootamundra H.S.**

Junior XV '51, '52; 2nd XV '53, '54. Midge wt. Champion '51; Light wt. Champion '54. C.C. '54. 1st French.

**DAISH, D. W.****Murray Bridge, S.A., Murray Bridge H.S.**

Bantam wt. Champion '52; Welter wt. Champion '54. 1st XI (Soccer) '53, '54; Captain '54. Junior XV '51, '52. Sailing team '54. C.C. '53.

**DAVIDSON, D. M.****Gympie, Q., Gympie H.S.**

1st XI (Hockey) '54. Junior XI '52. Junior XV '52. Sailing team '54. 2nd Chem., Engineering.

**FERGUSON, P. I. M.****Sydney, N.S.W., Scots College.**

Sailing team '54. Magazine Committee '54. 2nd Maths., Nav.

**GOOD, N. C.****Perth, W.A., Northam H.S.**

Athletics team '52 '53, '54. 1st XVIII '52, '53, '54; Colours '54. Heavy wt. Champion '54.

**HAWTIN, N.V.****Perth, W.A., Christian Brothers' H.S.**

Junior XI '51, '52. 2nd XVIII '53, '54. 1st XI (Soccer) '53. Swimming team '54. 1st XI (Hockey) '54.

**PARKER, J. K.****Perth, W.A., Northam H.S.**

Swimming team '52. 1st (Soccer) '54. Sailing team '54. 2nd History.

**REID, C. A.****Mount Eliza, V., Geelong C.E.G.S.**

Magazine Committee '53, '54; Editor '54. Captain of Boats '54. 1st XI (Soccer) '54. Grand Agg., 1st Maths, Physics, Chem., English, Engineering, Seamanship; 2nd French.

**SHOTTER, M. T. E.****Melbourne, V., Melbourne C.E.G.S.**

Junior XI '51, '52. Junior XV '51. 1st XVIII '52, '53, '54; Colours '54; Vice-captain '54. Sailing team '54. 1st XI '52, '53, '54. Swimming team '51, '52, '53, '54. Athletics team '51, '52, '53. Middle wt. Champion '53. C.C. '53; S.C.C. '54 C.C.C. '54.

**STEPHENS, H. L.****Melbourne, V., Sale H.S.**

Junior XV '51, '52. 1st XI (Hockey) '53, '54; Colours '53. 1st XV '54. Sailing team '54. Fly wt. Champion '52; Bantam wt. Champion '53. C.C. '53; S.C.C. '54.

**STONE, M. D.****Newcastle, N.S.W., Newcastle Tech. H.S.**

Junior XV '51, '52. 1st XV '53, '54; Colours '54. Open Sculling Champion '54, Colours '54. Bantam wt. Champion '51; Lt. Heavy wt. Champion '54; Shelley Cup '54.

**TERRY, L. G.****Margaret River, W.A., Guildford G.S.**

Magazine Committee '53, '54. Swimming team '52. Sailing team '54. Librarian '54.

**THOMPSON, C. J.****Geelong, V., Geelong H.S.**

2nd XVIII '53; 1st XVIII '54.

**WILSON, C. J.****Grange, S.A., Jameston H.S.**

Junior XV '51, '52; 2nd XV '53. Junior XI '51, '52. Tennis team '53, '54. Swimming team '51. 1st XI (Soccer) '53. 1st XI (Hockey) '54. C.C. '52. C.C.C. '54.

**YATES, J. M.****Brisbane, Q., Eagle Junction S.S.**

Junior XI '51, '52. Junior XV '51, '52. 1st XV '54; 2nd XV '53. C.C. '52; C.C.C. '54. Queen's Medal '54.

## LIST OF OFFICERS AND CADET-MIDSHIPMEN, 1954

Commodore	J. C. Morrow, D.S.O., D.S.C., R.A.N.		
<b>NAVAL STAFF</b>			
Commander	R. J. Robertson, D.S.C., R.A.N.		
Lieutenant-Commander	R. C. Savage, D.S.C., R.A.N.		
Instructor Lieut.-Commander	Q. Des Clayes, M.A., R.N.		
Instructor Lieut.-Commander	E. Y. Hokin, B.Sc., Dip. Ed., R.A.N.		
Lieutenant (E)	P. W. Coombs, R.A.N.		
Lieutenant	P. M. Cumming, R.A.N.		
"	P. G. Duncan, R.A.N.		
"	J. L. Jobson, R.A.N.		
"	J. A. Matthew, R.A.N.		
Chaplain	H. E. Fawell, Th.L., R.A.N.		
"	K. P. Ellis, R.A.N.		
"	L. W. Long, Th.L., R.A.N.		
<b>PROFESSORIAL STAFF</b>			
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.		
"	W. G. Richards, B.A., B.Ed.		
"	K. E. Armstrong, B.A.		
"	D. I. Glastonbury, B.A., B.Sc., Dip. Sec Ed. (Adel), B.Ed. (Melb.).		
"	J. M. Davis, B.Sc., A.Ed.		
"	M. M. Purser, B.A.		
"	W. H. Wilde, B.A., Dip. Ed.		
"	A. H. Trewin, B.Sc., B.Ed., A.R.A.C.I.		
"	D. G. Thompson, B.Sc., Dip. Ed.		
"	M. L. Brooks, B.Sc.		
<b>Fourth Year</b>			
<b>1951</b>			
Atkins, J. D.	Cornell, P. J.	Burns, R. J.	Selby, J.
Bale, K. J.	Crawford, R. I.	Campe, A. J.	Tye, J. A.
Bonnar, R. S.	Doyle, J. J.	Cowdell, G. T.	Varley, R. J.
Brownfield, E. E.	Edgar, D. H.	Dechaineux, P. G. V.	West, A. D.
Cant, R. G. L.	Farrell, J.	Doolan, K. A.	White, M. W. D.
Cook, J. A.	Frizell, B. P.	Ellis, J. W.	Wilson, B.
Daish, D. W.	Hole, C. M. G.	Ferrier, S. W.	York, D.
Davidson, D. M.	Irwin, L. J.	Ferry, D. S.	<b>First Year</b>
Ferguson, P. I. M.	Jones, T. W.	Foster, F. D.	<b>1954</b>
Good, N. C.	Lamperd, G. R.	Golding, C. J.	Barber, A. L.
Hawtin, N. V.	Lattin, J. M.	*Hammer, R. E.	Cocking, R. J.
Parker, J. K.	Longden, J. G.	Houghton, K. C.	Davis, G. P.
Reid, C. A.	Maxwell, P. F. P.	Jessurun, R. M.	Derbridge, R. T.
Shotter, M. T. E.	Mentz, E.	Johnson, A. G.	Dunlop, J. C.
Stephens, H. L.	Owens, D. T.	Kilner, P.	*Ewer, R. P.
Stone, M. D.	Pullar, I. S.	Leach, P. A. H.	Giles, R. B.
Terry, L. G.	Ross, P. A.	Lees, W. D. H.	Gilmour-Walsh
Thompson, C. J.	Smith, D. D.	Littleton, C. J.	P. A. J.
*Wilson, C. J.	Taylor, M. B.	Macgowan, K. H.	Glen, R. I. A.
Yates, J. M.	Thomason, C. H. S.	Nathey, R. J.	Godfrey, J. S.
<b>Third Year</b>	Topp, A. G.	Nisbet, C. J.	*Green, D. M.
<b>1952</b>	Turner, H. L.	Phipps, D. N.	Guest, R. L.
Anderson, J. V.	Ward, M. B.	Renfrey, L. W.	Hamilton, J. C. M.
Banks, R. M.	Wright, M. T.	Rice, J. W.	*Hancock, I. R.
Bartlett, I. G.	<b>Second Year</b>	Ridley, R. H.	Harvey, J. C.
Bryse, R. A.	<b>1953</b>	Roach, T. A. A.	Lambert, P.
	Austin, R. L. G.	Roberts, W. J.	Lawn, B.
	Becher, M. H.	Rowling, T. D.	Lindsay, J. C.



Lowe, W. S.	<b>Intermediate Year II</b>	Stoker, N. J.	MacDougall, I. D. G.
Lyneham, P. R.	<b>1953</b>	Tooth, H. E.	McKiggan, I. F.
McIntyre, I. M.	Arnott, F. D. (N.Z.)	Youl, M. J.	Mellish, P.
*Mahoney, J. R.	Bews, D. G.	<b>Intermediate Year I</b>	Mitchell, P. C.
Martin, R. W. D.	Bigelow, B. C. M.	<b>1954</b>	Mulcare, P. M.
Mews, N. G.	Boucher, J. C. W.	Abernethy, D. R.	Nelson, J. M.
Milne, P. R.	Bradley, I. L. (N.Z.)	(N.Z.)	Payne, J. A. (N.Z.)
*Morton, N. A.	Callaway, I. A.	Bateman, W. S. G.	Ramsay, G. L.
*O'Brien, P. M.	Dadswell, D. H.	Bowers, C. F.	Raymont, W.
O'Loughlin, P. J.	Denton, K. E.	Carpenter, R. J.	Roberts, I. D.
Parr, R. K.	Dodd, B. C.	Cowardine, A. M.	Robinson, A. B.
Partington, R. N.	Dove, G. K.	Cockram, G. E.	Stephen, K. C.
Payne, R. F.	Graham, P. V.	Harries, D. A.	Sulman, L. M.
Selby, R.	Gulliver, K. A.	Hill, S. W. D.	Taylor, D. J. B.
Simmons, G. A.	James, D. F.	Horlor, M. B. (N.Z.)	Warnick, H. D.
*Simpson, R. M.	McKay, P. D.	Hugonnet, P. J.	Wells, J. B.
Smith, G. R.	McQueen, A. A.	Hunt, A. L.	Winter, R. E.
Snowden, D. R. C.	Merton, L. R. (N.Z.)	Jacques, W. F. (N.Z.)	
Taylor, R. G.	Pickford, D. A.	Kedge, J. C.	
Walkington, D. G.	Rikard-Bell, M. G.	Keyes, R. A.	
Wood, I. M.	Roberts, E. L. (N.Z.)	Loftus, W. B.	

\*Left the service during the year.