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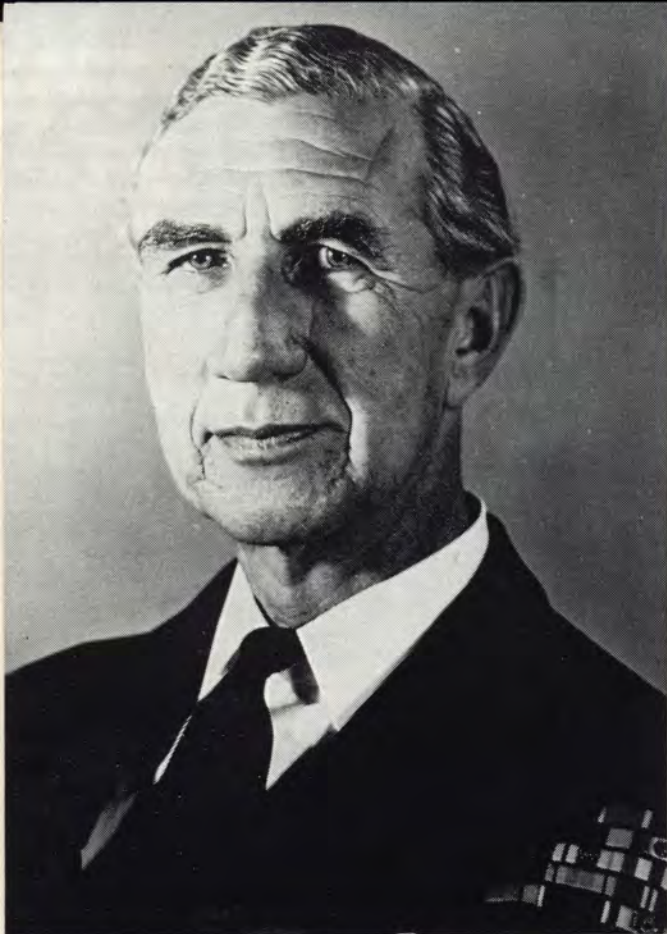
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*Vice-Admiral A. W. R. McNicoll, C.B., C.B.E., G.M.*

## **A Message to Cadet - Midshipman from the Chief of the Naval Staff**

At the start of your life as naval officers you are confronted with a range of new studies, vying for your attention, and all of which you must master to become an efficient young officer. At the same time, as young, fit Australians it is natural that you wish to take advantage of the many enjoyable sporting opportunities which are available and which are a healthy relaxation for busy minds. You should be very busy men.

You may therefore think it unfair that I should use this opportunity to point to another activity which you must find time for. Nevertheless it is important that I do so.

There is some danger that your whole life may become centred on your job with sport as your only relaxation. The Professional demands on a young officer at sea are as many as those that face you now. It is only too easy to become immersed in the daily routine and the more detailed complications of the rather narrow specialisations required in a modern navy. You may become an efficient naval officer but as compared to a well-rounded man you may become limited in your outlook and interests.

Do not in your determination to do well in the Navy forget the world around you, because the Navy is part of that world, and cannot be an end in itself. You must therefore — to avoid being a cabbage — engage yourself in some activity outside the confines of your job that will bring you into contact mentally with the other intelligent men in the community. There are many private interests than can be followed as easily at sea as elsewhere and which can be fitted into the personal timetable of the busiest officer.

The more senior an officer is the less he is concerned with the detail of the Navy and the more he is concerned with the Navy's relationship to the other Services and the community at large, and how changes in the community affect the Navy. An officer who concentrates solely on his profession will find that he is unable to do himself, the Navy and the community justice and will therefore reduce his chance of being selected for high positions.

You are the Navy's only potential senior officers of the future and you must therefore keep your intellects and your interests alive while you are young so that you can use them later. Keep in touch with your fellow men through reading, art, conversation or whatever pursuit appeals to you most. Professional competence must be your first consideration, but it should not be your only consideration, and the wider your education and interests the greater credit you will reflect on the Navy.



## Farewell to Captain Smyth

**I**T is with regret that we said farewell to Captain and Mrs. Smyth and their family of four daughters on 23rd November. Captain Smyth will become the Australian Naval Representative in London, with the rank of Commodore, and all at the College wish him every good fortune during his time in the United Kingdom and in the future.

During Captain Smyth's tenure of office there have been two changes of policy in Cadet's training introduced — six months professional training (including sea time) for the Senior Year prior to Graduating, and Second Year taking the New South Wales Leaving Certificate Examination. Both innovations have proved successful and it appears that a few years of relative freedom from change lie ahead of the College.

It is difficult to point to any particular activity

of the College where Captain Smyth will be most remembered, as he invariably took the keenest interest in them all. He actively gave his full support and encouragement to aspects of the Cadets' professional, academic and sporting life. There has been an awakening of the creative instinct with paint and brush, following his personal example in putting the local scene on canvas, and an art exhibition is now firmly established as an annual event. Mrs. Smyth, with her cheerful and charming manner, has somehow found the time to support and participate in all the various committees and activities which go along with a small community. She will be remembered by the cadets for her friendly interest in all their sporting and social functions, but probably her earnest endeavours to have them taught dancing will remain as the highlight of her two years at Jervis Bay.

# THE COLLEGE STAFF

## — News and Notes

An unusually comprehensive change-over of staff was completed at the close of the College year in December 1964, when we said goodbye to the remaining officers who had joined the College in 1963 or earlier. This final exodus took away our giant but genial, happy and helpful, Rugby enthusiast Executive officer, Commander David W. Leach, R.A.N. who departed to command *H.M.A.S. VENDETTA*. At the same time, Instructor Commander George Histed, R.A.N. left for a Naval Staff Course in the United Kingdom. Noted for his few words and dry humour, he was a man of many parts. After long, enforced practice in the maintenance of Study Block tape recorders in the not long past but now legendary and almost forgotten, days of a lady French teacher and an improvised Language laboratory, he graduated as our expert in electronics. He had a great passion for gliding avidly pursuing an elusive 'Silver C' while, supported by Mrs. Histed, he gave active encouragement to drama, opening his home to the meetings of enthusiastic devotees of dramatic art.

The Venerable Archdeacon John O. Were, R.A.N., our resident Chaplain for the unprecedented period of five years, left to join *H.M.A.S. MELBOURNE*. Archdeacon and Mrs. Were will long be remembered for their services to the College and its residents as well as for their work at the Aboriginal settlement at Wreck Bay. A keen Scouter, Archdeacon Were was responsible for the establishment of that movement on a firm basis at Jervis Bay. Many College graduates and members of the staff will recall with pleasure the regular meetings of the Jervis Bay 'village' Glee Club held in the 'archdeacony', and may also remember the clandestine weekly lotteries conducted by certain cadets addicted to games of chance, on the length of the Archdeacon's sermon at the service following Sunday Divisions.

We also parted company with our serious, studious, and always helpful Surgeon Lieutenant Patrick J. Edwards, R.A.N. who subsequently left the College bound for *H.M.A.S. SYDNEY*

After the usual abbreviated stay at the College frequently accorded to those occupying the position of Captain's Secretary, Lieutenant Peter A. Newcomb, R.A.N. took his passion for more elegant and powerful versions of the popular models of motor cars to *H.M.A.S. Sydney*. The Reverend Hugh M. MacDonald, R.A.N., a still active exponent of Australian Rules football whose addiction to this noble and national game led him to revisit Melbourne at certain times of the year, left us for the ship named after that city.

At the close of the second term in 1965, Lieutenant Rainier M. Jessurun, R.A.N., our youthful and enthusiastic sports officer, Flinders Divisional Officer and organiser of many an inter-Divisional sporting marathon, left the College for *H.M.A.S. GULL* on the high peak of success when his Division won the Cock Trophy.

As the magazine goes to press we shall be farewelling two other members of our staff, Lieutenant Commander George Halley, R.A.N. who, when not wrestling with the problems of training or the misfortunes of Phillip Division, was our Wardroom impressario; and Lieutenant George R. Paul, R.N.Z.N., Cook Divisional Officer and our expert on yachts. Under his enthusiastic encouragement and direction, this sport at the College has been infused with new life and the full potentialities of our small keel boat fleet have been fully exploited.

We wish to thank all the above for their services to the College and to extend our best wishes for the future.

From the Marine Section, Lieutenant Kerry G. Stephen, R.A.N. departed a newly made father and in high spirits for his command at Darwin. We congratulate his successor Lieutenant W. G. (Sam) Bateman, R.A.N. on the recent award of the Shadwell Testimonial Prize for hydrographic surveys, awarded in recognition of valuable surveys which he carried out south and west of Darwin as Captain of *H.M.A.S. BASS*. He was the first Australian officer to win this award.

We welcome the following officers who have joined the College.



**COMMANDER R. G. LOOSLI,  
R.A.N.**

Commander R. G. Loosli entered the R.A.N. College in 1940 and went to sea in 1943. He departed for the United Kingdom by sea to San Francisco, train across the United States of America and had a fortnight, including Christmas, in New York. He joined *H.M.S. BERWICK* at Scapa Flow and for the next 18 months in this ship and *H.M.S. SCOURGE*, saw a lot of the Atlantic ocean when engaged in escorting convoys to Russia, and escorting aircraft carriers carrying out strikes on shipping in Norway.

Following Sub-Lieutenants courses he returned to Australia and joined *H.M.A.S. ARUNTA*. Until 1948, *ARUNTA* was a regular visitor to Japan as part of the occupation Force and he got to know Far Eastern waters well, as he was navigator for the last year of his appointment.

He then returned to the United Kingdom to join *H.M.S. TERRIBLE*, which soon after commissioned as *H.M.A.S. SYDNEY*. When this ship returned to Australia the next year he was appointed from the largest to the smallest commissioned ship in the R.A.N., *GPV. 957*. This vessel was based at Cairns and had the task of checking the Queensland coast for mines from Cape York to Mackay.

After nine months of this detached service he was appointed to *H.M.S. CONDAMINE*

as Navigating Officer, but was there for only seven months when he proceeded to the United Kingdom for the Long N.D. Course. He married before departing in *S. S. ORCADES*. Two years exchange service in the Royal Navy followed the N.D. Course and this time was spent in *H.M.S. EAGLE*.

On his return to Australia he joined the N.D. School at *H.M.A.S. WATSON* and was a member of the instructional staff for the next two years. He became the Executive Officer in *H.M.A.S. ANZAC* in January 1957, and the ship served in the Strategic Reserve for the next year. It was a hectic commission, with *ANZAC* visiting some seventeen different ports in Borneo, Malaya and Japan.

In 1958 *ANZAC* paid off and Commander Loosli joined *H.M.A.S. MELBOURNE* for the next year. A year at Navy Office on the Staff of D.T.S.R. followed and he was then appointed in command of *H.M.A.S. GASCOYNE*, an oceanographic and training ship. He obtained a variety of experience in this ship with extensive cruises extending from Singapore to Hawaii to well south of Tasmania.

Scientists from C.S.I.R.O. were on board during the oceanographic passages and studies were made of the plankton content of the sea, ocean currents and water masses. On two occasions the ship visited the outer Barrier Reef to ascertain the position of reefs and tiny islands rarely visited—some had not been seen since their original discovery and many errors in position and, indeed, existence were found. Assistance was also given to the Hydrographic Service in carrying out surveys in Southern and Northern Australia and to the Army in their surveys of Northern Australia. *GASCOYNE* was the Navy's second aircraft carrier at this time as a helicopter was carried to land Army personnel on the barren shores.

In November 1962, Commander Loosli again went to the United Kingdom, completed the Joint Services Staff Course, and then spent 18 months as the Maintenance Commander at Chatham Dockyard. He joined *H.M.A.S. CRESWELL* as Executive Officer in December, 1964.

**INSTRUCTOR COMMANDER  
J. J. TIMBS, B.Sc., B.Econ., B.Ed.,  
M.A.C.E., R.A.N.**

Instructor Commander Timbs was born in Sydney in 1927 and was educated at Fort Street and Sydney University. He joined the R.A.N. in January 1951, and has served in *H.M.A.S. AUSTRALIA* (1951) *H.M.A.S. VENGEANCE* (1952-3, 1955), *H.M.A.S. SYDNEY* (1954-5) and *H.M.A.S. MELBOURNE* (1961-3). These

postings were primarily in the role of meteorological officer.

Intervening postings have been in the spheres of air crew, apprentice and junior recruit training, with a diversion in Manus during the early years of the P.N.G. division of the R.A.N. Two periods in the United Kingdom have been devoted to the Meteorological Officers' Qualifying Course at the Royal Naval Meteorological School, Kete, and the Advanced Science Course at the Royal Naval College, Greenwich. The latter course was followed by periods at the Atomic Energy Research Establishment, Harwell, and the Atomic Weapons Research Establishment, Aldermaston.

To preclude any delusion of being indispensable, Commander Timbs has been seconded on two occasions. Firstly, to the Australian Health Physics Unit, which was advisory to the Australian Safety Committee during the 1956 series of atomic weapon trials at Maralinga. Secondly, to the International Antarctic Analysis Centre during its inception period, when an attempt was made to integrate meteorological data from the Antarctic with that from the southern hemisphere.

He is interested in most sporting activities and majored in Physical Education while qualifying for the Diploma of Education (Sydney). Active participation has waned to reminiscing on big surfs of earlier halcyon days, while wallowing in gentle shallows. In recent years he

has shown an interest in coaching Service basketball teams, including a number of very successful apprentice and junior recruit teams, and has been rewarded through the coaching of the first victorious Navy teams in Inter Service basketball in Eastern Area (1959) and Victoria (1964). Commander Timbs finds that basketball is played in the College with considerable enthusiasm and skill, and expresses the belief that this will greatly boost the standard of Navy Basketball in the near future.



**THE REVEREND R. C. LOVITT,  
Th.L., R.A.N.**

Chaplain Lovitt was born at Strathfield, Sydney, February 1927. He attended Homebush Junior High and after obtaining the Intermediate Certificate became an Accounts Clerk in the M.W.S. & D. Board where he worked for 6 years. He served in the R.A.A.F. during 1945. On demobilization he continued his day-time occupation and during the evening read for Matriculation through C.R.T.S. He did his theological training at Moore Theological College, Sydney, and was ordained by the Bishop of Grafton in December 1949. After a Curacy at Lismore he was in charge of two small country parishes in far northern N.S.W. until 1955, when he transferred to the Diocese of Melbourne and became Vicar of Healesville and then West Preston.





He joined the Navy in 1961, served in *H.M.A.S. CERBERUS* for 2½ years, and in 1964 went to sea in *H.M.A.S. SYDNEY*. He joined the R.A.N.C. staff, January 1965.

His interests: WOMEN—he is married with one wife, three daughters and a female dog.



### **THE REVEREND F. LYONS, R.A.N.**

For the third time in his Naval career, Father Frank Lyons found himself associated with the R.A.N. College in January of this year. In 1957 when R.A.N.R. Chaplain to *H.M.A.S. LONSDALE*, he was appointed to *H.M.A.S. CERBERUS* for a short while during the absence of Father Kevin Ellis and acted as R.C. Chaplain to the College, then at Westernport. In 1958-59 when appointed to *H.M.A.S. ALBATROSS*, he carried out the now familiar routine of Chaplain to the College. He was no stranger therefore, to the training of Cadets and the ways of the College when he returned again this year.

Born in Melbourne, Father Lyons matriculated at Assumption College, Kilmore. He had previously worked in a factory in Melbourne and went back to secondary studies in order to qualify for entry to Corpus Christie College, Werribee, where he studied Philosophy and Theology for the required eight years. Ordained to the priesthood by the late Archbishop Mannix in 1949, he served in two parishes, Geelong and Armadale, was later appointed to the Catholic Education Office and while there filled several other posts in a part time capacity. Among these were duties on the staff of Arch-

bishop Mannix, and Chaplain to the Melbourne waterfront. He relieved for a while as Chaplain to migrants, and for over a year was a member of the Olympic Civic Committee which had a great deal to do with organizing the city of Melbourne for the 1956 Games.

It was while the turmoil of preparations for the Olympic Games was at its height, that he suddenly received an appointment to the R.A.N.R. and *H.M.A.S. LONSDALE*. Two years later, in 1958, Father Lyons was appointed a permanent Chaplain to the R.A.N. when the move of the Naval College to Jervis Bay had created the need for a full-time R.C. Chaplain in the Nowra area.

Since that time, Father Lyons has twice served as Fleet Chaplain in *H.M.A.S. MELBOURNE*, was at *H.M.A.S. CERBERUS* again for two years and was on *FOICEA*'s staff as Base Chaplain for one year. His return to *H.M.A.S. ALBATROSS* and *H.M.A.S. CRESWELL* this year was a source of great satisfaction to him, and he makes no secret of his affection for both establishments and the type of work they do.

Always prominent in Australian Rules Football circles, Father Lyons has lost none of his youthful enthusiasm for the National game. Though his boots have long since been hung up after years of hard running and kicking, a Rules match will always entice him to the side-lines, and as a result he now devotes much of his time to the administrative side of the game. He maintains that this is almost as enjoyable as playing, but is sometimes a far more difficult task.

Father Lyons hopes that his present appointment will last for some time, to give him more years of happy association with the R.A.N. College.



**LIEUTENANT R. R. SUTTON,  
R.A.N.**

Lieutenant Sutton entered the R.A.N. College in 1956 when it was at *H.M.A.S. CERBERUS* and graduated in 1958 after taking part in the move to Jervis Bay. He then joined the training ship *H.M.A.S. SWAN* for a New Zealand cruise before flying to Britannia Royal Naval College Dartmouth for his Midshipman's training. Here he took part in a three months training cruise to the West Indies in *H.M.S. VIGILANT*. He returned to Australia as Acting Sub Lieutenant and joined *H.M.A.S. MELBOURNE*. In 1962 he was posted to the Recruit school, *H.M.A.S. CERBERUS*, as a Divisional Officer and promoted Lieutenant in December of that year. He was then posted to *H.M.A.S. RUSHCUTTER* for specialist training, qualifying C.D.O. in 1963. During the next year he worked between *H.M.A.S. RUSHCUTTER* and *H.M.A.S. WATERHEN*, training divers and as 2i/c of the Mobile Clearance Diving Team. He joined *H.M.A.S. HAWK* in November 1964 as Navigator, and spent eight months in Malaysian waters on patrol duty before joining the College in August 1965.

He is a keen sportsman, interested in Rugby, Swimming, Sailing and Skindiving.



**LIEUTENANT G. F. LYNCH,  
R.A.N.**

Lieutenant Lynch entered the R.A.N. College in 1955, as one of the last 13 year old entry. He likes to think that this had nothing to do

with the abolition of this system. He graduated in 1958 after taking part in the move back to Jervis Bay.

After a training cruise to New Zealand, he flew to the U.K. for 16 months at B.R.N.C. where he specialised in the S. & S. Branch. He was one of two Australians to top their branches on passing out in 1960, and returned to Australia to join *H.M.A.S. MELBOURNE* for a further year's training.

On completion of this he was posted to *H.M.A.S. CERBERUS* where he became Assistant Secretary to the Commodore, and also represented the Navy at tennis. In 1963 he joined the Admiral's Office and served in *H.M.A.S. MELBOURNE*, and *H.M.A.S. SYDNEY*, initially as Material and later as Personnel Section Officer.

He joined *H.M.A.S. CRESWELL* in January 1965, and is a keen participant in sport.



**SURGEON LIEUTENANT  
J. H. KAGI, M.B., B.S., R.A.N.**

Educated at Aquinas College, Perth, Surgeon Lieutenant Kagi represented his school at Rowing and Hockey. On Matriculation he was granted a Commonwealth Scholarship and University Exhibition and entered the newly formed Faculty of Medicine in the University of Western Australia. He represented the University in inter-arsity Rowing.

He was granted a commission as Sub Lieu-



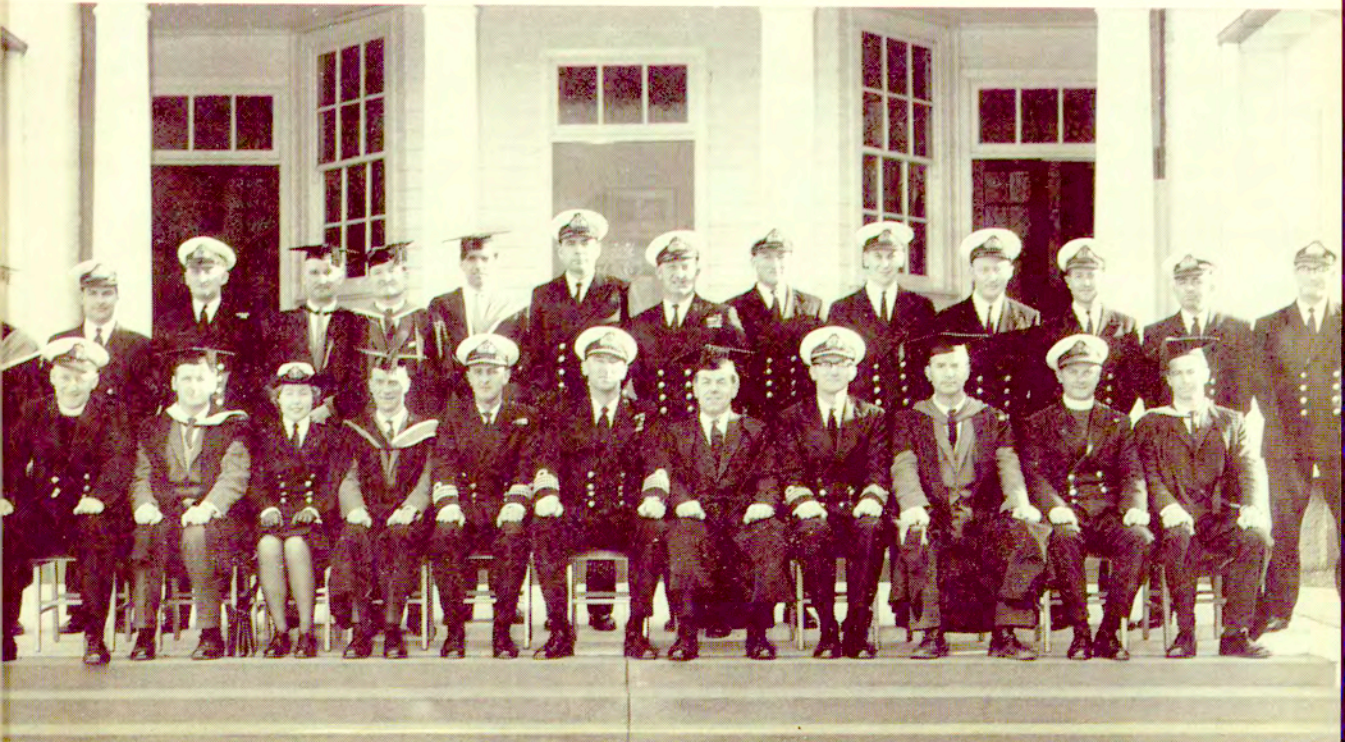
tenant in his final year of study and on obtaining his M.B. and B.S. qualifications, was promoted to the rank of Surgeon Lieutenant. He completed his Medical training as Resident in Fremantle Hospital during 1963, later serving in *H.M.A.S. CERBERUS* and *H.M.A.S. SUPPLY* before joining the College.

**SISTER L. M. A. FINNEY,  
R.A.N.N.S.**

Sister Finney was born in Brisbane, Queensland, where she received her education at Somerville House. She completed the various aspects of her nursing training at the Toowoomba General Hospital and the Brisbane Women's Hospital between 1954 and 1960. At the close of 1960, she departed for the United Kingdom where she spent a prolonged working holiday and held many interesting posts including working in the surgeries of Broadcasting House and the B.B.C. Private nursing took her to various London Hospitals as well as to estates in Somerset, Surrey and the Isle of Man. After touring the United Kingdom and Europe, she returned to Australia in 1964, joining the R.A.N.N.S. later that same year.

**STAFF PHOTOGRAPH — 1965**

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## PROFESSORIAL STAFF

There have been further important staff changes during the past year although it would appear that some measure of stability has now been achieved.

Milton J. Toohey, our volatile teacher of Chemistry and lover of beach and sea, left at the end of the first term, 1965, to take up a post as lecturer at Armidale Teacher's College, while Peter W. Hoare, who had come to the College direct from the United Kingdom two years before, joined the Physics staff of the Institute of Technology in Adelaide.

We wish them both well in their new posts.

Our two members of the staff on exchange from the United Kingdom also left at the end of the second term. John H. Smith, our erstwhile custodian and reformer of the Wardroom Mess accounts, returned home with his family to resume his senior lectureship at Britannia Royal Naval College Dartmouth, while Brian Schofield departed to rejoin his wife (who had preceded him to the U.K. and presented him with a daughter) and resume his teaching post at Market Harborough Grammar School.

Shortly afterwards we had the pleasure of welcoming home again the College counterparts of our departing guests, two masters of long standing, Kenneth E. Armstrong and Rex A. Benson who returned from the U.K.

We trust that all the above enjoyed the stimulus of a new environment and returned refreshed and invigorated to the old.

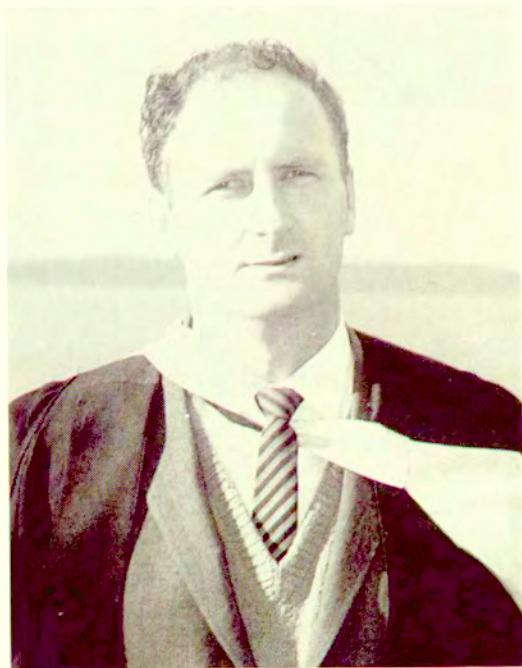


### *MR. H. R. KEMP, B.Sc., Dip.Ed.*

Mr. Kemp completed his B.Sc. at the University of Melbourne in 1952 and in the following year passed the examination for the Diploma of Education. He spent some years at Benalla High School teaching Chemistry and Physics to academic classes and Science to technical pupils. From Benalla he went to Mount Beauty High School where he spent three years, and then as Senior Master and Deputy Head, to Beechworth High School from where he joined the College.

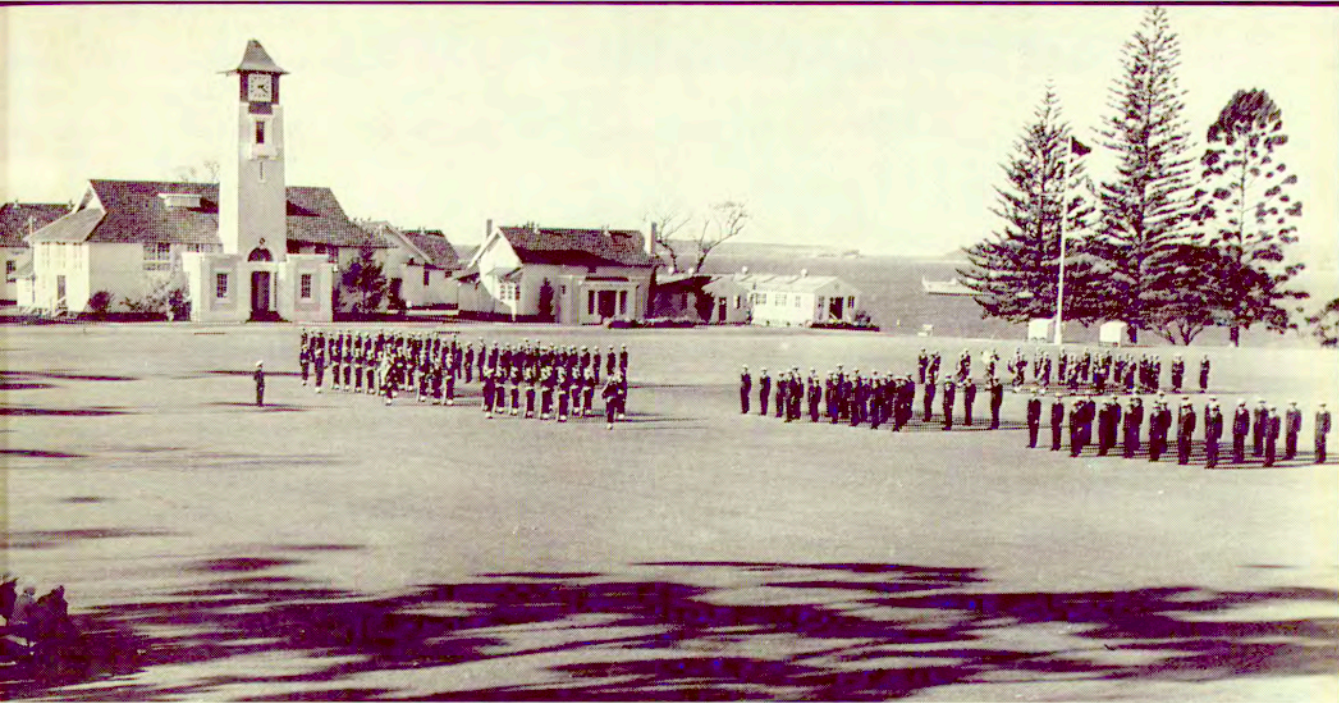
He confesses to being an enthusiastic trout angler, is keenly interested in hunting and canoeing and he and his family spend their holidays camping. While at Jervis Bay he hopes to gain some competency in sea fishing, sailing and skin diving. However, judging by progress to date, he has little expectation of achieving any measure of success at golf.

Mr. and Mrs. Kemp have three children, two boys and one girl.



### *MR. P. J. O'HALLORAN, B.Sc., Dip.Ed.*

Mr. P. J. O'Halloran was born in Sydney and educated at Marist Brothers College, Kogarah, which he represented at Football. He completed the B.Sc. and Diploma of Education at the University of Sydney with majors in Mathematics and Botany. After graduation he began his teaching career in New South Wales State High Schools, including Manly, Coffs Harbour, and Finley High Schools.



## GRADUATION 1965

ON Graduation Day, the College takes formal leave of students who have surmounted the first major obstacle in their chosen career and, in consequence, this ceremony is the most important event of the year. The College is happy in bestowing its blessing on those who have completed the initial stage of their training, while the graduates themselves, borne on the high tide of anticipatory delight in a new and exciting life at sea, nonchalantly leave behind them an environment and a routine which has dominated their lives for periods varying from three and a half years for the Junior entrant, to a mere eighteen months for the matriculant. Yet the experiences of these formative years at the College, cast off so lightly and so naturally in pursuit of the new, gain force from the passing years becoming ultimately the focus for the powerful nostalgic reminiscences which play their part in moulding the future of all institutions, including that of the College. It is the lot of the majority of the Cadet-Midshipmen for whom graduation lies in the problematical if not all too distant future, to provide a fitting background for the display of the talents of their seniors, while being spurred to emulation through the observation that there is indeed a future end to present apparent tribulation.

The graduation ceremony, held this year on July 16th, had the additional importance of being the 50th occasion that the College has launched its graduates upon the fleet and a naval career. Once again the weather was kind and, on the one fine day in a week of rain, the numerous guests witnessed a successful parade which justified in every way the more than usual effort which had gone into its preparation. The thirty-three graduating Midshipmen who went out to join the fleet for a year's experience afloat prior to the completion of their academic training overseas at Britannia Royal Naval College and the Royal Naval Engineering College, take with them the good wishes of the College for their future success.

This year, the College was honoured by the presence of the Minister for the Navy, the Honourable F. C. Chaney, A.F.C., M.P., as guest of honour and reviewing officer. A distinguished company of guests included the Second, Third and Fourth Naval Members (Rear-Admiral J. S. Mesley C.B.E., M.V.O., D.S.C., Rear-Admiral F. L. George, C.B.E., and Rear-Admiral V. A. T. Smith, C.B.E., D.S.C.); the representative of the Chief of the General Staff, Major General J. W. Harrison, C.B.E.; the Flag Officer in Charge East Australia Area, Rear-Admiral

O. H. Becher, C.B.E., D.S.O., D.S.C. and Bar; the Flag Officer Commanding Her Majesty's Australian Fleet, Rear-Admiral T. K. Morrison, C.B.E., D.S.C.; the Secretary, Department of the Navy, S. Landau, Esq., O.B.E.; and two former Chiefs of the Naval Staff (Vice-Admiral Sir Henry Burrell, K.B.E., C.B. and Vice-Admiral Sir Hastings Harrington, K.B.E., C.B., D.S.O.).

Also present were the High Commissioner for New Zealand, His Excellency Mr. J. Luke Hazlett; the Head, New Zealand Joint Services Liaison Staff, Commodore L. S. Stanners, O.B.E., R.N.Z.N.; the Senior Naval Adviser, British Defence Liaison Staff, Captain S. F. Berthon, R.N.; and the Service attaches of South Africa, Burma, Thailand, India and Indonesia.

The Graduation ceremony began with the march on of the East Australia Area Band and the parade, which followed the same general pattern evolved in recent years at Jervis Bay, was of the usual high standard expected of the College. The Graduating year are particularly to be complimented on a fine display.

Following the parade, the prizes were distri-

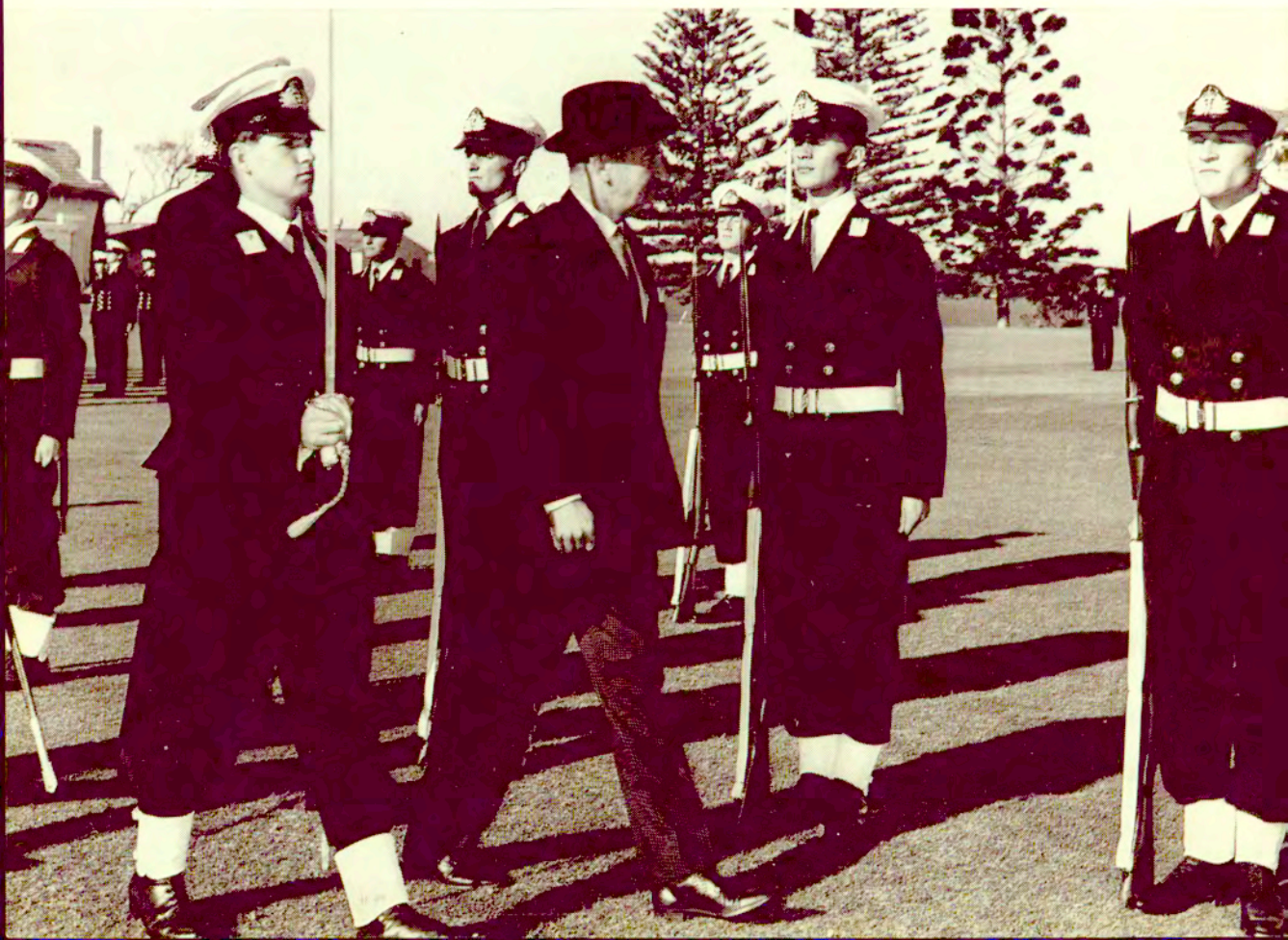
buted in the College gymnasium. The proceedings were opened by the Captain of the College, Captain D. H. D. Smyth, who gave his report.

### *Captain's Report*

"For the second consecutive year it is my pleasure to welcome to a Graduation ceremony the guest of honour and his wife, the parents of the graduating officers, and the many other distinguished visitors.

Although you, Sir, as the Minister for the Navy have been to the College before, this is the first Graduation ceremony which you have attended. Furthermore, this is the first time that Mrs. Chaney has accompanied you here, and I therefore bid you both a very special welcome today.

I shall also single out, and welcome by name if I may, His Excellency the High Commissioner for New Zealand, Mr. Hazlett, who, with Mrs. Hazlett, is making his first visit here. Well up near the top of today's graduates, I am particularly happy to say, he will see our New Zealand Navy graduate for 1965.



This ceremony is a most important moment in the lives of thirty-three young men and their parents. But this occasion is also an important milestone for the R.A.N. College. The College first came to Jervis Bay in 1915, and I would have liked to have been able to claim that we have this year completed fifty years at Jervis Bay. This I can't do, of course, for in 1930 the College left here and was for many years "in another place". However, it can be said that this year is the fiftieth anniversary of the College's first arrival in this delightful setting. Today's ceremony, too, is in fact the fiftieth graduation ceremony to have been held at the Royal Australian Naval College. So we really have a double-jubilee on our hands today.

We at the College take pleasure once again in graduating this group of Midshipmen. Most of them have done well here, and I hope that they will all do well in the Fleet, where their arrival will provide a relatively small but nonetheless a most valuable addition to the defence of this country in these troublous times. They are not joining the Fleet, however, as fully-trained officers, and I am sure that the Fleet realises this, and will neither expect too much from them nor disregard their further, very necessary, training.

We have begun the process, while they have been here, of training them to be good officers; officers of character and ability, with keen and enquiring minds which are being trained to understand and to cultivate the qualities of leadership.

Outside the academic classroom, this process has included a busy and varied programme. In sport the College has done well, losing some matches but winning many others. Amongst other activities the graduating cadets have received lectures from a wide variety of visiting experts in many fields, have toured the Snowy Mountains Scheme and the Port Kembla Steelworks, and have debated with teams from visiting schools, both boys' and girls'. With the latter they have also practised the art of dancing, in which they have, this year, been professionally and suitably trained.

They have sailed in ocean yacht races; they have visited New Guinea whilst at sea for three months aboard the *ANZAC*; they have been host to cadets from all the other service colleges at the annual inter-service athletic meeting and at other sporting meetings, and they have entertained many groups of visiting students from other schools, including the second Summer Assembly last January, when fifty boys from schools all over Australia spent a week here learning about the Navy.

The academic training of all cadets at the College has continued in the same pattern as I described at last year's graduation. The first full-scale attempt at matriculating our Junior

Entry cadets at the end of their Second Year, through the New South Wales Leaving Certificate, was very successful. All twenty-five candidates reached the standard required for the award of the Leaving Certificate, and twenty-two qualified for Matriculation; a performance which is especially creditable when it is remembered that our cadets have spent their earlier schooldays scattered throughout the different educational systems of all the Australian States and of New Zealand.

Further progress in the field of tertiary education has been waiting for the Martin Report to be tabled. As many of you will know, the Government did not accept the recommendation of that report to establish a Commonwealth Institute of Colleges, under which service colleges would function, for the reason that the colleges operated by the services have a specialised role.

However, the need for tertiary education in the services was recognised and the Naval Board has recently formulated proposals which are currently under consideration in conjunction with the Department of Defence.

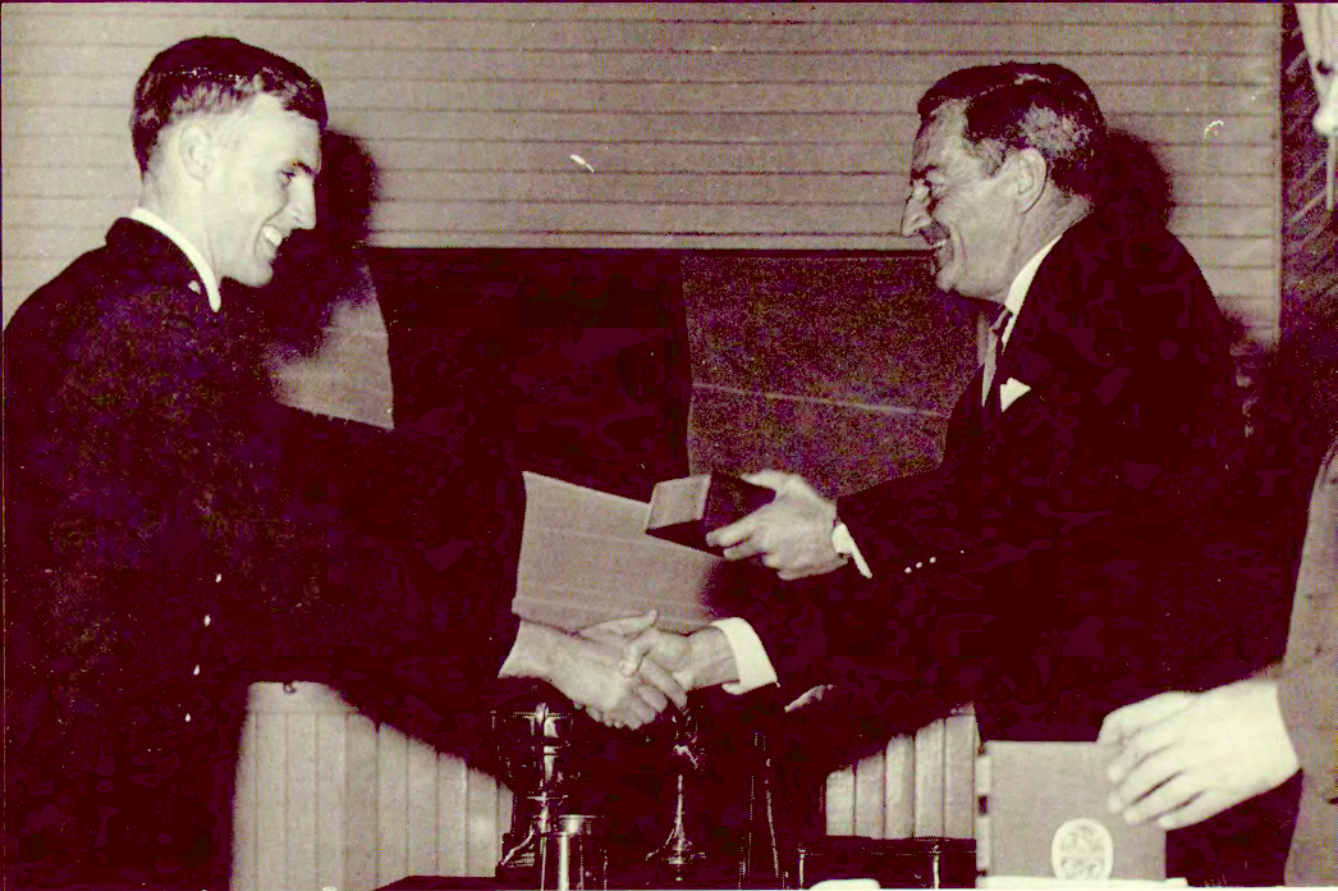
Meanwhile, a steady expansion of our numbers has been taking place under the present training pattern. A record entry of fifty-eight young-men—thirty-three Junior Entries and twenty-five Senior Entries—who joined the College last January, filled the College to capacity. Study conditions were consequently rather cramped, and when the future pattern of training does become clear it will be necessary to give urgent consideration to raising the living and studying standards to those now normally found in tertiary educational establishments.

The Naval officers on the staff have not been subject to more changes than usual this year, but the academic staff has had a disturbed year, with two masters-in-charge and one new master joining, two masters leaving to join the staffs of tertiary colleges, and two overseas exchanges of masters being in operation. These latter exchanges will shortly come to an end, and the two regular masters concerned will rejoin us.

Having regard to the high academic standards for which we aim, the loss of cadets through academic failure has been gratifyingly small. Moreover, there appears to be no lack of prospective candidates to maintain our entry rate, although we are not yet getting as many matriculants as we want, as Senior Entries, and the Junior Entry is still providing the larger part of our new entrants.

The development of the Wyndham Scheme in New South Wales, and other changes in high school curricula in other states, is giving us food for thought, and we are planning advances in our curriculum to keep us in line with these developments in civil education.

But the main purpose of our being gathered together today is to send on their way to the



*P. B. Gashler receives his prize from the Minister of the Navy.*

next phase of their career, the midshipmen who have successfully graduated. I would therefore be most grateful, Sir, if you would now address these young gentlemen . . .

***Address by the Minister for the Navy, the Honourable F. C. Chaney***

Already this year, I have had the privilege of attending passing out parades at the Junior Recruits Training Establishment, *H.M.A.S. LEEUWIN*, and the Artificer Apprentice School, *H.M.A.S. NIRIMBA*. On both those occasions, I felt both admiration and pride in the achievements of those two establishments and I am delighted, but not the least surprised, to note that some of you graduating here today commenced your Naval careers in one or other of those establishments.

Here today I have been honoured to be the reviewing officer of the passing out parade at *H.M.A.S. CRESWELL*, and again I have the same feeling of admiration and pride. I congratulate you all on the high standards achieved, which have resulted in such a memorable and spectacular ceremony. Well done!

To those of you who are graduating and to all those under training, I would like to say

that you have found yourself in *CRESWELL* rather than *LEEUWIN* or *NIRIMBA* because you have already shown abilities and talents above the average, qualities which fit you to become an officer of the R.A.N. You are fortunate to be vested with such qualities; and I think it is true to say that in any walk of life, the possession of such qualities imposes upon you greater responsibilities and obligations to the community in which you live.

As the Naval officers of the future, I view your responsibilities and obligations as twofold. Firstly, the Naval defence of this country is in your hands. You are the professionals who will fight the enemy, you are the professionals on whose military advice Governments will formulate their defence policies. In the current world climate, this is a responsibility which cannot be regarded lightly. Secondly, you have a responsibility to the large body of sailors who will be serving under you. Their very lives may depend on your leadership and professional competence, as indeed may the lives of many other Australians.

During my period as Minister for the Navy, I have had ample opportunity to observe just





*The Minister for the Navy chats with the Cadets from Western Australia.*

what a challenging career you have chosen. The ships of today which you will sail and fight are highly complex. To keep abreast with the technical aspects of your profession is a demanding and exacting task; but that is not all. As captains and officers of H.M.A. ships you will be ambassadors for your country, expected to show a wide knowledge of Australia, her internal affairs, her relations to other countries. It is from the standard of your personal behaviour that other nations will gain their impressions of Australia and Australians. Again as officers of the R.A.N. you will need to study and understand modern man management and the intricacies of human relations. In your spare time you will be expected to be a dutiful husband, an understanding father, and to perform other tasks of the ordinary citizen. Yes, it is indeed a challenging career. I know of no other which demands any greater or more varied talents.

What of the future? I know how much you will all be looking forward to your next year at sea, for this is your "raison d'être". You will all be familiar with the general pattern of growth in the R.A.N. As one would expect in a developing nation, the Navy is expanding

as fast as its trained manpower will permit it. You will I know be heartened by our acquisition of minesweepers and patrol craft, because this will give some of you the opportunity of commanding your own ships as Lieutenants, while Submarines will shortly provide further opportunities for command.

I feel confident that you have chosen a career which will give you every opportunity to exercise your talents and will be rich in its rewards, for the Naval Service is dedicated to the safety and well being of Australians. I wish you all Godspeed and Good Luck.

### **Prize Winners**

The Dux of the Graduating year was P. J. Bobroff, of Cairns, who gained no fewer than five first prizes, namely, Physics, Applied Mathematics, Engineering, Seamanship (Otto Albert Memorial Prize) and Navigation (Presented by the New Zealand Naval Board).

G. L. Purcell, the Chief Cadet Captain, of Warrnambool, Victoria, was recommended for the award of the Queen's Gold Medal. He was also awarded the Special Prize for University Studies and the Governor General's Cup for the best all-round athlete.

Other prize winners were:—

*Cadet Midshipmen of the Graduating Year.*

C. P. Tomlin, R.N.Z.N., (Christchurch, N.Z.),  
1st History, 1st Mathematics, 1st Physics.

P. F. McGuire (Ceduna, S.A.), 1st English,  
2nd Physics.

R. N. Jermyn (Paynesville, Vic.), 1st English.

D. W. Gillies (Port Pirie, S.A.), Pure  
Mathematics 1st.

N. R. Gibbs (Cabramatta, N.S.W.), 2nd Pure  
Mathematics, 2nd Applied Mathematics, 2nd  
Navigation (Presented by N.Z. Naval Board).

R. E. Withnell (Griffith, N.S.W.), 2nd  
History.

T. H. Cox (Roseville, N.S.W.), 2nd Math-  
ematics.

M. Biddle (Glen Innes, N.S.W.), 2nd Physics.

D. C. Mitchell (Bunbury, W.A.), Seaman-  
ship 2nd.

H. Tacey (Tugun, Qld.), 2nd Engineering.

*Cadet Midshipmen of 2nd and 3rd Years.*

P. B. Gashler (Beecroft, N.S.W.), Dux of  
Second Year (1963 Junior Entry), (Eric Elton  
Mayo Memorial Prize).

R. R. P. Spencer (Turner, A.C.T.), Dux of  
First Year (1964 Junior Entry).

J. A. Holliday (Muswellbrook, N.S.W.),  
Burnett Memorial Prize (Rugby).

G. S. Besomo (Sydney, N.S.W.), Farncomb  
Cup (Cricket).

*Recipients of Naval Board Tokens of Appreciation*  
for services as Chief Cadet Captains and  
Divisional Cadet Midshipmen.

G. L. Purcell (Warrnambool, Vic.), Chief  
Cadet Captain.

G. D. Anderson (W. Brunswick, Vic.), Divisional  
Cadet Midshipman, Cook Division.

J. C. Southey (Lindisfarne, Tas.), Divisional  
Cadet Midshipman, Jervis Division.

H. Tacey (Tugun, Qld.), Divisional Cadet  
Midshipman, Phillip Division.

C. P. Tomlin, R.N.Z.N. (Christchurch, N.Z.),  
Divisional Cadet Midshipman, Flinders Division.

The afternoon's proceedings closed with the  
announcement by the Captain of the appointment  
of G. F. McLennan as Chief Cadet Captain  
for the coming year, and of D. G. Cameron,  
I. W. L. McKie, G. C. Richardson and  
M. J. Stock as Divisional Cadet Midshipmen.

Graduation Day was suitably concluded with  
the traditional Graduation Ball, at which the  
Graduating year entertained their guests.

*Prizewinners G. L. Purcell and P. J. Bobroff with the Minister for the Navy, the Honourable F. C. Chaney, A.F.C., M.P.*



# GRADUATES

## 1965



ANDERSON,

Geoffrey Douglas —

Divisional Cadet Midshipman. 1962 Junior Entry. Brunswick Technical School, Victoria. 1st XI Hockey 1962 to 1965; Captain 1964. 1st X Basketball 1963 to 1965. Member of Sailing Team 1964-'65; Crew member of Franklin 1963-'65; Cadets' Sailing Master 1965. Member of College Athletics team 1965 and College Soccer team 1964-'65. Life Saving Award of Merit. Colours for Hockey. Half-Colours for Basketball and Sailing.

BIDDLE,

Michael —

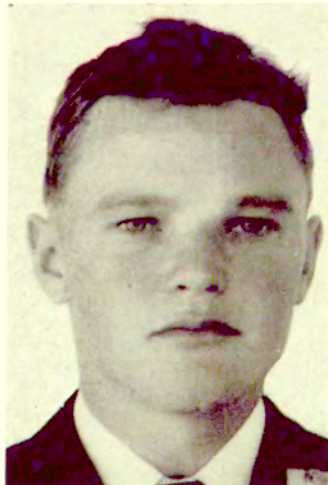
1964 Senior Entry, St. John's College, Lismore, N.S.W. 1st XV Rugby 1965. 2nd XI Cricket 1964. Life Saving Bronze Cross. Graduation 2nd Prize Physics.



NEWMAN,

Peter Richard —

1964 Senior Entry. Wollongong High School, N.S.W. Life Saving Bronze Medallion.



JERMYN,

Richard Newberry —

1962 Junior Entry. Geelong Grammar School, Victoria. Life Saving Bronze Cross. Graduation 1st Prize English.



EARLEY,

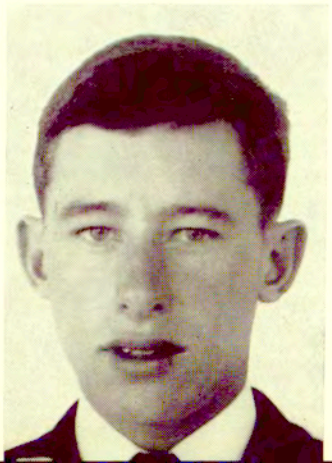
Geoffrey John —

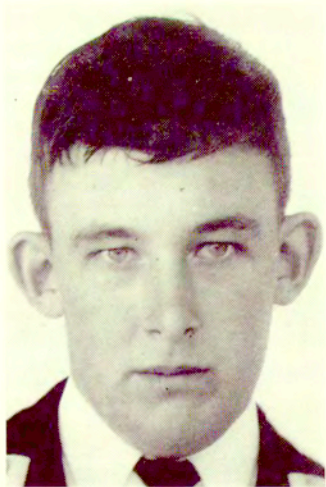
1962 Junior Entry. Wesley College, Perth, W.A. Athletics Team 1964-'65. 1st XI Hockey 1963-'65. 1st XI Soccer 1964. 1st X Basketball 1964. 2nd XI Cricket Team 1962-'65, Captain 1964. Life Saving Award of Merit, Instructors Certificate. Half-Colours Athletics.

BROWN,

Sydney Daniel —

1962 Junior Entry, Murwillumbah High School. 1st XI Hockey 1964-'65. 2nd XV Rugby 1962-'65. Sailing team 1963-'65. Crew member of Franklin 1964-'65. Waterpolo 1962-'64. Life Saving Award of Merit. Cross Country Team 1962-'63. Colours for Sailing 1964.





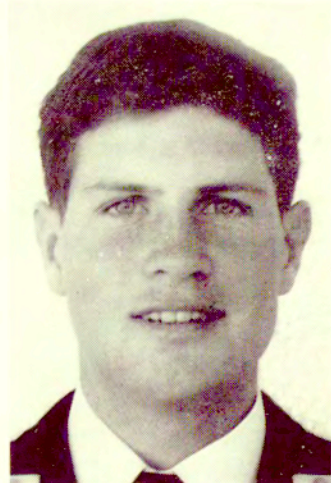
COX,

Timothy Harvey —  
1962 Junior Entry, Sydney Church of England Grammar School, N.S.W. 1st XI Cricket 1963-'65: Captain 1964-'65. 2nd XV Rugby 1964. Sailing Team 1963. Life Saving Distinction. Half-Colours for Cricket. Graduation 2nd Prize Mathematics.



GILLIES,

Douglas William —  
1963 Junior Entry. Port Pirie High School, S.A. 1st XVIII Australian Rules 1963-'65. 2nd XI Cricket 1964. 2nd XV Rugby 1964-'65. Life Saving Bronze Cross. Prize for Chemistry 2nd Year 1963. Graduation 1st Prize Pure Mathematics.



BAIRNSFATHER,

Geoffrey Reid —  
1962 Junior Entry, Campbelltown High School, N.S.W. 1st VIII Tennis 1963-'65: Doubles Champion 1965. 1st XI Soccer 1963-'64. 1st XI Hockey 1963-'64. Gliding 'A' and 'B' Certificates. Life Saving Bronze Cross. Half-Colours for Tennis.



FARMER,

Kevin John —  
1962 Junior Entry. Roma State High School. 1st XV Rugby 1963-'65. Sailing Team 1963-'65. Life Saving Award of Merit. Half-Colours Rugby and Sailing.

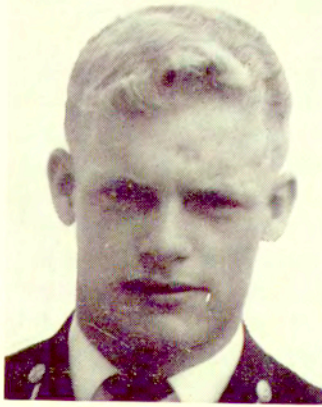
CHRISTIE,

Rupert Anthony —  
1964 Senior Entry. Wellington High School, N.S.W. Swimming Team and Captain 1964-'65. 1st VII Water Polo 1964-'65. 2nd XV Rugby 1965. Life Saving Bronze Medallion.



COOK,

Alan —  
1962 Junior Entry, Goulburn High School, N.S.W. Life Saving Award of Merit. Gliding 'A' and 'B' Certificates.



**GAUL,**

David John —  
1962 Junior Entry. Canberra Grammar School, A.C.T. Athletics Team 1963-'65, Cross Country 1963. 2nd XV Rugby 1962-'65. Water Polo Team 1962-'65. Life Saving Award of Merit and Instructors Certificate. Half-Colours Athletics.



**HALL,**

Robert George —  
1962 Junior Entry. Melbourne Boys High School, Victoria. 1st XI Soccer 1964-'65. 1st X Basketball 1964-'65. 1st XVIII Australian Rules 1962-'64. Athletics Team 1964-'65. Gliding 'A' and 'B' and 'C' Certificates. Life Saving Diploma and Instructors Certificate.

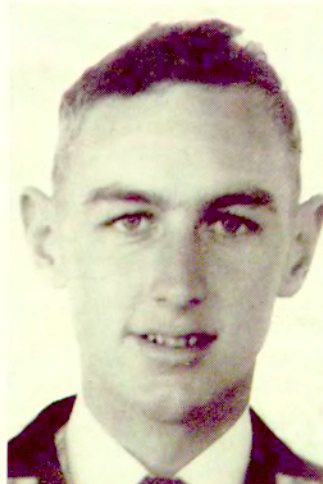


**McGUIRE,**

Philip Francis —  
1962 Junior Entry. Christian Brothers' College, Adelaide, S.A. 1st XI Cricket 1964-'65. 1st XVIII Australian Rules 1962-65. 1st XV Rugby 1964-'65. Life Saving Bronze Cross and Instructors Certificate. Graduation 1st Prize English, 2nd Prize Physics.

**TOMLIN,**

Christopher Philip —  
1962 Junior Entry. Christ's College, Christchurch, New Zealand. Divisional Cadet Midshipman. 1st XI Cricket 1962-'65. 1st XI Hockey 1963-'65. Boxing Light Middleweight Champion 1964. Life Saving Bronze Cross and Instructors Certificate. Eric Elton Mayo Memorial Prize 1963. Half Colours Hockey. Dux 1st Year, 2nd Year. Graduation 1st Prizes History, Mathematics, Physics.



**MITCHELL,**

Derek Charles —  
1964 Senior Entry. Bunbury High School, W.A. Life Saving Bronze Medallion. Graduation 2nd Prize Seamanship.

**BOBROFF,**

Peter James —  
1964 Senior Entry, Cairns State High School, Qld. Life Saving Bronze Medallion. Dux of Graduating Year. First Prizes for Physics, Applied Mathematics, Engineering, Seamanship (Otto Albert Memorial Prize) and Navigation (Presented by New Zealand Naval Board).





TROTTER,

Robert Neil —  
1964 Senior Entry. Darwin High School, N.T. and Adelaide Boys High School, S.A. Life Saving Bronze Medallion.



JOHNSTONE,

Graeme Francis —  
1961 Junior Entry. Warrnambool Technical College, Victoria. 1st XVIII Australian Rules 1961-'65. 1st X Basketball 1965. 2nd XV Rugby 1965. Life Saving Bronze Cross and Instructors Certificate. Boxing Light Heavyweight Champion 1964.



WITHNELL,

Rodney Edward —  
1962 Junior Entry. Griffith High School, N.S.W. 1st X Basketball 1964-'65. Athletics Team 1964-'65. Life Saving Bronze Cross and Bar. Half Colours Athletics. Graduation 2nd Prize History.



SOUTHEY,

J. C. —

1962 Junior Entry. Hobart High School, Tasmania. Divisional Cadet Midshipman. 1st X Basketball 1962-'65, Captain 1964-'65. 1st XVIII Australian Rules 1962-'65. Athletics Team 1964-'65. Open Champion 1965. 1st XI Cricket 1964. 2nd XV Rugby 1964-'65. 1st VII Water Polo 1965. Life Saving Bronze Cross and Bar, Instructors Certificate. Gliding 'A' and 'B' Certificates. Colours Basketball, Half-Colours Australian Rules, Athletics.



POTTS,

Robert William —  
1964 Senior Entry. St. Laurence's College, Brisbane, Qld. 1st XV Rugby 1964-'65. 2nd XI Cricket 1964. Life Saving Bronze Medallion.

GIBBS,

Neil Rodney —  
1962 Junior Entry. Cabramatta High School, N.S.W. 1st XI Soccer 1963-'65. Sailing Team 1962-'65. Life Saving Bronze Cross. Graduation 2nd Prizes, Pure Mathematics, Applied Mathematics and Navigation.



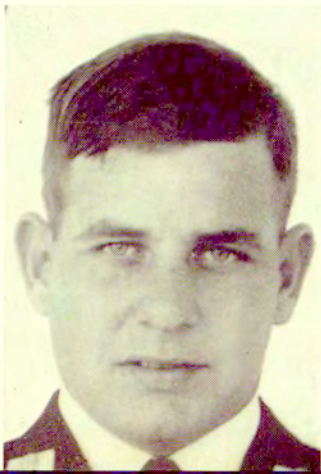


**WORSTENCROFT,**

John Anthony —  
1962 Junior Entry. Bundaberg State High School, Queensland. 1st XV Rugby 1962-'65. 1st XI Soccer 1962-'65, Captain 1963. 1st XVIII Australian Rules 1962-'65. 1st X Basketball 1963-'65, Vice Captain 1964-'65. 1st VII Waterpolo 1963-'65, Captain 1964-'65. Athletics Team 1963-'65, Senior Athletics Champion 1964, Runner-up Junior Championship 1963. 2nd XI Cricket 1962-'64. Life Saving Award of Merit. Colours Rugby, Basketball. Half Colours, Athletics.

**OVERTON,**

William Robert —  
1964 Senior Entry. James Cook Boys High School, N.S.W. 1st XV Rugby 1964-'65, Vice-Captain. 1st VII Water Polo 1964-'65. 1st X Basketball 1965. Life Saving Bronze Medallion. Colours Rugby.



**TACEY,**

Harley —  
1964 Senior Entry. Southport State High School, Queensland. Divisional Cadet Midshipman. 1st XV Rugby 1964, Captain 2nd XV 1965. Rugby Referee. Boxing Light Weight Champion 1964. Life Saving Bronze Cross. Graduation 2nd Prize Engineering.



**ZILLESSEN,**

Wolfgang Johann —  
1964 Senior Entry. Armadale High School, W.A. 1st XVIII Australian Rules 1964-'65. Life Saving Bronze Cross. Champion Marksman 1964.



**PURCELL,**

Gerald Laurence —  
1962 Junior Entry. Christian Brothers' College, Warrnambool, Victoria. Chief Cadet Captain. 1st XVIII Australian Rules 1962-'65, Captain 1965. 1st XV Rugby 1964-'65, Captain 1965. 1st VIII Tennis 1962-'65, Captain 1965. Singles Champion 1962 and 1965. Doubles Champion 1965. Athletics Team 1963-'65, Cross Country Champion 1962-'64 and Runner-up 1965. Boxing Featherweight Champion 1964. Shelley Cup winner 1964. Life Saving Award of Merit. Colours Australian Rules, Athletics, Rugby, Tennis. Graduation Queen's Gold Medal; Special Prize for University Studies. Governor General's Cup for best all round athlete.

**GRAHAM,**

Robert George —  
1964 Senior Entry. Box Hill High School, Victoria. 1st XV Rugby 1964-'65. 1st XVIII Australian Rules 1964. Captain College Athletic Team 1964-'65. Life Saving Bronze Cross. Colours Athletics.





STALL,

Roy Norman Arthur —  
1964 Senior Entry. St. Ildephonsus College, New Norcia, W.A. and Christian Brothers High School, Highgate, W.A. Life Saving Bronze Medallion.



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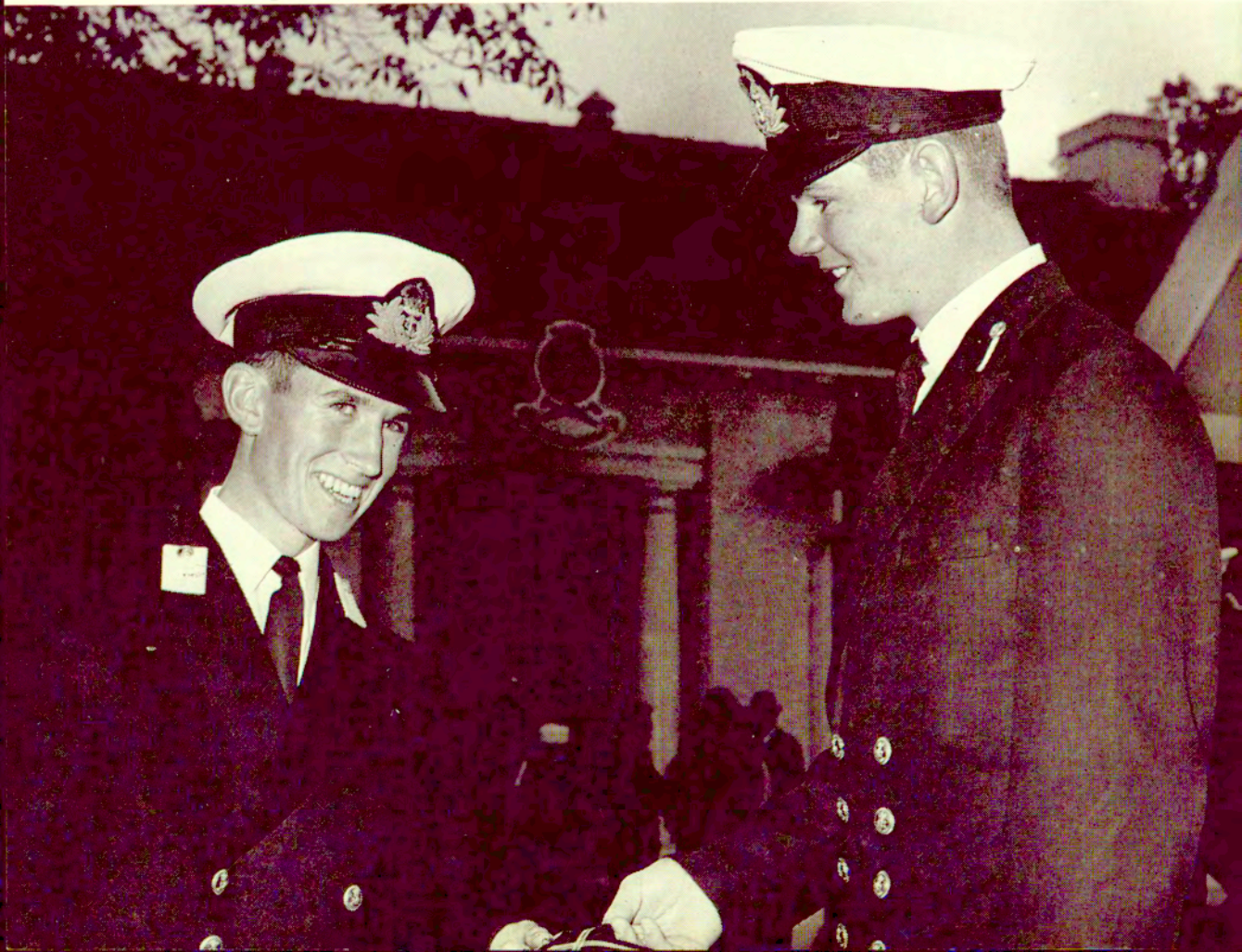
Michael Charles —  
1964 Senior Entry. Geelong High School. Life Saving Bronze Medallion.



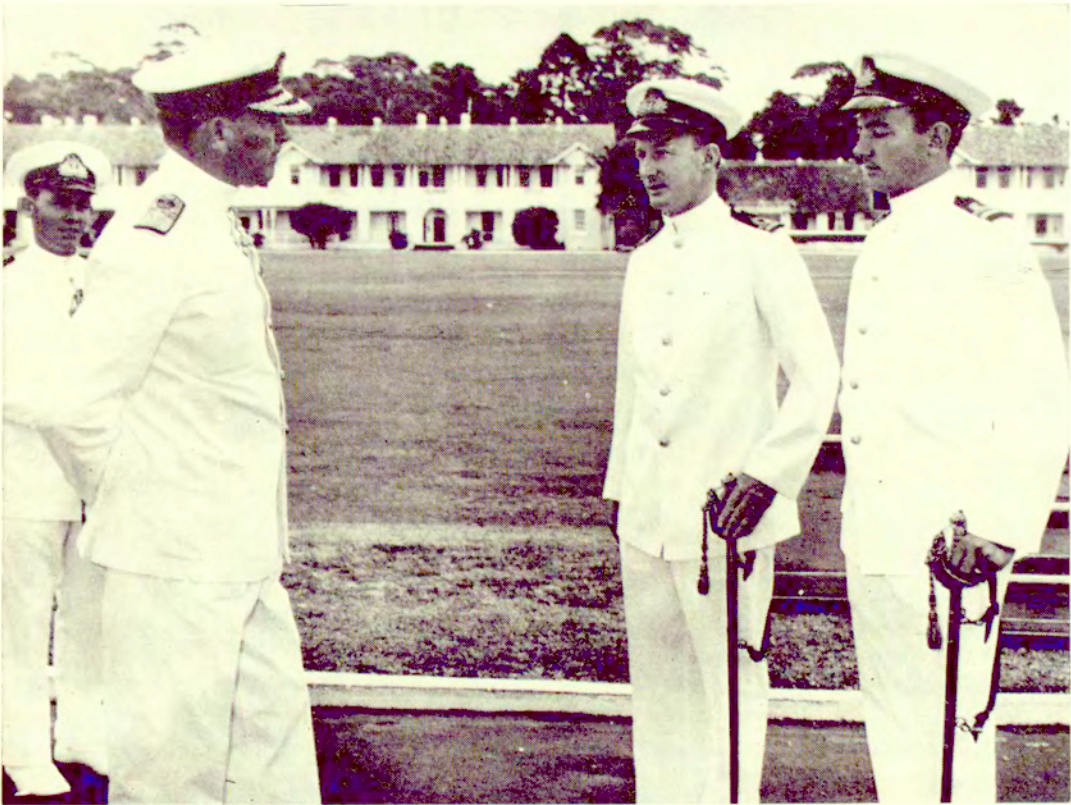
WHITTLE,

Timothy John —  
1962 Junior Entry. Governor Stirling High School, Perth. Life Saving Bronze Medallion.

*The retiring Chief Cadet Captain, G. L. Purcell, hands over to his successor, G. F. McLennan.*







*Vice Admiral Sir Hastings Harrington, K.B.E., C.B., D.S.O., talks with officers on the College Staff.*

## Distinguished Visitors . . .

Vice-Admiral Sir Hasting HARRINGTON K.B.E., C.B., D.S.O., who retired this year as Chief of the Naval Staff, paid his farewell official visit to the College on 12th February when he took the salute at a parade held in his honour.

Among our other distinguished visitors were the Commander Far East Fleet, Vice-Admiral Sir Frank Twiss K.B.E., D.S.C., and the Commander of the French Forces in the Pacific, Rear Admiral Picard-Destellan, both of whom inspected the assembled Cadet Divisions and took the salute.

We wish to thank the following guest speakers to whom we are most grateful for giving so freely of their time, to visit the College and enlighten us.

Mr. WARRELL: Snowy Mountains Authority.  
Members of the British Joint Warfare Staff.

Commander J. LANCASTER, R.A.N.

Vice Admiral A. W. R. McNICOLL, C.B., C.B.E., G.M.

Mr. J. P. LONERGAN, Director of Naval Scientific Services.

Mr. W. NORTHAM, Olympic Gold Medal Winner.

Professor R. H. MYERS, Pro-Vice Chancellor, University of N.S.W.

The Right Reverend C. E. STORRS, former Bishop of Grafton.

Mr. J. R. BENNETTS, Political Correspondent in Canberra of "The Age".

We were honoured at Graduation by the Presence of the Minister for the Navy, the Honourable F. C. Chaney, A.F.C., M.P., and many other distinguished guests who have been listed elsewhere in the detailed report of that ceremony. In addition, the following also paid visits to the College.

Rear Admiral G. C. Oldham, C.B.E., D.S.C., (Retd.), Chairman of the Sydney Industrial Mobilisation Course.

Surgeon Rear Admiral R. M. COPLANS Q.H.S., Medical Director General.

Rear Admiral H. B. FARNCOMB, C.B., D.S.O., M.V.O., (Retd).  
 Surgeon Captain (D) C. S. MARTIN, R.A.N., Deputy Medical Director General (Dental).  
 Air Commodore K. R. J. PARSONS, C.B.E., D.S.O., D.F.C., A.F.C., R.A.A.F. Academy Point Cook.  
 Colonel H. G. BATES, O.B.E., Officer Cadet School, Portsea.  
 Wing Commander, F. O. KNUDSEN, No. 1 Basic Flying Training School.  
 Major General C. H. FINLAY, C.B.E., R.M.C., Duntroon.  
 Captain I. K. PURVIS, R.A.N., Director of Naval Reserves.  
 Major General T. J. DALY, C.B.E., D.S.O., General Officer Commanding Eastern Command.  
 The Honourable J. P. ANTHONY, M.P., Minister for the Interior.  
 J. R. FRASER, Esq., M.P.  
 D. SHOOBRIDGE, esq., Director, Parks, Gardens, A.C.T.  
 C. JACKSON, Esq., Boy Scouts Area Commissioner.  
 R. WALKER, Esq., Boy Scouts District Commissioner.  
 R. TODD, Esq., Director of Naval Works.  
 Messrs. BOWRA, BUCHAN and BREEN, N.S.W. Secondary School Advisory Team.  
 Captain J. A. A. VAN LIER Marine Superintendent Shell International Petrol, Company, Ltd.

Dr. BLACK, Director, School of Tropical Medicine.  
 Mr. C. DOUGLAS, Assistant Secretary Dept. of the Interior.  
 Mr. G. F. WYNN Director of Education, Dept. of the Interior.  
 L. H. MANGELESON, Esq., Area Secretary, East Australia Area.  
 Headmasters from Western Australia:—  
 A. R. BOYLEN, Esq., Director of Secondary Education.  
 W. WALKER, Esq., Principal, Senior High School, Mr. Lawley.  
 P. M. MOYES, Esq., Principal, Christchurch G.S.  
 W. GRIFFITHS, Esq., Principal, Senior High School, Bunbury.  
 W. STALLWOOD, Esq., Principal Senior High School Applecross.  
 J. NASH, Esq., Principal, Senior High School, Albany.  
 Headmasters from N.S.W.:—  
 R. COOPER, Esq., Principal, Canterbury Boys High School.  
 C. J. HUGHSON, Esq., Principal, Lyneham High School, Canberra.  
 Brother OSWALD, Principal, De La Salle College Armidale.  
 T. A. PEARSON, Esq., Principal, High School, Normanhurst.  
 M. E. SYKES, Esq., Principal, High School, Nowra.  
 R. H. KEFFORD, Esq., Principal, Sir Joseph Banks High School, Revesby.

*Vice-Admiral Sir Frank Twiss, C.B.E., D.S.C. inspects Cadet Division.*



# St. George on the Bay

## Chapel Notes

By Rev. R. C. Lovitt, Th.L.,  
Chaplain, R.A.N.

"If you have got the qualities of courage, will power, initiative, and knowledge, you will be a leader. But you will not necessarily be a good leader or a leader *for* good. To be that you must have one more quality — unselfishness, the old Christian virtue of loving your neighbour, your men, a little more than yourself". These are the words of a former Governor-General of this Commonwealth, Field Marshal Sir William Slim.

The aim of this college is to produce good leaders for good. In endeavouring to achieve this an integral and important aspect of training is the teaching of spiritual, ethical, and moral values.

The Chapels continue to be the centres of Worship and Religious Education.

On Sundays and Wednesdays Holy Communion is celebrated in the Chapel. Anglican Evensong is held every alternate Sunday, and the Rev. N. Symes, R.A.N.R. (Nowra Presbyterian) and the Rev. L. Manning, C.M.F. (Nowra Methodist) visit the College on the other Sunday evenings to conduct services. Prayers are said at Divisions three mornings a week. Divine Service is held in the cinema after Sunday Divisions.

To help them in their personal and service life, the Rev. Canon H. M. Arrowsmith, M.B.E., the General Secretary of the British and Foreign Bible Society, in June this year distributed 100 copies of the Revised Standard Version of the whole Bible to the cadets. He has promised that this will be a yearly practice so that every new entry cadet will be given an opportunity of possessing a Bible.

Sunday School is conducted by Masters' and Officers' wives each Sunday. We appreciate the



*Cadet Midshipman E. L. Morgan receiving a bible from Canon H. M. Arrowsmith.*

time put into this by Mesdames Berry, Paul, Good, Seymour, and Benson.

Worshippers in both the Chapel and cinema are grateful to the ladies who attend to the floral arrangements each week.

Throughout the past year Mesdames Toohey, Rees, Berry, and Lovitt have played the organ for Church Services and our thanks are extended to them.

An Anglican Confirmation Service was held in the Chapel once again. The Right Reverend C. E. Storrs, M.A., Th.D., a former Bishop of Grafton, laid hands on five cadet midshipmen and three others.

It is generally agreed that much of the atmosphere of worship is lost when Divine Service is held in the cinema. It is hoped that permission will be given for the building, in the not too far distant future, of an attractive functional Chapel.

*Anglican confirmation group with the Right Reverend C. E. Storrs.*



# Our Lady Star of the Sea

## Chapel Notes

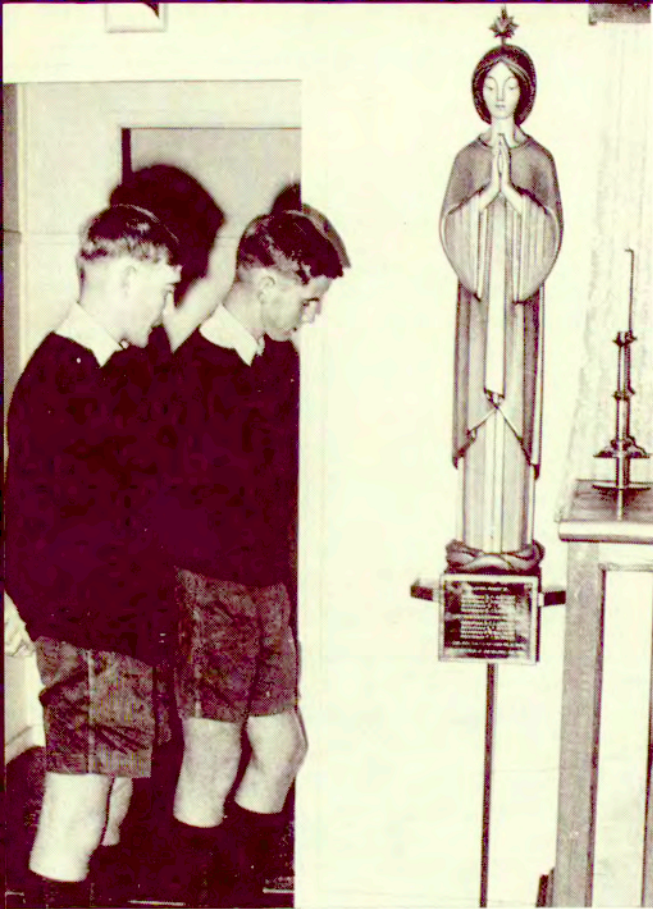
By Rev. F. Lyons, R.A.N.

approach of the Saviour of the human race, reflecting the splendour of His light by her own sanctity before that Light itself was to burst forth over the earth in the person of her Divine Son.

It was an obvious consequence, with the already established connections between Mary and the poetry of the stars, that seafarers would see in her a similarity with the navigational value of the stars. As the mariner plots his course for the port of his ship's destination with the help of a star, so we may set our course for our heavenly port with the ever beckoning assistance of the shining example of the Immaculate Mother of Him we hope to meet on the heavenly shore.

Small wonder, then, that the devotion to that title of Star of the Sea became prominent among men of the Sea. For this reason all R.C. Chapels in the R.A.N. are placed under the patronage of Our Lady under that title, and this explains our great pleasure at having this carved representation of this devotion in the Chapel at Jervis Bay. To those who made it possible we express deep gratitude. We know that they will find much satisfaction in the knowledge that their gift will contribute a great deal in fostering this devotion among countless generations of Cadet-Midshipmen who elect to serve their country in the Royal Australian Navy.

In addition to the value of all the carving represents, there is the fact that it will be a permanent and singularly appropriate memorial to the eight young sons of the College who were lost at sea so soon after leaving its halls. The names of these eight young men will ever be before the minds of those who meet at this Altar of God to offer the Sacrifice of their praise and homage to the Creator. The statue should also be a reminder to all Cadets of the seriousness of the task to which they have set their young hands. In the service of the country we love, especially amidst the ever present dangers of the sea, stern sacrifices can be demanded in sudden and unexpected ways. If such situations are to be met with honour, the need for proper training, skilled efficiency, and strong character becomes obvious. The plaque at the base of this carving will be a constant link between the Cadet Midshipmen of today and tomorrow with those eight men of their kind whose young decision to serve Australia at sea cost them so much so soon — it will also be for them a challenge to aim at the highest degree of preparation to meet the uncertainties of the future.



On the second of May this year, a carving of Our Lady, Star of the Sea, was blessed and dedicated in the R.C. Chapel. It had been given to the College by some of the parents of the eight Midshipmen of the 1963 Graduation Year who lost their lives in the *SYDNEY* and *VOYAGER* tragedies, as memorial of them all.

The devotion to the Mother of Christ under the title of Star of the Sea seems to have been common among seafarers down through the ages. Indeed it is difficult to trace its historical origin, but it seems reasonable to accept that it has its beginning in the name *MARY* itself, for in the Syriac languages so common in Biblical lands the word for Mary is *MYRIA*, which could be translated as "a star rising in the darkness". To the poet other similarities were obvious and became the inspirations of verse:

As the star gives forth its light  
So the Virgin bears her Son  
Like in kind.  
As the light breaks not the star  
So the Virgin by her Son  
Is not broken.

Again in the Morning Star, as it rises in the heavens with the splendour of the reflected light of the sun which follows in its wake, was seen a close comparison to the Mother of Christ. She was the messenger who was to foreshadow the

# THE DIVISIONS

## — News and Notes

### *Divisional Officer*

FLINDERS:	Lt. R. M. Jessurun, R.A.N.
COOK:	Lt. G. R. Paul, R.N.Z.N.
JERVIS:	Lt. P. G. V. Dechaineaux, R.A.N.
PHILLIP:	Lt. Cdr. G. Halley, R.A.N.

### *Masters*

Mr. D. Thompson
Mr. J. H. Wolstenholme
Mr. J. H. Smith
Mr. M. J. Toohey
Mr. I. Good
Inst. Lt. Cdr. D. J. McKeegan, R.A.N.
Inst. Lt. Cdr. B. E. Seymour, R.A.N.
Mr. P. W. Hoare

### **RESULTS OF DIVISIONAL COMPETITIONS**

#### *THE COCK TROPHY*

	Flinders	Jervis	Cook	Phillip
1964				
Term III	110	97	112	97
1965				
Term I	83	89	78	77
Term II	106	87	82	78

### **THE DALTON CUP**

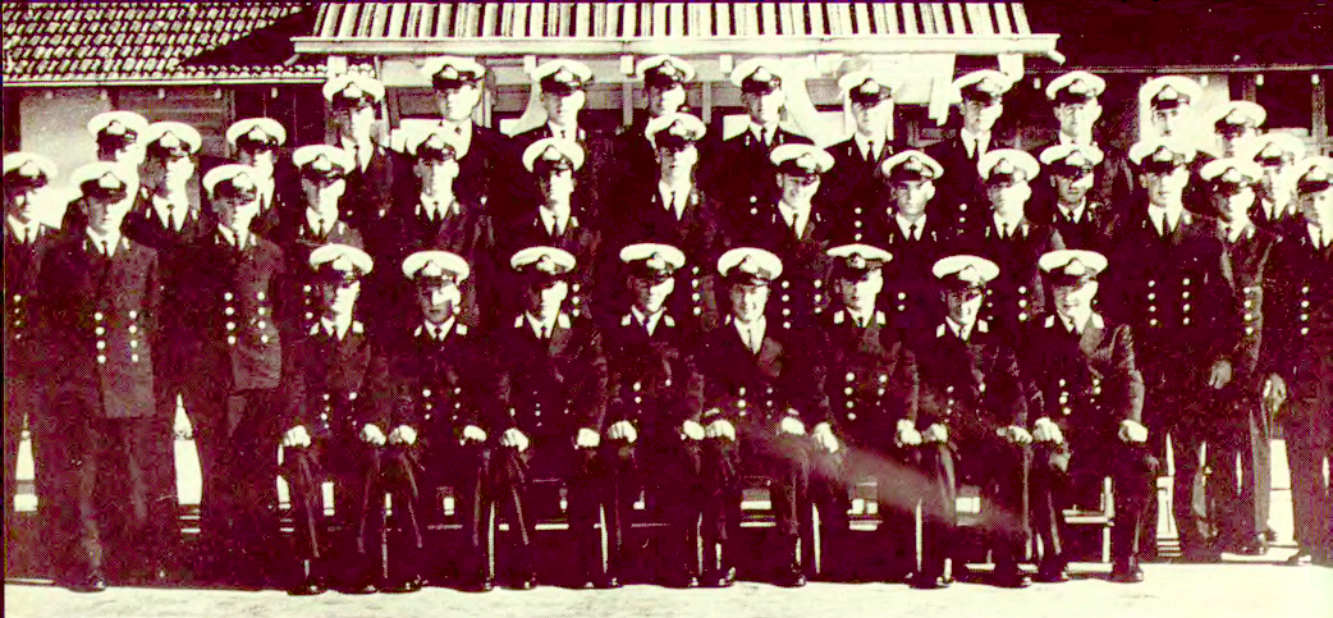
*(Awarded to the Division with the best all round sporting results)*

1st Cook	169 points (winners for the second successive year)
2nd Jervis	152 points
3rd Flinders	132 points
4th Phillip	110 points

Divisions are not simply part of an administration system, they are an essential element in College life, stimulating that friendly rivalry so necessary for the health and development of both the individual and society (particularly one so isolated as the College, which must satisfy this need from within itself), while at the same time providing that smaller unit of allegiance, that 'home', equally necessary for the well being of an individual member of a large and complex community. Each term, the Divisions give battle on the fields of sport and professional training for possession of that coveted 'Cock' trophy and the privileges that go with it. There is no doubt that the association of professional subjects with this competition has furthered the acquiring of skills on the parade ground, in 'flashing', and other practical aspects of the cadets' professional training, but the inclusion of academic results in the Divisional contests was the cause of considerable controversy and was cancelled after two terms. It is rumoured that the reason for this was the realisation that cadets in certain Divisions were becoming anaemic and run-down in consequence of too conscientious application to studies! Be that as it may, the sighs of relief from other Divisions could be heard echoing round Jervis Bay.

Sport and sporting competitions have a high priority in Divisional life and when the new entrants arrive each January, the 'old hands' may be seen eagerly searching their ranks for signs of that outstanding talent that may point the way to final victory. It is largely through sport that the new cadet is quickly assimilated into his new home. He quickly learns the meaning of the Divisional spirit and in no time at all he is ready to defend his colour against all comers. Each Division has its own propaganda machine busily engaged within its own hallowed walls in bolstering up morale and in undermining that of its neighbours. One Division has been so successful in instilling the spirit of the 'Tiger' into its members that an outside concern has apparently secured the exclusive rights to exploit the power that seems to lie under black and yellow stripes.

During the past year, a most important change has been made in Divisional organisation by the re-introduction of the Cadet Captain system and the appointment of four Divisional Cadet Midshipmen. The Gold, Red, Green and Blue tribes have taken to their new chiefs while still remaining firmly under the iron grip of that monarch of all he surveys, the Chief Cadet Captain.



*Back row: G. A. Crisp, T. G. John, A. B. Mackinnon, S. H. M. Burrell, J. A. Meharry, D. I. Davidson, C. S. H. Harrington, M. J. Stock, R. J. Nelligan, C. A. Richie.*  
*Middle row: R. G. Thomas, J. R. Ryan, P. H. Stehn, G. S. Besomo, O. S. Barwood, I. R. Gulliver, C. Jones, M. J. Rennie, R. I. MacLeod, G. J. Rawstron, C. R. Broun, G. E. S. Vidal, J. R. Lord, J. E. Males, E. S. Stokes.*  
*Seated: A. J. Peck, J. R. F. Horner, R. F. Withnell, R. H. Trotter, R. A. Christie, C. P. Tomlin, Lt. R. M. Jessurun, R. W. Potts, A. Cook, G. F. Johnstone.*

## FLINDERS DIVISION

After closely winning the Cock Division trophy in the second term of 1964, we returned to the College in good spirits. However, our luck had run out and we failed to gain the 'Cock' again that year. We did not excel in any sports but by good team work and the efforts of a few individuals, we gained satisfactory places in the cricket, swimming and waterpolo. Among our most noteworthy individual performers was G. S. Besomo, who seemed as happy in the water as on the cricket pitch. Failures in the Gibson Shield and the Crash Whaler competitions ruined our chances of winning the sports and put us in second place overall. Our failure in the boats is attributed by some to the faithlessness of the wind gods, combined with the dubious actions of a neighbouring Division and their 'yachtie' Divisional officer!

The first term of 1965 brought fresh talent to the Division but the only sport at which we shone was Basketball, where we scored a convincing victory. A bad run of injuries ruined our chances in the athletics, pulling regatta and gymnastics, the latter being well managed by D. D. Connors. Although the Fourth Year were only with us for half the term, they made some invaluable contributions to our tally of points. R. E. Withnell gave Flinders a valuable start in the athletics. With our usual ease, we secured

first place in the professional subjects but the introduction of points for study snatched a deserved victory from our hands, and once again we had to be content with second place.

In the second term, however, we again became Cock Division with the satisfying margin of twenty points over Jervis Division. Hard work and concentration at the right times gave us victory in the professional subjects, as did all round ability and lots of 'Tiger' in the sports. We did exceptionally well on the field this term winning the soccer, basketball, cross country and Gala day competition. In the cross country, which was held just before graduation, Broun showed fine style in coming sixth. The cooks are to be congratulated on the high standard of their cakes.

Our best wishes go to the graduates from Flinders Division now at sea. Meanwhile the new Senior Year is settling in and a rumour is abroad that a certain D.C.M. prefers coffee to kai. Take note first year!

Lt. Jessurun left us at the end of second term and he and his wife have our best wishes for the future. We excelled with him as 'Chief Tiger', and hope that we may be able to send him favourable reports of our future kills. Meanwhile we welcome Lt. Sutton, and hope that his stay will be both a pleasant and profitable one.



*Back row: R. A. Power, A. J. Riley, R. K. Thomsett, P. J. Parkins, I. D. Gibson, D. P. Caton, K. S. Tuckey, D. J. Ramsay.*

*Middle row: R. J. Leitch, R. R. P. Spencer, I. M. Booth, J. W. Rennie, D. Oliver, D. J. Thorley, P. R. Maguire, R. A. Harrison, W. Arthur, B. A. Maginnity, C. P. Chamberlain, R. A. Sulman, L. J. Connell, B. P. Pember, R. I. Logan, E. R. Conron, R. D. Eames, K. A. Stagg.*

*Seated: M. Biddle, R. Hall, K. Farmer, G. Purcell, Lt. Cdr. G. Halley, H. Tacey, P. F. Maguire, G. Bairnsfather, S. D. Brown, P. R. Newman.*

## PHILLIP DIVISION

'Come on the Green Dragons'. With this battle cry we have been spurred on in the Cock Division competitions by our Divisional Officer, Lt. Cdr. Halley. Our spirit and endeavour has increased and this has helped us in our efforts to move up out of last place. However, the decision to introduce points for academic results to be counted in the competition proved an additional handicap.

We had been hoping for good results on the sports field but in Term 3 of 1964 we actually managed to win only the tennis, softball and rifle shooting, coming last in most other sports. However, by a great effort, we did better in the professional subjects being rated equal third.

In the first term of 1965, with the Senior Year free of Graduation worries and the Third Year having disposed of Matriculation, we were also infused with new blood from Junior and Senior entries. After the first few weeks had been spent knocking the civilian out of them, they began to contribute materially to the spirit of the Division. We won the Forster Cup for sailing and after the Senior Year left to join *H.M.A.S. ANZAC*, we went on to win the gymnastic

competition and to gain a second place in the Regatta. In the sporting fixtures we came a good second, but dropped in the Professional subjects and Academic results, again occupying last place in the Cock competition.

We were determined at the beginning of Term 2 not to be last again and, urged on continually by our Divisional Officer, we set out, if not to win the competition, at least to gain good second or third places. When the 1965 Senior Entry joined Third Year, our hopes soared and were sustained when the Senior Year themselves came back as 'old salts' from *H.M.A.S. ANZAC*. We did not achieve any first places on the sporting field but we again came to the fore in professional subjects, being beaten by only one point. Academic results proved our final undoing and we dropped back again to last position. Our efforts did not go entirely unrewarded for our Divisional Officer gave us a good "BZ".

We still have high hopes of being Cock Division in the not too distant future and intend to continue our efforts to attain this elusive goal.

Lt. Cdr. Halley has received orders to join *H.M.A.S. PARAMATTA*. We extend our best wishes to him and his wife, and hope that they have enjoyed their stay at the College.



*Back row: J. G. Quinn, R. K. Wansborough, P. T. M. Detering, C. J. Oxenbould, A. D. Carter, P. B. Gashler, M. R. Cechner, A. D. Beckett.*  
*Middle row: A. P. Smith, A. J. Kelly, S. Allen, T. V. Moloney, R. Lamacraft, E. L. Morgan, K. F. P. Pitt, J. D. Ridler, J. Koina, R. J. Sheriff, J. W. Jones, D. T. Bennet, K. J. Gas-oine, D. N. Butcher.*  
*Seated: C. M. Pedersen, N. A. Clark, N. R. Gibbs, W. J. Zillissen, M. C. Webster, Lt. G. R. Paul, G. D. Anderson, G. J. Earley, J. A. Worstencroft, D. W. Gillies.*

## COOK DIVISION

The last year has been one of mixed fortunes for Cook Division. After being narrowly beaten for the Cook Division trophy in the second term of 1964, we started the third term with high hopes of a victory. We began well by winning the "Crash Whalers" with two victories and a second place. This gave the division a boost and our victories in the cadets section of the Creswell cup, the Gibson shield, and waterpolo placed us in a good position for winning the Cook Trophy. There only remained for us to win the Interdivision Swimming Carnival to clinch victory but it was not until the last race of the day, "The All Hands Relay", that we emerged victorious and Cook Division became the Cook Division and won the Dalton Cup for sport.

After Christmas leave we returned to attack the first term with all the enthusiasm we had displayed during 1964. We began the term well when C. J. Oxenbould, A. D. Carter and R. Lamacraft filled the first three places in the sculling: A. D. Carter and C. J. Oxenbould also gained first and second in the Gibson Shield. Cook Division did very well in the athletics with G. J. Earley, G. F. McLennan and A. P. Smith distinguishing themselves by their fine performances on the track and in the field events. We

would like to congratulate G. D. Anderson, J. A. Worstencroft, G. J. Earley, G. F. McLennan and A. P. Smith on their selection for the College Interservice Athletics team. However, Cook Division had to settle for third position in the Cook Division competition.

The second term of 1965 was not our most successful and we failed to win any of the sporting events. However, we obtained creditable second places in the cross country, basketball and the Gala sports carnival. If the College boxing was an interdivisional event, Cook Division would have emerged victorious with G. F. McLennan Heavyweight Champion; A. P. Smith Welterweight Champion; A. D. Beckett Bantamweight Champion; J. E. McGovern Runner-up Light Middleweight Champion and C. N. Pedersen Runner up Light Welterweight Champion. Cook Division did well on the Professional side but once again we had to settle for third position among the Divisions.

We congratulate G. F. McLennan who, after the Graduation of the Senior Year in July became Chief Cadet Captain, and G. C. Richardson, a "Kiwi" from Jervis Division, who was made D.C.M. of Cook Division.





*Back row: P. D. Clark, B. A. Griffin, J. A. Holliday, J. R. Cook, I. W. L. McKie, D. G. Cameron, J. G. J. Newman, G. C. Richardson.*  
*Middle row: B. D. Hunt, A. K. Mills, I. V. Clarke, A. R. Davison, P. J. Rowbottom, R. S. Pritchard, K. P. Walsh, C. G. Lloyd, K. Brandner, M. B. Ziegler, C. R. R. Rex, R. G. Partington, R. A. Frost, C. V. Strang, P. S. Mitchell, W. F. A. Wilson, A. P. F. Bolton.*  
*Seated: T. H. Cox, R. G. Graham, R. N. Jermyn, R. N. Stall, J. C. Southey, Lt. P. G. V. Dechaineaux, W. R. Overton, D. J. Gaul.*

## JERVIS DIVISION

At the outset of the third term of 1964 we were confident of an immediate success in the first event of the term, the Creswell Cup, which we had consistently won during recent years. Our determination to repeat past performances ensured the fulfilment of our expectations and we again took the trophy. But our speed on land was offset by our notorious limitations on and in the water. We were left far behind in swimming and consequently in waterpolo, and gained only third place in sailing. Once again our land-rubber instinct was displayed in the fleet-footed batsmen who boosted our scores and helped us to trounce all others in the inter-Divisional Cricket competition, our team being captained by T. H. Cox. However, we could do no better than third placing in the final for the inter-divisional Cock competition for that term.

The new year saw the rejuvenation of the Division and with the competent backing of the new recruits, we succeeded in winning the coveted Cock trophy for the first term of 1965. The basis of our success was laid in the professional aspects of the competition, principally studies, supported by less successful efforts in athletics and gymnastics. Our sporting talent did well in

the College basketball, athletics, cricket and waterpolo teams, while our sprinters were especially well represented in the inter-service and triangular sports meetings. After Graduation in July, we felt the loss of the senior year of 1964-65 both in academics and sport. The departure of J. C. Southey, W. R. Overton and D. J. Gaul left several divisional teams with serious gaps to be filled, while the dominating influence of P. J. Bobroff in studies was a heavy loss.

The second term of 1965 saw the downfall of several of our divisional sporting teams, exceptions being the rugby and hockey teams whose success can largely be traced to the competence of J. A. Holliday, D. G. Cameron and B. A. Griffin. With a second place in soccer added to a possible win in studies, we had a good chance to repeat the success of the previous term. However, final results fell short of our expectations and we were relegated to second place by Flinders. We regret the loss of G. C. Richardson and I. W. L. McKie to other Divisions but pride ourselves on having provided three of the new Divisional Cadet Midshipmen. We hope to taste the privileges of being Cock Division again soon.

# Cadet Midshipmen on Holiday

## —Going On Leave

IT IS a quarter to five in the morning and only the irate quartermaster is up. Then under the spur of, the shrill whistle of the pipe and raucous summonses to rise, pyjama-clad bodies drift towards the bathrooms, whence come shouts and imprecations mingled with clouds of steam. Why are these people up so early? They are Cadets of the Royal Australian Naval College, and any expressions of pity would be quite wasted, for it is Friday, the start of leave—the day they have been awaiting expectantly, anticipating fervently, since the very start of term.

Showers over, it is time to dress. Ah! the beautiful feeling of nylon against skin, 'civvy' shirts not starched and pressed but soft and clinging. Trousers, long and thin, complete the picture while the 'pusser's' Daks with their nineteen (or is it, twenty) inch cuffs are put away out of sight. Some last minute packing and then it is time for breakfast. On Fridays there are always fishballs for breakfast; a disappointment to many who are left with the pleasure of anticipating steaks and coffee in Sydney, a boon to more conventional souls who can eat their fill of the unusual abundance. There is little time to waste; after breakfast it is straight out to the bus. Once comfortably seated, the majority just doze while a few tireless souls start to sing. The singing is not very good and the same old tunes come pouring forth. The bus pulls slowly away to strains of 'Yeah! Yeah! Yeah!', and swings on to the road leading to the main gate. What a beautiful gate this is—when you are passing through it into the outside world!

The bus, pusser's blue and uncomfortable, is coaxed to turn corners and to mount hills faster than ever before, by a sailor at the wheel possessed like most of his passengers with a mania for speed. Few see the sun rise for the majority are by now asleep, but those who happen to be still conscious will never forget the beauty of the sun rising on that particular Friday morning over a College fast disappearing in the distance. Meanwhile the bus speeds on with its cargo, away from one form of boredom into another. A vigilant cadet spies the first sign of civilization—a teenager (female) on her way to school. And a little further on—Oh beautiful sight!—a car by the roadside broken down, with its owner, a once dominant but now insignificant and despondent D.C.M., bent in earnest supplication over the engine. The bus with its now enlivened cargo roars by. Soon Nowra is reached and the cadets mingle with the early morning crowd as they board the train for Sydney.

The cadets are soon settled in. Happy to

have an audience, they all start to talk about the 'Navy' while surveying the carriage with fervent eyes in search of the expected appraising glances from the ordinary travellers. Then the awful truth dawns upon the leave-crazed cadets; passengers on Friday trains do not care whether their fellow travellers are in the Navy or not. The train is always a slow one, ambling on its way, stopping at every station and sometimes in between stations for good measure. Progress is slow but sure. Redfern never looked lovelier, Central never cleaner. Perhaps the city fathers have had the city cleaned up especially to honour the cadets! The hallucinations of leave-fervour know no bounds.

Once off the train, the cadets soon disperse, losing their common identity and merging with the ordinary (and, they are inclined to believe, lesser) mortals. Some cadets who happen to live in Sydney, make their way home while others spend their time on the beaches waiting for their connection for other parts of Australia or even overseas. But whatever they do, they make the best of this particular Friday, for not many Fridays hence, they will return. E.S.

## —Abroad

THE very sight of a large jet aircraft is inspiring and it is even more inspiring to be a passenger in one. The surge forward on take-off and the muffled roar of mighty engines imparts to the passenger an overwhelming feeling of power which overrides thoughts of a possible unscheduled landing which may from time to time tend to intrude.

About eight p.m. one evening in mid-winter I stepped from my wonderful, warm, air-conditioned machine into the notorious sleet and smog of London. From that time until early January, I lived at home like any other cadet on leave, with the important difference that I was twelve thousand miles removed from sunny Australia.

Despite the handicaps of sleet and smog and other discomforts resulting from the vagaries of the English weather, my enthusiasm for sight-seeing was not damped, and the proverb 'early to bed, early to rise . . .' had little influence on my actions, although I did in fact remain in good health and as wealthy as most cadets after two weeks leave!

The house in which I was staying with my family was conveniently situated for trips into inner London; it was close to an Underground station from which all parts of the great city could be reached.

Between attendances at current shows and films, I spent a great deal of time in my father's office at Australia House in the Strand. Here I

had an opportunity of observing at first hand high-ranking naval officers at work, and I learnt a number of small but important points about the Navy in general, just by sitting in the background and listening. It was an education in itself to meet some of the constant stream of important visitors, among them the editor of Jane's Fighting Ships.

On the 4th January, my father and I boarded a train for Glasgow and the next eight days provided the highlights of my overseas holiday. The first days were spent at Scott's shipyard where, under the personal direction of a management only too willing to please where multi-million pound contracts are concerned, we saw the hull of the first vessel which will eventually join the new Australian submarine fleet and much of the metal which will go into the second. A robust imagination is required to connect the bare shell we saw with the finished Oberon class submarine portrayed in mock-ups, models, photos and drawings that were to be found in abundance in the offices and workshops of the shipyard.

We were next shown over a more easily recognisable, newly launched bulk carrier to which the R.A.N. lays no claim. The vastness of the empty holds was most impressive and I was amazed at the luxurious appointment of the single berth cabins provided for every member of the crew. In the engineering workshops we saw the massive diesel engines that will become the power plant for the escort maintenance vessel now building at Cockatoo Island. I concluded that the R.A.N. was well represented in Glasgow.

We left in the evening by train for Inverness, thence again by train to the Kyle of Lockalsh, by ferry to the Isle of Skye and then by bus to our destination at Skeabast House, run by an ex-naval officer who, in the off-season, invites personal friends to enjoy a shooting holiday on one of the most beautiful islands of the Inner Hebrides. British Railways served us well in reaching this out of the way spot, and I must pass comment on the excellence of Railway hotels.

The Isle of Skye is washed by a warm current related to the Gulf Stream, and during our brief stay on-shore winds further ensured that no snow fell. I tried my hand in an amateurish way at shooting. Needless to tell, no amount of little lead pellets shot off into the sky brought any noticeable change in the flight attitude of the many ducks in the air, and certainly my efforts did not result in duck nose-dives and crash-landings which are the hallmark of the successful artist with a gun. I tried broadside double-barrel shots, single-barrel discharges, in fact anything that sent the shot off in the approximate direction of flying ducks, but the only tangible result was a pocketful of empty cartridge cases. Nevertheless, I enjoyed myself tremendously and was very sad to leave that delightful island. However, the return trip to Inverness provided some

fine scenery as recompense and I took many snapshots of the woods and lochs as we passed by in the train. I also noticed numbers of concrete pill-boxes; relics, no doubt, of the last war. Even in winter, the colouring of the Scottish countryside is utterly beautiful and I have many pleasant memories of this northern journey.

From Inverness we went to Edinburgh where we spent a day taking in the new bridge over the Firth of Forth, the Castle, and the Rosyth Naval Dockyard. Here lay *H.M.S. DREADNOUGHT*, shrouded in dark canvas in the shadow of the dry-dock wall. A morose scene, the gloom of which was heightened by low cloud and drizzle.

The Flying Scotsman is a famous and remarkable train which covers the 392 miles to London in six hours with only one stop. This is only half an hour longer than the afternoon train from Bomaderry takes to cover the mere one hundred miles to Sydney! Having had the pleasure of making both trips, I think that the Flying Scotsman could be well employed on the Sydney-Nowra run! The return trip to London proved most pleasant, affording ample opportunities for the practice of photography and leaving many picturesque scenes deeply impressed on my memory. We crossed numerous famous bridges and one in particular was a smaller version of the Sydney Harbour Bridge. Somewhat grimmer were the two airfields where we saw U.S. B47 bombers lined up at the ready.

After a few more days in London, I went south to visit Portsmouth where I attended a birthday-party, celebrated in traditional Australian style, of a member of the 1962 Graduation year. About twelve Australians invaded a typical, pleasant, homely English 'pub' and attacked its supplies of beer with a vengeance. It soon became obvious that, birthday or not, this was a regular ritual at the hotel.

The following day I ventured into the vast dockyard at Portsmouth combining a tour of Nelson's *H.M.S. VICTORY* with visits to *H.M.S. GRAMPUS*, a Porpoise class submarine and *H.M.S. HAMPSHIRE*, a County class destroyer. Naturally enough the *HAMPSHIRE* impressed me most, from the one-man lift linking bridge and operations room to the fifty-ton missile-launching unit on the stern which can turn in the flick of an eyelid. The space available and the well planned cabins and messes were a welcome contrast to what I had seen of Type "twelves" and Daring class destroyers, but it must be remembered that *H.M.S. HAMPSHIRE* is in fact a small, guided-missile cruiser.

While touring the dockyard I saw *H.M.S. BRAVE BORDERER*, a fifty-knot gas turbine boat which, I was told, is a remarkable sight in action. When dry-running of the engines takes place she becomes enveloped in smoke, emitting flames and making such noisome roars that onlookers are terrified.

After a further brief stay in London, the time

came at last to pack up and start the journey home to Australia. However, I had still a short stay in Hong Kong to look forward to. On the flight back to Australia via Zurich, Cairo, Karachi and Bangkok I again made extravagant additions to my collection of photographs. After seeing the sights of Hong Kong and making my last purchases of souvenirs, a Boeing 707 carried me to Sydney, bringing to an end a memorable leave on the other side of the world. D.J.R.

### —With the Merchant Navy

ONE member of the College was so tired of being a land-lubber, and so anxious to find his sea legs, that he contrived to spend most of last Christmas holidays at sea with the Merchant Navy. After much personal effort he managed to secure the coveted position of '7th Officer' on board the S.S. Iron Whyalla. Our travel-hungry cadet, assured that the ship was bound for some distant tropical port in Northern Australia, cherished dreams of tropical beaches and dancing girls, illusions nurtured in ignorance of the facts of life in the fields of geography and economics. The first disappointment came with the changing of the ship's sailing orders. The Iron Whyalla was bound for . . . Whyalla! But nothing daunted, our young adventurer could still draw comfort from his elevated position on board as '7th Officer'! Feeling extremely proud of his honorary commission, he joined ship at Newcastle with visions of great ship-handling exploits ahead. His actual duties, as it turned out, were somewhat less exciting than he had anticipated, but valuable experience was nevertheless gained.

Instead of being asked to give personal advice to the Captain on ship-handling, our new and temporary recruit to the Merchant Navy was given as his first duty the mundane task of painting port hole boxes. His final tally was 75. This is a particularly sore point with our young friend, who is inclined to violent reactions even at the thought of having to paint another one. He was mercifully occupied only a few days on this task when a much more responsible and fascinating job was found for him. As a victim of both claustrophobia and seasickness, it was with absolute horror that he received orders to go down into the bilges. To gain entrance was no easy task since the holds were lined with heavy timbers. Once these were removed, a small opening was cleared through which our intrepid friend was just able to crawl and thus enter the evil smelling darkness. His dangerous and unpleasant mission was not, as he had imagined, the plugging of a dangerous leak, but to clear away a layer of foul-smelling mud from the bilge pumps. While the ship's bilges were being cleaned, she was passing Gabo Island, a stretch of water renowned for its well-fed fish and where many a 'macker' has wished he could have died. Our saviour of the bilges felt very proud of himself, having gone round the 'prom'

in the bottom of an elderly bulk ore carrier. His advice to a would-be naval officer addicted to seasickness is, 'It's purely a question of mind over matter; get down in the nearest bilge and you will feel marvellous'.

The first taste of responsibility for our budding seaman came with his elevation to the foc'sle during anchoring and coming alongside. He was appointed to man the telephones, but unfortunately the passing of such simple orders as 'Single up to back spring and release' had him completely confused. Following experience with naval foc'sle parties, our young friend now appreciates the reasons for his difficulties. He was much impressed by the nonchalance and informality with which difficult manoeuvres were carried out in Merchant ships, but then there are limits to what you may say to Merchant seamen who enjoy union protection.

Christmas day was spent at sea and according to the whole crew, the stewards put on a good 'scran'. There was the traditional issue of grog on Christmas day. However, the '7th officer' received two bottles of cordial, much to his disgust, but by bartering with the 'Chippy', who was teetotal, he managed to imbibe a little of the Christmas spirit.

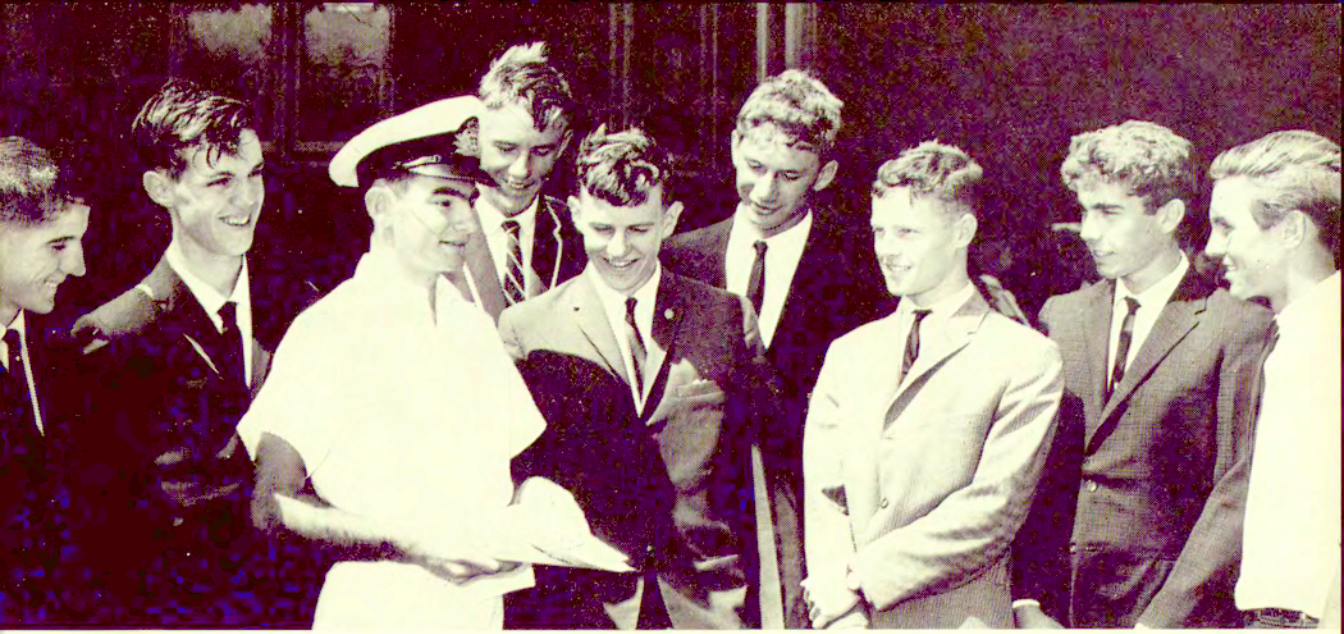
The port of Whyalla was reached at 0530 on Boxing day, and with considerable effort our friend managed to present himself on the foc'sle in time to witness some superb ship-handling. Those who know Whyalla harbour can fully appreciate the difficulty of turning a ship about within its narrow confines. One anchor was lowered and with the help of one tug, the ship was turned around and snugly docked.

After two days in Whyalla, our young naval seaman became restless. Permission was granted to visit Adelaide on condition that the cadet should be back on board at the appointed sailing time. Highlights of the 500 mile round trip included a lift with a 70 mile per hour maniac in a car without brakes or windscreen, and a night spent sleeping under a bridge at Gawler. The return trip was made in greater comfort as the guest of Pioneer Tours.

Theoretically our cadet should have missed his ship by four hours when he struggled back to Whyalla but the vagaries of B.H.P. shipping schedules saved the day. The trip back was uneventful but culminated in great excitement when our cadet was appointed to duties on the bridge as the vessel entered Port Kembla. He had the task of co-ordinating fore and aft line movements by using the bridge telephones. He had also to log all movements and orders given on the bridge. All went smoothly until the forward telephone broke down and then chaos reigned. Fortunately, despite our cadet, the Iron Whyalla was safely berthed.

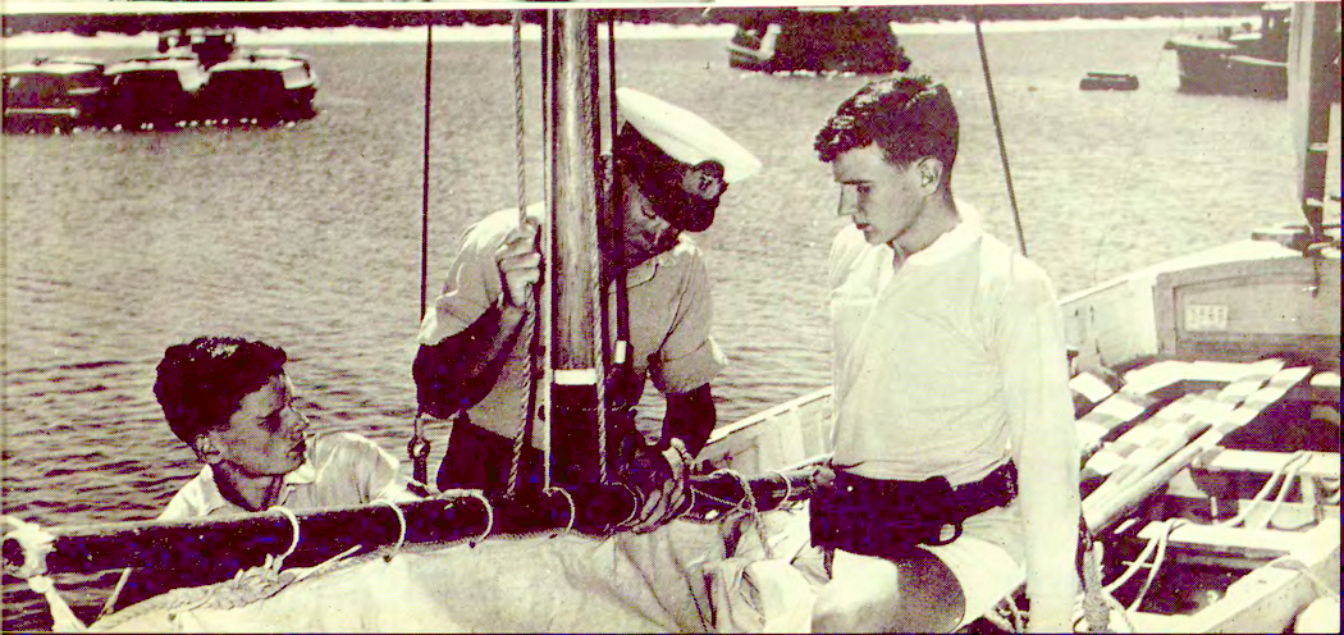
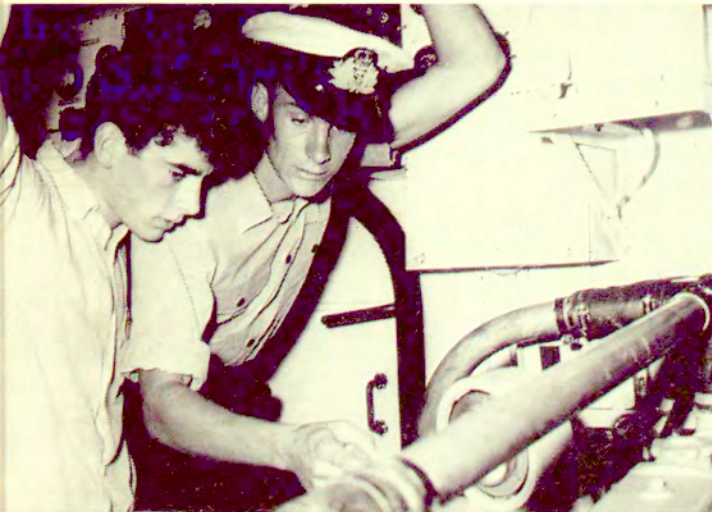
'Good experience — but I hope they never look at that log book', was our cadet's final comment.

A.P.F.B.



## SUMMER ASSEMBLY

*A second annual assembly introduced 51 schoolboys from all over Australia to a glimpse of life at the College and into the opportunities it provides.*



# VISITS TO H.M.A.S. SHIPS

For the land based cadet, a visit to a R.A.N. ship is an interesting and instructive experience. During the all too short period spent at sea the endeavours of various ships' companies to explain to the uninitiated cadet the workings of a mass of complicated machinery from boilers and sonar sets to gunnery systems and diesel generators, have been very much appreciated.

*H.M.A.S. TRUMP*, a 'T' class submarine on loan from the Royal Navy, went through her paces for a group of first year cadets. There were two particularly interesting highlights of the trip. The first was an exercise in which two Wessex helicopters attempted to locate the submarine as she cruised underwater. Through the periscope, the cadets were able to observe the helicopters lowering their sonar buoys and hovering above them to listen to tell-tale echoes from the 'enemy'. Later a mock attack was staged on a merchant ship. The attack periscope was raised, a bearing taken on the ship, course and speed plotted, and two imaginary torpedoes discharged towards their target.

Some of the more routine duties of life aboard ship were demonstrated practically to another group which visited *H.M.A.S. GASCOYNE*, the Navy's oceanographic vessel. Chipping decks polishing brass, dodging work and painting bulk-heads are all jobs which (so it is said) can only be mastered through personal experience. After a day of practice at sea, a number of the younger 'salts' now claim an expert rating in this field.

The destroyers *H.M.A.S. ANZAC*, *DUCHESS*, and *VENDETTA* showed some of their operational capabilities in gunnery practice off Jervis Bay. An anti-aircraft 'shoot' against a sleeve target towed by a Venom amazed some Cadets who may still be heard discussing how a shell could be made to hit such a small target travelling so fast. Perhaps this question will be fully answered for these budding gunnery specialists in the not too distant future.

One cadet 'sea dog' recounts his experiences on *H.M.A.S. SUPPLY*, the Fleet replenishment tanker. 'Immediately on arrival we were made aware of our relative unimportance and put in our place by a Midshipman. After taking tea in the Wardroom, we were split into parties to tour the ship. We observed the weighing of the anchor, on which a large octopus took a free ride to the surface, and were then conducted to the wheelhouse. Here a cadet, obviously dissatisfied with the steady 15 knots we were making, bumped the revolution telegraph. After this we sheltered from the wrath of the Coxwain in a nearby cabin. While we were there, a N.B.C.D. exercise began. This consisted of a simulated nuclear attack. The whole ship was closed down and damage control procedure carried out. There are some who swear that the Coxwain and Captain ceremoniously shook hands as we left the ship'.

For those inclined to Naval aviation, the time spent on *H.M.A.S. MELBOURNE* was of particular interest. Gannets and Venoms practised deck landing technique by the 'touch and go' systems. One by one the aircraft waddled in to touch their landing gear on the deck. Then there was a sudden roar as the throttle was thrown open and the aircraft clawed its way back into the air again. Later came the catapults and arrests, the actual launch and landing procedures. The aircraft were thrown into the air by the powerful catapult, just like paper darts. They then quickly manoeuvred into the landing circuit and down each one came, its arrester hook snatched one of the heavy arrester wires slung across the deck and the aircraft was brought to an almost instantaneous stop.

It is certain that all benefited greatly from these visits. At the end of each trip, the cadets return to shore, their experience of the real Navy greatly extended and their appetite whetted for more.  
P.B.G.

## Expeditions . . .

AT LEAST once a term, cadets are sent off on 'expeditions'. This is but a new-fangled and somewhat grandiose term for a long established College custom which provides for a periodical and necessary escape from College discipline and routine. There is some dispute as to its purpose: the staff appear to be convinced that such excursions, picnics, or outings (as 'exped's used to be called) were necessary for

the health and efficiency of cadets on whom renewed demands could then be made in the way of discipline and work. Cadets, on the other hand, have been inclined towards the view that 'expeds' were a device introduced more for the benefit of the staff than of themselves and have proceeded to disconcert their mentors by their torpor and obvious exhaustion on the Monday following a weekend hiking, cycling,

sailing, or simply doing nothing, which seems to be most exhausting of all.

Those who may have read the reminiscences of Mr. Eldridge, a member of the College staff from 1914-1947 and the College historian, will remember his references to that memorable mid-term excursion in 1917 when First Year set off by horse and dray for Lake Windermere where 'cadets ate, swam, and slept until it was time to eat more', moving on the following day to Wreck Bay where a pleasant day was spent surfing. This was an organised 'expedition' but many a pleasant afternoon was also spent hiking to St. George's Head and the old lighthouse, on picnics at Bowen Island where races with captured fairy penguins were staged, or simply in happy occupation of a bush hut in the neighbourhood of the lagoon.

Cadets are still sent out at least once each term on expeditions. Some of these are 'organised'; others are the work of the cadets themselves and for want of a better term, might be called 'disorganised'. The enormous scope afforded by the bush and sea which surrounds the College helps to foster a wide range of out-door activities, all of which are represented in cadets 'disorganised' expeditions. A few energetic souls seek freedom by pedalling as far from the College as convenient for their nefarious purposes while others, equally misguided, slog away on foot, their goal one or other of those outposts of civilisation and bright lights, Huskisson and Sussex Inlet. Other cadets marked by superior cunning or favoured by seniority, man boats bound for such romantic foreign ports as Honeymoon Bay; yachtsmen take a change from exhausting days of racing by drifting lazily round the bay; spear fishermen spend their weekend happily cavorting under water, returning to the College looking, sounding and smelling more fishy

than ever; while gliders manned by more earnest young gentlemen soar into the sky like eagles.

One of the most memorable of the organised expeditions this year was a trip to Murray's Beach towards the end of the first term. This much favoured spot lies on the southern shores of Jervis Bay, near the reef-bound southerly entrance to the bay and opposite Bowen Island. The yachts, whalers, and two workboats served as transports and after the usual and expected set-backs the convoy duly reached its destination and spilled its cargo on the beach. Those unfortunates staying on shore worked feverishly to prepare their camps while those on the boats reclined at their ease. Preparations completed, all could then doze in the sun, swim, chase the stray octopus or meddle like Mike Nelson with Port Jackson sharks. Two Matriculants then serving their apprenticeship to College life, were responsible for the issue of rations and bedding and found difficulty in reconciling their new authority with their subordination to an insubordinate Second Year.

With the passing years, the life of a cadet has become more pleasant. Fagging, supervised prep., and summary punishment with the gym shoe are reported to be things of the past and the modern cadet is free to wander further afield and at more frequent intervals. But unless he is a Senior or bound on official leave or business, he is denied the use of that most controversial, that most fiendish, and yet most attractive and indispensable of modern inventions, the horseless carriage. It is true that he can pursue his explorations on land by means of the common bicycle, always provided he can borrow one, but this is surely poor recompense particularly at first year level, for the loss of that peerless mode of transport, the horse and dray!

## News - - - from the Royal Naval Engineering College

On the outskirts of Plymouth is an estate which dates back to the Doomsday Book. The manor house still stands and now forms the centre piece of the Royal Naval Engineering College, Manadon. Alongside the house, which is now the Captain's residence, is an old tithe barn which has been converted into a modern attractive chapel.

Here, however, the old gives way and the remainder of the College ranges from the new to the very new. The large instructional block is surrounded by parade grounds, car parks, workshops and the hangars which house the test and

display units for the various sub-specialisations. The wardroom block is one of the most luxurious in the country. The extreme wings of the block are still under construction and when they are finished about half the officers here will live in sumptuous single cabins while the remainder will occupy equally comfortable double cabins.

Of the 588 officers at Manadon some 497 are under training. These include 39 Australians who form the largest non-English group. Of these Australian 14 are married, some boasting one or two off-springs. The range of ages and seniorities is quite wide and some of the more

senior have up to three years seniority as Lieutenants.

From now on all engineers will spend four years at Manadon and some will be in the United Kingdom for five and a half years. This is quite a long time to be away from home but it does allow ample opportunity for visiting the continent and this is an almost endless source of new sights and experiences.

Unfortunately Manadon is essentially a place of learning and a lot of time and work needs to be put into the acquisition of a degree or diploma. There is still plenty of time left to enjoy life in the form of the many facilities the mess and the city provide, and I am sure that everyone who has undertaken courses here at Manadon has gained both in experience and enjoyment.

## .....from Britannia Royal Naval College

The Sub Lieutenant from Australia cannot fail to be impressed with his first sight of Britannia Royal Naval College. Situated on a hill overlooking the town of Dartmouth, it commands a view of the Dart Valley down to the mouth of that river and into the English Channel. On entering B.R.N.C., the Australian Sub Lieutenant will begin a new life radically different from that experienced at Jervis Bay. He is no longer subject to close supervision and rigid discipline but is treated as an intelligent young man, mature enough to discipline himself and do what is expected of him. He has a large and comfortable cabin, dines in a magnificent mess, and has a spacious and newly furnished Gunroom complete with a bar selling Australian beer. He attends classes from 0900 to 1600 except on Wednesdays and Saturdays when he is free to play sport in the afternoon. Ample time is provided for private study within the time table and if this is used wisely, he is free to make the most of what can and should be a most enjoyable stay in England.

Each afternoon this is organized recreation. One Australian secured the position of 'Master' of a famous yacht on loan to B.R.N.C. and each Wednesday, well provisioned with ample supplies of food and Swan ale, sailed out of the Dart with his crew. On one such afternoon, clad only in shorts and cap and lying flat on his back, he was rudely alerted by a stentorian announcement from a passing tourist launch, 'Ladies and gentlemen, there you see the Duke of Edinburgh's yacht, Bluebottle, with the Captain of the College at the helm'.

The Graduation Ball at the end of the summer term is the social occasion of the year. The cold beer provided by the Australian bar proved so

The second, third and fourth year students amongst the Australians are now all very old hands but the first year have been with us only a few weeks and have hardly settled down yet. They do, however, seem to be finding a happy balance between work and play. They have survived their introductory "runs" to country pubs and unless I am very much mistaken, they have taken to the English beer as though they had been born to it.

Many of the new hands have joined the motor-ing fraternity with a flourish of "Jags" and the odd B.M.C. model. Others have taken up various sports while the remainder find it more pleasant to sleep. All are, however, keen to indulge in all possible activities and most have gone the way of all flesh and set off in hot pursuit of that world renowned attraction, the English beauty.

A.N.

popular that honest to goodness Australians could not push their way through the crush.

The Gunnery Officer, who is responsible for discipline, is a well known figure to all Australians. A Sub Lieutenant who broke ship to attend a party ashore was on his way back to College, moved to offer a lift to a lonely figure trudging up the hill — the Gunnery Officer himself! Revenge was exacted a year later when this same Gunnery Officer, having retired after a heavy Mess dinner, was suddenly awakened by an unmelodious rendering of 'Happy Birthday' to find himself surrounded by R.A.N. Subs from the previous year who had returned to B.R.N.C. especially for the occasion.

We congratulate John Hazell on his marriage, and Andy Craig and Peter Horabin on becoming engaged. In studies, the R.A.N. representatives have more than held their own. Richard Bayley was first in Mathematics while Dick Griffiths did well overall. Bayley, Griffiths and Chris Hopkins were Divisional Sub Lieutenants.

Highlights of the sporting calendar are the two Australian Rules matches played between B.R.N.C. and the Royal Naval Engineering College, Manadon. R.N.E.C. has the much larger Australian contingent but despite disparity in numbers, honours have been even. The match at Dartmouth is usually played on the side of a hill and the easy living prevailing at R.N.E.C. catches up with the Manadon team.

Australians are well known to 'mine host' in each of Dartmouth's twenty-four inns. The most popular is 'The Floating Bridge' (Floaters), where rows of pottery mugs each initialled with the name of a R.A.N. Sub Lieutenant, hang above the bar.

K.E.A.





*"All cadets work in their cubicles at night with reading lamps and desks . . ."*

## The Winds of Change and the R.A.N. College

ON TAKING his leave in July this year, the Chief Cadet Captain of the fiftieth group of cadets to graduate from the College, observed that the time spent at the College by individual members of his graduating year varied widely between a maximum of 4 years 8 months and a minimum time of one year eight months. The graduates this year could in fact be divided into four distinct categories with two variants of one of these categories. Of the total of 33 graduating cadets, the majority (21) had joined as Junior Entrants at ages ranging from 14½ to 16½ years and had matriculated in the State of New South Wales through the College. These entrants normally spend 3 years 8 months as Cadet Midshipmen but one of this group, a matriculant, had obtained exemption from 1st Year work and had reduced his stay accordingly, while others had been back-classed and thus spent an extra year at the

College. The remainder were Senior Entrants at the post matriculation stage. Of these, a majority of three had joined the College after a course as Upper Yardmen, a further three had been Topmen and had matriculated in Western Australia through the Junior Recruit Training Establishment in *H.M.A.S. LEEUWIN*, while the remaining six had been selected from matriculants who applied for entry to the College from all over Australia. The pattern represented by the 1966 graduating year will hardly be less complicated and may probably include for the first time in College history, a preponderance of Senior entrants. This is a striking although completely inadequate illustration of the complications that have crept into College life during recent years, complications that have been at the root of much uncertainty and misunderstanding and which make the more recent period of College history

stand out in sharp contrast to the clear and relatively unchanging pattern which has been characteristic of the College during the greater part of its history. It is this earlier period of relative calm and certainty in a College where, as thirteen-year-old entrants, their education was furthered and their naval training begun, that the vast majority of naval officers instinctively recall, whatever may now be their feelings about the merits or defects of the system under which they began their training. Rapid change, however necessary or unavoidable it may well be, is always disturbing, more particularly where traditions have been well established and taken deep root. It would have been surprising indeed if the revolutionary and still incomplete changes through which the College is passing had not produced symptoms of malaise, for the past has been clouded, the present is compromised and the future is still unclear.

The Royal Australian Naval College, a part only of the machinery through which the Royal Australia Navy is supplied with its officers, was founded on British experience and traditions and based upon a close integration of the British and Australian navies, an assumption never seriously challenged until recent years. The Australian Navy was itself born of necessity and fathered by patriotism. It represented a reaction to the growing difficulties of the still dominant and then only world power, Great Britain, in face of the rapidly developing rivalry between nations-states which was forcing her to urge

dependencies to contribute more to their own security. It was understandable that the patriotism of a newly emerged nation should dictate that the ships which she was to provide out of her revenues should be manned and officered as far as possible by Australians. Officer training is a long and difficult business, requiring facilities which it was either impossible or uneconomic for a small country to provide for herself, and necessity joined hands with close ties of friendship and past association to dictate a natural reliance on Great Britain, not only for ships and equipment, but also for the training of the men to man them. However, the British system of officer training required recruitment at an early age — the thirteen-year-old entry — and it seemed both impracticable as well as undesirable to create expatriates out of Australian youths at this tender age. Thus the Royal Australian Naval College came into being as a school, modelled on the British College at Dartmouth and the English "Public School", at which would-be Australian naval officers could complete their education and first four years of naval indoctrination on Australian soil. The birth of this College was of necessity presided over by officers of the Royal Navy who controlled its destinies until the 1930's and served in Navy Office as advisers to Australian governments for an even longer period. The R.A.N.C. thus began as the Australian counterpart of Dartmouth College, rooted in British traditions and an integral part of a British system of officer training.

*Cadets' Mess, Flinders Naval Depot.*



It was this position that the College occupied without question in the long period dominated by the thirteen-year-old entry. It is not disputed that in the course of time, this training establishment, finally established in a characteristically Australian setting on the shores of Jervis Bay and filled with Australian boys recruited on lines more in keeping with Australian than British thinking on democracy, developed its own idiosyncracies, but these were more ripples on the surface. Likewise the many crises through which the College passed did not materially affect its basic character or its place in the system of training. The years following 1919 brought naval retrenchment and threats to the very existence of this small Australian naval establishment, threats which were only weathered in the depression of the 1930's at the cost of abandoning Jervis Bay and transferring the College to Flinders Naval Depot where it spent the next 27 years. No new cadets were enrolled in 1931 and by 1932 the College had reached its lowest ebb with a total of 24 cadets, four fewer than in 1913, the first year of its existence. During the years prior to the Second World War numbers climbed slowly and a maximum of 12 graduates was attained. The maximum number of cadets at the College during the war years was reached early, 88 in 1940, and producing the largest wartime graduation of 19 in 1942. The early post war years saw further expansion in numbers and graduates, culminating in an all-time record of over 70 under the exceptional circumstances attending the abolition of the thirteen-year-old entry in 1955.

The need for College trained officers during the Second World War had been met by shortening courses and by the expedient of ad hoc Special and Paymaster Cadet entries. A small annual intake of Paymaster cadets — later Cadet Midshipmen (S) — was continued whereas the Special entry, except for an intake of 2 in 1949, was dropped until amalgamated with the Supply entry and reintroduced in 1951 when the first major modification of the thirteen-year-old entry was also made to meet the needs of the Navy in a much changed world. The original thirteen-year-old entry was now supplemented by recruitment at Intermediate level as well as by Special and Matriculation entries. These were now grafted on to the normal or thirteen-year-old entry which, except for the new entries of 1951, still predominated over all other groups. Special and Matriculation entrants also spent less than a year at the College and only after the more significant changes in 1956, did matriculants participate for the first time as graduates in an annual passing-out ceremony. By 1952 the increase in the average age of cadets at the College had already brought slight adjustments to College life, such as the successful introduction of extra-curricular activities when the total number of cadets at the College had reached a record total of 144. Nevertheless, despite the impact of crises pro-

duced by retrenchment, war, depression and rapid expansion, the College still remained essentially that which had been founded in 1913 and its place in the scheme of officer training unchanged.

In the period dominated by the thirteen-year-old entry, the College reflected British life, traditions and thinking as dictated by an institution closely integrated into a British system of training. Like Britannia Royal Naval College, Dartmouth, the age of entry reflected British thinking on the school leaving age while the dual and equally British convictions that a naval cadet required both a broad and sound general education and as early an indoctrination as possible into naval traditions, customs and discipline to become an efficient officer shaped both curriculum and life at the College. As in any school there was a normal progression from Junior to Senior status, bringing curious and coveted privileges as well as the opportunities to practice on juniors the exercise of authority. A closely supervised course of further education and experience suited to naval requirements of the time was provided, separate from and independent of the state systems of education. No attempt was made to absorb temporary aberrations represented by special entries until the incorporation of the



*A young gentleman of the Senior Entry arrives at the College.*

Intermediate entry in 1951 and this, although important as an innovation, involved only slight adjustments to prevailing ideas and practices.

It is not the purpose of this article and would only confuse the reader to attempt to record in any detail the changes which have taken place in naval training in Great Britain since 1956. However, because of their impact upon the R.A.N. and College some mention of them is unavoidable. It is not surprising that, among other more momentous changes, the war led to the abandonment of the thirteen-year-old entry; it is more astonishing that this change was delayed so long. Economic, social and political changes combined with the need for officers more highly trained in technology which the first true war of machines had made so obvious, finally overcame traditional conservatism and the thirteen-year-old entry which had produced the officers for two world wars was finally, although reluctantly, abandoned. A rising school leaving age was in turn raising the age at which an aspiring officer in the navy could expect to begin his training. The Royal Navy at first reached a temporary compromise by raising the age of entry to Dartmouth to 16 but this half way measure excited opposition and seemed likely to prove unsuccessful in attracting the required number of cadets of the right quality. Thus, with the implementation of the recommendations of the Murray report, an 18-year-old entry was introduced in 1960 and a completely new era in the history of B.R.N.C., Dartmouth began. It ceased to be a 'public school' and became an institute for tertiary education and professional instruction.

It is as well to note at this stage that imponderable changes in the relationship between Great Britain and Australia had been accelerated by the war and the post war facts of a Pacific environment. Great Britain was ceasing to be the sole source of supplies and equipment, national self consciousness was growing in Australia and close relations had developed with the U.S.A. There was nothing in this that was inconsistent with a continued close relationship between Australian and Great Britain, but this relationship could no longer be quite the same as in the past. What had been hitherto axiomatic could now be challenged. Thus the stimulus to independent change in Australia following the reforms in officer training in the United Kingdom during 1955-1960 was strengthened.

Changes in the United Kingdom was of necessity echoed in Australia, and affected the College. In two articles in the February edition of the 1956 College Magazine under the signatures of R. J. Robertson, Commander R.A.N., and Q. de Q. Robin, Headmaster, respectively, the new system and the reason for its adoption were explained. "The stage has now been reached when the technical knowledge required of a Naval

Officer at sea is so extensive that the young officer is unable to assume responsibility and exercise his powers of leadership unless he has learnt the fundamental principles associated with the complicated equipment to be found in the modern warship. These fundamental principles cannot be assimilated until the young officer has completed his secondary education and for this reason amongst others, the Navy has decided to revise the system of entry into the service and first going to sea with the fleet. There will be two forms of entry: (a) for boys up to the age of 19 years on the date of entry who have obtained their Matriculation Certificate (who were to spend two terms at the College); (b) for boys between 15½-16½ on the date of entry who have passed examinations at about Intermediate level.' It was further explained that there were to be three phases of training, the first to be spent at the College, the second with the fleet, and the third at B.R.N.C., Dartmouth, now described as a 'naval university'. The college was to 'round off the cadets education with further study of History, English Expression, Modern Languages, and Economics. New features of the College courses (which it was significantly hoped could be retained) were, 'opportunities for more advanced work in Mathematics and Science for those contemplating engineering specialisation, current affairs for all cadets, and typing for those wishing to enter Supply and Secretariat Branch. The new Normal Entry was to study Mathematics, Science, English, Naval History, Seamanship, and Engineering and one alternative



*A Senior entrant draws his kit.*

subject chosen from a group consisting of History, Geography, French, German and possibly Russian'.

There was no lack of comment at the time on the revolutionary situation which the abandonment of the thirteen-year-old entry in 1956 was thought to have created. Resignation, with overtones of nostalgic resentment, may perhaps be discerned in many. The editorial of the College Magazine for December, 1956 lamented, 'This is the first year that no thirteen-year-old cadets have been admitted to the College, a fact, no doubt, that will be viewed with regret by most of those who have viewed the pride the gallant and glorious deeds of so many of its graduates during the tormented years of World War II. The Matriculants and new Normal Entry have hardly yet settled into the College, nor has the College quite accustomed itself to them. Old customs and traditions, old ideas and standards, all must face up to revision. And indeed the process continues apace. It is the fervent wish of all that the new scheme may, in the fullness of time, prove no less fruitful than the one now slowly, regretfully, moving over the horizon' Alas! this was not to be the change to end all change, this was not the revolution itself, only the prelude. The fervent prayer for stability was to be repeatedly echoed down the years that followed.

In reviewing the problems associated with the disappearance of the thirteen-year-old entry, the editorial of the February edition of the 1956 magazine strikes a very modern note. 'This year there are four different entries in the College at one time which is making new difficulties in connection with accommodation, studies and privileges. Many questions have been asked in the past few months. How can the living space be utilised to the best advantage? How can the Professorial staff cope with the many different courses that will be covered? How are the new groups to fit into the age-worn pattern of existing College customs? Some of the questions have already been answered; others will only be answered by slow degrees as the system settles into smooth running'. Looking back over 27 years at the College, Mr. G. F. Adney in the 1957 College Magazine commented in detail on the large number of changes that had recently transformed College life and routine. 'Discipline remains the keynote, but many of the old irksome and useless restrictions had disappeared; cadets mingle together with much greater freedom and a happy, cheerful working atmosphere is readily attained. Preparation has become more comfortable. All cadets work in their own cubicles at night with reading lamps and desks and a 'quiet hour' is observed each night so that the ever arduous studies can be kept at bay. Many clubs and activities have been initiated to cater for varied tastes; modern films are screened weekly and frequent lectures are given to the cadet



*A Junior entrant is measured for his uniform.*

midshipmen by men eminent in many and varied fields'. Among the new activities listed was the R.A.N. Sailing Club and the participation of Tam O'Shanter (purchased 1954) in the Sydney-Hobart Yacht Races, the Aeronautics Club through which many cadets had learned to fly, and the introduction of Australian Rules Football (1952).

The present day College was taking shape and present day problems emerging. In the following year it was launched on the momentous task of removal from F.N.D. and return to its original home, the residence built at Jervis Bay for the thirteen-year-old entry. Much of the seeming modernity of this period can be traced to the need to make adjustments in keeping with the rise in the average age of cadets following the introduction of the 15½-16½-year-old entry. It is true that a foreign element, the Matriculation entry, had been incorporated into College life for the first time, but the impact of this group was more apparent than real. The number of Matriculation entrants remained small (about 7 each year, and reached double figures only once) compared with a normal entry of about 30, and spent a brief time at the College. Moreover, the relationship between the R.A.N.C. and B.R.N.C., Dartmouth, remained relatively undisturbed and while the earthquake received mention, its point of origin at the other end of the world did not.

Revolution began with the changes inaugurated in the United Kingdom in 1960, the final abandonment of the traditional method of recruitment and the acceptance by the Royal Navy of open

competition with other professions at tertiary level for the raw material out of which it must shape its officers. Australia found itself for the first time unable to react automatically to this situation, and divergence began. Forces similar to those which had helped to mould events in Great Britain were also present in Australia but not at parallel strength. There was not the same pressure to abandon the junior entry while the lower effective age of Matriculation combined with the different systems of education practised by the Australian states made direct recruitment to Dartmouth impossible, even if it had been considered desirable. With the transformation of Dartmouth, the Australian College had lost the major part of its original *raison d'être* and, unless it was to be reduced to a mere staging camp, another would have to be found. Balanced precariously on a Junior Entry supplemented in various ways, its position was inherently unstable.

It could either return to a past Thirteen-year-old Entry, a course later rejected, or go forward into the field of tertiary education and a more Australian future. Thus such new and basic questions as, "What do we as Australians expect of a Naval Officer"—and, "By what means, with regard to the facilities available, can such an officer be produced on Australian soil?" were now begging for consideration and demanding an answer. The situation was further complicated by the need to provide an adequate number of cadets to meet the growing requirements of the Navy for officers.

This dictated the retention of old arrangements until the new questions could be posed and answers found. The history of the College over the past five years reflects this situation.

In 1961 adjustments were made at the College to enable its graduates to be fed at a conveniently early point into the new B.R.N.C. at Dartmouth and the Royal Naval Engineering College at Manadon. The normal entry was reduced to a minimum  $14\frac{1}{2}$  years of age and the Matriculants stay at the College extended to 1 year 8 months including time at sea. Faced with a mounting number of problems concerning the College, the Naval Board sought guidance through a Standing Committee of eminent representatives of Australian education appointed for that purpose. Further changes ensued, modifications to staff and curriculum and the adoption of the N.S.W.

Leaving examinations to replace a College examination at the end of second year. It was also agreed in principle to work towards one form of entry at Matriculation level while retaining the normal entry at  $14\frac{1}{2}$ - $16\frac{1}{2}$  years of age until it could be phased out and replaced by a sufficient number of matriculants. In the meantime, the association of the College with the new examination system in N.S.W. under which a two year Matriculation course is normally completed at the age of 18, will have the effect of raising the average age of both the normal and of the majority of Senior

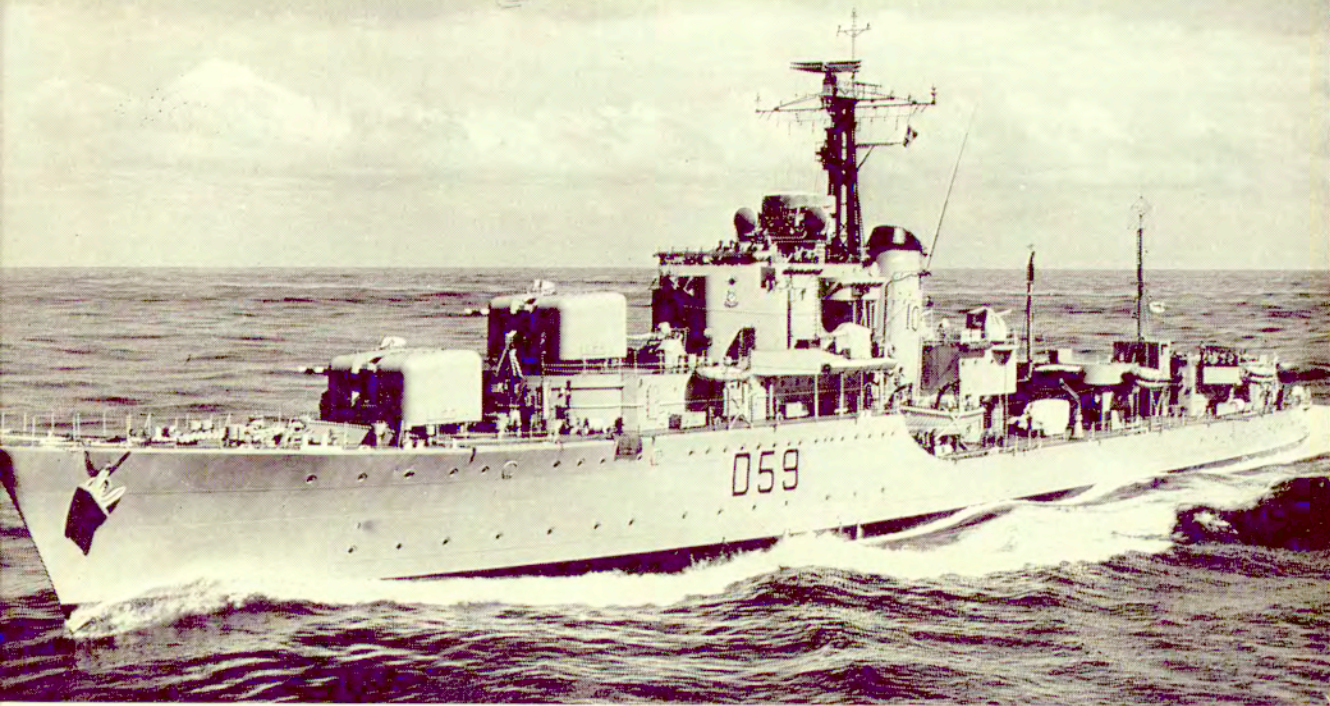
(Matriculation) entrants, thus further raising the average age of cadets at the College. There was also a short lived excursion into tertiary education by the entry of a small number of cadets as external student at the University of New England.

The above represented a much greater degree of independent action, in respect of the United Kingdom pipeline into which the College feeds its products, than has been apparent at any previous period. The implementation of the above brought more problems and other changes in their wake. The College has now to cater for both secondary and post secondary students under the same roof and it is this together with the ever rising average age of the cadets, which is most calculated to bring early modifications to a College still largely organised for a Junior entry majority progressing to responsibility over a long period of College training. The bewilderment of the Junior entrant with little prior knowledge of the Navy or of College life on entering this strange new world can well be imagined, but, after a relatively short period, he is usually able to adjust himself to an environment which has been built for him and around him. The 18-19 year old Matriculant is less fortunate during his first weeks at the College (No town! No girls! Navy discipline! Subordination to Second year!).

The long drawn out initiation ceremony which marks his integration into the College, a procedure modelled on that adopted when the Intermediate entry had to be absorbed into College life, is endured stoically and with a certain sardonic humour but is generally regarded as contributing little but bad memories to their naval training. Modifications to the curriculum by 1964 saw the end of language teaching at the College when French departed in a blaze of autumnal splendour with modern, if improvised, teaching facilities for the first time in College history. The historical background to naval life and warfare was more quietly but firmly interred with the eclipse of Naval History. This has had the result of surprising and confusing some unfortunate graduates who, after a staple diet of Mathematics, Physics and some English, are suddenly confronted with a return to the wider humanism still prevailing at B.R.N.C.

It is beyond the scope and certainly not the purpose of this article to hazard guesses at the role a Royal Australian Naval College may play in officer training of the future. Time will bring more and perhaps radical changes which may well transform the College as we now know it and may even again transplant it.

J.H.W.



## Fourth Year at Sea

— *Training Cruise 1965*

ON 29 MARCH, 1965, 33 cadets of the Senior Year joined *H.M.A.S. ANZAC* for a 3 months training cruise. We were soon involved in the process of settling in to mess-deck life and sincerely welcomed the first beer issue amidst the chaos of semi-rigged hammocks.

On the next day we split into four groups for Engineering, Seamanship, Navigation and "Miscellaneous". The latter comprised one week's instruction in varied specialisations.

In our first week at sea in the Sydney — Jervis Bay area we settled into our new routine which involved introductions to seaboats, anchorage and port-of-ship. The weekend was spent in Sydney where the Ship's Rugby Team had the first of many successes. It was pleasing to realise that 9 cadets were included in the team that won the small ships Rugby trophy.

In our early weeks on board, we steamed between Sydney, Gabo Island and Jervis Bay and although we were still very much in the initiation stages, life became relatively normal. Mistakes were, of course, made. One anonymous cadet, distinguishing himself by a 90° alongside, found that ships are made of sterner stuff than motor whalers. He was not alone. Anchorages were rapidly becoming notorious among the navigation and non-navigation classes alike. Tempers on the bridge were at times a little frayed and on

occasions the anchor was not the only thing let go.

Just before leaving Sydney for northern waters *H.M.A.S. ANZAC* was asked to provide a contingent to lead the Armed Services section of the Anzac Day March. All cadets participated and we paraded the same White Ensign that was to be used for our graduation.

Anzac Day behind us, we set our course to the Barrier Reef and were soon enjoying more anchorages in Byron Bay prior to visiting the tropical waters of Hayman, Lindeman and Brampton Islands. Unfortunately we were unable to go ashore here and sample the Queensland fruit, about which those of us hailing from the southern States had heard so much.

This opportunity however, came in Mackay, where we made full use of our first "foreign post" leave.

Our sporting teams continued on their merry way and we finally decided that we were becoming a part of the ship. Our next port was Cairns and the hospitality extended here was particularly warm. Again, time passed rapidly playing sport and making interesting trips to nearby Green Island and the Atherton Tablelands.

We left Cairns to engage in some less artificial,

astronomical navigation in search of New Guinea. At one stage a cadet reached such a high level of proficiency that he assisted our navigator by informing him that the star unidentifiable on the star globe, was, in fact, a satellite.

New Guinea eventually appeared and we made our way through the narrow China Strait along the north east coast to Wewak, where we accomplished a moor that was more successful than the previous evolution in Hervey Bay.

Wewak offered attractive items from Chinese store at attractive prices, but the old hands in our midst assured us that we should wait until we were lucky enough to go to Hong Kong in Singapore. Members of the basketball team enjoyed a trip into the mountains to play against a company of Royal Australian Engineers. We were also impressed by the bearing and sportsmanship of the members of the Pacific Island Regiment who entertained us in their messes after games of volleyball and basketball.

Aitape appeared on the navigation classes' charts and we came to single anchor at what was the beginning of a tiresome day for the boat-runners, who had to contend with unserviceable boats, vastly overcrowded loads and a fickle surf. Those lucky enough to go ashore waded on to the beach and were driven in grand style along a palm fringed lane to the local sports arena, consisting of cricket, tennis and basketball playing areas. The cricket was decided by one run, although it remains to be seen in whose favour. The local scorer became so engrossed in the basketball that he regrettably forgot his duty. The result of both these games was much discussed as the teams took tea and cakes beneath the palms and watched the tennis players conduct a social game with no scoring complications.

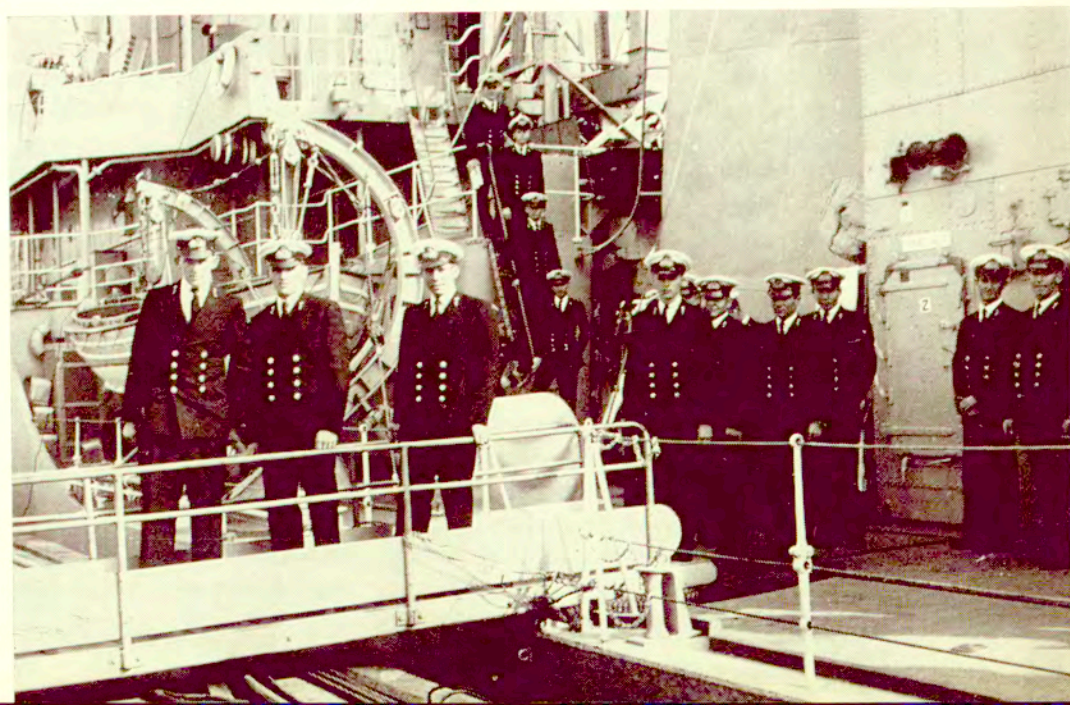
Back again to the beach via our chauffeur-driven tractor and that was Aitape.

We then made an unscheduled stop at Vanimo approximately 15 miles from the West Irian border, from where we made our way to Manus Island and *H.M.A.S. TARANGAU*. We welcomed this opportunity to sight a famous theatre of the war in New Guinea and also to sight one of our "far flying bases". A much appreciated aspect of the visit was the swimming pool, which was well frequented. We left Manus with our usual "showing-the-flag" display of Squid projectiles and break-up Bofors firing.

Kavieng was most welcome as we went alongside and thus were not required to run boats. We took what leave was available in Kavieng saw what little there was to see and departed once again, Sydney-bound and work-bound, it seemed, after our pleasant cruise in New Guinea waters.

Mackay was our refuelling point on the way "home" and here the eagerly awaited cadets versus ship's company Rugby clash took place. The ship's sporting newspaper "CAZNA" usually concerned only with Melbourne football, extended a bold guess and tipped the ship's company as victors. Feeling ran high before the game but even the reliable "CAZNA" was wrong this time as the game ended in a very satisfactory 11 all draw.

Between Mackay and Sydney we were engaged in examinations, finding our gear, and polishing up the "yarns" to tell the unfortunates at the College. We left *H.M.A.S. ANZAC* on June 11th, and being unable to take weekend leave, we spent the time "settling-in" at the College with the slightly smug smile of "old salts" who had actually been at sea.





# Clubs and Activities . . .

THE College Clubs have, in recent years been assuming an increasing importance in the life of the College and almost all possible indoor and outdoor activities have been explored at one time or another. This is, of course, a very healthy sign. But, in a College where competition for the attention and limited spare time of a relatively small number of Cadet Midshipmen is particularly fierce, there have been serious casualties among some of the once-important clubs.

It is good to see the ever-increasing interest in Gliding, Spear-fishing, the revival of Squash and a growing interest in Golf, but the eclipse, even if only temporarily, of the important activities represented by the now moribund Glee, Music, and Drama Clubs is disturbing. For an all too brief period during recent years, these clubs (together with Country Dancing) thrived in healthy competition with each other and with other activities, and life at the College was immeasurably enriched. Recent trends appear to indicate that those activities making heavy demands upon the individual mind and demanding close co-operation with its fellows have suffered a decline relative to those where the emphasis is on physical exercise, where rare and costly facilities are provided for exploitation, or where the individual is comfortably entertained. This represents a development that is natural and understandable and by no means novel, but it also represents a challenge to the College that should not pass unanswered. It is to be hoped that there will be a revival of interest in the exacting fields of drama and music, combined with a more serious approach, an escape from pure improvisation, and a consequent raising of sights in that equally exacting source of entertainment, revue.



## SCIENCE CLUB

OWING to the increasing number of extra activities in the College programme, the Science Club has only had the opportunity to meet two or three times during each of the last three terms.

However, despite this, we still manage to function as a club and the last term, particularly, has been a noteworthy success.

One of the meetings in second term took the form of a visit to the factory of Metal Manufactures in Wollongong to see how processes in industry are connected with all the work we do in the Study Blocks. It was a very enjoyable evening, not to mention the very tasty supper provided for us by the firm.

Increased interest is being shown in the construction of wireless sets, a Van de Graaff generator and a set of transistor radio receiving units. Mr. Berry has managed to procure some very good films this year. Films are a good way of really mastering complicated processes, because of the visual aid provided.

Mr. Berry continued as patron of the club and office-bearers were:—

President: C. P. Chamberlain  
Vice-President: W. F. A. Wilson  
Secretary: P. L. Mole  
Assistant Secretary: R. J. Partington

The Club is keeping up its activities. In this day and age science is a great help to progress, and members are taking every opportunity to learn as much as they can.



## PUBLIC SPEAKING AND DEBATING SOCIETY

IT IS often claimed that R.A.N.C. can boast its fair share of 'bush lawyers' and judging by some of the 'woolly' arguments advanced in meetings of the Public Speaking and Debating Society this claim may be well founded. Be that as it may: at least we recognise the worth of such meetings to the extent that they give cadets an opportunity to air their opinions and practice their powers of persuasion and rhetoric before an appreciative audience.

There have been fewer formal meetings this year because of the change from mid-week to Friday evenings. Numbers, however, have remained fairly constant, and the same three or four first year and seven or eight second year cadets have proved their reliability. Unfortunately with one exception, representatives from third year have been conspicuously absent; perhaps their oratorical abilities need no public demonstration!

This year the meetings have followed the established pattern: discussions on current affairs and topics of public controversy, impromptu speeches, 'mock' committee meetings, preparations for formal debates. There have been three formal debates this term and if one may judge by our success, R.A.N.C. has logicians of the first order! But this is obviously an invalid conclusion. Certainly the victory against Trinity Grammar, when T. V. Moloney, C. Jones and J. C. Southey persuaded the audience that 'Australia's most dangerous enemies do not lie within her shores', was a hollow one: our Rugby team had shattered Trinity to such an extent that two of their regular debaters could not take their places!

In the same way, it was unfortunate that the debate against the N.S.W. Police Cadets did not reach any sort of standard, this time because two of our opponents were unaware that they were members of the debating team. Nevertheless, R. L. Mole, E. Stokes, and C. Jones quite clearly proved that "The Honours List has not become a Mockery", without even resorting to a detailed justification of the Beatles' M.B.E.! The contest against Cranbrook was a better test of our ability and the standard of debating considerably higher. The subject for debate was "That this House believes that the R.S.L. has become a militant pressure group". Cranbrook put up a very good show, but found their stumbling block in the "has become" and "militant": it was clear that their claim could be established only if they proved that at the present time the R.S.L. is a group applying pressure in a militant way, and this they were unable to do. Thus, the R.A.N.C. team, M. K. Gahan, E. Stokes and C. Jones were judged winners by the adjudicator, Mr. Baylis.

The Public Speaking and Debating Society extends its thanks to the adjudicators of the debates, Dr. Dykes, Mr. Baylis and Mr. Smith for their assistance and helpful comments.

Especially do the members thank Mr. Schofield for his hospitality, tolerance and guidance over the past year. We look forward to consolidating our membership next year and to participating in further interesting encounters with visiting teams.



### **PHOTOGRAPHIC CLUB**

**T**HE Club started 1965 well with welcome recruits from the new entry anxious to be introduced to the mystery of photography. A reduction in the number of meetings has not materially affected the Club which aims mainly at providing and maintaining those facilities for practical work without which interest in photography would inevitably flag and early keenness be blunted. Darkroom facilities have been further improved, are open to all members of the College and continue to be well used.

Members have met at fortnightly intervals to view and criticise each others work in the form of colour slides and black and white prints, or have assembled in the darkroom and elsewhere for practical work and experiment. Photo-copying with special close-up lenses was attempted and produced some interesting results. Following this initial serious work, it has become the custom to adjourn to the residence of Mr. J. H. Wolstenholme where discussion may be continued in a more social and relaxed atmosphere.



### **JAZZ AND REVUE**

Three concerts in all have been produced since Christmas 1964, for the most part by one team. Our stalwart supporters have been R. K. Thomsett and M. B. Ziegler who never failed to add a touch of lightness to the comedy of each show. During the winter term of 1965, A. J. Riley, C. Jones and the Cook Division Senior year tried their hand at some ambitious longer sketches among which Tarzan, Yogilocks and the Three Bears and numerous rags on Wardroom life may well be remembered. The musical side of the programmes was provided by the 'improved' jazz band (one performance only), The Folkies (as usual), and The Mossmen, a new group which has borrowed widely from other popular competitors such as The Rolling Stones.



### **GLIDING**

**T**HE period 1964-1965 has seen an ever increasing interest in gliding among cadets at the College. Keeness was reflected in the numbers that sacrificed hard-earned leave in August 1964, to the mastering of motorless flight. J. R. Cook, A. D. Carter, J. E. Males, A. P. F. Bolton, P. S. Mitchell, and G. Vidal braved the course. This group was joined later by Mr. Schofield

who, although a few days behind the cadets, managed to graduate literally with flying colours.

Most of those on the course had never seen a glider at close quarters before. Within ten days they were flying KOOKA II and IV solo. This shows clearly the great skill of the gliding instructors, who devoted much of their spare time to getting the cadets off the ground. Those on the course, I am sure, would wish to extend their thanks and appreciation to Chief K. Hodges, Lt. A. Johnson and P.O. R. Connellan, instructors for the course. Thanks must also be extended to Mrs. Histed whose personal touches to the 'passer' meals made them very enjoyable.

Cdr. Histed had the cadets on edge with his 10 minute and 13½ minute flights, but just could not crack that magic 15 minutes for his 'C' certificate. From all reports the Commander is still chasing the 'elusive C' in England. Best of Luck, Sir!

Not all of the time was spent flying, and cadets found life very interesting living in the wardroom, where the antics of an unnamed Sub. Lt. (Reserve) kept the cadets amused. Some of the highlights of the time spent on the ground included a mysterious case of "runaway steaks" and A. D. Carter's epoch-making Crane-driving experience.

The course concluded on a very successful note. All the Cadets, and Mr. Schofield, managed to gain their 'B' certificates, which are gained after three solo flights. The Course also holds the honour of producing the youngest glider pilot in Australia.

Gliding continued on favourable weekends for the rest of 1964 and the first term of 1965, even in inclement weather with flights being executed in the rain. Valuable experience was gained under these difficult conditions. The appearance one afternoon of errant cows on the strip also made landings interesting. The highlight of this period of gliding was P. S. Mitchell's "Spiral Spectacular", and P. O. Connellan has never quite recovered from the shock of seeing KOOKA II spinning gaily to earth.

The 1965 May course was equally successful in diverting keen cadets from their leave. W. Wilson, R. Harrison, R. Thomsett, C. Strang, D. Ramsay, F. Frost and P. McGuire all managed to gain the distinction of flying solo. R. Frost added further laurels to his name by later securing his 'B' certificate. C.P.O. Hodges, P. O. Connellan and Lt. Eckersley did the usual good work in getting the cadets through the course. The large number of solo flights are a credit to the instructors, as weather during the course restricted opportunities for flying experience.

A. D. Carter's activities were emulated by E. Conron's Caterpillar tractor rampagings. I believe Conron at least knew how to stop the machine! Course members did not have the good

fortune of living in the Wardroom this time, and their activities during the evenings had to be directed towards such things as blowing up the blocks on Empire Night. I believe they put Guy Fawkes to shame.

Our new Chaplain, the Rev. R. C. Lovitt, has been trying hard to get closer to heaven. Although very enthusiastic he has still not quite mastered that "clutch" trouble. Sorry we cannot widen the strip Sir!

With Graduation the "Club" lost one of its keenest devotees, R. G. Hall. He and his successor J. Males both took up passengers.

Tradition was broken by J. Males and W. Wilson in the second term expedition when they moved over to Albatross for a weekend devoted to gliding, thereby denying themselves participation in innumerable trips to Huskisson. They affirmed, however, that they were well recompensed by comfortable living quarters and the opportunities offered for flying. Gliding is now a firmly-entrenched college activity. The most recent course, during the August leave, swelled the number of "followers of the god of thermals" still further.



## **SQUASH RACQUETS CLUB**

THE Squash Racquets Clubs has held an open competition, the first since the College left Flinders Naval Depot in 1957. Interest was aroused by Mr. Baylis, himself a keen squash player, who noticed the Squash Cup in the College Trophy Room. Permission was granted to start a competition with a pewter mug as prize. The competition was to be played throughout Term II at Albatross, with elimination matches consisting of the best of five games. However, owing to the limited facilities and to transport difficulties not all of the many entrants were able to compete. In general, the standard of play was high and as the finals drew near, many thrilling matches were played. The finals were played off on Tuesday 17th August between three cadets, G. F. McLennan, B. Griffin and K. F. P. Pitt; the results of which were:—

Pitt beat Griffin 3-0

Griffin beat McLennan 3-0

K. Pitt won the cup for 1965 and B. Griffin was runner-up.

An inter-year competition is planned for Term III, dependent upon the availability of the necessary facilities and the overcoming of transport difficulties.

The players hope that Squash will become a representative sport at the College, and that we may have our own courts in the near future. Our special thanks go to Mrs. Baylis, who has provided much-needed refreshments for exhausted competitors.

## SKIING

CONSIDERABLE interest has been shown in skiing again this year to the extent that both Naval ski lodges were visited by parties of cadets during the September leave.

After a brief halt in Canberra to buy provisions and to hire skis, nine cadets headed for Perisher Valley. The first day was largely spent in travelling and settling in and we were all impressed by the comforts offered by this lodge, now in the second year of operation. Only three of the party had previous experience on skis, the remaining six novices being warned that after the first two days of falls and minor collisions one either becomes completely disheartened with skiing or alternatively, most enthusiastic about the sport. But after the initial days of trial, every member of the party was thoroughly enjoying himself, negotiating exciting and exhilarating runs and executing feats they would not have thought possible a little while earlier.

Four other College cadets also enjoyed the comforts of the Navy's well established lodge on Mount Buller in Victoria. They found the snow conditions and social life just as rewarding as the party at Perisher.

The anticipated expense was a great source of worry when the trips were being planned and probably deterred many cadets of limited means from taking part. However, we were pleasantly surprised when our total expenses actually turned out to be half of our original estimate. We are extremely lucky to have such excellent facilities open to us and everyone should be encouraged to make the most of them and to try out the Australian snow fields which rank high even judged by world standards.



## GOLF

After an absence of some years, Golf has been re-introduced as a competitive sport amongst Cadets.

Approximately forty Cadet Midshipmen have benefited from the lessons given twice weekly by the Nowra Professional Mr. R. Procter, keen interest being shown by all concerned.

The Cadets' Championships were held on Saturday 18th September, with Cadet Midshipman R. K. Thomsett (81) winning from Cadet Midshipman G. Besomo (81) on a countback. Cadet Midshipman A. P. Smith (82) net 57 won the handicap event. The Putters Cup for the least number of putts was won by Cadet Midshipman W. Arthur, and the Drivers Cup for the longest drive by Divisional Cadet Mid-

shipman D. G. Cameron. An additional trophy for nearest the pin was won by Cadet Midshipman J. R. Cook.

Cadets have also been active participants in the R.A.N. College Golf Club competitions, winning several "B" grade events and being runners-up in as many more.



## THE SKINDIVING CLUB

THIS club probably the newest and most exclusive in the College, was formed towards the end of 1963, and despite the expensive equipment required by this sport, and the heavy demands made on the time and energy of the participant, it has steadily gained in popularity.

The College Club is affiliated with the R.A.N. Skindiving Club and follows their rules. The Patron of the College Club is Lt. P. G. V. Dechauneux and the Cadet President is P. D. Clark. There is also a Cadet Committee consisting of the senior members of the Club, and whenever diving takes place a committee member must be present.

The majority of diving is perforce confined to weekends and, as a number of members possess 'wet' suits, takes place all the year round. The favourite diving areas are relatively near at hand, the Breakwater of the College boat harbour and the vicinity of Bowen Island. The area of the breakwater with its clear and relatively shallow waters, provides an abundance of fish and is an ideal spot for the beginner, whereas Bowen Island, on the boundary of the Bay, is considerably more dangerous water and more suitable for the experienced diver.

Sharks abound in Jervis Bay and many members have had encounters with the greynurse, pointer and carpet varieties. It is now an accepted Club rule to leave sharks well alone.

Plans are well advanced for participation in competitions with other local skindiving clubs. The waters around the college offer ideal facilities for such competitions, while work boats make excellent diving platforms.

Two very successful diving expeditions have been staged and, during the last expedition, a group of ten cadets caught more fish than they could ever expect to eat. On such occasions, masters and officers are offered the surplus, possibly with future favours in mind!

Diving is an enjoyable sport with a thrill entirely its own, and its appeal is demonstrated by the very rapid increase in equipment owned by cadets. Under these circumstances the future development and influence of the R.A.N.C. Skindiving Club seems assured.



# SAILING . . .

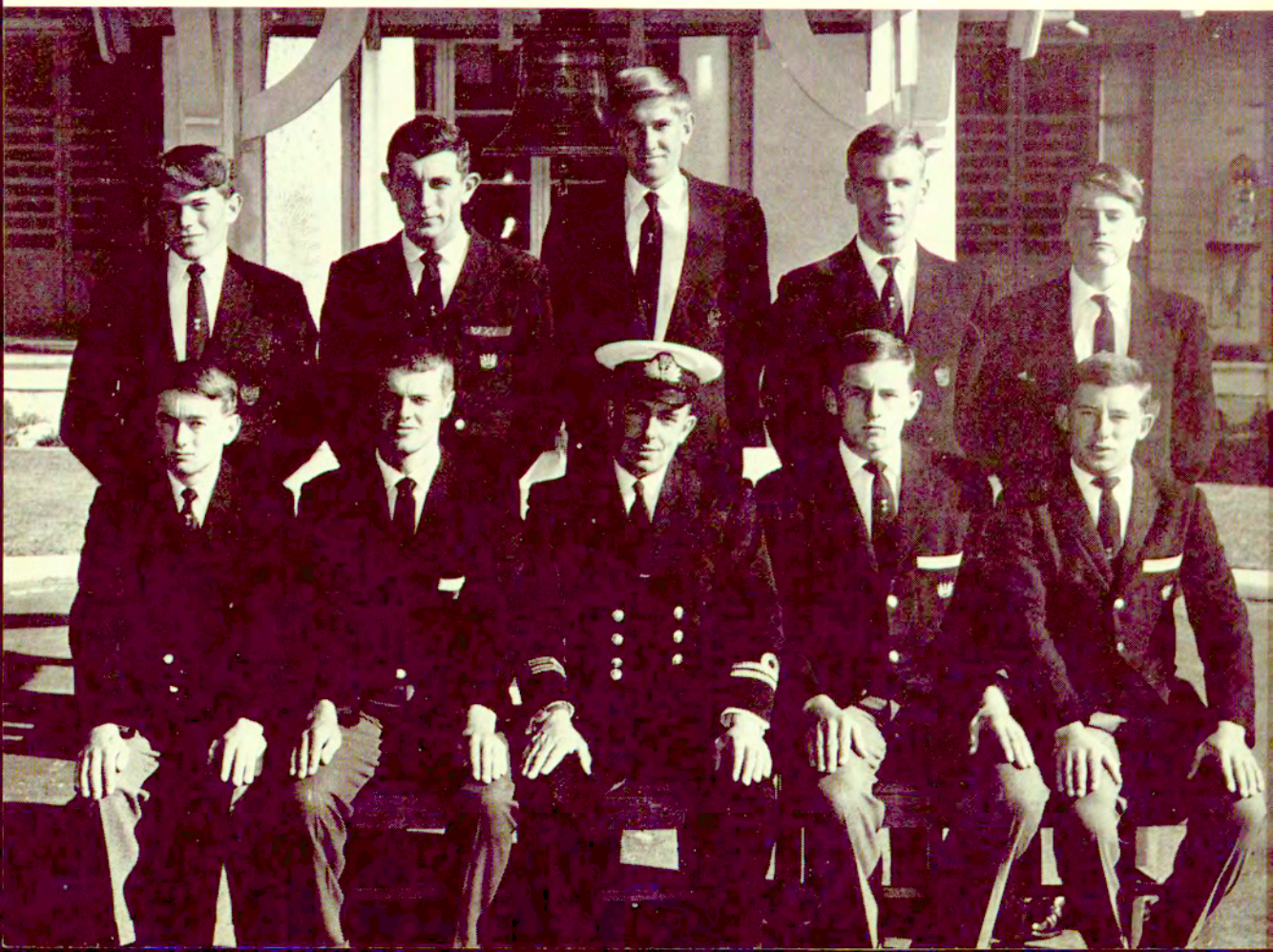
## *The Yachts — Ocean Racing*

LATE last year Franklin was refitted. A larger engine was fitted and her wooden spars were replaced with aluminium ones (designed and manufactured by Peter Cole, who also redesigned her rig) thus reducing the masthead height by some six feet and changing the rig to masthead sloop. Her rating has been improved and she is now a much faster boat. The great reduction in weight achieved with the aluminium mast, together with a reduction of windage when reefed and less waving of the mast in the wind, have combined to improve her stiffness in a breeze and she is now a delight to sail, particularly when close-hauled.

During the year she was sailed between Sydney and Jervis Bay five times and took part in two ocean races, the Flinders Cup race held in late January and the Halvorsen Brothers' Trophy race to Cabbage Tree Island which started on Friday evening 26th February. The Flinders Cup Race started at 2130 Friday 29th January in a moderate N.E. breeze, which unfortunately died away about 2 hours later leaving most of the boats (including Franklin) becalmed under the cliffs near Watson Chapel. After a frustrating night spent ta king to and fro looking for wind, we found ourselves, after hours of ocean racing, just off Bondi. One or two of the light displacement boats had found light offshore airs very close in shore and had escaped from the doldrums

## *SAILING TEAM — 1965*

*Standing: R. Lamacraft, K. J. Farmer, M. K. Gahan, B. Gashler, C. R. Rex.  
Seated: R. A. Sulman, G. D. Anderson, Lt. G. R. Paul, C. J. Oxenbould, G. D. Brown.*





area during the night, not to be seen again until much later. As the sun rose, a light N.E. breeze came which slowly increased during the day giving us a spinnaker run all the way to Beecroft Head, when a light southerly was encountered coming up the coast. The day was uneventful and gave us a chance to admire the very large spinnakers essential for successful racing in light weather, but was good experience and enjoyed by all aboard.

The Cabbage Tree Island Race, however, was sailed under quite different weather conditions. It started at 2130 Friday 26 February in a fresh but decreasing northeasterly. A fishing boat chasing prawns in the starting area, apparently devoid of any notion of the rule of the road, added to the excitement of the start. The general congestion of the harbour, with Manly ferries and coasters entering and leaving, together with close tacking and luffing matches in the dark, added to the fast pace of action onboard. Before Franklin reached the open sea in the dying northeasterly breeze, many lessons in seamanship were learnt by all on board.

Calms were again encountered at the entrance, but Franklin found a private breeze of her own and sailed through the fleet coming up to about fourth place before losing the wind altogether. Light north easterly airs with a confused swell were experienced for two hours, and once clear of the land Franklin was doing very well. Her narrow beam did not hold her back in the chop, and beamier boats were seen to be doing badly with much slamming and barging and noise, but little ahead motion.

Having been given a "special" weather forecast we made offshore so as to be the only boat to pick up a fresh N.E. breeze which was going to appear without official warning, but much later, when it arrived, it turned out to be a strong southerly! At somewhat of a disadvantage, course was shaped for Cabbage Tree Island with a parted spinnaker halyard and torn spinnaker, bucking the East Australia Current which was largely missed by the other boats which kept close inshore. However, a most enjoyable sail was had by all, running wildly through the night and next day, rounding the island at 1730 Saturday night, with all of the fleet except one (it appears he followed us) ahead of us. The wind by this time was southeasterly and with sheets started and full main and genoa, we settled down to what turned out to be the fastest passage and most thrilling sail Franklin has yet experienced.

With a strong steady onshore breeze and a considerable sea, the wind having blown from the south for a full 24 hours, and with the boat on her best point of sailing being driven to the limit with her rail down all the way, this was really sailing. Hour after hour the log read 8 knots, and one by one the lights of the boats ahead grew brighter as they were overhauled. As the

night continued the wind slowly eased a little, and by dawn our speed had dropped to 5 knots but the thrill of the chase was still with us. We entered harbour in a light and decreasing southeasterly, crossing the finish line in light airs at 9.15 a.m., by no means the winners on corrected time but having had a very thrilling race.

During the third term of 1965, Franklin was also sailed in two further ocean races, the Montagu Island and Cabbage Tree Island races. Prior to this she had been equipped with a new and larger genoa and spinnaker. Assisted by these improvements and sailed by a keen crew, she was lying in seventh position out of a fleet of twenty-five in the Montagu Island race after three quarters of the course had been completed. However, just off Jervis Bay, one of the crew was unfortunately injured by a jockey pole and we were forced to retire.

Ltd. Cdr. Tilley was Skipper/Navigator for the Cabbage Tree Island race with Lt. G. Paul, Lt. B. Sutton, CPO Dun, and Cadet Midshipmen C. J. Oxenbould, P. B. Gashler, A. D. Carter, and R. Cawthorn as crew members. The race was started at 2130 in Friday, the 29th October in a very light north-easterly breeze. By careful manoeuvring, we were at one stage in the lead, but owing to fickle wind conditions we were actually the fifth yacht to clear Sydney Heads. Once clear of the harbour, we were faced with 90 miles of light head winds and had to choose one of two courses. We could head out to sea beyond the one hundred fathom line in the hope of missing the predominating southerly current, or keep close inshore with the same object in mind. The latter course was chosen.

When dawn broke, we found that we were lying several miles to windward of Salacia, a very successful Sydney yacht, and we anxiously awaited the 0630 radio schedule to ascertain our position. We found we were lying equal second with Salacia to Caprice of Huon which had just returned from the Admiral's Cup races in England. With our interest in the race and our vigour renewed, we hugged the coast and by sunset were at least five miles ahead of Salacia.

Saturday night was spent tacking into a very fickle headwind while we were plagued by the thought that other yachts further out to sea might be enjoying more favourable winds. Dawn on Sunday found us becalmed while rounding the Island with the depressing sight of Salacia, Cadence, and Cavalier coming up astern and still carrying the wind. They too were finally becalmed, while we managed to catch the first puffs of wind and sneaked round the Island to run second to Caprice of Huon.

On rounding the Island, a very shy spinnaker was set which resulted in a hectic weave between the other islands lying off Port Stephens but we maintained our second place. Then we were once again becalmed and Salacia gained a slight





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lead over us. At this juncture we were awed and encouraged by the sight of over half the fleet closing the Island from seaward in negligible wind conditions. This put us hours ahead.

Finally a breeze came up and settled in the south-west, enabling us to hold our course for Sydney. At this stage we were in third place. The wind fluctuated in strength, dying down at midday, then freshening from the south-east and finally dropping again at sunset. A rip was noticed in the genoa which was taken down, repaired, and rehoisted. About midnight we were hit by a southerly buster and the genoa was blown out. While headsails were being changed, our main halyard parted and we were left helpless without any sail.

After a while, we succeeded in setting the storm trysail, using the spinnaker halyard, and also the storm jib. While we were thus engaged, Cadence, Cavalier and Seawind overtook us. Taking a long leg out to sea, Franklin was put about and on this tack cleared Sydney Heads. We then tacked up Sydney Harbour and crossed the line at about 0400 on Monday. We finished sixth overall and fourth in No. 1 Division on corrected time.

Franklin, Tam O'Shanter and Sabrina have been raced together, on handicap, on Jervis Bay almost every Saturday afternoon throughout the winter term, providing thrilling racing and good sail-handling practice for a large number of cadets. Sabrina, with her new masthead, flat cut spinnaker has proved the fastest when reaching in light to moderate conditions, and her speed to windward in a breeze has surprised many. Tam O'Shanter is raced by a crew of regulars which lacks nothing in keenness and, with her engine out for maintenance, her propeller removed and a clean bottom, proved to be a real flyer.

All-year-round handicap racing has proved a success, giving an interest fostered by competition, to many cadets not previously attracted to the sport. With the ideal conditions of Jervis Bay for keel-boat racing and three excellent but very different boats, a successful future to the sport here is assured.

### ***Small Boat Sailing***

Once again an active year of small boat sailing included many races with visiting teams, trips away, The Gibson Shield and the Sharp Cup competitions.

In the third term, 1964, the Sailing Club did not compete in any team races. The Kitty catamaran "Even Stevens" was sent to the opening Regatta on Lake Burley Griffin in Canberra with C. J. Oxenbould and S. D. Brown as crew. They competed against an open field of catamarans and came first in the opening race and third in the second race, beating all the catamarans of the Kitty class.

In term I 1965, on the weekend of the 20th

—21st of February, the College had its annual visit from R.N.S.A. In the Saturday race the college was hampered by 2 withdrawals in the dinghies but in the whalers we gained a slender lead. On Sunday the college dinghies won but did not earn enough points to cover the deficit whereas the whalers increased their lead. Later in the term a Sailing team went to Sydney to try to redeem themselves in the dinghies and maintain our lead in the whalers. In the dinghies event there were several capsizes and withdrawals, which put us slightly further behind, but in the whalers we had two good wins by S. D. Brown which sent us home with one victory.

Besides our annual matches against R.N.S.A., the College team sailed against Canberra Grammar School and the Royal Brighton Yacht Club cadets. The match against Canberra consisted of only one race, and because the Canberra boys did not have time to familiarize themselves with the boats the college won comfortably. However, it was a different story with the R.B.Y.C. cadets.

The contest consisted of two races in which all the available boats were used including Fibreglass dinghies, conventional dinghies and whalers. On the first day against a formidable opponent the College had three withdrawals which greatly reduced our scores. On Sunday the College redeemed itself and came within four points of R.B.Y.C.'s score, thus whetting our appetite for the match next Easter in Melbourne.

The normal College sailing was again highlighted by the Gibson Shield competition which this year was made for the first time, Inter-divisional, as well as to decide the champion dinghy coxswain. Owing to the Inter-Divisional nature of the competition there were a large number of entries, and an exhausting series of elimination trials were held to pick out the ten finalists. The finals consisted of two races which were sailed in light conditions. The final positions were C. J. Oxenbould first, S. D. Brown second.

There was also a long list of entrants for The Sharp Cup, entry having been made compulsory for Senior Year. After another long series of elimination trials ten cadets were chosen for the finals. The final race was won by A. D. Carter, with C. J. Oxenbould second and S. D. Brown third.

The Inter-Divisional Series for the Forster and Salano Cups were sailed off during Term 1, 1965. This year, instead of having one team, each Division had three, consisting of two dinghies and a whaler. Phillip division surprisingly emerged victorious in both competitions.

During the past year sailing has flourished greatly, interest being stimulated by inter-divisional and other competitions.

# THE PLAYING FIELDS



## 1965 SPORTS REPORT

*Governor General's Cup:* G. L. PURCELL  
CRICKET

*Farncomb Cup* — G. S. BESOMO.

*Colours* — I. W. L. McKIE, G. S. BESOMO,  
D. G. CAMERON.

*Half-Colours* — T. H. COX.

### TENNIS

*Cunningham Cup* — G. L. PURCELL.

*Doubles Champion:* — G. L. PURCELL and  
G. R. BAIRNSFATHER.

*Colours* — G. L. PURCELL.

*Half-Colours* — G. R. BAIRNSFATHER.

### SWIMMING

*Open Champion* — D. J. ADAMS.

*Junior Champion* — P. J. PARKINS.

*Colours* — D. J. ADAMS, M. J. STOCK.

*Half-Colours* — A. D. CARTER, P. J.  
PARKINS, G. S. BESOMO.

### BOATS

*Otto Albert Cup* — C. J. OXENBOULD.

*Gibson Shield* — C. J. OXENBOULD.

*Sharp Cup* — A. D. CARTER.

*Colours* — C. J. OXENBOULD, A. D.  
CARTER, S. D. BROWN.

*Half-Colours* — K. J. FARMER, G. D.  
ANDERSON.

### HOCKEY

*Colours* — G. D. ANDERSON, A. B.  
MacKINNON, B. A. GRIFFIN.

*Half-Colours* — C. J. TOMLIN, B. L. PEMBER,  
R. K. WANSBOROUGH.

### AUSTRALIAN RULES

*Colours* — G. L. PURCELL, S. H. M.  
BURRELL, G. F. McLENNAN.

*Half-Colours* — J. C. SOUTHEY, A. P. SMITH,  
A. R. DAVISON, R. S. PRITCHARD.

### SOCCER

*Half-Colours* — A. B. MacKINNON.

### CROSS COUNTRY

*Open Champion* — D. J. RAMSAY.

*Junior Champion* — R. D. EAMES.

### ATHLETICS

*Open Champion* — J. C. SOUTHEY.

*Junior Champion* — D. J. RAMSAY.

*Colours:* — G. L. PURCELL, R. G. GRAHAM,  
J. A. HOLLIDAY.

*Half-Colours* — J. A. WORSTENCROFT, J. C.  
SOUTHEY, R. F. WITHNELL, G. J.  
EARLEY, D. J. GAUL, R. J. NELLIGAN,  
D. J. RAMSAY.

### BASKETBALL

*Colours* — J. C. SOUTHEY, J. A. WORSTEN-  
CROFT, M. J. RENNIE, G. McLENNAN,  
G. S. BESOMO.

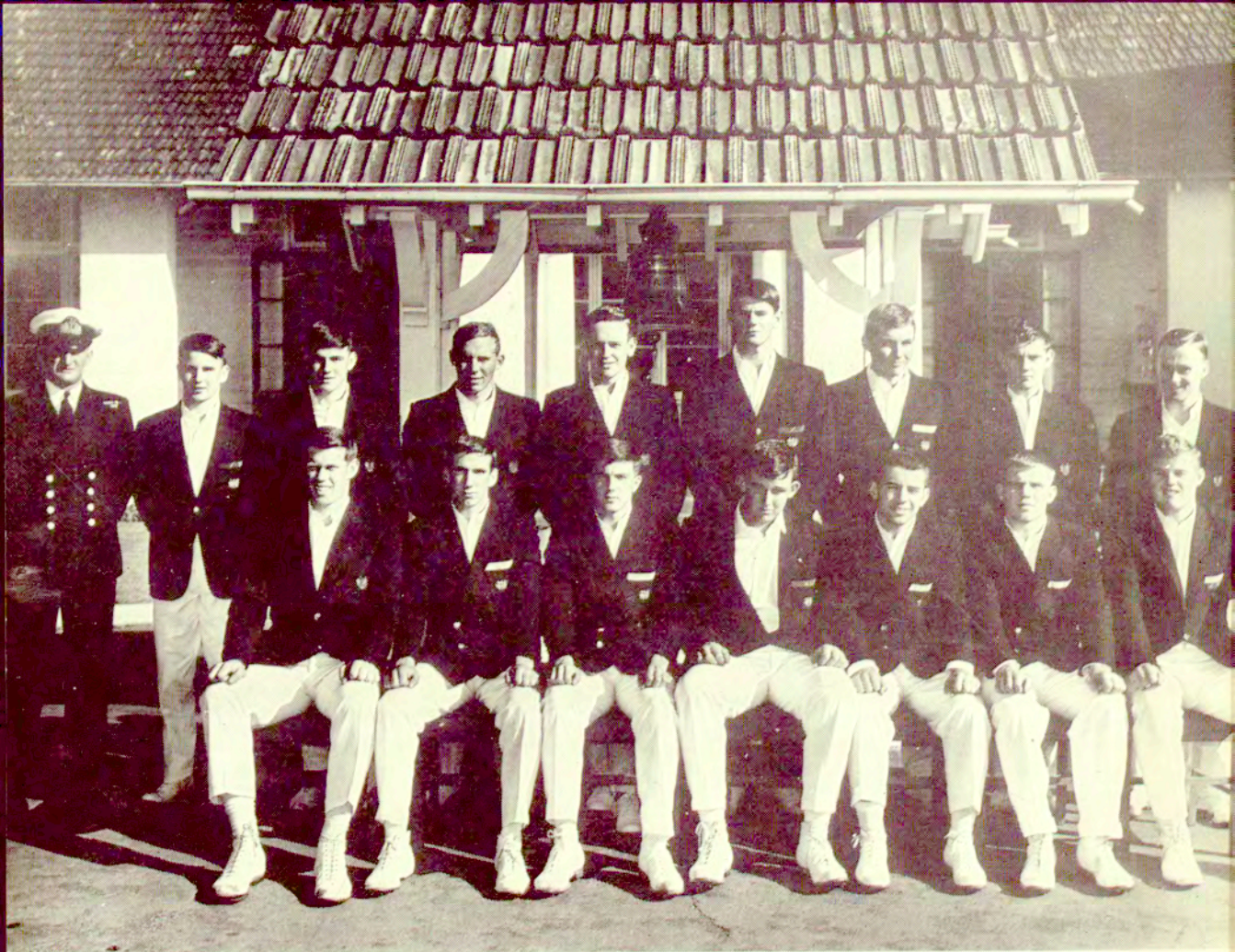
### RUGBY

*Burnett Trophy* — J. A. HOLLIDAY.

*Colours* — J. A. HOLLIDAY, G. L. PURCELL,  
J. A. WORSTENCROFT, W. R. OVERTON,  
R. J. NELLIGAN, W. ARTHUR, B. A.  
GRIFFIN, I. W. L. McKIE.

*Half-Colours* — K. J. FARMER, M. J. STOCK,  
G. F. McLENNAN, G. S. BESOMO, R. R. P.  
SPENCER.

*Italic Type denotes colours were awarded  
since publication of the 1964 Magazine.*



#### CRICKET FIRST XI

*Standing: Lt. Cdr. B. E. Seymour, R. J. Nelligan, R. S. Pritchard, P. F. McGuire, J. R. Cook, G. F. McLennan, C. P. Tomlin, B. A. Griffin, O. S. Barwood.  
Seated: W. Arthur, S. H. M. Burrell, I. W. L. McKie, T. H. Cox, D. G. Cameron, J. A. Holliday, G. S. Besomo.*

## CRICKET

THE 1964-65 season was one in which all matches were closely contested and in many instances games finished in an atmosphere of tense excitement with the outcome determined in the last over of play.

T. H. Cox, as captain, capably led the side during the season and did much to steady the team on those occasions when a solid, middle of the order batting display was demanded. D. G. Cameron, the vice-captain, gave many creditable performances with bat and ball and he and G. S. Besomo, the winner of the Farncomb Cup, were the team's outstanding all-rounders.

I. W. L. McKie, the team's fast bowler maintained his good form and long run, of previous seasons and was well supported by R. Mason until this latter player departed the College mid-way through the season. J. A. Holliday, the wicket-keeper, came to the position with little experience but much agility and towards the end of the season his keeping had developed polish and safety.

January's new entry of Cadets brought to the team valuable players in W. Arthur, O. S. Barwood, B. A. Griffin and R. S. Pritchard, all of whom made valuable contributions to team successes, and much is expected of these players in the future.

R. J. Nelligan, although not performing in keeping with his ability with the bat, gained

good wickets with his left-arm slows when wickets were urgently required. S. H. M. Burrell was another stalwart performer in critical situations and his contributions with the bat on such occasions were most timely.

C. P. Tomlin was another regular member of the XI and turned in his best batting performances in the first half of the season while J. C. Southey, J. R. Cook, P. F. McGuire, G. F. McLennan and C. S. H. Harrington all gave of their best in those matches in which they represented the College.

The matches played were:

*v Canberra Grammar*

R.A.N.C. 5-134 (Tomlin 27, Cox 23 n.o.)  
Canberra Grammar 71 (McKie 5-36, Mason 3-14) and 9-139 (McKie 3-28) R.A.N.C. won 1st innings.

*v Navy Office*

R.A.N.C. 4-115 (Tomlin 41, Cameron 62 n.o.) and 9-51 (Besomo 41 n.o.)  
Navy Office 106 (Mason 7-41) and 6-67 decl. R.A.N.C. won 1st innings.

*v Staff*

R.A.N.C. 101 (Cameron 28, Nelligan 26)  
Staff 57 (McKie 3-10, Besomo 4-17)  
R.A.N.C. won 1st innings.

*v Trinity Grammar*

R.A.N.C. 106 (Besomo 27, Burrell 22) and 1-39 decl. (Besomo 28 n.o.)  
Trinity 105 (Besomo 7-33 incl. hat trick) and 0-22

R.A.N.C. won 1st innings.

*v Ship's Company*

R.A.N.C. 5-153 (Besomo 33, Tomlin 27) and 1-37 decl.  
Ships Co. 103 (McKie 4-11) and 6-81 (McKie 3-33, Mason 3-36)  
R.A.N.C. won 1st innings.

*v Knox College*

R.A.N.C. 144 (Besomo 78) and 2-54 decl. (Besomo 30 n.o.)  
Knox 103 (Nelligan 5-20) and 9-96 (McKie 5-27)  
Knox won outright on last ball of day.

*v Sydney High*

R.A.N.C. 173 (Cameron 33, Besomo 28)  
Sydney High 178 (Cameron 4-27, Besomo 3-43)  
Sydney High won on 1st innings.

*v R.M.C. Duntroon*

R.A.N.C. 107 (Besomo 25, Arthur 24)  
Duntroon 174 (McKie 5-37, Cameron 3-50)  
Duntroon won on 1st innings.

*v Navy Office*

R.A.N.C. 128 (Burrell 31, Cameron 29) and 2-80 (Besomo 61 n.o.)  
Navy Office 106 (Cameron 4-31, Nelligan 3-22) and 7-87 decl. (Besomo 3-27)  
R.A.N.C. won outright.

*v Melbourne C.C.*

R.A.N.C. 137 (Besomo 72, Cameron 22)  
M.C.C. 182 (Besomo 4-37)  
M.C.C. won on 1st innings.



*RUGBY FIRST XV 1965*  
Standing: R. G. Graham, B. A. Griffin, M. Biddle, G. S. Besomo, W. Arthur, G. F. McLennan, I. W. L. McKie, A. D. Carter, M. J. Stock, Lt. R. M. Jessurun.  
Seated: R. R. P. Spencer, R. W. Potts, K. J. Farmer, W. R. Overton, G. L. Purcell, J. H. Worstencroft, J. H. Holliday, R. J. Nelligan.

*RUGBY SECOND XV*  
1965

*Standing: P. J. Parkins, A. B. Mackinnon, S. H. M. Burrell, D. Oliver, C. J. Oxenbould, J. R. Ryan, P. B. Gashley, D. G. Cameron. Seated: R. J. Leitch, D. J. Gaul, G. C. Richardson, J. Koina, H. Tacey, D. W. Gillies, G. F. Johnstone, J. R. Lord.*



## RUGBY

THE College again had a successful Rugby season, although the disruption of the teams by the Graduating Cadets returning to the College and again departing in the middle of the season, made it difficult to get the teams working together.

The season started with games against the Duntroon 4th Class and Sydney High School at a time when only a minimum amount of training had been possible and this showed up in our defeat by the latter school.

It was pleasing to be hosts to Downlands, Toowoomba, whom we played last year in Queensland, and it is very much hoped that we will be able to make this interstate fixture an annual engagement.

Owing to the Seniors being at sea, it was at first decided not to go on tour this year. However, because of the popularity of this fixture and last year's success, pressure was brought to bear and a short tour of Canberra and Sydney was made during the first week of leave, at the end of the first term. The first two games were played with our regular team, but due to travel commitments and injuries, the latter games were played with a very much weakened team. Some 25 cadets played during the tour, and each cadet took part in two games. In Canberra we played and defeated Canberra Grammar School. The first Sydney game, against Sydney Grammar saw the cadets truly playing as a team for the first time. In a thrilling game in which we were fortunate enough to have Dr. Vanderfield as referee, the College were victorious.

The other two games of the tour were against the Australian School of Pacific Administration and the King's School, and our weakened teams were no match for these well worked-up combinations.

The return of the seniors gave the team extra speed, although a number of returning players from the previous year were disappointed at being dropped because of their lack of fitness. A trip was made to the R.A.A.F. Academy at Point Cook where the College team excelled themselves and with excellent team work, gained an easy victory. The following day they played the unbeaten Albatross Dempster Cup team which after a slow start, they outplayed to score a run-away victory at the end.

After having the weight advantage in most games, the tables were reversed in the match against the N.S.W. Police Cadets where we gave away an average of 4 lb. per man. This game although lost, showed the tremendous courage and defence of the team, which held the Police 18-16 up to ten minutes before full time.

It took a few games for the remodelled team to combine after the loss of the graduating cadets. However, they did well, and ended the season without further loss.

The second XV was not as fortunate and were very much more disrupted by team changes, never really settling down into an effective working combination.

For the 1st XV J. A. Holliday proved to be the most outstanding player and well deserved the honour of winning the Burnett Trophy for the second time; the first time any player has accomplished this feat.

Around the scrum base R. J. Nelligan again showed great form with excellent deliveries

and clever attacking runs. After Graduation he moved to five-eight, where his speed and intelligent kicking made many openings for our attack.

Others who gave good service were B. A. Griffin with his solid defence, while W. Arthur and W. R. Overton in the forwards were always quick to cover and make use of the loose ball.

The Inter-Divisional competition was keenly contested, with each team fielding two teams, Jarvis proved to be the superior side and headed the 'A' division while Flinders which came 2nd in the 'A' division, won the 'B' division contest.

The minor placings were filled by Cook and Phillip respectively.

Matches played were:

1st XV

- v. Duntroon 4th Class (H) — Won 20-6.
- v. Sydney High School (A) — Lost 18-9.
- v. Downlands Toowoomba (H) — Won 16-3.
- v. Canberra Grammar (A) — Won 24-5.
- v. Sydney Grammar (A) — Won 16-14.
- v. H.M.A.S. Stuart (H) — Won 25-3.
- v. Wollongong High (H) — Won 19-16.
- \*v. Trinity Grammar (H) — Won 20-9.
- \*v. Cranbrook (H) — Won 21-11.
- \*v. R.A.A.F. Academy (A) — Won 25-3.
- \*v. H.M.A.S. Albatross (H) — Won 13-8.
- \*v. N.S.W. Police Cadets (H) — Lost 26-16.
- v. Chevalier (A) — Won 19-9.
- v. Staff/Ships Co. (H) — Won 22-3.
- v. Edmund Rice College (H) — Won 32-22.
- v. James Ruse Agricultural College (H) — Won 16-9.

2nd XV

- v. Duntroon 4th Class (H) — Won 5-3.
- v. Sydney High School (A) — Lost 33-6.
- v. Wollongong High (H) — Won 10-8.

\*v. Trinity Grammar (H) — Lost 31-6.

\*v. Cranbrook (H) — Won 10-3.

v. Chevalier (A) — Lost 19-11.

v. Edmund Rice College (H) — Lost 18-11.

v. James Ruse Ag. College (A)

3rd XV

v. Chevalier (A) Lost 14-0.

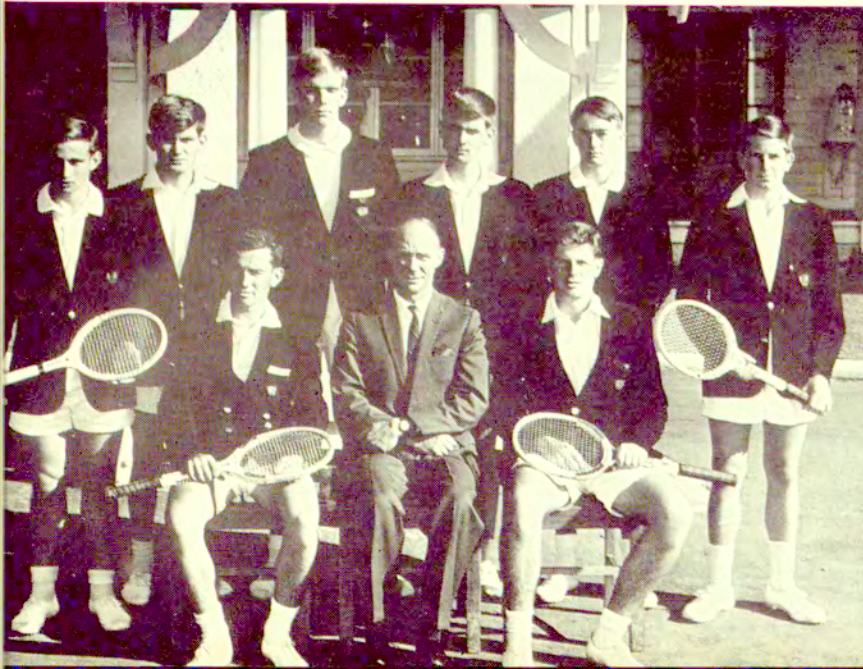
\* These matches included the 1965 Graduating Cadets.

## TENNIS

**D**URING third term 1964 only two representative matches were played, both at home and with a team of four players. G. L. Purcell as captain, was ably supported by G. R. Bairnsfather as vice captain, and R. A. Sulman and A. D. Carter completed the team. This team was defeated by Canberra Grammar by 4 rubbers to 2 but won decisively against Trinity Grammar, the score being 6 rubbers to 0.

Early in 1965 two further home matches were played and in these Knox Grammar (7-4) and Sydney High (9-3) proved too strong, while the calibre of the R.M.C. players was such that during the visit to Duntroon only two rubbers were won — a single by W. F. A. Wilson and a doubles by G. L. Purcell and A. R. Bairnsfather. However, the home team was too strong in the match played against R.M.C. Duntroon, Fourth class, during their Easter visit to Jervis Bay, winning 9 of the 11 rubbers completed.

An innovation during second term, in which Tennis is not normally played competitively,



### TENNIS FIRST VIII 1965

*Standing: B. D. Hunt, R. R. P. Spencer, A. D. Carter, W. F. A. Wilson, R. A. Sulman, J. R. Lord.  
Seated: G. L. Purcell, Mr. R. Berry, G. R. Bairnsfather.*

was the match against the Police Cadets. As Rugby was also played all regular Tennis players were not available and the College team was defeated by 5 rubbers to 2.

During the periods in which G. L. Purcell and G. R. Bairnsfather were on the training cruise the team was led by R. A. Sulman.

The Tennis Championships were held as usual during first term. This year the finals proved to be rather uneven. G. L. Purcell comfortably won the singles 6-4, 6-3 his opponent being G. S. Besomo, while with doubles Purcell and G. R. Bairnsfather were far too good for

R. A. Sulman and S. H. M. Burrell the score being 6-0, 6-1.

Regular players in the team apart from those mentioned above, were W. F. A. Wilson and R. R. P. Spencer of the second year and J. R. Lord and B. D. Hunt of the first year. A position in the team can best be assured by the winning of challenge matches enabling progress up the Tennis ladder. Following the graduation of G. L. Purcell and G. R. Bairnsfather there are vacancies in the team, and keen competition both in representative and divisional matches is certain in Term 3.

### HOCKEY FIRST XI — 1965

*Standing: B. A. Griffin, P. L. Mole, S. H. M. Burrell, G. J. Earley, J. R. Cook, R. Lamacraft.  
Seated: B. L. Pember, A. B. Mackinnon, G. D. Anderson, C. P. Tomlin, O. S. Barwood, R. K. Wansbrough.*



## HOCKEY

THE College hockey team had another successful run in its 1965 season with three wins and one draw in the four matches played.

The start of the season showed that there was great potential in both B. A. Griffin and R. K. Wansborough, two of the new entry. In the match in April against R.M.C. Duntroon, the College won easily 8-1, with B. A. Griffin playing a spectacular game and scoring seven out of the eight goals scored by the College.

The next game against H.M.A.S. Albatross in July was another clear win for the College, the score being 6-2.

Perhaps the most enjoyable game of the season was against Staff in August. Although the Staff put up valiant resistance, an exciting match ensued which proved that cadets still have the upper hand at least in sport, as the Staff were finally defeated 6-2.

A return game against H.M.A.S. Albatross showed that they were still a formidable team. After a close and evenly matched competition, the game ended in a 2-2 draw.

G. D. Anderson and C. P. Tomlin played well for the forwards and S. H. M. Burrell played his consistently good game for the backs. A special mention must be made of J. R. Cook whose dauntless efforts in goal have saved many a match.





*SOCCKER FIRST XI  
1965*

*Standing: C. S. H. Harrington, G. D. Anderson, P. B. Gashler, R. G. Hall, G. S. Besomo, I. R. Gulliver, D. G. Cameron, Lt. Cdr. D. J. McKeegan.*

*Seated: N. A. Clark; A. P. Smith, A. B. Mackinnon, M. R. Gibbs, K. J. Gascoine, E. Stokes.*

## SOCCKER

AT the end of the season, when the balance sheets are drawn up, it seems wise quietly to forget this one. A casual glance at the results adequately demonstrates the reason why. Having lost all matches, we are thinking of putting our obsolete pennies in a piggy bank, so that we can hire one of the internationals, and, if finances are adequate, a whole team! Our captain A. Mackinnon will no doubt act as honorary treasurer.

The forward line developed into a unit towards the end of the season, and it is hoped that this will carry over into next season. I. R. Gulliver who has been the pivot of this improvement, shows promise of developing into a skilful player with more experience. The backs have done fine service, apart from the occasional blunder, and have supplied energy and enthusiasm in lieu of any great skill. P. B. Gashler and C. S. H. Harrington have, by sheer persistence, worried their opponents to distraction. R. Hall kept goal valiantly saving many possible scoring shots although he often found himself alone in face of five charging forwards.

The veteran Albatross team showed us some fine football. The ball flitted from player to player, leaving our players unable to cope with such rapid and skilful passing. On the left wing, E. Stokes with his 'four feet nothing', had the impossible task of keeping a 'sixfooter' quiet; and a tussle ensued reminiscent of David and Goliath.

The interdivisional games, though not of high quality were fought out with great gusto, the players becoming quite skilled at the innocent trip, the sly dig in the ribs, and other little dodges, learned no doubt on the Rugby Field.

The final game of the season against the Staff was played with great enthusiasm by the College team, and resignation by the Staff. This was the big success story of the season.

As the standard of play throughout the season was not high, no colours were awarded.

### RESULTS OF GAMES

Wollongong High School — Lost both games  
3-0, 5-3.

N.S.W. Police Cadets — Lost 3-0.

H.M.A.S. Nirimba — Lost 2-0.

H.M.A.S. Albatross — Lost 7-2.

R.A.N.C. Staff — Won 0-6.

## AUSTRALIAN RULES

ALTHOUGH Australian Rules at the College is destined to remain in the shadow of Rugby, a 'hard-core' of enthusiasts made this a worthwhile, if short, season. Altogether 4 games were played, including the annual inter-block match for the Father Breslan Trophy. Geelong block surprised the experts with a close win over Cerberus block in an interesting, if somewhat unscientific game.

The game against the ship's company was used as a training game and was the only match we won. Signs were evident here of the teamwork

that was to develop in our remaining matches. We had Senior Year back for our match against combined Canberra Under 18 side, and this match was probably the best of the season. We led for over half the match and it was only in the last quarter that the superior skill of the Canberra team began to tell. G. F. McLennan rucked tirelessly all day and thoroughly deserved his 'pewter' as the best player in the College.

The final match against Albatross showed again that the College could play good football when under pressure. Our lack of pace was evident but so was our desire to use an open, play-on type of football, something which has been missing in past years.

G. F. McLennan was the outstanding ruckman of the season and he and G. L. Purcell were a combination which worried all teams. A. P. Smith made a success of his new role as a centreman and was ably supported by D. W. Gillies on the wing. The Centre Half Back position was well filled by A. Davison, whose high marks turned back many an attack; J. S. Southey also made some spectacular saving marks. R. S. Pritchard, J. R. Lord and R. O. Hunt also played well throughout the year, the former giving some well needed speed to the forward line.

With a little more official encouragement the College could develop a 1st XVIII capable of doing justice in the sport, for the 1965 season showed that the necessary talent is available.

Results.

*v Ship's Co.*

College won 9-11 (65) to 3-3 (21).

*v Canberra Under 18's*

College Lost 6-11 (47) to 13-15 (93).

*v H.M.A.S. ALBATROSS*

College Lost 6-5 (35) to 8-8 (56).

*Cerberus Block v Geelong Block*

Geelong Block 4-5 (29) to 3-7 (25).

## SWIMMING, LIFESAVING AND WATER POLO

THE 1964 College swimming championships were held at the Nowra Olympic Pool on Friday 10th December. Although the Inter divisional events were once again held in conjunction with the individual championships, there was some good swimming and two college records were broken. P. J. Parkins set a new college record for the 50 m. backstroke and B. L. Pember took 1 second from the old breaststroke record. The open championship was won by D. J. McL. Adams and the Junior by P. J. Parkins.

The Inter divisional water polo was keenly contested once again with Cook division emerging as the final winners. The College water polo team played games against Sydney High, Albatross, Duntroon 2nd VII, and Duntroon 4th class. Our only defeat was by Albatross who beat us 5-2.

### AUSTRALIAN RULES FIRST XVIII 1965

*Back row: R. R. P. Spencer,  
A. P. Smith, P. J. Parkins,  
J. C. Southey, S. H. M.  
Burrell, G. F. McLennan,  
M. J. Rennie, J. A. Holliday,  
R. S. Pritchard, W. J.  
Zillesen, I. V. Clarke.*

*Seated: C. M. Pedersen,  
R. J. Leitch, B. D. Hunt,  
C.P.O. P. T. Dalziel, G. L.  
Purcell, G. F. Johnstone,  
J. A. Worstencroft, A. R.  
Davison.*

*Front row: D. G. Cameron,  
J. R. Lord, D. W. Gillies.*



**WATERPOLO — 1965**

*Standing: W. R. Overton,  
J. C. Southey, G. D. Ander-  
son, G. S. Besomo, C. J.  
Oxenbould, A. D. Carter.  
Seated: D. J. Gaul, R. A.  
Christie, J. A. Worstencroft,  
CPO, P.T., Dalziel, M. J.  
Stock.*



Life saving has become an important part of the College curriculum and in third term of each year cadets spend much of their time in preparations for the Life Saving Examinations. Last year the College gained 2nd place in the competition for the Australia Shield gaining no less than 374 awards.

Annual Swimming Championships.

Inter-Divisional Results.

1st Cook 46 pts., 2nd Flinders 40 pts.,

3rd Phillip 30 pts., 4th Jervis 26 pts.

Individual Championships.

400 m. Freestyle

G. S. Besomo, 5 min. 58 secs.

D. J. McL. Adams

50 m. Junior Freestyle

P. J. Parkins, 30.3 secs.

R. A. Harrison

50 m. Open Butterfly

M. J. Stock, 36 secs.

A. D. Carter

Open Diving

W. R. Overton

A. D. Carter

200 m. Open Freestyle

D. J. M-L. Adams, 2 min. 49.7 secs.

M. J. Stock

100 m. Junior Freestyle

G. S. Besomo

P. J. Parkins

100 m. Open Backstroke

D. J. McL. Adams

A. D. Carter

Junior Diving

A. P. Smith

G. S. Besomo

**SWIMMING 1965**

*Standing: P. J. Parkins, G. S. Besomo, A. D. Carter.  
Seated: R. A. Christie, Lt. P. G. V. Deschaineux,  
M. J. Stock.*



100 m. Open Freestyle  
 D. J. McL. Adams 1 min. 13.3 secs.  
 M. J. Stock

100 m. Open Breaststroke  
 P. J. Parkins, 36.4 secs. New record.  
 G. S. Besomo

100 m. Open Breaststroke  
 M. J. Stock, 1 min. 35.6 secs.  
 M. K. Gahan

50 m. Junior Breaststroke  
 B. L. Pember, 41.4 secs. New record.  
 P. J. Parkins

150 m. Open Medley  
 D. J. McL. Adams, 2 min. 25.7 secs.  
 A. D. Carter

50 m. Junior Butterfly  
 G. S. Besomo 38.7 secs.  
 P. J. Parkins

Open Champion and winner of the Colin Creswell Trophy, D. J. McL. Adams; Runner-up, M. J. Stock. Junior Champion, P. J. Parkins; Runner-up G. S. Besomo.

## BASKETBALL

THE best measure of the popularity of Basketball in the College has been the enthusiasm and enjoyment displayed in the inter-Divisional competition games, together with the vociferous support given to the contestants. However, the College is more usually judged on the performance of its representative team and here the record must be the first criterion.

In a long list of fixtures, the College has only been defeated on three occasions during the year. We lost to a team from *H.M.A.S. ALBATROSS* which contained a long line of inter-service players and proved to be too experienced for the College side. However, in two later encounters the College was able to reverse this result. We also suffered defeat at the hands of Sydney Teacher's College, who matched the cadets in fitness and played a vigorous, bustling game, sharpened by weekly competitive play.

The two big encounters of the year were with R.M.C. Duntroon and the R.A.A.F. Academy. In the match against the R.M.C., played on the latter's court, the College team gained an early ascendancy with speedy mid-court play and maximum determination under the baskets. This ascendancy was never relinquished and the scores steadily diverged until the College ran out winners by 40 to 28. The R.A.A.F. Academy game was also played away at Point Cook. Here, the College team failed to produce its usual fluid play but nevertheless was the attacking team during most of the game, having the greater number of shots for the basket from what would normally be scoring positions. But the baskets just would not materialise and the R.A.A.F. went

on to inflict a third defeat on the College by 47 to 22.

In the inter-Divisional Basketball competition conducted in Term II, 1965, Flinders Division emerged champions. The final tussle between Flinders and Cook Divisions was an exciting one with G. S. Besomo and M. J. Rennie in top form. Cook played strongly, the issue only becoming clear in the closing stages when G. F. McLennan was forced to leave the court through injury. A number of newcomers established themselves during these inter-Divisional games and rumour has it that Phillip Division will conduct a talent search before the next series.

Members of the Graduating Year had a virtual 'Basketball cruise' in *H.M.A.S. ANZAC*, playing local teams in all ports except Kavieng. Unable to produce a team, the resident at Kavieng, gallantly offered to cut the six foot high grass to permit the use of the court. Variety was a feature of these games. In the Queensland ports, the games were usually at night in the setting of a well organized competition while on one occasion in New Guinea potential scorers were forced to make a frenzied dash through dense foliage in search of the basket. The highlights of the cruise were the several hundred vociferous spectators at Aitape and the defeat of the P.N.G. team, at Manus, which had been undefeated in ten years.

The departure of the graduating cadets in mid-year meant the loss of a number of enthusiastic and skilful basketballers. Southey and Worstencroft had been mainstays of the College team and had developed an understanding which led to an eye pleasing fluidity in their play. However, these departures are a part of College life and the remaining cadets consistently rise to the occasion. Second and Third Year cadets should bear this in mind and start striving now for their positions in the team.

The mainstays of the present College team are McLennan (Captain), a resolute rebounder who can dominate play in the key at either end; M. J. Rennie an aggressive left hander who gets his shots away effortlessly with demoralising accuracy; Besomo, a light footed, tall man who should chalk up plenty of baskets; S. H. M. Burrell, a tireless player and great team man; J. A. Holliday, and B. A. Griffin, who are developing into confident, fast moving players with the emphasis on attack.

Results of games played were as follows:—  
 R.A.N.C. 50 defeated Midshipmen (S.L.) 12.  
 R.A.N.C. 58 lost to *H.M.A.S. ALBATROSS* 72.  
 R.A.N.C. 74 defeated Canberra G.S. 28  
 R.A.N.C. 59 defeated *H.M.A.S. ANZAC* 52.  
 R.A.N.C. 69 defeated Sydney Boys High School 8.  
 R.A.N.C. 65 defeated *H.M.A.S. ALBATROSS* 57.  
 R.A.N.C. 40 defeated R.M.C. Duntroon 28.  
 R.A.N.C. 60 defeated Nowra A.B.A. (under 19) 42.  
 R.A.N.C. 66 defeated Comets 64.  
 R.A.N.C. 61 lost to Sydney Teachers' College 76.



*BASKETBALL FIRST X — 1965*

*Standing: M. J. Rennie, G. J. Earley, G. D. Anderson, G. S. Besomo, W. R. Overton.*

*Seated: R. F. Withnell, J. A. Worstencroft, Cdr. J. J. Timbs, J. C. Southey, CPO PT Dalziel, G. F. McLennan, R. G. Hall.*

R.A.N.C. 59 defeated R.M.C. Duntroon (Fourth Year) 1st 28.

R.A.N.C. 27 defeated R.M.C. Duntroon (Fourth Year) 2nd 26.

R.A.N.C. 67 defeated National Football Club 26.

R.A.N.C. 97 defeated Trinity G.S. 27.

R.A.N.C. 79 defeated Cranbrook 7.

R.A.N.C. 70 defeated *H.M.A.S. ALBATROSS* 58.

R.A.N.C. 22 lost to R.A.A.F. Academy 47.

R.A.N.C. 72 defeated N.S.W. Police Cadets 44.

R.A.N.C. 68 defeated Nowra High School 41.

R.A.N.C. 67 defeated R.A.N.A.T.E. 42.

## ATHLETICS

**T**HIS has been a most successful year, with the College team producing outstanding performances at two fixtures. R.A.N.C. clearly won the triangular match against *H.M.A.S. NIRIMBA* and the South Coast Amateur Athletic Association and gained third place in the Inter Service Colleges Athletics meeting in which our brilliant relay team gave a polished display to win the trophy.

## *Inter-Service College Athletics Meeting*

Months of careful planning and painstaking effort were rewarded by a glorious day and very fine competition.

A slight head-wind was blowing as the runners took their marks for the 100 yards and R.A.N.C. hopes soared as J. A. Holliday dashed clear and went on to win by a good two yards. Then R. E. Whitnell ran the best race of his career to gain third place in the 880 yards. After leading to the bell in very good time he surprised by fighting on very strongly over the whole of the last lap.

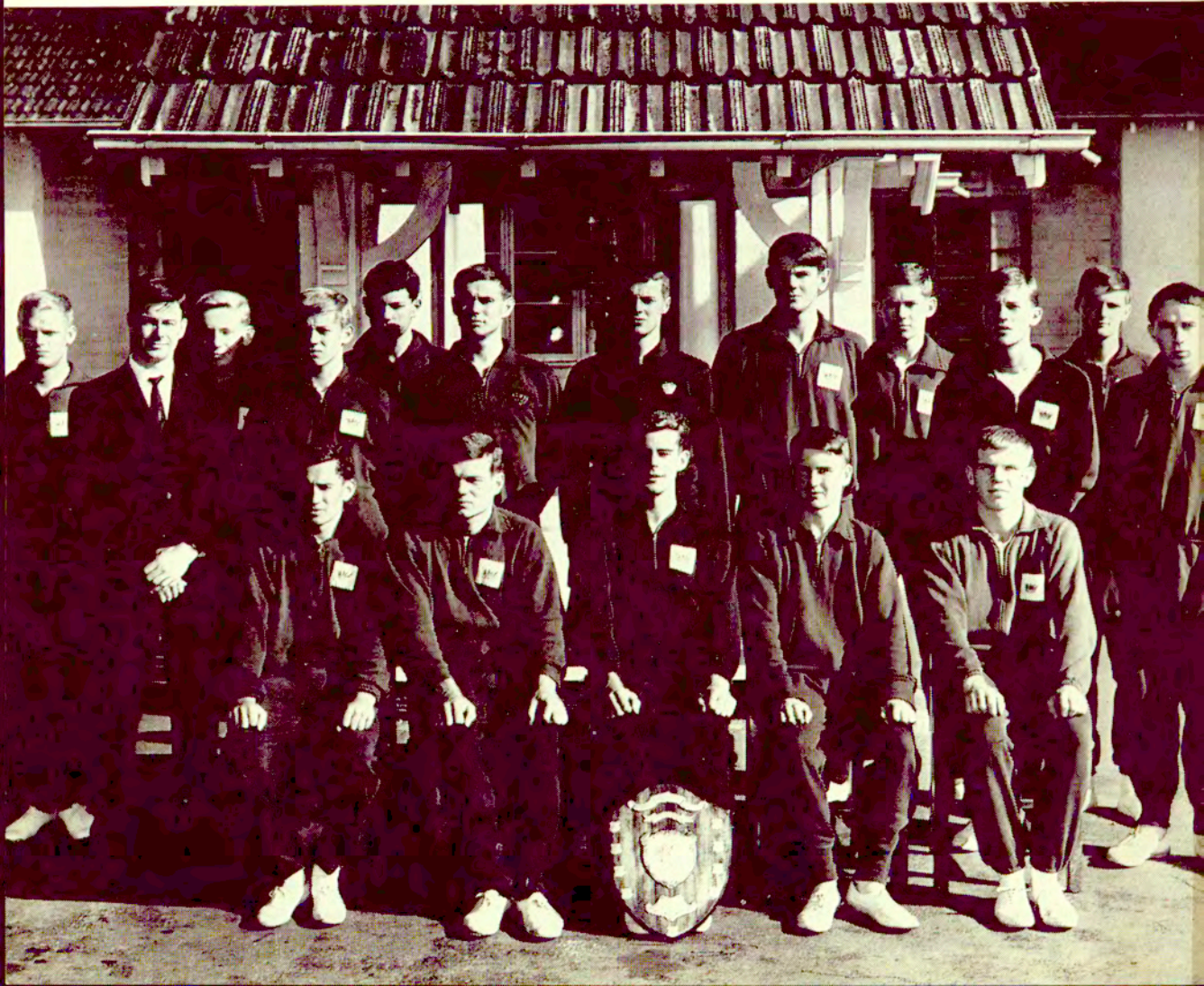
Meanwhile, G. J. Earley and J. A. Worstencroft

were jumping very well to secure fourth places in the Pole Vault and Long Jump. D. J. Gaul, after leading over the first three flights, momentarily lapsed, and was inched out of the first two placings in the hurdles. However, his third in 16.5 secs. was a fine performance. J. A. Holliday was in front at the half way mark in the 220 yds. and although he found the finish of V. J. Thompson from Duntroon too strong, he fought on strongly under pressure to beat off a further challenge and gain second place.

In the mile R. D. Eames ran a copy-book race but found the opposition too strong and had to be content with a very creditable fifth. Although not at his best D. J. Ramsay jumped very well to clear 5'6" and come fourth

### *ATHLETIC TEAM — 1965*

*Seated: G. L. Purcell, J. A. Worstencroft, R. G. Graham (Captain), R. J. Nelligan, J. A. Holliday.  
Standing: D. J. Gaul, Mr. D. G. Thompson, R. D. Eames, A. P. Smith, A. R. Davison, J. C. Southey,  
G. D. Anderson, G. F. McLennan, D. J. Ramsay, G. J. Earley, R. F. Withnell, R. G. Hall.*



in the high jump. J. C. Southey was in form and gained second place in the Javelin with a very nice throw of 145'9".

The 440 yds. was a magnificent race and will live long in the memories of those who witnessed it. In the field were V. C. Thompson, who had set the record on cinders in 1963, and M. R. Garratty (RAAFA) who had equalled it on grass the following year. R. G. Graham and G. R. Scott (OCS) were also quietly confident. At the gun, R. G. Graham, who had drawn number five lane, began brilliantly and quickly opened up an enormous gap. At the 220 he had a lead of twenty five yards and appeared to have the race in his keeping, until the long striding V. C. Thompson commenced his devastating run. Punishing himself severely, he hit the front twenty yards from the line to smash the record. After being passed, R. G. Graham eased but still clocked 52 secs. — a very fine effort.

R. G. Hall then produced his best performance to gain fourth place in the Triple Jump. The meeting then ended on a high note for R.A.N.C. G. L. Purcell completely outclassed his opponents in the three miles, lapped every other competitor and won the event for the second time.

The relay team, R. J. Nelligan, J. A. Worstencroft, R. G. Graham and J. A. Holliday, after consistent practice and effort, deserved their faultless display in winning by six yards from O.C.S. and R.A.A.F.A. The Duntroon team, weakened by the absence of V. C. Thompson, who had not recovered from his amazing 440 victory, just beat F.T.S. to the tape.

#### Detailed Results:

Pole vault: B. G. Cowald (Officer's Cadet School) 10' 6", 1; E. C. Pearson (Royal Military College) 10' 6", 2; B. J. Roberts (Royal Australian Air Force Academy) 9' 9", 3; G. J. Earley (Royal Australian Naval College) 9' 2", 4; P. D. Roney (Flying Training School) ftq.

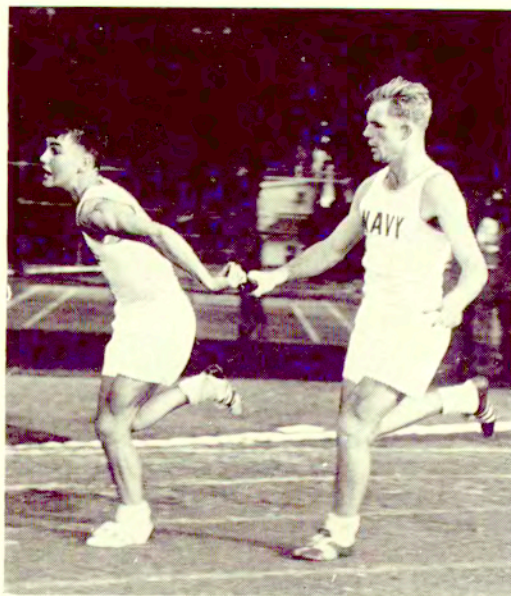
100 yards: J. A. Holliday (RANC) 10.5 secs., 1; G. R. Scott (OCS) 10.7 secs., 2; R. W. Greene (RMC) 10.7 secs., 3; G. H. Dowling (FTS) 11.1 secs., 4; J. C. O'Dempsey (RAAFA) 11.2 secs., 5.

880 yards: M. A. Bradley (RMC) 2 min. 0.6 secs., 1; Y. V. Geyl (OCS) 2 min. 2.0 secs., 2; R. E. Whitnell (RANC) 2 min. 4.3 secs., 3; M. B. Vink (RAAFA) 2 min. 12.1 secs., 4; G. H. Gault (FTS) Did not finish.

Long jump: A. W. Titheridge (RAAFA) 20' 5½", 1; R. R. Gunning (OCS) 20' 1¾", 2; R. W. Greene (RMC) 20' 1¾", 3; J. A. Worstencroft (RANC) 19' 6", 4; W. F. Parson's (FTS) 16' 10", 5.

120 yds. hurdles: A. W. Titheridge (RAAFA) 16.4 secs., 1; E. P. M. Esmonde (RMC) 16.5 secs., 2; D. J. Gaul (RANC) 16.5 secs., 3; M. G. J. Deak (OCS) 18.0 secs., 4; W. R. Bridge (FTS) 21.8 secs., 5.

Shot putt: G. J. Dunlop (OCS) 42' 9¾", 1;



*Concentration and determination win the day. J. A. Holliday hands over the baton to R. J. Nelligan.*

J. D. Reid (RMC) 38' 2½", 2; D. T. Bowden (RAAFA) 33' 0¾", 3; G. McLennan (RANC) 32' 10½", 4; G. A. Szczeciński (FTS) 28' 4½", 5. Record.

220 yards: V. J. Thompson (RMC) 23.0 secs., 1; J. A. Holliday (RANC) 23.6 secs., 2; D. S. Procopis (OCS) 23.6 secs., 3; M. J. Robertson (RAAFA) 24.0 secs., 4; G. J. Bowling (FTS) 24.1 secs., 5.

Discus: J. D. Ried (RMC) 109' 0¼", 1; D. T. Bowden (RAAFA) 101' 7½", 2; G. McLennan (RANC) 98' 3½", 3; R. R. Gunning (OCS) 97' 8¼", 4; R. J. Trease (FTS) 81' 11½", 5.

Mile: R. J. Spence (OCS) 4 min. 40.5 se s., 1; R. H. Frisch (RMC) 4 min. 43.5 secs., 2; R. Dunn (FTS) 4 min. 50.2 secs., 3; R. J. Brewster (RAAFA) 4 min. 50.4 secs., 4; R. D. Dickson (RANC) 4 min. 57.7 secs., 5.

High jump: B. J. Roberts (RAAFA) 5' 9", 1; W. L. Kingston (OCS) 5' 9", 2; R. E. Thornley (RMC) 5' 8", 3; D. J. Ramsay (RANC) 5' 6", 4; R. Dunhill (FTS) 5' 4", 5.

Javelin: K. W. Guria (OCS) 175' 0", 1; J. C. Southey (RANC) 145' 9", 2; P. D. Gibbons (RMC) 140' 11", 3; R. J. Sivyer (RAAFA) 128' 10", 4; G. H. Dowling (FTS) 114' 10", 5. Record.

440 yards: V. J. Thompson (RMC) 50.6 secs., 1; R. G. Graham (RANC) 52.0 secs., 2; G. R. Scott (OCS) 42.4 secs., 3; M. R. Garratty (RAAFA) 52.6 secs., 4; A. P. Hammond (FTS) 60.0 secs., 5. Record.

Triple jump: A. W. Titheridge (RAAFA) 43' 9 $\frac{3}{4}$ "', 1; R. K. Peterswald (RMC) 42' 5 $\frac{1}{4}$ "', 2; R. R. Gunning (OCS) 41' 0 $\frac{3}{4}$ "', 3; R. G. Hall (RANC) 39' 11 $\frac{3}{4}$ "', 4; W. F. Parsons (FTS) 39' 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ "', 5.

3-mile: G. L. Purcell (RANC) 15 min. 44 secs., 1; J. K. Host (OCS) 17 min. 10.7 secs., 2; M. A. Bradley (RMC) 17 min. 14.4 secs., 3; C. G. Hudnott (RAAFA) 18 min. 9 secs., 4; A. B. Adamson (FTS) 18 min. 54.2 secs., 5.

15.4 x 110 yards relay: RANC 44.4 secs., 1; OCS 45.0 secs., 2; RAAFA 45.2 secs., 3; RMC 46.1 secs., 4; FTS 46.2 secs., 5.

## RESULTS

### Track Events:

R.M.C. 29 pts., 1; R.A.N.C. 25 pts., O.C.S. 25 pts., equal 2; R.A.A.F.A. 16 pts., 4; F.T.S. 10 pts., 5.

### Field Events:

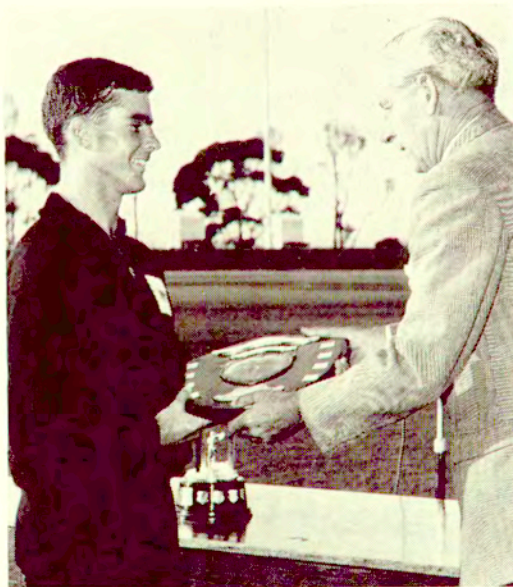
O.C.S. 28 pts., 1; R.A.A.F.A. 27 pts., 2; R.M.C. 26 pts., 3; R.A.N.C. 17 pts., 4; F.T.S. 6 pts., 5.

### Relay:

R.A.N.C. 10 pts., 1; O.C.S. 8 pts., 2; R.A.A.F.A. 6 pts., 3; R.M.C. 4 pts., 4; F.T.S. 2 pts., 5.

### Final Results:

O.C.S. 61 pts., 1; R.M.C. 59 pts., 2; R.A.N.C. 52 pts., 3; R.A.A.F.A. 49 pts., 4; F.T.S. 18 pts., 5.



## ATHLETICS

Rear Admiral O. H. Becher, C.B.E., D.S.O., D.S.C., presents the Relay Shield to R. G. Graham at the Inter Service College Athletics Meeting.

## R.A.N.C. CHAMPIONSHIPS

THE College Championships and Inter-Divisional Athletics were run together. Throughout the day, bush fires were raging in the district and visibility became so poor that during the running of the final relay it was impossible to recognise competitors. There was a tight finish to the Inter-Divisional competition — Cook emerging victors followed by Jervis, Phillip and Flinders. J. C. Southey won the Open Championship from G. L. Purcell and J. A. Worstencroft. D. J. Ramsay became Junior Champion followed by A. P. Smith and D. I. Davison.

The best performances among the Seniors were recorded by J. A. Holliday 100 yds. in 10.4 secs., R. G. Graham, 220 yds. in 23.5 secs. and 440 yds in 54.5 secs., G. L. Purcell, 3 miles in 16 mins. 15 secs., G. J. Earley, Pole Vault 9 ft. 6 ins., and D. J. Gaul, 17.0 secs in the Hurdles. Among the Juniors, D. J. Ramsay gave a fine exhibition of High Jumping and set a new record of 5 ft. 7 ins.

### OPEN

- 100 Yards—J. A. Holliday, R. G. Graham, J. A. Worstencroft, 10.4.  
 220 Yards—R. G. Graham, J. A. Worstencroft, R. G. Hall, 23.5.  
 440 Yards—R. G. Graham, R. G. Hall, I. W. L. McKie, 54.5.  
 880 Yards—R. F. Withnell, G. L. Purcell, I. W. L. McKie, 2.9.0.  
 Mile—G. L. Purcell, G. D. Anderson, C. P. Tomlin, 4.54.7.  
 Three Mile—G. L. Purcell, C. P. Tomlin, G. D. Anderson, 16.15.0.  
 Hurdles—D. J. Gaul, R. J. Leitch, J. A. Worstencroft, 17.0.  
 High Jump—J. C. Southey, G. L. Purcell, D. J. Gaul, 5' 4".  
 Long Jump—D. J. Gaul, J. C. Southey, J. A. Worstencroft, 19' 3".  
 Hop, Step, Jump—J. C. Southey, D. J. Gaul, G. D. Anderson, 38' 8 $\frac{3}{4}$ ".  
 Pole Vault—G. J. Earley, R. G. Hall, A. P. Smith, 9' 6".  
 Shot—G. F. McLennan, G. J. Earley, J. A. Worstencroft, 32'.  
 Discus—E. J. Earley, C. J. Oxenbould, R. N. Jermyn, 87' 1".  
 Javelin—J. C. Southey, W. R. Overton, G. F. McLennan, 129' 9".

### JUNIOR

- 100 Yards—J. W. Jones, R. S. Pritchard, K. P. Walsh, 11.2.  
 220 Yards—R. S. Pritchard, J. W. Jones, K. P. Walsh, 25.2.  
 440 Yards—G. S. Besomo, A. R. Davison, R. S. Pritchard, 57.2.  
 880 Yards—G. S. Besomo, R. D. Eames, A. R. Davison, 2.11.3.  
 Mile—R. D. Eames, A. R. Davison, A. P.



Smith, 4.56.2.

Three Mile—R. D. Eames, D. J. Ramsay, C. S. H. Harrington, 17.28.2.

Hurdles—A. P. Smith, D. J. Ramsay, K. P. Walsh, 18.5.

High Jump—D. J. Ramsay, A. P. Smith, J. A. Meharry, 5' 7".

Long Jump—D. J. Ramsay, A. R. Davison, A. P. Smith, 17' 2".

Hop, Step, Jump—A. R. Davison, D. J. Ramsay, B. D. Hunt, 36' 6½".

Pole Vault—A. P. Smith, R. J. Sheriff, D. J. Ramsay, 8' 9".

Shot—P. J. Parkins, R. A. Harrison, R. K. Wansbrough, 75' 6".

Discus—E. R. Conron, R. A. Harrison, P. J. Parkins, 129' 9".

Javelin—D. J. Ramsay, R. K. Wansbrough, C. S. H. Harrington, 110' 2½".

#### CROSS COUNTRY

The Cross-Country Championship provided an interesting battle for first place, with D. J. Ramsay proving the victor and G. L. Purcell catching R. D. Eames on the line to gain second place. R. D. Eames won the Junior from C. R. Broun and A. K. Mills. Consistent training paid dividends for Flinders who clearly won the Inter-Divisional competition from Cook, Phillip and Jervis.

The cross-country team had matches against Nowra and Wollongong High Schools and although beaten, proved worthy opponents. Best runners for the College were D. J. Ramsay, R. D. Eames, C. R. Broun, J. W. Jones and C. G. Lloyd.

## GYMNASTICS

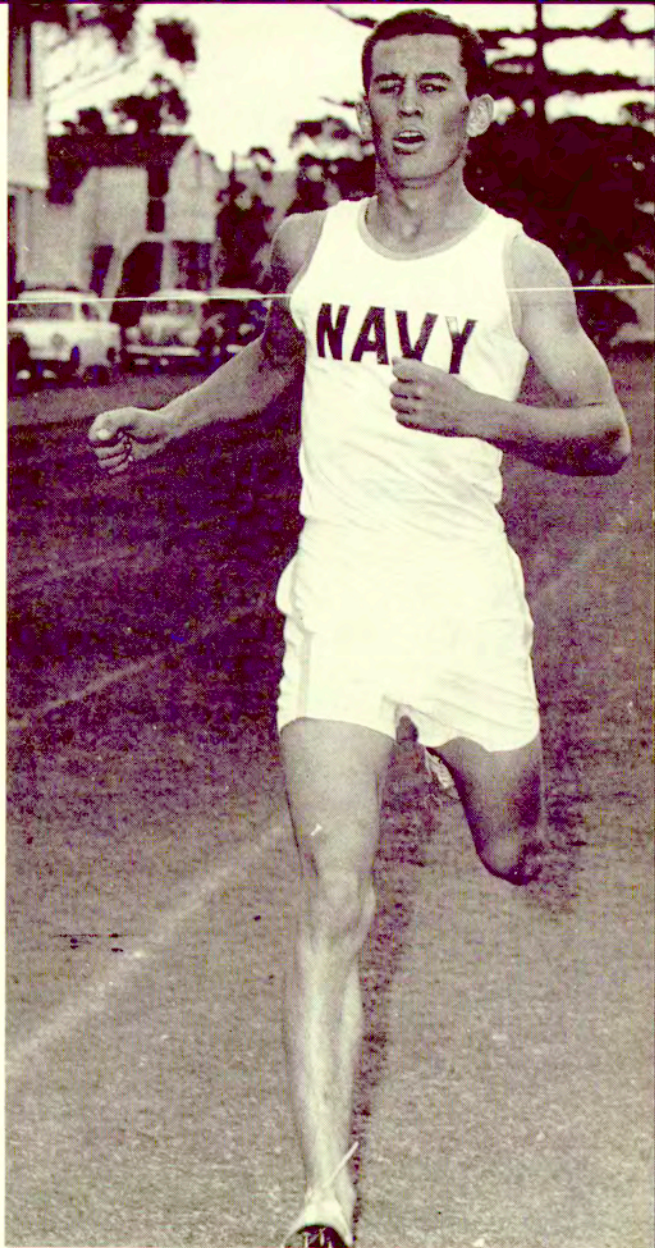
THE R.A.N.C. Gymnastics competition was held in the college gymnasium on the 26th April. This time we were without the senior year who were away in *H.M.A.S. ANZAC*, thus giving some of the younger cadets a chance to show their form.

The contest comprised four events, Vaulting, Parallel Bars, Trampoline and Pyramid.

Vaulting, the first event, was closely contested, with Phillip Division's P. J. Parkins and R. A. Sulman scoring well, giving their division a lead which they were to hold throughout the competition. Another fine performer on the horse was G. C. Richardson, perhaps the neatest vaulter in the college for some time.

On the Parallel Bars a new contestant to show talent was C. R. R. Rex (Jervis) who is becoming very proficient in this event. R. A. Sulman did well, with E. Stokes and M. J. Rennie both of Flinders, showing promise. M. J. Rennie deserves a particular mention as he performed with a badly injured foot.

R. J. Leitch of Phillip Division gave a faultless performance on the Trampoline putting his



*Another easy Three Miles to G. L. Purcell.*

team further ahead in the scoring. B. A. Griffin (Jervis) was also outstanding.

In the remaining event the Pyramid, Phillip Division, using basically the same design that they have used for the last three years, gained the top score again to run out Gymnastic champions for the third year running.

Full marks must go to R. A. Sulman and his team and it is to be hoped that they will hand down the secrets of their success to the younger cadets who will be competing next year.

Final placings were: 1st Phillip, 2nd Jervis, 3rd Cook, 4th Flinders.

# BOXING

ENTRIES for the Boxing Championships were again on a voluntary basis and the number of entries was approximately the same as for the previous year. Good displays of boxing were again given in all divisions and in many instances the elimination bouts proved to be as exciting as the finals. The battle for the Light Welter Weight title was particularly interesting. The most prominent boxers were C. M. Pederson, C. R. R. Rex, and P. D. Clark. The elimination bout between Rex and Clark produced a fine display of boxing where the faster man was defeated by a slower but harder hitting boxer. It was particularly unfortunate that Pederson was forced to forfeit the final owing to an injured nose sustained in his fight with C. Jones.

The Welter Weight elimination also produced some good fights. Particularly memorable was the fierce battle between T. V. Maloney and A. P. Smith, the latter finally using his height to advantage and winning on points.

The finals were held on Thursday, 19th of August, and the College was fortunate to have the services of Lt. Cdr. W. R. Storie as referee. Lt. Cdr. Storie, a well known figure in Naval Boxing, was the fleet Middle Weight champion when he was in the Royal Navy. The final of the Bantam Weight division between J. R. F. Horner and A. D. Beckett showed all present just how exhausting a fight can be. After some good sparring in the early stages, the little fellows slowed down to an agonising one punch for one punch brawl, Beckett managing to put in just that little extra to make him the victor.

P. F. Maguire showed some good boxing sense in out-pointing J. R. Lord in the Feather Weight division. The Light Weight title went to



*G. F. McLennan receiving Shelley Cup from Capt. D. H. D. Smyth.*

R. J. Nelligan who finished off the brave J. W. Rennie in the first round. In the Welter Weight division A. P. Smith and B. D. Hunt

<i>Division</i>	<i>Champion</i>	<i>Best Loser</i>
Bantam Weight	A. D. Beckett	J. R. F. Horner
Feather Weight	P. F. Maguire	J. R. Lord
Light Weight	R. J. Nelligan	J. W. Rennie
Light Welter Weight	N. A. Clark	C. R. R. Rex
Welter Weight	C. M. Pedersen was compensated for his enforced withdrawal.	
Light Middle Weight	A. P. Smith	B. D. Hunt
Middle Weight	D. J. Ramsey	J. E. McGovern
Light Heavy Weight	D. G. Cameron	D. Oliver
Heavy Weight	J. A. Holliday	R. J. Rennie
	G. F. McLennan	W. Arthur

Shelley Cup awarded to G. F. McLennan.

gave one of the best displays of the evening. Both contestants had beaten strong opposition to reach the final and again Smith's reach and speed proved the deciding factor.

Two tall, hard-hitting contestants, D. J. Ramsay and J. E. McGovern battled out the Light Middle Weight division, with Ramsay emerging the victor, although McGovern put up a courageous struggle and inflicted much punishment on his opponent. The Middle Weight final was short and sweet with D. G. Cameron winning on a t.k.o. against D. Oliver.

The Light Heavy Weight division was a classical battle between the tall man with the long reach and a short stocky opponent whose main asset lay in his skill. M. J. Rennie was unable to stop the tank like advance of J. A. Holliday who was declared the victor when Rennie was forced to retire.

G. McLennon and W. Arthur, who did not quite have the ability to match his weight and bravery, pounded through the Heavy Weight bout which was won by the former. For the skill he showed in this contest, McLennon was awarded the Shelley Cup for the best exhibition of the art of boxing.

While the judging for the Shelley Cup was in progress, the audience were treated to a comic display of wrestling featuring Fat Phred Mole, Rod McClod, Allen the Streak and Kim the Pitt. A highlight was the throwing of the referee, Old Man Borstian, out of the ring into the arms of a group of Third year cadets who just happened to be standing around.

## REGATTA

THE Sculling Championships for 1965, held on an ideal day, were as exciting as ever. Of the six finalists who competed, C. J. Oxenbould won the title, closely followed by A. D. Carter in 2nd place and R. L. Lamacraft in 3rd place.

The day of the Pulling Regatta was cold and bleak, but the constant drizzle did not seem to discourage the crews or their supporters. The "D" crews started the day, with a good win by Jervis Division. In fact the wins were shared evenly among all divisions, with Flinders Division winning the "C", Cook Division the "B" and Phillip Division the "A" crew race.

The highlight of the afternoon was the all hands race. Phillip Division were winners, followed closely by Cook Division who in their

determined effort broke two oars!! Flinders and Jervis Divisions followed in that order. This made Phillip Division winners of the pulling regatta, but with Cook Division's outright victory in the sculling, the overall results stood as Cook Division first, followed by Phillip, Flinders and Jervis Divisions respectively.

The celebrations in Cook Division after the race were rather rowdy to say the least, as this was the first time in twenty-six years that they had emerged victorious.

## CRESWELL CUP

THE course for the Creswell Cup, competed for annually during third term, differed little this year from that of previous years. The Divisional heats were held on Saturday, 3rd October and the final between the two winning Cadet Divisions the Ship's Company, the C.P.O.'s and P.O.'s and the Gentlemen of the Wardroom was run on Wednesday, 7th October.

The planning sessions preceding the Cadet Divisional heats were dominated this year by legal minds who carefully scrutinised the rules with the avowed intention of getting round them if possible. One attempt was even made to have the divisional wheelbarrow towed by mechanical means rather than pushed in the usual manner by lowly humans. These revolutionary plans might well have led to anarchy had they not reached the ears of the Training Officer who promptly applied his veto. The race was thus run in the usual way without spectacular innovations.

There was a strong westerly wind blowing on the day of the race and this made the leg from Officer's Landing to Seaman's Beach by manually propelled dinghy, really hard labour. Cook Division managed to beat the elements by using whaler oars instead of the conventional shorter, dinghy types. However, because of the difficulties encountered by other Divisions, the presiding officials shortened the course but the lead already gained by Cook Division on this leg was too much for the other Divisions and Cook finished first by a good five minutes followed by Jervis, Flinders, and Phillip Divisions in that order.

The final race for the Creswell Cup was won by Jervis Division. They were followed by Cook Division, the C.P.O. and P.O.'s, Creswell Sailors, and last of all, the Wardroom. The claim that the Wardroom had been kind to youth rather than defeated by superior fitness was hotly disputed.

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