

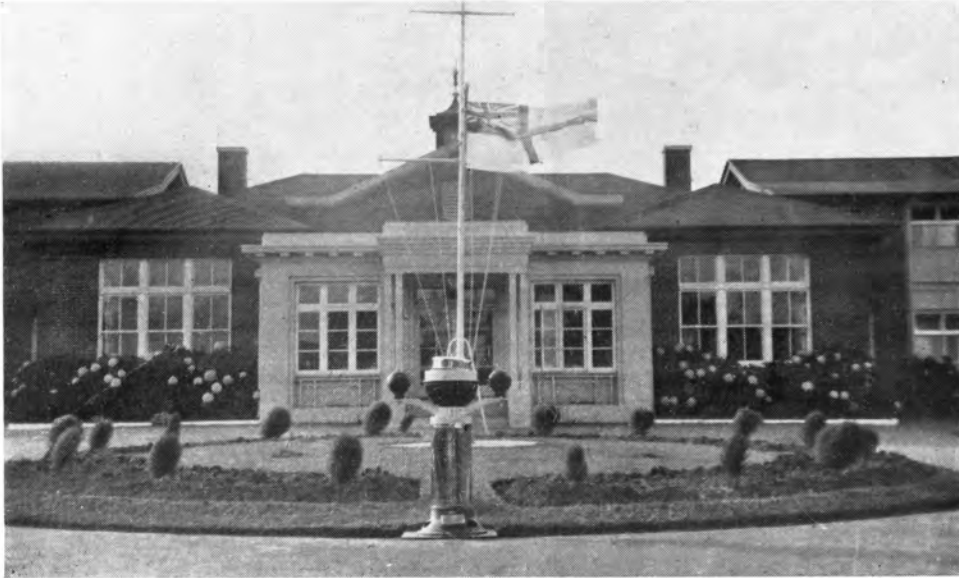


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Editorial

The year nineteen hundred and fifty-six has brought with it a most important change in the training system of Cadet Midshipmen at the Royal Australian Naval College. This year, for the first time since the College was founded, there is no thirteen-year-old entry. The passing of the old Normal Entry marks the first major break in officer training policy since the inception of the College in 1913. The Intermediate Entry now becomes a new form of Normal Entry, the ages of cadets of this entry, when they join the College, being between $15\frac{1}{2}$ years and $16\frac{1}{2}$ years. Furthermore, there is now a Matriculation Entry, consisting of those who have matriculated prior to joining the College. This new system operated as from January, 1956.

The effects of the new entries on life and training at R.A.N.C. have been various in the extreme. For instance, this year there are four different entries in the College at one time, which is making new difficulties in connection with accommodation, studies and privileges. Many questions have been asked in the last few months. How can the available living space be utilised to the best advantage? How can the Professional Staff cope with the many different courses that will be covered? How are the new age groups to fit into the age-worn pattern of existing College customs? Some of these questions have already been answered; others will only be answered by slow degrees as the system settles into smooth running.

The Navy is a Service which has earned renown for the careful training and high quality of its officers and we can be sure that the College, under the new training scheme, will continue to live up to the high reputation it has earned, both overseas and in Australia. Clearly it is the duty of all who participate in the scheme to support it through its initial difficulties for, like anything newly created, it must have its teething troubles. But these early problems and difficulties will soon be removed and shortly we will have in Australia a system of training young naval officers which is as modern as, and the equal of, any in the world—a system of which we can be justifiably proud.

Gone are the days when the slightest measure of change, though it brought improvement, was frowned upon as "not the way we would have done it" or "a radical change from traditional ways". The people of today are willing to accept change. In fact, they welcome it, for without change we cannot advance and in this world of today and tomorrow we must advance to survive. So if Australia is to play a real part in world affairs she must move with the times. Our new method of officer training at the Royal Australian Naval College is but one manifestation of our progress.

Personal and Personnel

Early this year we were all sorry to learn that **Commodore J. C. Morrow, D.S.O., D.S.C., R.A.N.** was leaving us to take up his appointment as Second Naval Member. We are most appreciative of the interest taken in the College by Commodore and Mrs. Morrow and, in saying goodbye to them, we would also like to express our sincere thanks for all they did for us and to wish them every success and happiness in the future.

Commodore Morrow was relieved by **Commodore N. A. Mackinnon, R.A.N.** to whom, and to Mrs. Mackinnon, we proffer a warm welcome and offer the hope that they will enjoy their time with us.

In the course of this year practically all the desks in Jervis Block have changed owners, and those were not the only staff changes during the year.

Commander R. J. Robertson, D.S.C., R.A.N. left us in October to take over the command of H.M.A.S. "Swan", the cadet training ship, and later in the year **Lieutenant P. M. Cumming, R.A.N.** joined the same ship. **Lieutenant-Commander H. C. Savage, D.S.C., R.A.N.**, our First Lieutenant has gone to Navy Office and a Commander's cap on which we sincerely congratulate him. **Instructor Lieutenant-Commander E. G. Hokin, B.Sc., Dip. Ed., R.A.N.** has gone "across the way" to an appointment at the Flinders Naval Depot Electrical School while **Lieutenant (P) J. A. Matthew, R.A.N.** has left us to resume flying duties. **Lieutenant (E) P. W. Coombs, R.A.N.** has been appointed to H.M.A.S. "Quadrant" and **Lieutenant J. L. Jobson, R.A.N.**, is now at the University of Melbourne, where he is studying for degree of Bachelor of Electrical Engineering. At the latter end of Second Term we farewelled **Chaplin L. W. Long, R.A.N.**, who has taken up a new appointment at Manus. On the professional staff there was only one loss, and that a severe one, **Mr. D. I. Glastonbury, B.A., B.Sc., Dip. Sec. Ed. (Adel.), B.Ed. (Melb.)**, leaving us to take up an appointment in charge of the training of public administrators in Port Moresby, New Guinea. Not only will be miss Mr. Glastonbury's splendid teaching, but many extra-curricular activities will be the poorer for his (and Mrs. Glastonbury's) going. We wish them every success. Last, but by no means least, in this list of departed members of the College staff is **Lieutenant P. G. Duncan, R.A.N.**, who has departed with his wife and family for the United Kingdom for Courses and a period of exchange duty. **Lieutenant Duncan** was Sports

Officer during his time at R.A.N.C. and managed to achieve the virtually impossible in that his efforts pleased everybody.

Everybody at the College will join in thanking these gentlemen for their help and encouragement and for the willing manner in which they flung themselves into the task of making the College a broader and happier place for us. We wish each and every one of them great success and happiness in his new post and hope that they all enjoyed their stay with us as much as we enjoyed having them.

Commander Robertson has been succeeded by **Commander G. V. Gladstone, D.S.C., R.A.N.**, who took over early in October. **Commander Gladstone** entered the College in 1935 and passed out in 1938 as King's Medallist after being a cadet-captain and cricket captain and gaining his colours for cricket. His first ship was H.M.A.S. "Canberra", until June, 1939, from which he joined H.M.S. "Sussex", serving in her in the Atlantic and Indian Oceans. After Sub-Lieutenant's courses over the last three months of 1940 he joined H.M.A.S. "Australia" in December of that year and remained in her until his appointment to H.M.A.S. "Quickmatch" in April, 1942. In "Quickmatch" he was awarded the D.S.C. for his work during a raid on the Japanese Naval Base at Sabang. In January, 1945, he went to the United Kingdom to do the Long A/S Courses at H.M.S. "Osprey" and in October, 1945, was appointed to the Staff of H.M.S. "Osprey". He remained there until May, 1947, when he undertook a T.A.S. Conversion Course which occupied him until the following September, when he joined the staff of H.M.S. "Vernon". He returned to Australia in April, 1948, and spent a year at H.M.A.S. "Rushcutter" before joining H.M.A.S. "Warramunga" in May, 1949, as First Lieutenant. In this capacity during service in Korean waters he earned a bar to his D.S.C. In February, 1952, he was attached to the R.A.N. Liaison Staff in London and, after two years, did a Naval Staff Course. From June, 1955, until his appointment to the College he was doing a Joint Services Staff Course. We extend a cordial welcome to **Commander Gladstone** and his wife and family and we sincerely hope that they will thoroughly enjoy the time they spend with us.

The new First Lieutenant of the College is **Lieutenant-Commander R. J. Scrivener, R.A.N.** Entering the College in 1936 he passed out in September, 1939, to join

H.M.A.S. "Australia" after spending a few days in H.M.A.S. "Canberra". He then proceeded to the U.K. for Courses and on his return in 1941, joined H.M.A.S. "Canberra". During the remainder of the war he served also in H.M.A.S. "Stuart" and H.M.A.S. "Quiferon". In March, 1947, he joined H.M.A.S. "Melville" as First Lieutenant. Later appointments were to H.M.A.S.'s "Latrobe", "Cerebus" and "Lonsdale". In 1952, as captain of H.M.A.S. "Hawkesbury", he witnessed Britain's first atomic bomb explosion at Monte Bello. He joined the College as First Lieutenant in April. We wish him a happy stay at the College.

We welcome the following Officers:

Lieutenant-Commander D. L. H. Dyke, R.A.N., who passed out of the College in 1942 having gained colours for rugby. His early experience was with the Eastern Fleet. After courses he got his watch-keeping certificate in H.M.A.S. "Hobart" in 1945, and then took up flying, going first to Ocean 805 Squadron in the Mediterranean. In between two periods of service in 805 Squadron, H.M.A.S. "Sydney", he served in H.M.A.S. "Culgoa" and was an instructor and D.L.C.O., O.T.U. at R.N.A.S. Lossiemouth. Before coming to the R.A.N.C. Lieutenant-Commander Dyke was Senior Pilot in H.M.A.S. "Sydney's" 805 Squadron.

Lieutenant-Commander A. A. Wills, R.A.N., entered the College in 1940 and became Chief Cadet-Captain and made College history by winning the Open Singles (Tennis) Championship in each of his four years here. He gained his colours for cricket, rugby, tennis and athletics. After serving his Midshipman's time in "Duke of York", "Rodney", "Orwell" and "Prompt" he was promoted Sub-Lieutenant in 1946 and appointed to H.M.A.S. "Shropshire" and later H.M.A.S. "Australia". As a Lieutenant (from 1948-1954) he served in H.M.A.S.'s "Australia", "Arunta", "Sydney", "Watson" and "Eagle", taking an N.D. course in 1949, and an N.D.D. ("Dagger") course in 1953. He was promoted Lieutenant-Commander at the latter end of 1954 and served for a few months in "Albatross" as Direction Officer, prior to joining the College in October.

Lieutenant (P.) K. M. Barnett, R.A.N. Lieutenant Barnett entered the College in 1943 and was in Third Year at the war's end. He gained his colours for rugby and passed out in 1946. His cadet's sea-time was spent in H.M.A.S. "Shropshire". He joined H.M.S. "Theseus" and went to the Far East Station where he was transferred to H.M.S. "Sussex". After completing his Sub-Lieutenant's courses in the U.K. he returned to Australia in 1950. He then went to Korea in H.M.A.S. "Warramunga" and was promoted to Lieutenant in 1951. On his return to Australia he undertook flying training here and later in the U.K.,

receiving his pilot's badge in 1952. Posted to 816 Squadron, H.M.A.S. "Sydney", he went again to Korea and was sent, on return, to 851 Squadron, stationed at Nowra, where he was serving until his appointment to the R.A.N.C.

Lieutenant (E) W. H. Money, R.A.N., entered the College in 1942. He became a cadet-captain, gained his colours for cricket, rugby and athletics and, on passing-out in 1945, was awarded "Maximum Time". He proceeded to England in the liner "Aquitania" to join the battleship H.M.S. "Queen Elizabeth" for a few months before going on to Keyham for his Engineering course. His sea-time during this course was spent in the aircraft-carrier H.M.S. "Implacable" and the destroyer H.M.S. "St. Kilts". On completion of his course at Keyham he returned to Australia (1949) and joined H.M.A.S. "Australia". In April, 1951, he was appointed to H.M.A.S. "Sydney" and in January, 1953, to H.M.A.S. "Tarangan". In March, 1954, he joined H.M.A.S. "Sprightly" in which he served until his appointment to the College in April of this year.

Lieutenant (L) R. R. Calder, B.E.E., R.A.N., joined the R.A.N. as a Sub-Lieutenant (L) — undergraduate entry — in March, 1949, while completing the fourth and final year of the course for the degree of Bachelor of Electrical Engineering at the Adelaide University. After graduation at the end of 1949, he was appointed to the "L" School at Flinders Naval Depot for courses lasting until May, 1950, on completion of which he was promoted A/Lieut. (L) and sent to H.M.S. "Collingwood" for further radio courses which lasted until February, 1951. Subsequently confirmed Lieutenant (L) he did four months' industrial training with British Thomson-Houston Pty. Ltd., at Rugby, England, before proceeding to H.M.S. "Ariel" for a two months' electrical course. At the end of this he returned to H.M.S. "Collingwood" for fire-control and special courses before returning to Australia in March, 1952. He joined H.M.A.S. "Sydney" in May, 1952, and served in her until November, 1952, at which time he took up his appointment as Port Electrical Officer, H.M.A.S. "Lonsdale", and to stand by H.M.A.S. "Quadrant" during her modernization. From February, 1953, to February, 1955, he served in H.M.A.S. "Tobruk", firstly as Electrical Officer, and subsequently as Squadron Electrical Officer to Captain (D), 10th Destroyer Squadron. He joined R.A.N.C. in February, 1955.

On the Professional Staff there are two new members to whom it is our pleasure to extend a cordial welcome.

Instructor-Lieutenant A. D. Bristow, B.Sc., R.A.N., is not really a newcomer to the College as he taught here for six weeks in 1954. Lieutenant Bristow gained his

Bachelor of Science degree at Sydney University and served with R.A.N. during the war. He rejoined the Navy in 1951 and has served at sea as Meteorological Officer in H.M.A.S. "Vengeance". He joined the Professional Staff at the beginning of Term I, 1955.

Mr. K. H. F. Fargher, B.Sc., Dip Ed. is the only new civilian member of the Professional Staff. He was educated at Geelong College, where he was a member of the First Eighteen and the tennis team, and at the University of Melbourne. He was a member of the Melbourne University Rifles, gaining his commission and at present holding the rank of Major in this unit. After his graduation with the degree of Bachelor of Science, Mr. Fargher undertook post-graduate studies in Education and gained the Diploma of Education (with Honours). While teaching at Melbourne Boys' High School and since taking up his appointment here at the beginning of 1955 he has continued with his studies, aiming at the degree of Bachelor of Education.

During the year we were pleased to hear that **Rear Admiral D. H. Harries**, chief of the Australian Joint Service Staff in Washington, U.S.A., had been awarded the U.S. Legion of Merit medal for his role in the Korean War. The citation praised Admiral Harries—who commanded the aircraft carrier H.M.A.S. "Sydney" from October, 1951, to January, 1952—for providing effective air support and cover for the United Nations' operations on the west coast of Korea. Rear Admiral Harries graduated from the College in 1920, gaining Maximum Time, and was Captain of the College (Commodore Superintendent of Training, F.N.D.) for a brief period in 1952. His son, Cadet-Midshipman D. A. Harries, has been at the College during 1954-1955.

Congratulations to **Lieutenant C. H. C. Spurgeon, R.A.N.**, who was at the College from 1944-1947, on his having been awarded the Herbert Lott Trophy as the best all-round pilot during the pilots' anti-submarine course at the Royal Navy Air Station, Eglinton, Northern Ireland. Lieutenant Spurgeon is the son of Captain S. H. K. Spurgeon (1916-1919), N.O.I.C., North-West Australian Area.

CAPTAIN DUNCAN WALTER GRANT

The death of Captain Walter Grant at his home near Haywards Heath, Sussex, at the age of 72, was reported in a Melbourne paper early this year.

The sympathy of all who, since its foundation, in which he played such a

distinguished part, have been connected with the R.A.N.C., is extended to his relatives and friends.

As Lieutenant-Commander Duncan W. Grant, R.N. (Retd.), he was the first Executive Officer of this College; and he was also twice in command, from April, 1914, to June, 1915, and again from August, 1917, to June, 1919. Mr. Eldridge, who knew him well, writes in his History of the Royal Australian Naval College.

"Captain Grant had been associated with the College since its very inception. The enthusiasm and vigour he had always displayed had made itself felt by all about him, and this, added to the breadth of his other interests, which included not only the various duties connected with his office, but such recreational activities as the rugby field, amateur theatricals or the College magazine, of which he was the founder and first Editor, had made his influence in the moulding of the College an invaluable one, and it was indeed fortunate that in the early stages of its existence the guiding hand was that of a man of such striking character and outstanding personality."

Lieutenant-Commander Grant in February, 1912, received his appointment as Executive Officer of the R.A.N.C., about to be established. He thereupon retired from the Royal Navy and sailed to Australia. In October, 1912, he went to Osborne House, which he considered an ideal site for a Naval College, and started at once on his work, which included framing regulations for the conduct of the College, working out daily routines, arranging accommodation, seamanship equipment, etc. Upon the arrival of the first batch of twenty-eight Cadet-Midshipmen in February, 1915, he was responsible for instilling discipline suited to Australian conditions, and one which would be passed on by them to succeeding entries. Writing many years later Commander Grant said: 'I was more than delighted to see in what sporting spirit and with how thorough an understanding for the reason of it all they took the initiation . . . they were a good crowd of youngsters'. The tone he aimed at was one of straightforward manliness; and he also stressed the importance of good manners.

Naturally, when war broke out, Commander Grant applied to be sent home on active service, but was required to carry on in command of the College, and supervise the transfer to Jervis Bay. After his resignation from the College command in 1919 he was awarded the C.B.E. for services rendered at R.A.N.C. during the war. He returned to Australia for a short while about five years later as Private Secretary to the Governor of New South Wales. In the second World War he served at Cullercoats Radio Station till the evacuation of

Norway and then went to the Hydrographical Department of the Admiralty. His two sons served (and may still be serving) in the Royal Navy. The elder was King's Medallist at Dartmouth; while the younger was captain of cricket at Dartmouth and gained his colours for rugby, soccer, and squash."

The following is a copy of a signal sent by Vice-Admiral Sir John Collins, K.B.E., C.B., R.A.N., who joined the College with the first entry, in 1913:

"From First Naval Member. As the Senior Serving Officer ex the R.A.N. College, Geelong, and Jervis Bay, I should be grateful if you would convey to the next of kin of the late Captain Duncan Walter Grant the deepest sympathy of all of us who served under him at the College. We shall always remember that he introduced us to the ways of the Navy and gave wise counsel for our future careers."

G.F.A.

Getting Year Passing-Out

On 11th March, 1955, the third of the Intermediate Entry groups Passed Out from the College. They were Cadets of the Getting Year, proudly named after the valiant Captain Getting, who lost his life in World War II.

The parade was inspected and the salute taken by the Honourable the Minister for Defence, Sir Phillip McBride. The parade and march past was a great success and one for the members of the Getting Year to look back upon with great pride.

After the parade, the assembled company moved into the College Gymnasium for the Prize-Giving Ceremony. Commodore N. A. Mackinnon, Captain of the College, presented the report of the College's activities during the past year. In particular Commodore Mackinnon stressed the successes gained by the Waller Year (the previous Intermediate Entry) during their time in the training ship and expressed the hope that the Getting Year would do as well.

The presentation of prizes followed, the complete list of prize-winners being as set out below:

Grand Aggregate: P. D. McKAY.

Physics: H. E. TOOTH. 2nd: A. A. McQUEEN.

Mathematics: H. E. TOOTH. 2nd: M. J. YOUL.

Chemistry: I. L. BRADLEY. 2nd: P. D. McKAY.

English: E. L. ROBERTS. 2nd: M. G. RIKARD-BELL.

French: M. J. YOUL. 2nd: A. A. McQUEEN.

Latin: H. E. TOOTH. 2nd: E. L. ROBERTS.

History: M. G. RIKARD-BELL. 2nd: I. L. BRADLEY.

Engineering: P. V. GRAHAM. 2nd: P. D. McKAY.

Supply and Secretarial: B. C. BIGELOW. 2nd: H. E. TOOTH.

New Zealand Naval Board Prize for Navigation: M. G. RIKARD-BELL. 2nd: N. J. STOKER.

Otto Albert Memorial Prize for Seamanship: P. D. McKAY. 2nd: M. G. RIKARD-BELL.

Farncombe Cup (Best All-Round Cricketer): M. J. YOUL.

As it is the custom to present a bat to any cadet who records a century in the First XI match, D. F. JAMES was the recipient of such an award. He had certainly earned his bat, having scored two centuries in the course of a very successful season.

Cigarette cases were then presented to the retiring cadet-captains as tokens of the Naval Board's appreciation of their services in this capacity.

The following promotions were announced:

To Chief Cadet Captain: L. J. IRWIN, M. B. WARD.

To Senior Cadet Captain: D. H. EDGAR, J. M. NELSON.

To Cadet Captain: P. J. CORNELL, J. G. LONGDEN, A. B. ROBINSON, R. M. JESSURUN, B. WILSON.

Then came the particularly fitting address, by the Minister of Defence, which contained much of inspirational value not only to the year Passing-Out but also to those of us who were to carry on at the College. Sir Phillip McBride's remarks should have made every cadet realize the nature of his responsibilities to the Service and to Australia. The Minister concluded by emphasising his pleasure at being with us on this occasion and expressed his regret at not being able to visit the College more frequently. With the playing of the National Anthem the Passing-Out Ceremonies ended.

There remained a highly successful Passing-Out Ball in the evening and then the members of Getting Year said farewell to a highly successful College career. They have left us a high standard and a tradition to live up to, and we take this opportunity of wishing them every success and happiness in their future careers.

The complete list of those who Passed-Out on this occasion follows:

F. D. Arnott (N.Z.); D. G. Bews; B. C. M. Bigelow; I. L. Bradley (N.Z.); E. E. Brownfield; I. A. Callaway; D. H. Dadswell; K. E. Denton, G. K. Dove; P. V. Graham; K. A. Gulliver; D. F. James; P. D. McKay; A. A. McQueen; L. R. Merton (N.Z.); D. A. Pickford; M. G. Rikard-Bell; E. L. Roberts (N.Z.); M. T. E. Shotter; N. J. Stoker; M. D. Stone; H. E. Tooth; M. J. Youl.

Jervis and Burnett Years Passing-Out

With the passing of the Jervis and Burnett Years the College bade farewell to a record number of 55 graduating Cadet-Midshipmen. The very large parade and the hosts of parents and friends necessitated a change in the arrangements of previous years and the Passing-Out Parade was held on the Depot Parade Ground and the ensuing ceremony of Presentation of Prizes took place in the Drill Hall.

Flinders Naval Depot weather, ever unpredictable, really excelled itself on this occasion and the day was gloriously summery. The Parade was first class and the Salute was taken by the Chief of the Naval Staff, Vice-Admiral R. R. Dowling, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O.

With the Parade over, guests assembled in the Drill Hall to witness the presentation of prizes, hear Commodore N. A. Mackinnon's report on the year's activities at the College and the address by Vice-Admiral R. R. Dowling.

In opening the ceremony, Commodore Mackinnon gave a comprehensive report of the College Year. He prefaced his remarks by outlining the immediate future of the Jervis and Burnett Years—which was of great interest to all present. He congratulated the College Staff on a fine year's work, both on the academic and sporting sides, and commented on the difficulties under which the Staff was working. He thanked the many distinguished people who had visited the College, assuring them that their interest in the College was deeply appreciated. In closing his remarks he called upon the Headmaster and the Commander to present the prizes.

Prize-winners—

Grand Aggregate: J. B. Wells.

English: 1, W. B. Loftus; 2, J. N. Lattin.

Seamanship (Otto Albert Memorial Prize): J. B. Wells; 2, E. Mentz.

Engineering: 1, E. Mentz; 2, J. B. Wells.
E. and L. Branches—

Mathematics: W. B. Loftus.

Physics: W. B. Loftus.

Chemistry: W. B. Loftus.

X. and S. Branches—

Mathematics: J. B. Wells.

Physics: J. B. Wells.

Applied Mathematics: G. E. Cockram.

Electronics: G. L. Ramsay.

Service Chemistry: J. B. Wells.

Bio-Chemistry: G. E. Cockram.

French: M. B. Ward.

Russian: W. F. Jaques.

Geography: J. N. Lattin.

Australasian History: P. M. Mulcare.

Economics: P. M. Mulcare.

Supply and Secretariat: P. M. Mulcare.

Navigation (New Zealand Naval Board Prize): 1, W. S. G. Bateman; 2, W. F. Jaques.

Burnett Memorial Trophy (best exponent of rugby football): M. B. Ward.

Governor-General's Cup (best all-round athlete): L. J. Irwin.

The Queen's Medal (the cadet having exhibited the most gentlemanlike bearing and good influence on his fellows while at the R.A.N. College): M. B. Ward.

Dalton Cup (winning Part of Ship in Sports Competition): Forecastle (D. H. Edgar, Captain).

The following promotions were announced—

To Chief Cadet Captain: J. Selby.

To Senior Cadet Captain: F. D. Foster, B. Wilson.

To Cadet Captain: H. J. Donohue, W. S. Lowe, R. G. Taylor.

After the prize-giving the Chief of the Naval Staff, Vice-Admiral R. R. Dowling, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., delivered a short address in which he spoke in the main to the cadets passing-out. He began by dismissing the "bogies" of insecurity and lack of future in the Navy. He said that younger officers could have full confidence in the future and explained the trends that will determine the structure and growth of the R.A.N. of the future. As to the immediate future of the College, Vice-Admiral Dowling said that he could tell us no more than that the question of transfer to Jervis Bay was being carefully considered by the Government.

The Admiral then delivered some words of advice to the Jervis and Burnett Year cadets. He began by referring to a letter written by his own great-grandfather to the Admiral's grandfather, a young man leaving for England to study law, and said that human nature had changed so little in the 120 years since the letter was written that its contents would apply equally to the young officers passing out. "These are some of the points of advice," Admiral Dowling said. "Lead a Christian life. This is the ideal and manly life. Never lower your standards. Avoid low company. Avoid over-indulgence. Behave and appear as a gentleman should. Get to know and understand your fellow man. See that work always comes before play... You may well be tired of advice, yet I do not apologise for giving you even more, and I fondly hope that you will remember and follow some of it, if not all".

Admiral Dowling pointed out that although the cadets would find in England a willingness to be friendly, they might also find that past bad behaviour by a few Australians in England had bred a certain dislike of Australians in some quarters. The cadets must set themselves out to show what a real Australian is like. Admiral Dowling told the cadets that leadership must essentially be by example and that it is essential to be a gentleman to be a really good Naval Officer, a gentleman being essentially a man, he said, who is always courteous and considerate towards his seniors, his equals and his juniors.

"But there is more to it than that for you. You are expected to conform with custom, take continual care of your appearance and your speech. Cultivate good manners. You will be largely judged by these things. They matter enormously.

"Many of you will reach high rank and some, no doubt, will be Admirals. I hope you will remember as you climb the ladder three very important things:

"Never lose the common touch. Never lose your sense of values. Never lose—humility.

"The amount of gold on your arm is an indication of achievement in your career. But what really matters is the man inside the uniform.

"I wonder how much of all this advice you will remember! To those whose memories may be very, very short I say just this—

" 'Keep a clean mind and a clean collar'."



Aerial View — R.A.N.C.

Officer Training Today

A young Naval Officer is essentially a person who seeks responsibility. A successful Naval Officer is one who, having demonstrated his willingness to assume responsibility, has cultivated the ability to discharge it. The process of passing from one to the other is known as training.

In the days of sail, the young Naval Officer started off as a Midshipman at the age of 12 or 13 and was sent to sea to learn the mechanics of his trade and his responsibilities as a leader. As time went by, the mechanics of his trade became more complex and he was given formal instruction before he went to sea and again afterwards before receiving his commission.

The stage has now been reached when the technical knowledge required of a Naval Officer at sea is so extensive that the young Officer is unable to assume responsibility and exercise his powers of leadership in a sufficient variety of situations unless he has first learnt the fundamental principles associated with the complicated equipment to be found in the modern warship. These fundamental principles cannot be assimilated until the young Officer has completed his secondary education, and for this reason, amongst others, the Navy has decided to revise the system of entry and training of Officers, and raise the age both of entry into the Service and of first going to sea with the Fleet.

There will be two forms of entry:

- (a) For boys up to the age of 19 years on the date of entry, who have obtained their Matriculation Certificate.
- (b) For boys between 15½ and 16½ on the date of entry, who have passed examinations at about Intermediate Certificate level.

Cadets who enter under either of these schemes will carry out what is known as Phase I training at the Royal Australian Naval College. For the younger Cadets it will take three years; for the older ones, only two terms. During this period, in addition to studying English, a modern Language, Geography, Current Affairs, etc., they will be brought up to a common level of education in Mathematics, Physics and Chemistry, to prepare them for the technical subjects which they will study during Phase III of their training. They will also receive professional instruction in Seamanship, Navigation, Naval Traditions, etc., etc., which they will need before undertaking Phase II time at sea.

Phase II, which consists of four to six months in the Cadet Training Ship H.M.A.S. "Swan", is essentially a period of practical instruction. The Cadets will live and work on board under the same conditions as seamen and learn the internal organisation of a ship and the many day to day routines, drills and evolutions which must be mastered by every competent sailor. They are then ready to acquire the more technical knowledge which is also required of the successful Naval Officer. Also included in Phase II is a two weeks' Air Course, carried out at a Naval Air Station. During this time the Cadets are taught about the organisation and duties of the Fleet Air Arm and are given practical flying experience in the various types of Naval aircraft.

At the end of Phase II, the Cadet is promoted to Midshipman and goes to his Phase III technical and professional training at the Britannia Royal Naval College at Dartmouth in England. This lasts for four terms. During this Phase he lives in a single cabin. He studies Gunnery, Torpedo and Anti-Submarine, Navigation and Direction, Engineering, Aviation, Communications, Radar, etc., attending lectures and demonstrations on the various intricate equipment he will be required to use when he finally goes to sea. His general education is also rounded off with a further study of History, English Expression, Modern Languages and Economics. In fact, Dartmouth is a Naval University and the Midshipman's time is occupied in much the same way as it would be at any other University. It is during this Phase too, that the Midshipmen who are destined for the various branches start studying their own particular subjects — Supply and Secretariat and Engineering Branch, Mid-Secretariat and Engineering Branch. Midshipmen each spend a proportion of their time undergoing instruction in their own specialties; in the case of Engineering Midshipmen, they will do further advanced courses after leaving Dartmouth, but the Supply and Secretariat Officers will complete their full training there. The future training of Electrical Midshipmen is still under discussion, but it is probable that they will also carry out Phase III with a bias towards their specialty before proceeding to more advanced courses.

Nor is practical experience neglected. During the 16 months of Phase III, 20% of the instructional time is spent at sea in the ships of the Special Training Squadron based on the River Dart. This squadron consists of two modern, fast Anti-Submarine Frigates and four other vessels fitted with the most up-to-date equipment in use in the Navy.

And so, at the age of 20 and 21, the young Naval Officer is promoted to Sub-Lieutenant, and sent to sea to take his place in the Fleet. He has learnt the professional and technical principles which a young Officer needs and they form a nucleus round which the practical knowledge acquired whilst at sea can accumulate. He has learnt discipline and the qualities required of a leader and is confident and ready to accept his responsibilities and manage his men. The Officer like qualities which have been developed during his early training are now put to the real test, and after 18 months, when he has consolidated all that he has learnt, he is eligible for promotion to Lieutenant in Her Majesty's Navy.

The careers of Officers after reaching the rank of Lieutenant are outside the scope of this article. A proportion of all branches may go to the Fleet Air Arm; most of the remainder sub-specialise as Lieutenants and Lieutenant-Commanders in their various branches, but when selected for promotion to Commander at the average age of 34, they tend to occupy positions where a broader view is required. Thereafter, promotion is also by selection and all officers, no matter what their specialisation, have a chance of reaching the higher command or administrative posts in the Navy.

R. J. ROBERTSON,

24.9.55.

Commander, R.A.N.

New Courses of Study at R.A.A.C.

Over the last few years there have been several changes in the College curriculum. In the next few years there are likely to be many more; and it would be unwise at this stage to attempt to forecast the form of courses even three years ahead. Both here and at Dartmouth so much will be subject to variation in the light of experience.

There are, however, some new features of the College courses which I hope we shall be able to retain. One of these is the opportunity for more advanced work in Mathematics and Science for Cadets with leanings towards the Engineering or Electrical Branches, and another is the choice of subjects in the final year allowed to Cadets opting for the Executive or Supply and Secretariat Branches.

The Board of Studies has decided that both these features are to apply to the courses for Cadets who pass out at the end of next year. In addition, all of these Cadets will study Current World Affairs, will spend one period of two and a half days each term in the Engineering workshops, and will have at least three periods per week for private study. Another innovation will be a short course in typing for those who wish to join the Supply and Secretariat Branch.

The new "Normal" entry, of Cadets between 15½ and 16½ on 1st January, 1956, will do a three years' course. During the first two years they will study English, Mathematics, Science, Naval History, Seamanship and Engineering. They will select one alternative subject from a group consisting of History, Geography, French, German and, perhaps, Russian, and they will all spend one period a week on Appreciation of Art. It is probable that, in their third year, the system will be somewhat similar to that which will apply to the Cadets passing-out next year; that is, preference for a particular branch will dictate the subjects to be studied.

For the Matriculation Entry, the two terms at the College will be a settling-in period mainly devoted to bringing all Cadets up to a common minimum standard in Mathematics and Science, and giving them sufficient Seamanship and Navigation instruction to get the full value from their time in H.M.A.S. "Swan", and to prepare them for Phase III at Dartmouth.

Q. de Q. ROBIN,

Headmaster.

The Road Ahead

Life as a "snottie" in a big ship is certainly the best of an officer's training period or should I say we of the Cook Year, 1950, have found it so. We joined the "Sydney" in Brisbane at the end of September last, fresh from the rigours and trials of life in the R.N. training ship, and not very sure of what lay ahead of us. Now, at the end of 11 months, we look back on a variety of

rich experiences and realise that we have learnt a lot about life in general as well as the Navy. Life has proved more than interesting and a few of our experiences are related hereunder for the benefit or guidance of those who are fortunate enough to have a gunroom life yet before them. We do not advocate that those of you for whom this is written should try to emulate our

deeds, but we do hope that you will realise that life can be more fun in the Navy than would be apparent to a Cadet at the R.A.N.C.

Our first "experiences" of those ways of life peculiar to the gunroom were at Manus Island where, during Operation SATEX, we anchored close to H.M.S. "Birmingham". Our gunroom contemporaries in that ship were quite an enterprising lot and had managed to decorate their mess with an accumulation of valueless yet attractive souvenirs. After days of careful planning we had elected to relieve "Birmingham's" gunroom of some of its ornamentation, but Operation TROPHEX, as the expedition was named, failed when our boarding party met with a barrage of tomatoes, eggs and sundry refuse. However, we were not discouraged by this failure and since then our prowess at the noble art of trophy hunting has considerably improved. The gunroom now contains a variety of souvenirs—from Poona, Rushcutter, the streets of a certain New Zealand port and several other interesting places. However, the trophy which takes pride of place is a name plate from H.M.S. "Warrior", captured by members of the Waller Year disguised as dockyard mateys while over in England. But there is a definite art in this trophy hunting—it is not really stealing at all—and the art is something you will only understand when you do become midshipmen.

A second interest, and one which we have fostered greatly, is that of four wheeled motor transport. If one cared to take a visit to the flagship when the latter was alongside at Garden Island, one would find parked on the wharf alongside the ship a collection of motoring marvels, the property of members of the gunroom mess. Since November last some 14½ machines have graced this wharf, and they have ranged from a plutocratic, limousine-like 1929 Buick to a broken down, battered 1954 Lambretta (the owner of which has given both himself and other road users more than a few headaches). With half a driver and half as many wheels as a normal vehicle, this contraption has never been rated as a complete machine. However, though the majority are of pre-war vintage, their services have made them more than worthwhile despite the aspersions cast on our purchases by various officers.

Social activities play a large part in one's time as a "snottie". Though wine bills are limited to 30/- per month, we find this gives us quite a reasonable scope for entertainment and social life is rarely at a standstill. In Melbourne during Cup Week last year we received our initiation to this "new" life, and as an initiation nothing could have been better. We certainly needed an initiation and also some training before we went to New Zealand this year, for the entertainment there was of a calibre unknown to us.

However, life is not all froth and bubble, as people undoubtedly think it is, and there are a variety of tasks which befall our lot. These include boatrunning (a smashing job as a senior mid, can testify), watching (rugged dooty), divisional work (oh to be a divisional officer with a "snottie" by my side), journal writing (burning the midnight oil), and National Service Training (lend us your body for 184 days and we'll make big strong ordinary seamen out of you). The latter is a task in which almost half of us are employed and is extremely interesting work, though there are occasions, while marking exam. papers, when one feels glad he did not take teaching as a profession. When asked, in the rule of the road paper, what three short blasts on a siren mean, one of our more brilliant scholars replied in all sincerity, "A sailing vessel going full astern".

During the 16 months as a midshipman one also does a certain amount of time with the engineering and electrical branches, not going into a great deal of detail but getting enough idea of their work to enable us to appreciate the problems and duties of those branches.

Short courses in such things are A.B.C.D., T.A.S., and aviation are also part of our training, as too are special duties like Captain's doggie and Tanky (Navigator's assistant).

So you will see that by the end of the 16 months one should be infinitely better acquainted with the vagaries of service life. Just how much better one is acquainted depends a lot on the individual, as there is not the strict supervision to which one grows accustomed at the College, and a large amount of work has to be done by oneself.

All in all then, life as a midshipman is what one makes it. If one works hard he can learn an invaluable lot and at the same time thoroughly enjoy himself. If on the other hand he slacks he can probably



Helicopter Demonstration at R.A.N.C.

still enjoy himself in the social world, but will pay dearly later, particularly when, at the end of 16 months, the Seamanship Board looms up before him.

Sport is one thing we all miss. The opportunities are naturally limited, and after the wonderful and varied sporting fixtures which we grew used to during our College careers, the lack of sport is one thing which, though inevitable, is disappointing. For those who excel at a particular game, the opportunity does sometime arise, but for the more mediocre ones among us, it is difficult to arrange more than an occasional afternoon on a playing field. Refits at Captain Cook Dockyard provide us with more chances than at other times and during this long stay we have realised just how much we miss our outdoor activity when we are at sea.

Now at the beginning of September we are still alongside the Fitting Out Wharf at Garden Island, Sydney, hoping and praying (those whom Cupid has not struck) that we may soon put to sea once more for our last few months in "Sydney's" gunroom. We have been here since June and rumour has it that the reason for our long sojourn is the strike of dockyard workers. Official reason is that a certain midshipman (whose father manages a bank) has lost 2/- at the bottom of Captain Cook Dock and has refused (in that Queenslandish way of his) to allow the Captain to take the ship to sea until the dock is drained and this half of his worldly wealth recovered.

J. S. DICKSON.

Tam O'Shanter

One bright sunny day in the autumn of 1954, as the Headmaster and I were walking home to lunch, he said, "You know, we ought to get a yacht for the College and enter it in the Sydney-Hobart Race". And so we did.

The story wasn't quite so simple as that, of course, but it is perhaps enough to record that everyone from the Minister for the Navy downwards gave enthusiastic support to the idea, and in due course the Royal Australian Naval College became the proud owners of the 33 foot sloop "Tam O'Shanter".

She is a very handsome little yacht of about 5½ tons displacement with five bunks, a reasonably spacious cabin, a galley and her own particular branch of "heads". (The story circulating in the Melbourne Yacht Clubs to the effect that the Navy fitted two "heads", one for the Officers and one for the Cadets, is not true). Her principal dimensions are as follows:—

Length over all: 33 feet.
 Load water line: 27 feet.
 Fresh water capacity: 37 gallons.
 Food capacity: About 10 days for a crew of 7, plus a week's hard rations.
 Extra fittings: Walker's Excelsior Mark IV Log, A.W.A. Teleradio Type 3BZ, Sheet and Halyard Winches.

Her original sail outfit was:—
 No. 1 Mainsail: 351 sq. ft.
 No. 2 Mainsail (Trysail): 250 sq. ft.
 Genoa Foresail (2 in No.): 214 sq. ft. each.
 No. 1 Jib: 123 sq. ft.
 No. 2 Jib: 79 sq. ft.
 No. 3 Jib (Spitfire): 36 sq. ft.
 Light Spinnaker: 555 sq. ft.
 Heavy Spinnaker: 555 sq. ft. (later reduced to 431 sq. ft.).

Her speed in a Force 4 wind is about 5 to 6 knots. The best hour's run logged during the season was 8.4 nautical miles. Best 24 hours' run, 180 nautical miles.

We took "Tam O'Shanter" over on Friday, 26th November, 1954, at Williams-town Dockyard, and after several frantic



"Track Chart"

phone calls to the previous owner, managed to discover how to start the engine. That evening we motored across to Brighton where the evening was spent in conducting the traditional commissioning ceremony. We sailed at 0430 the following morning for Portsea, most of the day being spent under power because of the lack of wind. We developed a dislike for the engine. It was noisy and smelly and at one stage nearly caused a fatal accident from carbon monoxide poisoning. The unfortunate crew member, who later became our cook/navigator in the Hobart Race, was brought up from below unconscious, but he revived in the fresh air. That evening was spent at Portsea and we sailed at dawn the following day. A light northerly took us through Port Phillip Heads at 0500 and freshened during the morning to help us make good time to arrive at Flinders Naval Depot soon after 1200 on Sunday, 28th November. We then had exactly 15 days to get ready for the Christmas Cruise to Sydney and the Sydney-Hobart Race.

It was a busy period. "Tam O'Shanter" had to be slipped and painted. The engine had to be taken out. All the stores and equipment—sails, boatswain's gear, oilskins, food, water, emergency equipment, sextant, charts, radio, batteries, etc., etc.—had to be gathered together and stowed on board. New sails had to be collected and all the thousand and one little jobs, varying from

renewing the whippings on rope's ends, to the building of a new chart table, had to be completed. Finally, at 1330 on Monday, 10th December, with a crew which had to be selected by ballot as there was no time for training, we sailed for Sydney—only an hour and a half late on our expected time of departure, planned some four months previously before we even knew we would have a yacht.

The oily swell outside Westernport took its toll that evening and the delicious "Tam O'Shanter" stew was not greatly appreciated but everyone soon settled down and we enjoyed a soldier's wind all the way to Sydney. There was much activity on board—sail drill, navigational practice, cookery classes, safety procedures and sleep—so the time went quickly. Gabo Island produced its traditional fireworks and we discovered that a speed of six knots with a foresail only set could be quite an interesting experience with many opportunities for the amateur photographer.

We reached Sydney on Saturday afternoon and secured alongside the Naval Depot H.M.A.S. "Rushcutter", whose officers were to be our very kind hosts during our stay. Again we faced the period of getting ready for sea, cheerfully competing with stores, defects, weather reports, parties, sailing directions, paint, measuring for handi-cap, more stores, more defects, a new primus stove and so on; then, we were ready. This was the first time the Navy had entered a yacht in the Sydney-Hobart Race and all were anxious that we should have everything we needed for the event. The best craftsmen in Garden Island Dockyard gave willing assistance, several Cadets and others on leave in Sydney came and worked with us, and a large firm of pharmaceutical chemists sent us a box of anti-seasickness pills. Advice and good wishes came from all quarters and we really began to feel that we were quite an important little boat. And when, on the Thursday afternoon before the race, the whole crew were bidden to Government House to have tea with His Excellency the Governor of New South Wales, our cup was really full.

On Monday morning, 27th December, "Tam O'Shanter" reported by Signal to the Naval Board, "Intend to sail at 1030K today Monday for Hobart taking part in the Sydney-Hobart Ocean Yacht Race en route". There were final farewells, press photographers, a television camera, a fresh southerly breeze and a maze of craft of every size and description on the harbour. Our first view of our competitors, very large and beautiful in the morning sunlight, caused a feeling of apprehension, but "Tam O'Shanter" looked well too, with the Racing Flag of the Royal Australian Naval College Sailing Club fluttering proudly at the masthead and the crew in smart new yellow oilskins and sailing berets. Her sail



Leaving R.A.N.C.

mark R.A.N.C.1, announced her origin and our confidence soon returned. Then, at last, we were off.

A few brief recollections can best describe the first three days: First across the starting line, but back with the smaller boats before we reached the Heads. A strong southerly outside; wet, miserable and hungry by dusk, but optimistic none the less. Rolling down past Jervis Bay the following afternoon with the spinnaker set and "Solveig" (the eventual winner) astern of us. Dry, happy and well fed. A glorious day's sailing and the same that night as well. Another southerly blow the next day which soon reached gale force. The frantic rush to shorten sail. Wet again, but now we were hardened salt sea sailors — still well fed, tired and happy. Morale was high. During this blow we overhauled and passed the 50 foot ketch "Laurabada".

Then on Thursday, 30th December, the wind was again from the north-east rising to Force 7. Full sail was set and we were scudding before the breeze logging 8 knots for hours on end. From time to time "Tam O'Shanter" caught a wave and surfed. Bondi was never like this — with a bow wave as long as the boat and "swish" through the water vieing with howling of the wind in the rigging to be the star of the jazz band of a storm at sea.

That night we pressed on, with the Southern Cross to guide us, hoping that "Tam O'Shanter" would be favoured by these conditions. The morning radio reports dampened our hopes, however, and made us realise that this sort of sailing was the exhilarating experience of all those who race their yachts at sea. Our run for 24 hours amounted to 180 miles.

After lunch a gale came in from the south and the crew were very active for a while, but in a few hours it had backed to the east and "Tam O'Shanter" again made good time towards Tasman Island. Our first sight of Tasmania was Cape Freycinet Light, sighted at 0145 on Saturday, 1st January, about 20 miles away on the starboard beam. Tasman Island was only a few miles ahead at 1700 that day when the first boats crossed the finishing line. We had been logging 6 to 7 knots and a quick calculation told us we were still in the running for a place on handicap, but unfortunately it was not to be. We spent the next 10 hours wallowing in the swell at the entrance to Storm Bay with no wind to help us at all. Then at 0500 on Sunday a light breeze sprang up from the south-east and "Tam O'Shanter" sailed majestically up the Derwent to finish at 1115. Our final place was 7th out of 18 starters.

Then followed an enjoyable four days in Hobart. The crew were billeted out with various kind hosts and "Tam O'Shanter" herself lay in Constitution Dock with the



"Easy Going"

other yachts who had completed the course, to be admired by a constant throng of spectators. The Lord Mayor gave a civic reception to all the crews and there were many other opportunities for discussing the vagaries of the weather and the events of the race. The Lord Mayor, himself an ex-Naval man, said in his speech how pleased they all were to see that the Navy had entered the field of ocean racing and hoped they would have the pleasure of seeing "Tam O'Shanter" in Hobart again in future years. (It was just before this reception that the skipper of "Tam O'Shanter" had taken an involuntary swim in Constitution Dock, but he managed to get some dry clothes in time to thank the Lord Mayor for his kind remarks he had made on behalf of the City of Hobart). That evening, the prizes were presented by His Excellency, the Governor of Tasmania, and on the following day the Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania was "At Home" to all the crew members. Our days were spent in looking around Hobart and the surrounding country, and when on Thursday, 6th, the time came to sail again, there was much sadness on board "Tam O'Shanter" at leaving such a delightful city and so many charming friends.

The trip back to Westernport was through the Dunalley Canal, east of Flinders Island, south of Deal Island in the Kent Group with its lighthouse perched up 1000 feet on top of a craggy cliff, and

thence direct. Head winds didn't make "Tam O'Shanter" particularly comfortable, but she reached a position off Seal Rocks by 2100 the following Tuesday and completed the voyage with an exciting run up Westernport—a fresh breeze astern and a heavy south-westerly swell. We anchored off Hanns Inlet at 2350. Next morning we tacked up the creek and were welcomed at the Depot by the Commodore, a large audience and the Band. So ended our first voyage—1830 nautical miles in a month. Our mean speed for the 19 days which we spent at sea was four knots, which confirmed the old rule that a yacht can be expected to average 100 miles a day.

A fortnight later the first term started and "Tam O'Shanter" became busy again. She was out most week-ends, either cruising in Westernport or undertaking longer voyages. From 11th to 14th February she sailed round to Brighton to be present when the Annual Dinghy Race against the Royal Brighton Yacht Club took place—a week-end punctuated with squalls and rain.

On the 25th February she again sailed to Brighton to take part in the Lady Nelson Trophy around Port Phillip Bay, which started at 1330 on Saturday, 26th. The course was 76 miles. The conditions varied from a southerly gale during the afternoon to a flat calm off Prince George's Bank at 0200 and navigation through the South and West Channels and into Corio Bay was made difficult by rain squalls which occasionally reduced the visibility to about 100 yards. "Tam O'Shanter" finished at 0840 on Sunday, 27th, first in the A and B Class Handicap section, but sixth in the open R.O.R.C. Handicap event. After the finish we sailed to Swan Island where "Tam O'Shanter" had to be left for three days until sea conditions in the Rip had moderated sufficiently to allow us to return to Westernport. The return trip was made uneventfully on Wednesday, 2nd March.

The next two week-ends were spent cruising in Westernport, then on 7th April we took "Tam O'Shanter" to Queenscliff to enter the Victorian Cruising Club's Easter Race from Queenscliff to Apollo Bay. There were only eight starters and the whole of the course was sailed in light airs and a calm sea. In this race we had plenty of expert advice from the father of one of the Cadets who lives at Queenscliff. There was also an extra incentive in that he offered us a case of champagne if we won. "Tam O'Shanter" just missed taking line honours by about 100 yards, but won quite comfortably on handicap. The champagne arrived on board within half an hour of anchoring in Apollo Bay, accompanied by a bag of crayfish. The Cadets in the crew had the crayfish. That evening we were entertained by the local Fishermen's Association and were eventually towed out of the harbour by one of them

in a flat calm soon after midnight. However, a light breeze sprang up at about four in the morning and we set course for Westernport once again. There were several periods of flat calm that day and the next and we did not finally secure to our buoy until after lunch on Monday—four days of sailing with never a wind stronger than Force 3—different to our usual weather but very pleasant for a change. The Cadets in our crew were most disappointed to miss studies on the Monday (they included a Physics test), but learnt that a sailing vessel cannot always keep to her planned time of arrival.

After a further week-end of sailing in Westernport the season was virtually at an end. "Tam O'Shanter" did one more cruise to Geelong and back during the May leave period and was taken to Williamstown for her annual refit on the 11th-12th July.

She has had an eventful first season. She was under sail on 53 days and sailed an estimated distance of over 3000 miles between November, 1954, and May, 1955. Cadets have been out in her for varying periods, most of them by now experienced yachtsmen. Others will enjoy the vast open spaces of the ocean next year, and with the experience we have gained, there is



"Rough Stuff"

every chance that "Tam O'Shanter" will figure prominently in the prize list of races she enters.

Good luck and pleasant sailing to "Tam O'Shanter" and her crews.

R. J. ROBERTSON,
16th August, 1955. Commander, R.A.N.C.

LIST OF "TAM O'SHANTER" CREWS

13th December, 1954-12th January, 1955

R.A.N.C. TO SYDNEY — SYDNEY TO HOBART RACE — HOBART TO R.A.N.C.

Cdr. Robertson, Lt. Cdr. Savage, Lt. Cdr. Hokin, Lt. Cumming, C. M. Dodd, Graham, Mentz. (Note: C. M. Jones

replaced Lt. Cumming, R.A.N.C. to Sydney).

25th February-28th February, 1955

R.A.N.C. TO R.B.Y.C. THEN "LADY NELSON TROPHY" RACE AROUND PORT PHILLIP AND RETURN TO SWAN ISLAND.

Cdr. Robertson, Lt. Cdr. Dyke, Lt. Calder, C. M. Mentz, Robinson, Jaques and Lattin.

7th April-11th April, 1955

R.A.N.C. TO QUEENSCLIFF, QUEENSCLIFF TO APOLLO BAY RACE, APOLLO BAY TO R.A.N.C.

Cdr. Robertson, Lt. Cdr. Savage, Lt. Cumming, C. M. Robinson, Farrell, Frizwell, Roberts, I. D.



AERONAUTICS CLUB

This year the Aeronautics Club has been run on a more highly organised basis than in previous years and for this all credit must go to Lt. Barnett. To him the Club extends a vote of thanks.

We have had a series of lectures during the year on the technical side of aeronautics, and I feel sure that the budding "fly boys" have been satisfied in their search for knowledge. As well, we have had the privilege of using the "Link Trainer" in the Depot and this has given us a taste of the sensation of flying. Further, we have been able this year, through Lt. Barnett, to secure equipment for model-making, all the requirements of those anxious to build model aircraft having been satisfactorily met.

To close the Aeronautics Club Notes for 1955 I would like once again to thank Lt. Barnett for his time and co-operation and to express the hope that the Club will function as smoothly next year.

C. J. LITTLETON.

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CHOIR

The R.A.N.C. choir has this year provided the foundation for the singing in Chapel on Sundays. At the end of term

concert in first term we sang "The Mermaid", "The Tarpaulin Jacket" and "My Bonnie". Preparation for these items and practice for the Church Services has taken up a good portion of our meeting time. Despite a noticeable drop in attendances lately—the reason being the approaching examinations—the Choir is completing what has been a very progressive year. Much of the credit for this progress must go to the enthusiastic work of Lieutenant-Commander Q. Des Clayes, who has taught us a great deal. Thanks to his efforts and to the keenness of the members we can look forward confidently to another successful year in 1956.

D. McK. EGGLESTON.

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SCIENCE CLUB

President: P. F. MAXWELL.

Secretary: A. L. HUNT.

Under the guidance of Messrs Berry, Davis and Thompson, the Science Club had a very successful year. The Club was split into three groups—physics, chemistry and geology—and short general meetings each week, each group met separately. The chemistry division, was perhaps also the most popular, and during Term II many experiments were carried out, ranging from distillation of coal to testing of foodstuffs. There were two very enjoyable and educational excursions during the year. The first was to Studley Park and the Botanical Gardens, features of geological and botanical interest being discussed by Mr. Thompson. The other, elsewhere reported, was an extremely interesting trip to the Sherbrooke Forest to observe lyre birds.

Those leaving the College to go to sea wish the Science Club great success in 1956 and hope that its members enjoy themselves as much as we have done this year.

P.F.M.

CHESS AND BRIDGE CLUB

The Club has functioned very successfully throughout the second term when meetings were held weekly in the Navigation Room. Attendance was very pleasing, an average of over 30 members being present at each meeting. Cards and chess proved to be about equal in popularity.

Euchre and five hundred were learnt as "stepping stones" to the more involved bridge, and by the time the last meetings were held a large number of Cadets were reasonably proficient at all three games. However, the fine points of bridge will only be acquired with more experience and practice.

The Flinders and Waller Years provided quite a number of chess enthusiasts. Baines made a name for himself early in the year by defeating Lt. Cdr. Des Clayes and has been our No. 1 player in the two outside contests. In both matches our opposition was too experienced, although our chaps performed very creditably. Walsh was our only player to have a victory against Scotch College and Ferrier saved the day against Melbourne High. Benham also played particularly well against a well-practiced opponent and their match was unfinished due to lack of time. However, the pieces on the board showed a slight advantage in our favour.

We look forward to more outside contests next year as we have "discovered" more schools and colleges who have Chess Clubs as one of their recreational activities.

M.L.B.

YACHTING CLUB

In this, the second year of its existence, the Yachting Club was most successful. Membership stood at 21, more than double the numbers of last year, and although the Club met on Monday night (the busiest activities night of the week), we regularly had good attendances.

Discussions were divided into two groups, one, under Commander Robertson, relating to ocean racing and cruising, and the other, presided over by Lieut.-Cdr. Scrivenor, analysing the problems facing the dinghy designer. These discussions were most interesting and useful and the Club is grateful to Commander Robertson and Lieut.-Cdr. Scrivenor for their interest in its activities. We are hopeful that the Club will continue to grow in size and enthusiasm as it has so far done.

J. J. DOYLE.

SHALLOW WATER DIVING CLUB

The Club was unable to operate actively this year due to lack of suitable equipment. "Salores" type oxygen sets are in process of being replaced for diving purposes in the R.A.N. by compressed air sets.

These sets will enable the wearer to swim freely and to descend below the 33 feet depth limit of the "Salores". In view of the increasing importance of diving, and bearing in mind the fact that it is now possible for an officer to specialise in clearance diving, it has been decided to try and obtain two of the new outfits when they come into service use. In addition we hope to have at least one Year Officer qualified as a S.W. diver to interest Cadets during their time at the College. Apart from elementary familiarisation in the pool, it will be possible to use the new sets for recreation. Such things as spear fishing, searching for lost rudders, inspecting moorings in the Inlet and underwater exploration of the limped waters of Westernport are all logical avenues for the future advancement of the Club.

To keep interest alive during this frustrating period of waiting for gear, we were able to get Lieut.-Cdr. M. S. Batterham, O.B.E., R.A.N.V.R., who is on the staff of the Director of Naval Ordnance and Underwater Weapons, to come down and lecture us on the diving set-up projected for the R.A.N. During Term III we hope to be able to give all Senior Year Cadets a chance to test their fish-like qualities with the new sets.

P. M. CUMMING.

FENCING CLUB

Under the expert coaching of C.P.O. Gascoigne and P.O. Pritchard, the Fencing Club made excellent progress throughout the year. The first few lessons were devoted to instruction in the fundamentals such as the "on guard" position, the lunge and the parry, all executed with the sabre. We progressed to the more delicate foil in the third term. Members greatly benefitted from the visit to the Australian Fencing Championships, although disappointed at missing the sabre contests. We ended the year with a series of individual combats. We have really enjoyed ourselves and wish to thank our two instructors for the interest and excellent teaching.

T. W. JONES.

DEBATING CLUB

The Debating Club has had an interesting year. The first meeting was held on the 31st May and tentative plans were made for visits to Scotch College, Melbourne High School and Toorak Ladies' College. Nelson, a member of last year's debating team, was elected president and Parr was appointed secretary.

On the evening of June 24th members of the Club went to Scotch College for a round table discussion on such subjects as: That the human race will be ruined by laziness as more and more machines are invented; that euthanasia should be made legal; that old cars should be banned from the roads. The evening was most successful.

On July 8th, during the R.A.N.C. visit to Dookie Agricultural College, Wilson, Lattin and Frizell successfully represented the College, taking the negative side in a formal debate: That films encourage people to wish for luxury and excitement. Wilson, incidentally, was considered by the adjudicators to be the best speaker from both teams. This was the only inter-school formal debate we had during the year. The conference type of discussion gives everyone a chance to state his case and argue.

The round table debate at Toorak Ladies' College on the 7th August began very quietly; this was probably due to shyness on the part of both parties, and also to the fact that the young ladies had little experience in this type of debating. Nevertheless, proceedings progressed satisfactorily and some very interesting information was given, particularly from the Toorak Ladies' College group, on such subjects as: Decentralisation; Are Rabbits a Pest in Australia? Potentialities of Antarctica.

The last visit of the Club was to Melbourne High School on the 13th September. Here we heard some very good speeches and clear, logical arguments on such subjects as: That Australia is a lazy nation; That the Olympic Games have no practical value; That Australia should adopt a Continental Sunday.

On behalf of the Club, I would like to thank Mr. Richards for his help and guidance in arranging trips and instructing us in the finer points of debating during our normal meetings throughout the year.

D.A.H.

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CAMERA CLUB

Master-in-Charge: Mr. G. F. ADENEY.

President: R. I. CRAWFORD.

This year, under the able guidance of Mr. Adeney, the Camera Club, with a greatly increased membership, has operated most successfully.

In the course of the year there have been two excursions—one during first term to the Melbourne Docks and the other, in second term, taking the form of a tour of the Mornington Peninsula. Although the weather on both occasions left much to be desired, the excursions were, as usual, popular and enjoyable.

At the end of Term II the Club sponsored a photography competition and exhibition. Despite the rather small number of entries the standard was fairly high. We extend our thanks to Commander Robertson, Lieut.-Cdr. Scrivenor and Mr. Adeney, who had the difficult job of judging the competition. The prize-winners were:—

Portrait Section: J. A. Payne.

Pictorial Section: J. A. Payne.

Sport and Action Section: R. I. Crawford.

Special prize: W. F. Jacques for a fine pictorial study.

We have been very fortunate in having the use of the Depot dark-room with its enlarging facilities. In connection with this privilege our thanks are due to the Depot Gunnery Officer for his permission to use the room and to the Depot Photographer for his expert advice on the process of enlarging. It is to be hoped that we will again have the use of these facilities next year.

R.I.C.

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JAZZ AND REVUE CLUB

Formed last year, the Jazz and Revue Club has expanded rapidly until there are now two established bands with a third on the way. The career of the first of these outfits "The Southern City Six" and its jazz recording are well known to us all. Their line-up has been completed with the inclusion of Lieutenant (L) Withers on clarinet.

The meetings of the Club throughout the year have been well attended and all members have been most enthusiastic. With the College revue, "The Darktown Strutters' Ball", as a goal the Club has worked very hard and has attracted to its ranks many clever artists. This revue proved an outstanding success and the work of all those who were involved was greatly appreciated.

We would like most sincerely to thank Messrs. Trewin, Davis and Richards for their willing help—help that made the Jazz and Revue Club one of the happiest and most alive of the College activity groups.

IAN WALSH.

SMALL ARMS CLUB

This, the second year of Small Arms Club activities, has proved another complete success. Mr. Fargher, as Master-in-Charge, has very ably conducted the Club, and his enthusiastic guidance has been largely responsible for our success.

Every Saturday morning small parties of members have received instruction in the handling, use, care and maintenance of fire-arms at the Depot rifle range, and for this privilege we are indebted to C.P.O. Evans, who has given so much time for our benefit. During the first term we attended a display of weapons arranged by the Melbourne University Regiment and in third term we are in the process of forming a rifle team to compete against other schools and service establishments in our vicinity.

In conclusion, and on behalf of all Club members, I would like to extend our thanks to Mr. Fargher for his enthusiastic interest, guidance and support throughout the year.

P. J. CORNELL.

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RADIO CLUB

The year started well with 36 enthusiastic members full of ideas and keen to get to grips with the task of constructing a radio set. The general set-up of the Club was slightly different from last year, and it was decided that for those members with no previous experience of building sets there should be three basic models from which the beginners could choose one to build. When the basic set was completed they would have the option of keeping it or returning it to the Club. All members, of course, had the chance to build any type of set and these ranged from one-valve receivers to multi-range transceivers. A number of members started on the basic sets, while others attempted models of their own choosing, and work proceeded at a steady rate until slackened by the slow supply of components. The standard of work has been very good in spite of all the difficulties and this promises well for the future when facilities will be improved.

Half-way through the second term Lt. Bristow introduced a new angle to the Club's activities by obtaining some test receivers which were assembled by the senior members of the Club. These activities enabled the Club to function on two nights weekly. At the beginning of third term an excursion was arranged in the form of a visit to 3UZ, as a result of which many members gained their first insight into the inside working of a commercial radio station.

Throughout the year the Club has been assisted in various ways by many people and, on behalf of the Radio Club, I would like to thank all those who have assisted us and, in particular, to express our gratitude to the staff of the Depot Electrical School, Lieut. Calder and Lieut. Bristow for their interest and help.

J. FARRELL.

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FILM NIGHTS

Film nights have been much more popular this year than in the past, the reason lying in the films themselves. Previously we have relied largely on short films from the State Film Centre and the Depot Film Library, but this year obtained most of our films from the 16 Millimetre Company.

Most of these have been full-length shows such as "The Third Man" and "Seven Days Till Noon". Some have been humorous, an example being "Appointment With Venus", and all have been films that were well-received by the general public and the majority of critics.

A vote of thanks must go to Mr. Bennett, one of our Study Corporals, for the fine work he has done in screening these films for us and for the skill with which he several times carried out running repairs that enabled breakdowns to be overcome.

P. LAMBERT.

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MUSIC CLUB

The Music Club met every week during the winter routine and enjoyable evenings were spent by a fire in the music room listening to a wide variety of classical recordings. Lt.-Cdr. Des Clayes, in charge of the meetings, sometimes selected the evening's recordings and briefly discussed the composers and their respective works. However, for the most part, Cadets introduced the music and gave brief lectures on the programme. The 30 seats which we had booked for the Youth Concert were always filled, with more than enough applications weeks before the concert, a true indication of the popularity of these excursions to the Melbourne Town Hall.

All round, the Music Club has been most successful in that it has given many Cadets recreation in their spare time and while these people were appreciating the recordings they were also increasing their knowledge of music. Thanks to the energy and enthusiasm of Lt.-Cdr. Des Clayes, this Club has been among the most interesting and vigorous in the College.

From Time to Time

On Tuesday, 24th May, 38 members of the Small Arms Club were privileged to visit the Melbourne University Regiment's display of weapons. Our first stopping-place was the Regimental Drill Hall where such weapons as the Bren L.M.G., the Owen S.M.G., the field gun, six-pounder anti-tank gun, two-inch and three-inch mortars and the Smith-Wesson .38 revolver were examined. A point of particular interest was the operation of numerous walkie-talkie sets. A compression unit was also demonstrated. After we had closely examined every weapon the bus took us to M.U.R.H.Q., where we saw two very interesting and instructional films entitled "Street Fighting". After the films we were given an excellent supper in the Mess and boarded the bus for R.A.N.C. after a most interesting evening for the organisation of which we thank Mr. K. Fargher

P SELBY.

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On the 2nd and 3rd August, Japs from Phillip and Waller Years and the Engineering and Electrical group from Jervis and Burnett Years visited the Engineering Exhibition at the University of Melbourne. Many of the exhibits were far beyond the comprehension of the Cadets, although we found even the most involved quite fascinating. Displays relating to metallurgical, electrical, civil, aeronautical and automobile engineering provided varied and interesting attractions. Short lectures were given by University students on metallurgy, road planning, testing of trucks and finally a most absorbing talk on the Rolls Royce "Dart" turbo-prop. aeroplane engine. During the visit it was pleasant to meet several well-known ex-R.A.N.C. personalities who are at one stage or another of the course for Bachelor of Electrical Engineering. These included Lieut. Jobson, Sub-Lieut. Waller, Mids. Hocker, Cooper and Youl.

J.S.

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On Tuesday, 9th August, 22 Cadets of the Jervis and Burnett Years visited the Government Armaments Factory at Maribyrnong. In the morning we were shown the complete sequence of stages in the production of all the shells in military use, except the actual making of the explosives. What most amazed us was the enormous demand by the Services, even in time of peace. After our tour of inspection we had lunch and departed by bus for the Ordnance Factory.

Here we saw an even more interesting display. Starting with the forging of gun barrels we followed production through its various stages to completed guns, torpedo tubes, torpedoes and mortars. After an afternoon well spent we thanked our guides and departed at 1545 for the College.

I.G.B.

Jervis and Burnett Years journeyed to Melbourne on Monday evening, March 28th, to see the National Theatre Company's production of Shakespeare's "Hamlet". First let it be said that we all enjoyed the play and gained, I am sure, considerably more understanding of it as a result of the performance. In the main, the production was good, but it did seem that the company found the difficulties of the very small stage more than they could completely overcome. In the title role, Peter Norton was generally good and behaved much as we expected a Hamlet to do—he had some very fine moments, but seemed on occasions to over-act. The part of Polonius was extremely well played, I thought, and most of our group agreed that this was the finest single performance of the evening. There was, it seemed, a tendency to the over-lavish in the matter of make-up, the most glaring examples being in the cases of the King and Queen.

It remains to tender our thanks to our English masters, Messrs. Clark, Richards and Wilde, for arranging the trip and for their constructive and helpful criticism and discussion of the play in the light of the performance.

A.L.H.

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On Sunday, 24th July, the Science Club undertook an expedition to Sherbrooke Forest, leaving the College at about 9 a.m. and reaching our destination at about 10.30. The party was then broken up into five groups led by Hunt, D. J. Taylor, Wright, Thomason and Warwick, the only seniors in the party. For two hours these five groups, fanned out, searched the forest for lyre-birds. Nearly every party was rewarded with a sight of at least one bird and Hunt's group watched one for some 20 minutes. We had taken cut lunches and kye was brewed to wash these down. In spite of steady rain the manoeuvre was voted reasonably successful. After a stay of 20 minutes in the pretty little hill town of Belgrave we moved on to a different part of Sherbrooke Forest, the area of the Melbourne Boys' High School Reserve, and (working this time as a single group) were rewarded by seeing several more lyre-birds. We were within a yard of one particular bird for several minutes. Leaving the Forest at 4.30 we reached the College at about 6 o'clock after a most unusual and interesting day, for which we thank the organiser of the outing, Mr. R. F. Berry.

R.W.

A bus-load of camera enthusiasts set out from the College at 0830 on Sunday, 24th April, for a trip to the Melbourne Docks. The weather didn't look at all promising when we left and rain had started to fall before we reached Frankston. We visited first the Naval Dockyard, but finding little of interest there embarked on a long drive to the Williamstown Docks, where we spent some time looking at a number of yachts. After consuming a cut lunch we pushed on to the Victoria Docks where, in spite of light rain, we got some excellent shots and were shown over several big ships. The last stop was at Port Melbourne, where we spent the rest of the afternoon. At one of the piers were the two Italian migrant ships "Sydney" and "Australia" and we had to struggle through multitudes of Italian migrants to get near the ships. Both seemed very modern and well-appointed, but the huge crowds gave us no chance of getting on board. It was a good day in spite of the rain; as to camera enthusiasts there are few such magnetic places as dockland areas.

J. HAMILTON.

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On the afternoon of Sunday, 12th June, Mr. Davis and 16 members of the Fencing Club went to Melbourne to witness some heats of the Australian Fencing Championships at the Victorian Railways Institute.

Bouts were being held with sabre, epee and foils, only women contesting foils events on that day. When we arrived the men's epee heats were being contested and these provided some two and a half hours of tense excitement.

We then adjourned for tea and found it very difficult to obtain a good, moderately priced meal in Melbourne on a Sunday night (said the cynics, "The only thing you can get in Melbourne on a Sunday is a cold").

On returning to the V.R.I. we found the women's foils in progress and these proved to be very much faster than the afternoon's epee contests and equally as exciting. We spent a very pleasurable two hours before Mr. Davis decreed that we must be on our way.

Our sincere thanks go to Mr. Davis for accompanying us and for giving us such an enjoyable time.

P.C.R.

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During the winter term members of Waller and Phillip Years enjoyed the privilege of taking part in a series of dancing lessons at the neighbouring (18 miles—"The Great Australian Loneliness!") Toorak Ladies' College. We enjoyed our

visits very much and, I hope, profited greatly from the instruction we received. We must bestow our heartfelt thanks on Mrs. Linton and her "gallant" band of helpers and would like also to compliment her pianist on her outstanding ability.

R. H. RIDLEY.

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On Friday, 20th March, at 0830, the Cadets marched from the College to the Depot wharf in drizzling rain. (Not by any means a noteworthy item at the College, you say, but you are wrong because this time there was a motive, an object.—Editor). Divided into years at the wharf we proceeded in tugs and work-boats into Westernport Bay where H.M.A.Ss. "Vengeance", "Warramunga" and "Gladstone" were riding at anchor. The Cadets were to look over the first-named two ships and, after a most interesting inspection, we witnessed the firing of the 40 mm. Bofor gun and the "Squid" aboard the "Warramunga". Returning to the College we capped a most interesting day by watching the Inter-Service Athletics held in the Depot that afternoon.

R. T. DERBIDGE.

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On Thursday night, 30th June, the Cadets of Waller and Phillip Years, accompanied and watched over with loving care (?) by Messrs. Clark, Richards, Wilde and Thompson, attended the play "Macbeth". This famous Shakespearean tragedy was performed by the National Theatre Company in their Melbourne theatre. This is a church hall, furnished by the company and adorned with murals representing scenes from Shakespeare's plays. The stage is very small, but well equipped and fitted, with exceptionally good lighting effects. Skilful changes of lighting provided, in fact, the main changes of scenery with relatively few changes in the stage furniture—this aspect of the production impressed us as being most skilful.

Most of us were surprised to find the acts broken as they were. There were two intervals only where we had expected that each act's termination would be marked by a definite interval. Further, we were a little surprised to see that producers interpret Shakespeare as they see him with, as was later explained by our masters, quite considerable variations possible. The acting was good, particularly in the main parts of Macbeth and Lady Macbeth. We did feel that it was a pity that so many male parts were played by women and we felt that some of the minor roles were poorly played. On the whole, though, we were most favourably impressed with the presentation and enjoyed the opportunity of seeing the play "on the boards".

ANON.

This year we have seen two excellent productions by the Depot Amateur Theatrical Society. These three-act naval comedies, one written by Ian Hay and the other by Stephen King-Hall, were admirably suited to Depot production. The audience, consisted almost entirely of naval personnel and their families, greatly appreciated the broad, tolerant humour and the keen jibes at Navy life and customs.

Both plays were adapted and produced by Lieutenant-Commander Trist and his work, backed by acting of a high standard, made the performances most enjoyable and a pleasure to all who were fortunate enough to see them.

W.B.L.

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After the production of its two very successful plays the Flinders Naval Depot Theatrical Society showed its versatility by presenting, in September, a most entertaining revue.

Written by Lt.-Cdr. Townsend and Lt. Rourke and produced by Commander Wright, it dealt with the experiences of the sailors of H.M.A.S. "Irregular" on a round trip from Melbourne via Manus, Port Said and Paris. The show was titled "Show a Leg".

The R.A.N.C. Jazz Band provided the background music for night club scenes in Melbourne and Paris, while C. M. Raymond appeared as a smooth "gillie-gillie" man in the bazaar at Port Said. Lt. Cumming made several brief but typical appearances as a somnambulant P.T.I. and as a realistic King Farouk.

Among the acts particularly worthy of note were the three "dream" sequences which showed in burlesque various aspects of life at F.N.D. Lt.-Cdr. Townsend, ably assisted by Mr. Cheadle, gave a polished performance and produced a number of entre-acts which maintained both continuity and interest throughout the whole production.

"Show a Leg" was an outstanding success and we hope that it will not be long before the next production.

K.A.

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Just before the end of first term Phillip Year began a very successful year in College Dramatics with a presentation of the three-act tragedy, "The Monkey's Paw". This was a very enjoyable performance and full credit must go to the producer, T. A. Roach, and to the members of the cast for their splendid handling of a far-

from-easy play. Particularly good performances were given by Farrier, as the anxious mother, and Becher, the rather matter-of-fact father.

About three months later Flinders Year and Waller Year provided another good night's entertainment in the form of three one-act plays, all produced by Mr. W. G. Richards. Flinders Year did "Shivering Shocks" and "A Night at an Inn" and revealed some very fine young actors in both plays. The Year deserves hearty commendation for a very good effort. Waller Year's contribution to the evening was "The Man Who Wouldn't go to Heaven" which was very well staged and was received very well by the audience. All members of the cast performed admirably and there were no weak spots in a bright production. Well done, Waller Year.

Our thanks must go to Mr. Richards, Instructor Lieut.-Cdr. Des Clayes and the numerous stage hands and helpers without whose work these productions could not possibly have been staged.

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On the night of the 24th March Waller Year suffered the ceremonies of initiation. The show began when, after being detained at Prep. (presumably while the schemes cooked for us), we were chased to the Annexe by a horde of painted savages and made to change into football togs. After a few circuits of cinder track we were nailed before a mock court in the First Year gun-room. Here a stalwart individual dressed as a Gestapo chief held the floor and uttered these words of wisdom, "We at the College are all equal but some are a little more equal than others!" A second Confucius!

Highlights of the scene witnessed after sentence had been passed upon us were:—Bodies relaxing in the delightfully warm, "scented" bath; various members of the Year foaming at the mouth (Lifebuoy); Brews of various kinds being consumed with "relish"; Two unfortunates seated on a bench industriously applying boot polish to all parts of their bodies; One Tasmanian furiously chasing a tooth brush along the flooded bathroom floor; Two individuals who had never climbed a rope before racing up and down the ropes in the gym. with incredible agility.

At last it was all over and nineteen blackened figures trudged back to the Annexe to find (naturally) all the showers out of action. There followed a long session with sand soap and basins of water before we retired to rest as, for better or worse, fully accepted members of the College.

"LES MISERABLES".

On Thursday, 17th March, three officers, three masters and twenty-eight cadets spent a most interesting and enjoyable day aboard the carrier H.M.A.S. "Sydney". Joining "Sydney" off Dromana, the party spent the morning inspecting the ship and learning something of its "geography".

After lunch we were keen witnesses of a really first-class demonstration by the fliers of rocket-firing and strafing techniques, the highlight of which was probably the direct hit by a rocket on a splash target—one splash target lost as a result. We were also up on deck when "Action Stations" was sounded and "Sydney's" aircraft pressed home a mock attack, which was repulsed by the Bofors firing scatter shot. All in all the day was a thoroughly entertaining one and we are grateful to the officers of H.M.A.S. "Sydney" for their hospitality and for the instructive demonstrations we were privileged to witness.

"BABBLE-ON".

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On an evening in first term two bus-loads of Cadets were guests of the Victorian Ballet Guild. Ballet was a form of entertainment entirely new to many of us, but the evening was thoroughly enjoyed and the programme was enthusiastically received by the Naval section of the audience as well as by the more experienced.

The three performances were "Blithe Ballet", "The Sentimental Bloke" and "En Crique", all of which were much appreciated. It was amazing to see how quickly some Cadets developed an appreciation of the art of ballet and even of the particular dancers! We are very grateful to the Victorian Ballet Guild for a particular pleasant evening.

D.E.

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On Sunday, 16th October, 60 Cadets from the Jervis, Phillip and Burnett Years went to Como Park, Melbourne, to take part in the Navy's Trafalgar Day display. It was not quite as easy as that, of course, and the College part of the display followed five long weeks of patient instruction by Depot Gunnery Officers and Instructors.

The Cadets presented a display of precision marching carried out without any orders except from drum signals and also took part in the "Finale", together with the Guard, the Band and other Platoons drawn from the Depot.

Also enjoyed by the crowd of 35,000 people were displays by the W.R.A.N.S., the P.T.Is. and the Band, as well as field gun races, a helicopter, and the Navy's

"secret" X-1 flying bedstead. After a few minutes of free time we came back to the College in the special train, proud indeed that we had played a part in the Navy's most impressive traditional ceremony.

R. J. VARLEY.

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GUEST SPEAKER NIGHTS

Apart from the entertainment aspect, one of the primary objects of Guest Speaker Nights has been to invite to R.A.N.C. men prominent in various walks of life to speak on their particular specialisations and so broaden our outlooks and opinions as well as to take us out of a Navy atmosphere for a brief period.

The following list of guest speakers for 1955 shows a wide variety of topics (most of which were asked for by Cadets themselves) ranging from "solid" talks on serious subjects to lighter personal experience accounts.

It is particularly important for us to realise that over the past two years, no person approached to give an evening talk at R.A.N.C. has refused—despite the long and very often cold and uncomfortable trip from Melbourne. Most speakers have, in fact, gone out of their way to fit in with our programme. A number have made deliberate visits from Canberra and other States.

We are very grateful, therefore, to the following gentlemen for a series of extremely valuable, entertaining and often inspiring talks.

The complete list of speakers is as follows:—

Mr. Lex Davison, Racing Motorist, "The 1954 Redex Trial and Monte Carlo Rallies".

Mr. J. P. Quinn, an Australian Minister in Indo-China and present Head of South-East Asian Branch of Department of External Affairs, "The Present Situation in Indo-China".

Lieutenant M. Shean, D.S.O., R.A.N.V.R., "Exploits of X-craft in World War II".

Mr. E. J. Holt, Technical Director, XVth Olympiad, "Putting on An Olympic Games".

Commander C. M. Hudson, "Commander F.N.D., "The Principals of War".

Mr. E. S. Margieson, Customs Officer, "Smuggling of Contraband Goods".

Mr. N. B. Souve, General Manager, Frome-Broken Hill Co., "Oil Exploration".

Mr. Crosbie Morrison, Naturalist, "Marine Life".

Mr. J. M. McMillan, Head of Western Division, Department of External Affairs, "Experiences of a Diplomat in Moscow".

Mr. J. C. Bowes, Chairman, Australian Whaling Commission, "Wales and Whaling in Australian Waters".

Mr. A. B. Mackenzie, Chairman, Melbourne Harbour Trust Commissioners, "Illustrated Travel Talk of his World Tour".

Major-General F. Kingsley Norris, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., E.D., M.D., Director-General of Army Medical Services, "Atomic Warfare and Civilian Defence".

Mr. John Casson, Actor, "Experiences of a Sailor in a German P.O.W. Camp".

Lieutenant-Commander (Sp. Br.) L. A. Marshall, R.A.N.V.R., Directorate of Naval Intelligence, "Cloak and Dagger Operations in World War II".

Mr. W. H. Brookshank, M.M., Directorate of Naval Intelligence, "Coastal Watching During World War II".

Lieutenant-Commander K. R. Hudspeth, D.S.C.**, R.A.N.V.R., "X-craft in the Normandy Invasion".

Lieutenant-General E. K. Smart, D.S.O., M.C., "Experiences of a Consul-General of U.S.A.".

Dr. Peter Russo, Journalist, "Japanese Ideology".

Monsieur C. J. Louvigny, Lecturer, "Experiences in the Spy and Escape Net Work of the French Resistance Movement".

Major-General A. C. Short, C.B., O.B.E., United Kingdom Services Staff Officer, "N.A.T.O.".

Instructor-Captain H. E. Dykes, R.N., "Escape and Evasion for Naval Aircrews in World War II".

General K. M. Cariappa, High Commissioner for India, "The Armed Services of India".

Cruises

PHILLIP YEAR CRUISE

A week after returning from the May leave, Phillip Year embarked on the "Gladstone" for a week's sea time. The destination, Hobart, was reached after a good deal of very heavy weather and in spite of the fact that many and varied kinds of anti-seasickness pills were used, Phillip Year was sick to a man.

Leave in Hobart was most enjoyable for the arrival of our "mighty warship" caused a small sensation among the locals. We were graciously entertained by the Overseas Visitors' League and taken on a tour of the city.

Port Arthur, an old convict settlement, was later visited and many lucky ones were able to get ashore to wander through this historic old place.

On the trip home more bad weather struck us and the number smitten was again large. However it was not as bad as on the outward trip and when the weather moderated we returned to Westernport seasoned sailors.

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WALLER YEAR CRUISE

With nought in our minds but the thought of end of year exams, we suddenly found ourselves shanghaied off to sea. "Gladstone" was to be our home for a week as we set off to visit Adelaide and in the process discover how to become

sailors. We left on Friday, 11th November, and called first at Portsea, thence into Port Phillip for boat drill. That completed, we headed for Adelaide, which we reached Monday afternoon.

On Tuesday we visited the Barossa Valley and many of us felt like becoming landlubbers instead of sailors. It was most impressive.

On Wednesday we set out again for Westernport and a heavy swell made the trip quite uncomfortable. Most of us found that seasick tablets aren't very effective.

On Friday morning we arrived back in the sanctuary of Westernport and received the remainder of the day off to recover.

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COOK YEAR CRUISE

In first term Cook Year set out on its annual cruise with Three Hummock Island as our first destination. Fine weather delighted us, but a heavy swell took toll of our watchkeeping as many Cadets were sick. At Three Hummock Island we practised signalling and sea boat drill, but an accident in which C.M. Mews had a finger crushed caused us to make a hasty visit to Stanley on the North-West coast of Tasmania. We returned without Mews to our Island again and had a day ashore next day. We hunted mutton birds and fished.

Next morning we set out for Port Phillip and spent that night anchored off Portarlington. Next day we exercised in Port Phillip and eventually tied up at Williamstown, returning to the College by bus.

MOUNT BULLER SKI TRIP

Early on the morning of Saturday, 7th July, about 30 Cadets of the Burnett, Jervis and Phillip Years rose and partook of a pre-dawn breakfast before departing by bus for a week-end at Mt. Buller. The fact that it was still dark when they left did not deter anyone as all members of the party were only too eager to be on the way.

After an uneventful trip we were put down from the bus at the snow-line on Mt. Buller, it being dangerous for the bus to attempt to proceed any further. At this point quite a number of Cadets had their first glimpse of snow. When our guides arrived we were led up snow-covered slopes, along muddy roads and, at long last, to the welcome shelter of our hut where we were soon comfortably settled.

At about 5 o'clock we all tramped to the ski school, run by Mr Mac Otter, to get our equipment. We tried on our skis and then listened attentively to a snort talk on the proper use of skis and a few hints on things that should not be done. We then set off for our own hut to clean up a bit and to get a meal prepared. A few impatient enthusiasts tried out their skis that night, on the avenue in front of the hut, and had the first of many spills.

Sunday was a beautiful day and at 10 o'clock all the Cadets walked to the nearby ski run ("Burke St.") for their first lesson, in which we learned the first principles, such as walking up hill, traversing and the snowplow. After an hour's instruction we were allowed to put into practice the things we had been taught, adding a few tricks of our own. That afternoon we had another lesson being shown how to turn and to stop. We were led by Mr. Otter over tracks between trees and obstacles to see if we could do all the things he had taught us and were agreeably surprised to find that most of us could. At 5 o'clock we were allowed to do as we pleased and most of us headed over to Burke Street to try ourselves out on the run. At first few accomplished the full distance without falling but, as the time went by, more and more recorded success. That night we were very tired and most turned in early—some few real enthusiasts, however, went ski-ing again, under floodlights.

Monday was cloudy and dull, but the ski-ing was still very good so we went to Burke St. for our last lesson. That morning we went down Burke St. under the instructor's watchful eye and continued, after the lesson had concluded, for a further hour before handing back our skis and returning to the hut.

At about 2 o'clock we left to walk back to the bus and were surprised on the way

to see how much of the snow had melted. The bus started for the College at about 4 o'clock and we arrived at the Depot at 1 o'clock on Tuesday morning after what was generally considered the most enjoyable mid-term break in our time at the College.

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THE DOOKIE TRIP

On Friday, 6th July, a party of soccer players, Australian Rules footballers, jazz band members and debaters (29 in all) left the College by bus for the Dookie Agricultural College. Lieut. Barnett was in charge of the party while Mr. Trewin and his family and Messrs. Richards and Clark travelled in cars.

Running almost straight through from the College, the bus arrived at Shepparton at about 1330 and the 1st XVIII set about trying to ease the stiffness out of their muscles in preparation for the match against a team drawn from the Combined Shepparton High and Technical Schools. Profiting from the lethargy of the leg-weary College team, Shepparton gradually built up a commanding lead. At the opening of the last term the College team, four goals down, having lost Ross with a badly twisted knee and Irwin with a bruised groin, and kicking against a fresh breeze, looked to be in a completely hopeless position. However, sheer tenacity and will-to-win, aided by Mr. Clark's shrewd positional changes, saw the College team get within four points of their opponents and then flash the ball into the 10 yard square yet again only to have the bell ring as they struggled desperately to snatch the winning goal. It was a grand game and we thank Shepparton for it and also for the fine afternoon tea which the girls served.

That evening we went on to Dookie Agricultural College where we had tea almost immediately. After this meal, which was characterised by much renewing of friendships made during the 1954 exchange of visit a debate was held on the subject "That Films Create a Desire for Adventure and Luxury". After a very close debate (in which Wilson defended his case as grimly as he had defended his goal earlier in the day) the Naval College was awarded the verdict by the narrow margin of four points, Wilson being selected as the best speaker of the evening. Then the R.A.N.C. Jazz Band turned on a red-hot session for the edification of all, or some, or a few, or—well, they enjoyed themselves anyway!

On the Saturday morning we played soccer against the Agricultural College and every Navy manoeuvre was thwarted by the farmers, who ploughed us in, 7-0. In the afternoon the Australian Rules team played Dookie Agricultural College 2nds in

a curtain raiser to the main game, Dookie A.C. v. Dookie. Injuries had so crippled the 1st XVIII that we were forced to call on our bearded "Cadet" to help us out. A fairly even game saw the Naval College run out winners by something more than three goals.

On Saturday night the Dookie College end-of-term dance was held and some Cadets showed sufficient skill and polish to counter the rather graceless ploddings of some others. This was a really enjoyable evening.

We spent Sunday in organised tours of the College and of the Australian Broadcasting Commission's station just outside Shepparton, both tours proving interesting and enjoyable. On Sunday night the Cadets made another (not so organised) tour of the College and were dismayed at the state of the playing fields, the very high reading of the rain gauge, and the peculiar flags flown by the Dookie College.

We were all thoroughly sorry when, on Monday morning, we had to leave to return to R.A.N.C. and we would like to express our sincere thanks to everyone at Dookie Agricultural College for the grand week-end we had there. P.A.R.

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FIRST XVIII TRIP TO BALLARAT

On Friday, 3rd June, the members of the R.A.N.C. 1st XVIII Training List, accompanied by Messrs. Clark and Richards and Lieut. Calder, left the College to visit Ballarat and play matches against the Ballarat Grammar School and Ballarat College. The bus reached Bacchus Marsh in nice time for lunch and a quick look round this pleasant little town.

We arrived in Ballarat somewhat earlier than anticipated and were able to have a look at the Eureka Stockade and the justly

famed gardens before going to the College. The match against Ballarat College, which was played that afternoon, was one of the hardest-hitting, yet cleanest and best-spirited matches played by R.A.N.C. this year. The scores remained close throughout the game, but we gained a slight lead and held grimly on to it until the final bell. This was one of several occasions when the coach visibly aged 10 years in as many minutes. (For those puzzled as to how he stood up to a season of such happenings, we are happy to report that our play sometimes knocked off a few years so that he finished the season roughly in the same state as he started).

The next day found 18 tired and stiff players. Keyes had a shoulder injury which led to his replacement by Walker. The match against the Grammar School was played at 10.30 a.m. on a wet ground, which caused a lot of fumbling, un-systematic football. We did everything but kick goals and gradually gained the upper hand as we became used to the conditions and produced some signs of team-work. Some spirited barracking by our Ballarat College "enemies" of the day before helped to ease the weariness out of our bones and we finally ran out comfortable winners by 28 points (6.24 to 5.2).

Nothing specific was planned for the Saturday afternoon, which was spent at Ballarat League matches or wandering about the city with our hosts. About a dozen Cadets stayed at Ballarat College, nearly as many at the Grammar School and the rest in private homes, so we did a variety of things at the suggestion of our various hosts. Most of us went to the pictures on Saturday night, with a few disporting themselves on the dance floor.

We left Ballarat after lunch on Sunday on the return trip to the College after a most enjoyable week-end for which we extend our heartiest thanks to all those who so lavishly entertained us.

G.E.C.

Jazz and Revue Show

Perhaps the most outstanding social event of Term II was the Jazz and Revue Club's show, "The Darktown Strutters Ball".

After weeks of rehearsals and revisions of script the revue was staged on Thursday and Friday, 4th and 5th August — the gymnasium packed out each night with parents and friends, W.R.A.N.S., Portsea Cadets, Depot Families, Staff and Cadets.

A well-designed seven-page programme (cover by Hole; layout, advertisements and





background by scriptwriters Hunt and Maxwell) was the only long-winded part of a bright, quick-moving, non-stop show which commenced in picture-show fashion with slides (operator, Sleepy Bowers; artists, Hole and Lattin) depicting club advertisements (We want Miss Australia as a guest speaker!), college affairs (Join Granny's Lonely Hearts Club), and various sayings at R.A.N.C. ("Have we a fool in our midst?")

The curtain opened on a large silver gong struck in typical "R.A.N.C. Show" manner by Hammer (in napkin — by courtesy Mrs. B.) to introduce the sponsor of the show with his velvety warnings to Cadet-midshipmen on the evils of Tillip Phorris cigarettes.

First up with hot rhythm was the Southern City Six (Chris Hole and Spa Irwin, trumpets; Skek Frizell, drums; Roger Keyes, trombone; Barney Banks, guitar; and Count Lattin, piano); with the theme number and "St. Louis Blues" featuring Spa as soloist.

The Four Squares (Third Years West, Ellis, Houghton and Roberts) gave good vocal renditions of "Walking My Baby Back Home" and "Bell Bottom Blues".

Count De La Trine (McKiggan) and dumb assistant (Sam Bateman) gave a well polished performance of magic, which intrigued and amused the audience, which by this time was settling down to a good night's fun.

Meanwhile the stooge (Colonel Hunt) periodically appeared in one of his numerous disguises (which included the Headmaster's gardening clothes) and alone or with the pale-blue tuxedoed compere (Chubby Nelson) provided hilarious interludes between acts.

The Junior Band, the Ragamuffins, of 11 widely assorted instruments ranging from tuba to accordian to flute (Lynch, Scott, Russell, Walsh, Hammer, Boettcher, Blue, Lindsay, Lowe, Dunlop and Eggleston) played a bracket comprising "Let Me Go Lover", "Baby Face" and "Chinatown" in a style that shows they have something and

will be a jazz band force in a year or two's time.

The first half concluded with the S.C.S. giving everything to "Doctor Jazz" and "Sweet Georgia Brown".

After interval, with much appreciated refreshments provided by Sims Canteens Ltd., the show continued with "Basin Street Blues" featuring blue lightning, blue smoke (cigarette) and a remarkable vocal in the Fats style by Count Lattin.

Al Capone (Raymont), magician, among other things produced ten shilling notes from the Commander's cigarettes after first lighting up with the Headmaster's matches. We congratulate him, and the senior band, on their promotion to the Depot Revue show recently where they all acquitted themselves well in a particularly good show.

Tubby Eggleston and Mus Kiggan provided an entracte with "Tuba Madness", a light musical number involving the gallantries of an American sailor with a W.R.A.N. who used a tuba as an overnight bag.

Spa's Stars, an immaculately executed and brightly costumed dance routine by Irwin, Keyes, Hunt and Bowers to the tune "When I Take My Sugar To Tea", was the most popular act of the show and reflected great credit on the perseverance of the revue's dancing instructress, Mrs Trewin.

Speed Boettcher provided one of the best individual acts of the evening with a bracket of typical accordian numbers.

Very few officers and masters escaped mention in the serious Naval play in one act, "The Old Men and the Sea", written and dramatised for public exhibition by McKiggan and featuring Harries, McKiggan, MacDougall, Hugonnet, Lattin and Bateman. This act was well received with quiet sniggers, delayed guffaws from the front rows and wild laughter.

The final act of the evening was an all-out effort by the Six with "Tessa's Blues", "The Saints" and the theme number "Dark-town Strutters", when the entire company came on the stage to co-operate.



Great credit reflects on so many people for the success of this show: the artists and the Jazz Club organised by Chris Hole, the producers Messrs. Trewin and Davis, the scriptwriters and numerous willing volunteers co-opted for backstage jobs—Ruben van de Loftus on scenery painting, Jerry Kedge on stage lighting, curtains and microphones and Hock Taylor on spot lights. The Depot Drawing Office helped with the programmes and many F.N.D. departments lent property and equipment at great risk for the occasion.

The only trouble is—a mighty standard has been set for 1956. I believe they've started already! P.F.M.



Watch Notes



Watch Officer: LT. (E) W. H. MONEY

Watch Masters:

Messrs. G. F. ADENEY, M. M. PURSER.

Captain of Top: D. H. EDGAR.

Cadet Captains: R. M. JESSURUM, L. M. SULMAN, G. E. COCHRAN, P. J. CORNELL

The question current at the conclusion of this year's interpart cricket competition was "When is Forecastle going to lose the cricket competition?" For five consecutive seasons now we have proved the masters in this sport and we hope that the run has not yet ended.

This year, for the first time, an interpart tennis competition was held. In this sport we were fortunate in having in our ranks the two outstanding players in the College as well as a number of others capable of extending this pair. The result was a completely clear-cut victory for us, this having appeared inevitable from the start.

If we had been tending to cockiness at this stage, our ego was dashed when we were placed a poor third in the Forster Cup sailing competition. When the swim-

ming sport ended we had firmed in our belief that FX just couldn't succeed in sport on or in the water. Actually, we felt we were lucky to squeeze into third position. The Regetta gave us one of the closest struggles of the year and we had to fight every inch of the way to tie with Maintop for first place, with Quarterdeck a solitary behind away third.

During second term we proved our supremacy in the four winter sports—Rugby, Australian Rules, Hockey and Soccer. The seniors won every match in each of these and the juniors, although not quite as successful, battled hard and did justice to the proud winter record of the watch.

Almost as if to curb any over-confidence again the Cross-Country came along and found us with not quite enough wind—we struggled home last! This year, too, we failed to reach the final of the Milling Contest, being vanquished by Foretop, the ultimate winners.

The Athletics standards and interpart relays (I'm not quite sure whether the tug o' war deserves a mention or not) meant only a third placing for us. This was disappointing for those who tried so very hard to lift us higher, but we were just not good enough.

Last year we lost the Gym. contest by 7 points—this year we were within 8 points of winning it. I predict that next year FX will be second to none in this event—not even to FT!

Well, those are the year's result and every Forecastleman can be well pleased with them. For the second year in succession we have won the Dalton Cup—the first of the present watches to do so. Even though FX is going to lose a lot of this year's stars it

has the potential and the spirit to succeed again—particularly necessary is the latter quality.

In conclusion, on behalf of the watch, I thank Lt. Money for his support throughout the year and the Forecastlemen of Jervis and Burnett Year wish him and the watch every success in 1956.

D. H. EDGAR.



Watch Officers: Lt.-Cdr. D. L. H. DYKE,
Lt.-Cdr. Q. des CLAYES.

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

Captain of Top: J. M. NELSON.

Cadet Captains:
R. M. BANKS, F. D. FOSTER.

Over all, 1955 has been a year of considerable improvement for Foretop in the sporting field and the beginning of what we Foretopmen fondly hope will be a rise from the bottom of the ladder to the top. We took off four competitions this year, namely sailing, swimming, the milling contest and the gym. competition, these successes representing a marked improvement on last year's results. Unfortunately, the watch's prowess at the more delicate summer sports—cricket and tennis—has not noticeably improved relative to the other watches, although we were by no means disgraced in these sports. We acquitted ourselves somewhat better in the winter sports this year—however, these sports along with cricket, tennis and pulling will have to improve considerably before the watch is likely to go to the top, either next year or in the years to follow. Third term saw us at two extremes—a well-earned win in the Gym. competition and a very poor last in the interpart Athletics.

I am sure next year's complement will draw a lot of encouragement from our wins this year. Victories that although small and isolated are still indicative of improvement will be continued next year and the watch will pull itself right up to eventually become the premier watch. On behalf of Foretop's entire complement this year I would like to thank the Watch Officers and Masters who at all times showed great interest and gave valuable encouragement. On behalf of those of us who are leaving I would like to wish the watch the best of luck and great success in the future.

J. M. NELSON.



Watch Officer: Lt.-Cdr. A. A. WILLIS.

Watch Masters: Messrs. K. ARMSTRONG,
R. F. BERRY, W. H. WILDE.

Captain of Top: L. J. IRWIN.

Cadet Captains:
I. G. BARTLETT, A. B. ROBINSON.

With only the studies points to be decided it is certain that Maintop will have to be content with coming second to Forecastle in this year's Dalton Cup Competition. Victory went to a physically stronger watch and we are not ashamed of our second place, a position gained by a certain amount of skill added to a great fighting spirit.

We started off the year by coming second to FX in the cricket. The result was in doubt right to the last match, which developed into a great battle of tactics, honours going to Stoker, captain of the victorious Forecastle team. At the same time we finished third in the tennis competition. The swimming saw a great inter-watch tussle eventually won by Foretop with Maintop a close second. The unfortunate disqualification in the All Hands' Relay cost us the day. The Regatta was our triumph of the year. Over the arduous course every Maintopman pulled at his best and it was only that which

enabled us to tie with Forecastle for first place. Three watches each had a chance to take the honours of the day when the last race of the programme started — the closest and best competition of the whole year.

The field games of winter were our downfall. We lacked the physical strength so necessary to success in these encounters and it was only our spirit (and the successes of our juniors) that carried us to an over-all third placing. Even at the end of winter it was conceded that Forecastle had an almost unshakeable grasp on the Dalton Cup but, undeterred, Maintop romped home in the Cross Country and then the Athletics in third term. The Gym. contest was one of the sporting events of the year and I am sorry to have to report that Maintop came fourth. Nevertheless, it was a close finish and I am sure that Maintop will be heading the list next year.

To sum up: Out of 13 events Maintop won four, came second in five and filled third or fourth place four times. This was a more than creditable result obtained largely by a magnificent watch spirit which augurs well for the future. All the Maintopmen in the Passing-Out years join with me in wishing the watch every success in 1956 and succeeding years.

L. J. IRWIN.

QUARTERDECK



Watch Officer:
LIEUTENANT (L) R. R. CALDER.

Watch Masters:
Messrs. W. G. RICHARDS, A. H. TREWIN.

Captain of Top: M. B. WARD.

Cadet Captains:
J. G. LONGDEN, B. WILSON, J. SELBY.

With the loss of some good all-round sportsmen from Flinders and Getting Years,

but nevertheless confident of acquitting ourselves well, Quarterdeck went into first term sporting activities with an enthusiasm which was to carry them through what has turned out to be a somewhat unlucky year.

Cricket was one of our notable weak points and only a third place was recorded, but we finished a close third behind two equal winners in the Regatta. Next came swimming and, owing to a slight mix-up in the All Hands' Relay, we dropped from a possible win to fourth place. Tennis proved the redeeming feature of the term and gave us a good second.

We went into the winter term full of confidence, but were forced to acknowledge Forecastle's superiority on the football and hockey fields and finished up second to that watch. Yet another second was recorded in the Cross-country, but our Milling team did not seem to have the necessary finish and failed to make the final.

The Athletics season was approached with justifiable optimism, considering that Quarterdeck provided the backbone of the College team. We secured first place in the standards, but the loss of MacDougall, combined with the fine finishing effort of Maintop in the All Hands' Relay, was enough to force us into the almost inevitable number two position. Quite unexpectedly the sailing team performed really well and managed a second to Foretop, whilst we broke the ice with an easy win in the tug-o-war.

In the last interpart competition for the year, the Gym. contest, Quarterdeck, with a marked absence of outstanding performers and original "voluntaries", finished third.

All round, this year should have proved, as far as interpart sport is concerned, a great experience for the junior members of the watch. I would like to congratulate them on their perseverance and enthusiastic watch spirit and to wish them and Quarterdeck well in succeeding years. I would also like to congratulate Forecastle, the winners of the Dalton Cup, on a splendid exhibition of all-round sporting ability. In conclusion, I wish to thank Lt. Calder for his interest and guidance throughout the year.

M. B. WARD.

Prize Winning Photographs



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SPORTS and SPORTING

COLOURS

(Showing date of award)

Rugby	Aust. Football	Cricket	Athletics
1954 M. B. WARD	1954 G. E. COCKRAM P. A. ROSS L. M. SULMAN	1954 K. H. MacGOWAN	1954 A. G. JOHNSON I. D. MacDOUGALL
1955 T. W. JONES J. M. NELSON I. D. ROBERTS A. M. CARWARDINE R. E. WINTER D. H. EDGAR	1955 K. H. MacGOWAN R. A. KEYES R. L. G. AUSTIN M. B. TAYLOR F. D. FOSTER J. G. LONGDEN R. J. CARPENTER P. J. O'LOUGHLIN L. J. IRWIN C. M. G. HOLE I. D. MacDOUGALL	1955 L. J. IRWIN	1955 G. E. COCKRAM P. A. ROSS L. M. SULMAN
Hockey	Swimming	Tennis	Boats
1955 T. W. JONES H. DONOHUE T. M. O'BRIEN D. D. SMITH	1954 M. B. HORLOR 1955 T. W. JONES D. J. B. TAYLOR	1954 L. M. SULMAN 1955 M. W. D. WHITE	1955 B. C. DODD P. V. GRAHAM E. MENTZ D. J. B. TAYLOR



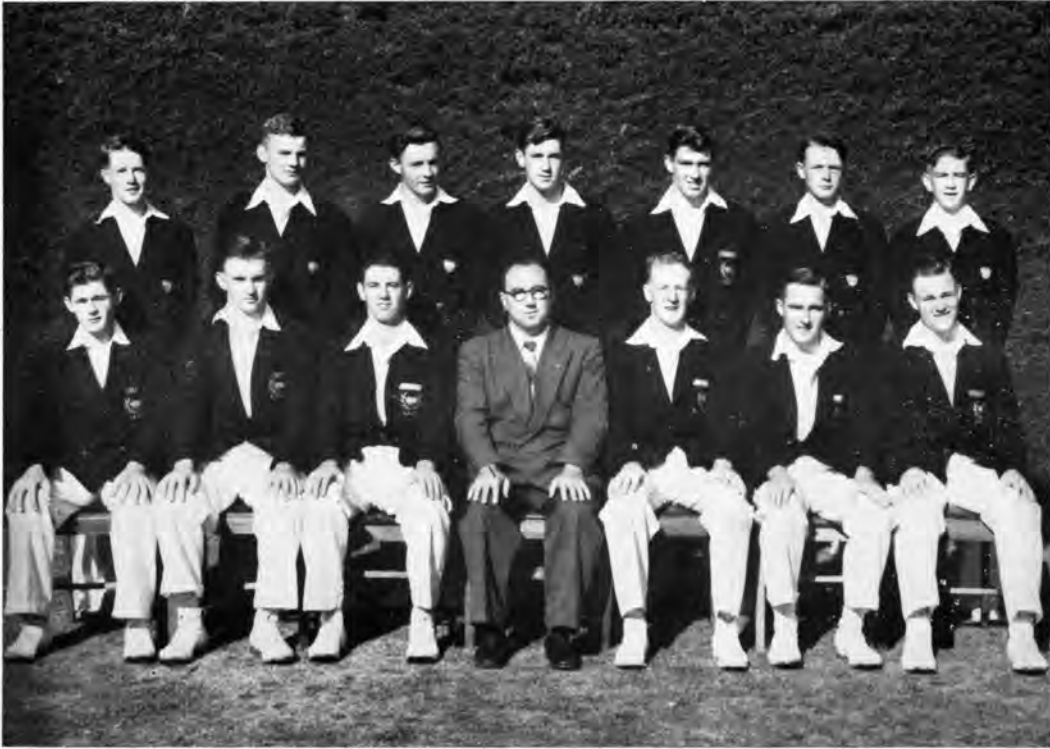
CRICKET REPORT, 1954-55

The first few net practices of the season revealed that football activities of the winter term had almost completely destroyed all skill in the greatest game of all. Batsmen found that their timing was astray and the ball seemed remarkably small, while the bat was far too narrow. However, bowlers were in little better form, wides and full tosses being plentiful.

A few sessions at the nets, however, and the form improved noticeably. We had high hopes of a successful season and the results speak for themselves. Thirteen matches were played—we won ten, lost two and drew one.

Most of the stars of the previous season were still available and when the 1st XI Practice Squad was selected, there were very few new faces. The season was divided into two definite phases. The first period consisted of ten matches before the Getting Year stars left us. In this period the team won 8 matches, lost one and drew one. The teams defeated included R.A.A.F. College, O.C.S. Portsea, teams from Scotch College, Melbourne Grammar School and Brighton College; while we in turn were beaten by 4 runs in an exciting match against the Wardroom and drew the "Sydney" Gunroom Team.

With the departure of the Getting Year, we suffered a good deal in losing our captain, M. Youl, opening bowler and batsman; D. James, wicket-keeper and highest run-



FIRST XI

Left to right—

Rear: R. M. Jessurun, R. L. G. Austin, L. J. Irwin, C. M. G. Hole, P. A. Ross, F. D. Foster, R. E. Winter. Front: K. H. MacGowan, M. T. E. Shotter, D. F. James (v.c.), Mr. W. H. Wilde (coach), M. J. Youl (c.), G. K. Dove, N. J. Stoker.

getter; together with N. Stoker, a capable batsman and bowler; N. Shotter, an opening bowler; and G. Dove, our leg spinner.

In the remaining three matches, we lost to R.A.A.F. College and defeated Navy Office and Phoenix Club.

The outstanding performances for the season were two centuries compiled by Don James, who had won his place in the team as a wicketkeeper. During the season he developed rapidly as a batsman, being both sound in defence and extremely efficient as a punishing, aggressive batsman. Any loose ball was hit very hard and there were plenty of good ones which received the same treatment. His first century, for which he received a new bat according to College tradition, was against O.C.S. Portsea. He scored 105 not out, including nine 4's and three 6's. Against a Melbourne Grammar side he scored 117 retired, and was very severe on the bowlers, hitting in that total 16 4's and three 6's. He also batted well in other matches and completed the season with a very fine batting average of 78. His

wicket-keeping was always of a high standard and his efforts helped the team considerably in its successful season.

Merv. Youl, the captain, opening bowler and team's most polished batsman, did a sterling season's work. He was always prepared, on and off the field, at the nets and in the matches, to do the work of three players and a good deal of credit for the season's success belongs to him. Although he made some useful scores, including a half-century against R.A.A.F. College, his scores never really indicated his true ability. Often he was unlucky, sometimes he was too venturesome before he had had a good look at the ball. He was also a consistent attacking opening bowler, and in this position did great service for the team. His best effort with the ball was against R.A.A.F. College, when he took 4 for 28.

Other Getting Year players who left us in March included Geoff Dove, who was our best spin bowler. He turned the ball well from the leg and mustered a good deal of pace through the air and off the pitch. He

took six wickets for 37 runs against O.C.S. Portsea, which is good bowling indeed. In all he took 16 wickets at an average cost of 9 runs—very economical for a leg spinner.

Neil Stoker played several useful innings for the team. He scored well against R.A.A.F. College and Scotch College. His innings were more valuable because of the fact that he batted No. 3 and consistently faced the swinging ball. Mick Shotter bowled medium paced outswingers quite effectively and often held down an end while wickets were falling at the other end. He always bowled more impressively when he reduced his pace and flighted the ball.

When the Getting Year left, these five places were filled by Mellish, Taylor from Jervis Year, Ross who had been troubled by knee injury and Martin, from Cook Year. The new Captain was Irwin and his promotion to the position was well earned and popular. He took over his new responsibility with keenness and energy and did a sound job in the remaining matches. His own batting, in the difficult position of opening the innings, improved markedly as the season progressed and his innings of 63 against Melbourne Grammar was a good one indeed. He received his Colours for Cricket this year.

MacGowan, who received his Colours during the previous season, again did well, even if not quite as spectacularly as the previous year. He headed the bowling honours for the second successive year by taking 20 wickets at a cost of only 8 runs each. He was always reliable, but his best efforts were against Scotch College, when he took 4 for 18, and R.A.A.F. College, 3 for 19.

His batting showed improvement and against the Wardroom and Scotch College he scored 30. In addition to this, he took several valuable catches, particularly in the slips, where many vital chances were missed during the season.

Foster, in his first year in the 1st XI, played competently and was improving his technique all the time. He made useful scores against Scotch College, the Phoenix Club and Navy Office. Jesserun, too, made a valuable contribution to our success by some dogged batting just when it was required and bowlers found it hard to dismiss him. His catching, too, was very sound.

Left arm spinner Austin was second to MacGowan in the season's bowling, taking 16 wickets at a cost of 9 runs each. He was always valuable and dangerous when he reduced his pace and pushed the ball right up to the batsman. Many of his victims were bowled. He can be a good bowler when he bowls in this manner. As a batsman he had little opportunity—his record in the Interpart competition was very good and he compiled a hurricane century on one occasion. Next season he will get much greater opportunity and responsibility as a batsman and with concentration on the essentials should do well.

Winter, of the Burnett Year, was a competent all round cricketer, being sound with the bat after he overcame a tendency to play foolish shots early in the innings, capable with his spinners and agile in the field. He seldom got an opportunity to display all his ability, but his score of 37 against the Wardroom was almost a matchwinner. He also did well against Navy Office. Ross played little cricket because of a knee operation, and Hole had a disappointing season. He is possessed of some good strokes, but didn't overcome all his weaknesses. His best effort was 34 against Navy Office.

The newcomers to the team all did well. Mellish from Burnett Year opened the bowling and was able to move the ball away from the batsman considerably. In the only 13 overs he bowled in the 1st XI, he took 7 wickets at an average of only 5 runs each. In one devastating burst he took 3 Navy Office wickets for 0 runs. Martin, from Cook Year, was our youngest 1st XI member. He has a basically sound style although his scoring shots are rather restricted, and when he begins to infuse more aggression into his batting he will do well. He did well in each match he played. Taylor, from Jervis Year, took over the wicket-keeping job from James. The experience he received in the few matches he played will improve his keeping a good deal and build up his confidence.

Altogether a very successful season—the cricket was good, at times brilliant, and each game was played in the right spirit. I would like to thank Lieutenant Duncan, the Sports Officer, Lieutenant Barnett, and the Groundsman, Mr. Goodwin, for the assistance they gave the team at all times.

W. H. WILDE.

SENIOR INTERPART CRICKET

The seniors this year enjoyed quite an interesting cricket season. Many new players emerged from the junior ranks of last year and new talent brightened the games.

Throughout the season Forecastle provided a powerful all-round team which secured victory in the competition. Main-top came a close second, two strong players in Youl and James being largely responsible for holding the side together. Third came Quarterdeck, whose dangerous bowling proved too much for Foretop (fourth). The standard of play was high and, although some teams were markedly superior to others, the games were all well fought. The batting honour for the season were taken by James (MT), while Austin (FX) and Winter (FT) also batted consistently well. On the bowling side Youl distinguished himself while not far behind him was MacGowan. Possibly the highlight of the season was Dove's 9-50 (including the hat trick) in the concluding match.

Junior Cricket

This year junior cricket maintained the high standard set by last year's players and, in consequence, the inter-watch competition was keenly contested. Once again Forecastle showed their superiority, gaining outright victories over Foretop (in a game of very low scores) and Quarterdeck and defeating Maintop on the first innings. Foretop ran a close second mainly because their captain, Martin, showed himself a most competent batsman, who late in the season gained a place in the 1st XI. Quarterdeck took third place from Maintop.

It was unfortunately possible to play only two matches against other schools this season. The first of these was against Brighton Grammar School. The College batting was excellent, particularly that of

Martin, Foster and Lees, and one innings was closed at 6-142. Brighton managed only 38 in the first innings (White 5/14) and 58 in the second (Campe 6/10), so giving us an outright victory.

The second match was against Mentone Grammar School and, batting first again, we compiled 103. Mentone, not having the best of the luck and in difficulties against the bowling of Davis (5/6), managed only 23 in their first innings. In their second knock they batted very carefully but could not avoid outright defeat, their last wicket falling with the score at 61.

All in all, the juniors enjoyed a very good season.



"You should have been here last year," THEY said—and I began to wonder if all College Rugby talent had departed, leaving prospects for this season rather grim. Fielding a First Fifteen would apparently be a problem in itself and as for winning matches — quite out of the question, it seemed.

With some misgivings on my part, then, we commenced training and a team (much to my surprise) quickly emerged; a team which with few changes has entirely confounded THEIR gloomy predictions. So completely has this been so that the 1955 First Fifteen can be justly proud of their splendid record.

The standard of play has been high. The forwards, ably led by Nelson, although not a heavy pack compared with the usual opposition, were fit and fast, and they more than made up in their general play for any losses in the scrums. They worked very well with their outsiders who, with Winter, Ward and Jones as mainstays, were a formidable combination. There were often displays of brilliance — Roberts' kicking (why has he hidden his talent since?),

Jones' cutting through in the centre, Ward's touch-kicking in the last R.A.A.F. College match and a number of other highlights spring readily to mind — but the real key to our success this season has been in the splendid teamwork developed.

One criticism I feel obliged to make. Tackling was not always as low as it should be. Perhaps we should resurrect "Mary", who for many years was set upon by generations of cadets learning the art of low tackling.

Our thanks must be given to Commander Wright for the great interest he has shown in College Rugby and for the way in which he has given up his time to us. His excellent refereeing in so many matches and his blackboard lectures have helped many of our players along the road to better football.

Those players who leave the College at the end of the year will, I hope, continue to actively associate themselves with the game of Rugby Football. It has a lot to give them in enjoyment and in that good fellowship among players rarely found elsewhere than on the football field. Those who will be with us next year, as well as those leaving, will do well to remember that Rugby, like everything worth while, requires effort, and that the rewards are in proportion to the striving.

Prospects for next season? Admittedly not many of this season's players will be left, but I have observed a great deal of latent talent in what few junior matches I have watched, and I feel confident that we can look forward to another successful season next year.

W. H. MONEY.



FIRST FIFTEEN

Left to right—Rear: A. B. Robinson, I. D. Roberts, J. V. Anderson, A. M. Carwardine, P. M. Mulcare, P. Mellish, P. F. P. Maxwell, D. H. Edgar. Centre: D. T. Read, W. D. H. Lees, M. B. Ward (Captain), Lieut. (E) W. H. Money (Coach), J. M. Nelson (Vice-Capt.), S. W. D. Hill, D. T. Owens. Front: W. J. Roberts, R. E. Winter, R. M. Jessurun, T. W. Jones.

1st XV RESULTS, 1955:—

- 28/5/55 — Defeated Harlequins III, 29-3.
 1/6/55 — Defeated Wardroom, 12-10.
 5/6/55 — Defeated R.A.A.F. College, 12-11.
 15/6/55 — Lost to O.C.S., Portsea, 11-16.
 18/6/55 — Defeated Frognall, 9-6.
 25/6/55 — Defeated Frognall, 15-11.
 9/7/55 — Defeated Harlequins III, 8-3.
 16/7/55 — Defeated Scotch College, 21-3.
 20/7/55 — Lost to A.A.S., Balcombe, 10-11.
 24/7/55 — Lost to R.A.A.F. College, 0-36.
 30/7/55 — Defeated O.C.S., Portsea, 12-9.
 2/8/55 — Drew with Wardroom, 6-6.
 6/8/55 — Defeated N.S. Trainees and Recruits, 19-11.
 10/8/55 — Drew with Wardroom, 6-6.
 14/9/55 — Defeated H.M.S. "Newcastle" II, 25-0.

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SENIOR INTERPART RUGBY

- AX defeated FT, 6-3.
 FX defeated MT, 22-5.
 FX defeated AX, 36-0.

FT defeated MT, 16-6.
 FX defeated FT, 22-6.
 MT drew with AX, 9-9.

The very high standard of play and the degree of determination exhibited by the players were the features of this year's Interpart Rugby competition. Congratulations must go to Jones and his Forecastle side for displaying brilliance, fine teamwork and excellent sportsmanship in winning the Rugby Dinner for the second consecutive year. The other teams showed plenty of spirit and some good football, but none of them had the all-round strength to topple the ultimate victors. Every match was fought out vigorously from start to finish with all teams playing solid, determined football in their attempts to take the season's honours. There were many good players, but the respective captain, Jones, Owens, Ward and Nelson, particularly merit a word of praise for their own individual play and for the high quality of their leadership throughout the season.

1955 gave us a most enjoyable Rugby season and those of us remaining at the College look forward to a competition of the same high standard when we try our strength again in 1956.

JUNIOR RUGBY

This year's Junior Rugby season was a very successful one and, although the players were smaller than those of the previous year (They always are! Editor), they were very keen and played with a great deal of enthusiasm.

The Junior Interpart competition was won by Quarterdeck with Maintop coming a close second. Forecastle failed to achieve the high standard which she reached last year and this season managed only third place. Foretop were last as in 1954. Following are the complete results of the Interpart competition:—

AX defeated MT, 17-9.
 AX defeated FX, 29-6.
 AX defeated FT, 42-0.
 MT defeated FX, 41-0.
 MT defeated FT, 48-3.
 FX defeated FT, 21-0.

In their matches against other schools the Juniors did very well, winning three out of the four matches they played. It was in some ways unfortunate that the College Junior XV could not get any matches except against Scotch College, as broader competition is obviously desirable. However, our Scotch College opponents proved capable players and fine sportsmen and we enjoyed our meetings with them very much.

Results of Junior XV Matches:—
 Lost to Scotch College 2nd XV, 0-12.
 Defeated Scotch College Juniors, 27-0.
 Defeated Combined 2nd XV Juniors, 15-8.
 Defeated Combined 2nd XV Juniors, 6-3.

Altogether, the team spirit and enthusiasm of the junior Rugby players at the College this year compared favourably with any previous year and all players are to be congratulated upon a good season's football, played in the right spirit.



The 1st XVIII faced the beginning of the 1955 season with some misgivings. In 1954 we had seen a team, in which quite a number of individual stars shone very brightly, complete what was little more than a mediocre season. We did have 20 of last year's training list available, but there were doubts as to whether they would show sufficient improvement to fill the key positions vacated.

The pre-season training and practice matches saw a great deal of shifting, shuffling, worrying and frenzy on the part of the selectors, but out of all the confusion there emerged a team which looked strong in most departments, provided always that experiments which had succeeded beyond our wildest hopes in practice matches were going to provide the answers to our problems in the fiercer testing-ground of outside competition. In fact, our first outside match saw the team go down to a strong Frankston High School side by a narrow margin and left us well satisfied. One or two minor adjustments were made and the team settled down to a brilliantly successful season.

I have no hesitation in saying that the 1st XVIII 1955 is the best team R.A.N.C. has so far fielded and its record of 20 matches for 17 wins and 3 losses with a percentage of 184.8 is going to prove difficult to equal.

The real reason for the success of this side was its team-work. The players responded to the constant early appeals to work together and developed such fine team spirit and backing up that they became very hard to crack—there were always two or three players tearing in to the assistance of the man in trouble. Out of such a style of play there always grows a spirit that will not accept defeat and several matches were won from an apparently hopeless position purely by virtue of the fiery zeal that characterised this side when things looked black. Confidence in each other led to confidence in themselves and the side was soon playing with a self-assurance and poise that unsettled most opponents. Injuries were suffered as usual, but they were accepted calmly and the reserves were shown that everyone had complete faith in them, an attitude that lifted their confidence and led to their fit-



ing easily and very successfully into the team. Men who had been "just footballers" in 1954 found new enthusiasm and showed fantastic improvement to become far better players than anyone had thought possible. Pace was an important factor in the team's success, but it was always controlled and disciplined, this being achieved in conscientious training sessions that sometimes were fiercer and tougher than actual matches.

The best and fairest player for 1955 was high-flying, fast-moving and elusive ruckman and defender G. Cockram, with 25 points, from H. MacGowan (12) and R. Keyes and R. Austin (each 11). Cockram was runner-up in the best and fairest voting in 1954 and it was forecast then that he should have a great season this year. He has done all that could have been expected of him and more. A beautiful mark and more slippery on the ground than most rovers, he possessed the added advantage of being one of the coolest players in the team. MacGowan was a very skilled rover who admirably finished off the work so well begun by Cockram and who showed a knack of appearing just where he was needed to help out a struggling team-mate or to create a loose-man chain. A good

mark and sure ball-handler, with quick and accurate disposal, he was always a force. Keyes, a rugged character who revelled in the fiercest exchanges and who showed marking ability, dash and judgment far above his 1954 form, was a grand player for his side and frequently an inspiration. Austin, retaining all the polish of the past, acquired when sent to the ruck the extra dash and vigour he had been lacking and gave some lovely exhibitions, including one when he kicked 9 goals to set a new match record.

The defence was dashing and sure on both lines. Foster, at full back, was cool and unworried in the tightest pinches. A grand high mark, he proved too good for most opponents in the air and backed his judgment on the ground to race out from goals and clear with apparent ease. This was made possible by the confidence he obviously had in his permanent-benchman Wilson, who was always steady, safe and dependable in the pocket and who unobtrusively covered Foster's every move. Keyes and Cockram shared the other pocket to complete a first-class last line. The half back line was another where individual ability tied closely to teamwork gave splendid results. O'Loughlin, only a



FIRST XVIII

Left to right—Rear: F. D. Foster, R. L. Judd, R. L. G. Austin, L. J. Irwin, G. E. Cockram, C. M. G. Hole, R. A. Keyes, J. C. W. Boucher, M. B. Taylor. Centre: R. W. Walker, J. G. Longden, B. Wilson, P. A. Ross (Captain), Mr. R. R. Clark (Coach), L. M. Sulman (Vice-Captain), R. M. Banks, I. G. Bartlett, D. D. Farthing. Front: R. J. Carpenter, I. D. G. MacDougall, P. J. O'Loughlin, K. H. MacGowan, R. A. Bryse.

Second Year cadet, was possibly the star of the line and showed pace, initiative, courage, aerial ability and good disposal to turn defence into attack with monotonous regularity. Longden, at last showing confidence worthy of his great ability, used his uncanny anticipation to take the ball yards ahead of his opponent and clear so often that it was taken for granted. In trouble, he unhesitatingly punched the ball away, secure in the knowledge that Judd or O'Loughlin would be safely backing up. On the other flank Judd was ever-reliable. Playing always very close to his opponent and relying on spoiling tactics more than did O'Loughlin, he gave away very little and can look back on a splendid season capped by a grand exhibition of courageous marking in the final game.

The centre line was never beaten throughout the season, a major factor in the team's success. Sulman began the season at centre and was in masterly touch when a broken thumb put him out, after the sixth game, for the remainder of the season. The loss of such a magnificent player was a bitter blow to the team, but Irwin, switched from the half-forward flank, proved an admirable substitute and, while not quite up to his predecessor in ability, used his pace, will-to-win, and splendid balance to great effect at the pivot. He was occasionally beaten by a better player, but even on those occasions did a lot of good work and turned in, to balance those rare days, some really outstanding performances. His was a grand season's work in a very difficult position. On the wings M. B. Taylor and MacDougall held sway over all comers, Taylor using brilliant anticipation, fine marking and neat foot-work to achieve mastery and finishing off his work with impeccable disposal. MacDougall had many faults, but his big heart and blistering pace enabled him to overcome these and win hands down over one opponent after another who was technically a better footballer. He deserves praise for the beaver-like industry with which he toiled on the track to eliminate his weaknesses—he progressed so far that he was hardly recognisable at the end of the season as the same player.

The half-forward line was the one most altered during the season, but it was always effective. Farthing held the key position throughout the season with great success. Coming to the College as a defender he was pushed into the post as a desperation measure and gave excellent service. His kicking was perhaps not quite as good as it could have been, but everything else about his play was good. He pulled down some of the most spectacular marks of the year and was an efficient ground player in spite of his seeming awkwardness. On the flanks, Bartlett and Banks, Walker and Bryse were all fre-

quently employed as injuries necessitated the shifting of one or other to different positions. Bartlett, as in 1954, gave excellent service—a freakish mark and a rugged battler on the ground, he won more often than not. His greatest weakness lay in erratic disposal. Banks began the season on a half-forward flank, but was dropped because his play was lacking in confidence. Injuries gave him another chance and he showed real ability, improving with every game. Tough and resilient, he was very hard to stop and capped his work with good long kicking. Bryse was dropped completely from the training list this year and appointed 2nd XVIII Captain — he played so brilliantly there that he was soon promoted again and performed intelligently and effectively in the 1st XVIII from there on. Walker's was the hard luck story of the season — he was used to fill various positions vacated by injured players without once failing, but never quite hit form good enough to enable him to displace any of the regulars. A fair mark, a good kick, a better than average ground player and a most determined trier who gave good service in many places, he was an invaluable reserve. The full-forward, Hole, did a very good job, although handicapped for weeks with damaged fingers. He marked well, battled on gamely on the ground and finished the season with 30 goals—had he not been so unselfish it could have been 50. In the pocket, MacGowan (33 goals), and Carpenter (33), Austin (30) and Ross (26) were all highly dangerous forwards and the forward line was an example of splendid team-work and unselfish co-operation. Carpenter, in addition, was a fleet-footed and lion-hearted rover who



gave bite to the Austin-Keyes second ruck combination. Ross, the captain, left his previous centre half-forward post early in the season because an old knee injury seemed to be hampering his turning. He partnered Cockram in the first ruck and did a very good job whether on the ball or spelling forward. Last season's knee injury worried him a bit and in mid-season he twisted the other knee. Down several yards in speed as a result, he had to adapt himself to this new handicap and did so admirably. His marking was sure and well-judged, his kicking long and generally accurate, and his ground play certain and decisive. Of his captaincy, no praise can be too high. Sympathetic and understanding, he coaxed the best from every player in the side. In crises he refused to panic and encouraged his players to get the best out of themselves, setting a high example by hitting his best form in the tightest corners. Well done, skipper, and congratulations on the success you so richly deserved!

Members of the training list who did not often achieve selection, thanks to the high standard of the team this year, but who contributed their share to the team's success when given the chance, were Loftus, a grand battler on the wing, Denney, a solid trier in the ruck, Boucher, who gave us some good games in the ruck, and Blue, a clever little First Year rover, whose lack of size was the only thing that kept him out. Rice, Simmons and Littleton were all kept out of the running by severe injury or illness.

Far more pleasing than the great success of this team is the fact that there was such splendid spirit and co-operation, these being so marked on all occasions that many of us who were connected with the side would perhaps think first of the matches lost if pressed to nominate the best games of the year. When co-operation, team spirit and courage show up more clearly in trouble than they do when things are running smoothly, you have a real football team whether it be winning or losing and, on that score, our 1st XVIII 1955 has been a credit to the College and should be an inspiration to those who pull on the prized 1st XVIII guernsey in the years to come.

R. R. CLARK.

First XVIII Results

- Defeated Ship's Company, 12.9 (81) — 4.6 (30). MacGowan 4, Carpenter 4.
- Lost to Frankston H.S., 4.18 (42) — 8.2 (50).
- Defeated Ballarat College, 5.12 (42) — 5.8 (38).
- Defeated Ballarat G.S., 6.24 (60) — 5.2 (32). Hole 3.
- Defeated St. Bede's College, 14.9 (93) — 9.5 (59). Carpenter 3, Austin 3, Rose 3.

- Defeated Brighton G.S., 9.17 (71) — 7.12 (34).
- Defeated Mentone G.S., 14.13 (97) — 3.7 (25). Austin 3, MacGowan 3.
- Defeated Melbourne G.S. (3rds), 6.8 (44) — 4.2 (26).
- Defeated Melbourne G.S. (3rds), 11.13 (79) — 7.4 (46). MacGowan 5.
- Lost to Combined Shepparton H.S.-Tech., 7.7 (49) — 8.5 (53).
- Defeated Dookie Ag. College, 6.4 (40) — 3.3 (21).
- Defeated Mordialloc H.S., 15.16 (106) — 2.0 (12). Hole 5, MacGowan 4, Austin 3.
- Defeated Rest of the College, 21.18 (144) — 6.3 (39). Austin 9, Hole 6, Carpenter 4.
- Defeated Frankston H.S., 5.9 (39) — 4.7 (31).
- Defeated College Staff, 7.6 (48) — 2.9 (21). Ross 4.
- Defeated St. Bede's College, 10.6 (66) — 4.9 (33). MacGowan 3.
- Defeated Brighton G.S., 12.18 (90) — 4.8 (32). Carpenter 3.
- Defeated Mordialloc H.S., 5.10 (40) — 3.2 (20).
- Defeated Mentone G.S., 11.15 (81) — 6.8 (44).
- Lost to Flinders Naval Depot (2nds), 8.2 (50) — 10.11 (71). MacGowan 4.

Second XVIII Results

- Lost to Frankston H.S. (2nds), 3.8 (26) — 6.8 (44).
- Lost to St. Bede's (Under 15), 4.15 (39) — 7.14 (56).
- Defeated Brighton G.S. (Under 15), 22.20 (152) — 4.2 (26).
- Defeated Mentone G.S. (2nds), 4.6 (30) — 4.3 (27).
- Lost to Melbourne G.S. (Under 15B), 7.9 (51) — 10.2 (62).
- Lost to Melbourne G.S. (Under 15B), 7.8 (50) — 11.6 (72).
- Lost to Mordialloc H.S. (2nds), 3.4 (22) — 4.10 (34).
- Lost to Frankston H.S. (2nds), 2.6 (18) — 3.7 (25).
- Lost to St. Bede's College (Under 15), 4.10 (34) — 6.10 (46).
- Defeated Brighton G.S. (Under 15), 12.10 (82) — 2.6 (18).
- Defeated Mordialloc H.S. (2nds), 3.12 (30) — 1.8 (14).
- Defeated Mentone G.S. (2nds), 11.5 (71) — 5.8 (38).

Second Eighteen

The 2nd XVIII this year was the most successful since its commencement in 1953. Twelve matches were played compared with six last year. We won five matches compared with two last year and three matches were so close that one kick in each match could have turned the games in our favour.

We more than held our own against other schools this season with our training list, as it must be remembered that only about 35% of 160 cadets play Australian Rules. We were also handicapped many times throughout the season by injuries. The same trouble hindered the 1st XVIII and it was to the 2nd XVIII that they turned for replacements. In this respect, the seconds team fulfilled a very essential function.

Our success, however, would not have been so great without the splendid work of Mr. Trewin. Throughout the season he spurred us on to victory with thorough training, encouraging and developing "new blood", and binding together eighteen players into a team.

The 2nd XVIII won its matches not by systematic football or talent, but by sheer use of weight, tough "tear through" tactics and determined football. There weren't many potential champions in the team. Most of the work was done by the triers and the battlers, and their individual efforts were responsible for the year's success.

The team was best served by vice-captain D. Taylor. A tally of votes gave him the award as best and fairest player for the season with a consistent display of fine ruckwork and excellent aerial and ground play.

Others worthy of special mention were Harries, who continually relieved in dashing style at full back; Farrell and Horlor, whose tireless and consistent ruckwork set a fine example for the team to follow; and first year player Blue, who was deadly in the forward line and showed plenty of promise for the future.

The team was also well served by Stephen, White, Loftus, Denney, Wells and Pullar. Barber did well later in the year, and also Rice and Smith in the few matches they played. Occasionally, overflow from the 1st XVIII provided a few players and all of them did well.

R. A. BRYSE (Captain 2nd XVIII).

(We have been asked to mention the brilliant play and inspiring leadership of Bryse in the 2nd XVIII by the Senior Coach, Mr. Clark, who tells us that he was most impressed with the splendid form shown by the 2nd's skipper after his promotion to the senior side — promotion earned by a series of scintillating displays with the 2nd XVIII. — Editors).

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INTERPART AUSTRALIAN RULES

FX, 7.9 (51) defeated FT, 3.4 (22).
 FX, 6.11 (47) defeated AX, 3.1 (19).
 FX, 6.9 (45) defeated MT, 4.9 (33).
 AX, 6.9 (45) defeated FT, 4.1 (25).
 MT, 4.8 (32) defeated AX, 3.5 (23).
 FT, 4.7 (31) defeated MT, 4.5 (29).

Again this year Forecastle showed marked superiority in winning the Australian Rules competition. They did not at any stage look like being beaten and thoroughly deserved their win.

The other three teams were more evenly matched, each winning one game. The standard has been greatly improved because of the strength of this year's 1st XVIII. Forecastle were fortunate in having many "First" players who all helped to give their team a successful season. There were many good players in all teams, but some particularly worthy of mention are Austin, Carpenter, M. Taylor, Foster and Cockram who gave outstanding service to their respective teams.

With Australian Rules a major winter sport at the college the improvement in the standard of interpart competition in this sport that has been noticed over the last two seasons is certain to be maintained.



The College has enjoyed a very successful athletics season once again this year. At the end of March the College had three representatives in the Victorian Inter-service athletics, the best performance being put up by McDougall, who was narrowly beaten in the 440 yards by an Army competitor. Sulman and Cockram competed creditably in the javelin and broad jump respectively.

In the second term the College cross country championship was held, the race being run over a distance of approximately six miles. Two runners were outstanding in this, namely Johnson and Lowe. At about the half way mark these two were together and well clear of the rest of the field, which was spread out for well over a mile. In the latter part of the race Johnson pulled away from Lowe and they finished in that order with Bryse some distance away in third place. One hundred and forty-four competed in the race.

The track season commenced at the beginning of the third term, but unfortunately there was very little time available for training and coaching as "Standards" were

started almost immediately, right on top of which were the heats of the College sports. Nevertheless the season was very successful, due largely to great performances put up by our two stars, McDougall and Johnson. In the heats prior to the actual sports day three College records were broken, the 440 and 880 being captured by McDougall and the mile by Johnson. The respective times with the old record in brackets were 52.6 (53.0), 2 mins. 3.9 secs. (2.7.5) and 4 mins. 45.6 secs. (4.53.4). These quarter mile and mile times were bettered later in the season by the same runners when competing against Dookie Agricultural College, McDougall running the excellent time of 51.2 secs. and Johnson 4.40.0.

Early in the term we had the pleasure of a visit by the world renowned athletic coach Franz Stampfl. He gave a short but interesting talk in the gym and then spent the rest of the afternoon on the track giving advice to different groups, namely shot putters, high jumpers, discus throwers as well as those doing actual track work. The effect of his visit was clearly shown by almost immediate improvement in some performances in the field games. In the latter part of the season Cockram switched from the "scissors" to the "straddle" (advocated by Stampfl) in the high jump and improved four inches on his previous best jump. In the contest against Dookie he leapt 5 ft. 6½ ins., which is the best performance in a high jump ever recorded by a cadet while at the College.

In the senior division of the College sports, McDougall won the 100, 220, 440 and 880 thereby gaining 40 points and the Open Championship. Cockram was runner-up. His performances included wins in the high jump, broad jump and second in the 440 yards. Ross displayed good form in the field events by winning the shot putt and discus throw.

Others to perform well were Mitchell, Irwin and Carpenter.



Famous Coach Advises Athletes

The junior division developed into a very close three way contest between Lowe, who shone in the distance events, O'Loughlin, who was best sprinter, and Derbridge, who did well in the jumping events and hurdles. By a slightly better all-round performance Lowe defeated his rivals for the Junior Cup, amassing a total of 42 points.

In the annual relay race between the Officers and Masters, the Officers, who were favourite for the event, were downed in a photo finish by the Masters' team.

There was a very thrilling climax to the triangular contest between the three service Colleges held at Point Cook. For the third year in succession R.A.N.C. were victorious, but the outcome was in doubt until the final event was decided. To win the contest R.A.N.C. had to finish in front of the R.A.A.F. College in the 4 x 110 yards relay. The event resulted in a win for the O.C.S. Portsea team, with the Navy beating the Air Force by a yard for second place. A great deal of the credit for our victory at Point Cook is due to McDougall, whose contributions were as follows: He ran the 880 yards in the medley relay and set up an unbeatable lead, he later won the 440 yards and the 220 yards and also featured as a member of the 4 x 110 relay team.

The whole team performed very creditably, particularly Carpenter (surprise winner of the 120 yards hurdles), Sulman and Austin (1st and 2nd respectively in the javelin) and Johnson (winner of the mile). Bartlett, Ross, Mitchell, Carwardine and Foster are all worthy of mention.

This year for the first time the R.A.N.C. sent two representatives to compete in the All Schools' Championships held in Melbourne. McDougall (who has been mentioned before) competed in the open 880 yards and ran a creditable third—his time being 2.2, and Johnson, although only 16-years-old, ran in the under 19 mile and was beaten narrowly for third — his time being 4.42. Congratulations to those two runners.

The athletic season wound up with the contest against Dookie College — reference has already been made to the outstanding performances on that day. Dookie ran out the winners, gaining 50 points to R.A.N.C. 40 points.

Although some of this year's stars will be leaving the College, we look forward to a bright future as some of the junior cadets have shown that they possess a better than average talent in the sphere of athletics.

RESULTS

Open 100 Yards—

1, MacDougall; 2, Mitchell; 3, Carpenter.
Time: 10.8 seconds.

Junior 100 Yards—

1, O'Loughlin; 2, Lawn; 3, Lowe
Time: 11.6 seconds.

Open High Jump—

1, Cockram; 2, Foster; 3, Mellish.
Height: 5 feet 2 inches.

Open 880 yards—

1, MacDougall; 2, I. Robert; 3, Robinson.
Time: 2 minutes 16.2 seconds.

Junior 880 yards—

1, Lowe; 2, Guest; 3, O'Loughlin.
Time: 2 minutes 18.5 seconds.

Open Shot Putt—

1, Ross; 2, Nelson; 3, Mellish.
Distance: 33 feet 9 inches.

Open 120 Yards Hurdles—

1, Carwardine; 2, Carpenter; 3, Ward.
Time: 18.8 seconds.

Junior High Jump—

1, Derbridge; 2, Simmons; 3, Lindsay.
Height: 4 feet 8 inches.

Junior 100 Yards Hurdles—

1, Derbridge; 2, Lowe; 3, O'Loughlin.
Time: 16.4 seconds.

Open 220 Yards—

1, MacDougall; 2, Mitchell; 3, Irwin.
Time: 24.6 seconds.

Junior 220 Yards—

1, O'Loughlin; 2, Derbridge; 3, Lawn.
Time: 26.7 seconds.

Open Discus—

1, Ross; 2, Nattey; 3, Lees.
Distance: 87 feet 3 inches.

Junior Obstacle—

1, Gilmour-Walsh; 2, MacIntyre; 3, Lambert.

Senior Obstacle—

1, Rice; 2, Banks; 3, McKiggan.

Junior Long Jump—

1, Lowe; 2, Derbridge; 3, O'Loughlin.
Distance: 16 feet 10 inches.

Open 440 yards—

1, MacDougall; 2, Cockram; 3, Bryse.
Time: 54.7 seconds.

Open Javelin—

1, Sulman; 2, Austin; 3, Littleton.
Distance: 125 feet.

Children's Race—

Miss Anne Scrivenor.

Open Hop, Step and Jump—

1, Irwin; 2, Bartlett; 3, Mellish.
Distance: 38 feet 3½ inches.

Year Handicaps—**Jervis and Burnett Year—**

1, Jaques.

Phillip and Waller Year—

1, Nisbet.

Cook Year—

1, Walkington.

Flinders Year—

1, Walls.

Open Long Jump—

1, Cockram; 2, Irwin; 3, Mulcare.
Distance: 18 feet 6 inches.

Junior Consolation 880 Yards—

1, Guest.

Junior Mile—

1, Lowe; 2, Taylor; 3, Selby.
Time: 5 minutes 12.8 seconds.

Officers v. Masters—

1, Masters.

Junior Novice 880 Yards—

1, Nash.

Senior Novice 880 Yards—

1, Jessurum.

Open Mile—

1, Johnson; 2, Walker; 3, Hobson.
Time: 4 minutes 46.2 seconds.

Open Champion—

1, MacDougall.
40 points.

Junior Champion—

1, Lowe.
42 points.

ANNUAL CROSS COUNTRY

Just after the winter mid-term break that long-awaited event, the Cross Country, took place. In the days preceding the event the course had been soaked with constant heavy rain until it resembled one long quagmire. Mr. Adeney started the race on the sodden playing fields and really heavy going was encountered in the vicinity of the Depot piggery, a mere two hundred yards from the start. Johnson was already well clear at the Cemetery corner and did not look like flagging. Some distance behind him came a fairly large group of runners pretty well bunched, while beyond them the straggle had already commenced. Across Boadle's paddocks the field spread out and at the Kandahar Bridge Johnson led Lowe by well over one hundred yards with the others well scattered in ones, twos and slightly larger groups. The pace and the trying conditions had taken toll of many runners as the notorious swamp was encountered. After wading through this and attempting to sprint to the finish one found that Johnson had won by some 250

yards from Lowe. The time for the race was 42 minutes 13.8 seconds. This was a little lower than last year's time, but in view of the extremely soggy course it was pretty satisfactory. Sister Jones presented the prizes to the select few who must be congratulated on their good performance.

Open Champion: Johnson.

Junior Champion: Lowe.

Year Winners:

4th Year, Bryse.

Burnett Year, Carpenter.

3rd Year: Johnson.

Waller Year, Walker.

2nd Year, Lowe.

1st Year, Wat on.

Part-of-Ship Results:

1st, Maintop.

2nd, Quarterdeck.

3rd, Foretop.

4th, Forecastle.



CURRY CUP

Once again the R.A.N.C. qualified for the final of the annual mixed relay race known as the Curry Cup after putting up a good performance to finish second to the Officers in the second heat. The four teams to qualify for the final were: Officers, Electrical School (winners of the first heat), National Servicemen and College.

The College team this year was as follows:—

Gymnast, Jones.

Hurdler, Ward.

Cyclist, Winter.

Sprinter and Whaler Coxswain, Carpenter.

Boats Crew, Ross, Sulman, Keyes, Hill, Bartlett.

Cross Country Runner, Johnson.

Middle Distance Runner, Robinson.

Swimmer: D. J. Taylor.

Quarter Miler, MacDougall.

The final began with Jones first away from the ropes but, being smaller and lighter than his opponents, he was buffeted back to second place on the way through the mixed obstacles. Ward jumped very well to take the lead over the hurdles, but dropped back to second at the last fence. Winter rode brilliantly to hit the front, but mishandling of the baton cost us our hard won lead at the change and Carpenter

started his print back in third position. A terrific dash made up the lost ground for Carpenter to be first to the wharf. We slipped rather badly in the boats lap and reached the Range wharf in last place. Mr. Thompson (Officers) opened up a huge gap in the cross country section and Officers began to look definite winners. Johnson made up some ground on the other teams in this stretch, but at the change we were still fourth. The gap was too great for our remaining competitors to close and, although Robinson, Taylor and MacDougall all strove desperately, we had to be content with fourth placing.

We extend our congratulations to the other finalists and thank them for a great race. We feel that if they were good enough to thrash us so soundly, they must have been really good. The final placings were: 1, Officers; 2, Electrical School; 3, National Servicemen; 4, R.A.N.C.



SWIMMING

This year swimming at the College was of a high standard. There were two outside matches during the season. Late last year the College swam against Dookie Agricultural College and won, while on the last Saturday of first term a match against Melbourne Grammar School was held. This proved very interesting and close with M.G.S. winning by a narrow margin. Several cadets trained for the Navy's inter-services team and the two who were finally chosen, Horlor and D. J. Taylor, did very well.

Towards the end of the first term the Annual Swimming Sports were held and

these provided an interesting and exciting day. The individual championships were held first and Horlor started the programme well by breaking the existing record in the opening event, the senior backstroke. The diving showed great improvement on last year's with particularly fine exhibitions coming from Jones and Golding. Later in the day D. J. Taylor broke the 100 yards freestyle record. A new event this year was the 100 yards medley, Horlor being the winner. The winner of the Open Championship was Horlor, while Lambert, dominating the junior events, took the Junior Championship. For their efforts this season D. J. Taylor and Jones were awarded colours for swimming.

Following are the results of the individual events:—

Open 50 Yards Backstroke—

1, Horlor; 2, Kilner; 3, Golding.
Time: 32.6 seconds (Record).

Junior 50 Yards Backstroke—

1, Lambert; 2, Payne; 3, Snowden.
Time: 44.8 seconds.

Open 50 Yards Breaststroke—

1, D. J. Taylor; 2, J. Selby; 3, Mellish.
Time: 35.8 seconds.

Open Diving—

1, Jones; 2, Golding; 3, Houghton.

Open 50 Yards Butterfly—

1, Selby; 2, Ross; 3, Jones.
Time: 37.4 seconds.

Junior 50 Yards Breaststroke—

1, Lambert; 2, R. Selby; 3, Wood.
Time: 41.8 seconds.

Open 100 Yards Freestyle—

1, D. J. Taylor; 2, Horlor; 3, Boucher.
Time: 61.7 seconds (Record).

Junior 66 Yards Freestyle—

1, Lambert; 2, Harvey; 3, Garing.
Time: 43.4 seconds.

Open 100 Yards Medley—

1, Horlor; 2, D. J. Taylor; 3, Littleton.
Time: 77.8 seconds.

Junior Diving—

1, Cocking; 2, Mews; 3, Gilmour-Walsh.

Open 400 Yards Freestyle—

1, Horlor; 2, Kilner; 3, Houghton.
Time: 6 minutes 6.7 seconds.

The Inter-Part of Ship competition followed and this was very keenly contested. After all but the All-Hand Relay, Foretop depended on this last event. Maintop won it quite convincingly, but Foretop gained second place and over-all victory from Maintop by one point.

Following are the Inter-Part of Ship results:—

Senior Freestyle Relay—

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

Junior Freestyle Relay—

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

Senior Medley—

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

Junior Medley—

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

All-Hands' Relay—

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

two sets 6—2, 6—2 to win their second Open Championship.

The Junior Singles final was between Martin and Wood. Wood opened brightly in winning the first four games. In an endeavour to counteract Wood's early supremacy Martin concentrated heavily on his opponent's forehand. These tactics were immediately successful and Martin took the next five games, going on to win the set 7—5. In the second set Martin played more aggressively and was on top of Wood's baseline tactics. Wood twice lost his service and Martin went on to an easy 6—2 victory in this set, thereby taking the championship.

The Junior Doubles provided the most interesting and the closest match of the afternoon. After a series of very close knock-out games, Martin and Wood, Derbridge and Lawn emerged as the contestants for the final. The match opened evenly with the score going to 4 all before Martin lost his service. Derbridge and Lawn, playing excellently, seized the advantage and took the first set 6—4. The second set went to Martin and Wood. Once again we saw here the successful adoption of a net-rushing game. The third set was fought to a thrilling climax when Derbridge and Lawn led 5—4 with Martin down 0—30 on his service. However, Martin and Wood recovered grandly and won the set 7—5 to become Junior Doubles Champions of the College.



The R.A.N.C. tennis finals took place this year in ideal conditions. After some weeks of interesting knock-out matches, the select few provided some very interesting and enjoyable tennis.

In the Open Singles, Sulman, last year's winner, played White for the Championship. The match began with Sulman taking the first two games. However, White, playing skilful controlled tennis, fought back well and took the first set 6—4. It was interesting to watch the two distinctly different styles of tennis played by each man throughout the match. Sulman was distinctly aggressive and developed a powerful net-rushing game. White, rarely venturing from the baseline, employed very accurate angle shots as his most important weapon. After the first set Sulman gained a definite advantage and, playing powerful tennis, won the next three sets 6—2, 6—4, 6—3, thus retaining his championship.

The Open Doubles provided a very fast and well-played match. Sulman and Cochram, champions last year, were matched against White and MacGowan. The game was characterised by fast rallies with no real edge on either side. Sulman and Cochram, however, soon gained the upper hand by virtue of their more aggressive style and won the first set 6—2. White and MacGowan fought back strongly to take the next 6—4 and put themselves back in the fight. The pace was beginning to tell on the younger pair (White and MacGowan) particularly and their baseline tactics were overwhelmed by Sulman's smashes and Cochram's strong driving. Sulman and Cochram took the next

This year for the first time an interpart tennis tournament was staged during the summer months. Four doubles and four singles comprised a match. The idea was thoroughly successful and competition was very keen. Forecastle produced a very powerful team with Sulman and Cochram as its backbone. They won all their matches fairly easily to finish on top at the end of the competition.

Due to the lack of competition the 1st VIII played only three matches during the season. The first of these was against O.C.S. Portsea. However, due to a misunderstanding they had not been forewarned and could not produce a team. Some games were quickly arranged though, and players had an enjoyable afternoon. The College then played the R.A.A.F.C. at home and encountered very tough opposition. The courts were very wet, but there was some very good tennis, Denton and Sulman in particular playing some brilliant tennis in a thrilling doubles match. R.A.A.F.C. were too strong all round and won by six matches to three. For the return match the weather was perfect and the Point Cook courts in splendid condition. Having lost Denton and Tooth since the previous encounter, hopes at R.A.N.C. did not run high. These feelings proved to be justified, R.A.A.F.C. running out easy victors (9—3) after a most entertaining contest.

Although tennis is not a major sport at the College it is probably the most popular summer sport. There was rarely an empty court, a fair indication of the fact that a most enjoyable season was had by all.

Results of Inter-Part of Ship Tennis:—

FX d. MT 6—2.
 FX d. AX 6—2.
 FX d. FT. 7—1.
 AX d. FT 7—1.
 AX d. MT 7—1.



"Final Lightweight Championship"

The Shelley Cup, awarded annually to the best exponent of the art of boxing at the College, was awarded to L. J. Irwin, whose splendid displays of boxing throughout the tournament made him a very deserving recipient and a most popular choice. We heartily congratulate him on his success.

No report of the boxing would be complete without an expression of appreciation and thanks to Lt. P. G. Duncan, for his smooth handling of the large number of bouts, to those Depot officers who assisted us by refereeing, particularly Lieut. Saltmarsh and Lieut. Cdr. Hawkins, and to those constant sources of comfort and sound advice C.P.O. Gascoigne and P.O. Pritchard, in the respective corners.

BOXING

After a month of very interesting bouts the Boxing finals took place on the eve of mid-term (Winter). The final bouts were characterised by an exceptionally high standard of boxing and many interesting and closely fought contests were enjoyed by the large crowd present on Finals Night.

The final of the Milling Contest provoked much merriment in the audience, Maintop and Foretop providing the amusement. After a very close contest Foretop were victorious.

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

- Midge Weight:** Boettcher d. Parr.
- Mosquito Weight:** Ridley d. Selby, R.
- Fly Weight:** Russell d. MacIntyre.
- Bantam Weight:** Walsh d. Giles.
- Feather Weight:** Jessurun d. Mentz.
- Light Weight:** Hill d. Irwin.
- Light Welter Weight:** Bartlett d. Jones.
- Light Middle Weight:** Carwardine d. Raymond.
- Welter Weight:** Carpenter d. Selby, J.
- Middle Weight:** Roberts, I. d. Cockram.
- Light Heavy Weight:** Nelson d. Mulcare.

The cakes awarded at the end of the tournament for cadets judged the best losers throughout the competition were awarded to:—Robinson, MacGowan, O'Brien, O'Loughlin, Walls and Bryse.

HOCKEY.

FIRST ELEVEN RESULTS:

- Lost to R.A.A.F.C., 18-1.
- Drew with M.G.S., 4 all.
- Lost to O.C.S., Portsea, 5-1.
- Drew with Scotch College, 2 all.
- Defeated College Staff, 2-1.
- Lost to M.G.S., 7-2.
- Defeated T.L.C., 5-2.
- Lost to M.H.S., 8-2.
- Lost to R.A.A.F.C., 6-1.
- Lost to M.H.S., 6-0.
- Defeated Wardroom, 2-1.
- Defeated Army Officers, 5-1.



FIRST XI

Left to right—Rear: R. J. Burns, R. I. Crawford, E. S. Benham, G. P. Lamperd, T. M. O'Brien, D. York. Front: P. J. Cooke-Russell, C. J. Nisbet, D. D. Smith (captain), Inst. Lt. Cdr. Q. Des Clayes (coach), T. W. Jones, T. D. Rowling, K. A. Doolan. Absent: H. J. Donohue.

This season's results were perhaps a little better than those of 1954 as we won four and drew two of our twelve matches this year, whereas last year we won four and lost nine games. During the season we consistently fielded a 1st XI and on several occasions played a 2nd XI as well. Throughout the season the different positions on the field were never permanently occupied as often players drawn from the ranks of the footballers were included.

The season did not begin encouragingly for in the first match, against the Cadets of the R.A.A.F. College, we were trounced by eighteen goals to one. However, we recovered well and in our second match, against a strong and experienced team from Melbourne Grammar, we played dogged hockey to draw at four all.

In the return match against M.G.S. we were beaten 7-2. In this game, and in later ones against Melbourne High and the R.A.A.F. College, we held the opposition until half-time and then collapsed and were completely over-run.

The drawn game against M.G.S. was followed by another, this time against Scotch College, the scores being two goals-all. Our two goals were scored towards the end of the match and provided proof of the fact that there was no lack of determination, at

least. We can thank this determination for bringing us a draw in this match, as we had been beaten all day.

Probably the best hockey of the season was played against the Wardroom and against the College Staff, both games resulting in victory for us. On each occasion the forwards played hard and passed well, while the backmen combined well together to turn back many attacks.

The eagerly anticipated match against Toorak Ladies' College resulted in a win for us. The Toorak girls, who always attract a large appreciative crowd, put up a fine battle, but were finally overwhelmed by five goals to two.

Throughout the season the half-forward positions proved to be the hardest to keep occupied. When Jones, a 1st XV player, was available, he filled the centre-half post, while York changed from centre-half to left half. Rowling, Doolan and Benham each played on the half-back line at some stage of the season. Forward line changes were made when Smith at left inside was injured; Frizell (1st XVIII), Winter and Lees (both 1st XV) were included. Permanent places were held by the back-line men, Cooke-Russell and O'Brien, and goalie Burns.

It could hardly be expected that, with the limited numbers playing hockey and the shortage of training time, we could field a hockey team of the standard found in a large Public or State High school. However, by dint of a great deal of determination we put up a fair showing against the best of the teams we met.

Colours for the 1955 hockey season were awarded to D. D. Smith, T. W. Jones, H. Donohue and T. M. O'Brien.

D.D.S.



SENIOR INTERPART HOCKEY

FX defeated FT 4-2.
 FX defeated AX 5-3.
 FX defeated MT 3-1.
 MT defeated AX 4-2.
 FT defeated MT 4-1.
 AX defeated FT 4-2.

Forecastle's all-round strength and brilliant play throughout the series were the deciding factors in their thoroughly deserved win in this year's interpart hockey competition.

Forecastle, having in their team experienced players like Jones, Ross, Lees and Jessurun, completely overwhelmed each opposing side. Maintop, Foretop and Quarterdeck all fought keenly in each match and were themselves fairly evenly matched, but none of them had the necessary strength and stick skill to topple Forecastle.

JUNIOR HOCKEY

For the juniors this was a good season, marred only by the lack of matches against other schools. The juniors played only one match as an R.A.N.C. team, defeating the W.R.A.N.S. by five goals to three. However, the season was most enjoyable as there was good co-operation in all aspects of the sport.

The interpart competition was won by Maintop with Quarterdeck a close second, Foretop third and Forecastle fourth. Congratulations to Maintop on their success.

MT defeated FT, 7-0.
 MT drew with AX, 2-2.
 MT defeated FX, 4-2.
 AX defeated FT, 8-2.
 AX drew with FX, 3-3.
 FT defeated FX, 6-2.

This year has been a good one for the College wind and water men. Our fleet comprises our 5½ ton flagship, "Tam o' Shanter", the fishing smack "Triton", eighteen R.N.S.A. 14-foot skiffs, three fast 25-foot motor boats and two motor cutters. In addition, we have the use of Depot cutters, whalers, tugs and power boats as required. Our thanks are due to the Depot Boats Party and to the shipwrights, engineers and naval stores personnel for their co-operation during the year.

The year got away to a good start when "Tam o' Shanter" came seventh out of seventeen entrants in the world famous Sydney-Hobart Yacht Race. We intend to continue competing in this race and, naturally, hope to win it next time.

The new Cadets were initiated into the mysteries of engineless commuting on the first Saturday of Term I, when the entire College sailed to Phillip Island for a picnic. All returned safely although a cutter's crew tried to out-Crusoe Robinson by spending the night on French Island.

The Forster Cup, 1954-55, was continued during the first term, and the final heat saw a new innovation in an exciting thirteen hours race by eight skiffs around French Island, a direct distance of thirty-seven miles. The pioneers who proved the feat possible (at certain stages of the tide) were the Commander and the Headmaster. They have the honour of being the first to circumnavigate the island clockwise in a College skiff. The Cup was won by Foretop, who well deserved their success.

A team race against the Dinghy Cadets of Royal Brighton Yacht Club was held on Sunday, February 18. After a very enjoyable lunch at R.B.Y.C. the race started in a fine drizzle with little wind. Soon, however, a heavy squall came up the bay, and in the ensuing chaos the Brighton Cadets taught us a lesson in heavy weather sailing and won easily, avenging their defeat last year. Our next contest with R.B.Y.C. is at R.A.N.C. on December 4.

Prior to the onset of winter "Tam o' Shanter" was used for week-end cruises in

the Westernport area, and she was crewed by Cadets in the Lady Nelson Perpetual Trophy Race around Port Phillip Bay, in which she came first in her class, and in the Queenscliffe to Apollo Bay ocean race, which she won on handicap. In July she was sailed to Williamstown for her annual refit. We are looking forward to bringing her back and to work up a crew for the Sydney-Hobart Race.

In order to compete against the Yacht Clubs, we have formed the R.A.N. College Sailing Club and are now a member of the Victorian Yachting Council. Any prize money we win is placed in the "Tam o' Shanter" Fund and used for improving the yacht.

As is usual in the Navy, there have been many changes in personnel this year. Lieutenant Cumming relieved Lieutenant Matthew as Boats Officer in January and Cadet-Midshipman Mentz took over as Captain of Boats from Cadet-Midshipman Dodd in March. C.P.O. Williams left for Japan in August and has been relieved as Boats Chief by C.P.O. Fargher.

During the winter the skiffs were fully refitted, and steps were taken to get four new boats in lieu of the original four acquired in 1940. We hope to keep two of the old boats for fishing and general purposes. Other improvements have been the completion of our boat-shed and the concreting of our slipway and apron.

"Triton", the veteran from Jervis Bay, has been extensively refitted, a lot of the work being done by Cadets, and with extra ballast she is now sailing very well.

Now, with the weather improving, we have started the 1955-56 Forster Cup Series, and capsizing practice on Wednesdays has kept the power boats crews busy. A very successful opening day race and barbecue picnic on Phillip Island marked the start of Term III, and we hope this is the start of another successful sailing season.

P. M. Cumming, E. Mentz.

REGATTA

After five weeks of training (much more than usual) the 1955 Regatta was held late in first term. After a postponement of one day due to bad weather the programme got away to an early start with weather conditions again very threatening.

Foretop and Quarterdeck, having had the luck of the draw as regards the very important cutters, were both very confident of victory. Forecastle and Maintop, not so fortunate, remained undaunted and

the day began with no hot favourite. With all crews pulling well the afternoon proved a very exciting one. Foretop dropped away from the field as the events continued, but there was a neck and neck struggle throughout the programme among the other three teams. After the closest Regatta for years Forecastle and Maintop tied for first place, with Quarterdeck only one point away, third. Fairly well down on points, Foretop managed to redeem themselves to a certain extent by winning the last event, the All-Comers' Cutter Race.

In the individual events, D. J. Taylor emerged victorious in the Senior Skulls after a keenly fought race, while Lowe, for the second time, won the Junior Skulls championship.

No report of the 1955 Regatta would be complete without a word of praise and thanks to Lieutenant P. G. Duncan, whose splendid organisation of the programme made this one of the smoothest Regatta Days for some time.

RESULTS

Junior A Whaler—

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

Junior B Whaler—

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

Senior Cutter—

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

Senior A Whaler—

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

Senior B Whaler—

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

All-Comers' Cutter—

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

Senior Skulls—

1, D. J. Taylor; 2, Robinson; 3, McKiggan.

Junior Skulls—

1, Lowe; 2, Partington; 3, Walsh.



With the decision to cut out Soccer altogether as a major winter game at the College, keen supporters of the game found themselves forced to select as their first preference one of the other "football" games.

Strangely enough, although very few in the past have nominated Soccer as a first preference among winter games, the code is popular at the College with the exponents of other games, who all seem to enter wholeheartedly into the interpart Soccer competition. As a result, this series was as popular and as keenly fought this year as ever it has been, which was just as well for there was little opportunity to play games outside the College ranks.

The 1st XVIII trip to Dookie provided us with our only outside match, the Agricultural College being anxious to play Soccer as well as Australian Rules against us. In preparation for the Dookie game we managed to get a match against the College Ship's Company just prior to the week-end trip. Unfortunately this game was played in pouring rain with a ball so heavy and greasy that proper control was out of the question. The College forwards, working well together, were mainly responsible for our 2-0 victory. Against Dookie we were in trouble from the kick-off, chiefly because our players were so much lighter and smaller than the "farmers". However, by showing a fair measure of science and skill, we managed to counter their far greater physical strength to hold them to a 1-0 lead at the interval. After half-time our younger players tired very badly and when Loftus, who had been playing well at centre-forward, was injured, all semblance of teamwork vanished. The Dookie boys slammed home goal after goal to run out the easiest

of winners by 7 goals to nil. Of our players Payne, with some brilliant solo dribbling runs, Pullar, a great battler at centre-half, Parkinson, who stopped some really hot ones in goal, Loftus and Selby, with clever ball control and good teamwork, were the most useful, but each of the others tried hard against bigger and stronger opponents.

INTERPART SOCCER

As mentioned earlier there was keen competition and rivalry in the interpart competition this year while it was encouraging to see the great interest taken by new-comers to the game.

Forecastle, with the best forward line of the four teams, finished at the top of the competition with an impressive 13 goals "FOR" to 5 goals "AGAINST". Next followed Maintop (5-6), Quartedeck (7-9) and Foretop (8-13). The good standard of interpart Soccer is keeping interest in the game fairly high in the College and enthusiasts hope to see a regular First XI fielded once more in 1956.

FX d. FT 6-3.
 FX d. MT 4-1.
 FX d. AX 3-1.
 MT d. FT 2-1.
 MT d. AX 2-1.
 AX d. FT 5-4.



THE LOSS OF THE "MERLAN"

It was a bitterly cold afternoon in February, much colder than it should have been for that time of the year. A strong gusty north-westerly wind had whipped up a heavy sea, and the Rip was an awesome sight—spray flew in all directions, and the waves breaking off Point Lonsdale were really terrifying in their power, rearing themselves up to their full height before crashing down onto the rocks with the force of a battering ram. The Rip was in an angry mood!

About two miles offshore there was a tiny yacht struggling towards us through the mountainous seas. She was being handled magnificently—it was wonderful to watch the way that her helmsman eased her over each wave without taking in anything but spray—but the yachtsmen had obviously no knowledge of the area—no one who had would attempt the passage in this weather. When she came between the heads, the huge overfall took charge, and she was swung about in all directions, her rudder apparently having no effect.

"It's the 'Merlan'," I heard a fisherman behind me say. "She was due from Tassie three days ago".

Twisting and tossing, and at times almost completely obliterated by spray, the yacht gradually made her way up the channel. Suddenly a squall struck her, and she was knocked down, almost onto her beam ends. She slowly started to come up, but we could see that she was caught in an eddy, and was being swept towards a reef. When she struck it was without any appreciable noise or impact—she rose gracefully a few feet out of the water, and stayed there, supported by the rocks. Pounded by the seas, she was gradually forced over onto her side again, with her mast in the water, and her folding propeller flapping up and down with each of the waves that were continually breaking "green" over her hull.

We watched the four crew members struggling to launch a rubber dinghy, and suddenly, to our horror, a large wave picked it up, with one of the men still clinging to it, and threw it into the water. Weighed down as he was with heavy clothing, we thought the man must surely drown, but the backwash of the wave put him back onto the reef again. He struggled back to his mates, but now, with their dinghy gone, they were worse off than before.

Quite a large crowd had gathered by this time, but nobody seemed to want to do anything about the men's plight. Then we saw the Queenscliff lifeboat. It was just leaving the shelter of the pier, and when the first sea struck it, it almost capsized. However, the craft kept on going, and we thought that the men on the yacht were saved. When the lifeboat approached the "Merlan", however, she slowed down, and it appeared that she could not get near enough to effect a rescue because of the heavy breaking seas.

It was obvious that something would have to be done to save the men, and done quickly—the yacht could not stand up much longer to the terrific battering she was taking.

I noticed four fishermen launching a dinghy from the beach. It was a tiny boat, not more than ten feet long, and if the men were going to attempt a rescue, I could not see how it could do anything but put them in a worse predicament than the "Merlan's" crew. Nevertheless, they succeeded in getting through the breakers, and slowly made their way towards the stranded yacht. They came up to the reef on the shoreward side and, when the four castaways were aboard, started back for the beach. It must have been a terrible task to pull the heavily laden dinghy back against the wind, but somehow they managed it. Several times the boat was almost swamped, but the men struggled on, and she eventually reached the beach.

It was a magnificent display of fortitude, bravery and seamanship of the kind that one sometimes reads about, but seldom sees. I shall never forget it.

J. N. Lattin.

(Jervis Year Literary Prize).

"JELLY ROLL" MORTON

(Burnett Year Literary Prize)

"Jelly" is legendary.

Therefore, his whole life is a legend to jazzmen the world over. The story I was told runs something like this.

Ferdinand Morton began living along about 1885 in a sedate Creole home in the New Orleans French quarter. In those days, of course, jazz, as we know it, was not on the wings of the wind. Even so, at an early age, Morton could be heard playing around with the family fiddle or guitar (a French home would always be equipped with piano, fiddle and guitar in this quarter of New Orleans), exercising the brain which one day would invent tunes simply to avoid copyright duties at recording sessions.

At the age of six years, he was sent by his broadminded father to a Spanish teacher to learn the guitar. He quickly mastered this instrument and, at the age of nine, started learning the drums. He figured, "Say, I can't get a tune out of these", so he gave them up and went to an orthodox piano mistress for lessons. She was the later famous Mamie Desdumes. She was a great influence on Morton, especially in the bass clef. His powerful left hand is greatly reminiscent of her rolling bass. In some cases it almost resembles a trombone phrase in glissando and power.

One other great influence on his piano style from his childhood was that of the little French songs such as the tune which belongs to "No, I an't gonna give nobody none of my Jelly Roll". (Much to the horror of his sedate family, he later made a habit of beating out this tune in barrel houses and honky-tonks on Franklin and St. James).

And, of course, along about the turn of the century ("Jelly" was fifteen then), jazz began to be heard. Because it was music "Mr. Jelly Lord" heard it too! Just because he lived in the sedate quarter he was not going to allow his parents to bar him from its invigorating strains. He began to venture far down the Twenty Fifth, and one night he was forced to admit to his old father that he had seen the horrors of "a pair of honky-tonk gals slashing each other with razors on Anderson's Corner".

Before he actually played with these Lower Basin Street bands he got some experience with the small ragtime bands around his own select community. They played at "posh folks" garden parties and other similar functions, French and Spanish songs, and even a few popular American songs.

All this time he worked on his style—keeping it richly French, yet adapting it to the music he had heard downtown.

And then it happened. Jelly broke away from all this to inhabit dance halls and bars as "Jelly Roll" Morton, the "Fabulous Uptown Pianist". He made an astounding amount of money. People, drunkards, gamblers, harlots and a few honest men here and there threw him dollar after dollar to play for another hour. Often he would arrive home after a night's work when day labourers were starting out. He was then eighteen. But besides the harlots, drunkards, thieves and gamblers there were musicians: Jazz Musicians! Jelly liked their music and they were no less keen on him. But somehow he didn't combine with them. As soon as he finished work he went off home to bed — and besides, as a solo, the proceeds did not have to be shared. For many years it was just "Jelly" and his piano. He toured Louisiana and neighbouring States. He played on his beloved Lake Ponchartrain. He played in St. Louis, Memphis and Nashville. He even got as far as Oklahoma City. Then, "Along about after the war", Jelly says, "I took me over to Los Angeles way. There I married me a wife and figured maybe we'd go right along back to New Orleans and my Lake".

But no sooner had Mr. Jelly got back to the Delta City than he once again came into contact with negroes and their music. Soon "Victor" was printing labels which bore the "Jelly Roll Morton and His Red Hot Pepper" band name. He had no regular band—any musician in town, if he passed Jelly's test, could "sit in" with him and collect his cheque at the end of a recording session.

The nineteen twenties were most definitely Jelly's big years. Whenever he became short of money he would invent a tune, call for musicians, and cut a few wax. "He would really have a session", says Kid Ory, famous trombone man; "we sure respected Jelly—but I'm darned if we could like such a braggart. Nobody liked 'Mr. Jelly'". All during the twenties Jelly (and his wife sometimes) toured the States, recording here and there when health permitted, staying up in hotels when it did not.

Then about 1930 he discovered that alcohol helped his genius. He took to it more strongly, but soon became very ill. And so did his dear wife's father back in Los Angeles. She had to leave New York

and get to her father's home quickly. She took Jelly's Cadillac, leaving the Lincoln for his convenience. Yes, Jelly had prospered until depression struck, and Wall Street slumped. But he had wasted money that he could have saved.

Disaster!

His wife crashed on icy roads and was injured badly. She was taken to Los Angeles, and shortly Jelly followed. Her father died. She struggled to live against insurmountable odds, and in 1933 she passed away.

An old friend offered to look after Jelly; but his stubborn character would allow no such thing. He was well—he thought. He struggled back to Lake Ponchartrain and Storyville and then again to Los Angeles, recording occasionally.

In 1939 he fell violently ill. He pined away in his sister-in-law's house — he was no longer "Mr. Jelly Lord". For six years he had brooded over his wife's death—"No one knows me now," he wrote in his diary. On top of his illness he caught influenza badly. Death neared.

It arrived on June 14, 1941, in Los Angeles. Those who had played in the "Red Hot Peppers" paid their respects some days later down in his City—and the lights on Ponchartrain's shore seemed to dim.

R. Keyes.

THE KOALA BEAR

The word "koala" means "never to drink". The aborigines coined this name for the little bear in the countless legends which concern him.

The koala bear has become famous all over the world as the inspiration and in the form of the familiar "Teddy". In reality, however, he is not a bear; that is, he does not belong to the sloth family. He is, in fact, unique as the only representative of his genus and sub-class in the phalanger or possum family. From fossil remains naturalists have concluded that the koala's only ancestor weighed about five hundred-weights and was twenty-five times as big as his living relative.

Like the other queer Australian marsupials, the echidna, the platypus and the kangaroo, the young koala is born in a very immature state—at birth the babe is about one inch long and weighs up to six grains. The mother places the babe in her pouch where it attaches itself to the single teat and there it remains for six months. When fully furred and about six inches long it emerges, but continues to use the pouch for

several more months until it can no longer accommodate itself within. Mother koala will carry the young one till it is about twelve months old. On the move she carries it on her back, pick-a-back fashion; when sitting, she nurses it in her lap or clasps it in her arms. As a rule koalas breed once every two years, in the winter. Twins are most unusual in Koalaland, only very few cases of multiple births having been recorded. Koalas live not as a community, but in segregated family groups. Except in the breeding season, when they are touchy and on edge, the koalas are docile and inoffensive. When frightened or hurt they cry and whimper like young children.

When fully grown they are about forty inches in length, at full stretch. They have a thickset body, a broad, short muzzle and a prominent, rubbery nose. A unique feature is the absence of a tail. Their fur is particularly thick and woolly—on top it is a grey or fawn colour, becoming yellowish-white round the hindquarters and white to off-white on the belly. Their ears are very large and round and these, with his "carnival" nose and beady eyes, give the koala a very comical appearance.

They are fittingly equipped with powerful limbs and stout claws to enable movements aloft with grace and precision. Mostly they are sedentary creatures which are by day often observed sleeping, curled into a ball and wedged into a suitable gum tree fork. They seldom travel on the ground, preferring to change from tree to tree overhead.

Their diet consists of the young gum tips of the trees in which they live, Manna, Spotted and Red River Gums being the best varieties. The choice of eucalypts is limited in consequence of the drug properties in the various species of gum. The koala bear is the only animal that can subsist on gum tips alone; he very seldom drinks, but dirt is a regular item in his diet as it provides the necessary roughage.

Popular interest in the koala led to its protection, the governments being wise enough to heed the nation-wide cries, on behalf of the little fellows, to stop the carnage and prevent his ultimate extinction. In 1927 Queensland was the only State not protecting koalas and in that year trappers, in a bloody harvest, netted more than 500,000 bears, thus leaving many districts bearless. Even with protecting laws, there was a depletion of the koala population in the southern States when severe epidemics swept the koala lands. During the two periods 1887-1889 and 1900-1903 waves of death swept through the koala population with the result that South Australia lost all its bears, they almost vanished from New South Wales and in Victoria only five hundred survived. Since then, with improved game laws, careful observation and treatment (including the establishment of new colonies and the transfer of bears from

danger areas) and general public affection, the little bear's future has become quite assured. Nowadays he will almost certainly achieve his normal life span of twelve to fifteen years.

The koala is found only in the eastern half of the continent, his domains stretching from Southern Queensland to Southern Victoria. He has bred successfully in captivity in many fine sanctuaries. No live koalas are to be found in foreign zoos as the little bear is very strictly a prohibited export.

K. C. HOUGHTON.

(Phillip Year Literary Prize).

IMPRESSIONS OF AUSTRALIA

Early one morning in January I peered through the drizzle and saw in the distance the symmetrical steel spider-web of Sydney Harbour Bridge. Later, when I actually passed under, and even later when I travelled across it, I was amazed by its size and its dominance of the surrounding scenery.

At first glance Sydney was just another city, but later when I saw more of it I realized how it differed from the cities I am used to. Sydney proper seemed very crowded with the buildings very close together in narrow streets. The suburbs in contrast have tree-lined roadways and each house has its own garden. I found the predominance of red brick used for domestic building rather dulls the landscape.

Aboard the train heading south through lower New South Wales I glanced out of the carriage window to be greeted with a terrain akin to the central states of America. The grass was absolutely brown and the earth an angry red, a few sheep nibbled dejectedly at what was left of the edible grass and hundreds of gum trees drooped sadly in anticipation of another hot day. It was not until after Albury that the landscape began to grow greener, and then only gradually. I felt as if I had come to a country where green grass was a luxury. Later trips have shown me that this condition is by no means permanent.

Melbourne, I found, was a city of contrasts. A stranger delving into the back alleys and narrow streets finds abject poverty and squalor side by side with Rolls Royce motor cars, diamonds and pearls. The city itself has more variety of architecture to offer than has Sydney. Stone here replaces much of the harsh brick of the harbour city. Depending on the direction of the wind Melbourne has its own special perfumes to offer. These range from sulphur dioxide to stale beer and

tomato sauce. The suburbs of this sprawling city show to the visitor the civic pride of the inhabitants. I found the clean, tidy streets and neat houses most appealing.

Between Dandenong and Melbourne I thought the countryside symbolized the rapid industrial growth of this country. Everywhere I looked there were large modern factories, many in the course of construction. This area, and that of Gippsland showed me, when I saw it in May, a much boasted Australian landscape. There were gentle, rolling hills covered with lush green grass and the soil was rich and black in colour. In the fields sheep and cattle browsed contentedly and the gum trees held their heads up with a just pride.

I haven't spent very long in Australia, but the people have impressed me. Wherever I have gone I have found a friendly and helpful atmosphere in which, for the stranger, it is easy to feel at home.

KIWI.

(Waller Year Literary Prize).

THE CROWD ROARS!

I was nervous. So was he, Sharkey reassured me. The manager had given us 15 minutes and I was feeling as weak as a kitten. The stadium doctor came round, inspected my taped hands, looked in my mouth and eyes, and satisfied, he gave me the O.K. and left. I thought of Helen out front. Immediately I felt a pang of sorrow travel through me, because I knew what she must be going through. My mind wandered to the fight in which I was soon to become a participant, Dan Harkner, my opponent, from what I had learned around the training camp, was quite a guy.

He was young, solid and full of confidence. As for me, I wasn't young; well not as world champions go. I wasn't over-confident either. In fact I was feeling decidedly low over the prospects of the fight, especially when I heard that Harkner had bet so confidently on himself. I heard the knock on the door.

"Five minutes, champ."

"O.K.," Curley my second answered. Not long now. My heart was beating at about five times its normal rate. I had a queer emptiness in the pit of my stomach. Curley and Sharkey were massaging my back and shoulders. Thank God I had Sharkey in my corner. There wasn't a better manager in the game.

As Curley gloved me up I tried to recall all that I had learned about Harkner's style in the past three months, but in those final few minutes before the fight my

thoughts were too disjointed. All I could remember was that he had a dangerous left and had won all but two of his fights by K.O.s. or T.K.O.s. This didn't boost my morale to any great degree.

I heard the band strike up, announcing the end of the preliminary fights. Then I heard the roar of the crowd. I hoped they'd get their money's worth. I saw Helen in my march to the ring. She didn't say anything but her eyes spoke volumes. I climbed into the ring, shuffled my shoes in the resin tray and waited impatiently for the stadium manager to announce the bout.

"Ladies and gentlemen," he cried. "I have great pleasure in presenting the main bout of the evening. The light heavyweight championship of the world. In this corner we have at 161 pounds, the contender for the crown, Dan Harkner!" Here followed mingled cheers and boos from the fight crazy fans. "And in this corner," I heard him continue, "the world light heavyweight champion, Johnny Dean!"

I don't know how the crowd received this, because I was in the middle of the ring, half listening to the ref's instructions. . . . "When I say break; break cleanly. Good luck and come out fighting!"

I looked at Harkner, noticed how lethal he looked and then listened for Sharkey's final advice.

The bell sounded, I rose from my stool and paced carefully to meet my opponent. I could see by his face that he was confident and I tried with a sudden left to wipe the contemptuous grin from his face. I missed, and in he came ducking and weaving. He swung a left at my head, I ducked and hit with two rapid punches over the heart. I dodged a right cross and retired out of range. We circled for a while until he attacked again. This time he landed some stunning blows on the target. I felt warm drops of blood trickling from an opened eyebrow, into my eye. I wiped my eye clumsily with my glove and hastily retreated. He followed me up with a fusilade of punches. I clinched and managed to hold him for a few precious moments until the bell rang.

Sharkey swabbed my face with cold water, all the while giving advice and instructions. The "seconds out" was given and I heard Sharkey's final words, "Remember son, he can stay longer than you, but what you lack in stamina you can make up in your knowledge of the ring".

I moved toward the centre of the ring, thinking that I wouldn't be able to run away forever. The fans were screaming for us to mix it and, being the obliging type, that is exactly what he did. He moved into me, landing some lion shaking punches.

I retaliated with everything I had, and in between covering and ducking his punches landed some that would have felled Goliath. Still he came on, his fists flaying like a threshing machine. I clinched, crowded and butted to no avail. He still came on.

This continued for five exhausting rounds, and I could tell by Sharkey's face that Harkner was mounting up the points. I was beginning to feel the pace badly. My legs were tired and my face puffed and swollen. At the end of the fifth Sharkey was very perturbed because I was so far behind on points.

By the end of the 7th I was really tired. The fans were screaming for me to fight; but I couldn't. My legs were weak and rubbery and my gloves felt as though they weighed a ton. Sharkey instructed me that my only hope was to nail him by a knockout, because he was so far ahead on points he couldn't lose. Besides if I didn't stop him within the next two or three rounds they'd carry me out of the ring on a stretcher.

The bell sounded for the ninth and I came out warily. Harkner pranced out as he had in the first. Fresh, and with an overwhelming look of self confidence on his face. I circled, ducked a flickering left and stopped a rocketing right cross on the chin. I went down like a coat off a rack. The ring swam. I could see the arc lights blazing relentlessly down. I felt an overwhelming desire to take the count of ten. My ears were ringing and the salty taste of blood was in my mouth. Vaguely I heard the ref., ". . . 3, 4, . ." I saw Harkner leering from a neutral corner, "7, 8, 9". Strengthened by anger I clambered groggily to my feet and waited for the next onslaught. Again he bored in, intent on finishing me off.

"Come on punk," he taunted, "whatsa matter? Why dontcha fight?"

I was getting a thorough thrashing and throwing all caution to the wind I reverted to an unorthodox style of my own. He seemed puzzled by the change of style. When he launched a punch at me I ducked inside and around him and landed a powerful right in his midriff. He seemed more confused than hurt and came more warily than before. He reached out with a right jab which proved to be his undoing, because I moved across and with every ounce of strength I landed my might again in his stomach. This time he did feel it. He turned green and doubled over. I smashed a left into his face then set myself for the coupe de grace. I summoned my remaining strength into one final blow.

It caught him on the point of the chin, his head snapped back and he dropped to the canvas.

The referee began counting.

There was a shocked silence. In a matter of seconds the man who was so much the winner was now lying unconscious on the canvas. Then pandemonium broke loose. Flash bulbs popped and people swarmed into the ring. The referee had finished counting and Harkner's seconds rushed out to tend him while I was proclaimed winner. I looked at Sarkey. He was beaming from ear to ear and trying to answer half a dozen persistent reporters at the same time. I could see Helen crying in her seat. Crying with joy. I tried hard to smile, but couldn't; my lips were too swollen and cut.

Happily, but wearily, I left the ring and walked slowly back to my dressing room, firmly convinced that I would now retire as an undefeated champion.

PETER O'LOUGHLIN.

(Cook Year Literary Prize).

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INVITATION

We were so happy and it seemed so bright
On that clear, Victorian summer's night.
We rushed out from prep, and there at last
We saw them waiting, and we stood aghast.

Dozen: of fearsome painted men
Standing in line, they started then;
They hit us with clothing and rolled up
rocks,
They hit us until we were numb with the
knocks.

We were covered with kiwi, with polish
and muck;
As for help we knew there'd be no luck.
Then they sprinted us round the 440 track
And put us in offal when we struggled back.

They sprayed us with hoses till we were no
more,
Then laughed at our cries and gave us some
more.
At last it was over, the whole thing insane.
We screamed our loud protests, "Oh never
again".

P. ROGERS.

(Flinders Year Literary Prize).

THE CALL OF THE SEA

There's many a road that one may take—
For many a way there be;
But my road leads to the great white waves,
Where land gives way to the sea.

For down among the great white waves
A sailor earns his keep,
Blazing his way through a trackless waste
Over the lonesome deep.

And the ship he sails to far off climes
Is more than a ship to him;
'Tis his home and hope, his love for all
times,
And its memory never grows dim.

For when a sailor's days are o'er
And he approaches life's last trip
In his heart he will hold the memory still
Of his sailing days—and his ship.

So though there be many a road to take
And many a way there be,
You can understand why the great white
waves
Beckon so strongly to me.

R. PARTINGTON.

Cook Year,

"THE MIDGET SUBMARINE"

Through his periscope Shinotu-San could see his target at last—the grey half-light of dawn revealed the silhouette of the huge aircraft carrier in its dock. He was tempted to shout out in joy, but he knew he might be heard on the enemy's sonar. Instead he quickly took his periscope down, and submerged as far as he could in the clear harbour water. His progress seemed intolerably slow, but his little midget submarine had taken him right into the harbour so he didn't want to take risks.

Suddenly he heard the clang of his hull hitting a rock. He realized that he must have come to the base of the sunken reef which had shown up so clearly in the aerial photographs; he had been expecting it further on. Had the enemy heard the noise, he wondered; but he couldn't do anything about it, whether they had or not. Bitterly, he saw that now he would have to hide somewhere for the day, as he couldn't possibly cross the shallow reef without being seen by the watchers in the observation tower not two hundred yards away. But the problem was where could he hide. There was nowhere nearby, and the

further he went the greater his risk of being seen. Then a brainwave occurred to him. Why not hide right under the stilts of the observation tower? He could edge his way along the bottom of the submarine cliff, where he was now, rise to the top, and dart underneath it; he would only be exposed for about sixty yards that way. It seemed his only hope.

Soon he could see those columns. In the clear water, he could look through his periscope without raising it, and they seemed to him like the protecting legs of some mother animal. His veins stood out on his head as he pressed every ounce of power into the propellor shaft; he knew that this would probably make a tell-tale swirl of water rise to the surface, but anything was better than staying in the open. He moved fast, but soon he reluctantly let off some of his speed. Even so, he didn't let off enough; for an agonizing moment he found himself exposed, about five yards on the other side of the tower, furiously reversing the engines. At last he was underneath.

He sat there, waiting. He didn't know if he had been detected, but he couldn't possibly imagine that he would escape after having swirled up a mass of water right under his enemy's nose.

There wasn't a sound. The little Japanese sweated with fear; once he put his periscope up and nearly died when he saw a destroyer apparently searching about on the far side of the reef. However, it was merely waiting for a cruiser to come in through the gates in the submarine net before it left itself.

After some time his fears were overcome by drowsiness, for the air in the little ship was running out. He lay down and tried to rest, but without success. The weary day plodded on, and Shinotu-San found himself bored despite his exciting mission. He tried to occupy himself by perfecting his plans for the night's work. The Japanese Air Force was due to raid the town that evening, so he would wait till it was dark, and as soon as the raid began, he would speed to the naval dockyard, drop his charges under the carrier's hull and leave. He was the last hope of the Imperial Command—the bombers had to fly at well over twenty thousand feet, for the flak was getting very accurate. His charges were attached to the side of his ship, and had two-hour fuses. However, there was a grim little button on the starboard side to blow up the vessel should she be likely to fall into enemy hands.

At last night came down. Shinotu-San got ready to go; soon he heard the welcome sound of the air-raid siren, so strong it even penetrated the submarine's hull. He started the motor.

Something was wrong. However hard he worked it the little vessel would not move. Next he tried to go astern, but with no effect. He stopped and sat down to think. Perhaps if he raised the periscope he would see what was wrong.

To his dismay he saw, straight ahead of him, one of the stilts silhouetted by the fires in the town. He must have drifted down and got one of the hydroplanes caught and somehow jammed. On testing, he found he was right. The hydroplane didn't move.

There was no workable escape hatch; he would have merely flooded the whole vessel if he had tried to get out and free himself. He could only try and worry himself off the point by going ahead and astern alternately.

Suddenly, she jerked free with a violent lurch. Then the light went out, the engine stopped, and from the stern came an ominous hissing sound. She had hit the stilt behind and was obviously leaking fast.

There was nothing for it. With a fervent prayer, to his gods Shinotu-San reached for the button beside him.

J. S. GODFREY.

ESCAPE AND EVASION EXERCISE, MARCH, 1955

This is an account of a group of three Cadets and their experiences in this exercise. This group, Boucher, Carpenter and Taylor, were successful in evading the enemy. Even though the enemy forces were recalled on the Sunday afternoon, this group was not seen or apprehended by any person at all.

After "escaping" at 0940 from Baxter Park on Saturday morning, we headed westward for roughly three miles. We then stopped at the foot of some hills near a quarry after crossing an unmarked road. We rested half an hour, then headed south towards Moorooduc Station, stopping about a quarter of a mile north of the railway crossing. Here we had lunch and slept from 1200 to 1500. Taylor went out on reconnaissance and it was assumed that the defending forces had not yet reached this junction. We decided to move on at 1530 and at this time we heard the arrival of a bus, which we assumed to be a civilian bus, but it soon proved to be an Army truck, as on attempting to cross the line we noticed two soldiers walking along it. We

allowed them an hour to fan out from this area. We then crossed the line without trouble, replenished our water bottles at a small dam, and then an hour later at 1730 we stopped in some pine trees some two miles S.W. of Moorooduc Station. Here we ate a meal, rested, made plans and moved on at 2000.

We came to the main road after a quarter of an hour's walk. Cars were suspiciously stopping at a corner a hundred yards to the south of us. This road took an hour to cross, and we then moved into a large paddock south of Moorooduc Station. Half way across this paddock, we saw torches and spotlights searching the road sides. A few minutes later we saw a police patrol utility sweeping the fields with a powerful long-range spotlight. We hid in a clump of trees in the centre of the paddock. We remained here an hour and, risking ourselves in the now bright moonlight, we moved on.

Evidently a picket was suspicious of movement in this paddock, because a few minutes later a jeep pulled up just ahead of us on the road, turned its lights off and stayed there. We went down behind a clump of tall grass and remained there till the jeep withdrew. Finally it moved off at 2330 and we assumed that this line of defence had moved on as no gun reports were heard nearby as had been in the previous hours.

We then moved S.S.W., crossing three large paddocks, the latter having a creek running through it. We followed the creek and came to an old rough bush track. We thought it unlikely that anyone would be there, and stopping at frequent intervals to listen, we proceeded for three hours, eventually arriving at the main road at 0500, Sunday. Being extremely tired, we bedded down about a mile south of this road junction. Our actual position was near a fork where another road branched from the main road (Morningson-Tyabb).

At 0700 we ate a meal and moved westward further away from the road, into the bush, and here we slept until 1200. Carpenter made a reconnaissance which revealed the presence nearby of a police utility truck. We ate another meal and headed for Red Hill via Bald Hill. At Bald Hill we could see Dromana on one hand and F.N.D. on the other. We checked our compass by taking bearings of these two points and roughly checking them on the map. We experienced no trouble as regards food, cuts, illness or any other ailment. Moving through thick undergrowth we finally arrived at Red Hill at 1800. The gaiters proved to be of great value in moving through the country.

We had a meal at sunset and slept from then until 2330. This particular rest was out most comfortable one of the whole

course, as we were lying in thick pine-needles in a row of pine trees that were near an orchard.

We moved at 2330. The reason for this late hour was that the troops appeared to be withdrawn at this time the previous night. We walked past Red Hill South and headed for Main Ridge, which we struck at 0600, Monday. After a further hour's rest, we ate our second last meal and headed for the junction of the Cape Schank and Boneo Roads. This leg of the journey proved to be the most arduous of the whole exercise. A swampy creek in one particular valley proved very difficult to cross. The bottom was mud and slime. We crossed this creek, after taking our boots and gaiters off, leaving our socks on as a protection against cuts from reeds and hidden stones. Some time later we crossed another creek by climbing through overhanging branches that later we considered were unsafe.

We then headed westward, moving through a property full of pine plantations. We arrived at the junction of the Cape Schank-Rosebud and Boneo Roads at 1330. We waited for an hour to see if transport was in the vicinity and then rang the College. We were picked up at 1520 with a "clean chit".

The food we had was sufficient if divided into the following proportions—one sixth of a tin of beef, one biscuit, two dates, one piece of chocolate and a piece of barley sugar at intervals during the days. The map supplied to us was reasonable. We found some non-marked roads and high tension lines. The clothing was quite satisfactory, the tea and sugar were unnecessary. We moved at night, not only for safety reasons, but this enabled us to keep warm.

—J.C.W.B., R.J.C., M.B.T., March 1955

Valete

GETTING YEAR

ARNOTT, F. D., R.N.Z.N.

Gisborne, N.Z., Gisborne H.S.

1st XI (Soccer) '53, '54. Athletics team '54. 1st XI (Hockey) '53, '54. Bronze Medallion. Jazz Revue. Musician for Operetta '53, '54.

BEWS, D. G.

Melbourne, Vic. University H.S.

Swimming team '53, '54. Captain '54. Inter-service Champion '54. Colours '54. 2nd XVIII '54. Middle Weight Champion '54. C.C. Oct. '54.

BIGELOW, B. C. M.

Sydney, N.S.W., Canterbury Boys' High School.

2nd XV '53. 1st XV '54. C.C. March '54. C.C.C. Oct. '54. W.C.C. (Foretop). Dance Committee.

BRADLEY, I L., R.N.Z.N.

Auckland, N.Z., King's College.

Debating team '53, '54. 1st XI (Soccer) '54. Swimming team '54; Bronze Medallion and Award of Merit '54; Instructor's Certificate (Life Saving) '54. Art Editor Magazine '54. Committee Gunroom Gazette '54. Dramatic Society Productions '54, '55.

CALLAWAY, I. A.

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

Bronze Medallion '54. Athletics team '54. Sailing team '55.

DADSWELL, D. H.

Red Cliffs, Vic., Mildura H.S.

1st XVIII '53, '54. Swimming team '54; Colours '54; Award of Merit '54. Athletics team '54. Curry Cup team '54. Jazz Revue '54.

DENTON, K. E.

Coolangatta, Q'land., Toowoomba G.S.

2nd XVIII '53. Tennis team '53, '54, '55; Captain '54, '55; Colours '54. Athletics team '53, '54; Discus record. 1st XV '54. Jazz Revue '54.

DODD, B. C.

Brighton, Vic., Scotch College.

Sailing team '53, '54, '55; Colours '54; Captain of Boats '54, 2nd XV '53. 1st XV '54. "Tam o' Shanter" Crew. Athletics team '53, '54. R.L.S.S. Bronze Medallion and Instructors Certificate. Curry Cup team '53, '54. Jazz Revue '54.

DOVE, G. K.

Brighton, Vic., Brighton G.S.

1st XI '53, '54, '55. 1st XVIII '53, '54; Colours '54. Athletics teams '53, '54. Swimming team '54. Tennis team '54. R.L.S.S. Bronze Medallion. Dance Committee. Jazz Revue '54.

GRAHAM, P. V.

Northbridge, Sydney, The King's School, Parramatta.

2nd XV '54. Swimming team '54. "Tam o' Shanter" crew '54, '55. Dance Secretary. Light Welter Weight Champion '54. Bronze Medallion. Sailing team '53, '54, '55; Boats Colours '55.

GULLIVER, K. A.

Rutherford, N.S.W., Maitland Boys' H.S.

1st XV '53, '54; Colours '54. Athletics team '53, '54. Tennis team '53, '54. Sports Editor Magazine '54. C.C. Nov. '54.

JAMES, D. F.**Mittagong, N.S.W., Bowral H.S.**

1st XI '53, '54, '55; Colours '54. 2nd XV '53. 1st XV '54; Colours '54. Athletics team '53, '54; Captain '54. Open Cross-Country Champion '54; Inter-Services team '54; Colours '54. Tennis team '54. Open Squash Champion '54. Bronze Medallion. Curry Cup team '54. 120 yards Hurdles Record. C.C. Oct. '54. Governor-General's Cup.

McKAY, P. D.**Toowoomba, Q'land., Toowoomba G.S.**

1st XV '53, '54; Colours '54. Athletics team '54. Bronze Medallion. Maximum time.

McQUEEN, A. A.**Glen Iris, Vic., Scotch College.**

2nd XV '53, '54. Athletics teams '53, '54. Curry Cup '53, '54. Bronze Medallion. Maximum time.

MERTON, L. R., R.N.Z.N.**Gisborne, N.Z., Gisborne H.S.**

1st XI (Soccer) '54, Vice-Captain. Sailing team '55. R.L.S.S. Bronze Medallion, Bronze Cross, Award of Merit. Athletics team '54.

PICKFORD, D. A.**Adelaide, S.A., Scotch College.**

2nd XV '53, 1st XV '54. Athletics team '53, '54. Curry Cup team '53, '54. R.L.S.S. Bronze Medallion, Bronze Cross. Jazz Revue '54.

RIKARD-BELL, M. G.**Bunbury, W.A., Scotch College, Perth.**

Athletics team '54. Sailing team '54, '55. Bronze Medallion. C.C. March '54. C.C.C. Oct. '54. W.C.C. (Quarterdeck) Oct. '54. Maximum time.

ROBERTS, E. L., R.N.Z.N.**Lower Hutt, N.Z., Hutt Valley H.S.**

1st XI (Hockey) '53, '54; Vice-Capt. '54; Colours '54. Swimming team '53, '54; Vice-Capt. '54; Colours '54; Inter-Service Swimming team '54; 2nd Bar Bronze Cross and 1st Bar Award of Merit '54. Captain Debating team '54. Curry Cup team '54. Jazz Revue '54.

STOKER, N. J.**Collaroy, N.S.W., The Scots' College.**

1st XI '53, '54, '55. 1st XV '53, '54; Captain '54; Colours '54. Athletics team '53, '54. Bronze Medallion; Instructor's Certificate '54. Burnett Memorial Prize.

TOOTH, H. E.**Sydney, N.S.W., C.B.C., Chatswood.**

Tennis team '54, '55. Athletics team '54. 2nd XV '54. C.C. Dec. '53. S.C.C. Oct. '54. W.C.C. (Forecastle) Oct. '54. Maximum time.

YOUL, M. J.**Alphington, Vic., C.B.C., East Melbourne.**

1st XI '53, '54, '55; Colours '54; Captain '54, '55. 1st XVIII '53, '54; Colours '54; Captain '54; Best and Fairest '54. Athletics team '53, '54; Colours '53; Inter-Service team '54. C.C. Dec. '53. S.C.C. Oct. '54. W.C.C. (Maintop) Oct. '54. Editor Magazine '54. Curry Cup team '54.

JERVIS YEAR**BANKS, R. M.****Wangaratta, Vic., King's College, Adelaide.**

1st XI (Hockey) '54. 1st XVIII '55. C.C. Dec. '54.

BARTLETT, I. G.**Mudgee, N.S.W., Gawler High School, S.A.**

1st XVIII '54, '55. Athletics teams '54, '55. Light Welterweight Boxing Champion '55. Curry Cup team '55. C.C. Oct. '54.

BRYSE, R. A.**North Brighton, Victoria, Gardenvale Central School, Melbourne.**

Athletics team '55. 1st XVIII '54; Captain 2nd XVIII '55. Junior XV '53. Mosquito Weight Boxing Champion '52.

CRAWFORD, R. I.**Mackay, Qld., Mackay Intermediate.**

Junior XV '53. 1st XI (Hockey) '55.

EDGAR, D. H.**Wangaratta, Vic., Wangaratta High School.**

1st XV '55; Colours '55. 1st XI (Hockey) '53, '54. C.C. Oct. '54. S.C.C. March '55. W.C.C. FX. Magazine Committee '54, '55.

FARRELL, J.**Lower Chiffling, W.A., Scotch College, Perth, W.A.**

2nd XVIII '53, '54, '55. "Tam o' Shanter" '55.

FRIZELL, B. P.**Cremerne, Sydney, N.S.W., Sydney Grammar School.**

Athletics teams '53. "Tam o' Shanter" Crew '55. 1st XI (Hockey) '55. Junior XV '52, '53.

HOLE, C. M. G.**Adelaide, S.A., St. Peter's College, Adelaide.**

Athletics team '52, '53. Junior XV '53. Junior XI '52; 2nd XI '52; 1st XI '52, '53, '54, '55. 1st XVIII '53, '54, '55; Colours '55. Magazine Committee '53, '54.

IRWIN, L. J.

Daylesford, Vic., Daylesford Technical.
Athletics team '52, '53, '54, '55. Junior XI '52; 1st XI '53, '54, '55. 1st XVIII '53, '54, '55; Colours '55. Shelly Cup '55. Junior Cro's Country Champion '53. Magazine Committee '53. C.C. Dec. '53. C.C.C. March '55. W.C.C. M.T. Governor-General's Cup '55.

JONES, T. W.

Bowral, N.S.W., Bowral High School.
Junior XV '52, '53; Captain '53; 2nd XV '53; 1st XV '54, '55; Colours '55. Junior XI '52, '53; 2nd XI '55. Swimming team '52, '53, '54, '55; Colours '55. 1st XI (Hockey) '55; Colours '55. Athletics team '52, '53, '54. Curry Cup team '54, '55. Bantam Weight Boxing Champion '53. Sailing team '55. Open Gym. Champion '55. 2nd XVIII '53. Reserve Sydney-Hobart Race '54, '55.

LAMPERD, G. R.

Pott's Point, N.S.W., Randwick High School.
Swimming team '53. 1st XI (Soccer) '54, '55. 1st XI (Hockey) '55. Junior XV '53. Mosquito Weight Boxing Champion '53.

LATTIN, J. N.

North Wood, N.S.W., The Scots' College, Sydney.
Junior XV '53. Sailing Committee '54. Sailing team '54, '55. Gunroom Gazette Committee '53, '54, '55; Editor '55; Librarian '55. 2nd XI (Hockey) '55. "Tam o' Shanter" Crew '55. 1st Geography, 2nd English Literary Prize.

LONGDEN, J. G.

Oakleigh, Vic., Hamilton High School, Vic.
1st XVIII '53, '54, '55; Colours '55. Athletics team '52, '53, '54, '55. Junior Doubles '52. Junior XI '53. C.C. March '55.

MAXWELL, P. F.

Kensington, N.S.W., King's Parramatta, New South Wales.
Junior XV '52; 2nd XV '54; 1st XV '55. Gunroom Gazette Committee '54, '55.

MENTZ, E.

Vermont, Vic., Box Hill High School, Vic.
Midge Weight Boxing Champion '53. Sailing team '54, '55. Sydney-Hobart '54, '55. Captain of Boats '55; Sailing Colours '55. Sailing Committee '54. 1st Engineering; 2nd Seamanship.

OWENS, D. T.

Bondi Beach, N.S.W., Randwick High School, N.S.W.
Junior XV '53; 2nd XV '54; 1st XV '55. Swimming team '52, '53, '54.

PULLAR, I. S.

Melbourne, Vic., Kings College, Adelaide.
Junior Doubles '53. 1st XI (Soccer) '54, '55; Captain '55. 2nd XVIII '55. Junior XV '52, '53.

ROSS, P. A.

Bairnsdale, Vic., Melbourne Grammar.
Junior XV '53. Junior Tennis Champion '52, '53; Junior Doubles '53; Tennis team '53, '54. Swimming team '52, '53, '54, '55; Junior Swimming Champion '53. Junior XI '52, '53; 1st XI '53, '54, '55. Curry Cup team '54, '55. Junior Squash Champion '55. Athletics team '52, '53, '55; Colours '55. 1st XVIII '52, '53, '54, '55; Colours '54; Captain '55.

SMITH, D. D.

Pingelly, W.A., Albany High School.
Athletics team '52, '53. 2nd XVIII '53, '55. 1st XI (Hockey) '54, '55; Captain '55; Colours '55.

TAYLOR, M. B.

Mildura, Vic., Mentone Grammar School.
Junior XI '52, '53; 1st XI '54, '55. 1st XVIII '52, '54, '55; 2nd XVIII '53. Feather Weight Boxing Champion '52, '53, '54. Gunroom Gazette Committee '54, '55.

THOMASON, C. H. S.

Gordonvale, Qld., Gordonvale State Rural School.
2nd XI (Hockey) '55.

WARD, M. B.

Lismore, N.S.W., Lismore High School.
Athletics team '52, '53, '54, '55. 1st XV '53, '54, '55; Captain '55. Curry Cup team '55. Junior Athletics Champion '53. Rugby Colours '54. C.C. Dec. '53. C.C.C. March '55. 1st French, Burnett Memorial Prize for Rugby, Queen's Medal '55, W.C.C. A.X.

WRIGHT, M. T.

Rosewood, Qld., Oakey Secondary School.
Gunroom Gazette Committee '54, '55.

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BURNETT YEAR**ABERNETHY, D. R.**

Wellington, N.Z., Wellington College.
2nd XVIII '55; 2nd XV '54, '55.

BATEMAN, W. S. G.

Brisbane, Q'ld., Church of England Grammar School, Brisbane.
Sailing team '54, '55. 2nd XV '55. Gunroom Gazette Committee '54, '55. N.Z. Naval Board Prize for Nav.

BOWERS, C. F. J.

North Sydney, N.S.W., St. Aloysius College, Sydney.
2nd XV '55.

CARPENTER, R. J.

Wangaratta, Vic., Wangaratta H.S.
1st XVIII '54, '55; Colours '55. Athletics team '54, '55. 1st XI (Hockey) '55. Tennis team '55. Curry Cup team '55. Welter Weight Champion '55.

CARWARDINE, A. M.

Sydney, N.S.W., Newington College, Sydney.
1st XV '55; Colours '55. 2nd XV '54. Athletics team '54, '55. Light Middleweight Champion '55.

COCKRAM, G. E.

Sale, Vic., Sale High School.
1st XVIII '54, '55; Colours '54; Best and Fairest '55. Athletics team '54, '55; Colours '55; Inter-Service Athletics '55. Light Middleweight Champion '54. Tennis team '54, '55; Open Doubles '54, '55. C.C. Oct. '54. 1st Applied Maths. 1st Bio-Chem.

HARRIES, D. A.

Sydney, N.S.W., Geelong Grammar School, Vic.
2nd XI '54, '55. 2nd XVIII '54, '55. Tennis team '54, '55.

HILL, S. W. D.

Sarina, Q'land., Rockhampton Grammar School.
2nd XV '54. 1st XV '55. Lightweight Champion '55. Curry Cup team '55.

HORLOR, M. B.

Nelson, N.Z., Nelson College.
1st XI (Hockey) '54, '55. Swimming team '54, '55; Inter-Service swimming team '54, '55; Open Swimming Champion '55; Colours '54. 2nd XVIII '55.

HUGONNET, P. J.

Arncliffe, N.S.W., Marist Bros., High School, Kogarah.
Vice-captain 2nd XV '55. Athletics team '55. Sailing team '55.

HUNT, A. L.

Lyndoch, S.A., Gawler High School, S.A.
2nd XVIII '54, '55. Magazine Committee '55. Sailing team '55.

JAQUES, W. F.

Nelson, N.Z., Nelson College.
Sailing team '54, '55. 1st Russian. 2nd Nav.

KEDGE, J. C.

Bellevue Hill, N.S.W., Cranbrook School, Sydney.
2nd XV '54, '55. Athletics team '54, '55. 2nd XI '55.

KEYES, R. A.

Walkerville, S.A., Adelaide Tech. High School.
1st XI '54. 1st XVIII '54, '55; Colours '55. Curry Cup team '55. Literary Prize.

LOFTUS, W. B.

Terang, Vic., Terang High School.
1st XI (Soccer) '54, '55. 1st XVIII '55. Magazine Editor '55. 1st English. 1st Maths. 1st Physics. 1st Chem.

MacDOUGALL, I. D.

Melbourne, Vic., Melbourne High School.
Inter-Service Athletics '55; Athletics team '54, '55; Colours '54; Captain '55; Open Athletics Champion '54, '55. Curry Cup team '54, '55. 1st XVIII '54, '55; Colours '55.

McKIGGAN, I. F.

Perth, W.A., Scotch College, Perth.
Athletics team '55. 2nd XV '54, '55. Gunroom Gazette Committee '54, '55. Sailing team '54.

MELLISH, P.

Sydney, N.S.W., Sydney Boys' High School.
1st XI '55. 1st XV '55. Tennis team '55. Athletic team '55. 1st XI (Hockey) '55. 2nd XV '54. 2nd XI '54.

MITCHELL, P. C.

Bankstown, N.S.W., St. Patrick's College, Strathfield.
Athletics team '54, '55. 2nd XV '54, '55.

MULCARE, P. M.

Monto, Q'land., St. Joseph's College Nudgee, Q'land.
1st XV '54, '55. Athletics team '54, '55. Swimming team '54, '55. Curry Cup team '54. 1st Aust. Hist. 1st Econ. 1st Supp. and Sec.

NELSON, J. M.

Gilgandra, N.S.W., Newington College, Sydney.
1st XV '54, '55; Colours '55; Vice-Captain '55. Athletics team '54, '55. C.C. Oct. '54. S.C.C. March '55. W.C.C. FT.

PAYNE, J. A.

Auckland, NZ., King's College, Auckland.
Gunroom Gazette Committee '54. 1st XI (Soccer) '54, '55. Magazine Art Editor '55.

RAMSAY, G. L.

Sydney, N.S.W., The King's School, Sydney.
Tennis team '54, '55. 2nd XV '54, '55. Sailing team '55. 1st Electronics.

RAYMONT, W. W. M.

Springvale, Vic., Frankston High School.
2nd XVIII '55.

ROBERTS, I. D.
 Brisbane, Q'land., Brisbane Church of
 England Grammar School.
 1st XV '54, '55; Colours '55. Athletics
 team '54, '55. Middleweight Champion '55.

ROBINSON, A. B.
 Brisbane, Q'land., Brisbane Grammar
 School.
 Athletics team '54, '55. 2nd XV '54. 1st
 XV '55. Sailing team '54, '55; "Tam o'
 Shanter" crew '55. Curry Cup team '55.
 Gunroom Gazette Committee '54. C.C.
 March '55.

STEPHEN, K. C.
 Killara, N.S.W., St. Peter's College.
 Adelaide.
 2nd XVIII '54, '55. Sailing team '55.

SULMAN, L. M.
 Horsham, Vic., Sea Lake Higher Element-
 ary School.
 Open Tennis Champion '54, '55. Open
 Tennis Doubles '54, '55. Tennis team '54,
 '55; Colours '54; Captain '55. 1st XVIII
 '54, '55; Colours '54; Vice-Captain '55.
 Athletics team '54, '55; Inter-Service Ath-
 letics '55; Colours '55. C.C. Dec. '54.

TAYLOR, D. J. B.
 Denmark, W.A.
 2nd XVIII '54, '55; Capt. '54. Swimming
 team '54, '55; Inter-Service swimming '55.
 Curry Cup team '55. 2nd Open Gym.
 Championship '55. Open Sculling Cham-
 pion '55. Swimming Colours '55. Boat's
 Colours '55. Sailing team '55.

WARNICK, H. O.
 Brisbane, Q'land, Brisbane State High
 School.
 2nd XV '54, '55; Captain '55. 1st XV '55.
 Athletics team '55.

WELLS, J. B.
 Brighton, S.A., Sacred Heart College.
 Adelaide.
 1st XI (Hockey) '55. 2nd XI '55. 2nd
 XVIII '54, '55. Grand Aggregate '55. 1st
 Seamanship. 1st Maths. 1st Physics. 1st
 Service Chem. 2nd Engineering.

WINTER, R. E.
 Artarmon, N.S.W., North Sydney Tech.
 High School.
 1st XV '54, '55; Colours '55. 1st XI
 (Cricket) '55. 1st XI (Hockey) '55. Curry
 Cup team '55.

LIST OF OFFICERS AND CADET-MIDSHIPMEN, 1955

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

NAVAL STAFF

Commander	G. V. Gladstone, D.S.C., R.A.N.
Lieutenant-Commander	R. J. Scrivenor, R.A.N.
" "	D. L. H. Dyke, R.A.N.
" "	A. A. Willis, R.A.N.
Instructor Lieutenant Commander	Q. Des Clayes, M.A., R.N.
Lieutenant (E)	W. H. Money, R.A.N.
Lieutenant (L)	R. R. Calder, B.E.E., R.A.N.
Lieutenant	P. M. Cumming, R.A.N.
" "	K. M. Barnett, R.A.N.
Instructor-Lieutenant	A. D. Bristow, B.Sc., R.A.N.
Chaplain	H. E. Fawell, Th.L., R.A.N.
" "	K. P. Ellis, R.A.N.

PROFESSORIAL STAFF

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

**Fourth Year
1952**

*Anderson, J. V.
Banks, R. M.
Bartlett, I. G.
Bryse, R. A.
*Cornell, P. J.
Crawford, R. I.
Doyle, J. J.
Edgar, D. H.
Farrell, J.
Frizell, B. P.
Hole, C. M. G.
Irwin, L. J.
Jones, T. W.
Lamperd, G. R.
Lattin, J. M.
Longden, J. G.
Maxwell, P. F. P.
Mentz, E.
Owens, D. T.
Pullar, I. S.
Ro's, P. A.
Smith, D. D.
Taylor, M. B.
Thomason, C. H. S.
*Turner, H. L.
Ward, M. B.
Wright, M. T.

**Third Year
1953**

Austin, R. L. G.
Burns, R. J.
Campe, A. J.
Cowdell, G. T.
Dechaineux, P. G. V.
Doolan, K. A.
Ellis, J. W.
Ferrier, S. W.
Ferry, D. S.
Foster, F. D.
Golding, C. J.
Houghton, K. C.
Jessurun, R. M.
*Johnson, A. G.

Kilner, P.
Leach, P. A. H.
Lees, W. D. H.
Littleton, C. J.
Macgowan, K. H.
Nattey, R. J.
Nisbet, C. J.
Phipps, D. N.
Renfrey, L. W.
Rice, J. W.
Ridley, R. H.
Roach, T. A. A.
Roberts, W. J.
*Rowling, T. D.
Selby, J.
*Tye, J. A.
Varley, R. J.
West, A. D.
White, M. W. D.
Wilson, B.
York, D.

**Second Year
1954**

Barber, A. L.
Cocking, R. J.
*Davis, G. P.
Derbridge, 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.
Parkington, R. N.
Payne, R. F.
Selby, R.
Simmons, G. A.
Smith, G. R.
*Snowden, D. R. C.
Taylor, R. G.
Walkington, D. G.
*Wood, I. M.

**First Year
1955**

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, 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.

**Intermediate Year II
1954**

Abernethy, D. R.
(N.Z.)
Bateman, W. S. G.
Bowers, C. F.
Carpenter, R. J.
Carwardine, A. M.
Cockram, G. E.
Harries, D. A.
Hill, S. W. D.
Horlor, M. B. (N.Z.)
Hugonnet, P. J.

*Left the service during the year.

Hunt, A. L.
Jacques, W. F. (N.Z.)
Kedge, J. C.
Keye, R. A.
Loftus, W. B.
MacDougall, I. D. G.
McKiggan, I. F.
Mellish, P.
Mitchell, P. C.
Mulcare, P. M.
Nelson, J. M.
Payne, J. A. (N.Z.)
Ramsay, G. L.
Raymont, W.
Roberts, I. D.
Robinson, A. B.
Stephen, K. C.
Sulman, L. M.
Taylor, D. J. B.
Warnick, H. D.
Wells, J. B.
Winter, R. E.
*Boucher, J. C. W.

**Intermediate Year I
1955**

Benham, E. S.
Beutel, H. O.
Cooke-Russell, P. J.
Denny, G. R. S.
Donohue, H. J.
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.