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Editorial

THE PAST YEAR has undoubtedly been a most historic one for the Royal Australian Naval College. It has witnessed the passing of one era and the birth of another—it has had the great honour of a visit from the Empire's first and finest sailor—and it has received the news that is closest to its own heart—that it is going home!

This is the first year that no thirteen-year-old cadets have been admitted to the College—a fact no doubt, that will be viewed with regret by most of those who have been closely associated with the College over the years and who have viewed with pride the gallant and glorious deeds of so many of its graduates during the tormented years of World War II. The Matriculation and New Normal Entries have hardly yet settled into the College—nor has the College quite accustomed herself to them. Old customs and traditions, old ideas and standards—all must face up to revision. And indeed the process continues apace. It is the fervent wish of all that the new scheme may, in the fulness of time, prove no less fruitful than the one now slowly, regretfully, moving over the horizon.

Almost as historic was the visit paid by the First Sea Lord to the College. This is the first occasion on which the College has been so honoured and it was as inspiring as such an occasion should be, yet it became more treasured because of the wonderful impression Admiral The Earl Mountbatten of Burma made on all. The influence of his brief visit will be felt for years to come as the cadets who were privileged to be here to listen to him, undoubtedly saw in him a model upon which to build their own careers.

Finally, 1956 has witnessed the decision to return the College to Jervis Bay. As Mr. F. B. Eldridge, a long and close acquaintance of the R.A.N.C. and of those who have entered their careers through its doors, says, "It was there that the foundations of the Great Australian Naval traditions were firmly laid and developed. The Navy is a service in which the importance of tradition is recognized and so the decision that the Naval College should return to Jervis Bay must be considered one of the utmost importance".

Personal and Personnel

THE PAST year, 1956, has seen fewer Staff changes than usual. On the Professorial side, the position has been more stable, there being no departures to report and consequently no new arrivals. Naval Staff movements also have been less numerous than was the case last year. Those who have left the College since the last report in this Magazine are listed below.

Instructor Lieutenant Commander O. Des Clayes, M.A., R.N., returned to England in December, 1955 after spending two years at the College. During his stay at the College he very ably coached the Tennis and Hockey Teams and played a major part in establishing a Choir. His interests were wide and varied and he will be remembered with a good deal of affection by those Cadets who were here during his time at R.A.N.C.

Lieutenant (L.) R. R. Calder, B.E.E., R.A.N., was appointed to R.A.N.C., in February, 1955, and left us to take up an appointment to H.M.A.S. KUTTABUL, in Sydney. Lieutenant Calder was the first Electrical Officer to be appointed to the College.

Lieutenant (P.) K. M. BARNETT, R.A.N., left the College at the end of First Term, 1956, to join H.M.A.S. ALBATROSS, at Nowra. In the difficult position of Sports Officer he was most efficient and gave invaluable service to the College. His taste in modern cars also was a subject of discussion and envy among the Cadets.

Lieutenant Commander R. J. Scrivenor, R.A.N., who was First Lieutenant of the College was one who more recently bade

farewell to R.A.N.C., having left us in July to take command of H.M.A.S. QUICKMATCH Lieutenant Commander Scrivenor had spent fifteen months with us and his influence was noticeable in many aspects of College life. In particular he was a great help to the sailing enthusiasts in the College. He represented the Naval College in the 1955 Sydney-Hobart Yacht Race as a member of the crew of "Tam O'Shanter" and he participated in many races on Port Phillip. The College Sailing Club is much indebted to him for his services in helping to establish it firmly.

Lieutenant Commander D. L. H. Dyke, R.A.N., relieved him as First Lieutenant.

Chaplain H. E. Fawell, Th.L., R.A.N., was the last to leave us before this Magazine went to print. His has been a long and memorable association, more particularly with the Depot as a whole, but also with the College. His influence was felt at all times, but we appreciated most his friendly "man to man" discussions from the pulpit and his equally friendly decrying of our prowess on the cricket field. However, he has a scar over one eye to remind him that we tried hard to get him out. His well known and fondly-remembered personality will be missed indeed.

To all these gentlemen, we offer our gratitude for the way they have carried out their duties while among us and we hope that their future will be happy and successful.

New faces and strange names — so it seemed at first but with incredible speed the pattern soon assumed its old form of well known faces and names as the newcomers to the Staff settled in amongst us.

Lieutenant Commander J. Lancaster, joined the Royal Navy in 1942 and on completion of training joined his first ship H.M.S. BULLDOG, a destroyer. After serving in the North Atlantic for a short time he joined the battleship H.M.S. HOWE which took part in the Sicilian Campaign. Service in Combined Operations followed, which included the invasion of Normandy. In 1945 he went to the Far East Station and while there became First Lieutenant of a converted American L.C.I. He was later appointed to the destroyer H.M.S. CONSTANCE and remained in the Far East until he joined H.M.S. HOTHAM, returning to England. In 1948 he joined the Destroyer Leader H.M.S. CRISPIN of the Londonderry Flotilla. In 1950 he was appointed on loan to the R.A.N. and served in H.M.A.S. GLADSTONE and later as S.O. (I.) at Darwin. He went to England in 1952 for the commissioning of "VENGEANCE". While serving in this ship he transferred to the R.A.N. Lieutenant Commander Lancaster was appointed First Lieutenant of H.M.A.S. CONDAMINE and in 1955 while the ship was in Japan, he assumed command.

He joined the College early this year, shortly after his ship went into reserve.

Lieutenant Commander J. M. Nicholas, entered the Navy as a Special Entry Cadet at Royal Naval College, Dartmouth, in 1943. He served his Midshipman's time in Motor Torpedo Boats, H.M.S. RENOWN, H.M.S. BELFAST and H.M.S. TUMULT. He was promoted Sub. Lieutenant in 1946 and, after professional courses, served in Combined Operations. After promotion to Lieutenant in 1947 he served in H.M.S. COWDRAY and H.M.S. CORUNNA. Lieutenant Commander Nicholas joined the surveying service for three years in 1949, serving in H.M.S. SEAGULL, FRANKLIN and CHALLENGER. Since transferring to the R.A.N. he has served in H.M.A.S. VENGEANCE (1952-53) and as First Lieutenant in H.M.A.S. QUEENBOROUGH (1954-56).

Lieutenant (S.) I. McL. Crawford, joined the College in 1949 as a Special Entry Cadet. Whilst at the College he gained his Rugby Colours. As a Midshipman he served in H.M.S. CEYLON on the East Indies and Far East Stations and at R.N.A.S. SEMBAWANG, Singapore. He took courses at Ceres and Greenwich in 1951-52 and was appointed to the office of F.O.I.C.E.A. from 1952-54. Lieutenant Crawford joined the staff of F.O.C.A.F. in H.M.A.S. VENGEANCE in 1955 and stayed in her till she paid off at Plymouth. He then joined H.M.A.S. MELBOURNE prior to joining the College.

Lieutenant P. G. N. Kennedy, R.A.N., entered the College as a Special Entry (Executive Branch) Cadet in 1949. He passed out in July of that year having gained Colours for Cricket and Tennis. After completing two cruises in H.M.S. DEVONSHIRE, he was appointed to H.M.S. SWIFTSURE in the Home Fleet with the rank of Midshipman. On promotion to Acting Sub. Lieutenant in August 1951, he was appointed to the Royal Naval Rhine Squadron based at Niefeld in the British Zone of Germany. After four months in Germany he returned to England to commence courses. Since his return to Australia in 1953, Lieutenant Kennedy has served two commissions in Far Eastern waters, in H.M.A.S. SHOALHAVEN and H.M.A.S. ARUNTA.

Chaplain Swain and Chaplain Were have both, late in the year, been appointed to the Depot and have of course taken the College under their respective wings also. We are grateful to them for their interest in the College and the guidance we obtain from them.

To all these gentlemen we bid a hearty welcome and we hope that their stay with us will be prosperous both to themselves and to the College.



GETTING YEAR PASSING OUT

Rear: M. J. Brett-Young, N. Newman. Front: R. G. Hefferan, Lt. Cdr. D. L. H. Dyke, Year Officer, A. M. F. Summers.

Getting Year Passing-Out

ON WEDNESDAY, 22nd August the 1956 Matriculation Entry successfully completed Phase I of its training and passed out from the Royal Australian Naval College.

The 1956 Entry was the first of the new Matriculation Entries and was very small, numbering only four cadets. A short and simple ceremony had been planned but the ever reliable Crib Point weather intervened and the College assembled in the Gymnasium to bid farewell to the Getting Year. It was probably the least spectacular Passing Out that the College has witnessed for there were no long lists of Important Guests—no precision marching—no bands. However it was tremendously effective for it was rather like a family gathering, intimate and personal.

Undoubtedly the reason for the wonderful success of the Passing Out Ceremony was the Address given by the Captain of the College, Commodore N. A. Mackinnon, R.A.N. In simple straightforward fashion he told the four Graduates of the qualities they should cultivate if they were to make a success of their careers. He did not bid them seek the unattainable, as so often happens on occasions such as this—he did

not burden them with a multitude of platitudes (again common to such occasions) but gave them realistic, practical and extremely valuable advice.

The impact of his address was obvious not only on the four graduates but on the whole College. His address is reproduced below. The Dux of the Getting Year was Cadet Midshipman N. Newman.

"I would like to congratulate the four cadets who are passing out today on having successfully negotiated the first hurdle in their Naval career. There are many more to come but you can clear them all if you try your hardest. Don't forget that even genius has been defined as "an infinite capacity for taking pains".

As you are the first of our Matriculation Entry, to pass out from the R.A.N.C., you have a challenge to meet when you join Britannia Royal Naval College, and it is up to you to show that you are at least the equal of your Royal Navy contemporaries.

I now intend to offer you a few short words of advice. What I have to say is quite simple and most of it concerns your immediate future. I hope you will remember some, if not all, of what I tell you. The headings I refer to are not necessarily in

their order of importance, but rather in the order in which they came to me when I was thinking about what I should say to you.

EFFICIENCY:

"Efficiency is a pre-requisite for success in any career. You cannot be efficient unless you know your job and you cannot know your job unless you work hard at it. There should be no such thing as Union Hours in the Navy. Do not leave an important job unfinished in order that you can catch the first boat ashore. If you are inefficient you may endanger the lives of your shipmates and never forget that you belong to a Fighting Service. When I was a Cadet we had, framed in each Gunroom, an exhortation to that effect by some Admiral, whose name I am afraid I have forgotten. It began: 'Remember that your vocation, deliberately chosen, is War, War as a means of Peace but still War.' Now I am not a war monger, and no one in his right mind wants war, but we in the Navy must be prepared for it.

"Now is the time to learn your job. Use your eyes and take an intelligent interest in what is going on around you and DON'T be afraid to ask questions.

"For example, if you are on the bridge when your Captain is bringing the ship alongside, watch how he does it and don't just stare vacantly over the side or try and pick out the prettiest girl in the crowd on the jetty. You can learn a lot which may help you when your turn comes. No one minds you asking questions, unless the time is inappropriate, and that is a matter of judgement, a most necessary quality in a Naval Officer. You know the old sayings "There is a time and place for everything" and "Fools rush in where angels fear to tread", but seriously, if you do not understand something, and there will be many occasions when you won't, for Heaven's sake ask. You may, as I have suggested, get the odd blast for doing so at the wrong moment, but don't let that deter you. That is much better than getting into trouble for doing something silly which you could have avoided. The older and more senior you become the more difficult it is to ask questions, especially about things you feel you should know as you then must expose your ignorance and sink your pride, which nobody likes doing.

"Before I leave this subject I would like to explain something which may seem

strange to you. If you are subjected to strongly voiced reproof, which is generally known in the Navy as getting a blast, bottle or rocket, this does not mean that the giver bears you any permanent resentment. I remember in the early part of the War, a young R.A.A.F. Officer whom I knew came to see me, looking very miserable. I asked him what was wrong and he said, "My C.O. is a something". When I asked why, he said "He's a hypocrite. He gave me a frightful bottle this morning and half an hour later in the Mess, he offered me a drink". It took me some time to convince this young officer that this was a normal practice in the Services and that they couldn't function if we behaved differently.

"If you do make a mistake, don't argue and make excuses when you are picked up for it. There is nothing more irritating, and it does you no good whatsoever. Accept reproof as cheerfully as possible, and determine not to make the same mistake again. Now this brings me to my next heading:—

LOYALTY:

"There is no need for me to stress the need for loyalty to our Queen and country, but there are other loyalties which you must also observe and sometimes you may not find these easy, when personalities become involved. There is your loyalty to your Service, your Ship and your shipmates, both seniors and subordinates. There will be occasions when you may not agree with some policy enunciated by a more senior officer. However, if, after having heard your views he is not prepared to change his mind, you must do all you can to support him and carry out his instructions. You must never only give him half-hearted assistance. You must also remember that quite frequently the senior officer concerned is not perhaps such a fool as you may think, and that he has had considerably more experience than you. Conversely, when you become more senior, take your subordinates' views into consideration before you finally make up your mind. If you are by nature obstructive to your seniors, you may well find your subordinates will adopt a similar attitude towards you.

MAN MANAGEMENT:

"This is something which will not concern you greatly until you finish your training, but it is so important I must make some reference to it. You have a very great responsibility in your men. Get to know



Dux of Getting Year, Cadet Midshipman N. Newman.

them and by that I mean all about them. Their family, their interests and their peculiarities—some of which no doubt will become all too obvious. But we all have our failings and on the whole you could not wish for a better lot. If you can gain their confidence and respect you will have achieved a great deal, but don't think that you can do this by becoming familiar. There was never a truer saying than "familiarity breeds contempt" and anyone who tries to be a popularity Jack will soon find he has got nowhere. I do not mean that you should behave like a stuffed shirt, and go about with your nose in the air. There is a happy medium and it is up to you to find it. You can learn a lot by intelligent observance of others.

"A happy ship is like a happy family and I believe the mixture for both is discipline, loyalty and understanding. A happy ship is also an efficient ship and that is always our objective.

SELF DISCIPLINE AND GOOD MANNERS:

"While no-one expects you to lead the cloistered life of a Monk and indeed most normal people expect young men to indulge in a certain amount of high spirits, don't over do it. There are certain standards which you are expected to maintain. It is most important that you should learn your

capacity for drink and not exceed it. To coin a phrase "nothing exceeds like excess". Drunkenness is extremely distasteful and only leads to trouble.

"A very famous English Public School has as its motto "Manners Makyth Man." I would like you to remember that motto and try to follow it. Good manners cost you nothing, and what a difference they make. It is mainly a question of thoughtfulness. Be openly appreciative of what people do for you. It is very easy to find fault and be angry when someone makes a mistake but do not forget to give praise when it is due.

"As officers, you have many privileges—see you do not abuse them and remember that with privilege goes responsibility. Be modest at all times and do not forget that all people are human beings whatever their position in life.

"Finally, do not forget you are ambassadors of Australia and wherever you go, people will judge our country by your behaviour. Take every opportunity to meet people from other countries, do not remain in an Australian clique but mix and make friends with your contemporaries at Dartmouth. You will never regret it. You have a great opportunity — make the best of it. Work hard, play hard and do not forget to write home. Good luck to you all."



H.M.A.S. SWAN

Cadet Training Ship

This article on H.M.A.S. SWAN, the Cadet Training Ship, was written by Captain R. J. Robertson, D.S.C., R.A.N. Captain Robertson was the first Captain of the Training Ship and his experience in that appointment, together with the experience which he gained as Commander of the Royal Australian Naval College in 1953-55 make him well fitted to comment on any aspect of Cadet Training.

IT HAS been said that the commissioning of H.M.A.S. SWAN is an "experiment" in officer training. This, of course, is not so. Rather is it a return to the well tried methods of training which have served us through the ages, training of men in a ship at sea and amongst men who have much experience and knowledge to pass on to their youngsters. For to be a successful

leader it is necessary first to become a man amongst men—a fact that is often forgotten these days when so much time is spent learning the intricate technicalities of a modern man-o-war.

At 0600 on Friday, 10th February, 1956, H.M.A.S. SWAN burst into life as a Cadet Training Ship. At that time a wet and bedraggled mob consisting of 56 Cadet Midshipmen (ex Jervis and Burnett Years) and the permanent ship's company of about 90 walked on board with their bags and hammocks. It rained hard all day (almost a record rainfall for Sydney) but all turned out in their best for the commissioning ceremony and the hoisting of the White Ensign. Right from the start the Cadets had to do all the work. And there was plenty to do.

The accommodation for the Cadets is the same as for the ship's company—a locker for their clothes, a hammock to sleep in and a table from which to eat their meals.



Read Admiral H. J. Buchanan C.B.E., D.S.O., inspecting the Midshipmen's Guard on arrival on board for the Passing Out Ceremony on board H.M.A.S. "SWAN".

The ship carries six boats (2 motor cutters, 2 whalers and 2 skiffs) and has the usual collection of anchors, cables, wires, hawsers, scrubbers, brooms, accommodation ladders, awnings, holystones etc. all of which have to be stowed in their proper places. Somehow this was done and by midday the next day, Saturday, 11th February the ship was ready for sea. The afternoon was spent in showing friends and relatives over the ship and at 1630 we sailed for Jervis Bay where we anchored at 0600 on Sunday morning.

During the next ten days the Cadets really learnt the meaning of work. The decks had to be scraped, holystoned and scrubbed. The ship had to be painted, the boats had to be run, watches had to be kept, their messes had to be kept clean, food had to be served and washing up done afterwards. Laundry had to be washed and ironed and on top of all this, seamanship drills carried out and journals written up. One day was spent at sea exercising and the first Cadets' guns crew fired the 4" guns and 40mm Bofors. Then on Wed-



Midshipmen marching past Rear Admiral H. J. Buchanan C.B.E., D.S.O., during the Passing Out Ceremony on board H.M.A.S. "SWAN".

nesday, 22nd February we were back in Sydney to fire a salute when the French training Ships "JEANNE d'ARC" and "LA GRANDIERE" arrived for a five day visit. Some Cadets experienced the famous French hospitality, but came back to earth when they returned to "SWAN"

On Monday, 27th, we set off again, this time en route to Norfolk Bay in Tasmania. There were exercises at sea with WARRAMUNGA on the way. She took SWAN in tow and then two Cadets were transferred by jackstay suitably loaded with presents for the Captain. They came back safely bringing a cigar as a return present.

Then a further busy week at Norfolk Bay and at Port Arthur followed by a week-end of relaxation in Hobart, before SWAN set off for Adelaide and the Centenary Celebrations of the Port.

There was a noticeable difference in the ship. Everyone knew his way around. Seamanship drills were conducted more smartly, and the ship looked "tiddly". No longer did we hear "What do I do now Chief?" No longer was the guard rail lined with prostrate figures. We had come of age.

Midshipman Abernethy and Midshipman Jacques after the Ceremony.



In Adelaide the Cadets paraded a Guard for His Excellency the Governor.

Then followed another week exercising in Spencer Gulf including towing and sea transfers with GLADSTONE, more gunnery, a landing party and a visit to Whyalla before returning to Adelaide for Easter.

After Easter we painted ship again in preparation for the Admiral's forthcoming Inspection. Everybody worked long and hard but the result was worth it, and we felt proud of our progress so far.

The next stop was Portsea on Tuesday, 10th April, followed by another day of exercises with GLADSTONE in Port Phillip Bay. This time the Cadets were confident seamen and able to show their "opposite numbers" in the Army just how a ship should work.

The few days in Melbourne were spent in putting the final touches to the ship and then on Monday 16th the Admiral's Inspection was carried out. The Admiral said: "I was much impressed with the progress made since leaving dockyard. Your ship was particularly clean and it is apparent that your ship's company has taken a pride in their work. Well done".

The next stop was Westernport where, in 24 hours we had a busy period of sport and liaison with the College. Then a rough trip to Jervis Bay where the Cadets' Guard carried out a rehearsal on Friday, 20th April.

On Sunday 22nd, at Wollongong the Guard performed during the Anzac Day Parade and was commended for its smartness. That evening all 56 Cadets "shipped their patches". Back to Sydney for the Passing Out Parade, on Monday 23rd, the final party and the departure next day for Dartmouth by air of 35 Cadets of Groups "A" and "B".

After a week in Sydney, storing and ammunitioning, we set off for the north. The remaining Midshipmen (21 of them) were engaged in a new phase of their training. They were given definite responsibilities and carried out some of the instruction of the 24 recruits we had embarked.

We spent a week-end in Brisbane then a fortnight in the Barrier Reef Area. The ship was painted again, boat drills were carried out, we had exercises with H.M.A.S. SYDNEY — towing, jackstay transfers and manoeuvres. We visited the tourist settlements at South Molle Island and Hayman

Island and spent a week-end in Cairns before setting off up the Inner Route of the Great Barrier Reef and Great North East Channel for the Territory of Papua and New Guinea.

Ports of call included Port Moresby, Samarai, Madang, Manus and Rabaul. At each port trips were arranged into the surrounding country. Football and cricket matches were played and dances were held. In between whiles drills were carried out at sea and the Midshipmen grew more and more confident in their bearing.

From Rabaul we headed south to Vila in the New Hebrides where we spent an enjoyable two days. Thence eastwards to Suva the Capital of the Fiji Islands for a brief stay before returning to Sydney via Lord Howe Island.

This brought to an end the Midshipmen's sea training. Their next move was to Nowra to carry out a short Air Course before flying to Dartmouth to join up with their contemporaries who had left the ship in April.

All thoroughly enjoyed their time in SWAN. Even by the end of April when all the Cadets were promoted to Midshipmen they said they had learnt a tremendous amount. Those that stayed on increased their knowledge. But more important still they had learnt the comradeship of the lower deck; they had met and got to know a cross section of the fine men who man the R.A.N. today and had acquired a real insight into the most exacting part of an officer's job — the leadership and management of men. They had found out what the lower deck expects of an officer and had a good idea of what their jobs will be in the future.

They now understand the meaning of the quotation:—"You can buy a man's time; you can buy a man's physical presence at a given place; you can even buy a measured number of skilled muscular movements per hour or day. But you cannot buy enthusiasm; you cannot buy initiative; you cannot buy loyalty; you cannot buy devotion of hearts, minds and souls. You have to earn those things."

I hope future Cadets who carry out their training in the SWAN will enjoy themselves and learn as much as the Jervis and Burnett Years have done.

THE FIRST SEA LORD



ON THE 6th OF APRIL, the First Sea Lord, Admiral The Earl Mountbatten of Burma, honoured us by making a personal visit to the College.

In the early part of the afternoon Earl Mountbatten took the salute as the officers and men of Flinders Naval Depot marched past in his honour. Soon after this ceremony he visited the College, where the cadets had been assembled in the Gymnasium.

The air of formality was immediately shattered when the Earl told the cadets to break ranks and sit down. The tremendous personal magnetism of this great sailor was soon evident and one and all gave him complete and unswerving attention during his talk to us. He recounted several of his wartime experiences and he gave us some very sound and practical advice. He began in this fashion:

"I am glad to have this chance to talk to you today because you are

all going to be Officers and I really think that the way you carry out your duties as Officers is almost the most important thing in any Navy. I have recently seen and talked to Cadets of many navies and what I have said to them I would like to say to you.

"First and foremost the Navy is becoming an increasingly technical service. We can't avoid that and it is necessary that we should have the most modern gear and equipment. It is most important that you should receive a sound education at this stage of your career so that you will be able to understand that equipment. Whether you are actually going to be an officer in charge of maintenance or not, you will certainly be an officer in charge of the using of this equipment and you must firmly understand the equipment being used. If something is wrong and your Petty Officer reports it to you, he will never look up to you unless you can understand and talk intelligently with him about

it. The days of the Executive Officer having to do maintenance are over but understanding of equipment is still vital. When I was a first line Signals Officer it was the Officers who ultimately had to put things right. I can remember when I went, with fear and trembling, as Assistant Fleet Signals Officer in 1926 in the Med. There was a big shoot, the Second Office wireless set was out of action. The Fleet Wireless Officer sent me down and in the Office were all the greatest experts, the Warrant Tel. who had been in the game since the invention of wireless, the C.P.O. Tel., the P.O. Tel. of the Office and practically everybody else. Because I had had the luck during the course to learn my stuff thoroughly, I was able to find a crumb which the others hadn't and accordingly one's reputation rose.

"Well now, having said that and having urged you to learn all you can about the scientific and technical side while you are here at the Naval College, please remember that none of this gear will work unless the men behind it are willing to make it work. None of them will fight through to victory unless they have the morale and unless they have the intention and the courage to fight through. That morale depends entirely upon you, the officers of the ship. Napoleon once said that there are no bad battalions, only bad commanding officers. Such a statement is even truer in the Navy. There are no bad ships, only bad captains. There can't be any good ships without good captains.

"When you start off as a Snotty of a Motor boat it is the first chance you have of impressing your personality on your crew and of making them want to follow you. Now this isn't a thing you can learn out of a text book. You can read about it but it will not teach you what to do and what I am telling you now won't really give you the answers. You've got to get the answers yourself and I believe the way to do it is this. All through your naval career, starting now and going through until you reach the top, try to study the officers you serve with and make up your minds who are the ones you would like to be with you in a ship in action. Try to analyse why you admire a certain officer and why you would like to follow him and then you can try to develop the same qualities.

"I can remember the Sicily landings—I was the Chief of Combined Operations. I was very intrigued to discover how Field Marshall Montgomery produced the extraordinary high morale of the Eighth Army.

Having no idea how to go about being a soldier, although I had to later as Supreme Commander in Burma, I watched him. Now he had two funny badges on his beret. You might say therefore that if I were to wear two badges on my cap I would be a wonderful chap. But this had nothing to do with it. The reason they followed him was that he was in every way an obvious leader who knew his stuff and the men knew this and were confident that he could lead them through to victory.

"Now one of the most difficult things to do is to inspire others by your example—to subdue your own emotions and so help others control theirs.

"It is very difficult (I was never very brave myself) to act as if you are not frightened when you jolly well are. But this too is tremendously important for an officer.

"I was very lucky once, being torpedoed in the North Sea, in a ship called KELLY. We were eventually taken in tow by another Destroyer called BULLDOG when out of the night came the sound of an E boat. I might say, in passing, that a few weeks ago at the Admiralty, I met a young German Officer who was in the Flotilla that torpedoed us.

"I could hear this E boat coming along and he had lost his way in the fog. He opened fire with his 20 mm Oerlikon gun. I was alone on the bridge and we were completely out of action when this fellow went by at a range of about 20 feet firing this fairly heavy weapon. Well I ducked down behind the bridge screen—a damn silly thing to do because it wouldn't have kept out a 20 mm shell as you can imagine. Luckily for me I was alone on the bridge and nobody saw me and if you don't give me away, nobody will know I ever did it.

Well then believe it or not I transferred to another ship of my flotilla, JAVELIN, and this time we got into action with some German destroyers at what was subsequently proved to be 900 yards range. When they opened fire we could see their 5.1 inch gun flashes.

"Well I stepped off the upper platform of the Monkey's Island to the lower one where the screen was a bit higher. I didn't duck this time but can you imagine with a 5.1 inch broadside being fired at us at point blank range, how much protection a slightly higher screen would be. Once again, dammed silly! On this occasion I merely

looked at some suitable instrument and stepped up again.

"But that is the temptation and it is very hard to overcome it. A moment later we were hit by a brace of torpedoes — one took our bows off and one took our stern off. I only tell you this to show you how easy it is to be frightened — I never was a terribly brave chap but nobody ever discovered I was frightened and that's all you've got to do. Of course some very few lucky ones among you will not be frightened anyway.

"That is really all I want to say to you except on this question of do we need a Navy. Between now and Sunday week I am going to write out something that will give you the reasons why we need a Navy and I will be speaking to all Australia on that topic. The Navy is coming back into its own. The final answer in war is not

simply bombing and starvation but if countries are cut off by sea it may become easy to starve them into submission. If the Commonwealth is cut, that is if the sea lanes are cut, we cannot keep together and we must break up. You can see for yourself the importance of the Navy. I am sure the Navy has a very great future and I am sure you are in the right service. If I was your age and had my own career all over again, I wouldn't hesitate, I would go straight back in the Navy. In fact I envy you very much for having your life in the Navy ahead of you. Thank you very much."

Later Earl Mountbatten inspected the College, Study Block and Playing Fields, returning to Jervis Block for Afternoon Tea with College Officers and Masters.

Finally he left the College — but the memory of his visit will remain long with us.



First Sea Lord addresses F.N.D. personnel, including R.A.N.C. Cadets.



Going Home

Mr. Eldridge, M.A., joined the staff of the R.A.N.C., then in temporary quarters at Osborne House, Geelong, at the same time as the second entry of Cadets, in January 1914. With a First Class Honours Degree in History, from the University of Sydney, Mr. Eldridge specialized in the teaching of History and in particular of Naval History; and all Cadets who passed through the College between 1914, and the time of his retirement, at the end of 1947, not only learnt to marvel at his profound knowledge of the subject he made particularly his own, but also to appreciate, with esteem and affection, his character, and his active participation in every aspect of College life. Mr Eldridge published his first book, "The Background of Eastern Sea Power" in 1945; and his extremely interesting "History of the Royal Australian Naval College", appeared three years later.

IN A SERVICE in which the importance of tradition is recognised the decision that the Naval College should return to Jervis Bay must be considered one of the

utmost importance. It was there that the foundations of the great Australian Naval traditions were firmly laid and developed; it was there that the senior officers who played so gallant a part in the 1939-45 War received their early training, and the thoughts of their achievements must have their influence on future generations of officers under training. The Army has been more fortunate in its early return to Duntroon, and what Duntroon is to the Army, Jervis Bay certainly is to the Navy.

When Canberra was chosen as the site of the Federal Capital and more particularly when it was decided that the Military College should be established within the Capital Territory, Parliament decided that the Naval College should also be in Federal Territory within the area proposed for the port of the Federal Capital, and so, although the Navy Board had by that time decided on a spot south of Sydney, at Port Hocking, the politicians, with whom of course the final decision rested, decreed that the Naval College should be placed at Jervis Bay where at the time was no settlement nearer than eight or nine miles, where the nearest railhead was 25 miles away, and where all the requirements of civilised living would have to be specially provided.

Because all this would take time the College was temporarily established at



The College — Jervis Bay.

North Geelong, the official opening taking place on the first of March, 1913. By the end of 1914, despite the outbreak of World War I, building operations at Captain's Point had sufficiently advanced for the College to be transferred to what was expected to be its permanent home, and the transfer took place during the Cadets' Christmas leave.

The Naval College at Jervis Bay was built on a headland which jutted out into the bay between two magnificent curving white beaches and flanked on the northern side by Flat Rock Creek which drained a low marshy area on that side and by a lagoon on the southern side. The centre line of the College was a line which passed from the hospital on a ridge behind the main buildings through the central block consisting of the Cadets' Mess room flanked on either side by two Cadets' dormitory blocks, across the Quarter Deck as the main playing field was termed, to the gymnasium and the Physics block round which were built the Studies blocks. To the south of the Cadet's blocks was the Wardroom and beyond that the Administrative block and between that and the sea the Captain's house which looked out across the bay to the entrance and the lighthouse on Point

Perpendicular. On the high ground immediately behind the Wardroom were built the married officers' quarters and beyond these, on rising ground at the back of the College, the quarters for married members of the Ship's Company. To the north of the Cadets' Quarters and over-looking Flat Rock Creek were the Ship's Company's quarters, past which ran a path which led to the nine-hole golf course established in the 1920s as the result of the combined efforts of Officers and Cadets.

It was in February 1915 that the College moved in while workmen were still putting the finishing touches to buildings—the two Entries that had already been at North Geelong and the third Entry joining for the first time. Not until 1916 did the College have its full quota of four Entries and not until then were all the classrooms completed.

Motor transport in 1915 was only in its early stages and the mail came in by horse-drawn coach while bullock teams were seen at work bringing in timber and other necessary material. When the College was provided with its first motor char-a-banc we were very proud of it, but it would seem a very crude contraption today! Roads, too, were not what they are today and

sometimes flooded streams cut us off from Nowra or the College car bogged on a muddy stretch near Gomerong. However, supplies from Sydney were independent of road and rail communication for they came in by the weekly Illawarra steamer.

When the College returns home in 1958 the conditions will obviously be very different from what they were in 1915. But I imagine that certain things will be very much the same; for instance, Cadets will again see much of the Fleet when it proceeds to Jervis Bay for exercises. With the Naval Air Station at Nowra the appearance of naval aircraft will not be the occasion of such excitement as was caused by the arrival on Sunday morning years ago of a small flying boat, and the College will obviously be much more in touch with the actual work of the ships than has even been possible at F.N.D.

Naturally in a community cut off as the Naval College was at Jervis Bay, both Officers and Cadets were thrown back much upon their own resources. Members of the Staff took a very active part in the organised sport of the College, and the environment allowed for such recreation as picnicking, whether in the bush, along the shore or across the water by boat. The country soon became well-known.

The Cadet's day began at 0700 when they were called by the Cadet-Captain on duty, who rang the gong, and there was a rush to the bathroom. Then followed a run round the Quarterdeck before breakfast, Fourth Year enjoying the privilege of walking the length of the covered way behind the blocks. Divisions were at 0900 in the gym, when the Chaplain read prayers. Then the Cadets marched off by "years" from the position "at ease". Clear of the gym door they doubled to their study block for the first lecture of the day. After the second lecture period there was a quarter-of-an-hour's stand easy for "bun and milk," and this was the only time during week days that Cadets were allowed to cross the Quarterdeck. The lunch break occurred at 1315, Studies being resumed at 1415 in summer or 1645 in winter. Summer and winter Evening Studies (Prep.) was from 1930 to 2030. On Wednesdays and Saturdays studies ceased at 1315.

Mid-term leaves were always popular. For forty-eight hours rules and regulations were in abeyance, fagging ceased, chests could be left open without penalty, anyone could ring gongs. There were raids by First Year on Second Year and by Third Year on Fourth Year. Dormitories were barricaded, pillows, fire-buckets, hoses were

used as weapons of defence. Afterwards came the reckoning when damage had to be made good from weekly pocket-money. Picnics were organised. College rations were supplemented by supplies from the Canteen. For example, on the occasion of the first mid-term of 1917 First Year with a horse and dray proceeded through the bush to Lake Windemere for the first day where they "ate, swam and slept until it was time to eat once more". The next day they went further afield and reached Wreck Bay where surfing took the place of swimming. By the time a Cadet reached Second Year he was beginning to range much further afield.

Half-day outings might take him to Lake Windemere and even to Wreck Bay. He joined a gang and built a hut or dug-out in the bush. These huts were always safe and were never interfered with. Bowen Island might be the scene of the Mid-term holiday and there the great attractions were the Fairy Penguins which lived in tunnels in the sand among the grass tussocks just above the water line, and which could be induced to take part in races provided you started them facing towards the water and freedom. On another occasion a party which set off for St. George's Head and the old lighthouse tried chasing wallabies—they raced after them through thick scrub, but there is no record of a wallaby being brought in though two of the officers on a walk to Summercloud Bay chased a wallaby which took to the water and was easily captured when it attempted to return to the beach.

During the 1920's the College joined the local Nowra District Cricket Association when a number of two-afternoon matches were played in which both Officers and Cadets took part.

In all sports officers took an active part, as for example, when in hockey "Bulge's Bunnies" engaged "Terry's Terriers".

For fourteen years the outstanding event of the football season was the Navy v Army match. The series began with a win for the Navy in 1916 and ended in the same way in 1929. Of the intervening matches played alternatively at Jervis Bay and Duntroon most went to the Army, the totals being Army nine and Navy five. Another outstanding event of the football season was the match played in Sydney right at the end of the season between the United Services and the Great Public Schools. At the match played in 1919 Admiral of the Fleet Lord Jellicoe was present.

Despite the small numbers during the 1920's from which to choose a football team a fine standard of football was maintained and the practice was continued of inviting teams from the Sydney schools for a week-end at Jervis Bay.

The annual regatta, held usually in October, was always one of the College's chief social events of the year when numbers of visitors from the surrounding district and further afield were entertained. The races were held on the lagoon though occasionally, when heavy rains caused a break-out to the sea, it might be necessary to hold them on the bay, as happened in 1926. An afternoon tea in the bush just above the lagoon boatshed always concluded these gatherings and the apparently inexhaustible supplies of ice-cream were thoroughly enjoyed and a glorious afternoon in the open air concluded on just the right note with the cry "No Prep".

Sailing at Jervis Bay always played a prominent part, particularly at week-ends, not only in service boats but also in a specially provided yacht. In the late twenties sailing races became a regular feature of Cadet's activities in which sloop-rigged skiffs, dipping-lug cutters, whalers and the yacht all took part.

During the last term at Jervis Bay at the mid-term break a more elaborate camp than usual was organised when the two Senior Years spent a week at Boat Harbour on the eastern side of the bay where four tents were rigged, a large one for each 'Year' of Cadets, a small one for Lieutenant Cook who was in charge, and a fourth for stores and provisions. Day commenced with a quick dip at 0630, while six cadets helped the cook prepare breakfast. Hammocks were lashed and stowed, tents cleaned etc. before "Colours" at 0800, after which a long forenoon was devoted to fishing, sailing, walking or perhaps an occasional game of rugger or cricket on the beach.

It was shortly after this outing in April 1930 that the decision was taken to remove the College to Flinders Naval Depot. The drastic reductions of that period had meant that the establishment at Jervis Bay was much too large and costly for the very small number of Cadets likely to be trained during the next few years. Now, however, that the number of Cadets in training is causing a "bursting at the seams" at F.N.D. it seems — to the writer at any rate — appropriate that the Naval College should return to Jervis Bay.

—F.B.E.

Cadet's Blocks — Jervis Bay





FROM TIME

TO TIME



JEANNE D'ARC VISIT

A most interesting visit was made by the Senior Cadets during First Term to the French Training Cruiser JEANNE D'ARC. A detailed tour of inspection of the ship revealed much of interest and although our French was not always equal to the task we managed to ask many questions and receive much interesting information concerning French training methods. Followed a really sumptuous repast—lobster, chicken, omelette, champagne and all the trimmings. A mental note was made by all — this liaison business is an extremely fine thing!

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MASTERS "ALL AT SEA"

Messrs. Brooks and Fargher of the Professorial Staff spent a most educational week in H.M.A.S. SYDNEY when she went to rendezvous with H.M.A.S. MELBOURNE on her maiden voyage to Australia. SYDNEY did not always act with the decorum befitting her dignity as the Flagship of Australian Fleet and her "rock n'roll" was not appreciated by our two Masters. However they returned little the worse for wear after being present at a really historic occasion.

NEW ROUTINE FOR PREP.

All acclaim the new routine for prep. which allows us to study at night under conditions much more suitable than those which previously existed. No doubt former inhabitants of these walls will mutter "Mollycoddling" and "What is the modern generation coming to?", But the new scheme — reading lamps and study desks in the flats and a "quiet hour" in the evening — is really working well and is appreciated by all.

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VISIT TO H.M.A.S. SYDNEY

Getting and Jervis Year visited, during First Term, H.M.A.S. SYDNEY while she was in Westernport. Our guides for the tour of inspection were Pakistani Midshipmen who were training with the R.A.N. We were to have seen a helicopter demonstration but at the last moment the Sycamore Aircraft helicopter was found to be un-serviceable. In her new role as a training ship, SYDNEY was almost empty of aircraft, the only other aircraft being a Sea Fury and a Firefly.

As we headed for shore again we had a good view of SYDNEY weighing anchor and proceeding out of Westernport.

R.A.N. COLLEGE TIE

It has recently been decided to adopt a tie for the Royal Australian Naval College. The design consists of white Naval crowns with red headbands or inserts at the base of the crown upon a dark blue background. Attractive specimen weaving-cards have been received from the London firm engaged to make the ties and they look very suitable.

In addition, cravats of identical pattern are being made and in the future will replace the "Colours" pocket as the award to Cadets who achieve distinction at Games.

The ties, which should be available by the end of this year, may be worn by all Cadets and graduates of the R.A.N. College. All officers who have gained their "Colours" will also be able to purchase a cravat.



SCHOLASTIC SUCCESSES

Graduates of the College had quite a deal of success at Melbourne University at the Examinations at the end of 1955.

The outstanding achievement was by Waller who on his 4th year results was awarded the Dixon Scholarship. In Maths IV he was top of the Second Class Honours List, no First Class Honours being awarded, while in Electrical Engineering he topped the First Class Honours List.

In Second Year Courses Sub. (L.) I. G. Nicholls gained Honours in Surveying while in First Year Courses, Lieutenant J. L. Jobson, Sub. (L.) O. J. Hughes and Sub. (L.) O. R. Cooper each gained Honours in Engineering Maths I and Engineering I.

Incidentally congratulations and best wishes to Lieutenant Jobson on his recent marriage.



NAVY MINISTER'S VISIT

On 8th March, 1956, the College was honoured by a visit from Senator Neil O'Sullivan, Minister for the Navy. During the day the Minister made a close inspection of the College.

During his tour of inspection he was accompanied by Commodore N. R. Mackinnon R.A.N., the Captain of the College, the Commander and the Headmaster, and Mr. Hawkins, Secretary of the Navy Department.



Minister meets four Queensland Midshipmen

During his visit the Minister, whose home State is Queensland, met and talked to Cadets from Queensland. He is shown here talking to four Queensland Cadets, Cadet Midshipmen Hobson (Toowoomba), Lees (Warwick), Roach (Brighton), and Austin (Mudgee).



GUEST SPEAKERS

The following guest speakers visited the College during the year and addressed the cadet-midshipmen on subjects of interest:

Colonel T. F. Cape, D.S.O., M.B.E., Commandant, Officers Training School, Portsea: "Malaya and the Bandits".

Mr. A. Dunbavin Butcher, M.Sc., Director of the Victorian Fisheries and Game Department: "Fish Breeding and Trout Hatcheries in Victoria and America."

Mr. A. Alvie, Deputy High Commissioner for Pakistan: "Pakistan and Her Armed Forces."

Mr. H. W. Callaghan, Bank Education Service: "Banking and Bank-Forms."

Lieutenant Commander H. Jarrett, Gunnery Officer, Flinders Naval Depot: "The Suez Canal and its History."

Mr. J. Bechervaise, Antarctic Division of Department of External Affairs: "Recent Australian Expeditions in the Antarctic."

Duntroon Tragedy

On Saturday, 8th July, five Cadets of the Royal Military College, Duntroon were drowned in a boating accident on Lake George. The Staff and Cadets of the Royal Australian Naval College joins in extending their deepest sympathy to the relatives of the five Cadets and to the Staff and Cadets of R.M.C. Duntroon. The close bond that exists between the two Service Colleges makes us appreciate how keenly the loss of these fine young men is felt by all at Duntroon.

DUNTROON TRIP

TWENTY-EIGHT Cadets left Melbourne on the Spirit of Progress on Friday, 6th July, bound for Duntroon. Leaving the train at Yass and going by bus to Canberra, we arrived at Duntroon at seven next morning. After being shown our quarters for the weekend, we had breakfast in the Cadets' Mess. Following breakfast we were taken by bus for a look at the precincts of Duntroon. This included a visit to General Bridge's grave. Later that morning we were taken to the Australian War Memorial, a huge museum holding vast quantities of relics, antiques and souvenirs from the two World Wars.

On Saturday afternoon the 1st XV took the field against R.M.C. Colts. Misfortune overtook us in the first half and Denney, who had wrenched his knee, had to spend the remainder of the weekend in Duntroon's hospital. After a hard, muddy game we lost 20-nil.

On Sunday morning, Divine Service was held in the Hall in the Anzac Block. After church was over the hockey match was held. At first it looked as if we could hold R.M.C. but their superior play won them the match 5.1.

During the afternoon we were taken by bus to the Cotter Dam about 15 miles from Canberra. This dam supplies Canberra with its water. Returning to Canberra, Parliament House was the next place for inspection. An interesting hour was spent in the House.

We left for Goulburn at 9.30 catching the Albury Express at 12 o'clock. We arrived at Melbourne at 11.30 on Monday morning.

DOOKIE TRIP

THE CREW for Dookie, consisting of an Australian Rules, a Soccer and a Debating Team, left on 22nd June. The journey by bus took six hours — with only a short break at Kilmore—so we were indeed cramped and stiff on our arrival. Everyone immediately donned three or four extra jumpers and socks — we were taken aback at the extreme cold.

After supper we attended the Debate held in the Assembly Hall and we were most amused by the fact that the Students arrived in their dressing gowns. The Dookie team denied that, "This is the Century of the Common Man" and won the debate with very little opposition from our side. A film concluded the night's entertainment.

The following morning we witnessed the defeat of our soccer team by 7 goals to 1. Dookie showed from the outset that they were the much superior side but the College team put up a stern struggle and could be considered unlucky to have only scored once.

In the early afternoon the Australian Rules Match was played between our First XVIII and Dookie Second XVIII, which we won comfortably.

That evening we were entertained at a Dance.

On the Sunday morning we were conducted on a tour of the surrounding countryside to Dookie and Shepparton. Unfortunately it rained heavily the whole time.

At two o'clock on Sunday afternoon we boarded the bus again and left D.A.C. after a most enjoyable weekend.

—M.W.D.W.

Survival Exercise

SECURITY FORCES ASPECT

THE SURVIVAL exercise, which was carried out over the long weekend period from Friday, 9th of March, to Sunday 11th, was enjoyed by all those who participated. Very cold nights marred the otherwise interesting and well organized manoeuvres, and the fact that 15 Cadets managed to escape capture speaks volumes for the skill and ingenuity shown by the successful survivors.

The survivors themselves, 30 R.A.N.C. cadets, were dropped approximately 8 miles from the College in an area roughly surrounding Tyabb, at approximately 1530 on the Friday. Their objective was to attempt, by evading capture, to reach the Rosebud-Cape Schank road by 1500 on the Sunday.

The internal security forces consisting of cadets from the O.C.S. at Portsea, R.A.N.C., and Naval ratings, were organized in army style (companies, platoons and sections) and deployed at advantageous sections of the survivors' escape route. The object lesson they received was most helpful. They now realise the tremendous difficulties that must be overcome in order to successfully patrol a suspected area. At one stage (at about 0200 Sunday morning) three thousand yards of road were being guarded by a section of only ten men.

Recognition of the survivors was most difficult in almost pitch dark conditions, and we pity the sheep and cows who found themselves leapt upon by over-zealous security forces.

But on the serious side; cadets who took part in the exercise, either as survivors or as part of the security forces learnt much that will prove of value in later years. Perhaps the most important single item was the fact that close co-operation is essential between the services and secondly, that a soldier's life in the field carries many more implications than one realises at a first glance.

From the survivors' point of view, the lessons learnt were probably of a more practical nature. No doubt they now realise that a working knowledge of elementary fieldcraft is essential to the person who must live from the land whilst travelling over it, and secondly that silence should be maintained, as far as possible, by those evading capture.

—G.W.

SURVIVORS' ASPECT

THE ACTUAL exercise began for our party of three at approximately 1600 on the Friday afternoon. We had planned our route beforehand and had estimated the times of arrival at certain places along the route. This proved a waste of time as an hour after we started out we were not within two miles of where we had intended.

Quite a number of times during the light hours we thought the Security Forces had discovered us but nothing ever eventuated from our fears.

As darkness fell so did our speed of movement. Unfortunately we hit dense bush around 1900 and found it hard to keep within sixty degrees of our course. This lasted for almost an hour and a half at which time we came across the Army. It was quite easy to move through their line of defence which happened to be their line farthest from the starting point. We were now in the happy position of having all the seekers behind us with an open road before us.

A decision was made at 0230 on Saturday to stop for the night. We calculated that our position was approximately half a mile north east of Mt. Eliza.

However, it was so cold during our period of attempted rest that we had to move on again three hours later. Shortly after we started again we climbed a high hill and found that the land before us was all open or was sparsely covered with fruit trees. Because of the lack of Security Forces in our vicinity we decided to take the shortest route to our destination. Consequently we walked straight across any open fields in our way and made no great attempt to conceal ourselves in any way. Later we learned that whilst we were engaged in this we passed some 200 yards away from the General Headquarters.

Our only close contact with the "enemy" was at about 1200 that day. We were forced to hide in dense bush five yards from a worn track along which a party of searchers was walking. From then on we had no trouble in reaching freedom on the Boneo Road near Rosebud. Our journey of approximately twenty miles a; the crow flies had been covered in twenty-three hours fifty-eight minutes.

Although we were physically exhausted at the end and could think of nothing but a huge meal, hot bath and a warm bunk we were very pleased that we had been able to participate and win through. —G.D.

COOK YEAR VISIT H.M.A.S. QUICKMATCH

ON SATURDAY 28th of July, Cook Year were introduced to H.M.A.S. QUICKMATCH one of the R.A.N.'s most modern ships. "QUICKMATCH" is a fast antisubmarine frigate of the 'Q' class converted destroyers.

There are many unconventional and interesting points to her design and construction, the most striking being her completely enclosed bridge. The ship is notable for its reliance on electrical control. There are over 400 telephones on board and her radio room is appropriately named "Radio Quickmatch". Her galleys are ultra modern to the extent of having potato peelers, stainless steel and aluminium alloys are used extensively throughout.

The absence of Carley Floats is notable and in their place are found inflatable rubber life rafts.

Cook Year were shown the ship from top to bottom by Sub. Lt. Playford and Lt. Cdr. Nicholas. (Especially the bottom as she was in dry dock and therefore afforded an unusual view).

Lt. Cdr. R. J. Scrivenor has recently taken over command. The motto of H.M.A.S. QUICKMATCH is "Swift to Strike".



VISIT TO M.S. CHINDWARRA

ON JULY 4th the Flinders Year was given the opportunity of an inspection tour of M.S. CHINDWARRA, at Victoria Dock, Melbourne. The visit was to combine interest and education for our aim was to discover as much as possible about the Merchant Service and in particular to discover how a Merchant ship loads cargo in port.

Arriving on board we were split up into three groups, each of which began to tour the ship. We were taken first to a small classroom and were there given much interesting information about the ship including all kinds of statistics. Other interesting facts, the method of stowing cargo, where it was stowed and so on were explained to us. In the classroom was a model derrick, similar to those used in the ship.

Then followed the conducted tour. We found CHINDWARRA larger than we had expected and we were surprised too, at the varied types of cargo carried, from liquids to refrigerated goods. The engine room was commodious and kept in extremely good condition. We owe a good deal to the Engineering Officer who spared no pains to satisfy our curiosity and who explained everything to us as simply and clearly as possible. Then we visited the passengers' quarters and following this the Cadets quarters, for CHINDWARRA, of course, is the training ship of the British India Company. There were 39 Cadets on board, including one from Sydney (we later played them Rugby).

Following our tour we had afternoon tea in the Cadets' messroom, then left the ship and returned to the College.

—R. A. WALLS.



Flinders Year aboard CHINDWARRA.

WATCH

FIRST PART OF STARBOARD WATCH



Watch Officers and Masters: Lt. Cdr. A. A. Willis, Mr. R. Berry, Mr. K. Armstrong, Mr. W. Wilde.

Watch Captain: C. C. C. Selby.

This year has been a frustrating one for First Starboard (Old Maintop) for we have had a period of ups and downs. At times when beaten, we have been very close behind the leaders but of course third place is third place even if only two points away from first place.

First Term or Summer Sports was our real strength and we had some most important successes. With a good start from last year's Final Term we won the Cricket in convincing fashion, breaking a long stranglehold on this sport by the old Foc'sle Watch.

Sailing saw us do quite well as we finished in second place and our 'wind and sail' men did a great job. A little farther down the ladder to third place in the tennis — no Hoads or Rosewalls in First Starboard, I'm afraid, Rock bottom was reached in the Regatta — the unenvied wooden spoon.

However, we finished First Term in a blaze of glory as we carried all before us in the Swimming Sports. A first class effort by our swimmers — congratulations to them!

So with our chances of winning the Dalton Cup very high we entered the Winter Term — alas, we crashed! We finished third in the overall winter sports of Australian Rules, Rugby and Hockey and we did no better in the Cross Country, this being fought out between Second of Port and Second of Starboard. We had several runners in the first six but faded later. So the Athletics and Gymnastics will decide this year's winner of the Dalton Cup.

I would like to thank the Watch Officers and Masters for their encouragement and

guidance during the year and on behalf of those Cadets leaving this year, I would like to wish the Watch well for the future.

—J. SELBY.

SECOND PART OF STARBOARD WATCH



Watch Officers and Masters: Lt. Cdr. J. Lancaster, Mr. W. Richards, Mr. J. M. Davis, Mr. A. Trewin.

Watch Captain: S. C. C. Wilson.

Our failure to win any major competition last year made us all determine to do much better in 1956. In keeping with precedent we managed to come third in the Cricket, a sport in which we sadly lack finesse. The Tennis competition offered little opposition to our "all star" team which won most convincingly. Despite our excellent position in Forster Cup, as a result of last year's races, we finished only third. Following an initial lead in the Swimming Sports we were defeated by First Starboard in the All Hands Relay, which left us in second place. However we established a lead in Dalton Cup points at the finish of First Term by a decisive victory at the Regatta, when we won all except one race.

During Second Term it became increasingly evident that our rivals Second Port were the superior Watch in Winter Sports. However our teams combined well and secured first place in the Rugby, second place in the Australian Rules, second place in the Hockey and fourth place in Soccer.

We won the Cross Country, thus remaining seven points ahead of Second Port with Third Term to go. I feel sure that if we maintain the enthusiasm and zest we have shown so far, then we will be Top Watch for 1956.

Many thanks to our Officers and Masters who have encouraged and helped us throughout the year. In conclusion, on behalf of those leaving, I wish Second Starboard astonishing success for the future.

—B. WILSON.

NOTES

FIRST PART OF PORT WATCH



Watch Officers and Masters: Lt. Cdr. Dyke, Lt. Cdr. Nicholas, Mr. R. R. Clark, Mr. D. Thompson, Mr. M. Brooks, Mr. K. Fargher

Watch Captain: S. C. C. Foster.

Last year we claimed that we had done much better than the year before and this year we can claim the same. We'll soon be Dalton Cup winners at this rate.

The year began with Sailing, which we won, mainly through the efforts of Cowdell and Walker, who won regularly throughout the season. In the main summer sport — Cricket, we did very well again but due to last year's losses, we finished last.

A fireball was added to our attack with the coming of Brett Young, a new Matriculation entry, who took many wickets for us. After this however we failed badly in Tennis and Swimming, finishing fourth.

Our winter efforts were sound but not sensational. In Australian Rules we finished a close third whereas in Rugby, our third place was rather less meritorious. Best players in Rugby were Roberts and Beutel who held the team together during the season.

We had a fairly strong Hockey side once it got going and its sound play resulted in our finishing equal second for this sport. O'Brien captained the team and played very well and was well supported by Roberts as goalie, Lindsay, Spence and Renfrey. Lastly there was Soccer in which we were equal third with Second Starboard. The Cross Country Run was a good one for us as we ran in second.

So far we have done much better than last year and although ours is not a brilliant success story we are coming closer to the other Watches with every stride. On behalf of the Watch I would like to thank the Watch Officers and Masters for their interest throughout the year and on behalf of those leaving to wish next year's Watch the best of luck.

—F. D. FOSTER.

SECOND PART OF PORT WATCH



Watch Officers and Masters: Lt. (E.) Money, Instr. Lt. Bristow, Mr. G. F. Adeney, Mr. M. M. Purser.

Watch Captain: C. C. Jessurun.

In reply to last year's Watch Cadet Captain's opening remarks, "When are we going to lose the cricket?", well this year we did just that, finishing second. Although we lost last year's two top tennis players, we were lucky enough to find new talent, and after some close and good tennis we finished second. Then came two of our weaker sports—first the swimming, where we finished third and then the sailing in which we had no difficulty in taking fourth position. The only other sporting event of First Term was the Regatta — our bigger men, by winning the A Whaler Race, saved the day and pulled us up to second place.

Our time of triumph, however, soon came and we failed by only one game in keeping up last year's record of a clean sweep in Winter Sport. We took the Australian Rules, Hockey and Soccer in our stride and finished second in the Rugby. These wins must have brought us close to the Dalton Cup — however our fourth position in the Cross Country was no help.

Now we look forward to the Athletics and Gymnastics competition and feel sure that we can win the Cup for the third successive year.

I would now like to congratulate all those in Second of Port for the splendid job they have done this year and give special thanks to Lt. Money, who has given us so much help and guided us to many victories during the year.

In conclusion, on behalf of all Second of Port Cadets in Phillip and Waller Years, I would like to wish the Watch a most successful year in every way in 1957.

—R. M. JESSURUN.

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DEBATING CLUB

We started the season by hearing a talk by Mr. Richards on formal debating procedures and techniques, and then a debating team was selected to compete against Dookie Agricultural College on 22nd June. Some time was spent in preparing the affirmative case on the subject, "That the Twentieth Century is the century of the common man", but on the occasion the Dookie team proved to be superior. Although this particular competition was disappointing it was the first time in four years that an R.A.N.C. debating team had been defeated.

On 27th July a lively round table debate was conducted in the Library on a number of subjects, the most controversial being: "That school holidays are too long" (The "Noes" had it), and "The most effective form of education is given in a boarding school" (No resolution).

The popular, annual round table debate with Scotch College was held on the 21st September, and fifteen of our members attended to do battle with such questions as: "That nuclear weapons are lessening the threat of war", "That the method of selecting test cricketers is not satisfactory", "Has democratic government justified its existence?"

The re-organization of the normal school functions during Term Three because of the Olympic Games did not allow us to visit other schools this year, but there will be other opportunities next year to demonstrate oratorical skills and diffuse persuasive arguments.

—W.G.R.

AERONAUTICS CLUB

This year a group of eleven Cadets was fortunate enough to be given the opportunity to learn to fly with the Royal Victorian Aero Club. The object of this training is to give Cadets experience in flying which will prove useful in later years, when many of us hope to fly with the Fleet Air Arm. Lt. Cdr. Dyke has organised our activities and has given lectures on various aspects of flying throughout the year. To him the Club extends a vote of thanks.

Flying training has progressed quickly (considering the unfavourable winter climate) from our first nervous flights, through the intricacies of stalling and spinning, until the present time when we have all successfully flown solo. Our goal is to qualify for our Private Pilot's Licence by

the end of this year.

Cadets who participated were: F. D. Foster, J. Rice, T. A. Roach, D. D. Farthing, P. J. Cooke-Russell, R. Nattey, C. J. Nisbet, R. L. Judd, R. S. Parkinson, D. T. Read and D. Ferry.

—D.D.F.

CAMERA CLUB

The membership, this year, was again quite high with over thirty Cadets attending fairly regular fortnightly meetings. Unfortunately, the club activities have been rather limited and it has not functioned as well as last year. The equipment made available for use in the depot dark room last year was not made available this year so the standard of photographs declined considerably. However a small amount of processing materials was obtained for use in our own dark room and members have been making use of these in their work. An enlarger seems to be appearing in the dim distance but we believe it will be a long time coming.

Early in the year, members visited the photograph exhibition in the Melbourne Town Hall and there obtained some very good ideas on the art of taking photographs. From the Town Hall everyone proceeded to the Exhibition Building to view the motor display. Unfortunately our trip to the Dandenong Ranges was stopped because of rain.

A photograph exhibition is planned for Third Term which will include photographs submitted by any Cadets in the College. However, enlargements will be few and far between.

Taking the good with the bad, the club has had a fairly successful 1956 but we hope it becomes far more active in 1957.

—W.S.L.

RADIO CLUB

This year the Radio Club has been slightly smaller in members than last year's club. Most of the members are from the Engineering and Electrical branches of Phillip and Waller Years and from Lieutenant Bristow's Electronics class.

During the year several Cadets have built one valve 'Little Jim' receivers. These are now all finished and functioning well. During the Second term six prefabricated five valve receivers were constructed by the club. Unfortunately, these sets had to be returned to the Depot Electrical School before they were all completed. In the

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middle of Second term the Main College Radiogram broke down. Under Lieut. Bristow's guidance the Electronics class detected the faults and after some time managed to correct them. Unfortunately the Sapphire needle of the Pick Up had to be renewed. A new one was bought with money contributed by the Final Years.

On behalf of the Radio Club I would like to thank Lieut. Bristow for the time that he has given up to attend Club meetings and also for equipment that he has made available for the Club. —D.R.

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SCIENCE CLUB

The Science Club this year was a great success under the excellent supervision and patronage of Mr. Berry who was specifically in charge of the Physics division, Mr. Davis who was in charge of the Chemistry section, and Mr. Thompson in control of the Geology and Nature Study departments.

Golding as President, Ferrier as Vice President and Phipps as secretary, also assisted in the running of the Club.

Mr. Berry did a grand job, in the arranging and screening of many interesting films. Some of the outstanding ones were:—"Problems of Flight", "Valley of the Tennessee", "Operation Cross-roads" "Inside the Atom", "Operation Hurricane."

The Science Club was outstanding this year because of some of the projects carried out by its membes. For instance Hobson made a study of "The Evolution of the Universe". Eggleston did one on "Burglar Alarms", and Ferrier carried out an extensive research into the corrosion of metals.

The Science Club this year, had an enrolment of 33 members which is very commendable. Regrettably the Science Club was not able to go on many excursions during this term, mainly because of weather. However, an extremely interesting one was taken to the "Technological Museum". —C.J.G.

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JAZZ AND REVUE CLUB

The Jazz and Revue Club has again been active this term. Its goal, in fact its main reason for existence, is the production of a Revue, originally to have been held at the end of Second Term but postponed to the third term to give us a chance to practice and think up some bright ideas. The Club naturally misses the drive and

zest of last year's members, Hole, Irwin, Keyes and company, but we are confident that we will again put on a first class show. A minor show on Thursday, August 16th, proved quite successful and gives us hopes of better things.

Full marks go to Cowdell for the way he has led, coaxed, encouraged, arranged and raved throughout the year to bring the band up to the high standard it has attained this year. But for him we would not exist.

Apart from the expected Revue, the Band has been asked to play in a concert to be held in the Depot early in Third Term. However by that time it will have lost its star base-trombonist, Mike Summers.

Our thanks to Mr. Trewin, who is the organizer of our club. —L.W.R.

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YACHT CLUB

This year saw the Yacht Club, the evening activity of former years, transformed into a properly constituted Sailing Club under the name of the Royal Australian Naval College Sailing Club. Although the R.A.N.C.S.C. has been recognized by the Victorian Yachting Council since 1954, it has had no constitution until this year.

At the General Meeting in First Term, Lt. Cdr. Lancaster was elected Secretary, Lt. Cdr. Scrivenor, Treasurer, and Cadet Captain Denney, Assistant Treasurer and Assistant Secretary.

Most of the sailing in First Term was done in "Tam O'Shanter" and "Four Winds"—the activities of these Yachts are covered in a separate article.

In the Dinghy class we had two races against outside clubs. We won the MacDonald Richardson Trophy against the Cadet members of Royal Brighton Yacht Club, I'm afraid our win was due, not to our sailing ability, but to Brighton crews misreading the Sailing Instructions. We also won the Triangular Race held in Westernport between Royal Brighton, Royal St. Kilda and ourselves.

A series of races was held in First Term to decide the Dinghy Champion of the Club. The winner was Cadet Captain Denney.

The activities of the Winter Term were confined to the drafting and writing of the constitution. This was under the direction of Lt. Cdr. Lancaster.

In Third Term activities will include return races aganst R.B.Y.C. and R.S.K.Y.C. and spectating at the Olympic Yachting

—J.D.

SPORTING SECTION

COLOURS — 1956

Cricket	Swimming	Tennis	Boats
R. M. JESSURUN M. J. BRETT YOUNG	P. KILNER C. J. GOLDING C. J. LITTLETON P. LAMBERT	K. H. MacGOWAN T. S. JONES	J. J. DOYLE G. S. DENNEY
Rugby	Aust. Football	Hockey	Athletics
R. M. JESSURUN W. D. H. LEES P. GILMOUR-WALSH J. W. ELLIS H. O. BEUTEL	B. WILSON D. D. FARTHING R. L. JUDD G. A. SIMMONS	P. A. H. LEACH P. J. COOKE- RUSSELL T. S. JONES	H. DONOHUE R. L. AUSTIN R. NATTEY W. S. LOWE C. J. NISBET.



1st ELEVEN:

The opening of the 1955-56 Cricket Season saw a fairly strong and experienced group of players at the nets, striving for a place in the First Eleven. Early form was quite good and an interesting list of fixtures had been arranged so that everyone awaited selection of the team with interest. After several trial matches and much net practice, an eleven which was quite strong in both batting and bowling was chosen.

The players who comprised the team for the first part of the season were:—

L. J. IRWIN (capt.), P. ROSS, C. HOLE and M. B. TAYLOR (all of Jervis Year); P. MELLISH, of Burnett Year; K. H. MacGOWAN, F. D. FOSTER, R. M. JESSURUN, C. J. LITTLETON, R. L. AUSTIN, M. W. D. WHITE (all of Phillip Year) and R. W. MARTIN, of Cook Year.

MATCHES PLAYED: 1955 SECTION: Brighton Grammar:

The opening match of the season was against Brighton Grammar, played on 29th October. The College batted first and Foster and Martin the openers were soon dismissed and we were 3 wickets for a meagre 11 runs when Hole and Ross were associated in a good stand. Hole was dismissed for 17 but MacGowan and Jessurun remained with Ross who scored 66. Our total was 126.

Brighton Grammar fared little better and were soon 3 wickets for 14 runs, being eventually dismissed for 52 runs. Mellish bowled beautifully and his disconcerting outswingers had all batsmen in trouble. His figures were 4 wickets for 14 runs. Austin with slow left arm spinners bundled out the latter batsmen and required only two overs to secure 3 wickets for 3 runs.

Dookie Agricultural College:

Feeling confident after their first success the College next played Dookie. However, they were soon humbled and can blame little except the extremely suspicious attitude of the early batsmen who allowed long hops and full tosses to pass unpunished mainly because they were coming from the opening bowlers. A lesson learned was that a ball must be played on its merit—in this case its lack of merit.

Dookie were dismissed for 108, MacGowan returning the excellent figures of 7 wickets for 24 runs.



1st XI CRICKET

Rear: D. Farthing, F. Foster, R. Martin, R. Austin, J. Brett-Young, M. Summers, R. Taylor. Front: M. White, R. Hefferan, K. H. MacGowan (c.), Mr. W H. Wilde (coach), R. Jessurun, C. Littleton, G. Wild.

Foster and Martin, our openers, played very foolishly refusing to attack bad bowling, which left unpunished, found a length and became accurate and hostile. Our very inadequate reply to Dookie's score was 44. Austin and Littleton batting well down the list showed the other batsmen what they should have done and scored half our side's total. Forced to follow on we did much better and were 3 wickets for 60 at the close of play, MacGowan being 25 not out. As honours are now even with Dookie, each side having won a match, we look forward with interest to the next encounter.

Trinity Grammar:

With their ears still tingling from the previous match the College went into this important game determined to do well. Trinity was playing their 1956 1st XI and the side contained players who were to be chosen later in the Associated Grammar Schools' Eleven.

Trinity batted first and were dismissed for 94. College bowlers Ross and MacGowan shared the honours, Ross capturing 5 wickets for 21 runs and MacGowan 4 for 22.

Our openers, a new pair, attacked from

the outset and these two, Irwin, the captain and Hole gave us a good start. Martin also batted well for 17, Ross made 43 giving him a fine match and MacGowan also showed his worth as an all rounder making 24 not out. We finished with 6 for 122 to give us a comfortable win.

OFFICERS AND MASTERS:

The annual game against the Officers and Masters was played on 19th November. The Officers and Masters team was led by Mr. Wilde and included Commodore Mackinnon, Commander Gladstone, Mr. Robin, Chaplain Fawell, Lt. Cdrs. Scrivenor, Dyke and Willis, Messrs. Brooks and Richards, Lts. Barnett and Money.

We dismissed the Officers and Masters for 51 our bowlers sharing the wickets, Mellish, MacGowan and White each taking two.

We were in trouble early, Mr. Wilde catching Hole at silly point off Lt. Money's first ball. We were 5 for 38 at one stage but went on to score 115. Commodore Mackinnon with 3 for 33 and Mr. Wilde 4 for 14 kept out batsmen busy defending. Lt. Money, Mr. Brooks and Chaplain Fawell each took 1 wicket.

WARDROOM:

A strong Wardroom side, captained by Commodore Mackinnon beat us by 59 runs in the next match. The Wardroom were dismissed for 162, their best batsmen being Mr. Armstrong 46, Mr. Wilde 21 and Commander Cartwright 22. We in turn were all out for 103, Jessurun scoring a fine 31 and Taylor 19. Mr. Wilde took 4 for 18, Commodore Mackinnon 2 for 23 and Commander Wright 2 for 23.

This match concluded the 1955 section of the season.

1956 SECTION:

After the long Christmas Leave there were many gaps to fill in the First Eleven. We had lost Captain Irwin, also opening bowlers Ross and Mellish, wicketkeeper Taylor and batsman Hole. Gloomy predictions were made and eager questioning of the new entry was carried on. Practices revealed that we had some good bowling talent in Getting Year cadets Summers and Brett Young whilst Hefferan looked capable with the bat. Promotion to the 1st Eleven occurred for Farthing of Waller Year. Soon the team settled down and was quite successful. K. H. MacGowan of Phillip Year was the new captain and R. M. Jessurun of the same year vice captain. The team's record was as follows:

Defeated:

O.C.S. Portsea.
Melbourne Grammar U. 16 A.
Phoenix Club.
R.A.A.F. College, Point Cook.
Outright.
Navy Office.

Lost to:

Melbourne Grammar U. 16 A.

O.C.S. PORTSEA:

We dismissed O.C.S. for 65 runs of which their captain Jenkins scored 31.

Our new captain MacGowan led the side well and was in top bowling form taking 5 wickets for 25. Our new opening bowler Brett Young began what was to be a most impressive series of bowling efforts and he took 5 wickets for 22.

We replied with 109, Martin scoring 11, Jessurun batting very soundly for 22, Littleton top-scoring with 25 and our new batsman Hefferan being not out for 13.

Jessurun took over the wicket-keeping position and performed very capably.

The whole team was elated with its well earned victory and gained a good deal of confidence from it.

MELBOURNE GRAMMAR:

Brett Young (3 for 14), MacGowan (2 for 28) and Austin (2 for 5) bundled Melbourne Grammar Under 16 A team out for 62 and we replied with a total of 168, Jessurun again keeping wickets well and batting solidly for 47. MacGowan in fine form with the bat top-scored with 59.

PHOENIX CLUB:

The long-awaited match against Phoenix Club took place on 26th February. We were keen to see in action such well known names in cricket as Colin MacDonald, Jim Cosgrove, Lou Green and Tom Morris. Phoenix Club opened sensationally when Miles was neatly caught in slips by Austin off Brett Young's first ball—a lovely out-swinger. At lunch Phoenix Club had lost 4 for 43 and this was indeed a tribute to our bowling and fielding. Their score reached 153 due to a fine stand by Green (50) and Waldron (39).



R. M. JESSURUN who top scored (59) against Combined Grammar Schools.



R. Martin who scored 39 against Combined Grammar Schools.

"Cadet Midshipman" Colin MacDonald opened our innings and with a delightful exhibition of batting, much enjoyed by spectators and players alike, score 75 before being bowled by Tom Morris.

In our score of 196 Littleton 24 and MacGowan 46 not out did best.

R.A.A.F. COLLEGE:

We defeated R.A.A.F. College outright in a match in which our bowlers, Brett Young, Summers and MacGowan dominated. R.A.A.F. were dismissed for 50 in the 1st innings and 31 in the second.

Brett Young bowled impressively taking 5 wickets for 21 in each innings. Seldom has a College bowler achieved such fine figures against a team which R.A.A.F. College considered quite strong.

Summers bowled with great determination and pace in R.A.A.F. College 2nd innings and took 3 wickets for 10. MacGowan with 2 for 4 and 1 for 0 also did well.

Our team mustered 97, not an impressive effort but sufficient to win outright. Martin batted safely and held our side together, scoring 27 while Farthing showed some of his true form to be not out 16.

NAVY OFFICE:

The annual match against Navy Office was keenly contested. Navy Office was sent in to bat by College Captain MacGowan and totalled 108 of which Lt. Kemp with 33 and Lt. Cdr. Wheeler 20 were the highest scorers. Our bowlers shared the wickets, Brett Young and Summers 2 each, MacGowan and Austin 3 each.

At stumps the College had lost 7 for 184. Jessurun 33 run out, Littleton 22 not out and MacGowan 28 all did well but our best effort was by Austin who scored 60 in a display of good batting mingled with big hitting. This was to be the highest score either for or against us during the season. Lt. Cdr. Wheeler took 4 for 50 for Navy Office.

MELBOURNE GRAMMAR:

In the return match against Melbourne Grammar under 16 A we suffered one of those days which cricket teams like to forget. On a damp wicket our batsmen failed miserably scoring 39.

To the credit of our bowlers it must be said that it took our opponents one hour and twenty-five minutes to reach our total but they went on to make 114 defeating us comfortably. Summers bowled 15 overs for only 28 runs taking 3 wickets while Brett Young and MacGowan each bowled 12 overs for 25 runs and 2 wickets each. Their desperate efforts however could not overcome our batting lapse.

COMBINED SERVICES v ASSOCIATED GRAMMAR SCHOOLS:

A team was chosen from R.A.N.C., R.A.A.F. College and O.C.S. Portsea to play a team chosen from the Associated Grammar Schools. Our players in the team were MacGowan, Jessurun, Brett Young, Martin and Littleton, while Austin was 12th man.

Our players acquitted themselves well, Jessurun scoring 52 and Martin 39 against the best bowling of Melbourne's Grammar Schools. The Grammar Schools' batting was too strong and they passed our total of 170 with a quarter of an hour to spare and 5 wickets in hand.

This was an excellent fixture and one worthy of retaining as an annual event.

CRICKET COLOURS:

At the conclusion of the Cricket Season, two players were presented with their colours. They were R. M. Jessurun of Phillip Year and J. Brett Young of Getting Year. The Captain K. H. MacGowan had already achieved this distinction during his second year.



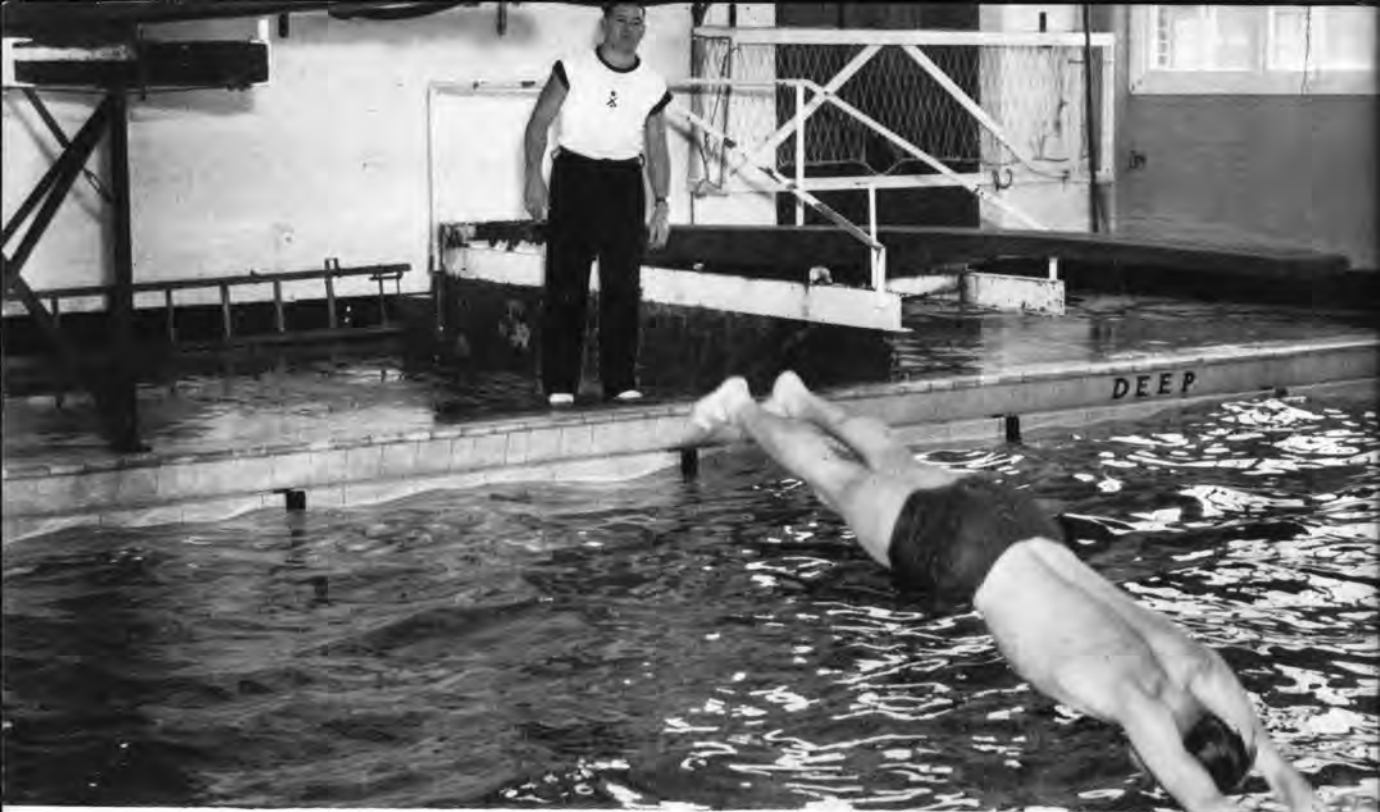
INTERPART CRICKET

The season of cricket commenced this year with a different system when junior cricket was discarded and interpart first and second teams took the field. This enabled otherwise First XI discards who would not have played, a chance to strengthen the second elevens and thus the year's cricket was of a better standard and more interesting.

The competition was probably the most open it has been for some years and defeats and wins came as shocks and surprises where warranted. The victorious part of ship was First Starboard who surprisingly took honours from the strong Second Port who have won the cricket practically uncontested in previous years. Although First Port and Second Port were the dominating first teams the second elevens of the other Watches were more successful thus the close final points result. The matches were keenly contested and on many occasions time and small run margins were the factors contributing to close results. There were many good players who helped their teams to success.

The fine cricket gave us a most enjoyable season and it is hoped that the same standard may be maintained next season.

First Starboard	21
Second Port	19
Second Starboard	18
First Port	16



SWIMMING

The swimming season started well this year when early in first term six cadets started training for the Inter-Service Sports. Of these six, five were chosen to represent the Navy in the Sports which were held at Puckapunyal Army Camp from the 19th to the 23rd of March.

The Cadets in the Navy team were:—

- C. J. Golding — Diving.
- P. Kilner — 55 yards Backstroke and 4 x 55 yards Medley Relay.
- P. Lambert — 220 yards Freestyle.
- C. J. Littleton — 110 yards Freestyle.
- J. Selby — 55 yards Breastroke.

On the 7th. of April a Triangular Swimming Meeting between Melbourne Grammar School, Scotch College and R.A.N. College was held in the Depot Pool. The College though outclassed swam well and on point score was narrowly beaten into third place. The highlights of this meeting as far the College was concerned was Russell's very good swim in the under 17 50 yards Breastroke in less than College record time for this event. Golding and Rice teamed well in the Open Diving and won this event by a large number of points.

In the Inter-Watch Swimming First Part of Starboard Watch dominated. In the Relays First Starboard won all the senior

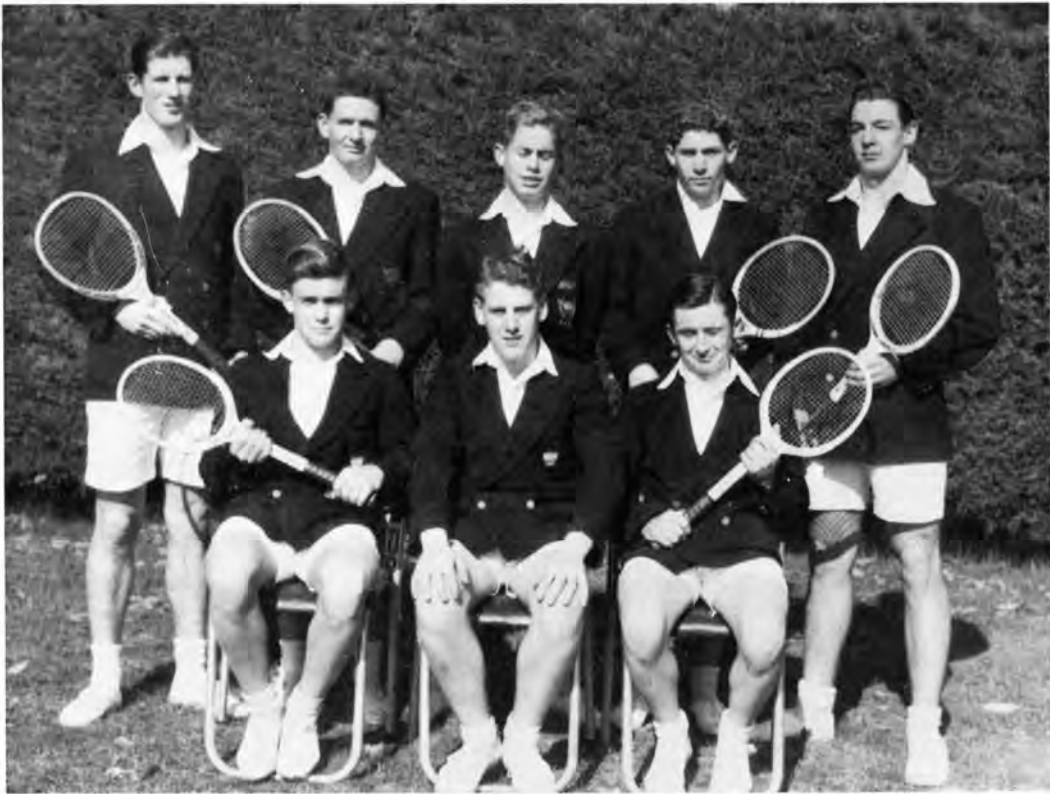
and junior A and B Medley relays as well as the All Hands relay and the spoon diving competition. First Starboard was the clear winner by several points from Second Starboard.

The Annual Swimming Sports were held on the 14th. of April. The meeting was a very interesting one in which three records were established; Golding set a new record time of 36.7 secs. cutting a second off the previous Under 17 50 yards backstroke record which has stood since 1951. Lambert's time of 71.9 secs. for the Under 17 100 yards freestyle will be taken as a record as it is the first time this event has been swum. Russell now holds the record for the Under 17 50 yards breastroke, taking .3 of a second off the previous time of 40.6 secs.

One of the best events of the day was the Open Diving. In this event Golding, Rice and Dechaineux filled the places. These three gave a very good exhibition of some graceful and very complicated diving. The most exciting event of the day was the Open 400 yards freestyle where Lambert and Kilner were the only ones in it from the start. They swam stroke for stroke all the way but in the last lap Lambert proved too strong and went away to win by about a yard.

Colours for the Swimming of 1956 were awarded to C. J. Golding, P. Kilner, P. Lambert, C. J. Littleton.

Results — see page 42.



TENNIS TEAM 1956

Rear: E. Benham, G. White, T. Jones, G. Simmons, W. D. Lees. Front: D. York, B. Wilson (c.), A. J. Campe.

TENNIS

With the coming of 1956, the tennis team emerged a very different combination from that which had moderate success last year. Jervis and Burnett Years took with them some very able players but our new recruits soon proved that they were excellent replacements. After several weeks of hard training the team played its first match against O.C.S. Portsea, at Portsea. The team was, on this occasion, Wilson (Captain), Jones, Campe (Vice Captain), York, Lees, Simmons, Benham and White G. All players soon adapted themselves to the asphalt courts and the senior service quickly proved superior. Portsea's second pair played well to defeat both our first and second pairs; however we won every other match which made the final score: R.A.N.C. 6 matches to O.C.S. 2 matches.

On the 29th February we took to the courts in a charitable mood towards our aged opponents. However, the wealth of experience which lay behind their white hair, gave to the Officers and Masters an ad-

vantage which nearly clinched a victory for them. Jones, who was unavailable, was replaced by White M. who played with Wilson in the 1st pair. They were defeated in both singles and doubles by Messrs. Brooks and Fargher, Mr. Berry defeated Campe 9-3, however Campe and York pressed home a victory against Mr. Berry and Lt. Money. Finally York defeated Lt. Money, White G. defeated Chaplain Fawell, Benham defeated Mr. Adeney and White and Benham won their doubles match to give an overall victory to the cadets of 5 matches to 4.

The College team who have been consistently beaten by the R.A.A.F.C. during the last five years faced the R.A.A.F. Cadets with little confidence. However after an initial slump when Wilson and Jones were defeated in their doubles, the College team began a series of victories climaxed by Jones' brilliant defeat of the left-handed R.A.A.F. College captain Lodge; the final score being 6-1; 4-6; 11-9; Jones' win gave us an 8 matches to 1 victory.

During the match we were honoured with an exhibition by the Spalding tennis troupe. This was a fine performance all round and a fine example of how the game should be played. This year we went to Toorak College determined to avenge the towelling which was dealt to us by these active girls in our previous encounter. Perhaps we should not be proud to admit that we thoroughly achieved our aim.

The finals of the singles and doubles championships of 1956 were played on Wednesday the 24th April. In the doubles Championship, White M. and MacGowan opposed Wilson and Jones. MacGowan and White soon settled down to steady tennis and clinched the first set. In the second set Wilson and Jones recovered and by means of their superior ground-strokes, gained a service break which enabled them to win the set. In the third and deciding set, White and MacGowan took the initiative from the beginning and by brisk and forceful play went on to win the match 6-3; 4-6; 6-2.

After a short break MacGowan and White, now opponents, took to the court for the final of the singles. MacGowan playing very steady tennis won his services and managed to break through White's first two services giving him a 4-0 lead. White recovered a little winning the next two

games but MacGowan, with a burst of powerful aggressive tennis won the set 6-2. The second set proved to be a match between steady base-line play from White and tiring aggressive tennis from MacGowan. Many of the rallies were long and uninteresting until finished by a powerful net rush by MacGowan or White's almost characteristic spin drop volley. The overall play was very even till five games all after which MacGowan showed definite superiority but could not manage to clinch any of the several match points. Both players were very weary when MacGowan with three set points and the score at 7-6 finally won the open singles title and Cunningham Cup 6-2; 8-6.

Commodore Mackinnon presented the prizes and congratulated the winners who had provided a fine exhibition of tennis. It was regretted that the proven champions of the College were not, in the first term available, however in the match against Ballarat College early in the Second term the team chosen was of maximum strength. This proved of little avail as our opponents won the match 8 rubbers to 4. This has been the most successful tennis season for many years and thanks go to Mr. Berry for the time he has spared for us. —B.W.

College Doubles Champions — MacGowan and White — in action.



RUGBY



RESULTS OF SEASON'S MATCHES

- R.A.N.C. v "SWAN", drawn 12 all.
- R.A.N.C. v Recruit School, drawn 6 all.
- R.A.N.C. v R.A.A.F. College, lost 9-32.
- R.A.N.C. v "CHINDWARRA", won 16-0.
- R.A.N.C. v Scotch, lost 0-3.
- R.A.N.C. v Balcombe, won 9-3.
- R.A.N.C. v R.A.A.F. College, lost 13-15.
- R.A.N.C. v Ward Room, drawn 6 all.
- R.A.N.C. v R.M.C. Duntroon, lost 0-20.
- R.A.N.C. v O.C.S. Portsea, won 13-11.
- R.A.N.C. v Scotch, won 16-8.
- R.A.N.C. v Ward Room, lost 5-8.

Points For: 106 — Against: 118.

This year, with somewhat smaller numbers of Cadets at the College, the Rugby training list suffered a reduction and at times it was difficult to field a First XV as strong as we should have liked. It was also unfortunate that some Rugby players, competing in the annual Boxing Tournament, performed with so much gusto that they afterwards languished on the sidelines nursing minor fractures. The way was thus opened to some players who might not otherwise have achieved the distinction of

playing for the First XV this season. In a way, this was fortunate, as I am sure they benefited from this experience. At times we were able to draw on players from the ranks of the Australian Rules Footballers, who were of considerable assistance. On these occasions one could not help thinking what a fine First Fifteen we should have if all Cadets played Rugby!

At the start of the season there were very few of last year's First XV remaining to form the basis of a team and I have been pleased at the progress made by many of the newcomers. We were fortunate to have had such strong representation from the New Normal Entry, in particular from the Kiwi element. The season, while not being a huge success as far as match-winning is concerned, has nevertheless provided some good football, and although defeated on occasions we were never trounced. An added interest has been the Combined Team games in which the Naval College players predominated, and the Combined R.A.N.C.-A.A.S. Balcombe team produced exciting Rugby of a very good standard when they defeated the Victorian Under Nineteen Team. The Combined Service Colleges match against Combined Pub-



1st XV RUGBY

Rear: P. Gilmour-Walsh, G. White, S. Lowe. Middle: G. Wild, J. Ellis, A. R. Mitchell, L. Clough, H. O. Beutel, N. Newman, E. Benham, J. Crawford, G. Denney. Front: G. Follas, W. Roberts, W. D. Lees (c.), Lt. (E.) W. H. Money (Coach), R. M. Jessurun, R. Taylor, D. Read.

lic Schools was also a success and will be repeated next year—possibly there will be three such matches. Generally, we can look back on a good season and the points for and against, while not being in our favour, are not indicative of a major setback.

It is customary to devote a little space to "Bouquets and Brickbats"; happily there are no large Brickbats this year and there are a few Bouquets.

Jessurun takes pride of place. He inspired the pack to greater efforts and his wing forward play was of the highest standard. Lees had a somewhat mottled season — at times brilliant and at times not. Gilmour-Walsh and Taylor were a good combination as halves and it is regrettable that they both received nasty injuries. We hope that they will be a stronger combination than ever next year. Ellis played soundly throughout the season and produced some excellent place kicks. No doubt he is convinced that even in a wind punting is better when taking free-kicks unless a Penalty is envisaged! Hicks and Beutel were stalwarts among the forwards, ably assisted by Wild, and Follas displayed his versatility by playing in several positions in the backs.

The "Brickbat" I am afraid, is a legacy from last season, and applies to all but a few players. TACKLING: The College always had a reputation for hard, low tackling, and it seems that we no longer merit that reputation. At times tackling was very good, but it must be so always. One of our aims for next season must be to regain that reputation for low tackling.

Junior Rugby seems to have suffered very much from the lack of 13 year old entry, and it has been difficult to produce a team for our Junior fixtures, although these were not numerous. It seems that next year even these few fixtures may go by the board which means that up and coming Rugby players will have to aim high and improve their standard for selection into the First XV.

This is a good time to review our prospects for next season, and it appears that we should have quite a number of first fifteen players still with us, which should put us so much farther ahead to begin with. We need a kicker, and any player who can develop his kicking sufficiently is almost assured of a place in the First XV. I think we can, with confidence, look forward to changing the balance of points in our favour next year.



AUSTRALIAN FOOTBALL

FIRST EIGHTEEN:

At the beginning of the 1956 season we found ourselves with only eight surviving "regulars" of the all-conquering 1955 side and a meagre 45 would-be players in the College. The prospects were hardly rosy and the practice matches did little to dispel the gloom, only four of the new entries showing form enough to make the final training list.

MacGowan, star rover of three previous College teams was unanimously chosen as captain, with Foster as his deputy. Austin, Farthing and O'Loughlin completed the selection committee. Nobody was greatly surprised when the season opened with three successive defeats. Lengthy selection committee discussions followed, changes were made in team personnel and placings, and there was some straight talking to the team and its individual members on where the weaknesses lay. At this stage the great enthusiasm, courage and will-to-win of the players, the shrewdness of the selectors and the football brains of the captain began to achieve results and of a further seventeen matches played only three were lost.

The team fell far below the great 1955 side in individual ability but achieved the same indomitable spirit and, in great measure, the co-operation and team-work of that fine XVIII to record a series of successes second only to theirs in the history of the game at R.A.N.C.

TEAM COMMENTARY:

H. MacGowan: Another excellent season as rover and, later, full-forward. A good mark and splendid kick, with plenty of dash

and elusiveness in his ground play and a heart as big as they come, Mac was a grand player and an inspiring captain. In his four seasons, he played a record number of games (68) for the College, set a new match goal-kicking record (10 goals), a new season's goal-kicking record (43) and a new aggregate figure of goals scored for the College (90).

F. Foster: One of the best players we have had at the College. A specialist at full-back and a natural defender, he was a lovely high mark and a smooth ball-handler who was always willing to back his very fine judgment. 55 senior games with hardly a poor one among them. Runner-up to Best and Fairest, 1956.

R. Austin: A particularly successful season as follower and, late in the season, rover and forward. Particularly as a rover, he was most impressive, his elusiveness, pace, clean marking and ruggedness making him an outstanding player. He topped off his work with brilliant stab passing and glorious driving kicks to position. In his four seasons (58 games) he developed into a very good footballer. Easily won the Best and Fairest voting for 1956.

P. O'Loughlin: He did not do quite as well as in 1955, being not entirely happy in the centre where the requirements of the team forced him to play for most of the season. However, his excellent marking and forceful ground play gave him a large measure of success over some good opponents and he gave considerable drive to the side. He deserves full credit for the cheerful way in which he tackled an unwelcome task and succeeded at it.

D. Farthing: Started the season well below last year's form but steadily ran back into touch and played magnificently over the latter part of the year. The high flier of the side, he dragged down some really freakish marks during the season. Also, his ground play improved remarkably to make him one of the best ground players in the side.

R. Walker: A solid and most unselfish follower and a very sound back pocket player, he gave consistently useful service throughout the year. Rarely brilliant but always reliable and safe and a really big-hearted team man.

A. Barber: Wing. He gave the side great drive from his flank capitalising on his great dash and speed and his (for his size) fine marking. His courage was remarkable and frequently fired his bigger team-mates.

B. Wilson: The "Mr. Stay-at-Home" of the back line. He preferred safety to flashiness so was rarely brilliant but the team would have been in dire trouble on numerous occasions if it had not had Wilson's dour, tenacious, defence to rescue it. The value of such players in a team can hardly be over-emphasised.

C. Littleton: Full forward. He did a grand job for the side until he injured his shoulder. A safe mark and an easy, almost nonchalant, mover on the ground he was also remarkably accurate and averaged about three goals per game for his total of 35.

R. Parr: Wing. This proved his best position although he turned in a couple of good games as a rover also. Like Barber he had an enormous amount of courage and determination and was another surprisingly good mark for his size.

R. Judd: Centre half-back. He showed all the safety and reliability of last season and, in addition considerably more confidence and willingness to back his judgment. A solid ground player and a sure high mark, he was too good for most opponents and was a tower of strength to the team throughout the season.

K. Houghton: Half-forward flank. He had lots of ability but, unfortunately, not much confidence in himself and did not always do himself full justice. On his best days he played really good football, his marking on these occasions being spectacularly good.

R. Hefferan: Gave the side a useful season but after a brilliant opening game he suffered an ankle injury which set him back and he never shone quite so brightly again. A very useful all-rounder who served on most lines. A sound mark and a tricky

rover on the ground he was a solid, if not spectacular, performer throughout the season.

R. Derbidge: Shows a lot of promise. Dashing and elusive on the ground but a little weak in the air. He should improve and do very well in the future.

K. Smith: Half-back flank. A very fair season, but he must learn to back his judgment and go out hard to meet the ball. Has definite ability but must develop greater confidence.

J. Lindsay: Follower and defender. He gave us a good season. Safe in the air, sure on the ground and a solid battler in the packs, he was a good supporting ruckman and a dependable backman.

B. Lawn: Half-forward or half-back flank. He has a lot of ability but is a rather spasmodic player who seems at times to lack concentration. A rather disappointing season.

R. Nattey: Follower and forward. A tireless battler in the packs, he gave sterling, unselfish service to the side. He took a lot of hard knocks very cheerfully and bore the burden of most of the hard work in the rucks.

G. Simmons: Half-back flank. He had a great season, showing terrific marking ability, considerable dash and anticipation and an elusive swerving run. He was one of the best men in a very good defence. An attribute that must be commended was his beautifully directed drop-kicking.

A. Summers: Wing. He was an honest battler without a great deal of ability but with enormous enthusiasm, courage and energy, qualities which gained him a lot of kicks.

R. Blue: Rover, half-forward. A clever little player but still lacking a yard in pace. He has very real ability and should come good next season.

B. Walker: Follower. This fellow is going to be a real footballer. He started a bit on the wrong foot but was showing welcome signs of growing confidence and plenty of skill as the season ended. A dashing player with good marking ability and plenty of courage, he was always useful.

M. White: Half-forward. Greatly handicapped by a recurrent knee injury, he still played enough to show that he is a better than average half-forward flanker.

D. York: Wing, half-forward flank. A good season, particularly after he was moved to defence. He played very close to his opponents and used his solid physique to good effect in crashing through for a good, driving kick. His marking was always safe and sometimes exceptionally clever.



1st XVIII — 1956

Rear: G. Simmons, R. Judd, R. Hefferan, M. Summers, R. Derbidge, L. Renfrey, D. York. Third Row: R. Austin, J. Lindsay, R. Walker, C. Littleton, R. Nattey, M. White, B. Walker, K. Houghton, D. Farthing. 2nd Row: P. O'Loughlin, J. Rice, K. H. Mac Gowan (c.), Mr. R. R. Clark (coach), F. Foster, B. Lawn, B. Wilson. Front: R. Blue, A. Barber, R. Parr.

J. Rice. Used as a half-forward, rover and forward pocket, he did not often produce his best form. He often got the ball but did not use it very well frequently taking too long to get his kick. He gave us some good games, especially towards the end of the season when he was showing more dash and holding his marks better.

L. Renfrey. Follower. He did not get a run in the 1st XVIII until the season was well advanced but then gave several dogged exhibitions. He was very slow but marked safely in the back pocket, worked hard in the ruck and, in fact, made himself thoroughly useful.

G. Denney. 1st XV. Helped us out when we were hit by injuries. In ruck and defence, he did a solid dependable job based on sure chest marking and forceful ground play.

R. Jessurun: 1st XV. Also lent a hand when we were in trouble and played

several splendid games. An excellent ball handler and a sound mark. Usually half-forward but he also roved and had a game in the centre. We could have used him permanently.

FIRST XVIII RESULTS

Lost to H.M.A.S. "SWAN", 2.16 (28) — 4.19 (43).

Lost to Frankston H.S., 5.4 (34)—10.9 (69).

Lost to Ballarat College, 9.14 (68) — 13.13 (91) (MacGowan 3).

Defeated St. Bede's College, 8.5 (53) — 5.9 (39) (Littleton 5).

Lost to Brighton G.S. (1st), 6.11 (47) — 12.12 (84) (Littleton 5).

Defeated Ship's Company, 6.6 (42) — 3.3 (21) (Rice 3).

Defeated Melb. G.S. (3rds), 4.8 (32) — 2.15 (27).

Defeated College Staff, 6.7 (43) — 3.5 (23).

Defeated Mordialloc H.S., 7.2 (44) — 4.11 (35) (Littleton 3).
 Defeated Dookie A.C. (2nds), 7.7. (49) — 2.10 (22).
 Lost to Frankston 2nds (M.P.F.L.), 2.5 (17) — 16.17 (113).
 Defeated The Rest, 11.6 (72) — 3.16 (34) (Littleton 4, Farthing 3).
 Lost to Frankston H.S., 6.4 (40) — 7.10 (52) (Littleton 3).
 Defeated Brighton G.S. (2nds), 19.15 (129) — 0.3 (3) (MacGowan 10).
 Defeated College Staff, 9.7 (61) — 6.10 (46) (MacGowan 5).
 Defeated Melbourne G.S. (3rds), 8.18 (66) — 2.13 (25) (MacGowan 6).
 Defeated St. Bede's College, 7.4 (46) — 6.3 (39) (MacGowan 3, Austin 3).
 Defeated Mordialloc H.S., 9.7 (61) — 4.11 (35) (Littleton 6).
 Lost to Caulfield G.S., 2.7 (19) — 3.11 (29).
 Defeated Geelong G.S. Sea Cadets, 7.12 (54) — 1.3 (9) (MacGowan 3, Heffernan 3).
 Best and Fairest: 1. R. Austin, 34 points; 2. F. Foster, 16 points; 3. G. Simmons, R. Judd, 11½ points; 5. H. MacGowan, 11 points.
 Most Consistent Player: B. Wilson.
 Most Unselfish Players: R. Nattey, R. Walker.
 Most Determined Player: H. MacGowan.
 Best First Season Player: A. Barber.
 Leading Goal-kickers: 1. H. MacGowan, 43; 2. C. Littleton, 35; 3. R. Austin, 18; 4. D. Farthing, 11.

All in all, the season was a most successful one from every point of view and the team was a pleasant one to work with by virtue of the willingness of the players to work hard on the track to eliminate faults and on the field to help each other. Such whole-hearted co-operation all round cannot help but achieve results. Congratulations to all 'hose in the team during the season for their part in making the 1956 season another very happy one.

—R. R. CLARK.



THE SECOND EIGHTEEN

On most occasions when the College 1st XVIII travelled away or met a visiting school at home, the Second XVIII had a corresponding fixture—usually against an under 15 team.

Our biggest problem was to match up our team with theirs, as the margins in scores often showed. Many of our opponents were under-age limit teams competing in inter-school competition and displayed considerable talent and team-work.

Despite an interesting season of ups and downs as far as scores were concerned, the second eighteen played with vigour and spirit, occasionally won against superior footballers through being fitter and keener to win, and looked forward to its matches from week to week. It also performed the important roles of keeping the remainder of the first XVIII training list up to mark, and of building up talent for next year's College team.

Lyneham, Dechaineux and Renfrey were our selectors. Lyneham and Dechaineux took it in turns to captain the side while Renfrey hung on the edge of the First XVIII with the dual role of being named in both teams — ready to change from one ground to the other when his 19th man services with the First were suddenly required.

From final year cadets our mainstays were Dechaineux, Summers, Cowdell, Ferry and Kaye with rugby players Jessurun, Denney, Lees and Roberts borrowed occasionally to strengthen the side.

Apart from Derbidge, Lawn, Parr, Blue and K. Smith, who took it in turns to come back by courtesy the first XVIII selectors, talent in other years improved definitely over the latter half of the season—particularly Lyneham, Lynch, Archer, Garing, Cocking, Bowra and Partington.

Eggleston, Knife and Underwood became very experienced and capable boundary umpires when not included in the team.

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RESULTS OF SWIMMING SPORTS

Open Champion: P. Kilner.

Under 17 Champion: C. J. Golding.

Open 50 yards Backstroke: Kilner. Time: 33.8 seconds.

Under 17 50 yards Backstroke: Russell. Time 40.3 seconds (record).

Open 50 yards Breastroke: Selby. Time: 38.2 seconds.

Open Diving: Golding.

Open 50 yards Butterfly: Selby. Time: 36.2 seconds.

Under 17 50 yards Backstroke: Golding. Time: 36.7 seconds (record).

Open 100 yards Freestyle: Kilner. Time: 66.5 seconds.

Under 17 100 yards Freestyle: Lambert. Time: 71.9 seconds (record).

Open 100 yards Medley: Littleton. Time: 89 seconds.

Under 17 Diving: Golding.

Open 400 yards Freestyle: Lambert. Time: 5 minutes 49.1 seconds.



1st XI HOCKEY 1956

Rear: W. Jones, P. Cooke-Russell, Middle: D. N. Phipps, K. A. Doolan, C. J. Nisbet, B. Boettcher, D. Walkington, D. Cameron, R. Burns. Front: G. Spence, P. Leach, Lt. Cdr. Lancaster, (coach), H. Donohue, T. M. O'Brien.

HOCKEY

The season's 1st XI Hockey team, although not always the best available Hockey team in the College, was composed of regular first preference Hockey players. The standard of team work was, on the whole, only fair, though a decided improvement on previous years.

Individuals in the team however were generally quite good and promising players.

Full backs, O'Brien, who captained the team for most of the season, and Cooke-Russell, could always be depended upon to be in the right place at the right time with solid defensive and covering play for goalkeeper, Cameron. Cameron, a novice to the game, was lost to the team early in the season with an injured hand and his place was taken by the reserve, Burns, who did quite well.

Leach, leading the half backs Doolan and Phipps, seldom let the side down either in defence or attack and much of the success of the forwards Jones, Donohue and Nisbet must be credited to the efforts of this well-knit half back line. The forward line with Boettcher and Spence on the wings took a long time to settle down and it was not

until the end of the season that they were able to warm to the game and create much team work.

The first important match of the season was against Geelong Grammar at Corio, where the team encountered a hard fast pitch, which caused the ball to rise, consequently unsettling our players at times. With only a few minutes to go and no score obtained, the Geelong centre forward took a snapshot at goal, which Cameron's efforts failed to save.

The following day R.A.A.F. College was played at home and as in the two matches against Melbourne High School, the team failed to rally until it was too late.

The long-awaited match with St. Margaret's had to be cancelled because of bad weather, but a most enjoyable dance was held for the Seniors.

Over the mid-term weekend, the 1st XI travelled to the Royal Military College, Duntroon. The match was played in very trying conditions and it was once necessary to pull the goalie out of the mud. Although the game was interesting, Duntroon was too good.

Undoubtedly the best two matches of the season were the return matches against R.A.A.F. College at Point Cook and Geelong Grammar at R.A.N.C. We lost to R.A.A.F. College but the scores were no indication of the closeness of the play. The team's speed and dash had the R.A.A.F. team disconcerted at times but this advantage was not always fully exploited.

The match against Geelong Grammar resulted in a sound win for the College. With Lindsay and Barber on the wings, the forward line worked smoothly, with splendid co-operation and our defence, notably O'Brien and Cooke-Russell, averted all threats quite comfortably. In this match Cameron reappeared after a long absence.

Two friendly matches were played, one against Clyde Ladies' College and the other against Toorak Ladies' College. We won the first by the diplomatic margin of one goal and drew the other in gentlemanly

fashion. These games could not be noted for determined and hard play but were very friendly indeed!

Colours for the season were awarded to Cooke-Russell, Leach and Jones. O'Brien and Donohue had been awarded colours during the previous season.

FIRST ELEVEN RESULTS:

Defeated R.A.N.C. Staff, 4-2.
 Defeated R.A.N.C. Ships' Company, 7-0.
 Lost to Geelong Grammar, 0-1.
 Lost to R.A.A.F. College, 0-7.
 Drew with Melbourne High School, 3-3.
 Lost to R.M.C. Duntroon, 1-5.
 Defeated Clyde Ladies' College, 2-1.
 Lost to Melbourne High School, 1-9.
 Drew with Melbourne Grammar, 1-1.
 Defeated Recruit School F.N.D., 3-2.
 Lost to R.A.A.F. College, 0-10.
 Defeated Geelong Grammar, 4-1.
 Lost to Wardroom F.N.D., 1-5.
 Drew with Toorak Ladies' College, 4-4.

BOXING

The Boxing Elimination Bouts aroused the usual high interest in the early weeks of the Winter Term and most of the College occupied itself in forecasting Weight winners, Shelley Cup possibilities and so on.

Finals Night saw a large crowd assembled and it was treated to a good deal of skilful boxing, most of which was a tribute to the efforts of C.P.O. Gascoyne and P.O. Pritchard, who had been preparing the Cadets for some weeks. Special thanks are also due to those many officers from the Depot who assisted in the refereeing and judging of the bouts—in particular Lt.Cdr. Russell-Brown, Lt. Hawkins and Mr. Saltmarsh.

The Shelley Cup was awarded to I. M. McIntyre of Cook Year who fought skilfully throughout the series of bouts.

The complete list of winners in the various weights is as follows:—

Catch Weight: Benham d. Littleton.

Middle Weight: White, M. d. Scott.

Light Middle Weight: Selby J. d. Renfrey.

Welter Weight: Walker, B. d. Wilson.

Light Welter Weight: Lowe d. Rice.

Light Weight: Jessurun d. Giles.

Feather Weight: Blue d. Mews.

Bantam Weight: McIntyre d. Ridley.

Fly Weight: Partington d. Boettcher.

Mosquito Weight: Underwood d. Godfrey.

Midge Weight: Skinner d. Baines.

Best Losers' Cakes were awarded to R. J. Nattey, G. R. Denney, T. A. Roach, L. W. Renfrey, B. Wilson, D. McK. Eggleston, G. White, R. B. Giles, A. L. Barber, R. Selby, R. Ridley, B. J. Boettcher, J. S. Godfrey, P. G. Baines.



Shelley Cup winner, 1956 — I. M. McIntyre.



SOCCER

Hopes of raising a Soccer team for this year's season seemed a little remote as few of the 1955 players remained. However, sufficient recruits with Soccer as preference were forthcoming and we were able to raise an Eleven. The fixture list too was rather bare and steps were taken to arrange matches in the order that a full season might be undertaken. During First Term only one match was played — against a F.N.D. XI. Cowdell who was merely making up the number, shone, and earned a permanent place in the team.

Term II began with training runs and practice. Lt. Cdr. Nicholas, newly-arrived at the College, became the Soccer coach and with his encouragement, fixtures were arranged and practice became keener.

The first game was played against Frankston and was well won (2-1). This proved a great encouragement to our team as Frankston had been undefeated for the past four years.

The team was generally stronger in defence than in attack and several times the team was rescued by the good defensive play of Hobson, Wild and Follas. Brett Young proved himself a good goalkeeper with excellent anticipation.

The forwards lacked the very necessary ability to shoot for and score goals and many opportunities of scoring goals were missed.

J. Selby at centre forward and Parkinson at inside left developed quite good com-

bination which was especially successful against Mordialloc and the National Servicemen.

A lecture on the Laws of Soccer was delivered early in Term II, by Lt. Cdr. Nicholas. The standard of play improved considerably and together with the experience derived from the matches already played, there was a noticeable rise in standard in the Inter-Part competition.

Lessons to be learnt this season are that hard and accurate tackling, good shooting, and fitness, are the essentials for a successful team.

J. Selby proved himself a keen and vigorous Captain and it was largely due to his leadership that the Soccer team had as successful a season as it did. The spirit and keenness with which the team entered into all matches was most commendable.

FIRST ELEVEN RESULTS:

- Lost to F.N.D. Combined XI, 2-5.
- Defeated Frankston High School, 2-1.
- Defeated Rugby Team XI, 3-2.
- Defeated Officers and Masters, 3-1.
- Lost to Mordialloc High School, 0-3.
- Lost to Dookie Agricultural College, 1-6.
- Lost to Melbourne High School, 4-0.
- Defeated The Rest, 3-0.
- Defeated Frankston High School, 1-0.
- Drew with R.A.N.R. (N.S.), 1-1
- Drew with Mordialloc High School, 2-2.



1st XI SOCCER — 1956

Rear: R. Follas, R. Selby, P. Lambert. Middle: G. Cowdell, G. Wild, J. Brett-Young, D. Cameron, R. Payne. Front: R. Ridley, R. Parkinson, J. Selby (c.), E. Hobson, A. J. Campe.

ANNUAL CROSS COUNTRY

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After many varied, long and weary treks across the countryside of Crib Point and Somers the long awaited event arrived. The course was, as usual, sodden, but fortunately, not as bad as last year.

The start was fast, as everyone tried to make a position before the murky, pigsty stretch. However, soon energies were exhausted and the speed settled down to a more reasonable one. A noticeable feature of the race was that the smaller clan fared much better than the larger in the muddy stretches and vice versa on the road. Lowe quickly established a powerful lead and this he held over the whole distance. High-

light of the course was the swamp, which was in the same delightful condition as last year. Generally the race was very well run and the fast pace was particularly noticeable.

After totalling up the points score it was found that 2nd Starboard had won decisively and the results were as follows:— 1. 2nd. Starboard; 2. 1st. Port; 3. 1st. Starboard; 4. 2nd Port.

The Commodore presented the prizes to the Open and Under 17 Champion Lowe for a very fine run indeed and also to the respective year winners from each year, who were: Watson (Flinders); Walker (Jervis); Lowe (Cook); Summers (Getting); Donohue (Waller); Jessurun (Phillip).



CURRY CUP TEAM

Back Row: P. Lambert, J. Lindsay, E. Benham, C. Littleton, F. Foster, D. Farthing, J. Ellis. Seated: J. Selby, C. J. Nisbet, H. Donohue (c.), P. Gilmour-Walsh, S. Lowe. Front: D. Read.

CURRY CUP

With all the interest aroused in the Curry Cup once again the College entered this year, what proved to be a really "hot" team. In the second heat we drew away from our rivals the Officers and won by a good margin of about 400 yards. Winners of the first heat the Electrical School appeared to be very strong but we had a faster time and were confident of victory.

In the first final however the Electrical School sabotaged their opponents' boats and competitors to such an extent that many protests were put in resulting in a re-run of the event the next day. Beforehand the Commodore pointed out that the race was in memory of Commander Curry and the Electrical School withdrew then and were replaced by the National Service team and the Signal School team. The weather for this was appalling. It had rained for most of the night and all day, so the course was sodden and difficult.

Many spectators were present in spite of the conditions and the start still provided its characteristic enthusiasm. Gilmour-Walsh did not manage to gain his usual lead this

time and we were last to the hurdles. Here Foster after managing not to fall over the wire hurdle overtook Mr. Armstrong of the R.A.N.C. and we were equal third at the next change to the cyclist. Read rode with great dash here to gain no less than about 100 yards and put us just in front when Nisbett took the baton for the sprint to the boats. We had about a length in hand at the wharf and on the way across improved that to some 50 yards. Lowe took over and ran very well indeed in pouring rain still holding a 30 yard lead from the Wardroom trump card Mr. Thompson. After the next change Donohue was never in trouble and running well he made the swimming pool with an unbeatable lead. Only some mishap could stop the College at this point and this was not to occur. Lambert swam the pool in good style and Farthing's sprint clinched a win in very good time considering the conditions.

After coming fourth last year we deemed ourselves with a strong victory against pretty tough opposition. Congratulations to the team for its fine effort.



The Start of the Sydney Hobart Yacht Race

SAILING

SYDNEY-HOBART YACHT RACE

I must be the best sailor after all, otherwise how could I have been chosen to relate the story about Tam O'Shanter in the 1955 Sydney to Hobart race?

All good stories have a beginning, a middle, and an end. The beginning and middle present few difficulties but the 1955 Race is not the end, as the story of Tam O'Shanter in Hobart Races is by no means finished, so, partly as a challenge to my successor, I leave the story to be continued.

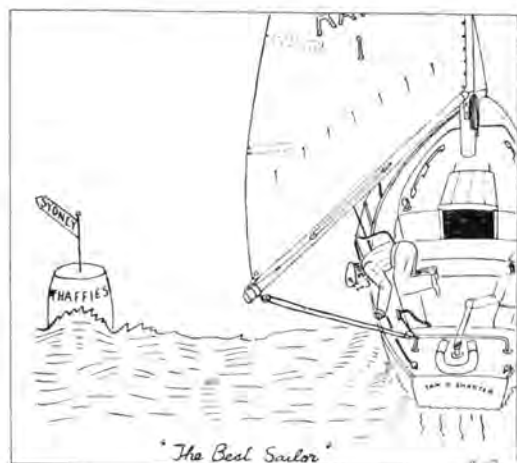
In the beginning Tam O'Shanter was handicapped under Royal Ocean Racing handicap of .6672, which means that her elapsed time over any race is multiplied by this figure to determine her corrected time. The times of all boats are compared on this basis to determine the winner, and

considering that Kurrewa IV had a handicap of 9.185, Tam O'Shanter had a fair chance of doing well. Secondly, Tam O'Shanter was handicapped by her crew and this was not quite so favourable. As you are all aware the bigoted "professional" yachtsmen contend that the two most useless things in a yacht are a Naval Officer and a wheelbarrow, but although we may have been something of a handicap to Tam O'Shanter we hardly justified classification with wheelbarrows at any time.

If we did not sail her as well as experts it was mainly due to lack of experience in handling her in varying conditions of wind and sea, which can be directly attributed to lack of time in training.

So far as Tam O'Shanter was concerned the starting point for the Hobart Race was Hann's Inlet, and from the moment we left those confined and murky waters astern

we commenced crew training. I rapidly made my bid for the title of "Best Sailor".



Tam O'Shanter headed south in a fair breeze but by morning a drizzle and change of wind had limited visibility and made the task of beating around the Prom. decidedly unpleasant, and for the next few days we were blessed by winds which could hardly have been less favourable to our progress in the direction of Sydney. To our surprise and dismay we discovered that Tam O'Shanter had a built-in cold salt water shower system, so cleverly concealed that it was not discovered how to stop it until the refit in July this year! Getting wet on watch was comparatively pleasant as it was achieved rapidly and completely, but the slow damping one received below deck was extremely unpleasant and during the race had a marked adverse effect on morale. Ultimately we found a strong wind from the south and hustled up to Sydney under main and spinnaker making over seven knots at times. The weather forecasts from R.A.N.A.S. NOWRA were most accurate, and a predicted series of "outbursts of rain" duly arrived and produced a sensation of being immersed in dark aerated water. One particular outburst, brilliantly lit by intermittent lightning and followed by darkest gloom, kept us off Sydney Heads for hours. Visibility was so bad that Merchant shipping waited with us for conditions to improve. We finally entered the Heads in a fresh south easterly wind and were met by Captain Robertson in "Rushcutter's" work boat. We accepted a tow and finally secured alongside "Rushcutter" at 0630 on Sunday, 18th December, five days and seventeen hours after leaving the Depot.

How he did it remains a mystery but Captain Robertson's cheerful presence at 0630 on that Sunday morning was a most welcome and pleasant surprise. So ended the first phase of our journey to Hobart.

The next week was spent in Sydney preparing for the Race, making good defects, and in a certain amount of social activity. The Cruising Yacht Club of Australia were most hospitable—however, the activities in Sydney would almost merit a separate story!

Have you ever seen the start of a big yacht race? Picture Sydney Harbour on a bright sunny day, innumerable small boats decked in flags and sailor girls, and the competing yachts cruising up and down the starting area, manoeuvring for position, and add to that the excitement of being in the crew of one of the yachts taking part and you can partly understand how Tam O'Shanter's crew felt on December 26th last. We got across the line very soon after the starting gun and were almost trampled underfoot by "Defiance" who soon passed us very close to starboard. The larger yachts drew away and we saw the last of "Kurrewa's" kangaroo shortly afterwards.

As we left Sydney Heads the sky seemed split down the centre—one half black and threatening, the other clear and sunny. It wasn't long before the weather deteriorated and obscured the leading yachts who were already hull down on the horizon. "Fantasy" seemed to be company for us, but in the light winds and gloomy conditions in the late afternoon we parted company and moved sluggishly southward during the first night. It seems that we made a tactical error somewhere in this stage, but as conditions are so unpredictable our loss may well have been a gain had the weather suited us. Light winds during the next two days did little to bring Hobart closer and finally a dead flat calm off Green Cape collapsed our hopes of a New Year's Day arrival there. The rest of the fleet seemed to have fared much better, and there is nothing quite so annoying and frustrating during an ocean race as to hear radio reports of yachts doing five knots interspersed with the flapping of one's own idle mainsail.

The ocean is seldom still for long and the winds that move the water change rapidly. The changes are far more noticeable in a small boat and we experienced a dramatic change from calm to fresh winds, which resulted in a wet but exhilarating

day beating south. New Year's Day in Hobart again seemed a possibility. However the wind eased considerably overnight and the next morning was spent in ideal cruising conditions—a light wind from the North East. During the afternoon the wind increased and we were soon bowling along under spinnaker and main and making seven knots. The darkening sky and falling barometer gave an indication of what was to follow, but by then we expected anything as we had reached and passed the latitude of F.N.D.! The worst arrived in the form of a cry from the helmsman "On Deck!" and the first of us who arrived on deck were just in time to see the remains of the spinnaker before it disappeared. A hectic half hour of clearing the wreckage, stowing the spinnaker boom and setting fresh headsail, ensued, at the end of which the majority of the crew were soaked and chilled to the marrow. The wind abated and periods of gusty wind from all points of the compass and calms followed. Towards midnight the wind suddenly increased and reached gale force, accompanied by heavy squalls of rain. This was the exciting period of the race and it was decided to reef the mainsail. During this

evolution our skipper unfortunately fell and hit his head. He was tended by our "Doctor", textbook in hand, until he improved. Fortunately this accident had no serious consequences although it was a matter of great concern at the time.

That day the wind continued at gale force, fortunately from astern, and the helmsman had an exciting time surfing in a heavy swell and sea. One hour's run produced 8.5 miles on the log. The wind continued to increase and finally the mainsail was lowered. Even so, we averaged six knots on the jib alone. The temperature had dropped considerably and in our damp clothes morale dropped also. Fatigue and cold made this the most miserable part of the race, and this added to the fact that no boats were in sight made us feel that we were indeed "out of the race". The wind dropped as suddenly as it had arrived and we spent all the next day beating up the Derwent in light airs and occasional squalls. We crossed the finish at 1657 on New Year's Day, and received a truly grand ovation from the crowd assembled at a vantage point. We felt that after all it had been worthwhile. Our placing of 13th, while not being an outstanding performance, was only seven hours behind "Solo", tipped as favourite before we left Sydney.

There were many lessons learned from the race, but this is hardly the place for critical examination of our efforts. I am sure I can say that, despite the occasional hardships, we all enjoyed the experience and can recommend sailing in this race to all who are prepared to meet the challenge of wind and water. This year Tam O'Shanter is again entered in the Hobart Race and as I end this chapter of the story of Tam O'Shanter in Hobart races, a new chapter is almost ready to be written.

—LT. (E.) W. H. MONEY.



LADY NELSON TROPHY

During the 1955-56 sailing season, Tam O'Shanter, as well as entering in the Sydney-Hobart, sailed in four or five big Port Phillip Bay races.

One of these was the Lady Nelson Trophy. This race usually takes twenty-four hours, and has as the course the extremities of the Bay. The race is run on a handicap basis taking T.C.F.'s into account.



TAM O'SHANTER

The Trophy race was begun at 1230 in a mild breeze and bright sunshine. The first mark of the course was the Howell Light near Mornington. This mark was almost directly to windward so the yachts spread out across the Bay in their uneven tacks to reach the light. At approximately 2000 we rounded this light and immediately set the spinnaker. It was too heavy for the light airs at the time so we drifted down the South Channel on a falling tide. Luckily a pre-dawn breeze sprang up as we entered the West Channel and also the tide turned. As the sun came up we were running into Corio Bay with a ten knot breeze behind us. There were quite a few yachts besides ourselves entering the Bay and consequently tactics were brought into play. As we moved out of Corio Bay the bigger yachts forged ahead and managed to get to Gellibrand before the calm arrived between Corio and this light. We

spent nearly four hours getting across this becalmed area and had our finishing line in sight all the time. The closer we got to Gellibrand Light the stronger the breeze became until once more the fore' was damp with spray and water was racing down the leeward side. Just twenty-four hours after the start we crossed the finishing line. Unfortunately the calm area had spoilt our chances of victory. But besides having a trophy for the winner there was also one for the yacht which kept the best log. We kept up the example set the year before and won this prize.

In every one of these Bay races the majority of the crews have comprised Cadets. Much valuable experience and knowledge as well as pleasure has been gained from these races and should stand us in good stead in the future.

—G. DENNEY.

REGATTA, 1956

Good weather prevailed over the annual regatta, held on the last Saturday of First Term. Incidentally this is the first time in four years the weather has been good. Because of lack of man power and juniors four interpart races only were raced and each watch entered the various "A", "B" and "C" crews.

The afternoon began with the two shorter races. Interest ran high from the start when the first race, the "D" whalers, culminated in a dead heat between 1st Port and 2nd Starboard. Following this 2nd Starboard won the "C" whalers convincingly and they then led the field on progress points. The Stewards v Able Seamen race intervened and after some dangerous tactics on the part of the Stewards in which they cut across the path of the Able Seamen the former narrowly won.

The sculls followed this and here also was a very close race. Denney held a strong lead for most of the course but towards the end Burns appeared on the scene gaining fast. The finish now provided great excitement with Burns gaining with every stroke. A little too late he left it though and Denney carried off the open sculls championship.

Highlight of the day was the Officers v Masters v Chief Petty Officers race. The Officers began by giving an exhibition pull past the wharf which was very impressive. However in the ensuing race the Chief Petty Officer's managed to win by approximately 10 yards leaving the Masters (whose boat possessed 5 different strokes) to finish a desperate third.

Back to the Interwatch Competition again with the two long course events. The "B" whalers now fought it out over the greater distance and 2nd Starboard won again. Here the advantage of the various boats became evident as two boats always were first and second while the other two poorer ones were always third and fourth. However the success of 2nd Starboard so far gave them an unbeatable lead. The last race then became a tussel between 1st Port and 2nd Port to see who would be second. Both had good boats and after an exciting race 2nd Port clinched second place for themselves.

RESULTS:—

- 1st—Second Starboard.
- 2nd—Second Port.
- 3rd—First Port.
- 4th—First Starboard.



F. D. FOSTER and J. W. RICE in the 120 yards Hurdles.

ATHLETICS

Although our prospects early in the season didn't appear too bright, the College rounded off the athletics season in a blaze of glory by soundly defeating the R.A.A.F. College and O.C.S., Portsea, in the annual triangular contest. The general standard this year was a little higher than in past years due mainly to an all round improvement on the field games side. Much credit for this is due to the P.T. Instructors, Gascoigne and Pritchard.

The Cross Country season, as usual held in the second term, was not the cause of any rejoicing on the part of most cadets. Nevertheless from the hundred or so who competed over the 6 mile course in the cross-country championship many good performances were produced. At the half way stage 5 competitors, namely Lowe, Jessurun, Taylor, Donohue and Hobson had singled out from the rest of the field. However, the latter stages of the race developed into a stirring tussle between Lowe and Jessurn, with Lowe proving a little too strong in the final dash to the line. Taylor ran a very creditable third.

The track season was rather short this year, nevertheless it was very full. Standards were commenced in the second week of third term and performances generally were not of a very high standard due to

the fact that most athletics were running with practically no training. Our first outside meeting for the year was held at Melbourne Grammar, with Brighton Grammar also competing. We were in the main, out-classed — the only event going to the R.A.N.C. was the Under 15 High Jump through the agency of Blue. However, the competition and race experience gained was of great value for succeeding meetings. The same thing may be said for the Peninsula Sports — an inter-school contest in which we competed at St. Bedes College Mentone, on the following Wednesday.

COLLEGE SPORTS DAY:

This was held on October 13th and was highlighted by the excellent performances of Austin (winner of Open Championship), Lowe (Junior Champion), together with Donohue and Nisbet. Three records were broken—the new Javelin record going to Austin with a throw of 148'3" whilst Nattey threw the Discus a few inches over the 100 feet to set up a new record there. The one new record in the track events went to Lowe, who reduced the existing best time for the Junior 880 yds., by 1/10 sec.

Austin proved himself the most versatile athlete in the College and worthy of the



C. J. LITTLETON winning Open Shot Putt.

honour of being open champion. Besides the javelin he won the hop, step and jump and was placed in the 100 yds., shot putt, and discus throw, amassing in all a total of 39 points. Nisbet was the top sprinter of the year, proving his superiority in the 100, 220 and 440 yds. Rice also performed very well — tie-ing with Nisbet as runner-up with 30 points. By easily winning both the 880 yds. and mile events Donohue showed he was outstanding among the senior distance runners. He missed breaking the mile record by less than one second.

Lowe won the Junior Cup for the second year in succession. He was outstanding in the track events, being successful in all those on the Junior programme, viz. the 100, 220, 880 and mile. He was closely pressed for Cup Honours by Derbidge, who gained 37 points due mainly to his prowess in the jumping events, K. Smith, Crawford and Simmons did best of the other junior contestants.

DETAILS OF THE COLLEGE SPORTS:

Open Events:

100 yds.: Nisbet, 1; Austin, 2; Rice. Time, 11.1 secs.

Long Jump: Lees, 1; Rice, 2; Beutel, 3. 18'9½".

880 yds.: Donohue, 1; Eggleston, 2; Hobson, 3. Time, 2 min. 10.8 secs.

Discus: Nattey, 1; Lees, 2; Austin, 3. 100'6½" (record).

High Jump: Foster, 1; Derbidge, 2; Rice, 3. 5'0".

220 yds.: Nisbet, 1; Benham, 2; Farthing, 3. Time, 24.8 secs.

Shot Putt: Littleton, 1, Austin, 2; Lees, 3. 38'5".

120 yds. Hurdles: Rice, 1, Foster, 2; Judd, 3. Time, 18.2 secs.

440 yds.: Nisbet, 1; Benham, 2; Selby, 3. Time, 56.2 secs.

Javelin: Austin, 1; Judd, 2; Jessurun, 3. 148'3" (record).

Hop, Step and Jump: Austin, 1; Crawford, 2; Littleton, 3. 38'1½".

Mile: Donohue, 1; Jessurun, 2; Hobson, 3. Time, 4 min., 46.3 sec.

Junior Events (Under 17):

100 yds.: Lowe, 1; O'Loughlin, 2; Smith, 3. Time, 11.3 secs.

High Jump: Derbidge, 1; Smith, 2; Simmons and Crawford, eq. 3. 4'11½".

880 yds.: Lowe, 1; Taylor, 2; Lindsay, 3. Time, 2 min. 8.9 secs (record).

220 yds.: Lowe, 1; O'Laughlin, 2; Derbidge, 3. Time, 25.3 secs.

Long Jump: Derbidge, 1; Simmons, 2; Crawford, 3. 18'3".

120 yds. Hurdles: Derbidge, 1; Crawford, 2; Smith, 3. Time, 18.8 secs.

Mile: Lowe, 1; Simmons, 2; Taylor, 3. Time, 4 min. 57.2 secs.



Tough going in the Obstacle Race.



H. J. DONOHUE, Mile record holder, 1956.



W. S. LOWE, Junior 880 yards record holder, 1956.

INTERSERVICE COLLEGE SPORTS:

The R.A.N.C. were the hosts to the two other service colleges for the triangular athletics contest, and for the fourth year in succession won the right to hold the very attractive trophy, for the next year.

We made a good start in the first event of the programme, the 880 yds., in which Lowe ran beautifully, to better his time for the College Sports and also lower the Interservice record, by winning in 2 min. 6 secs. Walker from O.C.S. Portsea proved too good in the sprints (100 and 220) but the R.A.N.C. athletes distinguished themselves by winning the track events for all other distances including the two relays (4 x 110 and mile medley). Benham improved on anything he had previously shown to win the 440 yards in convincing style.

The mile event resulted in the two R.A.N.C. runners finishing first and second, and the rest of the field nowhere. After two laps had been completed Donohue and Sim-

mons singled out from their opponents and steadily increased the gap between them and the third runner Simmons made it a thrilling race by "hanging on" to Donohue for the entire journey, thus helping that runner to create a new record for the event namely 4 min. 44.2 secs. Austin and Nattey performed up to their record breaking feats of the College Sports and won the Javelin and Discus respectively.

Others to do well included: Nisbet—placed in the 100 and 220 and a member of both winning relay teams.

Derbidge and Crawford — second in the High and Long Jumps respectively.

Judd—second in the Javelin, and, Farthing—a member of both relays, running a very good 440 leg in the medley.

Besides his Javelin win Austin finished second in the 100 yds and the Hop, Step and Jump.

The final points for the day were as follows: RANC, 129; RAAF, 96; AOCS, 81.

ORIGINAL CONTRIBUTIONS



THE ANTS

The other day when I was out digging in the vegetable garden, I chanced to see a small ant hole. I stopped from my labours to watch the industrious ants. They were working furiously, apparently in an effort to build up the edges surrounding their hole. Normally they only do this to keep water out of their holes. I was quite curious to know why they worked so hard, because the sky was clear and the weather bureau had said that we would not get any of the badly needed rain for days.

I watched them for several minutes and then saw one of their number, apparently a leader, go around conscripting ants to go with him. He led them, about five in number, several feet away to a small pebble. Small by our standards that is, but truly enormous to an ant, for it would have been three times as long and twice as wide as they were.

They clustered around the pebble and pushed and pulled it along for about six inches. Then they came to an obstacle, a ridge that must have seemed mountains high to them—the edge of the garden. By now I had forgotten my gardening and was completely engrossed in the struggle of the ants against their stone. By methods and strength I thought beyond them, the ants at last gave a final heave and triumphantly rolled the stone over the top of the ridge. Now the way was clear for them to roll the stone to their hole. This they did easily compared with the struggle they had had getting it over the ridge.

Thus after nearly twenty minutes work that little party of workers got the stone to their hole. What, I wondered were they going to do with it? Soon I saw more and more ants were collecting around it and slowly lifting it up on to the mound

they had made around the hole. They then fixed it in firmly and sealed the hole off from the outside. They all then ran off to another hole some yards away, apparently into the nest. Time was drawing on and I gave up for the day, realizing that if I had worked as hard as these ants, I would have finished the whole garden with time to spare.

During the night it started to rain and the next day I saw that the hole which the ants had so carefully sealed was now in the middle of a large puddle.

How was it that such small creatures as the ants could have known that it was going to rain in a few hours, when the best trained men we could offer said it would not? I do not know, but I am sure that it is some force far greater than we human beings will ever know.

—R. J. VARLEY.
(Phillip Year Literary Prize).



THE SEA IS RED

At the age of twenty I am said to look old for my years. Perhaps this can be put down to an incident which took place on the Barrier Reef not so long ago. With my brother, I was visiting some friends on small and beautiful Pelican Island. The painter's brush could not recapture its beauty — the whiteness of the sand the hillsides clothed in a cloak of luxuriant green, the rocky promontories with their vivid coral, and the setting of the house. At evening we would sit on the verandah. Through the gathering dusk we could hear the palms rustling in their dry and lingering song to the wind as it moved slowly inland. In whispers and sighs the trees told the story of the reef — nature's treble

accompaniment to the measured beat of the surf on the beach.

On our second day we decided to go spearfishing. There was not a breath of wind and the water reflected perfectly the azure blue of the sky. Ken was in a cheerful mood and were it not for his taunt I would probably have soaked up the warmth of the sun while he swam.

"Come on lazy, I bet I get the first fish," he said. I accepted the challenge and we ran together laughing into the water. Through its crystal clearness I could see a school of whiting, their silver sides flashing as they turned on the bottom. We adjusted our gear and dived.

For an hour we chased our elusive quarry to no avail. The water was about twenty feet deep—just too deep for us to remain below comfortably—for we both suffered from pressure-pain in our ears. One end was opened to the sea by a deep channel while the other was blocked by a sand bar. It must be remembered that like most islands of atoll formation, the island was surrounded by a reef and the channel mentioned was between this and the mainland.

True to his word Ken caught the first fish—a small groper. He had captured it in a deep pool near the sand bar and soon returned to find more prey. I was diving in water a little deeper than he, and closer to the middle of the channel. I was treading water while I regained my breath when a shadow passed quickly under me. My heart thumped against my ribs when I realized what it was—a Black Whaler, the most dangerous shark in those waters. Its streamlined body rippled quickly through the water as it circled me, its small pig-like eyes watching me closely all the time. To see it properly I had kept my face below the surface. Although afraid to do so. I jerked my head above the water and gulped in air. Suddenly and terrifyingly I knew the shark was attacking. But it was too late! I felt a sudden ripping pain in my left leg. The water around me darkened and I felt myself forced bodily out of the water. I had little time to realize I was sitting on the monster's belly; all my terrified brain registered was the great jaws opened in front of my face and the rows of white teeth arching backwards. I felt myself falling back, and struggled to the surface, still holding my gun. It would attack again and though my soul was frozen with horror and shock I made preparations. Through the bursting bubbles I caught a glimpse of it below me, the smell of my blood adding to its fury. I had been

lucky for my leg had only been torn by the monster's leathery skin.

Closer and faster it circled. With a powerful thrust of its tail it swung upward, its jaws opened, showing once again those cruel teeth. Determined this time to fight for my life I plunged my spear into its gaping maw and pulled the trigger of my gun. I felt the crunch of wood and the shock of the belt hitting me in the chest. Then I was fighting against unconsciousness. Through my mind flashed a picture of Ken, white-faced and determined as he dived beside me. I began to sob in my struggle against pain and fear. Again he was with me. With his strength supporting me we began to splash towards the shore. Before I passed out, I remembered one thing—the beserk shark thrashing the water to foam behind us, two steel spears protruding from its cavernous jaws and the red stain, which led to death, gradually spreading on the surface.

I was lucky to escape, and though as we grow older Ken and I joke together about it, my subconscious mind won't let me forget, and sometimes at night I wake up sweating, tormented by that vision.

—G. A. SIMMONS.

(Cook Year Literary Prize).



"INDECISION"

The fate of worlds has hung upon this ghost.

King and men are prisoners of the
Faltering, halting, trembling, malingerer,
Who fogs our brains and halts our minds.
Time can repair all wounds, they say—
But time cannot repair the wrongs caused
by him.

He comes, just when we are quite decided
That this is the best—nay,

The only way—
He comes, and gnaws, and claws and
clutches

At our feeble resolve,
To fill it with doubt, and misgivings.
Beware of him, all you who are
Victims of his power. He can destroy you
As surely as a flame destroys a twisted,
Crumpled, helpless piece of paper. He is
All powerful. Play not with him, for he is
Quick tempered; treat him with disdain, for
He is corrupt, leave him behind,
For surely you are stronger,
And he is but a state of mind.

—G. C. WILD,

(Jervis Year Literary Prize).

VENGEANCE IS MINE

For five comfortable years I had been the star boarder. Treated like one of the family, I was free to enter any part of the house. I was given the best food by the old couple, and so was often better off than the boy and girl who were their own children. However, they were never jealous, and so very little marred those years spent with the household.

But with the suddenness characteristic of most tragedies, the calmness of the home was shattered. Someone else had come to stay. Though his arrival, unexpected as it was, had shocked me, I did not immediately realise its full implication.

Gradually, the place I had formerly occupied was slowly won away, until the newcomer had established himself as the family's favourite. I now found myself spurned by them and could not in the least understand either their fickleness represented by their changed attitude toward me, or their naivete, represented by the acceptance of this cunning newcomer.

To make matters worse, nothing was even said, and no indication was to be seen on the surface. Only, when I came near one of them, he would move away, avoiding the tension, which had become so characteristic of our meeting.

Now, instead of the best food, I got the left overs. I knew that all the privileges, previously mine, were now lavished on him. I knew too, that I would have to move away if the situation remained unchanged. But I refused to admit any more than a temporary setback.

During this time I almost lived in the garden and hardly entered the house at all. My pride had been crushed. For some months this emotion persisted, and soon I was left with only one solution — murder! Never before had such feelings gripped me, never before could I have given up to the emotions which overwhelmed me.

By now my craving for vengeance was taken as a matter of course, and I was left to my broodings. However, I still could not fail to see the triumphant air, which was now a permanent feature with our boarder. Angered by his smugness, my feelings turned from those of self-pity to true

hatred. Had they looked closely at me, they would have seen my once bewildered expression change to one of slow cunning. But the now, well-established boarder noticed nothing, as I was not seen for much of the time.

Once my mind was made up, I had only to wait. Behind a clump of shrubbery I had dug a hole in easy stages, for any undue exertion might be detected.

My chance soon came. The family was out; he and I were left alone. However, I knew that he did not trust me, and so I had to devise some pretext to lure him to his own grave. I knew what to do now In spite of the difficulties, the task was satisfactorily concluded. Content that the cat was completely out of the way, I stalked back to my kennel to clean my soiled paws, and dream of happy cat-less days to come.

—S. I. RUSSELL.

(Flinders Year Literary Prize).



THE MILLS OF GOD GRIND SLOWLY, BUT . . .

The chance of Fate weaving a pattern like this are remote, but once it seems she schemed. . .

Night paled into dawn and with the day there came to three men the last desperate desire to live. The scene: A grim prison in northern Spain and the curtain was going up on the final act of their lives.

On the most forbidding wing of the bastion the three men sat, each in the solitary confinement of his lonely cell, dwelling on the quirks of fate which had placed him in his present position.

Of the three, one man would stand out, even in turmoil and hub-hub of urban life, simply by dint of his gigantic stature. Add to this the face of a man accustomed to evil ways and company and an opinion may be formed. He was a Spaniard of the Province of Aragon, vulgar, uncouth and vile.

He had committed a foul and dastardly crime, slaying an English girl tourist and her chaperone. He had escaped the fumbling net of Spanish law for some years but was apprehended for a comparatively minor crime. Now he awaited his punishment, death by garroting. Even now he plotted his escape.

The other two men were both awaiting the death penalty, but not from the Spanish. One man was an American the other a Frenchman. The American was under sentence to be extradited to his own country on a charge of armed hold up and murder. The Frenchman was also to be deported to France where he was wanted by the authorities as a prominent member of the Vichy government. Both were certain of the death penalty, the American by hanging and the Frenchman by the guillotine. In their minds also the thoughts of escape loomed enticingly before them.

When the sun had climbed reassuringly into the sky, the three men were taken from their cells and led to an awaiting car. From here they were transferred to a dilapidated train and commenced their journey to the central prison in Madrid. The journey entailed a wearisome trip across the barren meseta. As the trip wore on the boredom increased and so did the laxity of the guards! Now was their chance. Quickly they overpowered their guards, leaped from the train and made good their escape.

They wandered aimlessly for some time across the barren wastes of country. At length they agreed to separate, the Spaniard and the American heading toward France and the Frenchman in the direction of Lisbon.

Together the American and Spaniard headed across trackless wastes furtively watching for any signs of pursuit. Hunted and weary, with the authorities in hot pursuit they at length reached a hermit's shack. They devised a plan whereby they murdered the old hermit, disposed of his body and placed the Spaniard in his place, trussed and bound. He would then direct the law in the wrong direction while the American escaped the net in the opposite direction.

Having murdered the old hermit they crudely butchered one of his heifers and cut its hide into thongs, with which the American bound the Spaniard. When the American departed the Spaniard was garbed in the old peasant's clothes and tied securely to a tree, waiting patiently for the law to arrive. Time wore on. No one arrived. In the heat of the sun the raw hide began to shrink. Try as he might he could not loosen it. Slowly, surely and terrifyingly, the knots of rawhide around his neck and shoulders began to tighten more and more.

When the searchers found him next morning his face was hideous to look upon, eyes and tongue protruding, face discoloured and terrible. And so fate had punished this man with a death comparable to that from which he thought he was escaping.

The Frenchman meanwhile had boarded a freight train and was heading towards Lisbon. He was sitting on the overhang of the buffers congratulating himself on his freedom and planning the next stage of his escape when a sudden lurch of the train unbalanced him and threw him beneath the wheels of the trucks. He died most horribly. When his body was found, it was seen to be neatly decapitated and in the words of an onlooker appeared "like the work of a guillotine."

The remaining escapee had made good his escape from the Spanish authorities, crossed the border and entered France. He successfully reached Lyons and lodged in a secluded hotel. He kept very much to himself and eyed all strangers with a suspicious furtive eye.

One day, however, he was descending the stairs when he came, unexpectedly, face to face with another man. This man, a member of the French police, recognized the American and challenged him. At this the American panicked, turned and fled with the policeman close in pursuit. Blindly he ran until he found himself cornered by the lift well. Risking the single storey fall he opened the doors and jumped—right into the path of the ascending lift.

When they were able to take him out they found his neck broken — the cables of the lift had acted exactly as a noose.

VALETE



GETTING YEAR

BRETT YOUNG, M. J.

Melbourne, Vic., Caulfield Grammar.

1st XI (Cricket) '56, Colours '56. Combined Services College XI '56.

HEFFERAN, R. G.

Adelaide, S.A. Sacred Heart College.

1st XI (Cricket) '56. 1st XVIII '56.

NEWMAN, N.

Sydney, N.S.W., Newington College and Sydney University.

1st XV, '56. Dux Getting Year.

SUMMERS, A. M. F.

Adelaide, S.A., Unley High School.

1st XI (Cricket) '56. 1st XVIII '56.



PHILLIP YEAR

AUSTIN, R. L. G.

Brisbane, Queensland, Ascot State School.

1st XI (Cricket), '53, '54, '55, '56. 1st XVIII, '53, '54, '55, '56. Colours '55. Junior Athletics Champion '54. Athletics Team, '53, '54, '55, '56. Open Athletics Champion '56. Athletic Team '56, Javelin Record, Athletics Colours '56.

BURNS, R. J.

Sydney, N.S.W., Scots College.

1st XI (Hockey) '55, '56. Sailing Team '55. Bronze Med. and Cross '55.

CAMPE, A. J.

Sydney, N.S.W., Sydney Grammar School.

1st VIII, Tennis '55, '56. 1st XI (Soccer) '55, '56. Midge Weight Champion '54. Bronze Med. '55.

COWDELL, G. T.

Wagga Wagga, N.S.W., Caulfield Grammar, Melbourne.

1st XI (Soccer) '56. Sailing Team '53, '54, '55, '56. Bronze Cross, Award of Merit.

DECHANEUX, P. J. N.

Melbourne, Vic., Wesley College.

Junior Diving Champion '54, Bronze Medallion, Cross '55. Sailing Team '56. 2nd XVIII '56.

DOOLAN, K. A.

Brisbane, Queensland, Kedron State School.

1st XI Hockey '55, '56. Bronze Medallion '55. Gunroom Gazette Section Editor, '55, '56.

DOYLE, J. J.

Brisbane, Queensland, Sherwood State School.

Sailing Team '55, '56. Boats Colours, '56. Captain of Boats, 56.

ELLIS, J. W.

Kelso, N.S.W. All Saints' College, Bathurst.

1st XV '56, Curry Cup Team '56, Bronze Medallion '55, Award of Merit '55, Rugby Colours '56.

FERRIER, S. W.

Queenscliff, Vic. Geelong High School.

Editor Gunroom Gazette '55, '56, Magazine Committee '56, Debating Team '56, 2nd XI Hockey '56, Bronze Medallion '55.

FERRY, D. S.

Saddleworth, S.A., St. Peter's College.

2nd XVIII, '55, '56, Bronze Medallion, Cross, Award of Merit '55.

FOSTER, F. D.

Elwood, Caulfield Grammar School.

Cadet Captain '55, Senior C.C. '56, 1st XI (Cricket) '54, '55, '56, 1st XVIII '54, '55, '56 (Colours '55), Athletics Team '54, '55, '56, Interservice Athletics '56, Swimming Team '54, Curry Cup Team '56, Magazine Committee '54, '55, '56, Sports Editor '56, Athletics Team '56.

GOLDING, C. R. J.

Dimboola, Dimboola Memorial H.S.

Swimming Team, 1953-4-5-6, Junior Champion Dive '55, Under 17 Champion '56, Swimming Colours '56, Interservice Team '56, Bronze Medallion and Cross, President Science Club '56.

HOUGHTON, K. C.

Melbourne, Vic. Lloyd St., Central School, East Malvern.

1st XVIII '56, Swimming Team '54, '55, '56, Award of Merit, Bronze Cross '55, Gunroom Gazette Sports Editor '55, '56, Literary Prize '55.

JESSURUN, R. M.

Bowral, N.S.W., Cranbrook School.

1st XI (Cricket) '54, '55, '56, Vice Captain '56, Colours '56, Combined Service Colleges XI '56, 1st XV, '55, '56, Vice Captain '56, Colours '56, Burnett Memorial Cup, 1st XVIII '56, Athletics Team '55, '56, Cadet Captain '55, '56, Bantamweight Champion '54, Featherweight '55, Lightweight '56, Rugby Colours '56, Burnett Memorial Trophy (Rugby) '56, Athletics Team '56.

LEACH, P. A. H.

Perth, W.A., Perth Boys' High School.

1st XI (Hockey) '54, '55, '56, Bronze Med. '55, Athletics Team '53, Hockey Colours '56.

LEES, W. D.

Warwick, Queensland, Warwick Tech. College.

1st XV '55, '56, Captain '56, Rugby Colours '56, 1st XI Hockey '55, 1st VIII (Tennis) '56, Bronze Med. and Cross '55, Athletics Team '53, '54, '55, '56, Swimming Team '56.

LITTLETON, C. J.

Perth, W.A., Bunbury High School.

1st XVIII '54, '56, 1st XI (Cricket) '54, '55, '56, Combined Services XI '56, Swimming Team '54, '55, '56, Interservice Swimming Team '56, Swimming Colours '56, Award of Merit '55, Curry Cup Team '56, Athletic Team '56.

MACGOWAN, K. H.

Geelong, Vic. Stawell High School.

Governor General's Cup, 1956.

1st XI (Cricket) '53, '54, '55, '56, Colours '54, Captain '56, Captain Combined Services Colleges XI '56, 1st XVIII '53, '54, '55, '56, Colours '55, Captain '56, Tennis Team '54, '56, Colours '56, Junior Singles and Doubles Championship '54, Open Singles and Doubles Championship '56, Athletic Team '54, Magazine Committee '55, '56, Farcomb Cup for Cricket '56.

NATTEY, R. J.

Sydney, N.S.W., North Sydney Tech. High School.

Athletics Team '55, '56, Bronze Med. and Cross '55, 1st XVIII '56, Discus record '56, Athletics Colours '56.

NISBET, C. J.

Sydney, N.S.W., Tudor House, Moss Vale.

1st XI (Hockey) '55, '56, Sailing Team '54, '55, Bronze Med. '55, Curry Cup Team '56, Athletics Team '56.

PHIPPS, D. N.

Brisbane, Queensland, Gympie High School.

1st XI (Hockey) '56, Bronze Med. and Cross '55.

RENFREY, L. W.

Perth, W.A., Perth Modern School.

Sailing Team '55, Bronze Med. and Cross '55, Swimming team '56, 1st XI Soccer '56, 2nd XVIII '56.

RICE, J. W.

Brighton, Vic., Brighton Technical School.

1st XI (Soccer) '53, '54, '55, '56, 1st XVIII '56, Swimming Team '56, Sailing Team '55, A., B., C., Gliding Certificate '55, Athletic Team '56.

RIDLEY, R. H.

Wagga Wagga, N.S.W., Ascot State School, Brisbane.

1st XI (Soccer) '54, '56, Gnat Weight Champion '54, Mosquito Weight Champion '55, Bronze Med., Cross and Award of Merit '56.

ROWE-ROACH, T. A.

Brisbane, Queensland, Nudgee College.

Bronze Med., Cross, Award of Merit '55, A. and B. Gliders' Pilot's Licence, Student Pilot's Licence '56, 1st XV '56, Sailing Team '55, Magazine Committee '53, '54, '55, '56, Cadet Editor '56.

ROBERTS, W. J.

Boisdale, Vic., Maffra High School.

Athletics Team '53, 1st XV, '55, '56, Bronze Medallion and Cross.

SELBY, J.

Newcastle, N.S.W., Newcastle Boys' High School.

Swimming Team '53, '54, '55, '56, 1st XI (Soccer) '53, '54, '55, '56, Captain '56, Athletics Team '55, '56, Sailing Team '56, Middleweight Championship '56, Cadet Captain '55, Chief Cadet Captain '56.

VARLEY, R. J.

Camperdown, Vic., Geelong College.

Dux Phillip Year '53, '54, '55, Bronze Medallion '55, 2nd XVIII '56.

YORK, D.

Canberra, A.C.T. Canberra High School.

1st XI (Hockey) '54, '55, '56, 1st XVIII '56, Sailing Team '56, 1st XI Soccer '55, 1st VIII Tennis '56, Open Squash Champion '55.

WEST, A. D.

Brisbane, Queensland, Greenslopes State School.

2nd XV '56, Bronze Cross and Medallion '55, Magazine Literary Editor '56, Dance Club Treasurer '55, '56.

WHITE, M. W. D.

Lardley, Queensland, Southport School.

1st VIII Tennis '53, '54, '55, '56, 1st XI (Cricket) '56, Junior Doubles Championship '54, Open Doubles Championship '56, Tennis Colours '54, 1st XVIII '56, Junior Squash Champion '54, Athletics Team '53, '54, Swimming Team '54, Light Heavyweight Champion '56.

WILSON, B.

Melbourne, Vic., East Malvern Central School.

1st VIII Tennis '54, '55, '56, Captain '56, 1st XVIII '53, '54, '55, '56, Bronze Med. '55, Debating Team '55, Cadet Captain '55, Senior Cadet Captain '56, Australian Rules Colours '56.

WALLER YEAR**BENHAM, E. S.**

Burnie, Tas., Burnie High School.

Tennis Team '55, '56, 1st XI Hockey '55, 1st XV '56, Curry Cup Team '56, Bronze Med. '56, Heavyweight Champion '56, Athletics Team '56.

BEUTEL, H. O.

Kilroy, Queensland, Brisbane Grammar School.

1st XV '56, Rugby Colours '56, Bronze Medallion '56.

COOKE-RUSSELL, P. J.

Canberra, A.C.T., Canberra High School.

1st XI (Hockey) '55, '56, Bronze Cross '56, Award of Merit '56, Hockey Colours '56.

DENNEY, G. R. S.

Sydney, N.S.W., Randwick High School.

Sailing Team, '55, '56, Champion Skiff Coxswain '56, Sculls Champion '56, Boats Colours '56, Swimming Team '56, 1st XV Rugby '56, Award of Merit '56, Magazine Committee, '55, '56, Cadet Captain '56.

DONOHUE, H. J.

Devonport, Tas., Devonport High School.

1st XI (Hockey) '55, '56, Hockey Colours '55, Athletics Team '55, '56, Mile record '56, Athletics Colours '56, Interservice Athletics '56, Captain, Curry Cup Team '56, Bronze Medallion '56.

EGGLESTON, D. M.

Melbourne, Vic., Melbourne Grammar.

Bronze Medallion, '56, Award of Merit '56.

FARTHING, D. D.

Bendigo, Vic., Bendigo High.

1st XI (Cricket) '56, 1st XVIII '55, '56, Curry Cup Team '56, Swimming Team '56, Athletics Team '55, '56, Aust. Rules Colours '56.

HOBSON, E.

Toowoomba, Queensland, Toowoomba High School.

1st XI (Soccer) '55, '56, Athletics Team '55, '56, Bronze Medallion '56.

JUDD, R. L.

Naracoorte, S.A., Victor Harbour High School.

1st XVIII '55, '56, Bronze Medallion '56, Gliding Pilot's Licence '55, Student Pilot's Licence '56, Aust. Rules Colours '56, Athletics Team '56.

KAYE, P. R. J.

Melbourne, Vic., Scotch College.

Bronze Medallion '56, 2nd XVIII '56

KNIFE, P. A.

Swan Hill, Vic., Melbourne C. of E. Grammar School.
Dux of Waller Year '56, Sailing Team '56,
Bronze Cross, Award of Merit '56.

MITCHELL, A. R., R.N.Z.N.

Auckland, N.Z., Auckland Grammar School.
1st XV '56, Sailing Team '56, Bronze Med.
'56.

NATHAN, B. S., R.N.Z.N.

Napier, N.Z., Napier Boys' High.
Award of Merit '56, Sailing Team '55.

O'BRIEN, N. M. R.N.Z.N.

Oamaru, N.Z., St Kevin's College.
Bronze Medallion '56, First XI (Hockey)
'55, '56 (Captain), Hockey Colours '55,
Literary Prize '55.

PARKINSON, R. S.

Blayney, N.S.W., Orange High School.
1st XI (Soccer) '55, '56, Bronze Medallion
'56.

READ, D. M.

Vaucluse, N.S.W., Cranbrook School,
Sydney.
1st XV '55, '56, Curry Cup Team '56.
Bronze Med. '56.

THOMSON, P. J.

Grafton, N.S.W., Grafton High.
2nd XV '56, Bronze Medallion, Cross, and
Award of Merit '56.

WALKER, R. N.

Adelaide, S.A., Prince Alfred College.
1st XVIII '55, '56, Athletics '55, '56, Sail-
ing Team '56.

WHITE, G. D.

Warwick, Queensland, Warwick Technical
College.
1st XV '56, Sailing Team '56, Tennis Team
'56, Bronze Medallion '56, Magazine Com-
mittee '56.

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN NAVAL COLLEGE STAFF — 1956

Commodore, N. A. Mackinnon, R.A.N.

NAVAL STAFF:

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Lt. Cdr. J. Lancaster, R.A.N.
Lt. Cdr. A. A. Willis, R.A.N.
Lt. Cdr. J. Nicholas, R.A.N.
Lt. P. G. N. Kennedy, R.A.N.
Lt. (E.) W. H. Money, R.A.N.
Inst. Lt. A. D. Bristow, B.Sc., R.A.N.
Lt. (S.) I. McL. Crawford, R.A.N.
Chaplain J. O. Were, M.A., Th.L., R.A.N.
Chaplain G. C. Swain, B.A.
Nursing Sister M. A. J. Jones.

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Senior Master G. F. Adeney, M.A., Dip.Ed.
Senior Master R. F. Berry, B.A., B.Sc.
Senior Master R. R. Clark, B.A., Dip.Ed.
Master W. G. Richards, B.A., Dip.Ed.
Master K. E. Armstrong, B.A.
Master J. M. Davis, B.Sc., A.Ed.
Master M. M. Purser, B.A.
Master W. H. Wilde, B.A., Dip.Ed.
Master A. H. Trewin, B.Sc., B.Ed., A.R.C.I.
Master D. G. Thompson, B.Sc., Dip.Ed.
Master M. L. Brooks, B.Sc.
Master K. H. Fargher, B.Sc., Dip.Ed.

CADET-MIDSHIPMEN — 1956

PHILLIP YEAR

1953 Entry

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

WALLER YEAR

1955 Intermediate Entry

Benham, E. S.
 Beutel, H. O.
 Cooke-Russell, P. J.
 Denney, G. R. S.
 Eggleston, D. McK.
 Farthing, D. D.
 Hobson, E.
 Judd, R. L.
 Kaye, P. R. J.
 Knife, P. A.
 Mitchell, A. R.
 *Nathan, B. S.
 O'Brien, T. M.
 Parkinson, R. S.
 Read, D. T.
 Thomson, P. J.
 Walker, R. W.
 White, G. D.

GETTING YEAR

Matriculation Entry

1956

Brett Young, M. J.
 Heffernan, R. G.
 Newman, N.
 Summers, A. M. F.

COOK YEAR

1954 Entry

Barber, A. L.

Cocking, R. J.
 Derbidge, R. T.
 Dunlop, J. C.
 Giles, R. B.
 Gilmour-Walsh,
 P. A. J.
 Glen, R. I. A.
 Godfrey, J. S.
 *Guest, R. L.
 *Hamilton, J. C. M.
 Harvey, J. C.
 Lambert, P.
 Lawn, B.
 Lindsay, J. C.
 Lowe, W. S.
 Lyneham, P. R.
 McIntyre, I. M.
 Martin, R. W. D.
 Mews, N. G.
 Milne, P. R.
 O'Loughlin, P. J.
 Parr, R. K.
 Partington, R. N.
 Payne, R. F.
 Selby, R.
 Simmons, G. A.
 Smith, G. R.
 Taylor, R. G.
 Walkington, D. G.

FLINDERS YEAR

1955 Entry

Archer, F. O.
 Baines, P. G.

Blue, R. S.
 Boettcher, B. J.
 Garing, R. W. M.
 Hammer, G. D. R.
 Lynch, G. F.
 Nash, N. L.
 Rogers, B. G.
 Rogers, P. H. D.
 Russell, S. L.
 Scott, R. H.
 Skinner, D. I. S.
 Spence, G. W.
 Underwood, N. R.
 Walls, R. A. K.
 Walsh, I. C.
 Watson, I. C.

JERVIS YEAR

1956 Entry

Allan, D. B.
 Bowra, T. D. A.
 Cameron, D. S.
 Clough, R. L.
 Crawford, J. A.
 Follas, R. B.
 Harrison, T. E.
 Hicks, P. C.
 Jones, T. S.
 Mellor, R. G. I.
 Smith, K. G.
 Sutton, R. R.
 Walker, B. S.
 *Wild, G. C. E.
 Woolford, A. R. E.

* Left the Service during the year.

