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Editorial

As the sixty-first College magazine goes to press, we note that the past year has been one of considerable change in the College. This is not the first editorial to note such change—much water has passed under the bridge since the first College magazine. The Navy, and hence the College, must continually accept change if it is to remain effective in a rapidly changing world. However, I suggest that, despite the changes in courses, technology, and ideas within the College, the aims as expressed in the charter of the Royal Australian Naval College remain as they were in 1913, and the College continues to meet these aims: honour, virtue, and integrity.

Address from Captain



The Promotion Parade of 1974 marked the sixth and last occasion on which Midshipmen will be promoted to Acting Sub Lieutenant here at the Naval College.

The winds of change which gently blew through the College six years ago, and produced the training pattern which concludes today, developed into gales which howled around us in 1974 and will result in a radical new scheme for non-degree students—to commence in January 1975.

Essentially, and in so far as the College only is concerned, the change for the non-degree stream has been brought about by a decision to lengthen the course to 2½ years, both at and under the aegis of the College.

The course will now consist of 4 semesters of tertiary academic study and 6 months of professional training; at the College, in other RAN Schools, and in the training ship HMAS *Duchess*.

There is no doubt in my mind that the lengthened course for the non-degree students will produce a better educated officer, and one thereby far better fitted for future service in the RAN.

At this time I do not know exactly when, under the new pattern, young officers under training will attain the rank of Acting Sub

Lieutenant. However, it is clear that when they do so, they will be long gone from the Royal Australian Naval College.

Undoubtedly we will continue to have some form of graduation exercise each year but similarly I do not know, as yet, what form this might take and precisely when in the year it will occur.

Until 1979 there will be no change in the training pattern for officers of the degree stream, except for the alignment of rank with their non-degree contemporaries and hence the establishment of coincidental promotion dates.

On 18 March 1974 the Minister for Defence, the Honourable Lance Barnard, announced details of plans to establish a Tri-Service Academy.

I quote: 'The Academy, to be called the Australian Defence Force Academy, will provide education at tertiary level for officer cadets of the three Australian Services. It will be established at Duntroon, and will replace the present single Service Cadet Colleges—the Royal Australian Naval College at Jervis Bay; the Royal Military College at Duntroon; and the Royal Australian Air Force Academy at Point Cook.'

This announcement has had an immediate effect on our thinking and has generated considerable planning effort. However, before I proceed with this aspect I should perhaps say that as far as I am aware it is not the intention of the Government to close down this establishment, and my understanding is that the Minister's reference to replacing the Cadet Colleges means simply that the Australian Defence Force Academy will replace only that function of the cadet colleges which concerns degree stream training. My belief in this interpretation is so strong that I took it upon myself recently to politely but firmly refuse an offer from a prominent Sydney hotel broker to purchase a portion of the RAN College!

The two major areas of concern arising from the forthcoming advent of the Australian Defence Force Academy are the continuation of the Junior Cadet entry scheme and the future of the RANC once the degree stream students are no longer accommodated here.

In the first area we have been told that it is Defence policy not to commit to the ADFA any students who have received prior single service training; thus the 'old salts' who would have achieved matriculation after two years of the Junior Course at RANC will be unacceptable as entrants to the Australian Defence Force Academy. Therefore the Junior or pre-matriculation training scheme must be phased out, at the latest, by the end of 1977. In consequence, at the latest, we will be interviewing and selecting such candidates for junior entry for the last time next year.

After the demise of the junior course and commencement of the Australian Defence Force Academy, it is envisaged that HMAS *Creswell* should most appropriately become the Alma Mater for all forms of officer entry,

and conduct the indoctrination, initial professional, and non-degree academic training for all officers in the RAN. Our proposals for the new look *Creswell* have been formulated and forwarded to higher authority. Indeed, we envisage that there should be an expansion of this establishment in order to cater for the increased requirement for officer training.

The Director of Studies, Dr Dykes, reaches statutory retiring age early in 1975 and thus this year would have been his last at RANC. I have always recognised that it would be incredibly difficult if not impossible to replace Dr Dykes with a new Director of equal calibre. So this proved to be for 1975, and I am delighted to say that Dr Dykes has succumbed to persuasion and consented to stay with us for a further year.

Q. de Q. Robin BA DipEd MACE at RANC

Master 1935. Senior Master 1948. Director of Studies 1949. Headmaster 1953. Left RANC to become Senior Instructor Officer HMAS *Cerberus*, as Instructor-Captain (RANVR) in April 1964. Retired: August 1967.

The late Quentin de Quetteville Robin joined the Professorial Staff of RANC at the beginning of 1935. The distinguished and musical Christian names, (reminders of his Channel Island ancestry) were discarded almost immediately. At the instigation of 'Arne' Green, a young Term Officer at the College, he quickly became 'Red' Robin; and by that name he was known by everyone, from Cadets to Admirals, and an ever increasing number of naval and civilian friends, during the rest of his life.

In 1935, when 'Red' joined, the College was just beginning to get on its feet again after the knockdown, and almost fatal blows it had taken, in 1930, when it was forced to vacate Jervis Bay; and, later, when two 'Years' of Cadet-Midshipmen were 'Passed-Out'—while no new Entries were taken.

But 'Red' came in at the right time. He joined a staff of four civilians, and seven Naval Officers, who were responsible for training Cadets. Not only did his entry coincide with the first return to four 'Years' of Cadets, but the first Commander of the

College, with whom he served, was a young man, already giving evidence of the capacity for leadership, the high intelligence, the quiet thoughtfulness and humanity, which, later, made men compete to serve in his ship, and the tenacious courage, which, in war, brought one incredible success after another to his famous 'Scrap-iron Flotilla', till the tragic but glorious climax in Sunda Strait.

'Hec' Waller had a very great influence on 'Red', as on all who knew him, and much of the latter's understanding and appreciations of naval personnel, and the ability to work harmoniously with them, was due to that initial contact.

This brief note will not attempt to deal in detail with 'Red's' life at RANC. The bare outline is set out above; and most of those who read this will already be familiar with the steps of his progression from junior Master in 1935 to Headmaster (or Director of Studies, to use the original title,) in 1949. All those connected with RANC and *Cerberus* between 1935 and the return to Jervis Bay, at the end of 1957, will remember him. He joined the College with the reputation of being an athlete, and during his early years of service was outstanding in 'track and field', including one year as champion athlete in *Cerberus*.

He played his first game of squash after he joined, and was soon Wardroom cham-

pion. His athletic prowess, of course, was always available to help and encourage Cadet Midshipmen; but it also was a facet of what was one of his chief characteristics, the ability to make and keep friends. People always liked 'Red'; his open friendliness, his sense of humour, his ability to mix in any company, and his essential 'balance', were not only some of the qualities which endeared him to his friends, they were also qualities put to the use of the College, and the Service, during his long association with them, and they did much to help RANC through some very complex and difficult crises.

Always inherent in any organisation, these were intensified, at RANC, by political vacil-

lations, by understandable oppositions of opinion between naval and civilian, or professional, viewpoints, by financial considerations; and by public misunderstanding of what is the true nature and function of a Service College. These things add to the difficulties of those responsible for administration. It says much for 'Red' that he bore them for so long, and coped with them so well.

But, in the end, we think of the man himself. All who knew him, and they are many, will be sad at his passing; and will join in sympathy with his wife, Trix, who shared for so long his life at the College and with the members of his family.

Vale, 'Red'! We shall not forget.

All Change



I was invited by the Editor to contribute to this issue of the College Magazine on the grounds, I believe, that he expects me to be unavailable to contribute to the next issue. In these circumstances I imagine one is permitted—nay, expected—to indulge in a few reminiscences, to comment on the way things have changed and finally to offer a few words of wisdom to the young.

After more than forty years in naval service, the first thirty in the uniform of the Royal Navy and the subsequent years in the cap and gown of the Director of Studies at RANC, reminiscences are plentiful, the changes have been legion, but as to the words of wisdom the readers may judge whether wisdom has been forthcoming if he reads to the end of the article.

Long before I came to Jervis Bay I had had contacts with the Royal Australian Navy, some of them tenuous and some more intimate. In 1935 I joined HMS *Ajax* in the eastern Mediterranean. She was one of nine ships in the First Cruiser Squadron (how long is it since we had nine cruisers, let alone nine of them in one squadron?) and one of the other ships in the squadron was HMAS *Australia*. Some years later I joined the staff of the RN Engineering College where some of my students were young Australian officers who by now are to be found in the senior positions occupied by engineer officers in the RAN. Later still, as the education officer on the staff of the Commander-in-Chief, Home Fleet, I had a watching brief over the navigation training of midshipmen and several Australian midshipmen were among those who collected my signature in their record books.

In the 1950s I spent nearly five years in Navy Office, which at that time was located in Melbourne. In the first place I was appointed as Director of Educational and Vocational Training but I soon had the title changed and I

thus became the RAN's first Director of Naval Education Service, a title which still exists (Captain W. R. Sharp is the present incumbent and, I believe, the sixth to hold the position), but whether the Directorate of Naval Education Service will survive the current reorganisation of the defence departments I would not care to forecast.

In the early 1960s, before my return to Australia to join RAN College, I was for four years Dean of the Royal Naval Engineering College and again had a number of RAN officers among the students for whom I was responsible. Time marches on quickly. Names that were in the sub-lieutenants list in 1961 are to be found in the commanders list by now.

I have mentioned HMS *Ajax*. I joined her in Port Said after a twelve days non-stop trip from Devonport in a slow-moving Admiralty-chartered store ship which provided few of the comforts of an ocean liner. I recall that I joined *Ajax* late in the forenoon, was introduced to the rest of the officers in the wardroom before lunch and by 1315 found myself going ashore in company with a good many of them to witness a game of 'donkey polo'.

Perhaps you have never seen donkey polo. I have never seen it before or since this one game. The opposing teams, each of six officers, were from the *Ajax* and from the French ship *Guepard*. The pitch was a pretty rough vacant lot with a couple of wine casks serving as goal posts at either end. The players were mounted bareback on local donkeys and were armed with hockey sticks with which to play a soccer ball. I rather think the spectators had more fun than the players. The donkeys, provided by a local ship's chandler who called himself Jim Irish Bey, were determined plodders—quite determined to leave the pitch and go home despite the frantic endeavours of their riders to control them. It was quite impossible for a player to gallop after the ball and, for the most part, he managed to get a hit when the ball fortuitously came near him rather than when he manoeuvred his donkey to somewhere near the ball. The result was hilarious. Goals were few and far between and most of them were chance happenings. I cannot remember the score.

At that time the Mediterranean Fleet was based in Alexandria because of two trouble spots in the Middle East. In Palestine, then under British mandate, Arabs and Jews had

much the same feelings for each other as they do today and we kept one or two guard ships in Haifa as part of the peace-keeping forces. In Ethiopia, Mussolini was going in for a colonising venture and we had guard ships in Port Said in an attempt to restrict the passage of arms through the Suez Canal.

The Fleet had five or six battleships, nine cruisers and several destroyers and other ships, and when all were assembled in Alexandria harbour they made an impressive showing. Cruisers and destroyers had motor boats for their libertymen but the battleships had the old steam picket boats, looking spick and span with their teak decking and brass-bound funnels, each driven by a proud midshipman dressed in the traditional round jacket and with a dirk hanging from his belt. They were wonderful sea boats and had a good turn of speed.

We frequently went to sea for exercises with the battleships formed up in close column, the cruisers in extended line-abreast ahead of them and destroyers forming an outer screen. This was before the days of radar—it had barely been invented and had certainly not been fitted in ships—and one's first contact with the 'enemy' was either a visual sighting or a W/T report from one of the ships on the outer screen who had made a sighting. What we should now call the ops room was a smallish space adjacent to the bridge then called the action plot. At cruising stations the action plot was manned, watch and watch, by myself and the warrant schoolmaster who did the plotting on a chart of the area, assisted by a leading writer who kept a log which formed the basis of the narrative when the exercise report was written up on return to harbour. When we went to action stations the schoolmaster and I were both 'closed up' in the plot and we still had one leading writer. How different from the present-day ops room crew! Communication with other parts of the ship was mainly by voice pipe. We had a telephone but it was just a line from the ship's exchange.

In harbour my job was to teach six midshipmen the rudiments of navigation and such aspects of service mathematics as I saw fit. This was not a very exacting task and it is hardly surprising that the 'schoolie' usually found himself keeping the wardroom wine accounts, acting as mess secretary, and so on.

By the time World War II came along I was in HMS *Nelson*, then the flagship of the

Commander-in-Chief, Home Fleet. I now had upwards of twenty midshipmen to instruct, a C-in-C's plot to look after when at sea, and I was also the meteorological adviser to the C-in-C. We spent many weary cold days at sea between Scotland, Iceland and the Russian port of Murmansk, interrupted by occasional bursts of activity when enemy aircraft spotted us and occasionally some real tension as when we went out to escort the *Kelly*, heavily damaged in action off the Danish coast and limping back with decks practically awash to Rosyth dockyard in the Firth of Forth. Harbour periods usually meant the fleet anchorage at Scapa Flow, a pretty desolate spot and markedly less attractive after a German submarine had penetrated its defences and sunk HMS *Royal Oak* whilst she lay at anchor.

After HMS *Nelson* had been immobilised by one of the early magnetic mines, before sweeping techniques for such mines had been developed, I transferred with the rest of the C-in-C's staff to HMS *Rodney*, a sister ship. A dive bomber spotted us one day and landed a large bomb on the superstructure. The bomb passed through seven decks before landing on the armoured deck where, mercifully, it broke up instead of blowing up and did comparatively little damage.

When the European war ended in 1945 I was again in HMS *Rodney*, having previously had a year in the aircraft carrier *Implacable*, but in between sea postings I had a fairly long spell at the naval engineering college in Devonport. This involved the teaching of young engineer officers on a peacetime syllabus at a wartime pace—longer terms and fewer of them in which to cover the course. Among the students we had young officers of the Polish and Norwegian navies who had some hair-raising stories of how they had escaped and made their way to Britain after their respective countries had fallen to the Germans.

Plymouth was pretty heavily bombed and life in a city under attack was, if anything, more nerve-racking than life at sea. One felt rather impotent and all one could do was to stand by amid the racket of bombs, bombers and AA guns, ready to rush out with buckets of sand to quench the numerous incendiary bombs which were dropped. Food was strictly rationed but supplies were adequate. A big difficulty was to get sufficient rest as the

bombing attacks occurred by night, and almost every night, so that one rarely achieved an unbroken night's sleep.

So much for the older reminiscences. As for more recent recollections there is little that is worth recording here. Readers of this magazine will know that RAN College became associated with the University of New South Wales a few years ago and that RAN cadets now take a variety of degree courses or else a non-degree alternative, the *Creswell* course. They will also be aware of the Government's stated intention to set up a defence academy in which the three services, on a joint basis, can provide their own degree courses. I am all for this latter project provided it remains a joint venture of the three services so that naval students may feel a continuing loyalty to the RAN and not have their corporate naval identity submerged in that of an amorphous defence force.

I have served in the RN Engineering College at various times as a run-of-the-mill lecturer, as head of department and finally as Dean, and have seen three-year and four-year tertiary courses being undertaken with full cognisance of the academic freedom that is so highly prized in tertiary institutions, be they universities, advanced colleges or whatever, but conducted at the same time within a framework of naval discipline and naval routines and with a feeling of common purpose—naval purpose—that pervaded all levels from first year student to the commanding officer. We have been sending naval students to civilian universities for some decades and never with more than moderate success, mainly, I believe, because of the prolonged separation of the students from those influences which keep alive one's sense of self-identification with the corporate body to which one ought to owe one's first loyalty, i.e. the Navy.

The main prerequisite to success, in my opinion, is that a service college should be big enough to be viable and, having regard to our numbers, I believe this prerequisite can only be realised in Australia on a joint service basis. At the risk of offending some of my RAN colleagues I venture to suggest that education in the defence academy should not be confined to a degree stream. If we have need of officers educated to some lower level—let us say a diploma stream—then the defence academy

should be ready to provide diploma courses. It is not known for a university to provide some courses at diploma level and it is common practice in many advanced colleges to cater for both degree and diploma streams.

What of the future in general terms? I have tried to indicate, without too much detail, that in forty years with the navy I have seen many changes. The most evident changes are material changes. Gone are the battleships, almost gone are the aircraft carriers. Hand-loaded guns—indeed, guns in general—have given way to guided missile equipments, and so it goes on. When I was an engineering student we were told that gas turbines were possible in theory but utterly impracticable. Less than twenty years later gas turbines were a commonplace in aircraft, both service and civil, and I was busily teaching gas turbine theory to naval students.

My advice to the student of today is this: Technology is advancing all the time and at an

increasing pace. In a course of study in the seventies you cannot hope to acquire enough factual knowledge to carry you very far into the eighties, but you can hope to acquire skill in extracting and collating factual knowledge and you can acquire skill in tackling problems—problems of all kinds—in a rational and logical manner. These skills will stand you in good stead throughout your career.

Finally, a plea for excellence. Some years ago Mr Bill Northam addressed the staff and cadets at RANC after winning a gold medal for his yachting in the Olympics. The theme of his talk, running like a golden thread through his many amusing anecdotes, was that the road to success lies in getting together the best team, fitting it out with the best equipment and then going all out to make the most of your resources. If the cadets of 1975 follow this line they may help to ensure that the Royal Australian Navy in 2000 AD has the best men, the best ships, and a proud record.

H. E. Dykes.

Profile

Rex Benson joined the Professorial Staff in 1959, when there was one Instructor Officer only at the College. He had previously been the Housemaster of The Hutchins School, Hobart.

Born in Adelaide between the wars, he was educated at Queen Elizabeth's Hospital, Bristol, where Latin and French were compulsory, and he also studied Greek. At the school he wore a uniform that was in vogue before the Armada, when the school was founded.

He served in the Air Force, but as a delayed result of a brief encounter with Oblt Paul Semrau of Nachtjagdgeschwader 2 he spent over three years at the end of the war in various military hospitals, most of the time on his back in plaster from head to foot. Having passed several examinations while in this state, he graduated with a science degree from Melbourne University, having represented the university at both cricket and real football.

At the College he has participated in most activities involving Cadets, to the extent of having three fingers broken at cricket and a rib cracked at soccer. Now he plays from memory at the nets, but is an active referee. He has twice been to sea in a submarine, first and last.

During his sixteen years at the College he has twice been back to Britain, and has visited America, where he was asked to give a talk at the U.S. Naval Academy. Recently he also went to the Continent to study art. On the previous visit he spent an interesting year on exchange at a co-ed Grammar School, and is still in touch with certain of the students.

He intends to retire eventually to a houseboat on the Thames near Eton. Motto—"Today is the first day of the rest of your life."



Welcome

Commander E. Mentz

Commander Mentz attended Hampton High School prior to entering the Naval College as a 13 year old Cadet in January 1952. In 1954 he was a crew member of the College Yacht *Tam O Shanter* when she competed in her first Sydney-Hobart Yacht Race. He was Midge Weight boxing champion, Captain of Boats, was awarded colours for sailing, and on passing out in December 1955 gained maximum time and first prize in Engineering.

He then spent three months as a cadet in the newly commissioned training ship HMAS *Swan* prior to flying to the U.K. to join the Royal Naval College at Dartmouth for Sub Lieutenant courses. Whilst at Dartmouth he was awarded the Mulhouse Shield for Seamanship.

Promoted A/Sub Lieutenant in September 1957 he joined HMAS *Anzac* in Hong Kong doing her tour of duty with the Far East Strategic Reserve.

Between 1958 and 1960 he served in HMA Ships *Warrego* and *Kookaburra* and at Flinders Naval Depot. From 1960-62 he again served in HMAS *Anzac* this time as Navigating Officer.

He followed 2½ enjoyable years as a Divisional Officer at the Naval College, after which he proceeded again to the U.K. to qualify as a navigation specialist. This was followed by 18 months as navigating officer of HMS *Mohawk* stationed in the Middle East.

On return to Australia in 1967 he served in HMAS *Melbourne* and as Navigating Officer in HMA Ships *Anzac*, *Perth* and *Supply*. In 1971 he recommissioned HMAS *Vampire* as Executive Officer after her half life modernisation.

He was promoted Commander in June 1973, completed the Joint Service Staff College Course and spent the following year on the Naval Staff at Navy Office, Canberra. He joined the College as Executive Officer in February, 1975.

As a keen yachtsman he has sailed extensively overseas and has competed in eight Sydney-Hobart races. He married Miss Brenda Kempton in Mombasa in 1966 and has two sons and one daughter.



Farewell

Commander J. S. Dickson MBE RAN

Commander Dickson left the College in early 1975, having been Executive Officer since May 1972.

During his posting at the College, Commander Dickson played a great part in the sweeping changes made to courses and internal reorganisation, with much of his time being spent in liaising between the administrators at Navy Office and the College. In addition to this, he ardently supported various College sporting teams, and joined in the social life of the establishment with great vigour, his wife being a charming hostess to cadets on many occasions.

Serving under three Captains during his time as Executive Officer, Commander Dickson saw a number of changes in the establishment; the re-naming of classes, the change to the system of living by divisions instead of years, and the changes in courses brought about by the Junior Officer's Job Analysis Report. He provided sound advice to Cadets concerning these changes in frequent Executive Officer's lectures.

Finally, all at the College wish Commander Dickson 'bon chance' in his new posting as Captain of HMAS *Yarra*, and in his subsequent Naval career.



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Lieutenant Commander J. HOGG

Readers of previous issues of the College Magazine will recall that Lieutenant Commander Hogg is no stranger to RANC having served on the Mathematics Staff from 1969 to 1972.

In the intervening years he has completed a two year exchange with the Royal Navy at TNEC Manadon and acquired a MSc degree in Operations Research. At the same time he has reduced his golf handicap to a respectable figure and has had the good fortune to marry Miss Carolyn Taylor—a teacher from SCEGGS, Moss Vale.

Since his return to RANC in March 1975 he has quietly resumed his study of the flight patterns of golf balls on the *Creswell* golf course and the coaching of RANC Rugby.



Lieutenant Commander M. LOWE

Born in Yorkshire, England, much of LCDR Lowe's early days were spent in the SE London commuter zone in which unlikely environment he developed an alarming addiction to 'blood and sweat' type sailing which led, via Thames Barges and the 'Outward Bound' Sea School, to the 1960 Tall Ships Race from Oslo to Ostend in which he crewed on a Full Rigged Training Ship which came in second despite his often disastrous attempts to carry out orders given in Norwegian. By this time he had disappeared into the University of London to read Engineering and from which he emerged, rather puzzled, with a degree in Geography and a taste for working close to the corridors of power (one vacation he had delivered ice-cream to the Soho Night Club where Dr Ward met Christine Keeler).

In 1968 he travelled overland to India and then, anxious to investigate rumours of Australian customs such as drinking beer *chilled* rather than luke-warm, arrived in Perth. Reluctant to regard his interview with the W.A. Education Department as an unqualified success (his interviewer *died* immediately afterwards) his thoughts turned Eastwards and he was propelling himself towards Melbourne on a motorcycle of dubious age and minute size when an attractive job offer halted him for 12 months in an Adelaide High School.

LCDR Lowe joined the RAN in January 1970 and has previously served at HMAS *Leeuwin*. While there he served on the Committees of various amenity bodies, swamped the State Government with proposals for a Sail Training Ship, spawned part of a Higher Degree and most of a large sailing catamaran, and continued his ceaseless collation of suspect vehicles, on the last of which he reached HMAS *Creswell* in January 1975.



Lieutenant R. MARUM

Lieutenant Marum joined the RAN as a supplementary list officer in 1966 at HMAS *Cerberus* where he completed his Basic Aircrew Training Course. From HMAS *Cerberus* he was posted for pilot training with the US Navy at Pensacola, Florida, USA. By the end of 1967 Lieutenant Marum had qualified as a fixed-wing and helicopter pilot and returned to Australia in February of 1968 for further helicopter training with 725 Squadron flying Wessex.

At the end of 1968 Lieutenant Marum joined 723 Squadron for Iroquois Helicopter conversion and training in preparation for the RAN Helicopter Flight, Vietnam (RANHVF). He arrived in Vietnam in



September 1969 and joined the US Army's 135th Assault Helicopter company at Camp Bear-cat, north-east of Saigon.

On returning from Vietnam after a very active year Lieutenant Marum was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross (DFC).

Lieutenant Marum joined HMAS *Diamantina* where he spent a year as navigator. During this year he qualified as a Ship's Diving Officer. In April 1974 Lieutenant Marum joined HMAS *Creswell* and is now a member of the staff at RANC. His major tasks at the College are Sports Officer and Jervis Divisional Officer.

Lieutenant D. B. JENNINGS, USN

Lieutenant David Jennings joined the United States Navy in July 1965 as a midshipman at the U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis. His father retired the same month after 30 years service with the USN—the Navy apparently unwilling to deal with both officers simultaneously. While under-going the program of instruction at Annapolis, the junior Jennings trained on USS *Conyngham* (DDG-17) and USS *Mauna Kea* (AE-22). On 4th June 1969 he graduated from Annapolis with a BSc and a commission in the USN.

The following five years saw Lieutenant Jennings with the Cruiser-Destroyer Force, United States Pacific Fleet ('Greyhounds of the Fleet'). Following combat cruises in USS *Perkins* (DD-877) and USS *Chicago* (CG-11), Lieutenant Jennings was awarded the Surface Warfare designator. Most recent posting with the USN was in the Ops Room of USS *Halsey* (DLG-23).

Lieutenant Jennings comes to the College on a two year exchange posting from the USN. After extensive training (two days) in the 'Australian idiom', he arrived at Jervis Bay in time for 1974 promotion festivities and summer leave. This timing was attributed to a slight delay on the Fijian Coral Coast en route.



Lieutenant R. W. HACKER

Born in Bedford, UK, Lieutenant Hacker was brought up in Kenya, where he attended the Duke of York School, Nairobi. For want of a local University he returned to the UK to further his education. After a year's pre-university apprenticeship with the English Electric Company at Stafford he went up to the University of Edinburgh. Four years later (1966) he graduated with Honours in Physics and returned South with a Scottish wife.

The next two years were spent as a Scientific Officer at the Royal Aircraft Establishment, Farnborough, researching the use of fluidic amplification in missile control.

The depressed skies and salaries were too much for him, so in 1968 for the princely sum of £20 he and his wife winged their way to the Sunshine State. He worked as a tutor in the University of Queensland, Department of Mechanical Engineering, filling in his spare time with design work on a Supersonic wind tunnel.

In 1972 someone told him that there was some more of Australia to the south so a natural curiosity eventually led to his joining the RAN. His first posting was to the Weapons Electronic Engineering School at HMAS *Cerberus*, where along with instructional duties he was a Divisional Officer, School Sports Officer, and Secretary of the Navy Hockey Club. He was posted to HMAS *Creswell* in September 1974.

His extra-mural activities include hockey, tennis, sailing, fishing,



woodwork, and, of course, watching over the development of two young Australians, both born in Brisbane.

Lieutenant G. WELLHAM

Born and educated in Newcastle, Lieutenant Wellham joined the Royal Australian Naval College as a Senior Entry in 1969. Spending his time in Flinders Division, at a period when its members were known as the 'cake-eaters', he was interested in and played most sports and was awarded Colours for all-round sportsmanship.

During his Midshipman's time he realised that the old adage 'join the Navy to see the world' was quite true, for the first seven months were spent in HMAS *Vendetta* cruising the waters and sampling the ports of the Far East, from Japan to India. This eye-opening cruise was followed by a trip to the U.S.A. in HMAS *Sydney* and was marred only by the fact that he and his year mates had to sit for their Midshipmans' Board two days after a not-too-study-conductive stay in Hawaii. Lieutenant Wellham returned to HMAS *Creswell* and graduated in December 1971.

Lieutenant Wellham was posted to the Papua New Guinea based Patrol Boat, HMAS *Madang*, in which he served for fourteen months, firstly as Executive Officer and then as Commanding Officer. It was from the tranquil waters of Papua New Guinea that he returned to HMAS *Creswell* in November 1974 and once again to the lair of Flinders Division; but this time to the other side of the desk.

Lieutenant FARQUHAR

Lieutenant Farquhar joined the College as a Senior Entry cadet in 1968 from the tropical wilderness of Queensland's far north, Cairns. He has never recovered from the shock of leaving his mother's apron strings so abruptly and is, even now, slightly myopic. Finding respite on the playing fields, he represented the College at cricket, soccer, rugby and hockey but had to wait until his return for Term 9 training to receive colours for cricket. His claims to fame include: being interviewed on Radio Honiara as Captain of HMAS *Anzac's* soccer team (beaten 10-2); ferrying Australian troops in landing craft at Vung Tau, South Vietnam, 1969-70; serving in the escort, HMAS *Stuart*, to the Royal Yacht *Britannia* during the 1970 Royal Tour; and playing a full summer season with the Purbrook Cricket Club in Hampshire, 1971 (club house—The Leopard). He strongly supports *Creswell* sport, particularly the soccer and cricket teams, and hopes to make the 2077 Davis Cup squad.

Lieutenant G. K. WHYMARK

Born at Ryde, Sydney, he was largely educated in the golden country of Far North Queensland. He achieved matriculation at Townsville Grammar and proceeded to the University of Queensland where he embarked on a Bachelor of Science degree.

While there Lieutenant Whymark met and married his wife. After a year at Kelvin Grove Teaching College he spent the next year teaching science and maths at St George (350 miles west of Brisbane).

On joining the Navy Lieutenant Whymark did a stint up north, visiting places such as Vietnam and Hong Kong. On completion he taught electronics at HMAS *Cerberus*. In 1974 he finished his science degree in Queensland with the help of the Navy.

On obtaining his degree Lieutenant Whymark was posted to the fair shores of Jervis Bay to instruct Cadet Midshipmen in the arts of mathematics.





1974 PROMOTION CLASS—MIDSHIPMEN

STANDING: (LEFT TO RIGHT) R. A. SMITH; L. J. GEE; P. J. DEBNAM; A. W. DONALD; P. J. HARRISON; K. N. CORLES; T. D. HAY; G. W. KEILAR; G. W. THOMSON; R. W. GATES; G. J. GUNNESS; J. G. PICKEL; K. J. HODGES; P. A. JONES; A. P. LADOMIRSKI; A. W. FLINT

SEATED (LEFT TO RIGHT) D. C. MICHAEL; S. J. DARE; M. A. HUDSON; G. A. MEIKLE; CMDR J. S. DICKSON; CAPT. I. W. BROBEN; D. N. KEEN; P. W. McNEVIN; B. R. WARNER; N. X. MADDEN.

1974 Promotion Class—Midshipmen

UNIVERSITY GRADUATES

We are pleased to note the award of degrees by the University of New South Wales to the following officers:

ASLT GLEN PC Evans BE—Joined RANC in the 1971 senior entry and elected to study electrical engineering. Completed the course in four years with creditable results.

ASLT GLEN TC Mussard BE—Joined RANC in the 1969 junior entry and the university course in 1971. Graduated in electrical engineering.

ASLT GLEN SA Taylor BE—Joined RANC in the 1970 senior entry. Marginal failure in his third year prevented him from graduating in electrical engineering in 1973 and necessitated part-time studies in 1974.

ASLT GLEN PK Boden BE—Joined in the 1971 senior entry and completed the mechanical engineering course with no particular distinction but at the same time without so much as a deferred examination.

ASLT GLEN DA Stewart BE—Joined in the 1971 senior entry and graduated in mechanical engineering in 1974.

ASLT GLEX PJ Harrison BSc—Joined RANC in the 1970 junior entry and the BSc course in 1972. Completed the course, majoring in mathematics, with distinction and earned the Peter Mitchell prize as noted elsewhere in this issue.

ASLT GLEX PW McNevin BA—Joined RANC in the 1970 junior entry. Despite some ups and downs en route he completed the BA course in the standard time of three years and graduated with a major in history and sociology.

K. N. CORLES RNZN

Raised in Auckland, he was educated at Hillary College, where he was captain of the 1st XI.

He joined the RNZN in January 1972. After spending 16 months in the RNZN training establishment HMNZS *Tamaki*, he joined HMNZS *Canterbury* where he did his midshipman's time in such far away places as Hawaii and Mururoa. He was also lucky enough to be part of the Xth British Commonwealth Games in Christchurch. Promoted to Ensign in January 1974.

Kevin joined the RANC in September 1974 for an Academic Refresher course, prior to proceeding to UK on OW courses.



S. J. DARE

Stephen was educated at Kirrawee High School, Sydney, where he was told he did not have the ability to enter the Navy through *Creswell*.

He joined the RANC as a junior entry in January 1970 along with twenty contemporaries of whom eight remain in the Navy. Stephen's time at the College was highlighted on the sporting field, where he was a member of the 1st XVIII 1972-73 and captain of the RANC basketball team, the 'Marlins', 1972-73. He also gained half colours in this sport.

During his time in the fleet he visited Fiji, Singapore, Hawaii and all points on the Australian coast. Ships Stephen served in were HMA ships *Anzac*, *Melbourne*, *Vampire* and *Melbourne* again, before rejoining the College for his last term before escaping to England and Portsmouth for six months training and relaxation.



P. J. DEBNAM

Peter completed his final two years of secondary education, under a naval scholarship, in Sydney. He then entered the College as senior entry in January 1972 and as the first term progressed he was categorised as seaman, *Creswell* course.

In June 1973 his class joined HMAS *Anzac* and during the ensuing weeks visited Fiji and some Queensland Ports on the training cruise.

He began his Mid's time in HMAS *Melbourne* and was onboard for the trip to Rimpac '73 off Hawaii and also for the exercise off Singapore later that year.

Four months in *Vampire* in early 1974 were spent in home waters, mostly around Sydney. Then followed another few months in *Melbourne* around the east coast of Australia before he returned to the College for Term 9.



A. W. FLINT

Tony spent his childhood in the peaceful surroundings of Como in Western Australia. He was educated at Trinity College, Perth and matriculated in 1970.

Tony applied and was accepted for a clerical position in the Materials Inspection Section of the Post-Master General's Department. He subsequently applied to join the RANC as a senior entry cadet and came to Jervis Bay in January 1972.

During his time in the RAN, Tony has served in HMAS *Anzac*, HMAS *Melbourne* and HMAS *Vampire* and was fortunate in visiting such ports as Pearl Harbor, Suva and Singapore.



R. W. GATES

Raydon is one of the three 'sandgroppers' of the promotion year. His final years of school were spent at Governor Stirling Senior High School. Unlike Captain Stirling, the salt didn't flow in Raydon's veins at an early age. After passing his matriculation in 1969, he joined the Forestry Department for two years.

The calling of the sea eventually brought Raydon to HMAS *Cerberus* as a Supplementary List Midshipman in August 1971. After serving two months in HMAS *Supply* he entered the College as a senior entry in January 1972.

Raydon's time at the College was highlighted by his promotion to Cadet Captain of Phillip Division. He performed well in academics and on the sporting field his best achievements were in Australian Rules and cricket.

After the training cruise in HMAS *Anzac* Raydon served his midshipman's time in HMAS *Melbourne* and HMAS *Vampire*.



L. J. GEE

Lindsay entered the Naval College as a senior entry cadet in January 1972. After joining the degree stream, he soon showed that his academic prowess was not quite up to that of his sporting activities, and at the beginning of 1973, not wishing to return to Sydney and the rigours of university, Lindsay joined the *Creswell* course.

During his year in the fleet as a midshipman Lindsay served in HMA ships *Melbourne*, *Vendetta*, *Yarra* and finally on *Stalwart*.

At the end of the year, having become rather used to service at sea, it was with reluctance that he returned to the academics of the RANC.



K. J. HODGES

After completing his secondary school training in 1969 at St Pius X College in Newcastle, NSW, Ken entered the Royal Australian Navy at HMAS *Cerberus* as a Supplementary List Pilot Trainee. After 10 weeks at *Cerberus* he was posted to RAAF Pt Cook for his basic flying training. It was three months before Ken finally requested a transfer to the General List. This was accomplished in 1971 when he joined the College as a Senior Entry.

After spending the usual 1½ years at the College, Ken joined HMAS *Anzac* for the Cadets Training Cruise.

At the beginning of 1974 Ken joined HMAS *Vendetta* and was lucky enough to stay with the ship during her 5 month ANZUK deployment in the Far East.



M. A. HUDSON

Mark was born in the southern metropolis of Adelaide and educated at Putteney Grammar School. The call of the sea brought him to the Naval College as a junior entry cadet in 1970.

During his time at RANC, Mark represented the College in rugby, sailing, cross-country running and hockey, winning a half-colour for sailing. Between May 1972 and May 1973 he was Chief Cadet Captain and won the Harrington Memorial prize for extra-curricular activities in 1972.

Mark's time in the fleet as a Midshipman was spent in HMA ships *Melbourne*, *Vendetta* and *Stalwart*. His time in *Vendetta* included 4 months on ANZUK deployment in the Far East. During May and June



1974 he served in the US ships *Hoel* and *Morton* operating in the South China Sea.

After gaining a 1st class pass in his Midshipman's fleet board examination in August 1974 Mark returned to Jervis Bay to complete his Midshipman's training prior to graduating in December, when he was awarded the Queen's Medal.

P. A. JONES

Born and raised in Brisbane, Peter received his secondary education at Iona College, Lindum. He joined the Royal Australian Naval College in January 1972 in the Senior Entry.

While at the College, his major interests centred on Cross Country and Athletics for which he was awarded full colours. He captained the Cross Country team and represented the College at ISCAM in the 5000m event.

Having completed four terms of academic training he proceeded to HMAS *Anzac* for her cruise to Fiji and the Whitsunday area—one of her last training cruises. His fleet time was spent aboard HMA ships *Melbourne*, *Penguin* and *Stalwart*.



D. N. KEEN RNZN

Being an adventurous young Kiwi, looking for a break away from school and wanting to enjoy the good life of countries afar, David joined the College in 1970 as a junior entry cadet. He participated in all sports and recreational activities, representing the College in Rugby and Sailing (gaining full colours) and facing a great struggle to reach HSC standard, he matriculated in 1971 and gained entry to the Auckland University.

He remained at the College to complete the *Creswell* Course. The training cruise on HMAS *Anzac* brought its just rewards and having enjoyed every aspect of training he left us to prove his worth to the RNZN.

He was sent to HMNZS *Otago* which was laying idle, having just returned from Mururoa Atoll. Completing a year at sea in Longex '73, five months deployment on the Far East Station, plenty of sea time in the Hauraki Gulf and around New Zealand, he also developed a liking for Navigation. He gained his Ocean Navigation Certificate as well as completing his Task Book and Subordinate Officers examination Board.

Enthusiastic to remain at sea he returned to *Creswell* for Term 9 and promotion in 1974 before his OW courses in UK.



G. W. KEILAR

Glenn completed his secondary education at Scone High School, New South Wales in 1970 prior to spending a year at Carpentaria High School, California on an American Field Service Exchange Study Scholarship. He joined the RANC as a senior entry cadet in 1972.

Glenn was promoted to Cadet Captain of Jervis Division in May of that year. During his time at the College he showed a strong interest in all forms of sport, gaining full colours in Rugby, Swimming and Life Saving and half colours in Athletics and Basketball. In boxing Glenn won the Light Heavyweight Division and gained the Shelley Cup for the best exponent of the art. In the third term of 1972 he won the Governor-General's Cup for the best all round College athlete and the following year became the first cadet to win the Cup in successive years.



During his Fleet time he served on HMAS *Melbourne*, travelling to Hawaii and Singapore, HMAS *Perth* and US ships *Halsey*, *Mackenzie* and *Morton* under the RAN-USN Midshipman's Exchange Programme.

Following graduation and completion of necessary Fleet training, Glenn hopes to join the RAN Fleet Air Arm as a pilot.

A. P. LADOMIRSKI

After nearly drowning in the Indian Ocean off Perth, Antony decided that the sea was just the thing for him.

Before joining the College as a Senior Entry in 1972, his education took him to many a far place for two separate years, including France, Canada, Italy and West Germany. Surprisingly, his last two years of secondary school were finished at Chevalier College, New South Wales.

On completion of a year and a half of academics at the College, Antony spent his Midshipman's time in HMA Ships *Melbourne*, *Perth* and *Stalwart* on completion of the training cruise in *Anzac*.

Now that the College time has passed, the 'Gannett's' hopes are flying high if the Fleet Air Arm is still around.



N. X. MADDEN

Neville (Zab) Madden was born in Brisbane and soon moved to the glorious Gold Coast for his primary school career. He spent each day travelling 20 miles to Aquinas College, Southport, for his education in these years. As fate had it, he moved to Adelaide when he was fourteen, leaving the beach girls behind. Here he continued his time and matriculated from St. Michael's College, Henley Beach. He decided to join the Navy as a Senior Entry Cadet in 1972.

In his years at College he represented the RANC at ISCAM at Portsea 1972 and Duntroon 1973. He then went to HMA Fleet serving on HMAS *Melbourne* and HMAS *Swan*. His time as a Midshipman proved eventful and rewarding.



G. A. MEIKLE

George Meikle was born in Donaghadee, a small town in Northern Ireland. He lived there for three years before moving to New Zealand where he lived on a cattle farm at Pukekohe. Education was fulfilled at Wesley College, Paerata, an agricultural school. At twelve years of age he moved to Australia, where his family settled in Brisbane. In 1970, aged 15, he joined the College as a junior entry cadet. During pre-matriculation years he represented the College in rugby, sailing, cross-country, swimming and athletics. Full colours were awarded in sailing. In 1972 he spent a year at university before rejoining the *Creswell* Course in 1973.



D. C. MICHAEL

David joined the RANC as a senior entry in January 1972 after having been educated at Pimlico State High School, Townsville, where he had spent most of his life.

His chief sporting interests are sailing, tennis and cricket. He represented the College regularly in cricket and captained the team for one year. He also successfully completed a gliding course, thereby gaining a solo certificate.



After leaving the College and completing the 1973 training cruise in HMAS *Anzac* he spent his time in the fleet as a Midshipman in HMA ships *Melbourne* and *Brisbane*, the latter being in a refit period providing little seetime but the opportunity to take part in many other activities such as assisting in the construction of the 'Steel Cat's Kitten' which participated in the 1974 International Bathtub Derby in Canada.

J. G. PICKEL

Jeremy attended Leeton High School when he received a Naval Scholarship to complete his final year at Leeton and ventured to Jervis Bay as a Senior Entry cadet in January 1972.

The majority of his College days were spent as a *Creswell* Course cadet. In June 1973 he joined HMAS *Anzac*. In August that year he joined HMAS *Melbourne*, and sailed for Rimpac '73 in Hawaii and 'Operation Leadline' in Singapore. In the New Year he joined HMAS *Hobart* for her workup period and discovered the joys of living in the Signalmen's shelter—a 6' x 6' far-from-weatherproof shed above the bridge.

He was then posted to HMAS *Stalwart* where he completed his Midshipman's board before returning to Jervis Bay.



R. A. SMITH

Ross, educated in the border town of Albury, NSW, later moved to the big smoke of Sydney (more specifically, Beacon Hill), from where he enlisted as senior entry in 1972.

Major sporting interests included Hockey and Swimming. As one of the original members of the now well-established RANC 1st XI Hockey Team he provided support in the first season at the College. As 1973 progressed, he was selected to represent the RANC as a member of the inter-services swimming team. The team returned from Pt Cook as runners-up with a bag of mixed victories.

Ross was onboard HMAS *Supply* when the promotion to Midshipman was promulgated. Transferred to HMAS *Stuart* he visited Singapore in November 1973 after participating in exercise 'Leadline'. In January 1974 he was on HMAS *Melbourne* for the 'Cargo Run' to the USA to pick up helicopters for the RAAF. When joined by the majority of the class for exercise 'Kangaroo I', the mids chest flat once more took on the appearance of home.



B. R. WARNER

Brian was brought up in the south-western suburbs of Sydney, and after matriculating from Hurlstone Agricultural College, joined the RANC as a senior entry in 1972.

Toward the end of 1972 and the end of a promising year of university, Brian joined the *Creswell* course. While at the College he participated in the odd games of rugby and in sailing races.

On completion of the training cruise in HMAS *Anzac* he joined *Supply* but was soon sent to HMAS *Melbourne* for Rimpac '73. On return from Hawaii and Singapore Brian joined HMAS *Hobart* and remained until once again joining HMAS *Supply* where he carried out a variety of odd jobs.

After promotion it is expected that he will complete a Supply course at HMAS *Cerberus* before being unleashed on the Fleet.





Class Lists

CLASS IIC—CRESWELL COURSE (Second Year)

Allan, I. C.	Haynes, W. R.	Rendell, D. A.
Atkins, P. R.	Horsfall, D. J.	Richards, N. K.
Bonato, M. J.	Kellam, M. C.	Robinson, B. C.
Brand, S. C.	Kops, A. J.	Rutherford, M. A.
Butler, M.	Lawrence, M. N.	Shalders, R. A.
Campbell, G. J.	Leahy, P. G.	Small, B. P.
Coleman, L. M.	NZ Logan, I. R.	Snow, D. W.
Dietrich, E. S.	McDonald, M. W.	Teague, N. A.
NZ Drew, P. J.	NZ McLennan, B. C.	Thomas, D. R.
Furness, R.	Moffitt, R. C.	Tripovich, M. J.
Garnock, D. L.	Oldfield, A. L.	Turnbull, G.
Gillen, P. W.	Pajnic, N. P.	Wade, J. C.
Graetz, P. D.	Percival, S. J.	Ward, R. A.
Harvey, D. R.	Quarrill, R. W.	Waterson, G. P.

CLASS I—FIRST YEAR TERTIARY STUDIES

<i>IC Creswell Course</i>	Perry, N. A.	Philp, W. R.
Burgess, M. A.	Richards, R. W.	Quinton, A. M.
Frew, D. J.	Smith, P. A.	Wotton, A. M.
Garnock, A. J.	Stephenson, J. T.	
Garth, M. J.		<i>BE</i>
Goodwin-Dorning, K. A.	<i>ID Degree Courses</i>	Andrews, T.
Gover, K. A.	<i>BSc</i>	Blackmore, M. T.
Groenen, N. H.	Brennan, B. M.	McKinnie, A. R.
James, G. D.	Coppens, S. A.	Ritchie, A. R.
Jonker, R. B.	DeVries, M. H.	Watkins, P.
Mapson, G. J.	Hart, S. J.	Coles, M. N.
McKeith, M. J.	Hayes, S. A.	Eversham, W. E.
Pearce, M. G.	Jones, G. M.	Wheatland, C. W.

CLASS J2—JUNIOR COURSE SECOND YEAR

Atkinson, A. J.	Littlehales, D. C.	Galvin, M. R.
Bates, C. J.	Marien, B. W.	Gardiner, P. A.
Bennett, M. E.	Stevens, D. M.	Goldrick, J. V.
Boyce, R. L.	Turner, G. A.	Jones, P. D.
Briers, P. J.	Brace, R. J.	Leschen, P. D.
Buck, S. G.	Brown, S. J.	Murray, P. J.
Døwn, A. R.	Campbell, P. R.	Sheehan, R. K.
Gobert, W. T.	Cottam, T. A.	Shields, P.
Kelly, P. G.	Firth, S. J.	NZ Sullivan, W. T.
Konings, P. J.		

CLASS J1—JUNIOR COURSE FIRST YEAR

<i>J1A</i>	Naughton, P. K.	Johnson, S.
Faulkner, D. J.	Stangret, S. I.	Lugton, A. G.
NZ Firkin, P. F.	NZ Sullivan, P. G.	McKnight, A. R.
Freeman, M. N.	Tinkler, K. J.	Milward, J. B.
Gough, A. R.	NZ Turner, B. W.	Morton, A. K.
Griffin, P. J.	White, M. W.	Musgrove, D. K.
Howes, T. P.		Nairn, R. R.
Kelly, M. A.	<i>J1B</i>	Norris, D. C.
King, L. D.	Bayles, G. H.	Rodgers, A. M.
Larsen, M. A.	Coates, N. S.	Willing, D. J.
Marshall, R. M.	Cooper, C. J.	Woods, R. L.
McNeill, A. J.	Gallagher, D. C.	
NZ Milne, B. C.		

College News and Notes

CLASS IIC

Friday 11 April 1975 marked an important point in the training of Class IIC: at last we were going to sea! Reaching this landmark gives us an excellent opportunity to look at the happenings of the past year.

By means of a varied social program we all managed to keep ourselves busy, the highlight of this being the Class One Ball held in term III 1974. Other events included a very successful wine and cheese night held in the Gunroom and an equally enjoyable barbecue given by the Wardroom.

Our reputation must have got around; no sooner was it known that a group of Frensham girls were coming to play cricket against the J1s and J2s than we were sent on a bushwalking expedition for the duration of their stay. Despite the paucity of rations we made it through without mishap. One NZ member of the year even resorted to living off the land, literally. He assures us that fried black snake is delicious.

Early one morning we were all rather unexpectedly mustered in the cinema for an address by the XO. He informed us of the changes that were to take place in the *Creswell* course. 'No more courses in the UK and one extra year at sunny RANC.' After recovering from the shock we decided that since we were getting 'damn good pay' we may as well stick with it.

Exam time 1974 came as something of a jolt to our idyllic existence. However by mixture of prayer, luck and last-minute cramming we made it through with a minimum of casualties. Hours of practice for the promotion parade then followed during November. We all went our separate ways for Christmas leave, much sobered by our close brush with social reality.

Term I 1975 commenced with two most interesting weeks. One was spent in Sydney, looking over a wide range of civilian and naval establishments, including HMAS *Platypus* and Qantas. The second week was taken up with an air familiarisation course at *Albatross*, the equivalent of a week in heaven for our more aviation-minded members.

On 11 April we swapped our books and pens for chipping hammer and paint brush and proceeded to sea.

CLASS IID

IID—doesn't it just roll off your tongue! Those sounds describe the cream of today's youth, bone lazy every one. No, there is a shining light, one who burns the midnight oil; the inimitable Keith Malpress showed us all what hard work would do for us. Underservedly, by good luck and what must surely be divine guidance, all but three passed all exams and found themselves in the portals of the University of New South Wales.

To get in such condition some 'academic' excursions were undertaken. To take an example, those of the Science degree course undertook to study the Oceanographic Research Model at Botany Bay and, having satiated their academic thirst for tides, wave motion and methods of measurement, they proceeded to the CSIRO Fisheries Research Establishment at Cronulla.

In this class of brilliant academics there also were some fine sporting figures: John Tompson, Chris Stanfield, Neil Warner, Dennis Kilroy, to name but a few. Fortunately their loss coincided with the gain of some promising New Entry Cadets so the loss was not such a blow.

After Christmas leave the Arts and Science degree people were snatched to HMAS *Cerberus* for 2 weeks training in electrics. The mechanical and electrical engineering degree students departed for the Apprentices training establishment at HMAS *Nirimba* where they got some workshop time under their belts.

They were next seen together for the first Sunday divisions of 1975 after which they proceeded to HMAS *Watson* to await the beginning of the second year of their academic courses at the University of New South Wales.

Junior Entry '73—Class I '75

The Junior Entry of 1973 returned a little thinner to enter the forthcoming year of 1974 as J2. After a shaky start in that year, we were called upon to exercise our experience on the New Entry. Even though there would be the constant reminder of the HSC, we showed a willingness to participate in social and sporting activities.

Nowhere did our class spirit show up more

than on the sports field, and in particular in the annual Rugby-cum-Gaelic Football match against J1. Needless to say the class record remained intact. Three of our athletes achieved the distinction of representing the Navy at the Inter-Service Athletics while others went to compete at the Inter-Service Colleges Swimming and Athletics.

The dances held were not so much a social education for class members as a respite from the 'slog' of the College. A cricket match we unfortunately were forced to lose—being young gentlemen—and a dance with Frensham were the highlights of the year, while a return encounter with the girls of Frensham prove highly interesting. However the year drew slowly on to the time of reckoning—the HSC. However it claimed no victims, and with the exception of our Kiwi friends, all of whom returned home to pursue degrees, we were once again reunited in 1975 as the 'Year of the Burp'.

Returning from leave there were many tales: some humorous, some sad, some bawdy and some downright bad. The prospect of either degrees or the well-known yet reconstituted 'Brain Drain' or *Creswell* course was now a real one. And what better place to ponder the future or reminisce but in the bar over a nice, cold can. Our class was finally 'broken up' by new members with the joining of the Senior Entry. After a week of furtive attempts to indoctrinate the new J1 entry we were broken finally by these seemingly timid young 'civilians'. Bolstered by this entry yet thinned again with the departure of our Arts students we stood firm, determined to carry on class traditions.

J2 Notes

Following their first long leave the class returned to the College eager to 'stick it out' for another term. A firm bond grew between the members of the year and all took an active interest in class activities. Many of the class represented the College in their respective sports and those that didn't urged the sportsmen on to do better.

The class proved to be a most travelled year. Having already had a sea trip on HMAS *Perth* they also went on HMAS *Ibis*, *Vampire*, *Melbourne*, *Balikpapan* and HMS *Odin*.

On many Saturdays, the class played sport between themselves which increased the al-

ready strong class spirit. They also achieved many sporting victories when they challenged the senior year.

In the third term the class had a dance with Frensham Girls College which was truly a successful evening; so much so that they were invited to Frensham for a return dance.

At the end of their first year in the Navy, the class had academic exams. Our congratulations go to Peter Campbell who was the dux of the class.

After Christmas, minus two 'drop-outs' the class returned with one year's seniority.

1975 New Entry

The new year began for us on 13 January, when 34 bright, eager, smiling faces stepped off the bus, heavily laden with suitcases and cumbersome kitbags, ready to start a brand new way of life in the big wide world of the Royal Australian Navy. The Junior Entry had arrived!! Before long, the Senior Entry appeared to keep the Junior Entry company. We were quite a motley crew, coming from varying backgrounds and homes scattered all over the continent, and some even from that faraway land New Zealand. None of us was quite sure what to expect, but it wasn't long before we found out!!

No time was lost in getting us settled in and familiar with the College routine. We soon learned how fresh and wide-awake one feels after a short run and dip in the ocean in the early hours of the morning! All those lazy slothful habits we had accumulated over the years were swiftly corrected, and we all began to learn how to look after ourselves. Then there were all the questions before meals; they certainly were an education. At times we must have provided considerable entertainment to the Senior Cadets in quickshifts, but it wasn't too long before we became more proficient and less entertaining.

Part of our training programme involved an expedition to the Mt Pigeonhouse region. Most of us thoroughly enjoyed ourselves, and, much to everyone's amazement, we all made it to the pickup points, despite all the dangers we faced: the dubious skills of the cooks, the man-eating yabbie in the rockpool, giant bushflies (too big to carry, but with modest appetites) and the breathtaking climbs up Mt Pigeonhouse and Wombat Ridge.

Several of the New Entry decided to move

on to greener pastures and we wish them success and good luck in whatever ventures they may undertake.

Within a few weeks of arrival, we started our main job at the College, that of academic and naval training. The Senior Entry attended many varied and interesting lectures during the S.T.E.P. program, and after interviews, were allotted to our courses, while the Junior Entry commenced studies for the Higher School Certificate. We're working hard!

CLASS IIC SEA EXPERIENCE

OR 'We Saw the Sea

(apologies to John Winton)

On April 10, our band of merry men set forth on a voyage that would take them to the outermost corner of the world—Ambon, Indonesia—upon 3000 tons of floating luxury, HMAS *Duchess*.

For the purposes of the cruise, the class was split into four watches, each doing two weeks of executive (chipping and painting) training, one week of electrical (just painting) training, and one week of engineering (chipping and boiler cleaning) training. By the end of the first week, as we were approaching Cairns, the ship had 'broken down', we had found out where the 'Tube space' is, and we knew that to be sent to get a 'long weight' meant that we weren't going to take deep soundings with a lead line. Meanwhile, the engineers were up to

their necks in an obnoxious compound known as Neox, which we didn't have enough of.

The visit to Cairns being a peaceful one, we departed after three days for Darwin. The Navigator took the ship around through Torres Strait. Cadet navigation 'experts' assured us that this was, in fact, the Saint Lawrence Seaway. Cadets then proceeded ashore in Darwin and contributed to the devastation.

After washing the ship down in the middle of a rain-storm, we entered Ambon harbour. It was quite an experience to visit such a seldom-visited port—in fact, the natives loved us. The town's fez supply was promptly bought as attire to be worn in the class II Gunroom on return to *Creswell*. We hear that a certain cruise-line has put Ambon on its itinerary as a result of our trip.

With much flag-waving and spit-polish, we provided a guard at Ambon War Cemetery on Anzac Day as a tribute to Gull Force, an Australian unit which was badly damaged there during the last war. This impressed all concerned, especially the natives, and we felt it 'paid our fare' for the cruise.

Now fairly having salt in our veins, we left Ambon for the return journey, with enjoyable but eventful stops at Darwin and Townsville. By this time, we could at least stay on our feet while at sea, and knew a deck from a ceiling. By the time we reached Sydney we even knew that a ceiling is called a 'deckhead'. All in all a wholly worthwhile taste of the future.

DUCHESS

HMAS *Duchess* was originally intended to be a member of the 16 ship '1944 Battle Class' destroyers, but the end of World War II forced the cancellation of half the order and a long delay in the construction of the remainder.

Her contract was awarded to John I. Thornycroft and Company, shipbuilders of Southampton and she was laid down on 2 July 1948, launched on 9 April 1951 and completed on 23 October 1952. She was a destroyer of 2950 tons standard displacement measuring 390 feet overall and carrying 6-4.5" and 6-40 mm guns, 10-21" torpedo tubes and a 'Squid' A/S mortar.

For twelve years *Duchess* served on the various fleet stations with her sisters and saw a great deal of service. On 8 May 1964, as a result of the Australian government's request for a replacement for the lost *Voyager* she was loaned to the RAN for four years. This was later extended until 1972 when the RAN took up the option of purchasing her.

Duchess arrived in Australia in late 1964 and served with the fleet as an operational unit until 1970 when she became a training ship, retaining all her weapons systems save for torpedoes.

In 1972 the decision was taken to refit *Duchess* for further service as a training ship as a replacement for *Anzac*. With this aim in mind 'X' turret was removed and the entire aftercastle completely remodelled with new accommodation for personnel under training.

In late 1974 she recommissioned for service as the RAN's training ship. Although her conversion has provided ample facilities for training on board, in view of the ship's age and the appalling condition that she was in, both internally and materially, when she was transferred in 1964, *Duchess* must be viewed as only a temporary solution to the sea-training problem. She is, after all, only eighteen months younger than *Anzac*.



PHILLIP DIVISION



CADET CAPTAIN
B. C. ROBINSON



LCDR G. G. ELDER,
RNZN

With the commencement of second term 1974 Phillip Division was more determined than ever to win the Cock Division prize, having come a close second in first term.

As Term I came to an end the time for promotions was once more upon us. Three members of Phillip Division were honoured with promotions: Cadet Captain Garnock became Chief Cadet Captain, and Cadet Midshipmen Robinson and Malpress became Cadet Captains of Phillip and Jervis divisions respectively.

With the beginning of the new term came the winter sports competition. Phillip went off to a flying start defeating Flinders Division—last term's Cock Division winners—by fourteen goals eleven points to seven goals and six points in the first inter-divisional Australian Rules Football match of the season. In the next round Phillip once again proved superior by defeating Cook Division in rugby union twenty-six points to six.

The remainder of second term saw Phillip, once again, having little success in either Divisions or Captain's rounds. It seemed that regardless of the amount of preparation made Phillip was doomed to remain the underdogs.

The final Sunday Divisions of Term II saw the announcement of prizes and awards. CMID J. Tomson was presented with the Bruce Seymour Trophy for Hockey and CMID B. McLennan was awarded the Benson Trophy for Soccer. Cock Division, this term, was won by Jervis Division with Phillip coming a very close second place.

The beginning of third term 1974 marked the opening of the summer sports season and another successful term for the 'Green Meanies'. In inter-divisional athletics Phillip showed their strength with CMID Hart winning the Junior Championship and CMID Rendell running second in the Open Championship.

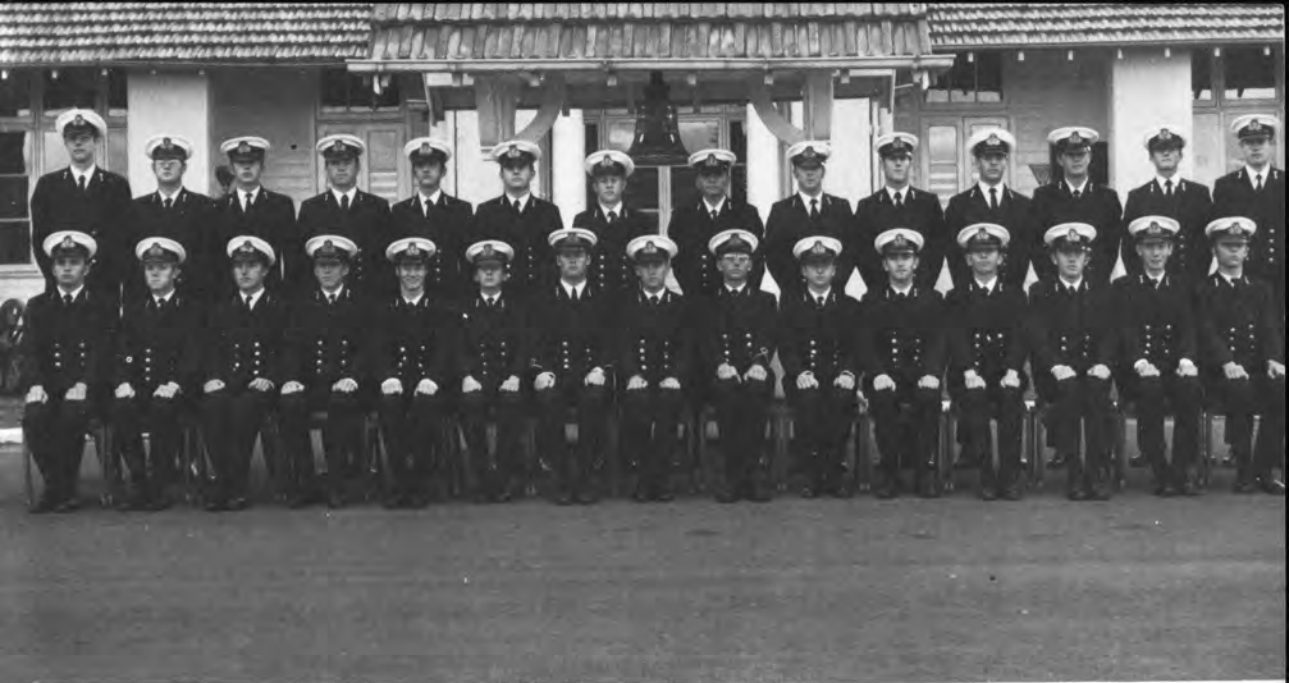
Perhaps the greatest day for Phillip Division in third term was 23 October 1974, the day of the Inter-divisional Creswell Cup. After a great deal of effort Phillip was rewarded with first place with Flinders second. As winners of the inter-divisional Creswell Cup Phillip competed against the Wardroom, Senior and Junior Sailors and Midshipmen in a similar competition. Once again Phillip put up a fine performance but were narrowly defeated by the Midshipmen's team.

At the end of term Phillip lost two more members through promotions to Cadet Captains, B. C. McLennan and E. S. Dietrich who went to Cook and Jervis Divisions respectively. Phillip won the trophy for the best supporting division in 1974.

And so to 1975. The HSC results were out, and special mention must go to CMIDS Jackson and Hart, both of Phillip, who gained first and second places in the class.

On Australia Day 1975 there was an inter-divisional sports day held on Captain's Beach. This consisted of 'Potted Athletics', 'Brighter Cricket', Volleyball, a beach run, and a number of swimming races. Unfortunately Phillip did not do as well as expected and managed a close fourth. The inter-divisional swimming championships also saw Phillip coming fourth.

As the term continues Phillip Division is showing its strength in all aspects. In golf our team dominates. The Forster Cup seems also to be going decisively in Phillip's favour. Even though Phillip Division has unsuccessfully attempted to gain Cock Division during the past fifteen months our divisional spirit has not faltered due to the efforts of our Divisional Officer LCDR Elder; we thank you.



PHILLIP DIVISION

BACK ROW: D. SMITH; M. RUTHERFORD; B. McLENNAN; S. DIETRICH; M. BRESMAN; B. WATNER; G. WATERSON; D. HARVEY; I. ALLEN; D. RENDELL; P. DEEKS; P. BRIERS; S. LATIMER; J. THOMPSON;

FRONT ROW: J. SHEEHAN; D. STEPHENSON; A. JACKSON; C. BATES; A. OLDFIELD; P. SMITH; CHIEF CADET CAPTAIN D. GARNOCK; T. COTTAM; CADET CAPTAIN B. ROBINSON; J. LITTLEHALES; V. THOMPSON; A. KOPS; D. GARDINER; P. JONES; K. GOODWIN-DORNING.

JERVIS DIVISION

BACK ROW: P. CAMPBELL; M. GALVIN; M. GARTH; P. HARLOW; I. LAXTON; K. HUGHES; H. FURNESS; R. JUDE; M. BONATO; M. BUTLER; R. WARD; E. HEYTING; L. COLEMAN; N. TEAGUE; R. QUARRILL; N. PERRY;

FRONT ROW: B. SMALL; R. MOFFITT; M. RUTHERFORD; T. ATKINSON; P. MURRAY; P. BRACE; P. LESCHEN; CADET-CAPTAIN K. MALPRESS (1974); D. BRENNAN; P. SULLIVAN; P. GILLIN; W. GIBSON; D. KILROY; A. WOTTON; J. ROUSSEAU.



JERVIS DIVISION



CADET CAPTAIN S.
DIETRICH (1975)



LIEUTENANT
R. MARUM

Jervis's first sporting match of the term was battled out with our rivals Cook, on the rugby field. A spirited Blues took to the field under the leadership of Mark Butler. Breath-taking play by 'Bazza' Small, Moffitt and Butler, with good running by Ed Heyting and Bob Quarrill gave us a fighting chance from the outset. However, our forward play was not tight enough, and a runaway try late in the second half sealed a victory for Cook, fourteen points to four.

A soccer match further into the term proved morale-boosting for Jervis—three points to nil. Always placed in jeopardy by good forward moves, the Flinders Tigers were unable to land the ball in the net. Nigel Perry should be commended for his fine effort scoring two of our three goals. Jervis, led by Mark Bonato, dominated the inter-divisional pistol shoot, where we secured two successive wins.

Executive Officer's rounds of accommodation areas found Jervis runners-up. Thanks go to Bill Gibson and Mark Bonato for getting our three dinghies into immaculate condition.

Term III of 1974 saw Jervis Division reign as Cock Division. Starting the term on a high note. Jervis 'walloped' Flinders on the Volleyball courts. Both the As and Bs had sound wins while the Cs lost to a better team.

The division maintained its form on the athletics field by taking the 'all-teams' event and the Winner's Trophy in the Athletics Carnival. With a fine band of open athletes, Jervis led from the start with at least one Jervis member in every event. We had numerous winners, including Lindsay Gee (Open Champion) with his fine sprints, John Rousseau, who won the Junior 100, 200 and 400 metre events, and the dynamic A relay team which took out all three races by large margins. Jervis capped a fine day with a win in the 'All-Hands' relay, the last lap being run by our Cadet Captain Keith Malpress.

Term III 1974 culminated in another win in the Cock Division competition—the second term running. Jervis looked forward once again to a further term relishing the perks as Cock Division.

New leaders in Lieutenant Marum, our Divisional Officer, Lieutenant Whymark, our Divisional Instructor Officer, and C.C. Dietrich saw Jervis into the new year. Our sporting zeal was again rewarded on the Australia Day holiday, when Jervis won the day's biggest event—the all hands relay on Captain's Beach.

For the third successive year, Jervis won the College swimming carnival. The carnival was won not by a few, but by many Jervis swimmers—the most successful of whom were Rowan Moffitt, Mike Galvin, Roy Furness, Marc Butler, Peter Campbell and Tony Atkinson. The Blues hope to maintain their form by taking out Cock Division for the third term in succession.

FLINDERS DIVISION



CADET CAPTAIN
McLENNAN (1975)



LIEUTENANT
D. I. DAVIDSON

Having won Cock Division in Term I 1974, our spirits were high for the beginning of second term. Despite this, we didn't have sufficient individual sportsmen to bring about winning scores.

Flinders won the interdivisional hockey where Cadet Midshipmen Stanfield and Pickerill were outstanding. In rugby, Flinders was very narrowly defeated by Phillip Division to gain an overall second place. Amongst our better players were Cadet Midshipmen Campbell, Yorke, and Pickerill. In soccer and Australian Rules we were less fortunate; Cadet Midshipmen Groenen, Pickerill, Stephenson and Wade will be remembered for performances in soccer and Cadets Shalders and Stanfield for their skill in Australian Rules. We performed extremely well in the boxing, with Cadet Midshipmen Campbell, Stephenson and Pickerill all becoming champions in their own weight divisions.

Flinders division won Captain's Rounds for second term and maintained a very high standard of marching at all times. To complete a very successful term, the annual RANC 'Jazz and Revue' took place, comprising many of the Flinders crew.

In the third term of 1974, most cadets had their heads down as this was the most important term of the academic year. Nevertheless, summer sports received an enthusiastic following. Flinders gained average placings in softball, volleyball, tennis and cricket; the shooting team managed a close second. Our athletics team could not contend with the other divisions, but several individual

stars kept the division well in the running. These were Cadet Midshipmen Johnston, Stephenson, Shalders, Bridges and Buck. In the inter-divisional sailing, Flinders did well over all; a few disqualifications prevented us from obtaining a first. Our best sailors were CMIDs Wade, Pickerill and Midshipman Hudson. One event which truly is a mark of a division's team spirit is the annual Creswell Cup. This event involves many diverse skills; from wheelbarrow racing, bike-riding and running, to swimming, sailing and canoeing. Flinders obtained a comfortable second place.

The division's strong spirit has been encouraged and maintained by various barbecues and 'get-togethers' under the leadership of our hard-working divisional officer, Lieutenant Mackinnon.

Flinders started off 1975 with a burning desire to win the Cock Division competition and repeat last year's success. With a new Divisional Officer, Lieutenant G. A. Wellham and Cadet Midshipman Shalders our newly promoted Divisional Cadet Captain, Flinders are all set for the terms ahead.

Flinders has this year been blessed with a very strong swimming team, CMIDs A. J. Garnock, McKeith, Holland and of the New Entry CMIDs Gallagher and Milward to name but a few. This strength was demonstrated at the Australia Day beach activities when we scooped the pool in the swimming events. The Annual Swimming Carnival at Nowra brought us a well-earned second place.

Basketball is very strong also, C.C. Shalders and CMID Groenen being particularly good. Outstanding in golf have been CMIDs Thomas and Tripovich while in tennis CMIDs Graetz, Stangret, Firth and Nairn have had many successes. In cricket, although Flinders has few of the First Eleven in its ranks we have played well—CMIDs Stephenson and Eversham being outstanding and the team spirit and co-operation excellent.

With a close second in Captain's Rounds and a stream of 'Goods' from the dais at Divisions, Flinders can look forward with confidence to the results of the Cock Division competition at the end of term.



FLINDERS DIVISION

BACK ROW: R. PHILLIPS; T. KILLOW; R. SHALDERS; D. WHITE; G. YORKE; M. TRIPOVICH; B. LITHGOW; S. BUCK; P. GRAETZ; D. GATEHOUSE; N. RICHARDS; G. CAMPBELL; S. TOLLENAAR; J. JOHNSTON; J. WADE; C. STANFIELD; A. SALMON.

FRONT ROW: G. BRIDGES; P. KONINGS; J. GOLDRICK; T. PIERCE; S. COPPENS; R. MILLER; D. PICKERILL; CADET-CAPTAIN P. DREW (1974); R. BOYCE; J. STEPHENSON; D. STEVENS; P. FIRTH; D. THOMAS; N. GROENEN; A. GARNOCK.

COOK DIVISION

BACK ROW: M. LAWRENCE; D. SNOW; G. TURNBULL; R. JONKER; W. GOBERT; N. KELLY; S. HAYES; D. FREW; I. LOGAN; K. GOVER; H. PERCIVAL; M. BENNETT; N. BRITTEN; M. KELLAM; N. PAJNIC; W. HAYNES;

FRONT ROW: M. McDONALD; M. HANCOCK; S. BROWN; A. QUINTON; A. DOWNS; P. SHIELDS; J. TURNER; CADET-CAPTAIN G. DEEGAN (1974); R. WHITE; G. DUNK; M. BURGESS; P. MARIEN; N. REED; D. THOMAS; P. MURRAY.



COOK DIVISION



CADET CAPTAIN
R. A. SHALDERS (1975)



LIEUTENANT
A. B. MACKINNON

Having suffered the humiliation of coming fourth place in the Cook Division stakes, Cook division had a certain incentive to fight their way off the bottom of the table. However, never having excelled in winter sports, Cook was faced with no mean task.

In true Cook spirit, however, the division proceeded to beat first Jervis in rugby and then Flinders in soccer. Unfortunately, these were to be Cook's only victories in these two sports for the term. The results for the division's Hockey team do not do justice to the courageous if not altogether skilful efforts of the team. Sporting results were: Soccer—one loss, one draw, and one win; Rugby—one win and two losses; Hockey—two losses and one draw. However it was in Australian Rules that the potential supremacy of Cook division was unveiled with the team being unbeaten in the term's competition.

Credit must go to the whole division for going down fighting but special mention must go to these sportsmen for their excellent efforts; Cupitt, Baxter, Pajnic, Burgess and Gover in soccer; C. C. Deegan, Marien, Gover and Frost in rugby; Hancock, Dunk and Murray in hockey; Quinton, Lawrence, Haynes and Kellam in Australian Rules.

Although not an inter-divisional contest, Cook did well in the boxing ring when Jonker retained his Middle Weight title for the second time, and Quinton not only beat all comers for the Welterweight title, but also took out the Shelley Cup for the best exponent of the art of Boxing. This is the second year that a Cook division member has won this trophy.

Despite the poor results of the sporting teams, Cook managed to total enough points from divisions, flashing, XO's and CO's rounds to push themselves one rung further up the ladder to third place on the Cook Division table.

The Summer sports showed once more the sportsmanship of Cook division members. In both cricket and volleyball, Cook division remained undefeated. Al Quinton proved himself a batting dynamo with two innings over thirty. In one innings he got 38 of Cook's total of 48 runs. Mick Bennett's bowling cut short many potential run sprees by other divisions, his best effort being 4 wickets in one over. Credit must also go to Marien and Kellam for their fine efforts.

In tennis we had to settle for second place being unable to beat the strong Jervis team, while in softball Cook managed only one victory. Two inter-divisional .22 shoots were held during the term, with Cook taking the honours in both. Best individual scores went to Steve Percival and Mick McDonald. The Derek Frew—Steve Hayes combination took first place in the final of the Gibson Shield sailing competition.

Coming second in athletics, Sunday Divisions, XO's and CO's rounds, Cook division looked a strong contender for Cook Division. However, due to mediocre performances in weekday divisions, Cook had to make do with second place on the Cook division competition.

From fourth, to third, to second, there was only one place Cook division could go, and with the resumption of activities in the new year, Cook division is poised to take out Cook division for term I. With our ranks swelled by fifteen new faces, fourteen new entry and our new Cadet Captain Bruce McLennan, previously of Phillip division, Cook's attitude from the outset has been one of unyielding determination.

The first major sporting fixture of the year was the Australia Day Activities on Captain's Beach. Cook went on to win 6 out of the 7 events to win the day in fine style. Since then Cook division has been unbeatable in Basketball and Cricket, and has lost only one tennis match. In basketball Rodgers continues to provide half Cook division's match points. Thanks to Logan and Pajnic, with aid from

Hancock and Burgess, the team continues to beat all contenders.

In cricket Mark Kellam has dominated the run scoring with able assistance from Quinton, Bennett and Haynes. Cook division's senior entry bowling hero Peter Watkins regularly takes three wickets per innings, his best tally being 6 wickets. Also taking valuable wickets are Brian Marien, Keith Gover and Martin De Vries.

More red victories occurred in athletics won, by 56 points, and CO's rounds. Although Cook division didn't win the Swim-

ming Championships this year, we once again took out the prestige event, the 'All-Hands' Relay. Cook division have never been noted for their sailors but races are being won by our Cadet Captain, Bruce McLennan, and Derek Frew.

It seems that if Cook Division can keep up its fine efforts in divisions this may be the term in which the Cook Division trophy returns to its rightful place.

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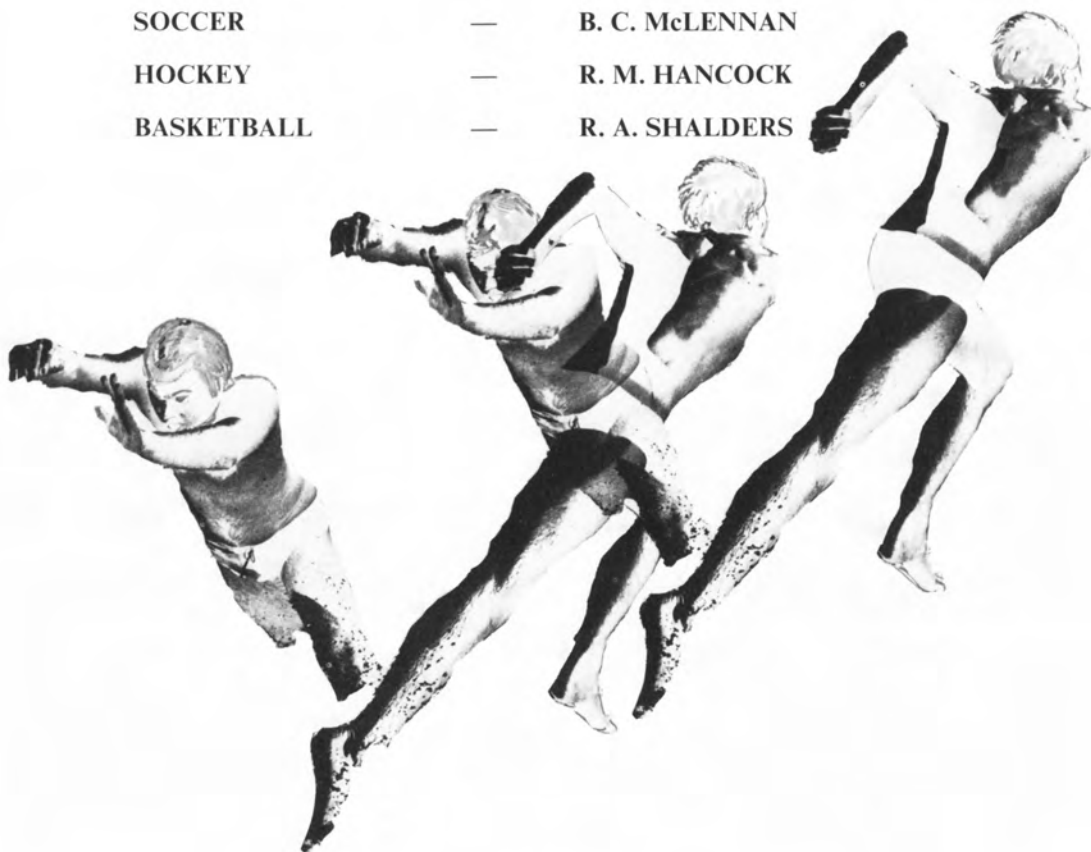
Cook Division awarded 'Cook Division' Term I—27 April 1975.



RANC SPORTS

Team Captains

SWIMMING	—	R. C. MOFFITT
ATHLETICS	—	S. J. HART
SAILING	—	R. J. JUDE
TENNIS	—	R. A. WARD
CRICKET	—	R. W. QUARRILL
RUGBY UNION	—	D. A. RENDELL
AUSTRALIAN RULES	—	R. A. SHALDERS
SOCCER	—	B. C. McLENNAN
HOCKEY	—	R. M. HANCOCK
BASKETBALL	—	R. A. SHALDERS



Australia Day Beach Sports



CMID N. K. RICHARDS



CMID S. G. BUCK



CMIDS M. J. GARTH (right), N. A. PERRY

CRICKET

The opening game of the 1974-75 season against the King's School, Parramatta, provided an insight into the style and performance the team was to show throughout the rest of the season. Tight bowling and aggressive batting by CMIDs Bob Quarrill and Alan Quinton respectively won the game for the College by 9 wickets.

The following matches, prior to the Christmas break, added to the list of successes, with 2 games being noteworthy. The first against James Ruse showed the ability of the team to play under the most adverse conditions. Playing on a field more resembling the cow paddocks of Barambah, the College got their opponents out for less than 50 runs. This tally was easily reached with the loss of only 2 wickets. The second match was a game with the Old Cranbrookians in which the firsts suffered their only defeat of the season.

The arrival of the 1975 New Entry more than compensated for the loss of John Tomp-

son, Chris Stanfield and Martin Rutherford. Despite excellent bowling by Peter Watkins in the first match of 1975 against Knox College (having 2 for 0 off his first over) there resulted a tight finish with both teams having scored 170 runs—Knox in 4 hours and RANC in 1½ hours with wickets in hand.

The remainder of the season saw the College compile an impressive tally of wins, with victories being recorded against St Edmund's, Canberra, and our arch rivals, Chevalier. Batting first against Chevalier the College mounted over 200 runs declared, with fine scores coming from Alan Quinton, Michael Bennett, Bob Quarrill and Nev Teague. Chevalier then crumbled under pressure bowling to collapse in both their innings, giving RANC an outright win.

Many thanks are given to Mr Ken Armstrong and Mr Rex Benson for the interest they showed in the team.

CRICKET

J. TOMPSON; B. SMALL; R. QUARRILL; N. TEAGUE; A. BRAENDLER; P. MURRAY; M. BENNETT;
P. MARIEN; J. DIERCKS; C. STANFIELD; J. JONES.





SWIMMING

BACK ROW: K. GOVER; A. GARNOCK; P. CAMPBELL; R. JONKER; D. GRIFFIN; P. GARDINER; P. ATKINSON.

CENTRE ROW: G. MILWARD; M. MCKEITH; R. MOFFITT; LIEUTENANT R. MARUM; G. JAMES; P. GALVIN; D. GALLAGHER.

FRONT ROW: L. KING; M. GARTH.

COLLEGE AND INTER-SERVICE SWIMMING

This year the RANC Swimming Carnival was held at the Nowra pool on the 6th February. Jervis division won the Carnival and also claimed both Senior and Junior Championships and the Runners-up in each. The Senior champion was CMID Moffitt and runner-up CMID Furness while the Junior champion was CMID Galvin for the second year running, with CMID Campbell runner-up also for the second time. The only record to be broken this year was the Junior 50m Breaststroke. The new record was set by CMID Gallagher.

An Inter-Service team was selected from the Carnival and CPOPTI Round assisted by

LSPTI Vaughan worked out the training schedule which was to bring us up to competition standard in a week.

Our flight to Melbourne for the Inter-service meeting was a smooth one. At the Rosebud pool our team spirit brought us through with flying colours. Although we only notched one individual first in the B 100m breaststroke (achieved by CMID Gallagher) we held down a comfortable second to RMC with strong competition coming from OCS third. Other individual performances of note were by CMIDs Campbell, Moffitt, Galvin and Garnock. After the Carnival there was a very enjoyable barbecue put on by Portsea.

ATHLETICS REPORT 1975

The start to the athletics season began with some dedicated pre-season training. The initial attempt to form a team was centred around a nucleus of Class I cadets. However, a team formed under the watchful eye of Mr Don Thompson. With only a short time before our first meet, the team, led by Captain

Simon Hart and Vice-Captain Karl Dorning, put in a lot of work to enable a good showing against Duntroon. It was therefore with somewhat of an optimistic attitude that we arrived at Duntroon. Some good performances were recorded for the College against superior teams from Duntroon and Canberra

Athletic Club. Keith Gover did well in the High Jump and Joel Stephenson in the Pole Vault.

More training and much help from Mr Thompson preceded our final workout before ISCAM. The 5-way meet on Saturday 9 March unfortunately was wet and only a few events were held. Again more training preceded the 22nd, and final eliminations produced a competent if not brilliant team.

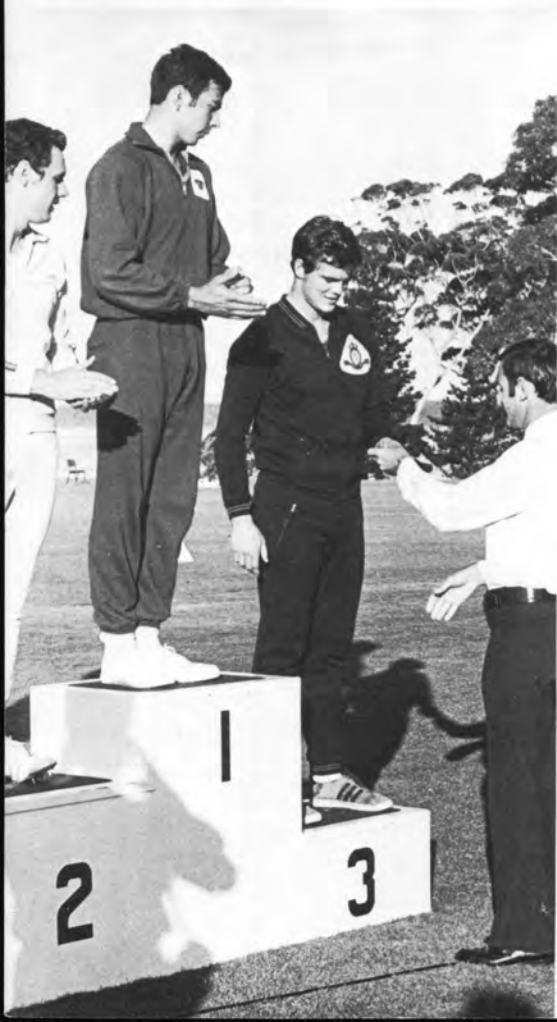
Beautiful weather, a good crowd of spectators and the splendour of the Navy Band heralded a good day's ISCAM meeting. Successive third places in the 100 metres, 110 metres hurdles, long jump and 800 metres kept the College in third place behind RMC and RAAFA. Although many more thirds and seconds were gained the College could do no better than hold this position. Special mention must be made of Derek Frew's second in the pole vault after our number one vaulter Joel Stephenson broke a limb earlier in the week. Keith Gover did well with a second

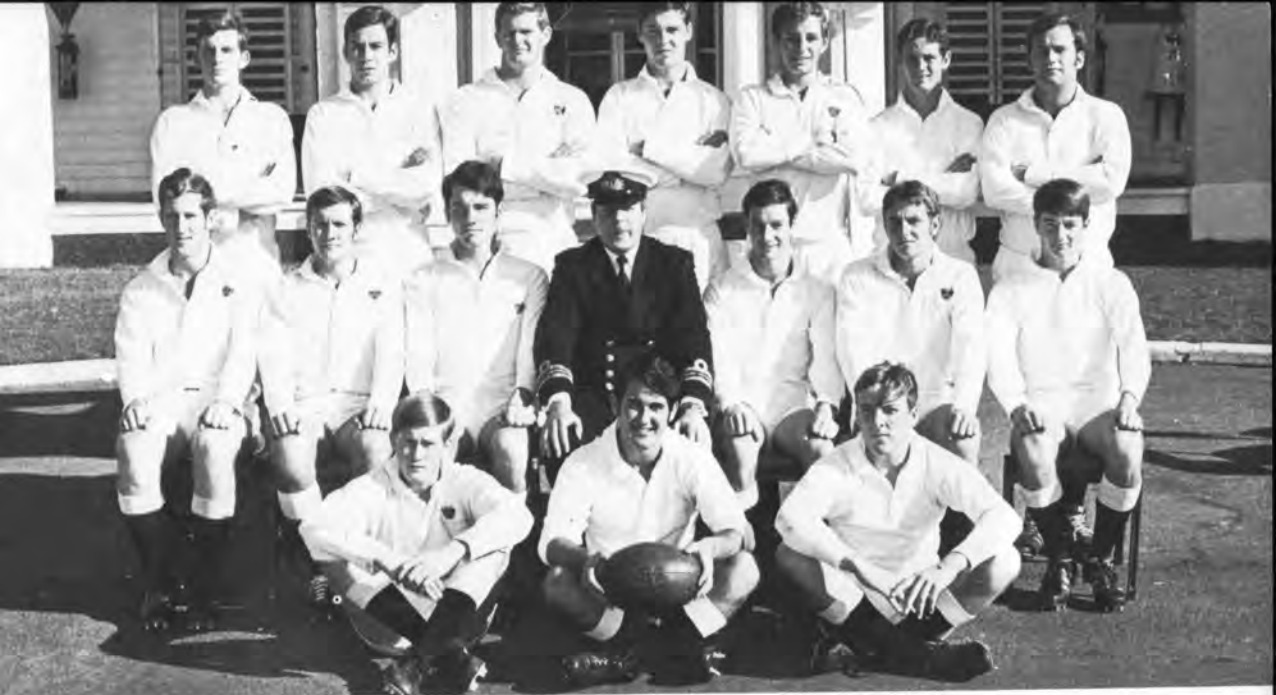
in the high jump. Undoubtedly the best performance of the day was that of the relay team comprising Tony Andrews, Simon Hart, John Rousseau and John Johnston who snatched the last gold medal of the day and the shield donated by the High Commissioner for New Zealand. We wish to thank Mr Don Thompson for his dedication during the season.

ISCAM Medal Winners

1st 4 x 100 Relay	Tony Andrews, Simon Hart, John Rousseau, John Johnston
2nd High Jump	Keith Gover
2nd Pole Vault	Derek Frew
2nd 200 Metre	John Johnston
3rd 100 Metre Hurdles	Simon Hart
3rd 100 metre	John Johnston
3rd 400 Metre	John Rousseau
3rd Long Jump	Karl Dorning
3rd 800 Metre	Denis Kilroy







RUGBY 1STS

BACK ROW: M. BENNETT; S. HART; G. CAMPBELL; D. SNOW; B. ROBINSON; B. WATKINS; S. PERCIVAL.

CENTRE ROW: D. RENDELL; R. MOFFITT; S. DIETRICH; LIEUTENANT-COMMANDER J. HOGG; A. OLDFIELD; M. HANCOCK; D. RODGERS.

FRONT ROW: S. STANGRET; S. BRAND; D. KELLY.

1974 1ST XV RUGBY

In the 1974 Rugby season, the RANC was reasonably successful. Sixty per cent of games played by the first XV were victories.

The season began on 16 March with the Mons Cup in which the First XV were defeated 15-10 by HMAS Penguin. Two other games were played in Term I against Cranbrook, which we won by 37 points to 6, and against St Patrick's, Goulburn, which we lost. Before playing St Pat's, Class II left for their cruise and a new team had to be formed.

Term II saw a new First XV which on 26 May defeated Scots College by 14 to 6. After having defeated Northmead High in the first round of the Waratah Shield the RANC advanced to the second round and played Chatswood High on June 6. In a very closely fought match, in which no tries were scored, the RANC lost 3 points to 0.

Other victories were recorded against James Ruse, St Joseph's and the Royal Military College. This last game was one of the season's highlights. In a very closely contested match the RANC won by 7 points to 6. This was a really good effort by the 1st XV against their arch rivals.

A number of cadets were awarded colours for rugby this year. Full colours were awarded to CMIDs Rendell, Dietrich and Pickerill and CMIDs Hart, Robinson and Bennett received half colours.

With the introduction of the new *Creswell* course which means Class II will remain at the College for an extra semester, the RANC is looking forward to a successful Rugby season in 1975 with our new coach LCDR Hogg.

SOCCER REPORT

The 1974 season was very busy for the RANC Soccer Club. A number of competitions were entered and also a few social games were played.

Team Captain, CMID Bruce McLennan, was awarded the Benson Bowl for 'the best exponent of soccer'. LCDR Elder and Mr Benson assisted as managers and selectors and

their experience, advice and support were most welcome. LCDR Gibson was player/coach and injected much enthusiasm into the side.

The team competed in the Shoalhaven Shire District competition and venues for these matches ranged from Shoalhaven Heads to Ulladulla. The season was disrupted by rain, and towards the end of the season a fixture pile-up resulted in 2 matches per weekend and a couple of mid-week matches as well. Unfortunately, at this stage of the season, 6 players were 'sidelined' as a result of various injuries. However, their substitutes acquitted themselves well. Most losses were only by the odd goal. The final position of the RANC team was fourth, with our old rivals HMAS *Albatross* first.

RANC also entered in the *Albatross-Nirimba* Cup competition which is an annual knock-out tournament held at HMAS *Nirimba*. Teams from various Naval establishments and ships participated. RANC easily won their first two matches but were drawn to play *Albatross*, the current holders of the Nirimba Cup. In a closely fought match they clinched a grand final spot with a last minute winner to defeat RANC by 2-1. The performance this year was very pleasing as never before has RANC come so close to the final and the experience gained from competing against the top teams in the Navy was beneficial to all.

Throughout the season a number of friendly matches were arranged. The Englishmen from HMS *Odin* defeated RANC 3-1 and their experience and team spirit made up more than adequately for their expected lack of match fitness. A team from HMAS *Torrens* brought the rain ashore with them but were

defeated 3-1 by RANC who handled wet conditions slightly better. A slightly one-sided match against Cranbrook High in Sydney yielded a 9-1 victory for RANC. We hope that soccer in these Sydney schools will continue to develop as has been the case at *Creswell*.

Towards the end of the season CMID Bruce McLennan and ABSTD Les Dunn were selected to represent the Navy in the Annual Inter-Service Matches in Sydney. After a week of hard training, Navy defeated Army and RAAF, 4-1 and 4-0 respectively.

Full colours for soccer were awarded to CMIDs Allen, Britton, and Small and half colours to CMIDs Groenen and Heyting.

Throughout the season a number of informal 'get-togethers' were held which contributed a great deal to team spirit. For these very enjoyable occasions we would like to thank Mrs Elder, Mrs Gibson and Mrs Benson. The enthusiasm of the supporters of the RANC soccer team gave team members a great boost. Captain Broben gave up his time to watch the team play at away-matches. CMDR Sullivan, Mr Benson and LCDR Elder often officiated as linesmen or referees on various occasions and CMDR Dickson's 'Come on, *Creswell*!' was heard booming all over the ground; it is amazing that he still had any voice left at the end of the season.

The 1975 Pre-Season knock-out tournament was hosted by RANC, which fielded two teams. The B team was eliminated by penalties after a 2-2 draw in their first round match. The 1st team reached the semi-finals but again just failed to score the vital goal. The A team beat Shoalhaven Heads by 3 goals to nil and a week later drew 2-2 with Shoalhaven United before being knocked out 2-0 by Bomaderry.

HOCKEY REPORT—1974

The 1974 hockey season proved quite eventful if not entirely rewarding. Again because of leave periods the team missed a few draws, and in forfeiting these games, failed to make the finals. *Albatross* won the competition but our team is consoled by the fact that we defeated *Albatross* a number of times.

The majority of the team was made up of the New Entry, the most expert being CMID John Tompson and CMID Chris Stanfield who both achieved full colours for hockey. CMID Max Hancock also achieved full

colours. Half-colours went to Luke Coleman and Adrian Wotton.

LCDR Mikosza and Leut Anderson played for the team throughout the season and LSCD Mikosza took a very active role as our coach.

The season was not without incident. The local competition being as it is, injury was not uncommon. In a game against the Mittagong Lions, CMID McDonald unfortunately lost four front teeth, which is an indication of the spirit with which the game is played.



SOCCER

BACK ROW: N. BRITTON; K. GOVER; N. PAJNIC; R. JONKER; G. JAMES.

FRONT ROW: D. MUSGROVE; B. SMALL; B. MCLENNAN; I. ALLEN; D. GALLAGHER.

HOCKEY

BACK ROW: T. ANDREWS; MR. W. WHITMORE; LIEUTENANT R. HACKER; LIEUTENANT-COMMANDER A. MIKOSZA; P. SMITH; D. THOMAS.

FRONT ROW: P. MURRAY; P. LESCHEN; A. WOTTON; J. ROUSSEAU; D. BLACKMORE; J. RITCHIE; D. BRENNAN.



AUSTRALIAN RULES 1974-75

After coasting home in the 1973 Grand Final, HMAS *Creswell* was looking forward to a good season with many New Entry cadets showing promise. The stars of the New Entry were C. Bates, M. Kellam, W. Haynes, N. Teague, R. Shalders and I. Laxton, although the mainstay of the team was essentially the ship's company and cadets of the previous year. The *Creswell* team, captained and coached by PTI T. Vaughan, was fit and always eager to play. Perhaps our strongest point on the field was the ruck strength of CMID M. Lawrence. The team suffered only one defeat in the entire season.

LCDR R. Walker, the team manager, gave great support to the team throughout the year both during matches and in the social events

which followed. CMDR Dickson also lent his support to the game. On the many occasions he came his cheering was widely apparent to all on the field.

Bomaderry continued to be the team that was a threat to *Creswell* throughout the year, until they were eliminated from the finals by Dapto. *Creswell* went on to the Grand Final, played during the September leave period, and with a tremendous team effort, won by a comfortable margin.

Some of the highlights of the year were: M. Lawrence representing *Creswell* in the SCAFL senior team and C. Bates and A. Quinton winning places in the junior team. In 1975 *Creswell* was promoted to A grade.

BASKETBALL

The second and third terms of 1974 saw the continuation of the Marlins' success story. There were no games against other colleges or schools during the second term and all the games were played as part of the Shoalhaven Basketball Association Competition.

During the second term the Marlins played in the B grade competition. However, following the patterns of previous years, examinations made inroads into the team and consequently a number of close-fought games were played towards the end of the term. Despite this, the Marlins made their way to the B grade finals. The team was at a disadvantage against older opponents and narrowly lost the game. CMID Pajnic was awarded half-colours at the end of the second term for his efforts.

With the return of the Promotion Class in the third term, MIDN Dare rejoined the team

as Captain/Coach. The team won most of its matches against schools and qualified for the finals of the A Reserve grade competition at Shoalhaven. However, due to the fact that the team would be unable to play because of Christmas leave, our semi-final game was forfeited. At the end of 1974, full colours were awarded to CMID Malpress and half colours to CMIDs Lawrence and Shalders.

The beginning of 1975 saw the strength of the Marlins somewhat depleted. However, this was compensated by the addition of two new entry cadets, CMIDs Rodgers and Marshall. Unfortunately the loss of CMID Lawrence at the beginning of the season, through a skiing accident, left a serious gap. To date the Marlins' record for the year has not been good but with a B team now in the local competition we look forward to reaching the finals.

BOXING

The College Boxing Championships were held on Tuesday 23 July 1974 in the gymnasium. Judging from the preliminary bouts the finals would be hard-fought contests. All bouts were well-fought but mention must be made of the bout between CMID Brace and CMID Atkinson. What these two gentlemen lacked in skill they most certainly made up for in courage and determination. CMID Quinton was

awarded the Shelley Cup for the best exponent of the art of boxing and CMID Robinson was awarded a cake for the best loser. The results were as follows—winners being mentioned first:

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| 1. Fly-weight | Stephenson J. P.
Turner G. | Flinders
Cook |
| 2. Bantam-weight | Brennan B.
Rutherford M. | Jervis
Jervis |



AUSTRALIAN RULES

BACK ROW: W. HAYNES; M. LAWRENCE; K. MALPRESS; M. KELLAM.

MIDDLE ROW: F. BEAUMONT; R. QUARRILL; I. LAXTON; H. FURNESS; N. TEAGUE.

FRONT ROW: R. SHALDERS; R. WARD; D. JENKINS; LIEUTENANT-COMMANDER R. WALKER;
T. VAUGHAN; A. QUINTON; L. ROSE.

BASKETBALL

BACK ROW: M. HANCOCK; D. RENDELL; N. PAJNIC; P. MARSHALL; D. RODGERS; A. QUINTON.

FRONT ROW: M. LAWRENCE; I. LOGAN; LIEUTENANT D. JENNINGS USN; R. SHALDERS;
N. GROENEN.



3. Feather-weight	Murray P. Boyce R.	Jervis
4. Light-weight	Pickerill D. Miller P.	Flinders Flinders
5. Light Welter-weight	Atkinson A. Brace R.	Jervis Jervis
6. Welter-weight	Quinton A. Thompson V.	Cook Phillip
7. Light Middle-weight	Richards N.	Flinders
8. Middle-weight	Jonker R. B. Robinson B.	Cook Phillip
9. Light Heavy-weight	Furness R. Moffitt R.	Jervis Jervis
10. Heavy-weight	Campbell G. Lawrence M.	Flinders Cook



CMIDS Stephenson and Turner

TENNIS REPORT 1974-75

Third term of 1974 opened with a few scheduled matches and the College team was successful in all but one of them.

The first matches against Knox and Chevalier showed the enthusiasm and determination of the team and convincing victories were obtained. Unfortunately some of our matches were cancelled. Our final match against Saint Patrick's, Goulburn, was played with great

spirit and will-to-win. After a long battle all four doubles were won by the College. The singles began after lunch in a tense atmosphere for this was our area of weakness. However the singles were drawn two-all, so the match was won.

Our thanks go to CDR Sullivan for his coaching and interest. High hopes are held for next season.

STANDING: D. GARNOCK; R. WARD; P. HARLOW; P. GRAETZ.

KNEELING: J. TURNER.



GOLF REPORT

Once again this year golf was very capably supported by Mr Nugent. His support, together with a growing interest in golf in the cadet body has led to the 1974-75 season being a virtual 'boom' year.

The season itself was a great success, climaxing in the 1974 annual College Championships. They were very closely contested with the Captain's Cup being won by CMID T. Cottam with a score of 83 off the stick from MIDN Keilar with 86. The Putter's Cup was won by CMID W. Haynes and the Longest Drive, on the 5th hole, was won easily by CMID B. Small.

Golf attained another honour in that, for the first time for many years, half-colours were awarded to CMID T. Cottam.

The introduction of inter-divisional golf has also proved to be a tremendous success, with every division continually fielding an enthusiastic team.

The future also holds much promise with CMID B. Ward being elected into the RANC Golf Club Committee. This appointment comes at a time when the golf club membership, from the cadet body, appears to be heading towards a new all-time high. Overall, golf has had one of its best years.

CRESWELL CUP—1974

The highlights of the divisional activities in 1974 was undoubtedly the Creswell Cup. It is unique to the College in its form.

The race started with a sprint across the quarterdeck, into the gym and up the ropes, and back across the quarterdeck through obstacles. Flinders were doing very well in the first few legs of the race with Phillip close behind. Then followed the sailing leg—possibly the most critical legs. Flinders proved too good with CMID Pickerill sailing to perfection.

Following the sailing leg there was a beach run to Green Patch. Phillip came into their own and snatched the chance to win. They kept their lead in bike riding and in an exciting finish they won the cup with a fine lap around the quarterdeck. Flinders followed close behind and then Cook followed by Jervis.

When Phillip competed in the inter-part-of ship Creswell Cup, they came second to the midshipmen.





CROSS COUNTRY

ABOVE LEFT TO RIGHT: G. TURNBULL; J. GOLDRICK; P. W. GILLIN; LCDR G. NOYES; G. P. WATERSON; D. C. LITTLEHALES; S. J. BROWN.

J1-J2 SPORTS

During the latter half of Term I a series of sporting events were held between J1 and J2. These included soccer, softball, table tennis, chess, draughts and debating. The first match held was table tennis in the J1 Gunroom, resulting in victory for J2 by 16 games to one. Next day J1 won a narrow victory in softball, 24-22. Later in the day J1 were defeated in both chess and draughts. The next event was the debate. The topic was 'That Plymouth Rock should have fallen on the Pilgrim Fathers'. J1's confidence was proven misplaced when J2 delivered an oratorical caning

thus giving Class J2 an overall victory.

Later in the term J2 challenged J1 to a soccer match. J1 were hot favourites, having many College players, but in the fifth minute J2 scored a goal from a corner leaving J1 in a state of disarray. However they recovered their senses in the latter part of the first half and scored three goals. In a tiring second half J2 held J1 scoreless and so the score remained unaltered at 3-1. The best players were Peter Murray, Brian Marien and Stephen Brown of J2 and D. Musgrove, D. Gallagher and C. Cooper of Class J1.

SEAMIDS SALTY SEAVIEWS OF THE SEVENTIES

Term II 1974 can be looked upon as the working term for sailing in the College. The 13 Bosun dinghies were moved to the boatshed where cadets began a vigorous clean up. Three dinghies were allotted to each division, and the odd one out went to the shipwrights, and thus began a keen competition between divisions and shipwrights to have the best boats. After a month's hard work, out of the clouds

of sawdust emerged 13 polished, varnished and painted Bosun dinghies.

On the keelboat side, the two Endeavours, *Callalas* and *Currarong*, were slipped, with CMIDs Rutherford and Bridges in charge. After much polishing, varnishing and painting these too emerged immaculate thanks to the many hours put in by a large number of cadets. *Franklin* in the meantime had changed

moorings for a refit to what was feared to be a permanent mooring at Garden Island.

Term III commenced with two Jervis Bay Cruising Yacht Club races, both of which became non-events due to heavy weather, and saw two Endeavour yachts battling strong winds and heavy seas back to Creswell. In late September, the RAN Sailing Association visited the College, and there followed two match races in Bosuns and Endeavours with the College running out eventual winners. This series saw the introduction of a trophy, donated by RANSA, consisting of a dinghy paddle. The College hopes to make this a permanent fixture in the Trophy Room. The College sailed a return match at Rushcutter's Bay, in which the cadets experienced extremes of weather. RANSA recovered their paddle.

Back at Creswell competition was keen in the Gibson Shield and Peter Sharp Trophy races. Phillip Division won the Gibson Shield, and CMID Bob Jude won the Peter Sharp Trophy.

With *Franklin's* grateful return to the College midway through the third term, interest revived amongst the more senior yachtsmen to work up a crew for the 1975 Sydney-Hobart. This interest paid off in first term 1975 when two cadets, CMIDs Rutherford and McLennan gained their inshore tickets in Franklin, and others advanced towards this goal.

Other events of the third term were the Foster Cup and sailing against RMC Duntroon in Canberra. At the time of writing, all Divisions were in a desperate battle for the Foster Cup, and at Duntroon the College team emerged victorious.

The future of sailing at RANC looks promising. Many new entry cadets show skill and the older cadets are improving all the time. Rumour has it that more 'Endeavours' may come our way—NOW MORE THAN EVER!



Prizes and Awards for 1974

As the year of 1974 drew towards its end, preparations were being made for the all important Promotion Parade. When the big day finally arrived there was much expectation as to who would win the various prizes and awards.

The Queen's Gold Medal was awarded to ex-chief cadet captain, Midshipman M. Hudson. This award is made annually to the



Midshipman of the graduating year who, during his period of training, exhibits the most exemplary conduct, performance of duty and good influence among his fellows.

The RANC Jubilee Memorial Sword, presented annually to the Midshipman who obtains the first place in examinations on completion of training in Her Majesty's Fleet, went to Midshipman P. A. Jones.

The prize presented from the Peter Mitchell Trust to the university graduate with the best results for examinations was awarded to ASLT P. J. Harrison. The remarkable achievement gained during his 3 years studying BSc was 1 high distinction, 8 distinctions and 11 credits out of 22 exams taken.

The New Zealand Naval Board prize, which is given as a token of their appreciation of the training facilities extended to New Zealand Midshipmen, is presented annually to the Midshipman who gains the highest marks in navigation. This was Midshipman W. F. Ruse.

The United States Naval Institute Prizes which includes honorary membership to the institute, were awarded to ASLT M. Hudson for 'topping' the *Creswell* course and to ASLT D. Michael for his success in 'Study of War'.

The Harrington Memorial Prize for extra-curricular activities went to Cadet Captain P. Drew RNZN.

The Otto Albert Memorial Prize for Seamanship was gained by Midshipman T. D. Hay. The Governor-General's Cup, presented to the Royal Australian Naval College in 1922 by the Right Honourable Lord Foster, then Governor-General, and awarded annually for the best individual performance at all sports during the year, was awarded to Cadet Midshipman A. M. Quinton.

The Eric Elton Mayo memorial prize for Dux of Class J2 was awarded to Midshipman G. S. Jackson RNZN.

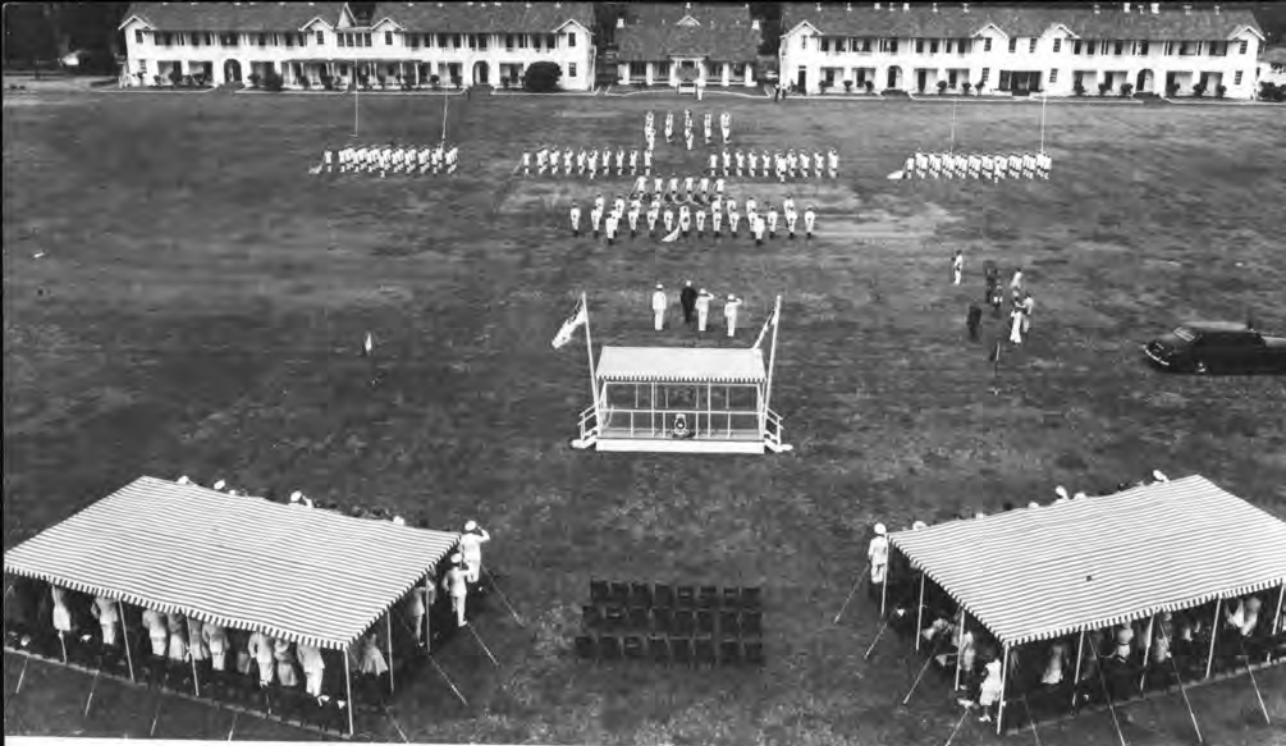
The following Naval Board prizes were also awarded.

Dux of Class J1, 1974 CMID P. Campbell
For 1974 HSC Results:-

Top in English	CMID A. Pearce
Top in History	CMID J. Rousseau
Top in Geography	CMID S. Hayes
Top in Mathematics	CMID S. Hart
Top in Science	CMID A. Wotton

CHIEF CADET CAPTAIN
GARNOCK





Promotion Parade 1974

The 1974 Promotion Parade was held on Thursday 5 December. Excellent weather prevailed, and the event proved to be a credit to the laborious organisation which was put into it.

Backed by the Royal Australian Navy Band of the Eastern Australian Area, the main parade ran smoothly. The cadet divisions formed the bulk of the parade, while the Promotion Class formed the guard.

Many senior Naval personnel were present at the College, as well as representatives from the other services. The Governor-General, Sir

John Kerr, presented the prizes and reviewed the march past. A capacity audience attended, most being relatives and friends of the promotion class Midshipmen. The news media were also well represented throughout the day.

Upon completion of the cadet's march-past, the twenty-five Midshipmen were promoted to the rank of Acting Sub-Lieutenant by His Excellency the Governor-General. The Promotion day was crowned that evening by a Beat Retreat, followed by the Promotion Ball.

1975 Visit of Indonesian Cadet Officers

For the second year in succession, on Saturday 15 February, a party of Indonesian cadets visited HMAS *Creswell*.

These cadets were selected from the senior year at AKABRI (the Indonesian Defence Forces Academy) for a tour of Australian Defence establishments and the group comprised Army, one Navy, one Air Force and one Police cadet.

Six cadets from Class J2 volunteered to act as hosts; one, Tony Cottam, spoke Indonesian. For the duration of their stay the Indonesians were well looked after. In spite of the relatively short time allowed in the Indonesians' schedule for RANC—less than 24 hours—exchanges of addresses, badges and especially cigarettes were rife. The only thing which spoilt the visit was the appalling

weather which had set in for the entire weekend.

On Sunday morning, LCDR Elder gave a lecture to the Indonesian cadets explaining the training system at RANC and this was received with much interest.

The visit concluded after lunch with an exchange of gifts between the respective cadet bodies—C.C. Robinson representing RANC, and with much camera-clicking by cadets of both countries.



Guest Speakers

17 July—FOCEA REAR ADMIRAL DOVERS

Australia has the finest sailors in the world.

These words were spoken by Rear Admiral W. J. Dovers who was guest lecturer at the Royal Australian Naval College on 17 July 1974. The Naval College has frequent talks by distinguished speakers and was honoured by Admiral and Mrs Dover's visit.

The Admiral held the audience of cadet-midshipmen enthralled for two hours whilst talking on the qualities he expected from naval officers. Among the long list of qualities he mentioned were: courage, ability to mix with people, professional knowledge, and ability to kepp up with ever-increasing technological changes. 'As many officers as possible should gain university degrees,' he stated. Perhaps the most important part of an officer's job was to care for the welfare of Australian sailors, who are 'without doubt the finest in the world'.

There is nobody else in Australia more qualified to speak on officer training or on the Naval College than Admiral Dovers. He was a cadet midshipman when only thirteen years old; he graduated from the Naval College and then later came back as a Year Officer. Later still he was Executive Officer and then became Commanding Officer, and as Flag Officer in Charge of East Australia Area has the the College under his command. His son is also a college graduate.

Creswell wishes Rear Admiral Dovers the best on his retirement from the RAN in 1975.



3 April—COMMANDER BERGER

On 3 April 1974 CMDR Berger gave the Cadets and Staff an enlightening talk on the present functions and roles of the RAN. CMDR Berger's talk was illustrated vividly by numerous slides and diagrams and made many of us cognisant of previously unknown information.

12 June—COMMANDER STEWART

CMDR Stewart gave an informative lecture on 12 June on the present construction and problems associated with nuclear submarines.

This particular field is very important to present day naval officers but surprisingly it is only very sketchily known. CMDR Stewart's lecture left all with a much broader knowledge of nuclear propulsion.

5 November—CAPTAIN G. VALLINGS RN

On 5 November we were honoured by the presence of Capt. G. Vallings R.N. Capt. Vallings had commanded the 3rd leg of the round the world yacht race from Sydney to Rio aboard the R.N. entrant. He acquainted the assembly with many important facets of ocean yacht racing. His slides gave an even more descriptive insight into the rigours and hardships of ocean racing.

COMMODORE ROBERTSON

Commodore Robertson gave a lecture on the strategic problems of Australia's defence. He stressed that basically the crux of self-defence was a nation's ability to control its territorial waters and protect its trade. He outlined the importance of Australia's outer islands and the policy of forward defence. Australia's position in a nuclear war was also discussed. A long question time followed.

18 September—COMMODORE J. D. GOBLE

Commodore J. D. Goble talked to the cadets about his father's around-Australia flight. CDRE Goble's description of many of the places that his father saw would amaze many of the residents of these towns as much of the northern and western parts of Australia had barely been occupied by Europeans. The lecture was entertaining and added some spice for our Australian History students.

24 October—PROFESSOR RATCLIFFE

The question that Professor Ratcliffe answered for many cadets was what science could do to help solve world problems. In his interesting and authoritative lecture Professor

Ratcliffe showed that science had much to do with the solving of world problems, but much depends on the masses accepting scientists' findings.

19 February—MR JIM HARDY

On Wednesday 19 February 1975 Mr Jim Hardy, the well-known America's Cup skipper, visited the college to give a guest lecture. Whilst he was here Mr Hardy could not refuse the offer to sail onboard *Franklin* for the afternoon period.

Later in the evening Mr Hardy, who is probably the best known skipper in Australia, told how he began sailing in a cadet dinghy. He also told how he graduated to become the number one skipper in the Australian challenges for the America Cup.

The 1974 challenge inevitably came up. Mr Hardy openly discussed the build-up to the series and the eventual defeat. He, like many others, felt that he was out sailed by a superior crew.

Future challenges were mentioned and Mr Hardy suggested that some time in the near future Australia will win the coveted trophy. He said that more internal competition will be the secret of an Australian success.

MR P. DYKES

The son of Doctor Dykes attended the College as a guest lecturer. He gave a lecture to the assembled cadets of the College about plastics and their wide versatility.

The marketing manager of a well-known plastics firm, Mr Dykes is quite an expert in this field. His lecture was quite technical in places but well spread with humour, and some quite astonishing facts emerged. Demonstrations of the use of plastics ranged from a plastic magnet to grills and interior decorations of Holden cars. Perhaps the most astonishing thing learnt from the lecture is the extent to which plastic is infiltrating the market.

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN NAVAL GLIDING ASSOCIATION

POST HSC INSTRUCTION COURSE

Lieut Crawley was in charge of seven J2 cadets who, at HMAS *Albatross*, learnt the fundamentals of gliding. The course was held over one week in November 1974. The cadets were first taught the fundamentals of flying and gliding. Such aspects as drag, elevators, trimtabs etc. had to be understood and mastered.

After the basics had been digested the cadets were allowed to balance the Kookaburra MK IV glider against the wind. They had their first flight the following day. The conditions were excellent and the flights went well.

The next day was not good for gliding as the wind had risen, but early in the morning there were one or two flights. The Marulan Bowling Club came to the rescue and offered its facilities to the cadets. The afternoon was then taken up with more lectures. For the rest of the week cadets were coached in aspects of flight control. They had to be able to handle and control such things as spinning and stalling.

On the final weekend CMIDs Burgess, Holland, Deeks, Garth and Latimer had progressed far enough to try for a solo certificate, which each obtained. The course was considered by the cadets to be extremely interesting and worth while.

FERRIES IN JERVIS BAY

In April 1975, Jervis Bay was graced by two unusual sights—Sydney Harbour ferries en route for Hobart. These ferries, the *Kosciusko* and the *Lady Jackson*, were sent down to provide a service across the Derwent River after the Tasman Bridge disaster. Although especially prepared for the voyage, both of the ferries sprang leaks in foul weather and had to put into Jervis Bay. *Kosciusko*, towed by the tug *Sydney Cove* put in on 19 April for two days and *Lady Jackson* under the tow of *Tarpan* arrived on the 25th and stayed until 29 April. The Marine Section supplied a ferry service for crew and supplies.

Ships In The Bay

Grey shapes emerge from as grey mists
They meld, emerge and meld once more
With the salten, ever moving air
That feels oily to the face, and raw.

Knife-like prows cut through the fog
Ripping through the shreds like vines
That cling to the gardener's shears
And fall, abandoned, to the ground.

See them—one, two, three—spring forth,
Push away the thick grey folds
And come into the clear, bright ring
That encompasses the bay.

Up go the flags in every ship.
Down then, and now the anchors fall,
The splash and rattle float across
And mingle with a hundred voices.

And there they lie, three sleek, grey ships
With four times two hundred men
Who live, laugh, play and work in them
And prepare themselves to fight.

Stand and hear the sounds of life
Drift quietly from these three ships
It lights them up like beacons
In these hushed and deadened waters.

JAMES GOLDRICK

CHESS COMPETITION

A knock-out chess competition was arranged in 1975 with the support of Lieutenant Whymark. The whole of *Creswell* was invited to participate and sixty-four people entered. The first few rounds went slowly with the thirty-two losers of the first round proceeding to a wooden spoon competition. Much to our disappointment Class II competitors had to leave for sea training at the end of first term. The competition was close in the semi-final matches: both matches were drawn with LCDR Crago playing CMID Shields and CMID Kelly playing CMID Goldrick. The winners of these games will meet in the grand final.

On the completion of the competition a social *Creswell* chess ladder is to be established and teams will be entered in the Nowra competition.

Chapel Notes

CHAPEL OF SAINT GEORGE ON THE BAY

In a day in which the armed forces, and those who serve in them, frequently come in for criticism it is right that we remember our heritage and the part the navy has played in preserving it.

The words over the main entrance to the Royal Naval College at Dartmouth—'It is on the navy, under the good providence of God, that our wealth, prosperity and peace do principally depend'—remind us that we have absorbed so much of Christian thinking in our traditions, customs and conduct that we owe a great debt of gratitude to a long line of Christian leaders in the navy, some well known and many more who are nameless to us.

We need also to be reminded that nowhere in Scripture, and particularly in the teaching of our Lord, is there a single word against the profession of arms. Indeed, some of Scripture's highest commendations are given to serving men. It was of the Roman centurion whose servant was paralysed that Jesus said 'With no one in Israel have I found such faith.' It was in the house of the centurion of Caesarea, that 'devout man who feared God' that the Holy Spirit was first given to the non-Jewish people.

Service in the navy is not in any way inconsistent with Christian belief. What matters is how military strength is used. Officers are responsible for the use of the power vested in them, and have an inescapable responsibility for the moral as well as the physical welfare of their subordinates.

With this in mind the Chapel and its associated activities exist to remind and inform young men under training of their accountability to Him who said 'All power is given to me in heaven and on earth.' It stresses that religion must play an integral part in the daily life and work of a naval officer, shaping his attitudes, guiding his actions and reminding him that without firm spiritual foundations, and this is well provided for by a true faith in Christ, the fighting man is dangerously exposed to the temptation of lack of humanity, misdirection of purpose and abuse of power.

CHAPEL OF OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA

Today's Christian has a challenge to give himself to his brethren in genuine love. Our culture, while paying lip-service to togetherness, tends to isolate persons from one another by arousing distrust of society itself, by driving wedges between groups, and by encouraging the attitude that it is more blessed to get than to give. To this the Christian is called to give the lie.

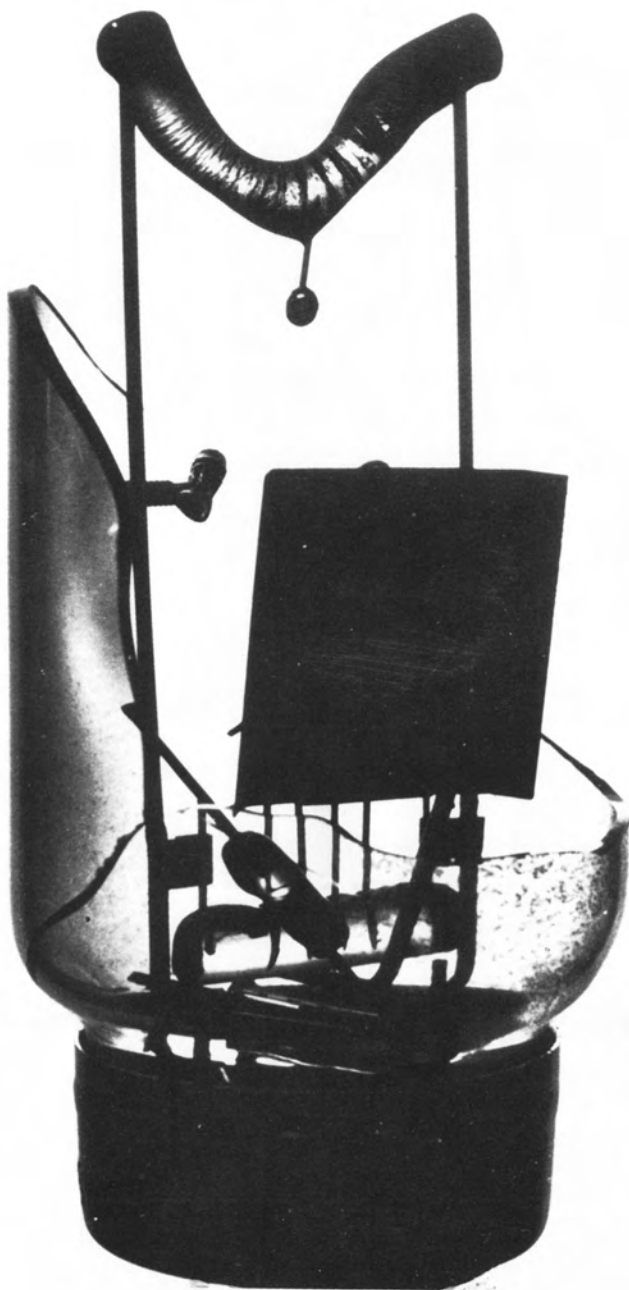
It would appear that especially among younger people there is a tendency to question whether society has anything at all basically to contribute to their well-being. This is partly due to disillusionment. In youthful intellectuals it has probably rubbed off on them from the deep-seated scepticism inhabiting our higher centres of learning, casting doubt on all absolutes, including the right to exercise authority at all. A by-product of the movement against authority is naturally to set up a wall of suspicion between the older and the younger generation. This is often heightened by adult incomprehension of the mentality of young folk who are growing up in an excitingly and frighteningly new world.

Our disintegrating society desperately needs a source of unity and strength, a conviction of the solidity, worthwhileness and meaning of life. We can get this only by going right back to the fountainhead of our very being—which is God's generous creative love. He has given us the marvellous privilege of existing as persons, as beings capable of understanding and loving one another for His sake. We achieve our own selfhood as persons only when we have managed to forget ourselves and lose ourselves in giving.

There is an enormous potential of decency, normality, generosity, holiness in each of us. God has seen to that. We must take the initiative and resist the sinister pressures which are trying to seduce us, and especially the young, from normal, decent patterns of living—that is, from growing straight and true towards the image of Himself that God had in mind when he created each one of us and called us by our own name. We can all find the strength we need in a vibrant, living Faith.

'This is my commandment: Love one another, as I have loved you.' (Jn. 15:12)

Art Section



Contemplation

I sit here
Within a clustered universe,
Endless projections, soft but sharp, cut into my mind.
Shall I lift the levee
And cleanse the nodules of confusion,
From the moss-covered walls of the steel,
In which I reside.
Or bend the bow
Which will direct thoughts through a mist,
Covered valley, dissolved with thick and repulsive scrub
As if to enter the sun and radiate
From within or rot in the dungeons
Of foul odour being emitted
From the dry corpuscles of a scrawny crow.
I wonder?

Morning Watch

The stars shine bright in the heavens above
As a seafarer thinks of his life, and his loves
And his thoughts stray away to other long nights
He's spent looking up at those cold, astral lights
And he thinks of the others with whom he has shared
His thoughts, and his love, and for whom he has cared
And he wishes, a little, that one day he'd be
Able to share with another, the sea.
And then he looks out, over sea to the land
And wishes, a little, to hold her soft hand
And share, in his own, clumsy, faltering way
The beauty he sees in this time of the day
And the wonder he feels in the life that he lives
And the peace and contentment that sharing it gives
And then comes the dawn, and the light of the sun
Spreads through the sky, and reminds him that one,
Not two people stand in this quiet, lonely place;
That the visions he's had were just dreams of her face
But he wishes, a little, as begins the day's task
That of the God that he loves, it's not too much to ask
To share, in his own clumsy, faltering way
The peace that he feels, at the dawn of the day.

P. DREW

The Thin Red Line

There's a thin red line
'Twixt the sane and the mad,
And some on this line do walk.
When bullets fly,
and the wounded cry,
And our minds do this violence baulk.

There's a dull red glow
On the mountain top,
Or perhaps its the blood from his face;
As he wends his way,
Neither sad nor gay,
Into the Hellish race.

His friends drop down
To his right and his left,
Yet to him fly not bullets nor shell.
And he feels no loss,
As he bears the cross,
Into the battle's Hell.

And soon he is there
On the mountain side,
But bullets not fired has he;
He turns to his right,
To continue the fight,
'gainst a sightless enemy.

Neither brave nor afraid
Neither scared,—but prepared
To do but what he is told,
A disease ridden trench,
Makes his worn body wretch,
Whilst he shakes in the damp and the cold.

And soon it is time
To move on again,
Into a bloody death;
His rifle held high,
Beneath the dark sky,
He draws a silent breath.

And when it came
It surprised him not,
For it was meant to be;
That he should die,
Beneath the sky,
On that Hill o'er looking the sea.

There's a fire in his chest,
And a pain in his gut,
And blinding white light in his mind.
And a Soldier died,
On that mountain side,
Having walked the thin red line.

S. C. BRAND

Looming ever present like the ageing tower
The midnight hour draws nigh
Bodiless souls roam, living souls cower
A ghoul drifts past the evil stench of death
close by

Moaning and chattering of teeth
Ancient blood flows from the foul things
On graves, they rise from beneath
The midnight bell from the tower rings
A rising tumult of fiendish song
Echoes and scares even the wind along
Come moon from your clouded cover
Cast as misty light on some moulding lover
Who soon will perish when the sun is new
To live again, . . . as you will die too

A. HOLLAND
11 July 1974

Tess

—Dedicated to Therese O'Rourke

I found my Self on a doorstep.
It was night
With the hurt of lost love
And the dark.

I had realised what I had needed,
It was dawning,
With a close warm friendship
Came the light.
I found me when I kissed you
On your doorstep
Good-night.
Your heart was warm
And now my head is free.
I found me clinging
To one passed memory,
Now friendship; love
I am free.

1973-1974
A. HOLLAND

(Ed. Note: This poem won the College competition. Unfortunately, Mr Holland left the College before receiving the prize.)

Inerrancy

She wallows there,
A lonely vigil of life eternal.
Her sides streaked rust
And her power missing
She lies there rotting.

This lonely heart;
This tired heart;
Left to rot, left to die.
Amidst her ancient enemy
Harshly cold and cruel
Reluctant in its quest
For her destruction.

Yet, this malignant lapping
Brings back to her
In resurgent waves,
The glory of her past
Knifing through the pounding swell,
With dauntless strength and courage,
She flashed her anger
Towards that other enemy.

Oblivious to the steel hail
That rained upon her decks,
Her bows swinging round towards the foe
Clawing at that enemy.
From her guts she belched
Her fingers of bloody destruction
Their silent foaming tracks
Ending in violent eruptions.

But now, alone she rides
Upon the gentle swell,
Her violent life behind.
She faces this slower death
With a gallant pride,
Born from years of courage.

MIKE BENNETT

Personality, Sensitivity, and physical feeling
Every aspect of the mind,
the soul,
the body,
Is subject to intensive,
And often violent
Punishment and reward.
Exhausted and elated;
Never feeling bored.
Forever on your duty;
Never standing still.

Privacy is imperative;
But often never found.
Ever working with others;
Always on your own.
Responsible to everyone,
But mainly to yourself.
Frustrated and incensed,
But more often feeling proud
Just to be,
A sailor.

S. C. BRAND

COLLEGE PLAYS

Towards the end of Second Term 1974 two plays were produced, *The Dumb Waiter* by Harold Pinter and *The Three Knaves of Normandie*, an anonymous medieval farce.

The Dumb Waiter, starring Michael Bennett as Gus and Mark Bresman as Ben, is an existentialist play whose setting, a room, represented a microcosm of life where the threatening, menacing environment, the unknown, is ever-present in the interplay between the two characters. The dumb waiter itself becomes the source of this authoritarian menace and the play ends with the dumb waiter giving orders that result in the death of Gus.

The Three Knaves of Normandie's cast

included Robert Brace, Wayne Gobart, Tony Atkinson, Steve Brown, David Stevens and David Littlehales. The play provided much entertainment to the audience who were not accustomed to seeing Wayne Gobart as a crafty wife and Steve Brown as a human lamb. Awards were made by Mrs Broben to Michael Bennett for best actor, Robert Brace for runner-up best actor and Wayne Gobart for best supporting actor for his portrayal of Jeannette.

We thank Lieutenant Commander P. Lancaster and Lieutenant F. Quakernaat for their direction and assistance, as well as all those backstage who assisted with the props, lighting and building of the scenery.

1974 JAZZ AND REVUE

On 21 August the Cadets at the RANC put on a gala night of entertainment in the form of the 1974 Jazz and Revue. The Revue was based on the theme 'Creswellot', taken from the musical of a similar name.

The audience was treated to a wide range of entertainment including a bagpipe solo, a number of humorous sketches and a great deal of musical variety. One of the more unusual and zany skits was the performance of CMIDs Dave Snow (in full view) and Steve Percival (the hands) in the recital of the

'Village Smithy'. The recital was illustrated throughout by the delicate hand movements of Steve Percival, which quite delighted the audience.

A more serious segment was the performance of CMID Luke Coleman, who sang two brackets of three songs to his own accompaniment.

The night proved to be a highly successful evening of entertainment, and credit must go to CMID Pete Drew who organised the Revue and to the cast and backstage helpers.



