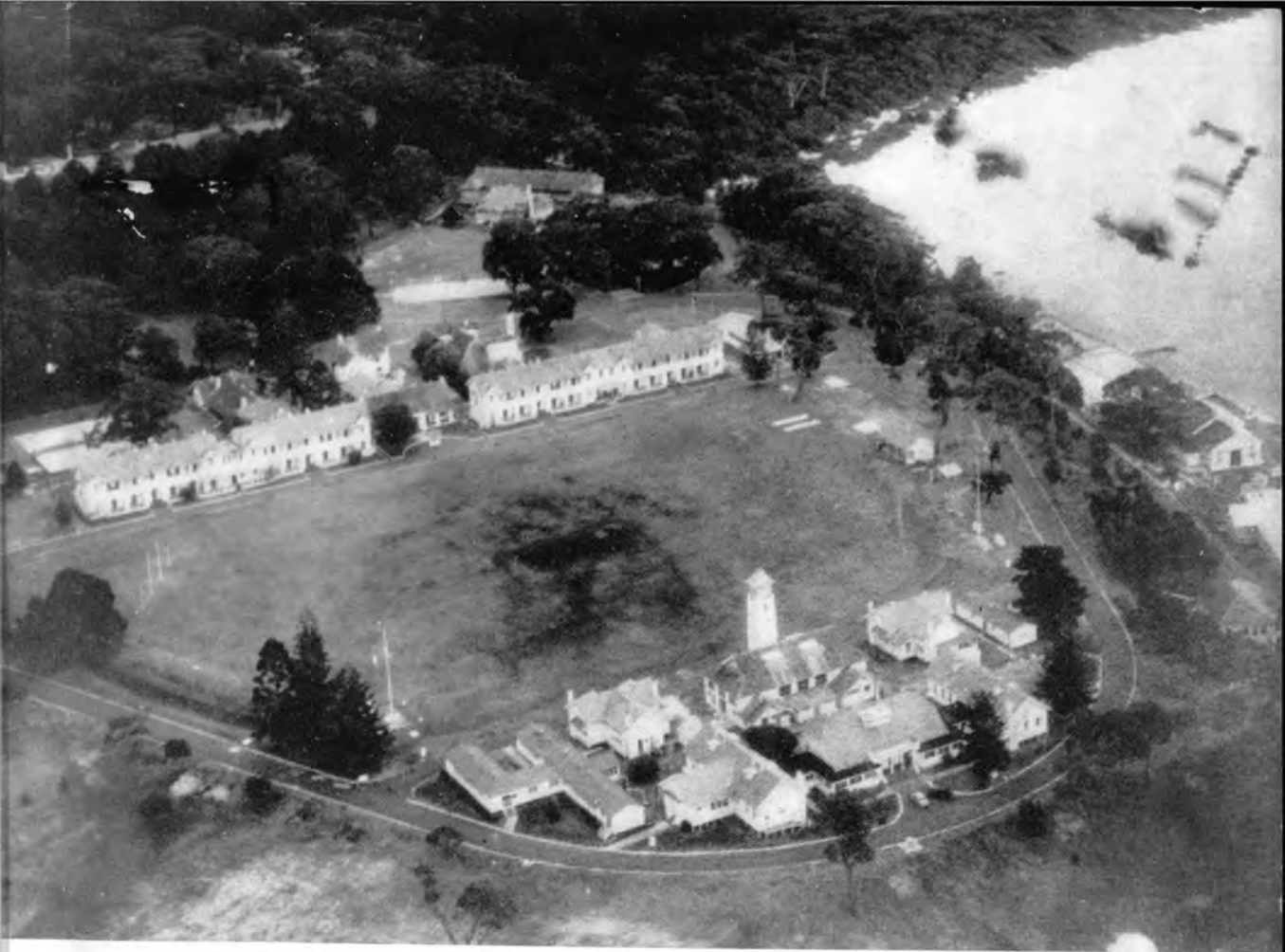


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# MESSAGE . . . .

## *from First Naval Member and Chief of the Naval Staff for 1959 Edition of the R.A.N.C. Magazine*

*As First Naval Member and Chief of the Naval Staff I am delighted to have this opportunity of speaking to you through your College Magazine.*

*You, and particularly those of you who graduate this year, are starting your Naval careers at a most interesting time.*

*The tremendous advances in science and technology which have taken place since World War II, and which are still taking place, have inevitably had a great impact on the World's navies, and the R.A.N. is taking its share of this impact.*

*The advent of atomic weapons, guided missiles and nuclear propulsion has had a profound effect not only on the design of ships and equipment but also upon Naval strategic thinking and tactical doctrines. This effect is likely to be felt even more strongly in the next decade or so, the years of your future.*

*To meet the challenge that these years will bring will be no easy task. It is up to you to do all you can, here at the R.A.N.C., and in your service to come, to fit yourselves to meet it.*

*You may often hear it said today that navies are finished — out of date. People who talk like this must themselves be out of date for they must be thinking in terms of the battleships and battle fleets of the past. They forget, or do not know, that over 90% of the world's overseas trade is still carried by sea, and that the Russians have more than 500 submarines — the Germans had 57 at the beginning of World War II. Add to these considerations the deadly potential and relative invulnerability of the missile carrying nuclear submarine and you will realise that navies still have their very important part to play in world affairs.*

*It would be vain, however, for the Navy, or any other Service, to claim that it holds pride of place. Each Service has its part to play but each must co-operate with the other two if a nation is to achieve its maximum military effort. By all means take pride in your own Service but also take every chance you can to foster this co-operation by your own friendship with Cadets of the other Service Colleges.*

*I want to leave a final thought with you which the Naval War Manual puts very clearly. "In spite of all the advances of science and technology, wars are still, and always will be, won by the men and women who create and wield the weapons". Remember the man is still the most important single factor in war.*

# R.A.N.C. Commanding Officer



*Captain J. M. Ramsay, D.S.C., A.D.C., R.A.N.*

CAPTAIN J. M. RAMSAY entered the Naval College at Jervis Bay in 1930. He was a Cadet Captain, gained maximum time on passing out and was awarded his Colours for Rugby. As a Midshipman he served in *H.M.A. Ships CANBERRA* and *AUSTRALIA* and *H.M.S. DEVONSHIRE*. After Sub-Lieutenant's courses in the United Kingdom in 1936 he served in *H.M.A. Ships AUSTRALIA, ALBATROSS, HOBART* and *SWAN* until the outbreak of war in 1939, when he rejoined *H.M.A.S. HOBART* and served on the East Indies Station and in the Red Sea.

At the end of 1940 he went to the United Kingdom to specialise in navigation and in 1941 served in *H.M.S. KING GEORGE V* in the Home Fleet as Assistant Fleet Navigating Officer. While in this ship he was Officer of the Watch during the action which resulted in the sinking of

the German battleship *BISMARCK*. Later in 1941 he went to the Far East as navigating officer of *H.M.S. DANAE* and took part in the last-minute reinforcement of Singapore and Java. *H.M.S. DANAE* then spent some time in the Eastern Fleet and Persian Gulf.

Late in 1942 Lieutenant Ramsay returned to Australia where he spent a short period at the R.A.N. College on the "professorial staff" in lieu of an Instructor Officer. He then joined *H.M.A.S. BUNGAREE* and spent over a year laying mines in New Caledonia, New Guinea and the Barrier Reef.

In 1944 he was Flotilla Navigating Officer in *H.M.A.S. WARRAMUNGA* in the South West Pacific and in *H.M.A.S. NAPIER* in Burma.

In 1945 he joined *H.M.A.S. AUSTRALIA* for passage to the United Kingdom to be the Navigating Officer of *H.M.S. OCEAN* which was to be the R.A.N.'s first aircraft carrier. This project fell through and he underwent a Staff Course at Greenwich and returned to Australia as a Lieutenant Commander to become Staff Officer Operations and Intelligence to C.C.A.S. (now F.O.C.A.F.). In 1948 he went to U.K. again to undergo a conversion course from (N) to (N.D.) and to be the Navigating Officer of *H.M.A.S. SYDNEY*. In 1949 he was Fleet (N.D.) Officer.

In 1950 he served at Navy Office, first as Director of Training and Staff requirements and then as Director of Plans, when he was promoted to Commander.

At the end of 1951 he was Captain of *H.M.A.S. WARRAMUNGA* and spent 8 months in Korean waters. On return of *WARRAMUNGA* to Australia he transferred to *H.M.A.S. ARUNTA* and remained in that ship until May, 1953. He then went to the United Kingdom on exchange duty and served on the Naval Staff at the Admiralty.

From London in 1955 he went to the United States to attend the Armed Forces Staff College at Norfolk, Virginia.

In 1956 on return to Australia he was appointed to Navy Office as Director of Plans again, and was promoted to Captain. In this capacity he did the preliminary planning for the return of the Naval College from Flinders Naval Depot to Jervis Bay. He relieved Captain Dovers in January, 1959.



R.A.N.C. STAFF, AUGUST, 1959

Back Row: L. to R.: Sub. Lt. H. Train, Lt. R. M. Baird, K. H. Fargher, Esq., Lt. B. G. Gibbs, K. E. Armstrong, Esq., Lt. C. J. Steward, Lt. T. A. Dadswell.

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## STAFF NOTES

CHIEF AMONG THE CHANGES ushered in by 1959 has been that of Commanding Officer of the College. CAPTAIN J. M. RAMSAY, D.S.C., A.D.C., R.A.N., Mrs. Ramsay and the children moved into residence early in January, 1959. Since that time Captain and Mrs. Ramsay have shown that they are eager to come to grips with all the problems associated with life at CRESWELL. The cheerful and keen working atmosphere that prevails this year at the College undoubtedly stems from their influence and although this second year at Jervis Bay has brought its difficulties it is already abundantly clear that Captain and Mrs. Ramsay have the support of all in overcoming them. We wish them well in their task here.



The last weeks of 1958 produced relatively few changes on the staff. CAPTAIN W. J. DOVERS, D.S.C., A.D.C., R.A.N., completed

his appointment here and left to take command of H.M.A.S. VOYAGER; LT. CDR. J. M. NICHOLAS, R.A.N., after staying at R.A.N.C. almost three years was finally prised loose and went to sea in command of H.M.A.S. COOTAMUNDRA; LT. C. H. S. SPURGEON, R.A.N., returned to flying duties at H.M.A.S. ALBATROSS and LT. D. STEELE, R.A.N., was appointed to Flinders Naval Depot. SURGEON LT. A. T. THOMPSON, R.A.N., was appointed to H.M.A.S. ALBATROSS.

All these officers gave loyal and faithful service and the College is grateful to them for their help.



On the Professorial Staff there has been one change. Mr. J. M. DAVIS, B.A., B.Sc., resigned late in 1958 to travel overseas and gain further teaching experience in the United King-

dom. Mr. Davis came from the Queensland Education Department to join the R.A.N.C. Staff in 1953. During his years at the College he taught Chemistry and Physics and was responsible in no small way for the planning of the excellent Chemistry laboratory which the College now boasts. He was interested in Chess and Music and did much to assist the Cadets in fostering these two leisure-hour hobbies. Our good wishes go with Mr. and Mrs. Davis in their new activities.



Newcomers to the Staff included *COMMANDER R. E. BOURKE, R.A.N.*; *LT. T. A. DADSWELL, R.A.N.*; *LT. H. TOOTH, R.A.N.*; *SURGEON LT. T. RYAN, R.A.N.*, in place of Surgeon Lt. A. T. Thompson, R.A.N., and *Mr. R. BENSON* in place of Mr. J. M. Davis.

For the first time an Officer of the Royal New Zealand Navy was appointed to the College as a Divisional Officer. *LT. C. STEWARD, R.N.Z.N.*, joined the College at the beginning of the Second Term.

Lt. Steward became *COOK* Divisional Officer while Lt. Dadswell took over the position of Training Officer. With the departure of Commander Cartwright to *QUEENBOROUGH* in May, Commander Bourke became Commander of the College. *SUB. LT. L. IRWIN, R.A.N.*, joined the Marine Section to assist Lt. D. McDougall who took over SAR craft last year.

Another newcomer was *LT. CDR. W. SHARP, R.A.N.*, who came to the College early this year to establish a Reading Improvement Centre for the use of Cadets and Ship's Company.



In May we farewelled *COMMANDER* and *Mrs. CARTWRIGHT* and family. As noted above Cdr. Cartwright became the Commanding officer of *H.M.A.S. QUEENBOROUGH* and it was with great pleasure that a few weeks after his posting to *QUEENBOROUGH* we received the news of his impending promotion to Captain in December, 1959.

Cdr. Cartwright had an arduous and difficult period as Commander of the College during the settling in period of 1958 and no doubt is happy to be back at sea. His departure from the College was viewed with regret by Staff and Cadets alike and we wish him, Mrs. Cartwright and the family success and happiness for the future.



In June of this year *C.P.O. J. HARTLEY* who had been the Chief Gunnery Instructor



*Cdr. R. E. Bourke, R.A.N.*

since the College returned to Jervis Bay, left the Service to return to civilian life. *C.P.O. Hartley* was much liked and respected by Cadets and staff alike and his skill and efficiency was shown by the splendid standard attained by the Graduation Parade of 1958.



An old friend of the College, *C.P.O. C. FOX* returned this year to take charge of the Physical Training. Thanks to *C.P.O. Fox* there has been an immediate and appreciable improvement in this phase of the Cadets' activities. We are happy to have *C.P.O. Fox* back with us again and hope that his stay here will be a lengthy one.



*COMMANDER R. E. BOURKE, R.A.N.*, joined the R.A.N. as a cadet midshipman in 1938 and "passed out" in December 1941, with a batch of six colours to his credit. This was a most exciting period for a young Naval Officer as the whole of the world had just experienced the stunning blow of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbour.

He joined *H.M.A.S. AUSTRALIA* almost immediately and after an interesting time in part of the Battle of the Coral Sea and the landings at Guadalcanal was appointed to *H.M.A.S. WARRAMUNGA* when that fine ship was commissioned.

In June, 1943, Commander Bourke was sent to the U.K. for courses and later (January, 1944) joined *H.M.S. REDPOLE*. After six months' arduous seetime in the Western Ap-

proaches on convoy escort and Support Group Anti Submarine work, the ship proceeded to take part in the Second Front landings at Normandy on "D" Day, escorting the first waves of landing craft to the shore. An interesting sidelight is that *H.M.S. REDPOLE* was half way across to France when the operation was deferred for 24 hours and it was only just in time that the Top Secret Signal, deferring the landings, was deciphered. *H.M.S. REDPOLE* and her crew were engaged in many thrilling exploits and encounters during this period.

After refit *REDPOLE* (and Commander Bourke) sailed to join the Far East Fleet and participated in the landings on Ramree, Burma. Later *REDPOLE* was ordered further east to join the British Pacific Fleet.

Early in 1945 Commander Bourke returned to the U.K. to commence Flying Training. He gained his Wings with the R.A.F. in July, 1946, and after Operational Flying Training in Scotland and Cornwall he joined 817 Firefly Squadron in *H.M.S. TRIUMPH* in the Med. Station in July, 1947. In April, 1948 (having had enough of what he calls "this hair raising deck-landing business") he returned to U.K. for an advanced flying course at the School of Naval Air Warfare at St. Merryn in Cornwall.

On the formation of the first Australian Air Group at Eglinton, Northern Ireland, he joined 816 Squadron in Firefly IV's. He remained in this appointment until April, 1951, when he joined *H.M.A.S. AUSTRALIA* as senior watch-keeper for six months and then again to the U.K. for an Air Weapons Officers' Course and two years exchange. In July, 1952, Commander Bourke was appointed to the Naval Air Fighting Development Unit where he gained valuable and rare experience (for an Australian) in jet supersonic Sabre and Hunter aircraft. He completed his time with the R.A.F. Central Fighter Establishment as Commanding Officer of the Naval Squadron.

Of his first eleven years of service since leaving R.A.N.C. he had spent nine with the R.N. or R.A.F. On Commander Bourke's return to Australia he was appointed Air Weapons Officer at *H.M.A.S. ALBATROSS* and in May, 1955, assumed command of 805 Squadron and was engaged in training the R.A.N.'s fighter pilots. In January, 1957, he joined the flagship *H.M.A.S. MELBOURNE*, first as Flight Deck Officer and later as Lt. Cdr. (Flying). After cruises to the East and Hawaii and exercises in S.E.A.T.O. Commander Bourke was appointed away from the noise and fury of aircraft with which he had been associated since 1945 and took command of *H.M.A.S. COOTAMUNDRA*

from where he was appointed to the College in January, 1959.

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*SURGEON LT. T. RYAN, R.A.N.*, was educated in Liverpool at Sacred Heart College. In January, 1941 he joined the Merchant Navy and in March of that year was sunk in C.P.R. Cargo Vessel *BEAVERBRAE* by a German Fock Wulfe Condor. After rescue by destroyers he joined the troopship *EMPRESS OF ASIA* and in February, 1942 was again sunk, this time by Japanese bombers in the approaches to Singapore. He was rescued by *H.M.A.S. YARRA* under the command of then Commander W. H. Harrington, R.A.N., and spent the remainder of the war as a Prisoner of War in Changi and the Sime Road Camps.



*Surg. Lt. T. Ryan, R.A.N.*

After the war he became a student at the University of Liverpool where he qualified in April, 1953, L.M.S.S.A. London. At the University in 1948-49 he was Captain of the University Boxing Club and in 1951 won the Medical Students' Society Prize in Surgery for a paper on "Appendicitis in Children".

He was House Surgeon at the Victoria Hospital, Wallasey, and House Physician to the Cardiologist at St. Catherine's Hospital, Birkenhead. Following this Surgeon Lt. Ryan was Surgical Registrar at Hereford General Hospital in Herefordshire and then spent four years as a General Practitioner under the National Health Scheme.

He joined the R.N.V.R. as Surgeon Lieutenant being appointed to *H.M.S. EAGLET* of the





Lt. T. A. Dadswell, R.A.N.

Mersey Division. Surgeon Lt. Ryan then joined the R.A.N. arriving in Australia in June, 1958, and shortly after that was appointed to R.A.N.C.



LIEUTENANT (P) T. A. DADSWELL entered the R.A.N. College in January, 1946. He became Chief Cadet Captain in 1948 and gained Colours for Rugby. On passing out in 1949 he was awarded the King's Medal and the prize for Navigation.

Two cruises in the Cadet training ship *H.M.S. DEVONSHIRE* took him to the West Indies and Baltic countries before being appointed to *H.M.A.S. SYDNEY* as a midshipman and returning to Australia. His time as a midshipman was divided between *H.M.A.S. AUSTRALIA* and *H.M.A.S. SYDNEY* in which he served during the first Korean cruise in 1951. In December of that year he was appointed as Acting Sub-Lieutenant and transferred to *H.M.S. ALACRITY* which was engaged in the inshore blockade on the west coast of Korea.

After completing courses at Greenwich and Portsmouth he was appointed to *H.M.S. LOCH VEYATIE* attached to the Londonderry Squadron for four months then to *H.M.S. MAIDSTONE* as "Sub of the Gunroom" for six months. He returned to Australia in July, 1954, and joined *H.M.A.S. GLADSTONE* which specialised in taking cadets from the College to sea in rough weather.

Lieutenant Dadswell commenced flying training in January, 1955 at R.A.A.F. Uranquinty and R.A.A.F. Point Cook, where he gained his wings. Eighteen months at *H.M.A.S. ALBATROSS* with 724 and 851 Squadrons followed

before joining 816 Squadron and serving for three cruises in *H.M.A.S. MELBOURNE*.

He joined R.A.N.C. from 816 Squadron in January of this year.



LIEUTENANT C. J. STEWARD, R.N.Z.N., was educated at Northcote College Auckland, entering the B.R.N.C. Dartmouth, "Benbow Division" in September, 1949, as a special entry cadet.

He joined *H.M.S. DEVONSHIRE* for training cruises to the West Indies and the Scandinavian countries.

In 1950 Lt. Steward joined the fleet carrier *H.M.S. ILLUSTRIOUS* as a midshipman.

In January, 1951, Lt. Steward joined the light fleet carrier *GLORY* at Plymouth before she departed for the Mediterranean. *GLORY* joined the task Unit on the west coast of Korea and Lt. Steward, together with other midshipmen experienced one or two sorties in the rear cockpits of *Fireflys* before it was decided that it might well result in an unwarranted expenditure of midshipmen and was therefore stopped. During their time in the Korean area all midshipmen were assigned operational duties. Lt. Steward eventually became the Air Plotting Officer in *Glory's* A.D.R. (Air Direction Room).

Towards the end of 1951 *GLORY* was relieved in Kure by *H.M.A.S. SYDNEY* and sailed for Australia for leave and docking.

On being promoted S/Lt., Lt. Steward completed a three weeks air course at *H.M.A.S. ALBATROSS* before joining *H.M.A.S. BARCOO* which at the time was the A/S training ship.

In April, 1952, he left Australia for the R.N.C. Greenwich and here gained a place in the College's First XV. On completion of courses Lt. Steward served in *H.M.N.Z.S. HAWEA* which visited the Gilbert and Ellice Islands and patrolled in the areas of Kwajalene and Bikini. A further period in the Far East was completed as navigating officer of *H.M.N.Z.S. KANIERE*.

In 1955 Lt. Steward joined *H.M.N.Z.S. TAMAKI*, the basic training establishment situated on Motuihe Island in the Hauraki Gulf. Here he performed the duties of Boys' Divisional Officer. From *TAMAKI* Lt. Steward was appointed to *H.M.N.Z.S. STAWELL* as First Lieutenant and left that ship in April this year to join the R.A.N.C.



LIEUTENANT H. E. TOOTH, R.A.N., entered the Royal Australian Naval College in March, 1953, and graduated in March, 1955.

He joined the Cadet Training Ship *H.M.S. TRIUMPH* in May, 1955, and went on the Baltic and Mediterranean cruises. Lieutenant Tooth was also in *TRIUMPH* when she visited Russia towards the end of 1955.

On promotion to Midshipman he joined *H.M.S. NEWCASTLE* in the Far East and was present at the Olympic Games in 1956 before returning to U.K. to join the Royal Naval Air Station at *BRAWDY* in South Wales.

After courses at *H.M.S. CERES* and the Royal Naval College at Greenwich Lieutenant Tooth returned to Australia and was appointed to *H.M.A.S. NIRIMBA* where he served as a Divisional Officer prior to joining the College as Captain's Secretary in December, 1958.



*REX ARTHUR BENSON, D.F.C., B.Sc.*, came to the College at the end of February from The Hutchins School, Hobart, where he was the Housemaster. Prior to this he was a Patent Examiner in the Commonwealth Public Service.

Born in Adelaide, he was educated at the Blue Coat School, Queen Elizabeth's Hospital, Bristol, and joined the Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve before the outbreak of war as Sergeant-Pilot under training. However during the war he flew as an Observer and was on the first raids to Berlin during the Battle of Britain. Shot down in February, 1941, he was able to continue flying, and completed over two tours of operations, mostly as a "Pathfinder". Promoted to Squadron Leader in June, 1943, he held several staff appointments, commanded a Liberator detachment in Greece, and was Com-



*R. A. Benson, D.F.C., B.Sc.*



*M. B. Hosford, B.Sc.*

mand Navigation Officer, A.H.Q., Malta in 1946, when recurrence of a wartime injury put him into Military Hospital for 18 months.

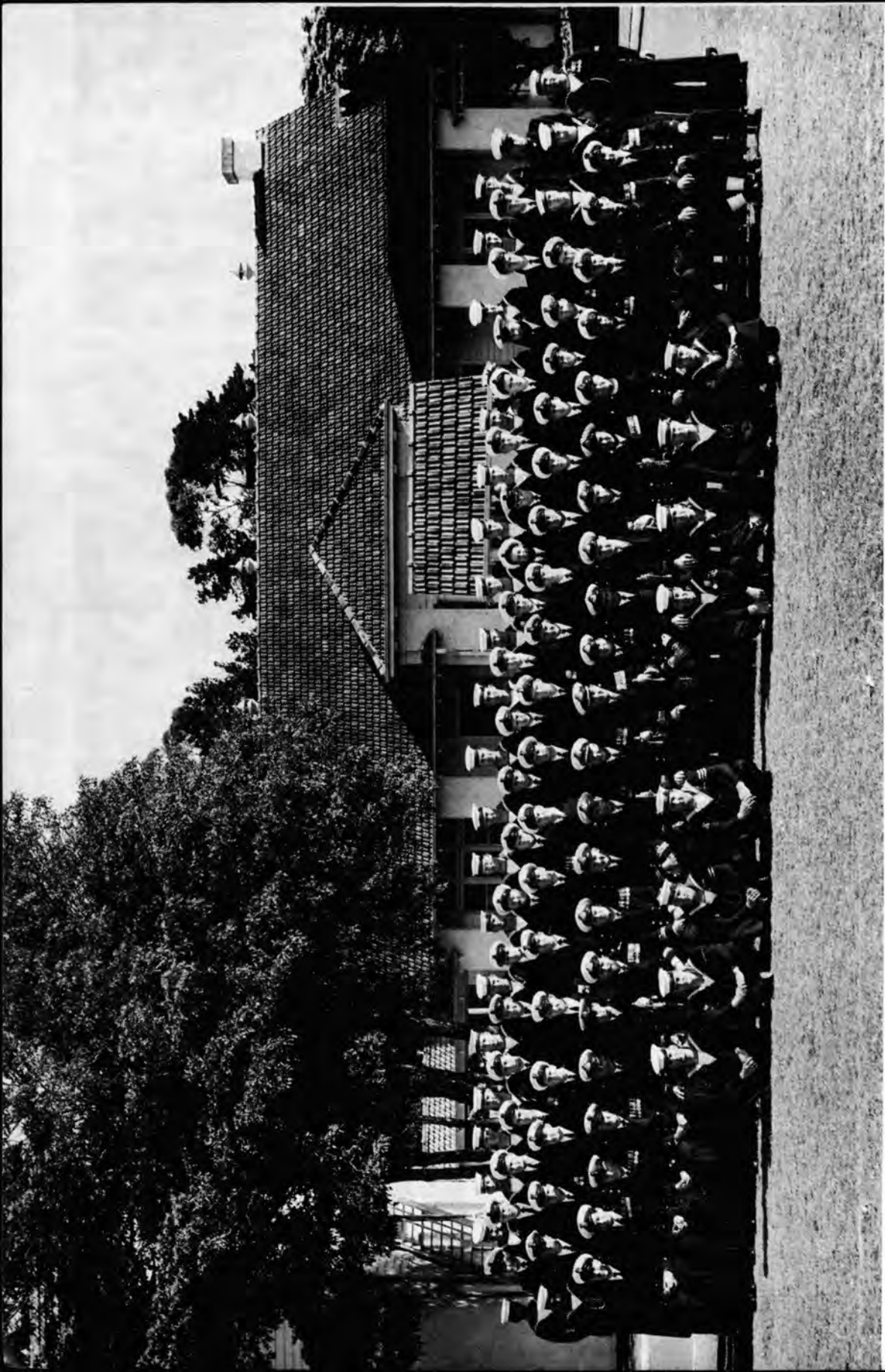
After being invalided out, he returned to Australia at the end of 1948 and was at Mildura Branch University in 1949, doing the degree course of Civil Engineering. There he played for the First XI and coached the First XV. At Melbourne University in 1950, he played for the University at Soccer in the Victorian Second Division, but then had to enter the Repatriation Hospital for a further two years in plaster. He emerged engaged to one of the nursing staff and married in August, 1952. He is a member of Legacy, and a previous President of the Pathfinder Club.



*Mr. M. B. HOSFORD, B.Sc. (Eng.)*, joined the College in September last year on two year's exchange from B.R.N.C. He has taken the place of Mr. A. H. Trewin, who is now at Dartmouth.

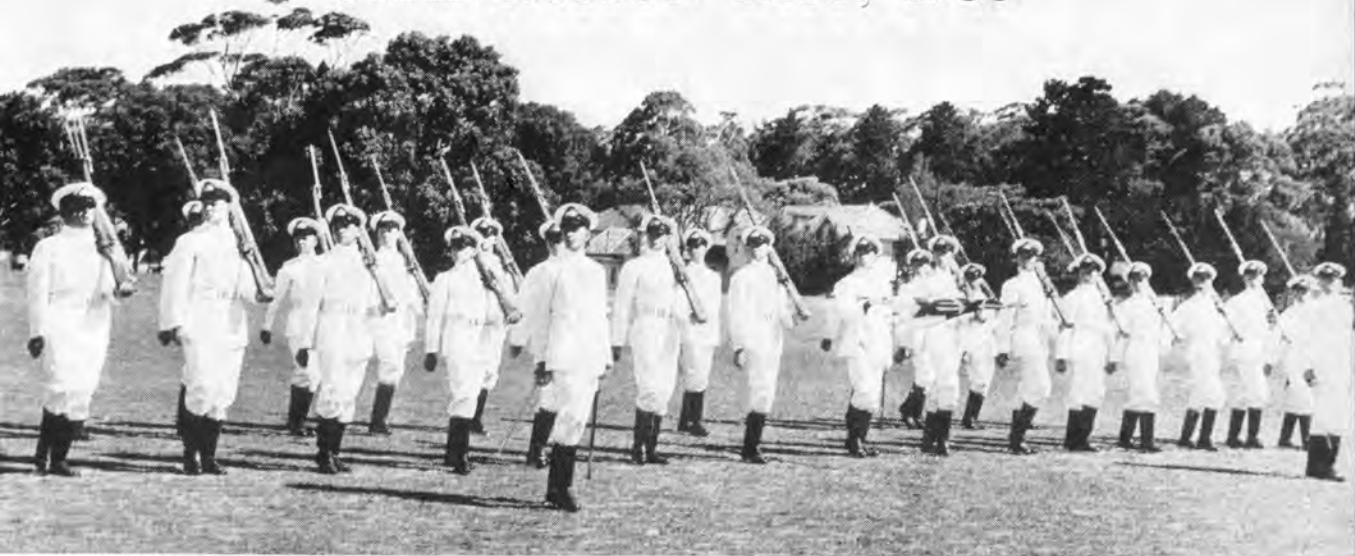
Since joining R.A.N.C. Mr. Hosford has been of great assistance to the Science Department, especially in the discussion of syllabi and laboratory equipment. He has been keenly interested in Athletics and Hockey and has assisted in the training of the College teams in these sports.

He has fulfilled one of his avowed ambitions in Australia — that of visiting Central Australia. He did this by being a member of the R.A.N.C. group which travelled to the Centre in the recent leave period. What his other ambitions are we are not at liberty to disclose but we wish him well in all of them.



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# GRADUATION DAY, 1958



ON 11th DECEMBER, 1958, a very large crowd of people assembled to witness the Graduation of Cadets from the Royal Australian Naval College.

Three particular features made this Graduation more than usually interesting.

It was the first Graduation to take place at Jervis Bay for nearly thirty years—it was the Graduation of the last of the 13-year-old entry, an entry that has given us almost all of our leading officers in the R.A.N—and it was the first occasion on which the revived title “Graduation” instead of “Passing Out” was used.

A long and impressive list of official guests was headed by the Governor-General, who was to take the Salute, present the prizes and address the Graduation Class. Sir William Slim had honoured the College with his presence at F.N.D. for the Final Passing Out there and we were delighted to welcome him back again this year for this historic occasion. Other guests included the Minister for the Navy, Senator John Gorton; the Chief of the Naval Staff, Vice Admiral Sir Roy Dowling, K.B.E., C.B., D.S.O.;

Rear Admiral W. H. Harrington, C.B.E., D.S.O.; Rear Admiral C. C. Clark, C.B., O.B.E., D.S.C.; and the Secretary, Department of the Navy, Mr. T. J. Hawkins, C.B.E., B.A., L.L.B.

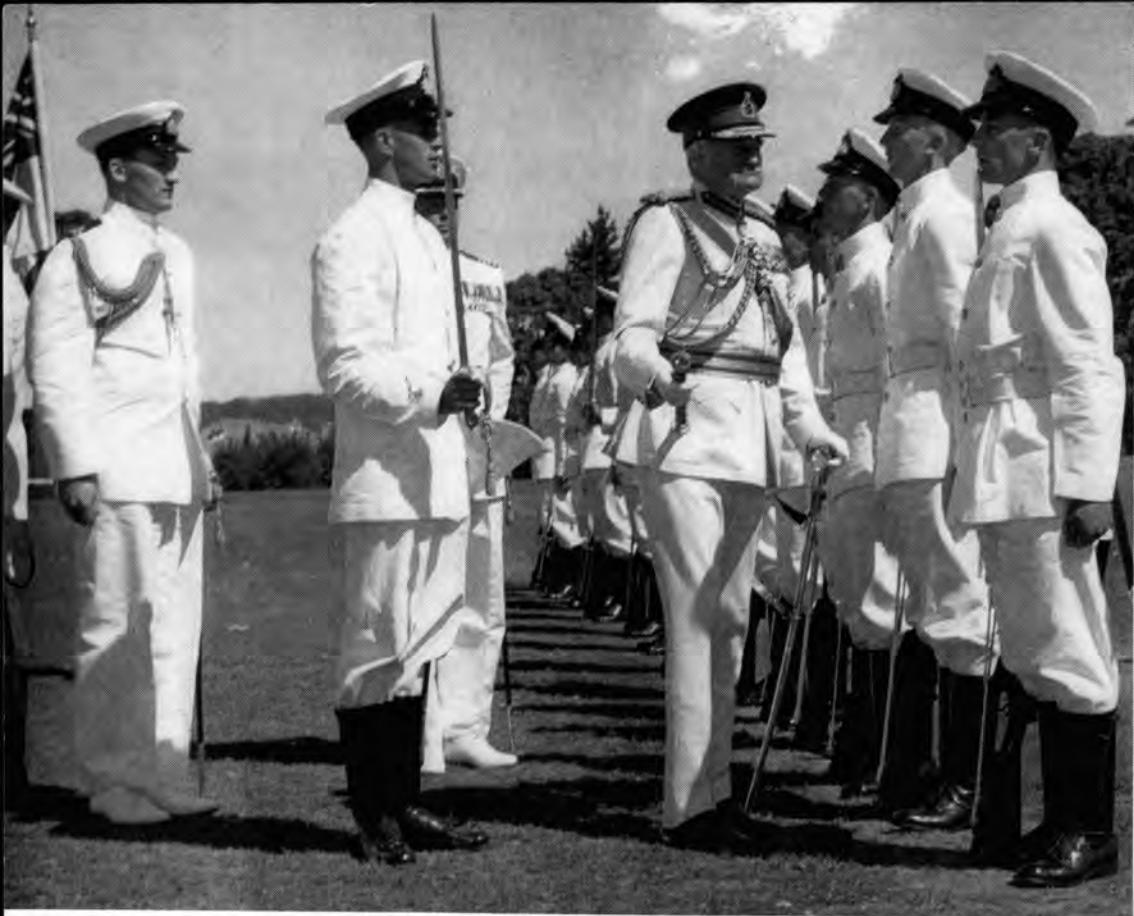
The weather was perfectly in harmony with the event although some of the ladies had a little trouble with their hats in the gusty sea breeze.

Against the background of the green of the Quarterdeck, the blue of the sky and the Bay, the resplendent white uniforms of the Cadets stood out in eye-catching contrast.

The Advance in Review Order and the March Past were of the highest standard, particularly as the whole Parade was carried out on grass—the snap, precision and uniformity of timing were as good as anything we have witnessed on the concrete parade ground of Flinders Naval Depot. It was a Graduation Parade of which all associated with it could well be proud.

Shortly after the conclusion of the Parade the scene shifted to the Gymnasium where the Presentation of Prizes was to be held.

The Commanding Officer of the College, Captain W. J. Dovers, D.S.C., A.D.C., R.A.N., began



*The  
Governor-  
General  
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Graduation  
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the proceedings by welcoming the Governor-General and Lady Slim, and indeed all the numerous visitors to the College. He outlined the activities of the College for 1958 and stressed the great advances which had been made during the year, at the same time pointing out that the future would be a time of intense work but great reward and that in its new setting at Jervis Bay he felt that the College would continue to play its most important role in the R.A.N.

The prizes were then presented by the Governor-General who congratulated the winners, then turned his remarks to the whole of the Graduation Class.

He said that this day held many things for them to remember but principally that they could regard themselves as a particularly historic group in that they were the first of the new era of Jervis Bay graduates. He urged them to keep their standards high and to remember

that their chief pride ought to be in the fact that their Queen and Country had chosen them to lead in battle. In the progress of their careers they would undoubtedly have medals and honours heaped upon them but their greatest honour would be in leading the seamen of Australia.

As Officers he stressed the importance of avoiding excess, of training in endurance and of exercising their minds and remaining mentally fit.

Their Graduation to-day did not mean that they were done with study. There were many fascinating things for them to learn both in the worlds of Science and of Art, Culture and Literature. Whole vistas of adventure lay before them and with quick and questing minds they should rove over them.

His Excellency sought to define for them the spirit of an Officer. He stressed COURAGE,

moral rather than physical; SELF SACRIFICE, where one put one's own interests last; FAITH, both in the traditions of one's Service and Country; INTEGRITY, which is perhaps the most essential of all — fairness in deed, truth and word.

The Graduation Class of 1958 was, he felt, emerging into their chosen careers, at a notable yet critical time in Australia's history. They would undoubtedly have an important role to play in their country's history in these changing times. Opportunities would come quickly — they should seize them just as quickly. As Naval

Officers their contribution would be most important. Australia was bound by geography to retain control of the seas around her and they would have this tremendous task entrusted to them.

His Excellency reminded them that, though they would visit far off places and live in an atmosphere of interest and excitement, they should never forget to uphold the prestige, honour and reputation of the R.A.N. which stood high in the navies of the world. In conclusion he said "In this your first voyage, God speed you well".

## LIST OF PRIZE WINNERS — DECEMBER, 1958

QUEEN'S MEDAL: G. R. Styles.

DUX PRIZE, 1955 - 1956 ENTRIES: T. E. Harrison.

DUX PRIZE, MATRICULATION ENTRY: G. R. Styles.

OPEN TO ALL GRADUATING CADETS:  
Seamanship. 1. J. A. Crawford (Otto Albert Prize). 2. T. E. Harrison.

Navigation. 1. G. R. Styles (N.Z.N.B. Prize). 2. T. E. Harrison (N.Z.N.B. Prize).

*Queen's Medallist — G. R. Styles*





*Governor-General's Cup Winner—P. F. Hollow*



*Dux of 1955-56 entries—T. E. Harrison*

Engineering. 1. G. R. Styles. 2. S. I. Russell.

**SUBJECT PRIZES, 1955 - 1956 ENTRIES:**

Mathematics. 1. R. L. Clough. 2. J. A. Crawford.

Physics. 1. T. E. Harrison. 2. R. H. Scott, T. D. A. Bowra.

Chemistry. 1. R. L. Clough.

English Expression (55). 1. R. H. Scott.

English Literature (55). 1. B. Rogers.

English Expression (56). 1. T. S. Jones.

English Literature (56). 1. J. A. Crawford.

French. 1. J. A. Crawford.

Geography. 1. T. S. Jones.

Current Affairs. 1. J. A. Crawford.

Typing. 1. K. G. Smith.

History. 1. B. Rogers.

**SUBJECT PRIZES, MATRICULATION ENTRY:**

Mathematics. 1. G. R. Styles.

Science. 1. G. R. Styles.

Naval History. 1. G. R. Styles.

**DUX PRIZES, 1957 ENTRY:** M. R. Pate (E. E. Mayo Memorial Prize).

**DUX PRIZE, 1958 ENTRY:** E. B. Daniel.

**SPORTING AWARDS:**

Burnett Memorial Prize (Rugby). P. C. Hicks.

Farncomb Cup (Cricket). R. S. Blue.

Sharp Cup (Sailing). T. D. A. Bowra.

The Governor-General's Cup (All-round Athlete). P. F. Hollow.

Dalton Cup (Inter-divisional Sport). Phillip Division.

# H.M.A.S. SWAN'S 1959 CRUISE

## PHASE II TRAINING

THE TWENTY-SIX CADET MIDSHIPMEN who had graduated from the College in December, 1958, joined H.M.A.S. SWAN in Sydney for the 1959 Training Cruise on 6th January. After a few hours spent in Jervis Bay to organise Cadets' luggage two days later, the ship proceeded on a cruise which embodied four different Australian States and another country — namely New Zealand.

From the point of view of training and training requirements the cruise was excellent. SWAN exercised with three ships during the time Cadet-Midshipmen were on board. Hence much ground was covered in the way of practical seamanship, an essential part of the training required by any junior officer.

Cadet Midshipmen took part in Regattas at Kingston and Hobart in Tasmania and at Geelong in Victoria. At Kingston and Geelong, cadets competed with some success in sailing races sailing the ship's dinghies. The real success however came at Hobart.

The Royal Hobart Regatta has become an almost permanent fixture on the SWAN's yearly programme and never has she made her presence more felt at this event than in 1959. In a parade — held in honour of the occasion — Cadet Midshipmen's armed party from SWAN was commended for its smartness by the Governor-General who took the salute.

In the pulling events, SWAN Whaler crews in general did well and the cadet midshipmen in particular. In the Cock O' the Derwent Race the cadets "A" crew defeated entries from the R.N. ships ALBION and COSSACK and from H.M.A.S. WARRAMUNGA and the R.A.N.R. training establishment H.M.A.S. HUON. Two other cadets' crews pulled well to win other challenge races.

After the Hobart Regatta SWAN sailed for New Zealand. Much of that country's rugged yet beautiful scenery was in evidence and was enjoyed by the cadets during a period of cruising in the Dusky Sands area on the South West coast. Cities and Ports visited included Timaru, Wellington and Auckland.

The ship's stay in Wellington, the capital of New Zealand coincided with a festival the city was staging, and many features of the occasion were witnessed by the cadets.

Just prior to the ship leaving New Zealand waters the Cadet Midshipmen (similar to last year's group) experienced the full force of a cyclone. Winds up to 80 knots were recorded in the area within a 50 mile radius of the Bay of Islands, where SWAN was anchored during the storm.

A further spot of interest was provided during exercises with H.M.A.S. COOTAMUNDRA. Whilst carrying out a jack-stay transfer the two ships "touched", when COOTAMUNDRA unable to keep course, turned violently on SWAN with the sea and wind cancelling the effect of her rudder. Serious damage was avoided however by speedy manoeuvring on SWAN's part.

The cruise ended with F.O.I.C.E.A.'s harbour and sea inspection in Jervis Bay. The cleanliness of the ship and overall smartness shown by the Cadets were commented on in a signal received from F.O.I.C.E.A. soon after the inspection.

— A. L. BARBER.





R.A.N. Midshipmen R. Derbidge and G. Denney in the Colour Party at Queen's Birthday Parade, 1959.

### B.R.N.C. Passing Out Results — Summer Term, 1959

The following were the results achieved by Australian Midshipmen in the 1959 Summer Term Passing Out Examinations.

Sixty-seven Midshipmen from the Commonwealth navies sat for the Examinations.

R. G. TAYLOR	4th Place
J. S. MERRILLES	13th "
P. R. BOWLER	20th "
R. I. A. GLEN	23rd "
W. L. TAYLOR	27th "
I. M. McINTYRE	30th "
R. SELBY	32nd "
J. C. LINDSAY	34th "
P. R. LYNEHAM	40th "
R. F. PAYNE	41st "
P. A. J. GILMORE-WALSH	46th "
G. R. S. DENNEY	47th "
A. J. FARQUHAR	47th "
G. R. SMITH	49th "
J. C. DUNLOP	50th "
D. H. BLAZEY	56th "
P. LAMBERT	58th "
F. V. R. WOLFE	60th "

### Australians in Sport at B.R.N.C.

TENNIS: Midshipmen JONES (R.N.Z.N.), CLARKE, SPENCE and LYNCH have played regularly with the College 1st Team, the first two gaining their colours. JONES won the Plymouth Command Championship and represented the R.N. at Wimbledon.

# News from Dartmouth

## PHASE III TRAINING

CRICKET: Midshipman R. S. BLUE, who won the FARNCOMB Cup for Cricket at R.A.N.C. is a member of B.R.N.C. First Eleven and gained his Cricket Colours.

SWIMMING: Midshipmen McINTYRE and LAMBERT were awarded Colours and represented the College against SANDHURST.

ATHLETICS: Midshipmen HICKS and BARBER are regular members of the Athletics Team and competed in the Interservice Colleges' Athletics Meeting.

PENTATHLON: Midshipmen ROGERS, GARING and STILES won the first three places in the College Modern Pentathlon Contest.

### Australian Divisional Midshipmen

It is pleasing to note that three of the ten Divisional Midshipmen (corresponding to R.A.N.C. Cadet Captain) selected for next term will be R.A.N. Midshipmen.

They are:

CLARKE, J. L., Blake Division, Starboard Watch.

COCKING, R., Exmouth Division, Port Watch.

DERBIDGE, R., Grenville Division, Starboard Watch.

This follows upon the excellent representation of R.A.N. Midshipmen of the previous term, when P. R. BOWLER, J. S. MERRILLES, and the brothers W. L. and R. G. TAYLOR did such fine jobs as Divisional Midshipmen.



(Photo by courtesy FREDERIC WORSLEY R.M.P. DARTMOUTH)

*Inspection of the Guard by Field Marshal Viscount Montgomery at Summer Term Passing Out, 1959. Captain of the Guard: Acting Sub. Lt. P. R. Bowler, R.A.N.*

## Beyond the Black Stump in South Devon

*Mr. A. H. Trewin, B.Sc., B.Ed., the author of this article is a member of the R.A.N.C. Professorial Staff and is at present on exchange with B.R.N.C., Dartmouth. Mr. Trewin sums up his impressions after a year at Dartmouth and his comments will be of interest, particularly to those Cadet Midshipmen who are about to leave R.A.N.C. to further their training in the United Kingdom.*

**L**IFE AT DARTMOUTH is far from being a placid country existence away down here in South Devon, and to detail everything that's happened in the last three terms would be

impossible, so that what comes to mind in writing a brief article like this are the highlights of the past year and the conclusions one reaches.

The largeness of Dartmouth impresses an Australian from J.B., particularly the ease with which one can get lost in a maze of corridors and stairways because the College is built on a hill-side; the impossibility of getting to know all Cadets and Midshipmen well so that one concentrates on classes taken, tutorials, one's Division and Midshipmen met in sport and social activities.

Everything is done on a far larger scale than one is used to: not one, but five new yachts

at £40,000 stg. are ordered to replace worn out German "Windfall" yachts that are passed over to other R.N. establishments to wear out a bit more; the whole fleet of Fireflies is replaced in one order; about £30,000 of Gunnery demonstration equipment is renewed during a long leave; a squadron of six ships functions full-time with the College; and nearly 30 power craft and 70 sailing craft lie in the trots at Sandquay—all in top working order.

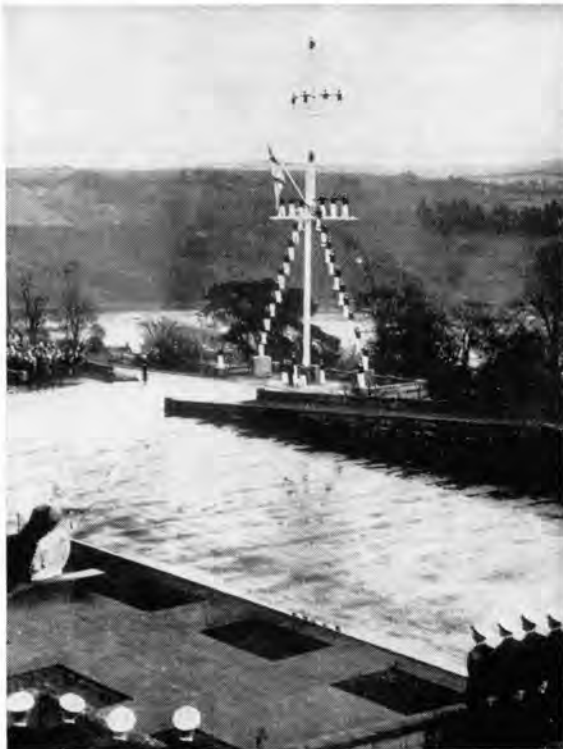
No expense is spared to ensure that instructional equipment in academic and professional subjects enables the work to be taught quickly, efficiently and in a practical manner.

As there is a Passing Out of up to 70 Acting Sub Lieutenants each term, the five Divisions take it in turns to organise the End-of Term Ball which requires good organisation to cater for up to 600 Cadets, Midshipmen, Staff and their guests with two or three dance floors, several supper rooms and numerous refreshment bars (including an Australian one always).

In the Easter Term a London band for the main dance floor was hired for £150.

Accommodation for partners is a problem here too, so that a great number are 'put up' by Officers and Lecturers.

*Manning the Mast—Earl Mountbatten of Burma's last visit to Dartmouth as First Sea Lord.*



Visitors to the College are varied and frequent — a party of Headmasters and one of Careers Masters visit each term; exchange matches against Cranwell and Sandhurst occur each season; submarines and other units of the Fleet (e.g., Frigate Training Squadron, Fisheries Protection Squadron) call frequently; officers and cadets of French, German and other foreign training ships and academies visit periodically; and Courses from R.N. Professional Schools often come on a visit for several days.

On the Studies side, it takes a while to adjust to the smallness of graded classes, the concentration on two or three cadets at a time from lower classes for "supervision" and the infallibility of laboratory assistants who can be relied on to have any scientific apparatus or demonstration rigged and operating in any classroom at any time.

Science facilities for teaching are excellent. For example, direct current of any voltage and alternating current of any voltage and frequency can be piped to any classroom or laboratory bench, and numbers of portable power packs provide all the anode, grid and filament heating voltages required for experiments in electronics.

Teaching, or lecturing as it's called here, is done at a high pressure rate and regardless of absence from classes one presses on, absentees having to pick up lost work in their own time, appealing to the lecturer in his own time where necessary. A Cadet is allotted, on entry, to a Divisional Tutor who meets his "tutor set" in the evenings at his home or in his study and keeps in close touch with the Divisional Officer and the cadet's lecturers. Time is precious on the Studies side and syllabi are pruned to essentials of theory and practice. An Australian Midshipman takes a while to adjust to the scheme of studies the Dartmouth way that, for Midshipmen particularly, relies on the student watching his own interests.

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On the Games side, if a Cadet or Midshipman wants to make a College First team and so join the "clique" (or training list) for that sport, he has to work at it. With two training nights and away or at home matches on Wednesdays and Saturdays he has little time left for other sporting activities as he has compulsory River commitments as well as Divisional and College duties to meet.

If a Midshipman is not in a "clique" he becomes involved in Divisional matches, River events, inter-Divisional contests such as Regatta, Boxing, Swimming and Athletics, takes his share of running Divisional activities (e.g., Flying Representative in charge of the Divisional Yacht; editor of "The Halo"—a weekly Div. Newsletter; organiser of the Divisional barbecue



*Boat Harbour — River Dart.*

or treasurer for the End-of-Term Ball), does his River and still hopes to find adequate time for a new-found love—generally rather battered and very very secondhand, plastered with Australian flags and ‘Australie’, but still capable of taking its syndicate abroad under frequent and noisy protest.

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For a Midshipman the Dartmouth routine is broken for nine weeks when he joins the First Division of the Dartmouth Training Squadron for a nine weeks’ cruise south to the Mediterranean and Naples, Malta and Gibraltar or north to Norway, Sweden and Iceland. Here the Australian has made a particular name for himself as an excellent seaman.

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The Term 4 Midshipman is most envied at Dartmouth despite the fact that he gets as many extraneous duties for midshipmen as can be passed down from the top!

He has no examinations, and gets the Continent out of his system in the Summer Leave, planning with his car syndicate of two or three colleagues an itinerary that for speed and economy would leave any self-respecting Foreign or Finance Minister prepared to resign.

Eight weeks this Summer Leave will see most Australians (including the writer) “seeing Europe on the cheap”.

They will virtually move in convoy through Belgium, Luxembourg, South Germany, Switzerland, Italy and France equipped with pup-tents and sleeping bags (and flasks for vin ordinaire),

although the more ambitious will attempt to fit in Scandinavia and Spain as well!

Every Cadet and Midshipman in the College must embark on an approved activity of at least a fortnight’s duration this Summer Leave and present a report of proceedings to his D.O.

The variety of activities is wide: rock-climbing in Wales with the Royal Marines; crewing with a Merchantman to Canada, Copenhagen, West Africa or the Persian Gulf; doing service with a Fleet submarine; serving with a Fisheries Protection vessel; joining the R.N. College’s Expedition to Arctic Norway; flying light aircraft at Lossiemouth or gliding at Arbroath; enrolling for a vacation language course at a European University or canoeing down one of the larger rivers in France.

Most Australians will be hiking, motor-cycling or motoring abroad but several who have done the Continent already are off to Canada and others will be flying in Scotland.

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Not until an Australian experiences it, does one find the Summer Term so basically different from the other two.

In the Christmas and Easter Terms afternoon studies are held in the evenings from 1700-1900, so that the small amount of afternoon daylight can be used to advantage stamping around Rugby, Soccer or Hockey fields, slowly freezing to death or participating, and losing whole layers of skin on rock-frozen ground or being drowned in quagmires of mud.

Other alternatives are sailing whaler and



At Malta—H.M.S. Eagle in background

cutter races outside (no ice-breakers are required off the South Devon coast), chasing beagles chasing hares across turnip fields and through or over hedges (or choosing a vantage point and talking with Devon farmers who know where the hare's going to run anyway), Car Club rallies, Squash, Fencing, Boxing and Golf.

To an Australian, it's very cold, very wet and very dark for most of these terms and study appeals more strongly.

In these terms, the College embarks on a wide range of indoor cultural and leisure-time pursuits: plays — very meticulously produced and staged; a revue; musical evenings to cater for all tastes; Royal Marine band recitals; guest speakers; painting classes; amateur radio . . .

In the Summer Term most of these are instantly forgotten. The most must be done with the weather when you've got it — who knows when it will go bad?

So the Englishmen change character completely and till late in the long balmy evenings it's cricket, tennis, athletics, swimming (in a heated pool), small boat sailing, ocean racing, an excellent outdoor Pageant along the College front, garden parties, barbecues and banyans to the beaches, with study very hard to go inside to unless one has a window overlooking the Dart and can meditate quietly. From there one watches dozens of Redwings of the Dartmouth Sailing Club sailing off the Castle, the procession of crammed tourist craft making their way back to Brixham or Torquay from Totnes up the Dart, or hundreds of late tourists jamming the Ferry Service or roaming the Embankment and Boat-Float listening to canned music from the bandstand.

At this time of year Sunday Divisions become decidedly smaller. Outward Bounding (to use the old name for Leadership Training) and weekends at Ditsworthy Warren go on all the year but now the six yachts sail off for week-end cruises or an ocean race to Guernsey or to St. Malo in Brittany and small boat sailors, cricket, tennis, swimming, waterpolo and athletics teams disappear for weekend matches.

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A lot has been said in recent years in both praise and criticism of Dartmouth as one form of entry or another has been tried.

We who are here now can only speak for the present situation and applaud her efforts.

Dartmouth is going about things in a business-like way in work and play. There's a spirit of liveliness about her these days that one rarely sees, but eternally hopes for, in an educational establishment, and there's a willingness and co-operation among its population that can only result in good training and a successful product.

Relationships between British and Commonwealth Midshipment are excellent as can be imagined when hearing a Pakistani addressing another with "Howareyermateallright?"

Any Australian who can't enjoy Dartmouth and make the most of everything Dartmouth has to offer, not only doesn't know he's alive, but shouldn't really be in the R.A.N.

—A.H.T.

Typical Rugger rig for Inter-Divisional competition.





*Rear Admiral D. H. Harries, C.B.E., at the official inspection in June.*

## DISTINGUISHED VISITORS

### REAR ADMIRAL D. H. HARRIES, C.B.E.

On Wednesday 17th June, 1959, the Flag Officer in Charge of East Australian Area, Rear Admiral D. H. Harries, C.B.E., carried out his official inspection of the College for 1959.

Rear Admiral Harries expressed his opinion of the progress made at R.A.N.C. since his inspection of 1958 in the following signal.

I WAS PLEASED WITH THE PROGRESS THAT HAS BEEN MADE SINCE OUR RETURN TO THE NAVAL COLLEGE IN ATTAINING NAVAL STANDARDS (2) THE DRESS AND BEARING AT DIVISIONS OF THE CADETS WAS EXCELLENT

(3) IN GENERAL THE ACCOMMODATION SHOWED THAT MUCH HARD WORK HAD BEEN DONE AND THE STUDY BLOCKS AND GYMNASIUM WERE EXCELLENT

(4) THE WORKSHOPS AREA WAS VERY CREDITABLE AND THE MOTOR TRANSPORT EXTREMELY WELL KEPT

### THE VISIT OF F.O.C.A.F.

The Flag Officer Commanding the Australian Fleet, Rear Admiral G. G. O. Gatacre, D.S.O., D.S.C. and Bar, did the College the honour of taking the Salute at Divisions and March Past while H.M.A.S. MELBOURNE was in Jervis Bay during First Term. MELBOURNE was at this time embarking its Air Group preparatory to going North to play a conspicuous role in S.E.A.T.O. exercises.

Cadets of all years went to sea in the Carrier and her escorting frigates and enjoyed watching the fleet in action.



### VISITS TO R.A.N.C. BY HEADMASTERS

The College has been pleased to welcome the recent visit by a group of Headmasters and distinguished Educationalists. This is the first such visit to the College and it is intended that many similar visits will be made in the future. Such visits which acquaint the Headmasters of our schools with the Naval College and which maintain contact between the College and other academic institutions can do nothing but good.



### H.M.N.Z.S. ROYALIST

During February we were pleased to welcome H.M.N.Z.S. ROYALIST to Jervis Bay.

ROYALIST was at this time engaged in working up activities preparatory to joining in combined exercises later in the year. While in Jervis Bay ROYALIST engaged the College in various sporting activities, particularly cricket. A College XI made up of Officers, Masters, Ships Company and Cadets narrowly defeated a ROYALIST XI. Social exchanges — most pleasant indeed — also helped to make the visit a most friendly one.



### GUEST SPEAKERS

During this year the College has once again been most fortunate in the number of eminent men who consented to visit Jervis Bay as guest lecturers. We are very grateful to all of the gentlemen who have sacrificed their leisure to visit R.A.N.C. to speak to us and we are deeply appreciative of all we have gained from their talks.

The variety and scope of the lectures were such that we have improved most remarkably our grasp of a number of important problems and our knowledge of the affairs of men in the world in general.

The list of speakers who have visited us this year follows:—

Rear Admiral A. W. R. McNicoll, C.B.E., G.M. — "Australia's Obligations in S.E. Asian Defence and Her Contribution in this Field".

Cdr. G. V. Gladstone, D.S.C.,\* R.A.N.— "Thailand".

Mr. Michael Sawtell, of the N.S.W. Aborigines' Welfare Board — "The Development of Australia and the Future of the Aborigines".

Mr. Leonard Long, the well-known Nowra artist — "Building up a Landscape" (with a spectacular demonstration on an actual canvas).  
Cdr. M. S. Batterham, M.B.E., R.A.N. — "Clearance Diving".

Mr. R. Pearce, of the School of Pacific Administration — "Some Problems of Administration in Papua-New Guinea".

Mr. P. G. Law, the famous Antarctic explorer and Director of ANARE — "Antarctica" (most beautifully illustrated from Mr. Law's own collection of slides).

In addition, we count ourselves fortunate to have received very valuable lectures on banking from Messrs Cawthorn and Fryer of the Bank Education Service and in the general principles of insurance from Mr. John G. Fairfax.



A long list of other important visitors included:

Rear Admiral Takleo Swangnetra, Royal Thai Navy; Captain Chirdchai Thomya, Royal Thai Navy; Group Captain Pravat Jirastitya, Royal Thai Air Force; Commodore J. Francesco, Philippines' Navy; Commander C. N. Rauf, Pakistan Navy; Captain C. M. White, United States Navy; Colonel J. J. Hussey, United States Air Force; Rear Admiral V. C. Begg, C.B., D.S.O., D.S.C., F.O.2 I/C F.E.S.; Captain A. B. Cole, D.S.C., R.N., H.M.S. Albion; Captain G. L. Farnfield D.S.O., D.S.C., R.N. U.K. S.L.S.; Captain D. Gansden, R.F.A., Reliant; Captain M. Morgan-Giles, D.S.O., O.B.E., D.S.C., R.N., Dartmouth Training Squadron; Captain C. C. Stevens, R.N.Z.N. H.M.N.Z.S. Royalist; Rear Admiral C. C. Clark, C.B., D.S.C., 3rd Naval Member; Rear Admiral W. H. Harrington, C.B.E., D.S.O., 2nd Naval Member; Surgeon Rear Admiral L. Lockwood, C.B.E., D.S.C., M.V.O., Medical Director General; The Honourable F. Jones, High Commissioner for New Zealand; Rear Admiral B. W. Taylor, C.B., D.S.C., F.O.S.M.; Commodore J. Plunkett-Cole, R.A.N., C.S.T., F.N.D.; Major General J. G. Wilton, C.B.E., D.S.O., R.M.C., Duntroon.

# From Here and There

## WELL DESERVED

Her Most Gracious Majesty Queen Elizabeth II has been pleased to name Mr. Geoffrey Francis Adeney as a Member of the British Empire.

Mr. Adeney was educated at Trinity Grammar School, Victoria, and at the University of Melbourne from which he graduated M.A., Dip. Ed. with majors in English and History.

After some years on the staff of Trinity Grammar School he was appointed in 1928 to the Professorial Staff of the R.A.N.C. In 1941 he was promoted to Senior Master, and since 1949 he has acted, when necessary, as Deputy Headmaster.

He was for some years the editor of the R.A.N.C. magazine, and more recently, he gave valuable assistance to Mr. Eldridge, the author of the "History of the R.A.N.C."

In the field of sport, as a player, coach and official, he has given excellent service throughout the years.

His overall contribution to the education and character moulding of all the Naval Officers who have been trained at the College during the last 31 years makes Mr. Adeney an out-



## CO-EDUCATION IS DESIRABLE

Not a topic for a debate but the echoed sentiments of Senior Year after a series of enjoyable visits from the Senior Year of Annesley, Abbotsleigh, Frensham and the Church of England Girls' School at Moss Vale.

Most of the visits were of one day duration only our guests arriving about midday, lunching with the Cadets, participating in sporting events such as tennis, sailing and hockey during the afternoon and indulging in some pleasant dancing in the Gunroom during the evening.

These visits were thoroughly enjoyed by the Senior Year (perhaps almost as much by First and Second Year who yearned from afar) and we would like to thank the young ladies for a very welcome addition to our social calendar.



## FLASHBACK

A little research by Captain Ramsay, through old College magazines, throws up some interesting points, which are reproduced below.

### EDITORIAL (1915)

"The great trek is over and at last we have arrived in our permanent quarters at Jervis Bay . . .

"There are ample facilities for boating.

"Fish are plentiful.



*G. F. Adeney, M.B.E., M.A., Dip. Ed.*

standing member of his profession, and we congratulate him on receiving this well-deserved recognition.



"The difficulties of getting provisions were at first very great—we are happy to find these are now disappearing.

"Dame Rumour has been busy and we hear that the railway is to be continued to the College . . . and three squash racquet courts are to be built . . ."

Comment: This might have been written in 1958.

### EDITORIAL (1922)

"During the year 1922 each morning provided a new crop of rumours, all hovering over the ultimate fate of the College. The three main ideas, namely, amalgamation with Duntroon, enlarging the scope of the Naval College by taking in other students, and returning to Geelong, all seem to have died quietly. We still have hopes of the second scheme maturing, as to the editorial mind small numbers produce small people, and large numbers produce large minded men.

"On February 9 the College was visited by the Minister for the Navy, the Hon. Massey Greene, Vice-Admiral Sir Alan Everett, Commodore Hardy, Rear-Admiral Sir William Clarkson and Lt.-General Sir Charles Brudenell White, who inspected the College and discussed the proposed amalgamation with the R.M.C. On March 23 Commodore Hardy, Lieutenant-



General Selheim, and Brigadier-General Foote came down on the same quest . . .”

Comment: The recent visit of the Services Integration Committee has provided yet another crop of rumours. Has anyone thought of boat work on Lake George?

#### R.A.N.C. GOLF CLUB (1925)

“During the past year a valuable addition has been made to the games side of the College. Many members of the staff who had been devotees of the ancient game of golf had seriously considered the establishment of a course near the College.

“After inspection of various proposed sites, it was decided to commence work on the old football ground, five holes were laid down and earth greens were made.

“The work on the various greens has been done by members of the club, assisted by the Cadet Midshipmen, particularly those of the First and Second Year.”

Comment: Well done — those 1925 entry Cadets!

## COLLEGE FILM

During the early months of 1959 an entirely new colour film of the College was made. Every aspect of College life is featured and every activity in which a Cadet is engaged, from boat work to study to parade ground training, from sport and recreation to gliding to chapel is accurately and attractively recorded.

There are some magnificent shots of units of the Fleet and of course the beauty of Jervis Bay provides a splendid backdrop to what is really a first class presentation.

It was released through many Australian theatre companies late in the year and will do much to stimulate the interest of Australians in the College.



## A WORD OF THANKS

Thanks are due again this year to the Photographic Section of *H.M.A.S. ALBATROSS* and to Lt. B. C. McKeon in particular for their willingness to help us in the ever constant task of securing photographs for the magazine.

Thanks also to the response for our request for information on the recent movements of College graduates. It is regretted that we are unable to publish the information this year.

## THE LATE REAR ADMIRAL C. J. POPE, C.B.E.

Rear-Admiral Pope was first associated with the R.A.N.C. very early in its history, when, as Lieutenant Pope, he joined the Staff of the College with the second entry of Cadets, early in 1914. The outbreak of war, later that year, led to his appointment as Navigation Officer of the first *H.M.A.S. SYDNEY*, and he was serving in that ship when she caught and destroyed the German cruiser *EMDEN* in the Cocos Islands, on 9th November.

Captain Pope renewed his connection with the College when he became its Commanding Officer in June, 1936. He retired from the Service in the middle of 1939; but the outbreak of war in September found him again in active employment, and he served with distinction, first as Captain of an armed merchant ship in the North Atlantic, 1939-41; and later as N.O.I.C., Darwin, and N.O.I.C. Fremantle. His promotion to Rear-Admiral (retired) was dated 26th September, 1946.

Admiral Pope will be remembered as a quiet and inspiring leader, a man who took a deep and sincere interest in the welfare of all who came under his command, and as one who, by his life and example, revealed his complete dedication to the service of God and Country.

He visited R.A.N.C., for the last time, for the Graduation Ceremony last year; and he was keenly interested, and delighted, in the progress being made towards the complete re-establishment of the College at Jervis Bay.

Rear-Admiral Pope died during the first week of August; and the College extends to Mrs. Pope and her two daughters sincere sympathy in their great loss — a loss shared also by the College and the nation.

# CLUBS and ACTIVITIES

## R.A.N. COLLEGE GLIDING CLUB

Two successful camps were held by the R.A.N. Gliding Association during the year for the benefit of Cadets who prefer flying without noise. The first camp was at the beginning of Term I when ten senior Cadets gained their "A" and "B" Certificates.

The second camp saw ten second year Cadets successfully soar to their "A" and "B" Certificates and it was during this period that "Leaping Lena" came upon the scene. "Lena is a 1926 Nash which was converted into a winch, and despite the knowing shakes of heads from the experts, she proved a great success.

The assistance of the R.A.N. Gliding Association throughout the year has been very encouraging and it is hoped that the day is not too far distant when the R.A.N.C.G.A. will possess its own glider and enthusiasts will find those elusive thermals which lead the way to the "C" Certificate.

The following Cadets successfully gained "A" and "B" Certificates this year:

C/M Ryall, Page, Macdonald, Thomsett, Hamon, Sproge, Stubington, Draper, Darvill, Berry, Bolen, Wait, Sloper, Needham, Wilson, Usher, Ruffin, Wise, Bate, Hall.



## DEBATING CLUB

The first meeting of the Club was held on 25th May when the following office-bearers were elected. President: T. Boyle; Vice-President: D. Thornton; Hon. Secretary: K. Moen; Assistant Hon. Secretary: R. Howland.

We followed last year's plan of sending a debating team away with the sporting teams whenever this was possible, and we held other inter-school debates here when schools visited the R.A.N.C. We visited R.M.C., Duntroon, Cranbrook School, Canberra Grammar School and Nowra High School and won two and lost three of these contests. Nowra High School, North Sydney Boys' High School, R.M.C., Canberra Grammar and S.C.E.G.S., Moss Vale debated against us here and we again won two out of the five contests.

Inter-divisional debating commenced in second term, and these contests were followed with keen interest by those who listened as well as by those who debated. This was a knock-out competition and it consisted of three debates; in the first debate Phillip defeated Flinders, and in the final Phillip defeated Cook by a narrow margin.

## JAZZ AND REVUE CLUB

During 1959 the Jazz Club functioned with increased activity and produced revues at the end of First and Second Terms. The First Term show was performed on two consecutive nights to cater for heavy bookings but much of the atmosphere was lost on the second night. This show used basically the talent remaining from 1958 plus the Traffic Trio who made their debut with a good arrangement of Tom Dooley. Something different was heard in Vagg's rendition of "Happy Birthday", classic style. Vocalists included Gravel-voice Berry, Nigel Moles, Sedgwick and Marrable, and Hazel with McCrea. Stubington's continental stars, Vagg's quintet, MacDougall's magic and mimes together with "The Crimson Coconut", a one-act play by "Boyle" Productions completed the programme.

An inspired group of First Year took the club by storm in Second Term and helped to produce "Welcome Abroad". This was an outstanding success. Everyone had to like it as Drysdale's secret police were watching. There was one common criticism—the show finished too early. The show was opened by First Year in "Vendetta", a Corsican frolic in one-act. Early spots were taken by vocalists Sedgwick, Moles and Daniel, the Four Squares and instrumentalists Sunset Usher and Colours Elsmore. MacDougall's magic was as magical as ever and delighted the "concentrated upon" audience. Our horseless hillbilly appeared in a rather intoxicated manner and Boyle's adaptation of "My Fair Lady" was good. The Persian Marketeers featuring the delightful Devin brought the house down. Howland's American Language Course taught us a thing or two and McCrea piano-accordeoned several numbers. The programme rose to its peak when Rocking Dave Ruffin, MacDougall and his troublesome musician Macdonald appeared.

The finale had the whole cast on stage to bring the show to the finish. Compering had been in the capable hands of Macdonald, and the "Four Cookies" kept local sponsors satisfied with their entre-act advertisements.

Our thanks go to all who assisted in production.

## SCIENCE CLUB

During 1959 the club once again operated under the patronage of Mr. Berry and at the inaugural meeting held on the 2nd March the following office-bearers were elected:

President: R. D. Lamb.

Vice-President: E. B. Daniel.

Secretary: W. W. Devin.

Assistant Secretary: J. Leak.

Regular fortnightly meetings were held and it was very pleasing to have such good attendances and in particular to welcome members from the Matriculation Entry.

Included in the proceedings of each meeting was a screening of films of scientific interest. These were obtained from the National Library, Canberra, and covered a wide range of topics. Amongst those shown were: Science at your service, Reaching for the stars, Detergents from petroleum, Radioastronomy in Australia, A trip to the moon, Principles of the transistor, Jet Flight.

Two very interesting excursions were held during the year. The first of these was to the Co-operative Dairy Company at Nowra where the pasteurisation and bottling of milk in addition to the making of butter and casein were studied. The other was to the Artificial Stock Breeding Establishment of the N.S.W. Milk Board at Berry. Approximately thirty members took part in each of these excursions. These opportunities to widen one's general knowledge were greatly appreciated.

Several papers were read at meetings and it is to be hoped that this feature will be more prominent in future activities of the club.



## MUSIC CLUB

Throughout the year members of the club have had a very full programme. Meetings have been held regularly during which Lt. Baird has supplied a wide range of entertainment from his extensive record collection. Amongst the records played were the well-known "Peer Gynt Suite", the "Nutcracker Suite", the "Firebird Suite" and "The Thieving Magpie".

Six cadet members were enrolled with the Nowra Music Club, and any six cadets have been able to attend their meetings and enjoy the excellent entertainment which that club can provide. Included in the Nowra functions which cadets have attended was a recital by the famous Polish pianist Niedezski and a concert by three very good Australian artists, Yvonne Minton, contralto; Dorothy White, pianist; and Harry Curby, violinist.

It is hoped that this contact with Nowra will lead to cadets making many more excursions to see and hear world class artists.

## RADIO CLUB

A Radio Club has been formed to give Cadet Midshipmen opportunity to learn the fundamentals of sound reproduction and radio transmission and reception, and to construct, test and repair their own record-player amplifiers and radio receivers. The extra tuition received is complementary to the normal College physics syllabus and should, in fact, give a stronger understanding of the ordinary class-room work. Developments and improvements in radio television, hi-fi and all forms of sound reproduction will always occur and the Club offers the beginning of a hobby that can be lifelong and absorbing, with its rewards both in the interesting studies needed and the practical work and in the pleasure it can give to those who wish to hear and see broadcast or recorded entertainment.

—M.B.H.



## BUSHWALKERS' CLUB

During Third Term of 1958, two trips were arranged by Lt. Baird to notable landmarks in the district. The first of these was to Cook's Pigeon House during October and the second to Mount Bushwalker during early December. Both trips occupied a whole week-end, the parties spending Saturday night camping and returning to College on Sunday evening. These hikes were very successful and were enjoyed by all who took part.

The club is indebted to Lt. Baird and Mr. Hosford who have given up so much of their time in organising and leading these parties. Unfortunately due to pressure of sporting fixtures the club has been unable to proceed on any hikes in the first two terms of this year. It is pleasing to note the increasing interest in the activities of the club on the part of the cadets and it is hoped that during the summer term activities will again be resumed.



## CHESS CLUB

When Mr. Davis left the College staff at the end of 1958 the Chess Club lost a very staunch supporter. Mr. Davis had been instrumental in forming the club and had helped to make it so enjoyable for club members.

Since Second Term Mr. Benson has taken over the Club and although no competitions have been held a good deal of time has been spent in helping weaker players and this will undoubtedly help to strengthen the Club in the future.

Meetings have been held regularly at Mr. Benson's home and we extend our thanks to him for his support and encouragement.

# FROM SALT SPRAY TO SPINIFEX



*Members of R.A.N.C. Central Australian group photographed at journey's end—Ayre's Rock*

**D**URING the August-September leave period this year, a party of Officers, Masters and Cadets made an expedition to Central Australia with Alice Springs and Ayre's Rock as the goal. The group, led and organised by Mr. K. H. F. Fargher included Lt. R. M. Baird, Mr. Hosford, E. R. A. Seath and eleven Cadets. We travelled in three Land Rovers, each towing a trailer which carried all the camping gear needed and stores of food, petrol and water. The organisation was such that each vehicle was fully self-contained in case of a major breakdown but fortunately this did not occur and we were able to keep the whole convoy together all the way.

We departed from the College on the afternoon of Thursday, 20th August, farewelled by a group of interested onlookers, and began the long trek over a route which would take us through Penrith, Bathurst, Broken Hill, Port Augusta and Alice Springs. The return was to be via Ayre's Rock, Woomera, Port Augusta, Adelaide and Melbourne. Hardly had the trip begun when trouble hit us. On Sunday, 23rd, we crawled into Broken Hill in the morning with flattened springs on one of the trailers. The whole day was spent there while replacement springs were tracked down and fitted. It happened to be Lt. Baird's birthday and he was

presented with cakes, which had been brought from Jervis Bay, while the whole group gathered around him and sang "Happy Birthday"—this in the main street of Broken Hill. The repair work was completed by night-fall and we pushed on, crossing the border into South Australia late that night.

By mid-day on Monday 24th we had reached Port Augusta and from here, as we went north to Alice, the country became progressively more barren and desert-like. The ground was flat and a red-brown colour with an almost unlimited straight horizon. It gave one the impression of being at sea but with dry, dusty earth as a substitute for water. The road was little more than a worn-down section in the dust and often could be seen for miles as it stretched out straight like a red ribbon to the horizon. On Tuesday 25th it led us past Lake Hart, a vast salt pan with no surface water at all, but a layer of dry salt glaring harshly white under the desert sun.

We arrived at Coober Pedy, the opal mining centre, on Wednesday 26th and stopped to examine the mines. These mines were simply shafts sunk about 100 ft. into the earth so that the miners could climb down on wooden scaffolding and cut rock out of the walls. Most of the inhabitants, we discovered, lived under-



*"Give it a name!"*

*Clue: Lt. Baird celebrates his birthday at Broken Hill.*

ground in homes cut out of the hill-sides. One which we were invited to examine, consisted of a fairly large, single room connected by a short passageway to the outside. The family living there seemed to find it no problem, even with a young baby, and enjoyed the comforts of a refrigerator, washing machine and electric lighting. The power for these devices was supplied by a diesel generator.

From Coober Pedy up to the Northern Territory border, was some of the most barren land we encountered on the trip. Scattered salt bushes struggled to live amongst dead and twisted tree stumps standing out of the dust and as we drove our noise now and then roused a group of crows feeding on the carcass of some dead animal. Homesteads were long distances apart and with the windmills erected over bores formed the only landmarks we could use to check our maps with.

On Tuesday 27th we drove across the border into Northern Territory and forced on towards Alice Springs through "bull-dust". This dust was as fine as talcum powder and just as penetrating; it occurred in several stretches up to eight inches deep, making us thankful for the elaborate gearing system of the Land Rovers.

We drove into Alice Springs on the morning

of Friday 28th through the impressive Heavitree Gap. The gap is formed by a break in the ranges and through it the road, the railway and the Todd River (dry on the surface but running about seven feet underground) all pass. Alice, as we first saw it, was a pleasant oasis—the wide streets lined with houses hiding behind their fly screens, picninnies playing on the footpaths, tourists armed with cameras busily taking in the town and the shopping centre quietly active in the sun. Camp was made at the camping ground and while some sent off post cards and souvenirs, one group went the thirty miles out to Standley Chasm. A natural break in the MacDonnell Ranges caused the chasm, about fifty feet long and twenty feet wide with towering rock faces on either side to about twelve hundred feet. The unusual beauty and soft colouring of the ranges held us fascinated as the sun set, throwing weird and fantastic shadows. Namatjira's paintings at once seemed more real and truthful than before.

The next day we struck camp and left in the early afternoon, heading for Ayre's Rock where we arrived late on Sunday 30th to be welcomed by Bill Harney, the ranger. He is the leading authority on the aborigines in the Northern Territory and the author of several books on this subject. That evening we climbed the rock, a colossus of nature's handiwork. It stands twelve hundred feet above the plain, is a mile in length, red and inspiring in the light from a sinking sun. To the aborigines it has been for ages past, a place of worship and is the centre of many folk-lore tales and songs. Caves around the base still bear paintings done by the natives, who make pilgrimages there in nomadic tribes.

Monday 31st found us at Mt. Olga, 32 miles

*A friendly (?) face.*



from Ayre's Rock and here we spent a fascinating day scrambling over the slopes, each higher step opening a different vista onto a barren but harshly beautiful land. Mt. Olga is only one of a number of peaks clustered together like giant stone guards watching over the emptiness that is Central Australia and together they present a scene unrivalled elsewhere in the country.

We departed from Ayre's Rock on Tuesday, 1st September, in the morning and had barely made 60 miles when trouble overtook us with a heavy hand. One of the trailers broke an axle, a thing we were unable to repair on the spot, so Lt. Baird, E. R. A. Seath and C/M Page went into Alice again (about 200 miles) to have it welded. Those who remained behind made camp and the next day, Wednesday 2nd,



*Running repairs by Medicine Man—Mr. Hosford, from B.R.N.C.*

went across to climb Mt. Connor which was about 35 miles from our camp. We spent the whole day there and from the top of the mount were able to look back on Ayre's Rock and Mt. Olga, blue mounds in the distance. Lt. Baird returned at 2 a.m. on Thursday 3rd with the welded axle and once this was fitted we went on.

Our next stop was at Woomera but on the way there, we passed through Angus Downs, a homestead where aborigines came milling around our vehicles, jabbering and proffering boomerangs, woomeras and other souvenirs.

Back in South Australia, we arrived at Woomera late in the afternoon on Sunday 6th. Here we were extremely well looked after and



*Mr. Fargher is obviously impressed by the Olgas.*

taken on a tour of the rocket ranges and satellite tracking station the following day. That afternoon we departed and by driving late into the night we were able to make camp only 60 miles out of Adelaide. On Tuesday 8th we drove through the city pausing a while to allow those who lived there a chance to visit their homes. From Adelaide we drove straight through to Victoria and reached Melbourne at 1 a.m. Wednesday was allowed free so that we could call on friends and relatives in the city.

We began the last lap home to Jervis Bay early on Thursday 20th but were beset with engine trouble in one of the Land Rovers. It seemed possible that it would take some time to complete the last few hundred miles so all but Mr. Hosford and E. R. A. Seath transferred to the other two vehicles and went on ahead, leaving these two to bring the ailing vehicle home. At 2 a.m. on Friday 21st we arrived back at the College, followed by the other Land Rover at 3 a.m.

During the trip we had covered five thousand miles, a lot of it over very rough roads through desert country, had achieved our aim of reaching Alice Springs and returning in three weeks and despite numerous small breakdowns had enjoyed a different and interesting holiday. Furthermore, the fascination of the Centre had been cast on many of us who hope, someday, to return.

—T. BOYLE.

### *Standley Chasm*



# DIVISIONAL

## COOK DIVISION



*Lt. C. J. Steward,  
Cook Divisional Officer.*

Close co-operation and an esprit de corps characterised Cook Division in her "Endeavour" to succeed throughout 1959.

In Term I, piloted by the close guidance of Lt. Dadswell, the division proved its consistency in the sporting field by taking second place in all activities. Tension mounted in the swimming, when we were narrowly defeated in the last decisive race by Flinders. The regatta again saw us in second place to Phillip Division after a hard fought battle. At the close of the term we finished a close second to Jervis for Cook Division honours.

At the beginning of Term II, we found Lt. Dadswell as Training Officer with Lt. Steward R.N.Z.N. guiding and assisting the division. A victory in the Creswell Cup prophesied a rosier future for this term. A simple but effective route in the Cross Country saw a "Red Man" in first place, and the "Red Men" enjoyed their first victory dinner. The division again displayed its fighting spirit by providing five finalists, including the Shelley Cup winner, in the boxing tournament. The N.Z. influence gave Cook Division the edge in rugby where top honours were gained.

Although not quite so successful in other spheres, a strong divisional and team spirit provided a gratifying reward in our being Cook Division for the term.

We of Cook Division would like to express our gratitude to both Lt. Dadswell and Lt. Steward for their enthusiastic guidance and sincere advice.

## JERVIS DIVISION



*Lt. D. J. Dalton,  
Jervis Divisional Officer.*

Jervis Division after a year at the bottom of the ladder decided right from the start that 1959 would be their year.

The morale and team-spirit of the division was and has remained high since the beginning of the year.

In First Term we came third in the regatta and cricket, last in swimming and first in the tennis. We did well to win the tennis with only two members of the 1st VIII.

Overall in First Term we were last in sport. We made up for this in non-sporting activities, scoring 48.5 points out of a possible 50. We gained an early lead in the drill, eventually winning guards, Sunday Divisions and Week-day Divisions. The term finished off on a particularly happy note with Jervis becoming Cook Division.

In Second Term we were once more behind in sport and did not do very well in the Cross-Country or the Creswell Cup.

In the team sports we won basketball and hockey. In the rugby we had three close games.

Our non-sporting activities were once more our strong point and once again we finished at the top apart from sport. At the end of Second Term Cook Division turned the scales on us and became Cook Division defeating us by half a point.

Our thanks go to Lt. Dalton and we would like to wish him well when he joins MELBOURNE.

# NOTES

## PHILLIP DIVISION



*Lt. B. G. Gibbs,  
Phillip Divisional Officer.*

## FLINDERS DIVISION



*Lt. R. M. Baird,  
Flinders Divisional Officer.*

Although we lost a number of cricket and tennis players at the end of last year, we suffered no loss of spirit. With only one representative in the College 1st XI we were forced to battle in our divisional cricket matches, but nevertheless enjoyed them. Pate and Forrest boosted us through the athletics and these two cadets showed their running ability in the Inter-College sports this year held at Duntroon.

Our "A" and "all comers" crews brought us victory in the Regatta and demonstrated our persistent fighting spirit. The open sculls was won by Wicks, one of our members and the Division's strong representation in the College sailing team showed the firm grip we had on the boating activities. Swimming, too, has been one of our strongholds, with Pate and Howland taking the open and junior championships.

The Winter Term found us strongly represented in all College teams, especially Rugby, where Pate (Captain), Banks, Macdonald, Forrest, Howland and Grant played as permanent members of the 1st XV.

Phillip Division provided the stars in the basketball, hockey and soccer teams, and in the boxing, supplied three weight winners (Hamon, Howland and Chalmers). The introduction of inter-divisional debating this year, gave us a chance to produce an undefeated team, capably led by Boyle.

We would like to thank Lt. Gibbs, our Divisional Officer, for his support and advice and our Divisional Masters, Messrs. Wilde and Hosford, for their interest and encouragement.

Flinders Division started off this year reduced in numbers with only four first years and one matriculation entry cadet. We had a very successful first term as far as swimming and cricket were concerned; winning the inter-divisional swimming championship and drawing equal first with Cook Division in the cricket. Lack of success in the annual regatta, however, weighed heavily against us in the point score, which was very close, so that we were placed third at the end of the term.

However we congratulate Jervis Division on becoming Cook Division for the first time and we were pleased to see Cook Division gain the honour at the end of Second Term after being second on several occasions.

In Second Term the Division tied for first place in Australian rules football and soccer and came second in rugby, hockey and basketball. The team and divisional spirit fostered in these games was a decisive factor in our having done so well this term. It was most gratifying after our poor results last year in the winter sports and everyone was justifiably pleased with themselves.

The Division had a good representation in the Jazz and Revue concerts held in first and second terms; ranging from actors and musicians to Persian merchants.

Lieutenant Baird's unflagging interest and enthusiasm in all divisional activities was an inspiration and stimulant to all members of the division.



# SPORTS' REPORT

## COLOURS – 1959

Cricket	Tennis	Swimming	Boats	Athletics
1958 D. D. MARRABLE J. L. DOWLING	1959 J. L. DOWLING J. S. COMPTON	1957 M. R. PATE  1959 A. K. WAIT	1958 J. C. HORNSBY  1959 J. WOODHALL R. G. WICKS (Sculling)	1957 D. D. MARRABLE B. G. DRAPER  1959 M. R. PATE
Rugby	Aust. Rules	Hockey	Soccer	Cross-country
1959 M. R. PATE D. D. MARRABLE	1959 R. G. WICKS C. F. BOLTON R. D. LAMB B. G. DRAPER W. C. KELEHER	1959 M. R. FORREST H. G. PAGE S. E. BANKS J. S. COMPTON	1959 I. A. NOBLE L. F. NOLAN	1958 J. S. COMPTON 1959 S. J. YOULL

(This list includes only Cadet Midshipmen still at the College.)



The turf wicket on the College oval was expected to be in much better condition for the opening of the new cricket season. It did appear to be much more thickly grassed than before but in spite of great care and attention (lavished particularly by Lt. Dalton and a First Year Roller Squad) it failed to come up to expectations. It played slowly and unevenly and the grass, once it had been rubbed off by the boots of batsmen and bowlers, never seemed to recover. It is hoped that the pitch will, in time, be equal to the lovely oval itself.

### 1st XI v. CANBERRA GRAMMAR SCHOOL

The season commenced in mid-October with a visit to Canberra to play Canberra Grammar School 1st XI. Batting first Canberra Grammar were dismissed for 103, our bowlers sharing the

honours, Sedgwick taking 4 wickets, Thornton 3, Walker 1. In reply R.A.N.C. scored 176 on a wicket which had become quite affected by rain. R. S. Blue and his Captain, R. W. Garing featured in a hard hitting partnership scoring 53 and 37 respectively while Bolton, Sedgwick and Dowling did well also.

### 1st XI v. SYDNEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

A Sydney Grammar School team visited Jervis Bay on 1st November and defeated us by 13 runs in a low scoring match. Batting first Grammar scored 84, Thornton taking 4 wickets for 20 and Blue 3 for 32. Our batting failed to reach this modest total and we were dismissed for 71. Dowling, Marrable and Lamb being the only players to reach double figures.

### 1st XI v. OFFICERS AND MASTERS.

On 14th November the match against Officers and Masters was played. The Senior Side batted first and scored 129, Captain Dovers top scoring with 50. The wickets were again well shared with Thornton and Blue taking 3 each, Bolton and Lamb 2 each. In reply the 1st XI scored 7 for 133 with Blue and Garing again performing well with the bat scoring 41 and 35 not out. For the Officers and Masters Mr. Wilde took 5 wickets for 17 runs.



*FIRST XI — 1959*

*Standing: Mr. W. H. Wilde, W. C. Keleher, R. H. Woolrych, D. Ruffin, D. J. Thornton,  
R. D. Lamb, Lt. D. J. Dalton.*

*Seated: H. W. Thomsett, A. Sedgwick, J. L. Dowling (v.c.), C. F. Bolton, J. H. Hazell.*

*Absent: D. D. Marrable (c).*

**1st XI v. BARKER COLLEGE.**

Barker College visited us on 22nd November and as they were Cricket Premiers of the Associated Schools we felt diffident about our prospects.

Barker batted first and were dismissed for 127 of which Marks (a brother of the star N.S.W. batsman) scored 33. Blue starred in the bowling taking 6 wickets for 27. In our innings which reached 95 Blue completed a fine double scoring a hurricane 48 while Garing gave him valuable support with 28 not out. A disappointing feature of this and other

matches was the failure of the openers and the last three batsmen who contributed only three runs to the score.

**1st XI v. TRINITY GRAMMAR SCHOOL.**

Trinity Grammar we faced with more confidence on 30th November after our close match with Barker College. Trinity were dismissed for 57 runs. Walker, our fast opening bowler, coming back to the side after injury, was in top form taking 6 wickets for 23. No batsman handled him with confidence. Sedgwick had a fine burst to take 3 wickets for 4 runs. We won comfortably scoring 137 for the loss of



*The Captains toss in the R.M.C. Duntroon game.*

7 wickets. Blue continued his good form with 41 not out while Marrable with 25, Bolton and Lamb also did well.

#### 1st XI v. FOICEA'S XI.

An interesting match was scheduled for the next day when Rear-Admiral Harries brought his Captains' XI down to play the Cadets. It was a great pity that the fixture was spoilt by rain which reduced play to a fiasco at times. F.O.I.C.E.A.'s XI batted first and scored 93, Captain Dovers contributing 46 of these while Captain Oldham was 16 not out. Sedgwick bowled with good control to take 6 for 23. The 1st XI declared at 3 for 94, Bolton scoring 32 and Marrable 24. This match completed the first half of the season.

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When the College reassembled after the Christmas Leave the task of filling the gaps in the First Eleven began. The Captain, Garing, who gained his Colours and who did an excel-

lent job in handling the team, had graduated. His will to win was enormous and his own cricket contribution had been very valuable in the latter half of 1958. Blue, the winner of the Farncomb Cup for Cricket, and his Colours was undoubtedly the most talented cricketer in the side. He was an excellent all-rounder and it is pleasing to know that he has maintained his form at B.R.N.C. Dartmouth, gaining a place in the 1st XI and his colours. Walker, the opening bowler who also had his colours, had helped to win many matches with his fast and furious bowling. Boettcher an opener was also missing. D. D. Marrable and J. L. Dowling who received Colours at the end of the 1958 season were chosen as Captain and Vice-Captain respectively while newcomers to the side were G. W. Morrish and D. Ruffin of Second Year, W. Keleher and R. H. Woolrych from the new Matriculation Entry and J. H. Hazell from the new First Year as wicketkeeper.

#### 1st XI v. SHIP'S COMPANY XI.

The first match in 1959 was against our old friends of the Ship's Company. Ship's Company collapsed sensationally scoring a meagre 26 runs. The only two bowlers used were Thornton who had the flattering figures of 7 wickets for 4 runs and Sedgwick 3 wickets for 15 runs. The 1st XI made 110 thanks to Keleher 46, Sedgwick 15 and Hazell 13. Sent in again Ship's Company fared little better scoring 54, Woolrych taking 4 wickets for 7.

#### 1st XI v. NORTH SYDNEY BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL.

The first serious test was against North Sydney Boys' High at Northbridge. The R.A.N.C. 1st XI mustered 108 in the first innings. Dowling scoring 22, Keleher 32, Hazell 19 and Bolton 17. North Sydney replied with 40, Sedgwick 3, Thornton 2, and Bolton 2 sharing the wickets.

#### 1st XI v. R.M.C. DUNTROON.

On 21st February R.M.C. Duntroon sent its Colts team across from Canberra to play the annual fixture. This match is probably the

keenest fought of all and this year proved no exception.

Duntroon batted first and after struggling all the way compiled only 52 runs. The medium paced College attack, assisted by the vagaries of the new pitch, did quite well. Thornton continued his good bowling of recent weeks to take 3 for 12 while Sedgwick who had also bowled well took 2 for 12. Morrish who had been rarely used as a bowler took 3 tail end wickets for 5 while Lamb took 2 for 4.

The Duntroon total soon looked formidable as our openers mustered only 5 runs. A good fighting stand by Marrable with 25 and Sedgwick 11 kept our hopes alive and Lamb greeted his arrival at the crease with a mighty 6 and we had a slender first innings lead of 11 runs.

In a bid to secure an outright win Duntroon batted again but fared little better scoring 55,

Thornton and Sedgwick with 4 for 27 and 2 for 12 again getting the wickets. With little batting time left we were 1 wicket down for 32 at close of play, Dowling contributing 24 not out.

Highlights of the season which was limited to very few matches were the fact that the 1st XI did not lose a match in this first half of the year, the improved batting of Dowling and Bolton, the excellent slips catching of the Captain, Marrable, who would without doubt be one of the finest fieldsmen in that position that the College has had for years, the excellent bowling of Thornton and Sedgwick and the fine wicketkeeping debut made by Hazell of First Year.

Matches Played	..	..	..	..	9
Won	..	..	..	..	7
Lost	..	..	..	..	2

—W.H.W.

*A later stage in the Duntroon game — after some good bowling by our opening attack, Thornton and Sedgwick.*



# SWIMMING

## 1959

### *Annual Swimming Sports*

The Second Annual Swimming Sports since the return of the College to Jervis Bay, were held in the Nowra Olympic Pool on 11th March, 1959. As yet the swimming facilities at Jervis Bay, although very good from the point of view of pleasure and recreation, are quite unsuitable for competition events.

A new set of records was established in 1958 based on metric distances instead of yards and naturally quite a few of these were broken this year.

The records list now reads:

Open 50 Metres Backstroke: A. K. Wait, 40 seconds.

Open 100 Metres Freestyle: M. R. Pate, 73 seconds.

Open 50 Metres Butterfly: J. L. Dowling, 45.4 seconds.

Open 150 Metres Medley: M. R. Pate, 2 minutes 33 seconds.

Open 50 Metres Breaststroke: J. C. Hornsby, 45.6 seconds.

Open 200 Metres Freestyle: M. R. Pate, 2 minutes 55.5 seconds.

Under 17 50 Metres Breaststroke: S. I. Russell, 43.5 seconds.

Under 17 100 Metres Freestyle: S. J. Youll, 76 seconds.

Under 17 50 Metres Backstroke: P. S. Hartley, 44.4 seconds.

#### RESULTS, 1959.

Open 50 Metres Backstroke: 1, Wait; 2, Pate; 3, Lamb. Time 40.0 secs (Record).

Open 100 Metres Freestyle: 1, Pate; 2, Youll; 3, Sproge. Time 73 secs. (Record).

Open 150 Metres Medley: 1, Pate; 2, Wait; 3, Banks. Time 2 mins. 33 secs. (Record).

Open 50 Metres Breaststroke: 1, Wait; 2, Banks; 3, McGrath. Time 46 secs.

Open 50 Metres Butterfly: 1, Dowling; 2, Hornsby; 3, Bolton. Time 45.4 secs. (Record).

Open Diving: 1, O'Sullivan; 2, Wait; 3, Sproge.

Open 200 Metres Freestyle: 1, Pate; 2, Youll; 3, Daniel. Time 2 mins. 55½ secs. (Record).

Under 17 50 Metres Breaststroke: 1, Howland; 2, Wilson; 3, Hart. Time 45.2 secs.



*M. R. Pate — Open Swimming Champion.*

Under 17 Diving: 1, O'Sullivan; 2, Hart; 3, Howland.

Under 17 100 Metres Freestyle: 1, Youll; 2, Daniel; 3, Howland. Time 76 secs. (Record).

1959 Open Champion: M. R. Pate.

Under 17 Champion: R. A. Howland.

There were several highlights of the year's swimming. Undoubtedly the standard of swimming is not as good as it might be but this is largely due to the absence of a good pool at Jervis Bay. Cadets get very little opportunity to train under the present conditions and no real improvement will be made until facilities for swimming are much better.

Cadet Captain M. R. Pate has, however, lived up to the promise he showed in First Year and this year won the Open Championship for the second successive year. He had a good close struggle with A. K. Wait of Second Year but his all-round strength, particularly in the longer freestyle events won him the day.

A. K. Wait did very well and will be a big force in next year's championship. S. J. Youll of First Year showed fine ability also and is sure to improve during the next year.

R. A. Howland of Second Year was Junior Champion and will be well in the running for the Open Championship next year. O'Sullivan of First Year did very well to win both Open and Junior Diving events.



*FIRST VIII — 1959*

*Standing: Mr. R. F. Berry, A. Sedgwick, P. Hamon, R. G. Wicks, J. L. Dowling, P. T. Purcell.*

*Seated: W. W. Devin, D. B. Chalmers, J. S. Compton (c), R. A. Berry.*

*Absent: Lt. B. G. Gibbs.*

## TENNIS — 1959

In the Third Term of 1958 only one match was scheduled. This was against Canberra Grammar and was to be played in Canberra. Unfortunately rain washed out play. During this term however, Inter-divisional tennis was much stronger than it had been in the first term. Tennis and cricket matches were not played simultaneously and so each division was able to enter its best team.

On paper the prospects for 1959 appeared dismal but Mr. Berry and Lt. Gibbs, with painstaking patience and advice, moulded quite a reasonable team. Each individual improved until high hopes of beating North Sydney Boys' High School in the first competition match were held. This match was played at North Sydney on Saturday, 14th February, and the College

team suffered a disappointment when it failed to win a rubber. Although Dowling and Sedgwick were in the cricket team the College was well represented by Chalmers (c), Purcell, Devin, Compton, Hamon, Berry, Wicks and Howland. Everyone benefited greatly from this match against a far superior team.

The next match was against Royal Military College and although last year's defeat was not avenged improvement was shown as evidenced by the scores in individual sets. Due to illness, Chalmers was out of this team, and Compton was elected Captain. He held this position for the remainder of the season and was ably supported, on his return to duty, by Chalmers as Vice-Captain, Devin, Purcell, Compton, Williams, Hamon, Berry and Wicks



*Presentation to Doubles Champions, J. S. Compton and J. L. Dowling by Captain Ramsay*

all of whom played well, Wicks and Berry each winning rubbers.

The Ship's Company team proved a difficult proposition but Dowling played superb tennis to defeat C. P. O. Fox. Rubbers were equal but Ship's Company won on games.

When *SWAN* was in port the College played her combined team which included several players from the 1958 First Eight *SWAN* proved too strong and won 5-4 after some close struggles.

Another enjoyable match was played against the Wardroom, the Cadets winning narrowly.

The inter-divisional tennis was contested keenly throughout first term. Although the standard was not as high as in third term 1958 some interesting matches were played. Jervis Division, ably led by Dowling and Devin proved too strong for the other Divisions and gained maximum points.

The team is looking forward to matches which have been arranged for third term this year, and holds high hopes for 1960. The nucleus of a good team exists although further players will still be needed to enable it to offer strong opposition in representative matches.

#### **TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS — 1959**

The College Championships were held during First Term and although rain washed out nearly a week's play the finals were held on the anticipated date, Saturday, 4th April.

After a few upsets in the early stages Dowling and Compton won their section of the draw and clashed in the final. Both players very quickly settled down and each attempted to force his opponent into errors. Long base line

rallies were a feature of the first set which Dowling won 6-1. There were also some crisp volleying exchanges although at times the standard of play was not maintained. When the players began the second set the heat was beginning to tell but after some fiery exchanges Dowling's consistent serve won him the College title, Cunningham Cup and his tennis colours. The final score was 6-1, 6-4.

Lt. Cdr. Davidson and Chalmers defeated Lt. Gibbs and Wicks in the "mixed" doubles final, the score being 7-5, 7-5. Lt. Gibbs and Wicks held three set points in the ninth game of the second set and forced Lt. Cdr. Davidson and Chalmers to battle for every point. This is the first time this event has been played and was thoroughly enjoyed by all participants who hope that the event will be made a permanent fixture.

The early rounds of the doubles produced some interesting matches. In the final match Compton and Dowling played Devin and Purcell. Compton and Dowling immediately took the lead and proceeded to baffle Devin and Purcell with some entertaining play. Purcell and Devin failed to find their feet and did not show the brilliant teamwork which had been prevalent in earlier matches. Devin missed many easy overhead smashes while Purcell hit easy volleys into the net. Compton and Dowling kept the opposition guessing throughout the match by successfully using a tandem combination against Devin in the second service court. Dowling and Compton combined well and won 6-0, 6-1 after a most entertaining match.

*R.A.N.C. Singles Champion, J. L. Dowling.*





*Chaplain Long and A. B. Stevens waiting for "passengers" in the Wheelbarrow Section.*

The Annual Competition for the Creswell Cup took place on 27th, 28th and 30th April, over basically the same course as that of last year. The cadet divisions of Cook and Phillip proved that all-round strength pays off better than a small number of outstanding competitors.

On the 27th the first heat took place between the Wardroom, Ship's Company and Chiefs' and P.O.'s Ship's Company finished first, defeating Wardroom by the width of the Quarterdeck with Chief's and P.O.'s just not being able to hold out for long enough and finishing third.

The next day came the keenly awaited conflict between the Cadet Divisions. It was ex-

# CRESWELL CUP—1959

*[The Creswell Cup was introduced in 1958 when the College returned to Jervis Bay. The Curry Cup, well known in Flinders Naval Depot, was sadly missed by Cadets and spectators alike and to take its place the Creswell Cup was born. It is a team event and contains all the usual features of such events. e.g., rope climbing, obstacle race, sprints, pulling, sailing a whaler around a marker, cyclist, playing a hole of golf (introduced in 1958 and deleted in 1959), a long distance run, wheelbarrow race and so on. The baton is handed on from participant to participant. The result is chaotic but lots of fun.]*

pected to be virtually a contest between Cook and Phillip and this proved to be the case with Phillip defeating Cook comfortably with Flinders and Jervis trailing along in the rear in that order.

Amid great excitement on the quarterdeck, the final got away to a fine start, with C.P.O. Fox giving a running commentary from the Clock Tower. Cook Division led out well in front at the beginning of the Cross-country but Pate, running splendidly for Phillip, soon closed the gap and the finish was very close, with Cook just taking the honours. The Wardroom managed to hold off the tiring Ship's Company team to gain third place, thus leaving Cook Division holders of the Creswell Cup for 1959.

*Mr. Thompson setting down in a one-point landing.*



*Spoils to the victors.*







*Otto Albert Challenge Cup for Sculling — R. G. Wicks.*

# REGATTA

## 1959

This year's Regatta was contested in rather unfavourable weather conditions. A strong, gusty wind blew from the south, bringing with it occasional showers of rain and rather choppy seas. However, these adverse conditions in no way dampened the spirit in which the events were both contested and supported. Workboats, loaded with enthusiastic supporters could be easily recognised and identified by their divisional flags and colours.

Events started with the final of the Sculling championship. Wind delayed the start and hampered the scullers during the race, but they finally got away; Wicks, pulling well, picked up several places to win by about a length from Youll whilst Thornton came in third. For his effort in this race, Wicks was awarded the Otto Albert Challenge Cup for Sculling and Sculling Colours.

Next event was the "C" crews race in which Jervis pulled well to win by several lengths from Phillip followed by Cook and Flinders in that order. In the "B" crews race Cook held its early lead to win whilst Phillip and Flinders fought hard for second place. Phillip finally won the struggle from Flinders whilst Jervis brought up the rear.

Then followed the race between the crews

picked from the Officers and Masters, the Chiefs and P.O.'s and the Junior Rates. Amidst much bantering and cheering, the Junior Rates just managed to win from the Wardroom whilst Chiefs and P.O.'s were not far behind.

The "A" crews then pulled. In this race, the Phillip Division crew were outstanding putting on an excellent exhibition by pulling from the rear of the field to win by several lengths from Cook whilst Jervis and Flinders followed not far behind.

In the All-comers Race, all crews adopted the same system, placing two men on each oar. This race was hotly contested; however Phillip pulled ahead and won convincingly from the other crews. Jervis pulled well to beat Cook into second place whilst Flinders just failed to catch up.

The final result of the Regatta was Phillip 1, Cook 2, Jervis 3, Flinders 4.

Trophies and prizes were awarded in the Boatshed by the Captain who praised all the teams for their determination and for the excellent manner in which the races were contested. The day was the culmination of several weeks of hard training and thanks must go to the Divisional Officers for their help and advice during preparation.

# RUGBY—1959



*R.A.N.C. attacking against R.M.C. Colts.*

## FIRST XV — 1959

On a win and loss basis the 1959 1st XV did not have a very successful season. However this year our opponents played a higher standard of football than in previous years. Consequently the standard of football played both in representative and inter-divisional matches showed considerable improvement in the latter part of the season.

It was pleasing to note the improvement in play as the season progressed, particularly in tackling. Aply led by Pate the forwards as a body made our opponents really earn every point. It was unfortunate that the forwards had to do so much heavy work for on several occasions with victory in sight they ran out of condition and we found ourselves beaten on the bell.

Our three quarters had rather a torrid season owing to the fact that we lacked a competent five eighth, with the result that our two very efficient wingers, Macdonald and Marrable rarely saw the ball. It was not until the last three

games when Howland returned to the team after being injured in a trial match, that Hazell was able to move from half to five eighth. The rejuvenated team then proceeded to defeat Canberra Grammar 35 to nil and Chevalier College 32 to 9 playing football of quite a high standard.

The season proved that we can hold our own with most Sydney Schools for although beaten by both Cranbrook and North Sydney High, inexperience rather than lack of ability caused our defeat.

The first match of the season against the Ship's Company resulted in a win to the Ship's Company 8 points to nil. The game developed into a battle between the forwards as both three-quarter lines had an off day. Despite solid play and some devastating tackling from Pate, two opportunist tries by M. E. Martin brought about our first defeat by a Ship's Company team for some years. They repeated their win in the last match of the season in a torrid struggle, a feature of which was the very heavy tackling of both



*FIRST XV — 1959*

*Back Row: G. J. Vagg, R. T. Grant, D. D. Marrable, A. J. McGrath, J. C. MacDonald,*

*Middle Row: Lt. D. J. Dalton, B. G. Draper, R. D. Lamb, S. E. Banks, D. N. Wood,  
J. C. Hornsby, Mr. K. E. Armstrong.*

*Front Row: I. R. McDougall, R. A. Berry, M. R. Pate, J. L. Dowling, M. R. Forrest.*

*In Front: R. A. Howland, J. H. Hazell.*

sides and fast open football played. In what was considered to be one of the best matches of the season, the Cadets were defeated 14 to 9.

Cranbrook gave us a lesson in fast open play and by capitalising on our mistakes, particularly dropped passes, defeated R.A.N.C. 28 points to 8. It was the one match this season where poor tackling contributed to our defeat.

Canberra Grammar at Canberra gave us our first win 20 to 8 in a rather scrappy game. Our backs again saw little of the ball and it was left to the forwards to subdue the opposition, a job they did quite thoroughly.

In the return match at the College our backs functioned well and Marrable and Macdonald

made the most of the chances which came their way far more frequently than in previous games and we ran out comfortable winners 35 points to nil.

North Sydney High School, who were runners-up in the Sydney High Schools competition received a shock when they came down to Jervis Bay. Expecting a reasonably easy win they were surprised by the solid defence of our team and the fast bustling football played by the forwards, especially Berry. With only five minutes to go we were leading 11 points to 9. However the North Sydney boys rallied, played five minutes of exceptional football to score two tries hence winning 17-11.

Duntroon again proved a tough nut and in

the first half we couldn't get into top gear. At half time R.M.C. led 9 points to nil. However in the second half we settled down and played good football, continually pressing the Army line. However we were unable to bridge the gap and went down by a point losing 9 points to 8.

The Chevalier College match was the first match in which both backs and forwards combined extremely well. Hazell was the outstanding player closely followed by Pate, Marrable and Banks. Dowling had a field day kicking 6 goals from all angles. The match was particularly even in the first half and at half time we led 12 to 9. However speed and condition told in the second half and we ran out easy winners 32 points to 9.

Throughout the season Pate led his team well. He was ably supported in the forwards by Banks, McGrath, Berry, Dowling and McDougall. Later in the season Forrest showed that he will be a force in College football next year.

In the backs, Marrable, Hazell, Macdonald and Grant played well while Lamb at full back proved safe and steady on all occasions.

Pate and Marrable were awarded colours.

Pate was awarded the Burnett Memorial Trophy.

—K.E.A.

## SECOND XV — 1959

Team spirit was the main factor which assisted the Seconds to a fairly successful season. The team's record speaks for itself. Played 7—won 5, lost 2. Points for 152, against 51.

Results:

Versus Canberra Grammar, won 45-0; Cranbrook, won 19-14; North Sydney High, lost 8-19; Nowra High, lost 6-10; Canberra Grammar, won 41-0; Nowra High, won 12-8; Chevalier College, won 21-0.

A crushing victory against Canberra Grammar in their first representative match packed confidence into the team and even inspired the Firsts who were to take the field immediately after them. Backs and forwards combined well

and from individual performances conclusions were quickly drawn that one or two of our players must force their way into the First XV.

Our second match against Cranbrook provided the toughest opposition of the season, with the result in doubt right up to the final minute, when Forrest crashed through from 25 yards out to gain his third try of the match and to give his team a meritorious 19-14 victory. After this game the inevitable happened and we lost three of our best players, Forrest, Macdonald and Lamb, to the First XV.

Players came and went during our next two matches as we endeavoured to fill the gaps, caused by injuries and promotions. These games were our only losses. During this period many combinations were tried until finally the side settled down again and played sound football to win its three remaining matches, the last of which proved spectacular and showed a promising combination in the back line.

Credit must be given to Hamon for the efficient way in which he captained the team and the unflagging inspiration which he managed to give to a side that was continually changing.

—C.J.S.

*Got it! — or nearly!*



# AUSTRALIAN FOOTBALL — 1959

At the start of the 1959 season we were faced with the fact that 17 members of last year's training list were no longer with us — as something over half of these players had been regulars there was a need for considerable reconstruction of the team. Draper was appointed to captain the XVIII, with Bolton as his deputy, and these two brought to the task a willingness and zeal that greatly helped the coaches and built enormous enthusiasm in the players.

Thirty players in all were used and of these, twenty-three achieved something approaching regular selection.

Draper captained the team ably and was a source of great drive from the centre. He covered an enormous amount of ground and showed great ability and determination, speed, clever anticipation and initiative.

Bolton was an able vice-captain and rose to great heights in a number of games. A clever and balanced player with good all-round ability, he frequently fired the team by his efforts.

Wicks was the outstanding player of the team. A glorious mark and a strong ground player, he did not turn in a bad game, was a power of strength throughout the season, whether on the ball or "resting" in defence.

Lamb, a splendid high mark and rugged, clean-cut ground player, was brilliant and effective at centre half-back and frequently turned defence into attack with long, raking drop kicks or well-directed passes.

Wait was a reliable full-back who spoiled effectively, marked solidly and fought on determinedly on the ground—he should curb his too-frequent running with the ball. Keleher was the utility player of the team and played in key defence and attack positions and also in the ruck. Essentially a ball-getter, he gave good service in the rucks and then performed very well in defence when Wait broke his jaw.

At the other end Ruffin was a good full-forward. He marked well, co-operated well with other forwards and overcame his inaccuracy to give the side sound service in the goal-kicking department.

The work of the followers was very good throughout the season. In addition to Wicks we had another fine young ruckman in Salmon, a first year player who performed really well in the packs and in defence. They were supported by shorter players in Ryall and Allmark, in a ruck-rover and forward-pocket capacity. Allmark shows a lot of promise and should develop into a good footballer while Ryall this season fulfilled the high expectations we had of him and played with dash and certainty. The followers were backed up by a sound, if unspectacular, pair of rovers in Purcell and Hazell. Purcell was always useful and occasionally very good and it is to be hoped that he can hold his best form consistently next season as, at his best, he is a most damaging player. Hazell battled hard and did much good work and when he gains a yard or two in pace he should be a really successful rover and forward.

Among the backs there were several solid performers, the best of them probably being Bate, a newcomer to the game, and a player who improved remarkably throughout the season to become a very sound defender with a game based on sure marking, clean ground play and a most impressive straight-ahead style. Macdonald showed considerable aptitude on a half-back flank, as did Thornton—both are good ball-handlers and both gave good service. Banks was never spectacular but was a safe, rugged player who turned in some very solid exhibitions.

Of the forwards, apart from those mentioned, the best was Marrable, another comparative beginner. He marked brilliantly and used his

*An incident in the Match against N.S.W. Police Cadets at Trumpet Park.*





*FIRST XVIII — 1959*

*Back Row: D. H. Ruffin, R. T. Salmon, R. K. Ryall, R. McP. Sproge, A. Sedgwick, W. Keleher, D. D. Marrable, R. G. Wicks.*

*Middle Row: Mr. R. R. Clark, J. C. Macdonald, I. A. Wise, P. T. Purcell, M. R. Pate, H. G. Page, J. L. Dowling, R. Allmark, R. D. Lamb, Lt. B. G. Gibbs.*

*Front Row: A. K. Wait, D. J. Thornton, B. G. Draper (c), C. F. Bolton (v.c.), S. E. Banks.*

*In Front: J. A. Bate, J. H. Hazell.*

terrific speed to advantage to give us a fine season. Sproge, a solid little half-forward flanker, was a good footballer when he played in front of his opponent and really went for the ball but occasionally he slipped into the bad fault of playing from behind. Pate, a complete novice, was a valuable half-forward by virtue of his strength, courage and determination.

Keeling was probably the best wingman we had, capitalising on good marking and steady ground play but he unfortunately suffered a severe knee injury and passed from the scene in mid-season. Devin took over from him and played soundly, being a good chest mark and extremely fast and courageous on the ground. Sedgwick held down the other wing and, at his best, was cool and deliberate, marked nicely and proved more than capable on the ground. There were too many days, though, on which he failed to strike it.

Other players who were used as injuries forced changes and who did not let the side down by their performances were Dowling, an earnest battler; Page, a dashing half-back but a bit inclined to fumble; Wise, a solid, hard-

hitting follower but a little too slow; Taylor, a player with a fair amount of ability but also lacking pace; and finally, Leonard, who shows plenty of promise, and Fayle, who could become a better-than-average follower.

*Results:*

Defeated Creswell, 7-13, 55—6-11, 47.

Defeated Canberra F.L. (Under 18), 6-5, 41—2-13, 25.

Defeated Creswell, 7-12, 55—4-6, 30.

Defeated R.M.C. Duntroon (Under 20), 10-9, 69—7-13, 55 (Ruffin 3).

Defeated N.S.W. Police Cadets, 9-16, 70—4-9, 33 (Ruffin 3).

Drew with Creswell, 3-10, 28—3-10, 28.

Defeated Mentone Grammar School, 8-6, 54—6-10, 46 (Ruffin 4).

Lost to Brighton Grammar School, 4-8, 32—4-12, 36.

Leading goalkicker: D. Ruffin (18).

Best and fairest player: R. Wicks.

Runners-up: R. Lamb and B. Draper.

Colours: R. Wicks, R. Lamb, B. Draper, C. Bolton, W. Keleher.

—R.R.C.



*FIRST XI — SOCCER, 1959*

*Standing: Surg. Lt. T. Ryan, A. Needham, J. G. Leonard, R. T. Salmon, G. V. Sloper, R. D. Lamh, G. Elsmore, Mr. R. A. Benson.*

*Seated: A. Sedgwick, R. McP. Sproge, I. A. Noble (c), L. F. Nolan, W. W. Devin.*

*In Front: T. J. McCrea, P. T. Purcell.*

## SOCCER — 1959

The R.A.N.C. Soccer results for the season reads two wins, three draws, and five defeats. The one representative match was against the Royal Military College, and a thrilling game ended in a two-all draw, with the equaliser near the end after we had lost an early lead. Of the other drawn games, one was with the Ship's Company, which the Cadets deserved to win, and the other was with Nowra High School, wherein a two-nil lead was allowed to slip. Nowra High was defeated in the return game at the Memorial Oval, Nowra, and the Wardroom was defeated at the end of the season, to give the only two successes.

Three matches were played with Wollongong High School, one of them at Wollongong, but the opposition was much too strong and won

easily on each occasion. This did not deter our opponents from fielding their strongest side on every occasion, and it was pleasing to note that their Headmaster visited the College with the team. The other matches were lost to the Ship's Company and the Wardroom. Several cadets also played in the combined "Creswell" team against "Quickmatch", and with the addition of six inter-division games, it can be appreciated that the soccer season was a very full one.

On most occasions the team was like a Hollywood "B" film, with a few stars and many "extras", as rarely could the best team be fielded owing to other commitments. Now that Noble, the captain, and Nolan, the goalscorer-in-chief, have been awarded colours this season, there is incentive for others to do well at what

is essentially a game of skill and in which lack of weight or inches is no handicap.

Referring to individual players, Sloper, when not playing hockey, kept goal in fine fashion, but his kicking was a weakness. Noble played very soundly at back, but on taking over the captaincy from McCrae, did not drive the team enough. Salmon developed well as the other full-back in the absence of Keeling, who was injured, and his heading improved with every game. Sproge and Elsmore were hard-working halves, with Needham filling this position when called upon. However Lamb made a great difference to the side when brought in at centre-half, and it is hoped that he will be available next season to play soccer. Leonard was a dangerous raider on the right-wing but unfortunately was injured early in the season; on the other flank Sedgwick lacked the necessary dash although supported at inside-left by Nolan, whose powerful left foot netted most of the goals scored by us. Devin was not always available at inside-right, and with Purcell on the right-wing, this formed our weaker link in the attack. At centre-forward McCrae was most enthusiastic, and scored several goals, but his enthusiasm was allowed to run away with him. His play was spoilt by unnecessary shouting during the game. Wait kept a good goal against the Royal Military College, but was not successful at forward.

Flinders and Phillip shared top honours in the inter-Division competition, Flinders throw-



*College goalie, A. K. Wait, in a tight corner in the drawn game against R.M.C. Duntroon.*

ing away their chance of outright win by failing to beat Cook, who lost their other two games. Phillip did not field established players with the exception of Nolan, but the whole-hearted play of Pate and Forrest coupled with the safe hands of Wicks in goal, carried them on. Jervis had high hopes of finishing first, but crumpled up against Flinders. Next season may see the introduction of a knock-out competition which is not new to the game—it being the very essence of the famous cup games in Britain.

## HOCKEY — 1959

As usual the 1st XI began the season with several new members. These were Leak and Hart of the First Year and Moore of the Matric Entry.

In the goals Hart proved his selection with many fine "saves", and should improve greatly in the next two years. The full-backs Page and Thomsett combined well and usually kept the ball out of danger. Half-backs Leak, Sloper and Morgan gave us a good axis of attack, and started many of our scoring moves. Forwards Devin, Banks, Forrest, Compton and Elsmore occasionally clicked, but were inclined to be ragged. This was attributed to lack of match practice, and the relatively few training periods in which we were able to muster the full team.

Our first match of the season was against R.M.C. Duntroon. Duntroon attacked vigorously and scored quite early in the match; and

shortly afterwards we countered and evened the score. A few minutes before half-time we scored again, and half-time saw the score 2/1 in our favour. Towards the close of the match Duntroon scored two very quick goals to win the match. This was not a very propitious start, but was nevertheless a good shakedown match for the College.

The second match was against the Wardroom; and after a very close struggle the cadets emerged the victors, winning 2/1. After a very tense struggle against H.M.A.S. VAMP-PIRE the College kept its nose in front to win by 3 goals to 2. A match against the Ship's Company followed. This was fast and furious, with occasional flashes of good hockey on both sides, the final score being 5/2 in the Cadets' favour.

Duntroon returned our visit, but this time





*FIRST XI — HOCKEY, 1959*

*Standing: Mr. M. B. Hosford, M. J. Moore, J. M. Leak, W. W. Devin, L. Hart, J. G. Morgan, C. Elsmore, G. V. Sloper, Lt. R. M. Baird.*

*Seated: S. E. Banks, H. W. Thomsett, J. S. Compton (c), H. G. Page, M. R. Forrest.*

the College was determined to avenge its defeat. The team had settled down and a very even match followed. A goal by Forrest gave us the lead in the first half, and the score remained the same throughout the match. This was the first time R.A.N.C. had beaten Duntroon in several years, so we were well pleased with our effort.

H.M.A.S. ALBATROSS paid us a visit, and our new confidence was knocked to the winds, as we were soundly trounced by 9 goals to 2.

We then played the Wardroom again; and this time the cadets proved far too strong, and ran away to a 9/2 win — officially recorded as a 2 all draw. As a team the cadets played their best hockey of the season in this match, and it was a fitting finale to the season.

Goal scorers for the season were Forrest, Compton and Banks. Colours were gained by Banks, Compton, Page, Forrest.

Thanks go to our two coaches Lt. Baird and Mr. Hosford, and we can only hope that next season will be as successful.

*College Captain, J. S. Compton, pleased with win over Duntroon.*



# CROSS COUNTRY — 1959

The College's first representative Cross-country, since its return to the Jervis Bay area, started on the quarterdeck at 1615 on Thursday, 11th June, against a team of experienced runners from *H.M.A.S. ALBATROSS*. The runners followed a marked out course which was slightly longer than the annual cross-country course in that it included much swamp on the northern end of the airfield. At the first check point *ALBATROSS* held a strong lead as R.A.N.C. had only 2 runners in the first twelve in a field of twenty. The College team soon made amends and showed that they could out run anyone in swamp. When the second check point was reached, the College had three runners in the first four. The competitors then began to spread out and P.O. Barrett of *ALBATROSS* won by 150 yards from C/M Chalmers and Mr. McCaffrey of *ALBATROSS*. In fourth position was C/M Compton and then followed a lag to the next group which was headed by C/M Youll. The College's last runners failed to beat their opponents and we lost the match by 88 points to 101. The College team missed runners such as Forrest and Pate who were playing Rugby. However all runners performed creditably and the race was enjoyed by all.

The most important race of the year, the Annual Cross Country, was started by Capt. Ramsay at 1615 on 2nd July. For days before cadets could be found in swamps and other rarely visited landmarks, searching for short cuts that had not been used last year. At the first check point, Phillip Division held a commanding position with Chalmers, Pate and Forrest in the lead. However Phillip Division soon lost this lead when they used the swamp which was extremely wet. When the second check point was reached the leading Cook and Flinders Division runners were well ahead and Phillip now trailed the field with their hopes dashed.

C/M Youll of First Year led the field onto the quarterdeck in record time. He was closely followed by Compton and Sloper who filled the minor placings. The field was still in a bunch and the first sixty runners came in to gain bonus points for being within five minutes of the winner.

Cook Division's win showed that as well as good runners a good short and dry track is required to win an event such as this.

Cook won with Flinders second, Jervis third and Phillip last.

*Cross-Country place-getters, 1959: G. V. Sloper (3), S. J. Youll (1), J. S. Compton (2).*



# Boxing Tournament 1959

The finals of the 1959 R.A.N.C. Boxing Championships were held on Friday, 24th July. The bouts were refereed by Chief Petty Officer C. Fox, R.A.N., and the judges were Commander R. E. Bourke, R.A.N.; Mr. W. H. Wilde; Lieutenant R. M. Baird, R.A.N.

The preliminary rounds of the tournament had produced some interesting and close bouts. As usual the boxing was not of a very high standard but this was compensated for by the spirit and tenacity which the competitors showed.

The following is a brief summary of the final bouts.

## CATCHWEIGHT DIVISION.

One of the finalists FORREST of Second Year was unfortunately injured the day before the final. He had fought well in the preliminary rounds and appeared to have an excellent chance of winning his division.

The final was fought between WILSON and FAYLE and was won narrowly by WILSON. His constant attack and heavy punching won him the decision over FAYLE'S more accurate but less spirited boxing.

FAYLE won Best Loser cake for the division.

## LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT DIVISION.

This was an extremely spirited and heavy-punching bout. WAIT appeared to be the better boxer but McGRATH gave him little chance to use his skill for in the first round he attacked immediately. WAIT took much punishment in both the first and second rounds but fought back well, punching heavily himself.

Both boxers were very tired when the final round began but the bustling and hard punching had had its effect and the fight was stopped by C.P.O. Fox with McGRATH the winner on a T.K.O.

WAIT received the Best Loser decision and it had been well earned.

## UPPER MIDDLEWEIGHT DIVISION.

The final was fought between LAMB and SLOPER. On the form shown in the early rounds LAMB appeared to be a strong favourite in this Division. In the final he allowed SLOPER to dictate the course of the fight and this gave



*Shelley Cup Winner, 1959,  
P. T. Purcell*

SLOPER the opportunity to gain a definite points advantage in the first and second rounds. In the final round LAMB revealed the aggression and punching power which had gained him a place in the finals but it was too late and the decision went to SLOPER.

The Best Loser cake was shared by HORNSBY and YOULL who had been beaten by LAMB in earlier rounds.

## LOWER MIDDLEWEIGHT DIVISION.

This was probably the most difficult Division to win for there were many excellent boxers and fighters in the weight. They included the ultimate winner DRAPER, PATE whom he defeated in the final, MARRABLE and MACDONALD who featured in the hardest punching bout of the tournament, together with KELEHER and HOMES.

DRAPER was too solid, both in his punching strength and his ability to shrug off the blows he received and accounted for PATE in the final quite convincingly. DRAPER won his weight last year and scored heavily in the SHELLEY CUP this year.

The Best Loser was awarded to PATE, though all the other boxers mentioned deserve commendation.

## LIGHT MIDDLEWEIGHT DIVISION.

Several boxers lost their chance in this weight because of injuries. BOLTON and DRYSDALE

performed well in earlier rounds but were unable to go on in the tournament.

The final was fought between HAMON and MOLES (who had been beaten by DRYSDALE in an earlier round).

There was little science in the bout. MOLES put his head down and advanced throwing punches from all directions. He was uppercut and punished severely by well placed blows from HAMON but his rushes brought him into close quarters and he scored frequently. The bout was stopped in the second round as MOLES appeared to injure a hand. HAMON was however in control at this stage.

The Best Loser was RYALL who fought HAMON in an earlier bout though MOLES also did well.

#### UPPER WELTERWEIGHT DIVISION.

The final between THORNTON and HART was a poor bout. THORNTON who has more ability than he showed in this fight, did nothing to enhance his chances. He did little or no attacking and his solid left hand punching was scarcely seen. Thus the fight was virtually presented to HART who was always busy and who boxed quite well.

The Best Loser was awarded to HALL who fought KEELING (who also did well) in an earlier round.

#### LIGHT WELTERWEIGHT DIVISION.

This final between PURCELL and WOOLRYCH produced some of the best boxing of the tournament. It was narrowly won by PURCELL who also achieved the distinction of



*After the Lower Middleweight Division, won by B. C. Draper (right).*

winning the SHELLEY CUP for the best exponent of the art of boxing for 1959.

WOOLRYCH gained an early lead in the fight but PURCELL made up the leeway and at the end was boxing with snap and precision.

WOOLRYCH was awarded Best Loser while both SEDGWICK and THOMSETT did very well in earlier rounds.

#### LIGHTWEIGHT DIVISION.

An unimpressive final match.

O'SULLIVAN was very neat and quick in his movements and his punching but scarcely laid a glove on his opponent for the whole three rounds. Most of his energy was expended on the air or against his opponent's gloves.

HOWLAND was content to wait for his opportunity and although he threw few punches he invariably scored well when he did.

As only three boxers competed in this division, O'SULLIVAN was awarded Best Loser.

#### FEATHERWEIGHT DIVISION.

The final between PAGE and HAZELL ended in a T.K.O. victory for PAGE in the second round. He was much too strong for his shorter but game opponent. PAGE was successful in his Weight last year also.

HAZELL was awarded Best Loser.

#### BANTAMWEIGHT DIVISION.

The final bout between CHALMERS and PFENNIGWERTH was close and interesting, the bout being won narrowly by CHALMERS. The boxing was good. PFENNIGWERTH gained a lead in the first round but CHALMERS finished more strongly.

PFENNIGWERTH was the Best Loser.



*M. R. Pate "well-blooded" in an early contest with W. Kelther, went on to the finals.*

# BASKETBALL — 1959

Basketball in 1959 proved to be something outstanding in College history in that it became for the first time, firmly established and recognised as a sporting activity.

From the beginning of Term I training was intense and our first match was played against R.M.C. Duntroon at Duntroon. This match, resulting in a win for R.M.C. (22-16) brought out the realization that our goal shooting left much to be desired and, unfortunately this fault remained throughout the season.

The most enjoyable match of the year came when we played the Cadets from *H.M.A.S. SWAN*, who proved that their being at sea had not affected their prowess by defeating us by 23 points to 21. Our next match was against a Ship's Company team, the final scores being Ship's Company 24, R.A.N.C. 18.

During Term II owing to the heavy sporting programme, we did not receive the ample training periods we had enjoyed in the previous term, and the team suffered as a consequence. We again played R.M.C. early in June and were defeated 45-30 by quick passing

and accurate shooting. Then followed the game against Canberra Grammar at Canberra. They showed uncanny control of the ball and defeated us by 45 points to 18. We then met R.M.C., when they visited us on a Rugby trip, and were again beaten through our inability to shoot accurately for goal. The score was R.M.C. 39; R.A.N.C. 28. Our last match for Term II was played against Canberra Grammar who dashed our hopes for victory by defeating us by 26 points to 20.

Our inability to win, was by no means caused by any lack of effort on the team's part. Each member played hard and on many occasions we saw some very good basketball from them. It is hoped that in future years, more knowledge of the game will be available to the team, and that much more training will be obtainable.

We extend our thanks to the following persons for their much appreciated help:

Lt. Baird as basketball officer.

C.P.T.I. Fox as coach—and the coaches of the teams we met for their aid and advice.

## FIRST VIII — BASKETBALL, 1959

*Standing: A. K. Wait, P. T. Purcell, C. Elsmore, R. D. Lamb, W. Keleher, Lt. R. M. Baird.*

*Seated: S. E. Banks, M. R. Pate, J. C. MacDonald (c), W. W. Devin, R. G. Wicks.*

*In Front: D. Chalmers.*



# ATHLETICS

## 1959

1959 has been a most interesting year in the history of Athletics at the R.A.N. College and should mark the beginning of a period in which many records will be broken and performances in general will be greatly improved. Such improvement will result from an extension of the Athletics season, intensive training, and increased competition both internal and external.

Although our standards have not slipped, competition from the other Service Colleges is so keen that we must produce better results if we are not to be continually beaten. This year we had our colours lowered in Inter-service competition, for the first time, coming fourth.

The Inter-Divisional Athletics meetings at the R.A.N.C. were an outstanding success being very keenly contested. They resulted in an easy win for Phillip Division over Cook closely followed by Jervis and then Flinders. During the period in which these meetings were held athletes had time to train scientifically and this resulted in marked improvements, particularly in the field of sprinting and relay racing.

A team of twelve competed in the All Schools Championships of N.S.W. and performed successfully, two cadets, Marrable and Woolrych being selected in the State Schoolboy team. The relay team, Marrable, Macdonald, McDougall and Banks gave a dashing display to gain third place. Other sterling performances were:

Open 440 Yards: Vagg, 4th.

Open 880 Yards: Forrest, 6th.

Open Mile: Pate, 4th; Elsmore, 7th; Chalmers, 8th.

Hop, Step and Jump: Cross, 2nd.

Long Jump: Cross, 4th.

High Jump: Woolrych, 3rd.

Hurdles: Marrable, 2nd.

Discus: Banks, 4th.

Junior 440 Yards: Leak, 3rd.

### ANNUAL ATHLETIC CHAMPIONSHIPS

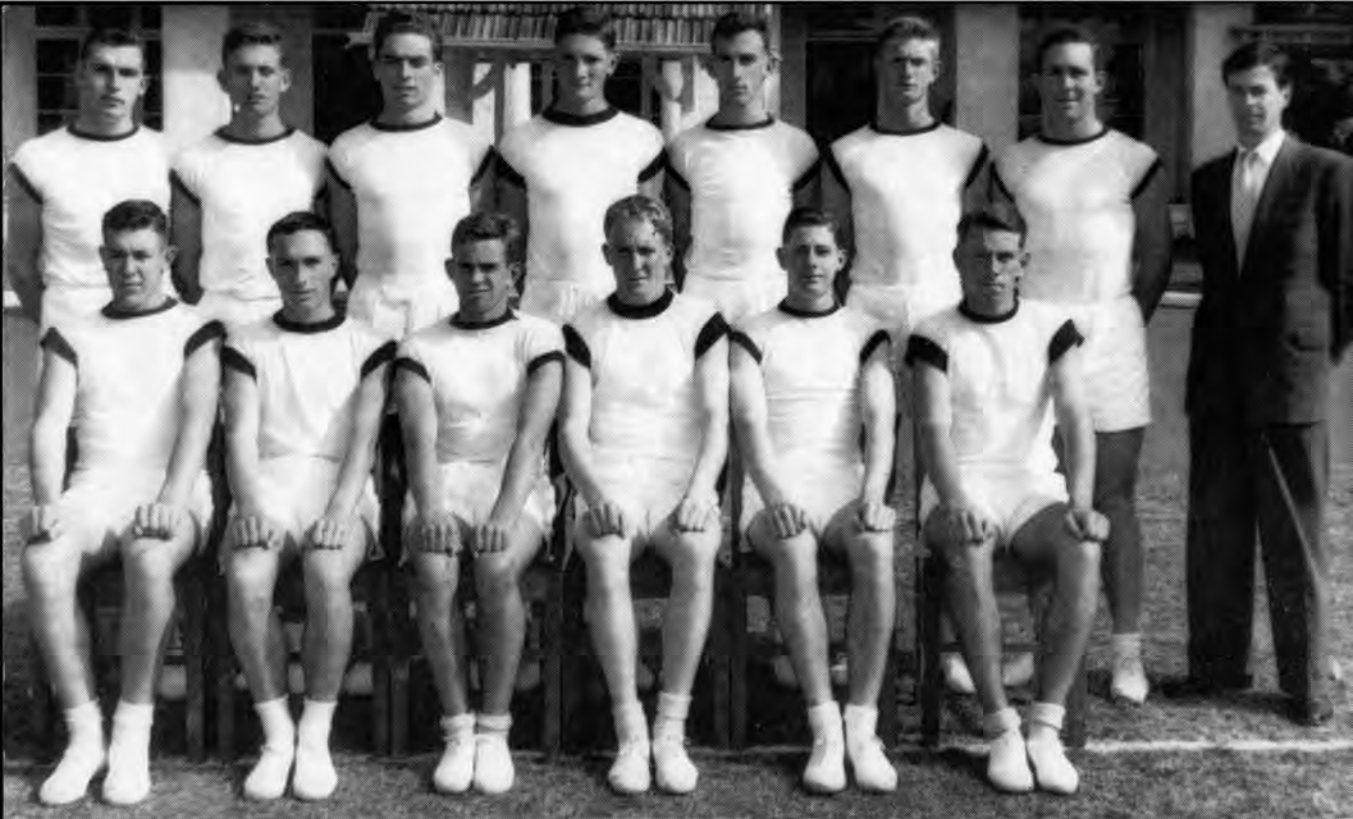
The College Championships were this year held in brilliant sunshine. It was a glorious day, performances were very good and the meeting progressed smoothly and efficiently. Marrable had a most successful day, winning the Senior Championship. He beat a very strong field in the Open 100 Yards, equalling the record time of 10.3 sec. Later he won the



*D. D. Marrable, College Open Champion, competing in the Inter-Service Javelin.*

120 Yards Hurdles, narrowly from Hall, in 16.5 sec. (equal record) and the 220 yards as well as the Shot Putt. Vagg ran a very good 440 yards but found the record too difficult under the conditions of wind and track. Ingram caused an upset in the 880 yards by defeating "distance stars" Pate and Ryall. After a very slowly run first quarter he used his superior speed to gain a convincing win. Pate ran a very sound mile but found the strain of the battle with Ingram in the 880 and a very fast first lap (64 secs.) in his mile too great an obstacle and failed to lower the record. Cross did very well in winning the Discus, defeating Banks who had been throwing exceptionally well in training, and in the Long Jump, Draper, after just fouling in his first two attempts, shattered the record in his final trial with a mark of 43 ft. 0 $\frac{1}{4}$  in. Woolrych gave a superb display of jumping to clear 5 ft. 8 in. and set another record.

Macdonald capped a very useful but rather unlucky Athletics career at the College by running second in the 100 yards and 220 yards, being second in the High Jump and third in the 440 yards and Javelin. Wait, of Second Year, caused a surprise by winning the Javelin



R.A.N.C. ATHLETICS TEAM — INTER-SERVICE COLLEGES' CARNIVAL

*Standing: J. G. Ingram, G. V. Sloper, R. G. Wicks, R. R. Fayle, G. J. Vagg, J. C. Macdonald, I. R. McDougall, Mr. D. G. Thompson.*

*Seated: M. Forrest, N. E. Cross, M. R. Pate, B. G. Draper, E. B. Hall, S. E. Banks.*

and he should go close to the record next year.

Fayle easily won the Junior Championship, winning the Shot Putt, Discus, Long Jump and High Jump. His record jump of 5 ft. 6 in. in the High Jump was very meritorious and he should develop into a very fine discus thrower. Grant has shown marked improvement this term and won the 100 and 220 in record times. Leak just scrambled home a winner in the 440 yards in record time but well below his best performance. This could only be expected as he had been previously placed in the 100, 220 and 880. Forrest ran a sound 880 in breaking the existing record. He is capable of a much faster time but has been hampered by injury. Chalmers ran a very well judged race to beat Elsmore and Homes in the mile. These runners will have some great battles in next year's races. Leonard ran extremely well to be just beaten by Forrest in the 880 and Leak in the 440 yards.

Results:—

OPEN

Senior Champion: D. D. Marrable.

100 Yards—

1, Marrable; 2, Macdonald; 3, Banks. 10.3 (equals record).

220 Yards—

1, Marrable; 2, Macdonald; 3, Hornsby. 23.6.

440 Yards—

1, Vagg; 2, Marrable; 3, Macdonald. 54.7.

880 Yards—

1, Ingram; 2, Pate; 3, Ryall. 2.11.5.

Mile—

1, Pate; 2, Ryall; 3, Compton. 4.53.0.

120 Yards Hurdles—

1, Marrable; 2, Hall; 3, Noble. 16.5 (equals record).

Shot Put (1216)—

1, Marrable; 2, Draper; 3, Wait. 38 ft. 3¼ in.

Discus—

1, Cross; 2, Banks; 3, Marrable. 98 ft. 3 in.

Javelin—

1, Wait; 2, Draper; 3, Macdonald. 139 ft. 4½ in.

Long Jump—

1, Cross; 2, Wait; 3, Banks. 20 ft. 11 in.

Hop, Step and Jump—

1, Draper; 2, Cross; 3, Wait. 43 ft. 0¼ in. (record).

High Jump—

1, Woolrych; 2, Macdonald; 3, Wait. 5 ft. 8 in. (record).

Obstacle—

1, Woodhall; 2, Bolton; 3, Hart.



*M. R. Pate winning the Open Mile at the Inter-Services Colleges Athletics.*

### JUNIOR

Junior Champion: R. R. Fayle.

- 100 Yards—  
1, Grant; 2, Leak; 3, Devin. 10.7 (record).  
220 Yards—  
1, Grant; 2, Leak; 3, Devin. 24.0 (record).  
440 Yards—  
1, Leak; 2, Leonard; 3, Grant. 54.2 (record).  
880 Yards—  
1, Forrest; 2, Leonard; 3, Leak. 2.8.8 (record).  
Mile—  
1, Chalmers; 2, Elsmore; 3, Homes. 4.50.3.  
Hurdles—  
1, Fayle; 2, Purcell; 3, Hazell. 18.6.  
Shot Putt—  
1, Fayle; 2, Forrest; 3, Hart. 35 ft. 4 $\frac{3}{4}$  in.  
Discus—  
1, Fayle; 2, Thornton; 3, Craig. 86 ft. 4 $\frac{3}{4}$  in.  
Javelin—  
1, Grant; 2, Fayle; 3, Craig. 117 ft. 3 $\frac{1}{2}$  in.  
Long Jump—  
1, Fayle; 2, Wicks; 3, Purcell. 18 ft. 10 $\frac{1}{2}$  in.  
High Jump—  
1, Fayle; 2, Wicks; 3, Allmark. 5 ft. 6 in (record).

### THE INTER-SERVICE COLLEGES ATHLETICS, 1959

The Inter-Service Colleges' Athletics between Royal Australian Naval College, Royal Military College, Officer Cadet School, Royal Australian Air Force College and Flying Training School were held at R.M.C. Duntroon on Saturday, 7th March.

The whole of the R.A.N.C. was taken to Canberra as spectators. The Athletics team was accommodated at R.M.C. while the rest

of the College was billeted out with Navy Office personnel.

The Competition was very well run and all events started on time. This was mainly due to the efficiency of the R.M.C. Staff Cadets who ran the meeting.

At 2.15 p.m. the first event, 120 yards hurdles was won by Cadet Midshipman Marrable in 16.2 secs. This was followed up well by Cadet Midshipman Forrest's run of 2 min. 4.5 secs to win the 880 yards, thus setting R.A.N.C. well ahead in points score.

In the events following the 880 we were not as fortunate, gaining only minor places in the Shot Putt, 100 Yards, Discus, Long Jump, Hop, Step and Jump and Javelin.

Then followed the mile, in which Cadet Midshipman Pate had a clear win in the time of 4 min. 45.1 seconds.

The last event on the programme was the 4 x 110 yards relay in which R.A.N.C. came fourth.

On the completion of the last event the Joint Chiefs of Staff's trophy was presented to the winning team, R.M.C., thus concluding an excellently run competition. The final positions were:

- R.M.C. — First.  
R.A.A.F.C. — Second.  
O.C.S. — Third.  
R.A.N.C. — Fourth.  
F.T.S. — Fifth.



*S. E. Banks competing in the discus at the College championships.*





# R.A.N.C. Sailing Club

R.A.N.C.S.C.  
TEAM  
Back: J. Woodhall,  
E. G. Stubington,  
I. A. Wise.  
Front: S. E. Banks,  
J. C. Hornsby,  
R. K. Ryall.

SINCE WE HAVE BEEN AT JERVIS BAY we have had comparatively few inter-club matches. However we are gradually making contact with more clubs and hope to keep in touch with two in Melbourne.

The Club office-bearers are elected annually in the middle of August.

Office-bearers for 1958-9 were:—

Commodore: Capt. J. M. Ramsay, D.S.C., A.D.C., R.A.N. (Capt. W. J. Dovers, D.S.C., R.A.N. to December, 1958.)

Vice Commodore: Cdr. I. H. Cartwright, R.A.N.; Cdr. R. E. Bourke, R.A.N.

Rear Commodore: Lt. R. M. Baird, R.A.N.

Honorary Secretary: G. F. Adeney, Esq.

Assistant Honorary Secretary: C/M R. K. Ryall.

Honorary Treasurer: C/M S. E. Banks.

Assistant Honorary Treasurer: C/M E. G. Stubington.

Cadet Sailing Master: C/M J. C. Hornsby.

Sailing and Protest Sub-committee: C/Ms C. F. Bolton, I. R. Darvill, E. Woodhall, H. W. Thomsett, I. A. Wise, I. E. Pfennigwerth.

Club members now have the use of club rooms in the Marine Section. Here they can shower and change before and after matches and keep their sailing clothes in lockers in the club rooms. It is here that the club displays burgees presented to it while at Flinders. The burgees are exchanged normally after an initial inter-club match; the clubs so represented include Royal Brighton Yacht Club; Royal St. Kilda Yacht Club; Royal Geelong Yacht Club; Victorian Ladies' Yacht Club; and the Cruising Yacht Club of Australia.

The club also entertains visiting teams in the clubrooms, and afternoon tea is served in here after matches. The sailing committee also meet in the club rooms and it is here also that teams are briefed prior to a race.

After many enjoyable sails in her in first term the College yacht *TAM O'SHANTER* was taken to Sydney to undergo an extensive refit. Here she has been modified and strengthened and it is hoped that she can resume ocean racing in the coming season. Her boom has been shortened, and she has been fitted with roller reefing. New bulkheads have been put in, her mast step strengthened and many new fittings below will make her more comfortable and suitable for ocean racing and cruising. In these ocean races it is hoped that cadets will comprise the majority of the crew. We welcomed her back early in Term III, and look forward to many pleasant days in her.

Last season we had matches against Cranbrook at home and in Sydney. We had a slight advantage at home as the Cranbrook team had not previously sailed in the 14 footers. Consequently we were the victors. However the story in Sydney was a vastly different one. Here Cranbrook were in their own V.J.'s and the position was reversed, except that the cadets seemed to prefer swimming, to sailing V.J.'s and we lost. Much good experience was gained and Cranbrook's hospitality made the week-end one to remember. It is hoped that this friendship will develop, and that we have many more matches. At home the results were:

R.A.N.C.S.C.: 40 points,

Cranbrook: 35 points.

Home and return matches were held against Duntroon. The R.M.C. sail in V.J.'s on Lake George. We seemed to have learned from our experience at Cranbrook and were fortunate to win the races at Duntroon. But it was through no lack of keenness on R.M.C.'s part that they lost both at home and return matches. They get comparatively little practice.

The scores at the Duntroon match on the Bay were:

R.A.N.C.S.C.: 97 points.

Duntroon: 53 points.

Whenever the fleet came in, a triangular match was held: Fleet v. *ALBATROSS* v. R.A.N.C.S.C. The results again seemed to favour the fleet. Early in the year last year's senior year — then doing their phase 11 training on *SWAN* participated in an inter-ship regatta, *SWAN*, *QUICKMATCH*, *VENDETTA* and R.A.N.C.S.C. However they seemed to have lost the magic touch during the past three months and came a bad last. The results were *QUICKMATCH* 40 points, R.A.N.C.S.C. 35 points, *VENDETTA* 35 points, and *SWAN* 19 points.

*ALBATROSS* Sailing Club with their headquarters on the banks of the Shoalhaven River have competed with us at Jervis Bay. When a return match on the River was sailed the sky was overcast, we had several showers of rain, and there was no wind. The race consequently became a drifting match, and ended with the crews paddling their craft home; the second race was cancelled.

We have been invited back to *ALBATROSS* again next season and hope this will be the first of many such matches.

As well as sailing in skiffs cadets have participated in several Ocean Races run by the C.Y.C.A. The cadets crew in the yachts and all those concerned have learned a great deal about deep-sea sailing.

The two biggest races have been the last two Flinders Cup races from Sydney to Jervis Bay at Easter. Last year seven yachts competed, with, in the case of *ANITRA*, a cadet crew of three; most of the others taking two cadets. This Easter, however, there were two other races on at the same time and consequently only four yachts competed. Because of this only six cadets took part; but they gained valuable experience, and made lasting friendships with their fellow crew members.

Other races in which cadets have participated include the Tom Thumb Island and the Lion Island races. These, although slightly shorter, proved of good value. It is hoped that soon *TAM O'SHANTER* will be able to sail in these races, carrying cadet crew members.

Also at Easter the club continued its pleasant association with Royal Brighton Yacht Club, when the Commodore and two other office-bearers, with twenty cadet members, visited us for a week-end's sailing. When the College was at Flinders, R.B.Y.C. were our principal opponents, and it is most fortunate that we are able to continue the connection. There were three races in all, two on the Saturday and one on Easter Day; we were sadly trounced in all. Although we were beaten, Brighton taught us a great deal about the finer points of sailing technique. The week-end was judged to be highly successful by all, and we look forward to

seeing Brighton up here again next season. The scores were: Brighton 126, R.A.N.C.S.C. 97.

The sailing club barbeque, held towards the end of March, was counted a most enjoyable day's sailing, and it appears certain that it will become an annual event. The race over to the chosen spot was counted as a Gibson Shield Race. After the race we cooked our meal on the beach, played games and swam, leaving for home at about 1600. Several drop-keels refused to drop, but the wind did so and the skiffs were towed home while the crews relaxed in the sunshine.

Throughout the year the Sailing Club held a Skiff Coxswain's Championship for the Gibson Shield. A cox'n may sail in 7 races counting the best 5 towards his aggregate score. Last year C/M Woodhall won the cup, and was the first First Year Cadet to do so. His excellent sailing ability and sound tactics were obvious to everyone who watched him. He disproved the theory that the result of a race depends largely on the "luck of the draw".

In the final term the Sharp Cup for Single Handed Dinghy Sailing is held. Although this is not an R.A.N.C.S.C. trophy it is competed for by all Seniors and some Juniors, with widely differing measures of success, and much enjoyment.

Altogether this last season has been highly successful although it is hoped to make more contacts with sailing clubs in Sydney. Next season the College will be more settled in, and everyone, I think is looking forward to a good season, not only in the small boats, but in ocean racing with the *CYCA* and *TAM O'SHANTER*.

*PEGASUS* — One of Dartmouth's lovely yachts which R.A.N.C.S.C. members will sail in England.





GRADUATION YEAR — 1959

## VALETE

### 1957 ENTRY

**BANKS, Stanley Errol.**

*Eltham High School*

Divisional Cadet Captain, 1959; 1st XV, '58, '59; 1st XVIII, '58, '59; Swimming Team, '57; Athletics Team, '57, '58, '59; Sailing Team, '57, '58, '59; 1st XI Hockey, '57, '58, '59; Colours, '59; 1st VIII Basketball; Bronze Medallion, '59.

**BERRY, Ross Alexander.**

*North Sydney Boys' High School.*

1st XV, '57, '58, '59; 1st VIII Tennis, '57, '58, '59; Bronze Medallion; Gliding Licence, '59 "A" and "B".

**BOLTON, Christopher Franks.**

*Sacred Heart College, Glenelg, S.A.*

1st XI Cricket, '57, '58, '59; 1st XVIII, '57, '58, '59; Colours, '59; 1st XI Hockey, '59; Sailing Team, '58, '59; Bronze Medallion, '59.

**BOYLE, Trevor (R.N.Z.N.).**

*Fielding Agricultural High School.*

President, Debating Club; Photography Club.

**COMPTON, John Spencer.**

*Eastern Goldfields High School, Kalgoorlie, W.A.*

1st XI Hockey, '57, '58, '59; Colours, '59; Captain, '59; 1st VIII Tennis, '58, '59;

Colours, '59; Captain, '59; Doubles Championship, '59; Sailing Team, '57, '58; Cross Country Winner, '58; Colours, '58; Light Welterweight Boxing Division Winner, '58; Bronze Medallion, '59.

**DOWLING, James Laidley.**

*Cranbrook School.*

Divisional Cadet Captain, '59; 1st XI Cricket, '57, '58, '59; Colours, '58; 1st VIII Tennis, '58, '59; Singles and Doubles Champion, '59; Colours, '59; 1st XV, '58, '59; 1st XVIII, '59; Bronze Medallion, '59.

**DRAPER, Bruce George.**

*Eltham High School, Vic.*

Divisional Cadet Captain, '59; 1st XVIII, '57, '58, '59; Colours, '59; Captain, '59; 1st XV, '59; Athletics Team, '57, '58, '59; Colours, '57; Inter-Service Athletics Team, '59; Bar to Bronze Medallion, '59; Light Middleweight Champion, '58; Lower Middleweight Champion, '59; 1st VIII Basketball, '59; Gliding Licence, '59.

**HAMON, Paul Oswald.**

*Parramatta High School, N.S.W.*

1st XV, '58; Captain 2nd XV, '59; 1st VIII Tennis, '58, '59; Sailing Team, '57, '58; Light Middleweight Champion, '59; Gliding Licence "A" and "B" '59.

- HORNSBY, John Collier.**  
*Manly Boys' High School.*  
 Divisional Cadet Captain, '59; Captain of Boats, '59; Boats Colours, '59; Sailing Team, '57 - '59; Cadet Sailing Master, R.A.N.C.S.C., '58, '59; 1st XV, '59; Bronze Medallion, '59.
- INGRAM, John Graeme.**  
*Forbes High School, N.S.W.*  
 1st XV, '58; Athletics Team, '57 - '59; Bronze Medallion, '59; Magazine Committee, '59.
- MACDONALD, John Collins.**  
*Southport High School, Queensland.*  
 1st XV, '58, '59; 1st XVIII, '59; 1st VIII Basketball, '58, '59; Captain, '59; Athletics Team, '57 - '59; Bronze Medallion, '59; Gliding Certificates "A" and "B", '59; Graduation Colour Party, '58, '59.
- MARRABLE, Donald Derek.**  
*Church of England Grammar School, Brisbane, Queensland.*  
 1st XI Cricket, '57 - '59; Colours, '58; Captain, '59; 1st XV Rugby, '58, '59; Athletics, '57 - '59; Open Champion, '57; Colours, '57; Captain, '59; Inter-Service Athletics, '59; 1st XI Hockey, '57; 1st XVIII, '57 - '59; Curry Cup Team, '57; 1st VIII Basketball, '59; Graduation Colour Party, '58.
- McDOUGALL, Ian Roderick.**  
*The Scots College, Warwick, Queensland.*  
 1st XV, '59; Athletics Team, '59; Sailing Team, '57, '58; Bronze Medallion, '59.
- NOBLE, Ian Applebe (R.N.Z.N.).**  
*Sacred Heart College, Auckland, N.Z.*  
 1st XI Soccer, '58, '59; Captain, '59; Colours, '59; Sailing Team, '57, '58; Bronze Medallion, '59.
- PAGE, Henry George.**  
*The Hutchins School, Hobart, Tas.*  
 1st XI Hockey, '58, '59; Colours, '59; 1st XVIII, '59; Gliding Certificates "A" and "B" '59; Featherweight Division Champion, '58, '59.
- PATE, Michael Robert (R.N.Z.N.).**  
*Christ Church Boys' High School.*  
 Chief Cadet Captain, '59; 1st XV, '58, '59; Captain, '59; Colours, '59; 1st XVIII, '59; 1st VIII Basketball, '59; Athletics Team, '58, '59; Colours, '59; Swimming Team, '57; Senior Swimming Champion, '58, '59; Colours, '57; Inter-Service Swimming, '57; Bar to Bronze Medallion, '59; 1st XI Soccer, '58; 1st XI Hockey, '57, '59; Sailing Team, '58; E. E. Mayo Memorial Prize; Dux of Second Year, '58.
- RYALL, Ronald Keith.**  
*Melbourne High School, Vic.*  
 1st XVIII, '57, '58, '59; Sailing Team, '57 - '59; 1st XI Hockey, '59; Athletics Team, '57, '58; Bronze Medallion, '59; Gliding Certificates "A" and "B" '59; Cross Country Team, '59; Sailing Club Committee, '59.
- SEDGWICK, Anthony.**  
*Sydney Church of England Grammar School, N.S.W.*  
 1st XI Cricket, '57, '58, '59; 1st XI Soccer, '58, '59; 1st XV Rugby, '59; 1st XVIII, '58, '59; 1st VIII Tennis, '58, '59; Bronze Medallion.
- SPROGE, Richard McPherson.**  
*Unley High School, S.A.*  
 1st XVIII, '59; 1st XI Soccer, '59; Gliding Certificates "A" and "B" '59; Bronze Medallion, '59.
- STUBINGTON, Edward Graham.**  
*Teloopa Park High School, Canberra.*  
 1st XI Hockey, '58; Sailing Team and Committee, '58, '59; Gliding Certificate "A" and "B" '59.
- THOMSETT, Harold William.**  
*Mackay High School, Queensland.*  
 1st XI Cricket, '59; 1st XI Hockey, '57 - '59; Gliding Certificates "A" and "B" '59; Bronze Medallion, '59.
- VAGG, Graeme John.**  
*Mullumbimby High School, N.S.W.*  
 1st XV, '58, '59; Athletics Team, '57 - '59; Inter-Service Athletics Team, '59; Bar to Bronze Medallion, '59.
- WOOD, David Ninian (R.N.Z.N.).**  
*Raumati, District High School.*  
 1st XV Rugby, '58, '59; 1st XI Hockey, '59; Sailing Team, '58; Bar to Bronze Medallion, '59.
- 1959 MATRICULATION ENTRY
- BLACKBAND, Peter Roland.**  
*Church of England Grammar School, Brisbane*  
 1st XV, '59; Bar to Bronze Medallion, '59.
- CROSS, Michael Edward.**  
*Orange High School, N.S.W.*  
 Athletics Team, '59; Bronze Medallion, '59; Inter-Service Athletics, '59.
- KELEHER, William Charles.**  
*Bacchus Marsh High School, Vic.*  
 1st XV Rugby, '59; 1st XI Cricket, '59; 1st XVIII, '59; Colours, '59; 1st VIII Basketball; Bar to Bronze Medallion, '59.
- McGRATH, Anthony John.**  
*St. Clement's College, Galong.*  
 Light Heavyweight Champion, '59; 1st XV Rugby, '59; Bronze Medallion, '59.
- MOORE, Michael John.**  
*Canberra High School.*  
 1st XI Hockey, '59; Bronze Medallion, '59.
- NOLAN, Lloyd Francis.**  
*Ballina High School, N.S.W.*  
 1st XI Soccer, '59; Colours, '59; Bronze Medallion, '59.
- WOOLRYCH, Robert Hunter.**  
*Townsville Grammar School, Queensland.*  
 1st XI Cricket, '59; Bronze Medallion, '59.

# STAFF AND CADET MIDSHIPMEN — SEPT., 1959

Commanding Officer: Captain J. M. Ramsay, D.S.C., A.D.C., R.A.N.

## NAVAL STAFF

Commander R. E. Bourke, R.A.N.  
 Lt. Cdr. J. Davidson, R.A.N.  
 Instr. Lt. Cdr. M. H. McGlenn, R.A.N.  
 Surgeon Lt. Cdr. N. Merrifield, R.A.N.  
 Lt. T. A. Dadswell, R.A.N.  
 Lt. C. J. Steward, R.N.Z.N.  
 Lt. D. J. Dalton, R.A.N.  
 Lt. R. M. Baird, R.A.N.  
 Lt. B. G. Gibbs, R.A.N.  
 Surgeon Lt. T. Ryan, R.A.N.  
 Lt. C. C. Pidler, R.A.N.  
 Lt. H. E. Tooth, R.A.N.  
 Sub. Lt. H. Train, R.A.N.  
 Chaplain L. W. Long, R.A.N.  
 Sister M. A. Jones.  
 Sister H. Frisby.

## PROFESSORIAL STAFF

Q. de Q. Robin, B.A., Dip. Ed., Headmaster.  
 G. F. Adeney, M.B.E., M.A., Dip. Ed., Senior Master.  
 R. F. Berry, B.A., B.Sc., Dip.Ed., Senior Master.  
 R. R. Clark, B.A., Dip.Ed., Senior Master.  
 W. G. Richards, B.A., B.Ed., Master.  
 K. E. Armstrong, B.A., Master.  
 W. H. Wilde, B.A., Dip.Ed., Master.  
 \*A. H. Trewin, B.Sc., B.Ed., Master.  
 D. G. Thompson, B.Sc., Dip.Ed., Master.  
 K. F. Fargher, B.Sc., B.Ed., Master.  
 R. A. Benson, B.Sc., Master.  
 †M. B. Hosford, B.Sc. (Eng.), Master.

\* On Exchange with B.R.N.C.

† From B.R.N.C. on Exchange.

## CADET MIDSHIPMEN

### Senior Year

#### 1957 Entry

Banks, S. E. (C.C.)  
 Berry, R. A.  
 Bolton, C.  
 \*Boyle, T.  
 Compton, J. S.  
 Dowling, J. L. (C.C.)  
 Draper, B. G. (C.C.)  
 Hamon, P.  
 Hornsby, J. C. (C.C.)  
 Ingram, J. G.  
 Macdonald, J. C.  
 McDougall, I. R.  
 Marrable, D. D.  
 \*Noble, I. A.  
 Page, H. G.  
 \*Pate, M. R. (C.C.C.)  
 Ryall, R. K.  
 Sedgwick, A.  
 Sproge, R. M.  
 Stubington, G.

Thomsett, H. W.  
 Vagg, G. J.  
 \*Wood, D. N.

### Senior Year 1959 Matriculation Entry

Blackband, P. R.  
 Cross, N. E.  
 Keleher, W. C.  
 McGrath, A. J.  
 Moore, M. J.  
 Nolan, L. F.  
 Woolrych, R. H.

### Second Year 1958 Entry

Bate, J. A.  
 Bolen, D. F.

Chalmers, D. B.  
 Daniel, E. B.  
 \*Devin, W. W.  
 Forrest, M. B.  
 Hall, E. B.  
 \*Halliday, J. M.  
 Howland, R. A.  
 Keeling, R. H.  
 Lamb, R. D.  
 McCrea, T. J.  
 \*Moen, K. R.  
 Needham, A.  
 Pfennigwerth, I. E.  
 Purcell, P. T.  
 Ruffin, D. H.  
 Sloper, G. V.  
 Thornton, D. J.  
 Usher, P. J.  
 Wait, A. K.  
 Wicks, R. G.  
 Wilson, S. S.  
 Wise, I. A.  
 \*Woodhall, A. R.

### First Year

#### 1959 Entry

Allmark, R.  
 Craig, A. H.  
 Drysdale, W. M.  
 Elsmore, C. J.  
 Fayle, R. R. H.  
 Grant, R. T.  
 Hart, L. G.  
 Hazell, J. H.  
 Homes, A. S.  
 Leak, J. M.  
 \*Leonard, J. G.  
 Morgan, J. G.  
 O'Sullivan, T.  
 Salmon, R. T.  
 Skinner, C. J.  
 Taylor, D. G. F.  
 \*Wilson, K. F.  
 Youll, S. J.

\* R.N.Z.N. Cadet