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### CAPTAIN R. M. BAIRD RAN

Captain Baird assumed command of the Royal Australian Naval College on 6 December 1976.

Born in Geelong, Victoria he joined the RAN in January 1948 as a cadet midshipman when the College was located at Flinders Naval Depot. Under training from 1952 to 1955 in HM ships *Devonshire*, *Maidstone*, and HMA ships *Vengeance*, *Australia*, *Condamine* and *Anzac*, he became, as a Lieutenant, a watchkeeping officer in HM Yacht *Britannia*.

In the 1956 tour was included the visit to the Western Isles of Her Majesty, the visit to East Africa of Her Royal Highness Princess Margaret and the visit to Australia of His Royal Highness Prince Philip to open the Olympic Games. As part of the International Geophysical Year, His Royal Highness continued in *Britannia* to New Zealand and Antarctica and included visits to several of the Falkland Island survey bases. His Royal Highness then visited several islands in the South Atlantic before disembarking in Gibraltar. A state visit by Her Majesty The Queen to Portugal was the final visit made by *Britannia* before Lieutenant Baird sadly left her at Portsmouth early in 1957.

He then became the Navigating Officer of HMAS *Warramunga* in Australia and the Far East and in January 1958 became a Divisional Officer at the College on its return to Jervis Bay.

On his return to the UK in 1960 to HMS *Mercury* his future specialisation as a Communications Officer was determined. In 1961 he was encouraged to apply the knowledge he had gained at *Mercury* by a posting to HMS *Teazer* then HMS *Whirlwind* as the Squadron Communications Officer, Second Frigate Squadron.

After three more years in Australia as Flag Lieutenant and Assistant Fleet Communications Officer in HMAS *Melbourne*, First Lieutenant of HMAS *Yarra* and a planner in a major SEATO exercise, he went back to the UK on the Staff of the Australian Naval Representative, United Kingdom in 1965-66. Since 1967 posts have included Fleet Communications Officer, Deputy Director and Director of Communications, Command of HMAS *Yarra* and a member of the Joint Staff in the Department of Defence. A graduate of the Joint Services Staff College Canberra, he served on the staff of the Air Officer Commanding Operational Command who was Exercise Director for Kangaroo Two.

Captain Baird and his wife have two school-age boys, Angus and Hugh, and an infant daughter, all of whom are revelling in the environment at JB.

### CAPTAIN D. J. McKEEGAN RAN

Captain McKeegan came from North Queensland via sundry schools and towns to graduate in science from the University of Sydney in 1954.

Since finishing various courses after joining the Navy in 1955, he has served time in the 'L' School at *Cerberus*, the TAS School at *Watson*, and on HMA ships *Queenborough* and *Anzac*.

He spent 1960-61 at Navy Office, primarily supervising the academic activities of the RAN undergraduates at the University of



Melbourne. There followed, after the brief interlude on HMAS *Anzac*, a very pleasant and rewarding exchange period at HMS *Thunderer*, which was followed by a posting to RANC in 1964.

In 1969 he became the guide and mentor of the first group of RANC undergraduates to attend the University of New South Wales. After eight years of satisfying work he was finally winkled out of the School of Mathematics and posted back to RANC as Director of Studies, taking up the post on 15 February 1977.

He is married with two teenage sons who enjoy the weekend retreat on the shores of JB.

### **COMMANDER J. YATES RAN AN AVERAGE NAVAL CAREER**

1951-54 RANC  
1954-55 HMS *Triumph*  
1955-56 Commissioned HMAS *Melbourne* (Midshipman)  
1957 HMAS *Tobruk* ASLT  
1957-59 Sub-Lieutenants Courses in UK  
1959 HMAS *Warramunga* (W/K certificate)  
1959-60 Commissioned HMAS *Barcoo* (LEUT)  
1960-62 Command Sports and Pest Control Officer  
1962-63 Commissioned HMAS *Curlew*  
1963-64 HMAS *Sydney* (Fleet Sports Officer)  
1964-66 HMAS *Duchess*  
1966-68 BRNC *Dartmouth* (Divisional Officer)  
1968-70 HMAS *Queenborough* (Executive Officer)  
1970-71 HMAS *Aitape* (Commanding Officer)  
1971 Promoted Commander  
1972-73 JSSC Canberra and Navy Office  
1973-75 Commissioned HMAS *Cairns*  
1975-76 HMAS *Stalwart* (Executive Officer)  
1977 HMAS *Creswell* (Executive Officer)  
Married 1964 with family consisting of Susie, four children, two dogs and one cat.



### **RANC FAREWELLS DR EWART DYKES**

Forty-three years naval service ended on 14 February with the retirement of Henry Ewart Dykes, PhD, BSc CEng, FIMechE(psc) as Director of Studies, Royal Australian Naval College.

Ewart Dykes joined the Royal Navy as an Instructor Officer in 1934 after graduating from Leeds University. Almost immediately he came into contact with the RAN when serving in HMS *Ajax*, a cruiser in the First Cruiser Squadron — HMAS *Australia* was also a member of the Squadron. During his term in *Ajax*, Lieutenant Dykes was a member of the action plot team, as well as being responsible for teaching navigation and mathematics to midshipmen.

The outbreak of World War II found Lieutenant Dykes in HMS *Nelson*, the flagship of Commander-in-Chief, Home Fleet where he ran C-in-C's action plot, advised him on meteorological matters and instructed up to twenty midshipmen. When *Nelson* had been immobilised by a magnetic mine, C-in-C transferred to HMS *Rodney*. Lieutenant-Commander Dykes was soon posted from *Rodney* to the

Naval Engineering College, Manadon before returning to sea in the carrier *Implacable*. He ended the war in *Rodney*. Upon promotion to Commander, appointments to staff Flag Officer (Air) (1946-47), the Admiralty (1951), and RN Staff College (1952) followed. During the period 1945-1952 Commander Dykes spent another period at Manadon.

In 1953 the newly promoted Captain Dykes was loaned to the RAN and appointed as Director of Educational and Vocational Training (a title soon changed to Director of Naval Education Service). Captain Dykes returned to England in 1958 and was appointed Deputy Director Naval Education Service (1958-1960) and then Dean RN Engineering College, Manadon (1960-1964). During 1963 and 1964 Captain Dykes was the Naval ADC to Her Majesty The Queen.

Captain Dykes retired from the Royal Navy in 1964 and was immediately appointed to RANC as Director of Studies.

On 11 February Dr Dykes was guest of honour at a farewell dinner held in the Wardroom at RANC. This dinner brought together a large number of serving officers who have worked with Dr Dykes.

Dr Dykes and his wife Simmi plan to retire to Vincentia on Jervis Bay.

## *Passing Out Parade*

Members of the passing out class have spent from two-and-a-half to four years ashore and at sea training to join the ranks of more than 1500 RAN officers who have passed through the College in its sixty-four years of operation.

Reviewing the passing out parade, Sir John Kerr presented the class with Passing Out Certificates and presented the College's major prizes. The prize giving was the highlight of this year's parade for two reasons: firstly, one midshipman won all three prizes that are awarded annually to members of the passing out class and, secondly, the Governor-General's Cup, presented to the College's top sportsman, was awarded to the same cadet who had won it last year.

Midshipman Guy James, 20, of Bomaderry, was awarded the Otto Albert Memorial Prize for Seamanship, the Royal New Zealand Navy prize for Navigation and the Queen's Gold Cup which is presented annually to the best all round member of the passing out class. It is a unique distinction for one midshipman to be awarded all three prizes.

The Governor-General's Cup has been awarded annually since 1922 for the best individual performance at all sports during the year. This year the Cup went to Cadet Midshipman Ralph Marshall, 18, of Townsville. Ralph was also awarded the Cup last year.

Thirteen of the class will join units of the Australian Fleet to further their training. Three of the midshipmen, Guy James, Robert Richards, of Kingston SA, and Paul Smith of Scarborough WA, will join units of the United States Fleet stationed in the Philippines.

The parade was watched by the Chief of the Defence Forces Staff, General A. L. MacDonald, the Chief of Naval Staff, Vice-Admiral A. M. Synnot, other senior Defence Force officers, representatives of the Diplomatic services, local parliamentarians, parents and friends of the passing out class and three members of the 1927 RANC passing out class. The completion of the passing out parade was marked by an impressive flypast by aircraft from the Naval Air Station at Nowra.





### *Captain's Address, Passing Out Parade*

Your Excellency, Excellencies, Chief of Defence Force Staff, Chief of Staff, distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen: welcome to the Royal Australian Naval College.

Your Excellency, we are honoured that you are reviewing this passing out parade as the Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief. Your continued interest in the young men who will head tomorrow's Navy and the example you set us, is a source of inspiration to us all and is in large measure responsible for the maintenance of the standards of loyalty, courage and duty, which we seek to promote.

It is a matter of continuing pride also that there should be so many people here whose deep and abiding interest in the young gentlemen is so encouraging. Among those present is one who passed out of this Naval College as a seventeen-year-old, fifty years ago. We particularly welcome you to your alma mater, not only because of the efforts you have made to be with us, but because the example you set means much to these young

men. I suppose there is a wealth of understatement in the history of the college which records drily that 'The Quarterdeck or playing fields was built up on a series of sand dunes, a great deal of filling material being carted from nearby rises' — one imagines that the great deal of material was the result of a great deal of cadet power being used. When I tell you that the passing out class of fifty years ago produced two admirals and many who served with distinction for over twenty years, you may agree that Jervis Bay provides a healthy introduction to naval life.

This college seeks to provide an introduction to naval life, to provide a sound and balanced education and to develop those qualities which encourage the activity of leadership.

I am very glad that so many parents from all over the country have been able to attend. The support you have given your sons is directly responsible for their success and you may justifiably share their pride today.

The College has developed over the years and the courses now undertaken here are

markedly different from those offered even a dozen years ago. The style of training has altered too, to reflect the changing needs of those whom these young men will lead. To equip them to meet the challenges of the future we sometimes need to examine accepted practice so that we increase the emphasis on that which remains relevant and decrease it on that which is not.

We have three colleges in one here in that we have three distinct groups of officers under training whose careers merge as they progress. This requires us to have three school terms upon which are superimposed two university semesters. The first group is made up of young men who do the last two years of their secondary education — the so-called Junior Entry. These people enter from all over Australia, and in addition we train young men from New Zealand. All sit the Higher School Certificate at the end of their second year here.

In addition to these cadets, we have people who have acquired their Higher School Certificate elsewhere — at schools all over Australia — and who are now undertaking degree courses in engineering, science, arts or surveying.

Following an association begun in 1967 between the University of New South Wales and the Royal Australian Naval College, the first year of the Electrical and Mechanical Engineering and Science degrees is done here at Jervis Bay, the remaining years being undertaken at the University. The whole of the Arts and Survey degrees is done at the University. Some officers attend the University and live at HMAS *Watson* in Sydney, while those further on in their degree studies live at the University colleges or in privately arranged accommodation. The management of this group relies heavily on liaison with HMAS *Watson* and with the University. We are very fortunate to have people who foster the interests of our young men at both places and I am delighted to see the principals of the scheme here today.

The third stream which we have here consists of officers undertaking the Creswell Course. This provides tertiary education for officers who do not study for a degree, and

because of the timing of this five session course results in the passing out parade you have witnessed today.

You will have noticed in your programs that another group of young men expect to complete their degree studies at the end of the year. Following the successful completion of their final year they will move on to the Fleet for the next part of their training.

Professional training is carried out throughout all courses; firstly, to develop the qualities required in an officer and, secondly, to provide sufficient knowledge, background experience and practical competence to enable officers to go forward to the next stage of their training.

In quantitative terms we have at present 130 officers under training here and another seventy-four in various stages of degree training at Kensington. So you will see that those midshipmen passing out today represent a much larger number of officers under training not all of whom could be present.

The next stage in the development of the Naval College begins in early August when Supplementary List and direct entry officers will come to Jervis Bay for their training. This training is at present done with other training at HMAS *Cerberus* in Victoria. This is a logical development and will facilitate establishment of this College's future role after the Australian Defence Force Academy becomes a reality. It will also offer advantages in a more positive control of common training standards, and it will improve the efficiency of using instructional resources. There will also be much benefit in conducting officer training in an establishment directed primarily to this task. Above all it will reinforce the important naval characteristic that officers are all one company.

In conclusion I would add that all these officers, whatever their form of entry and irrespective of the courses they have undertaken, are first and foremost naval officers. They have volunteered to serve their country and as they progress through the officer development process they can look forward to a career which is at once full of challenge, satisfaction and enjoyment.

## VALETE CLASS III

**MARK BLACKMORE** NSW SE 1975  
Class II wine caterer, Cook division, selected for Supply branch, commenced BE(L) studies 1975. Half-Colours for hockey.

**WILLIAM EVERSHAM** Townsville QLD SE 1975

Assistant editor of past magazines, selected for Executive branch, commenced BE(M) 1975. Flinders division, *Callala* was demasted in his presence, College revues.

**DEREK FREW** Berkeley NSW JE 1973  
Cadet Captain Flinders division, Executive branch. Full Colours for hockey, sailing and Half-Colours athletics. Often called 'The Fireman' or 'The Frewhrer', an aggressive hockey goalie.

**MATTHEW GARTH** Brisbane QLD JE 1973

Basil gained Full Colours for sailing. Executive branch specialisation. Jervis division. Plays at the trumpet.

**STEPHEN HAYES** St Georges Basin NSW JE 1973

Cook division. Prize for HSC geography, Seaman specialisation, commenced BSc 1975, Half Colours for sailing.

**GUY JAMES** Nowra NSW SE 1975  
Chief Cadet Captain, then Chief Midshipman, Dux of Class IC and IIC, Full Colours for soccer and swimming, Seaman specialisation, Flinders division, supports the canteen where he is issued with free combs.

**IAN LAXTON** Port Pirie SA SE 1974  
Jervis division, BSc studies 1974, 1975, Executive branch, a key figure in minerals' profits.

**GREGORY MAPSON** Duffy ACT SE 1975  
Phillip division, Executive branch, Half Colours Rugby but plays anything. Joined the navy as father is in the army. Captain 1st XV.

**MALCOLM McKEITH** Ebenezer NSW SE 1974  
Flinders division, commenced BA 1974, Supply specialisation.

**GERVAISE PEARCE** Rushcutter's Bay NSW SE 1975  
Late entry because of argument with bus, Executive specialisation, Full Colours for squash and Half Colours for life-saving.



*Back row (l to r):* MIDNs S. Hayes, M. Blackmore, C. Stanfield, D. Thomas, CHIEF MIDN G. James  
*Centre:* G. Pearce, B. Garth, I. Laxton, R. White, P. Smith, N. Perry  
*Front:* W. Eversham, G. Mapson, D. Frew, R. Richards, M. McKeith

Jervis division. Responsible for introducing squash and life-saving to the College.

**NIGEL PERRY** Safety Bay WA JE 1973  
Cadet Captain Jervis division, Executive branch, now sports a beard and a Rover. Has been to Indonesia.

**ROBERT RICHARDS** Kingston SA  
SE 1975

Phillip division, second place in Class IIC, Supply specialisation, Full Colours Australian Rules, Half Colours cricket. Cadet Captain 1976.

**PAUL SMITH** Fremantle WA JE 1973  
Phillip division, an avid hockey player for which he was awarded Half Colours. Keen cross-country runner.

**CHRISTOPHER STANFIELD** Townsville QLD SE 1974

Flinders division, Executive branch, an ex-BE(L) student. Full Colours for hockey but good at anything on the field.

**DONALD THOMAS** Menangle NSW  
SE 1974

Cook division, Executive branch, former BE(M) student for some two-and-a-half years. His love affair with his bike leaves him little time for anything else.

**RICHARD WHITE** Hamilton Hill WA  
SE 1974

Cook division, Executive branch, former BSc student, keeps his talents well hidden.

## IIIC NAVIGATION CRUISE

(Further exploits of Captain Pugwash)

After hearing tales from our salt-encrusted degree stream comrades of fire-breathing training chiefs and never-ending paint supplies, we somewhat nervously joined *Duchess* for a bone-shattering seven weeks in the land of the 180 kilogram Maori football player.

We were joined shortly by a group of some sixteen foreign officer supplementary lists, which consisted of Malaysians, Filipinos, New Guineans and Fijians, all of whom became affectionately known to all as the 'fossils'.

During the passage to New Zealand we were split into two watches, so while port watch scraped and painted their way to New Zealand, starboard watch were often seen gazing romantically at the stars and whispering sweet nothings into the telescopes of their sextants. Wellington was our first port of call and our first brush with the dreaded New Zealand beer and gangway duties. Who were these strange individuals who would half stagger, half fall across the gangway with eyes focusing independently crying for 'mother' — surely not our sailors from the fighting 154!

During the following weeks we found ourselves in the picturesque Marlborough Sounds carrying out pilotage training and giving the inter-island ferries a run for their money. Nelson was our home during our stay in the Sounds and here at last was a

town that made Nowra on a Sunday look like a 'den of iniquity'. It was indeed a quiet little town and two hours in the coin-operated laundry was a highlight of the weekend. It was also at Nelson that we encountered the legendary 180 kilogram Maori footballer, who caused considerable havoc amongst the *Duchess* Rugby team and in fact seemed to take great relish in his attempts to dismember several players in our team.

After gathering together the pieces, we departed Nelson to complete pilotage training in the South Island. Our next stop was Auckland and the Hauraki Gulf to complete the cruise. Our stay in Auckland was spent alongside HMNZS *Philomel*. The majority of MIDs went on a bus tour of the North Island and visited a great number of tourist attractions. Last year's Creswell course midshipmen on visiting Rotorua noted that the boiling mud-pools and sulphur gas conjured up memories of the meals in the cadets mess. We also were convinced that they were one and the same.

The cruise was completed in the Hauraki Gulf and *Duchess* returned to Sydney to be set upon by customs, wives and girlfriends. So, tearful of eye and with a bottle of duty free grog we departed *Duchess* and cruise 2/77. All in all, an interesting and worthwhile experience.

## Class Notes

### CLASS IIC

For the past eighteen months we have constantly been told 'It'll never happen again', as some smiling spokesman, takes away our leave, subjects us to seamanship re-tests, cancels our jolly around the world on merchant vessels, and so on and so forth.

Class Two, in an air of profound foresight, say 'It'll never happen again'; never again will you see such talent, character and productivity radiate from the lofts of College hierarchy.

Now we have reached an understanding(?), let us look at our activities this year. Well, there was our infamous expedition. What memories! We spent a few days on the Murrumbidgee River playing 'African Queen' — instead of 'Deliverance' — with College canoes. The highlights were the combined efforts of Ferg and Goober to smash up the first canoe over the first 'rapid', Ferg having to be pulled out with 'kissing disease' and Quasi forgetting his sleeping bag so that he could consume more than his rum ration. Add to the physical exertion and cold water of the canoeing leg, a rugged three-day hike, over, through and under a few mountain chains, and you can see why we were so happy to finish! Boo and Fletch will never forget the Tharwa Bridge and Nippy and Boof will well remember the Tharwa Post Office.

The meet-the-mess night must be credited to Nippy. It was a good way to celebrate his inclusion in the South Coast Aussie Rules side. The next most enjoyable activity we 'participated' in this year was naval training re-tests. We hope others concerned enjoyed them as much as we did.

But let us now turn to the backbone of the class — the people. Firstly, we say farewell to Andrew Down as he goes back into the real world, of accounting. Don't be surprised if we start bludging loans off you very soon, mate. Running through the list alphabetically, Toungey Andrews is the boy ultimately responsible for the running of the College and therefore is always delegating. He is inseparable from a volleyball and often complains that they overdo the photos in the local papers. Boof 'Buddha' Briers is the class

paragon. The only thing he can do right is back Collingwood, and occasionally keep his mouth shut! Nippy Bates, apart from Aussie Rules, was unlucky not to get away to play inter-Service tennis. He has a very simple philosophy — life is made solely for enjoyment. Fletch Christian — apart from making a mistake in his car colour and backing South Sydney — has foolishly put his head on the block — should and when this goes to print. Ferg, an unusual nickname, also put his money into Geminis and South Sydney Football. (It is true he has also got contacts at *Albatross*.) Goober Georgelin holds the class together with all his mirth, wit and charisma? If something funny is said Goober said it — he is an Essendon man, adamant that the College cannot go on without him — but he doesn't realise that there is more to the College than Cook division, Aussie Rules, the Magazine and Jazz and Revue! Chogger Bob Hill keeps the Supply Branch steadily at work. He did a great job leading his exped group — the best holiday we've yet had. He runs the Expedition Store, and eats as a hobby. Jonesy told a local Nowra lady that he didn't know which he missed more on exped — a shower or his MGB; need I say more? Red Littlehales has an aversion to books — we've estimated that he goes through about the same tonnage of books as Chogger does. Quasi Lockwood has the distinction of being the only DXC to defy his own edicts on College rig. He runs the chess club, and is found frequently in the boat harbour. Rover Marien prefers to be called 'Boo' — but we just can't rub it in enough. He is the champion Captain of the 1st XI. His contribution to the exped this year was to wear his lifesaving cap everywhere so as to embarrass everyone else. Uncle Mick Spruce is the guy with the Mahjid Khan hat in the 1st XI and all the runs in the book. He lost his trousers at the meet-the-mess night, and also flew a 748 into Fairbairn.

The 'Dirty Dozen', now that Civvy Sid has left, promise the underlings that the next half of our 'reign' will be as consistent as our first half.



**EXPEDITION '77**

Bob and Brian still intact



*Per ardua ad astra* — bless them!



Ferg always looks like this!



The aftermath

## CLASS ID

Class ID have experienced an uneventful and 'irksome' first semester. It was discovered by numerous students that the degree stream was not at all a nonchalant path to take, as the results may tell. The engineers virtually fell on their feet when told to do the Keller plan physics course whilst the lecture-plan scientists, in general, found it harder going.

Naval training for ID added to the semester's work, however a day at the Anzac rifle range and a few trips on the TRV were welcome diversions.

People chose to relieve their accumulated worries by seeing the Alice Cooper concert, whilst others like Bubble Norris and Mic Larsen led the Rural Wreckers Club to two devastating victories over a fence and a cow.

'Have boat tickets, can travel' was the adopted policy half-way through the semester, which left a few ex-servo's regulars

high and dry for four to six weeks.

All teams throughout the year benefited from the sporting prowess shown by members of ID. Steve Day, Grant Heinicke, Andrew Arnold, Mark Sinclair, Bruce Kafer, Dave Musgrove and many others played major parts in athletics, Rugby, soccer, squash and volleyball.

Class ID, however, didn't go to the court martial, we also did not go on expedition and we did not have a sea day. Degree students consequently have not had an action-packed first semester, obviously a cunning plan to ensure we enjoy our leave. Promotion parade training and an extensive course on exterior decorating provided ample proof of the law of equal miseries.

Class ID are looking forward to an exciting leave to prepare themselves for another semester.

## CLASS IC

This year began with twenty-four Class One cadets undertaking the Creswell Course. Of these twenty-four, six were junior entry and eighteen were senior entry. Two of these senior entry cadets resigned during the first semester.

There were many changes to the College whilst the cadets were on Christmas leave. Geelong House — one of the old accommodation blocks — and the old Stewards Block were both demolished.

During the year there has been a heavy emphasis on boat-work. Consequently, many Class One Creswell Course cadets have successfully gained their boat tickets.

Other highlights of IC's year include a trip to Canberra. While there, IC visited Parliament House and was able to watch the Government 'in action'. They spoke to Mr Killen, the Minister for Defence and also to Mr Snedden, the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

## CLASS J2

(With apologies to John Winton and 1976 Junior Entry)

After less than six months at the College, it was generally agreed that most of the class had not fully realised why they were here or what they were doing. The sense of satisfaction and enjoyment many received from the knowledge imparted by a naval father or relative quickly disappeared in the cold air of daily morning runs. It never ceased to amaze the new entry the apparent divine inspiration with which all senior cadets acted and to which we never really warmed.

The first year is traditionally the bleakest for any class, no less so for 1976 entry; with everything taken at the double and having little time left for reflection.

And so it came to the attention of the College hoods that the junior class was noticed to be socially stagnant. An invitation had been extended to Frensham College for early September. Members of the class had appeared with more than sufficient gusto after losing the day's sport but were successful in the evening's wrestling.

As with any Entry, it is destined to leave behind each year a small group who did not come to grips with the College rigour, either in academic or in professional studies and so at the end of 1976, our class unfortunately parted with Peter Heslewood, David Harley, Jim Hepburn, Mark Thraves, Steven Bowden and Phillip Jackson.

Academically John Hoisser was to secure the position of dux of our class, leaving the rest of us with food for thought. The end of our first year at the College had left us eager

to cast off the semi-monastic existence for two months' leave.

Our first chance to practise all that had been assimilated suddenly materialised in the form of thirty-five new unfortunates like our former selves. For the first few weeks each one was part of a herd of milling bodies that entered into a seemingly pointless rush from place to place.

The start of our second year also saw a star in the east for those who had always imagined themselves quite adept in the art of aquatics with the presentation of life-saving awards. Our class has featured quite substantially in all representative sports, i.e. squash, football, soccer, Rugby, athletics and cricket. Murray Fox and Dennis Alexander also representing the College in ISCAM. The first half of 1977 has flown past. Damocles' HSC hangs over all of us. However briefly, consider the effect that the loss of a substantial part of this class would have on the navy's officer-training quota, so take heart J2!

While some of us wander from warning to warning and consider the daily routine as a succession of sorties, the remaining minority have their eyes firmly set on attaining a HSC by trick or treat. We were deemed lucky enough to warrant a return match with Frensham College, which was enjoyed by all with a day of sport up in Mittagong.

Our first three-day expedition from RANC this year took place 32 kilometres south of Jervis Bay in the Yadboro State forest. It was

preceded by several days of instruction from Army Warrant Officer De Heer who took us for map work, abseiling and basic army terminology. Everyone profited from the experience, especially the camping stores in Nowra. LEUT Hacker and LEUT Whymark,

who took charge of the groups, were doomed to spending their time chasing cadets off mountains and along tracks.

At this point in time the members of the class have attained a collective spirit which pursues the class through the College.

## CLASS J1

This place is good fun, most of the time. As long as you are not duty division and you have got easy jobs for the week, it is quite bearable. It does not become too much of a drag if it is raining and morning run is called off and divisions cancelled. If your PSs are not taken as re-scheduled maths periods or given to summarising numerous pages of notes, you can begin to relax. When the DO has put 'G' on every request form, the sanction book is gathering dust and you will not be Duty J1 for weeks, the place is great.

Surnames and titles are dropped, the atmosphere is filled with goodwill; that is what J1 look forward to — a couple of weeks of bliss, sleeping in, no job routines or 'All J1 muster on the Quarterdeck!'

Squads returning from studies to the blocks at 1540 march at around 160 to 170 paces per minute as mouth-watering J1s eagerly anticipate leave. Throughout this

year though, there are occasions memorable for the enjoyment they brought.

For instance the TO's runner has been promoted to 'TO's bikey'. Unfortunately the bike, an SE no doubt, couldn't 'hack' the pace. A pedal fell off after two weeks. Another good time was had at the J1 dinner; good food, good wine and good company at the Ex-Servicemen's Club proved too much for some. After conditioning to 'Pusser's Scran', we should be gradually reintroduced to real food.

Perhaps our greatest achievement so far was the defeat of J2, 11-0 at Rugby League. Our win was well deserved after a practice match the week before between J1A and B.

So fellow J1s, use plenty of 'Red-S', take your salt tablets, practise saying 'OLQs' in front of the mirror and next year we might all be together at the exalted heights of J2.



An unofficial regal visit to our shores — HM Royal Yacht *Britannia* with Her Majesty and Prince Philip embarked



## Divisional Notes

### FLINDERS DIVISION

Flinders Division over the past ten months has continued to maintain that extra effort that puts us a cut above the other divisions.

We entered '77 as Cock division after a successful last term in '76, and the division as a whole didn't break stride as we continued in our domineering fashion.

New entry settled in quickly under the 'new' system, especially Flinders SEs who could always turn to that sympathetic shoulder offered by their divisional god-father, Spencer. An armful of folders and papers, a high-spirited bicycle and a gusty breeze were keeping Flinders DO's brain completely occupied, and that 'eyes right' was just too much.

Whilst some cadets have had trouble with compulsory cabin shifts, others (like the CC) have had trouble with the involuntary cabin shifts. Others, however, entered '77 with the same new year's resolution as last year, and 'Chogger' Bob will probably have the same new year's resolution next year as well.

Lieutenant Shalders remained the DO of the top-division for the first semester of '77, and had he stayed would have enjoyed another Cock division dinner at the end of

the second semester '77 also. The departure of 'Russ' brought a mixed reception, but overall most people benefited from the experiences and encounters with him during his stay at *Creswell*.

Something that the new entry would not fully appreciate is the transformation of the year-gunroom system into the senior and junior gunroom system. It is good to see that Flinders division has combined so well.

It's now that time of year when exams are upon us. Flinders division is well and truly into the study routine and it is hoped that our J2s enjoy the success that is due to them in their HSC exams in return for the effort and self-application they have shown throughout the year. The class Is have made it a tough act to follow as they were generally quite successful in their own HSC, as well as supplying the dux for J2 '76, Rod Nairn.

The promotion of Greg Bayles to CC, Ralph Marshall winning the Governor-General's Cup for the second year in succession and Guy James winning all three major prizes in the passing out year are some of the many achievements of Flinders division over the past six months.

### COOK DIVISION

#### 1976

In its traditionally colourful way, Cook division spirit has once again been an outstanding feature of all College activities.

The beginning of second term saw Cook IC spending a day aboard HMAS *Melbourne*. However, fate had its way and because of the foul weather the party was delayed on board overnight. Those concerned are now considered to be 'old salts', even if it was at the expense of their stomachs.

Our sporting prowess was soon revealed when colours were presented. Full Colours for athletics were awarded to CMIDs P. G. Kelly and Musgrove, Half Colours for basketball to CMID Shields, and Full

Colours for hockey to CMID Frew. Half Colours for hockey were awarded to CMIDs Blackmore and Scott, the latter also gaining Colours for golf. CMID Cox received Full Colours for Rugby and Half Colours for Australian Rules, and CMID Gilkison received Half Colours for soccer.

Cook division volleyball team has remained unbeaten, with all members representing the college team. Furthermore, four of our players, CMIDs Down, Shields, Barrett and Thomas represented Shoalhaven in their under-twenties side. We also came second in the college boxing with CMIDs King and Gilkison winning the middle and welter-weights respectively.



**FLINDERS DIVISION**

*Back row (l to r):* CMIDS Webb, Hoisser, Dobson, Prince, MIDN Spruce, Nelson, Gorey, Fox, M. Gallagher, Davis, Arnold

*Centre:* Lucock, Flanagan, MIDN Hill, Pead, Manson, Sandeman, Spencer, Bates, House, Jenkinson

*Front:* Williams, D. Gallagher, Clarke, Osborne, DMIDN Christian, CPO Walker, Hay, Stonyer, Roberts, Thompson

**COOK DIVISION**

*Back row (l to r):* CMIDS Cummins, Campbell, S. Robinson, Kafer, Gough, Kelly, Sinclair, MIDN Georgelin, Kraus, Schweitzer, Boadle, Mike

*Centre:* Nenke, Musgrove, Heinicke, Andrews, Casbault, Chapman, Sander, Whitehead, D. Robinson, Gilmour, Gilkison

*Front:* Faulkner, Kilby, Field, CPO Carney, LEUT Neal USN, Marien, D'Orsogna, Thomas, Barrett, Woolf



The Cook division sailing machine was well oiled when we put the first two boats across the line against RMC. Salty Frew came in first, with CMIDs Kraus and Robinson a creditable second.

CMID Frew won the Bruce Seymour hockey trophy and CMID Scott won the Captain's Trophy (golf).

Unfortunately at the end of the year the division lost CMIDs Turner, Hessewood, King and Faulkner. However MIDN Faulkner is now back with us after a short time in the Supplementary List.

## 1977

The numbers in Cook division were frequently depleted early this year due to participation at ISCSC, RANSA, RANATE and ISCAM. In the swimming, CMIDs Cummins and Kilby both did well, receiving Full Colours and Half Colours respectively. In the athletics, CMID Casboul received a bronze in the discus, CMID Georgelin a bronze in

the 1500 m and CMID Heinicke a bronze in the 5000 m.

The divisional expedition to Pigeon House Mountain was a resounding success, even though the mud completely devoured the land rover.

In a spate of expertise, many Cook division members received colours this year. For volleyball, Full Colours were awarded to CMID Down and Half Colours to CMIDs Sinclair, Thomas, Barrett and Gilkison. Half Colours were also awarded to CMIDs Kraus, Robinson and Gough for sailing, and to CMIDs Georgelin and Heinicke for athletics. CMID Barrett now joins Faulkner in the elite 'Cook broken limbs club', and CMID Sander will soon join that club if he persists in breaking other people's legs.

On a sadder note, Cook division lost our DO, Lieutenant Jennings USN, on black Friday. We had a great farewell barbecue and wish Lieutenant Jennings every success back in the USN.

## JERVIS DIVISION

### 1976

The major event of the term was of course the Passing Out Parade. This proved extremely successful and all involved in its organisation, and the cadets and midshipmen who participated, can be justifiably proud of the result of their hard work. Jervis division gave an excellent display of marching and even those who had complained ceaselessly throughout the practices were pleased to have taken part.

Jervis division put in an excellent performance in the inter-divisional cross-country to finish a very close fourth. Gerry Davis and 'Basil' Garth were our best, with Peter Murray putting in a good effort.

The boxing championships went the same way as the cross-country: only one member of the division managed to make it to the finals (on a bye) and his 'time' was very short-lived.

Term two was Jervis' most successful in 1976 as we managed to come second in Cock Division. Good results in sport, Sunday divisions and Captain's rounds all helped to bring about this pleasing result.

The beginning of third term saw J1 and J2 going on a weekend 'exped' around the headland, covering about 50 kilometres in all. This was followed by a very successful divisional dinner in the Shoalhaven Ex-Servicemen's Club.

Matt 'Basil' Garth did well in the bosun dinghy sailing winning the Peter Sharp single-handed and, with his off-sider Phillip Jackson, also won the Gibson Shield.

Unfortunately Jervis could not retain the Creswell Cup this year, coming third in the heats.

Five members of the division didn't make the grade in the examinations and were drafted to the big ship — 'Citizenship'. We wish them all good luck for the future.

In the sports field Jervis showed its supremacy by winning the tennis, the cricket, the softball and the shooting.

### 1977

The first hint of Jervis' potential was shown at a very early stage when the new entry won the beach olympics held on Australia Day. It is pleasing to see the way in which



**JERVIS DIVISION**

*Back row (l to r):* CMIDs Galway, Warwick, Blake, Allen, Day, Morris, Parker, Hart, Orr, Larsen, Campbell, Calvert, May, McKnight, P. Ellis, Rixon, Fredericks, Stevens, Keast, Alexander, Wark, Menhinick, Israel  
*Front:* C. Ellis, Jackson, MIDN Jones, D. M. Ferguson, LEUT Davidson, CPO Turner, MIDN Lockwood, Coates, Farrands, Dale

**PHILLIP DIVISION**

*Back row (l to r):* CMIDS Seidl, O'Hagan, St Clair, Gray, Christisson, Bromback, Cooper, Norris, Lugton, Daniel  
*Centre:* Berrel, Watling, Moon, Foster, Straughan, Williams, Johnson, Arbuthnot, MIDN Bates  
*Front:* Hornsby, Aldred, Gallagher, MIDN Littlehales, CPO Powell, LEUT Clarke RNZN, CMID Andrews, Ford, Donaldson, MIDN Briers



the division co-operates and we are certain that next semester will see us well in front. The excellent integration of the new entry was particularly noticed at a divisional barbecue held in early March.

On sports day, Jervis came second, and a special mention must be made of Steve Day for his superb effort. Combined with Nigel Coates, the division helped represent the College at a number of athletics meetings. Although a little weak in the summer team sports, we came second in softball, volleyball and basketball, and won the tennis and shooting. Richard Menhinick and Phillip Warwick played tennis very well and in the shooting McKnight, P. Ellis, Coates and

Morton took out 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 5th places. This was good enough to get us a close second in summer sport.

We have not yet lost a game at Rugby or Australian Rules, yet have never won hockey. The variety of success is also shown in sailing when we lost the Forster Cup bosun series, yet with Grant Dale as coxswain we are well on the way to winning the 24-foot Endeavour frostbite series.

Away from sport, members of the division are actively engaged in numerous activities: Nigel Coates leads many cadets beneath the murky waters of the bay in search of marine life, others find it on the bottom of the divisional Endeavour.

## PHILLIP DIVISION

### 1976

Having won one Cock Division competition in Term 2 we were determined to remain there.

In divisional sport, we had mixed fortunes, doing well in golf and shooting, but not doing well in volleyball and softball. As usual, the divisional Endeavour yacht, *Cararma* put in a brilliant performance in the JBCYC races with the expert handling of 'Smitty'.

The College received an unexpected but very welcome treat this term when USS *Truxton* sailed into Jervis Bay and invited the College aboard. For most cadets and many of the officers this was their first chance to be shown over a nuclear-powered warship.

The division welcome the appointment of CC David Littlehales as Phillip Cadet Captain and hopes he enjoys his job. Congratulations, Red! Other members of Phillip who were promoted to Cadet Captains were Max Andrews (Chief Cadet Captain), and Grant Ferguson (CC Jervis).

### 1977

We started the year full of fight, under the leadership of CC Littlehales and Lieutenant Clark. After the initial grumblings and shock,

the new entry, both junior and senior, settled down well with the help of the 'old salts'. The division as a whole was overawed by the length of the first semester, and that first long leave seemed even further away than usual.

From the outset, Phillip has shown its superiority in Captain's rounds, though divisions aren't exactly our best field of endeavour. Recently there has been a big scramble for boatwork tickets, probably more out of necessity than desire, and we are all becoming proficient boat handlers under the auspices of Lieutenant Clark.

The divisional Endeavour yacht *Cararma* has provided many of Phillip with valuable sailing experience and has also done well in the JBCYC races under the delicate hands of 'Reg', 'Slugger', 'The Pommie P' and 'Tojo'. The Forster Cup bosun dinghy races have been a success for Phillip also, as we were neck-and-neck with Flinders till the last race, when they pulled ahead and just beat us.

The great social occasions of College life are few and far between, but nobody in Phillip division denies that having dinner at Lieutenant and Mrs Clark's is a really enjoyable occasion, with genuine home cooking and 'salty stories'. All Phillip division gives its thanks for such opportunities.

Today the exams are not too far away, with leave following closely behind. 'Until next time, keep smiling!'

## Visits

### 26.1.77 REPRESENTATIVES FROM FNS JEANNE D'ARC

Fifteen officers, including ten sub-lieutenants under training, toured the RAN College. After arriving by helicopter they were escorted around the College. Included in their program was the observation of the initial naval training of new entry cadets. Some trouble was encountered by the French officers with our language barrier but they all seemed to leave with happy faces.

### 17.2.77 AKABRI CADETS

Twenty Indonesian officer cadets spent two days at the College as part of their annual tour of Australian Service academies. As usual they were happy and interested in the life of an Australian naval cadet. Their English was surprisingly good considering very few had studied the language, and much animated conversation took place with all concerned wherever they went.

### 8.3.77 COMMANDER PENNOCK

The Director of Naval Recruiting, CMDR Pennock, together with three officers, visited the College for three days to familiarise themselves with the training of GL officers. The information gathered will be used in careers lectures to schools and youth groups. The three days were spent in discussion with most people throughout the College, from the Captain down to JIs.

### 23.3.77 FOCEA — REAR-ADMIRAL McDONALD

As usual, preparation began weeks prior to Rear-Admiral McDonald's walkaround to raise the standard of cleanliness and preparedness to the high standard required for the occasion. The Admiral was able to cover practically every part of the establishment.

The Admiral talked to the Chief Cadet Captain and Cadet Captains in the College mess during his tour of the establishment which was carried out in bright sunshine.

The same day the Chief of Naval Staff, Vice-Admiral Synnot, passed through the College on his way to the Marine Section before going out to the patrol boats involved in Anchorman One. Some were overawed at the possibility of sighting two admirals and one Minister in the same day.

### 17.5.77 VICE-ADMIRAL BURRELL

Vice-Admiral Sir Henry and Lady Burrell attended ceremonial divisions on this Sunday and presented the College library with a limited edition set of the *Collected Works of Sir Winston Churchill*. There are no words to express our gratitude for this gift save, 'thank you, Sir'.

### 30.5.77 DR DAVID LEWIS

On Saturday July 30, the College enjoyed a particularly enjoyable lecture from Dr David Lewis. Dr Lewis spoke on navigation with



particular emphasis on pre-instrumental methods of navigation. He showed a wide collection of slides and told us something about his solo sailing exploits across the Atlantic and, more significantly, around the Antarctic. It was an interesting lecture from one of the daring adventurers of our age.



Robert Macklin and Chief Petty Officer Bruce Spender caught in conversation, reflecting on their school days

## ROBERT MACKLIN

Robert Macklin, author of *The Queenslander* and producer of many documentary films on the Far East, was a recent guest lecturer at the RAN College Jervis Bay. Whilst there, he was able to renew acquaintances with Bruce Spender, with whom he went to school in Queensland. Mr Macklin resides in Bateman's Bay and has just finished a new book *Paper Castles* which will be published in September.

## CREATOR OF RICHARD BOLITHO VISITS RANC

The author of *Richard Bolitho*, *Midshipman*, *To Glory We Steer*, *Dive in the Sun* and *Winged Escort* visited the Royal Australian Naval College on Friday 28 January at the

In our museum



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This biscuit came from Scott's Hut, McMurdo Sound, Antarctica (in January, 1964), where it had been frozen for 63 years. In Scott's first expedition of 1911 the "DISCOVERY" was frozen in about 200 yards from the site where the hut was erected. Men of the expedition lived in the ship, and made the hut into a store house.

After the expedition was withdrawn driving snow penetrated the hut through a broken window. When Shackleton arrived in 1908 the hut was full of packed snow and ice. His expedition cleared a small section only and men camped there when away from their main hut at Royds Point. One group, almost starving, took refuge in the hut, not knowing that inside the hut, beneath the ice, was a large quantity of food.

Shackleton's party must have left the hut door open, for when Scott returned in 1911 the hut was once again full of ice and Scott, himself, had to camp in the lee of its walls.

The hut was finally cleared out and restored by members of the New Zealand Antarctic Society under Mr. Eric Gibbs in 1963-64. It was during this restoration that boxes of biscuits were found, and this memento acquired. The box was marked:

"Special Cabin Biscuits, supplied by Spratts Patent Limited,  
Navy and Army Expedition, Biscuit Manufacturers, London."

Presented by Captain R. A. H. MILLER, R.A.N.

end of his Australian promotional tour. Mr Douglas Reeman writes books about the navy and the sea, set in the twentieth century. His twenty-nine books have sold more than eighteen million copies and his visit to Australia has also been used to research material for his next book on the Royal Australian Navy's role in the Pacific in World War II.

Using the *nom de plume*, Alexander Kent, Mr Reeman has also written a series of novels set in the eighteenth century. These novels feature the naval career of Richard Bolitho, a

character who is almost as well known as Hornblower.

Mr and Mrs Reeman were welcomed by College officers before Mr Reeman entertained the staff and cadet midshipmen with numerous anecdotes about men and ships of the navy. Having entered the Royal Navy as a midshipman during World War II, many of his stories were from his personal experience. During his presentation some insight was given into the research and meticulous attention to detail that he uses to create a novel.

### HIGHER SCHOOL CERTIFICATE 1976 RESULTS FOR SECOND YEAR CADETS

1. The practice of presenting HSC subjects at various levels has been discontinued and each subject is now taken at a selected unit value. A higher unit value implies study at a more difficult standard.
2. Results are given in terms of grades, thus: 1 = top 10 per cent, 2 = next 20 per cent, 3 = middle 40 per cent, 4 = next twenty per cent and 5 = bottom 10 per cent.
3. In the table below a notation in the form 2U-3 indicates an attempt at 2-unit value and a grade of 3. (Officially there is no such thing as a pass or fail.)

NAME	ENGLISH	MATHE- MATICS	SCIENCE	HISTORY	GEO- GRAPHY	MATRICU- LATION
BAYLES GH	2U-2	3U-2	4U-2		3U-3	Yes
COATES NS	2U-3	3U-3	4U-2		3U-3	Yes
COOPER CJ	2U-3	3U-4	4U-3		2U-3	Yes
FAULKNER DJ	2U-4	3U-4	4U-3		2U-3	No
NZ FIRKIN PF	2U-3	3U-4	4U-3	2U-3		No
FREEMAN MN	2U-4	3U-5	4U-4		2U-3	No
GALLAGHER DL	2U-3	3U-3	4U-2		2U-3	Yes
GOUGH AR	2U-3	3U-3	4U-2		2U-3	Yes
GRIFFIN PJ	2U-4	3U-4	4U-3	2U-3		No
HOWESTP	2U-4	3U-4	4U-3	2U-3		Yes
JOHNSON S	2U-3	3U-4	4U-3		2U-3	Yes
KELLY MA	2U-3	3U-1	4U-1	2U-3		Yes
KING LD	2U-3	3U-4	4U-4		2U-3	No
LARSEN MA	2U-3	4U-3	4U-2		2U-2	Yes
LUGTON AG	2U-3	3U-4	4U-3	3U-3		Yes
McKNIGHT AR	2U-4	3U-3	4U-1		2U-4	Yes
MARSHALL RM	2U-3	3U-3	4U-2		2U-2	Yes
NZ MILNE BC	2U-4	3U-3	4U-3		2U-2	Yes
MILWARD JB	2U-4	3U-5	4U-3	2U-3		No
MORTON AK	2U-3	3U-3	4U-2		2U-3	Yes
MUSGROVE DK	2U-3	4U-3	4U-3	2U-1		Yes
NAIRN RR	2U-2	3U-2	4U-1	2U-1		Yes
NAUGHTON PK	2U-4	3U-4	4U-3		3U-3	Yes
NORRIS DC	2U-3	3U-2	4U-2		2U-1	Yes
RODGERS AM	2U-3	3U-5	4U-3	2U-1		Yes
STANGRET S	2U-3	3U-2	4U-3		2U-2	Yes
NZ SULLIVAN PG	2U-4	3U-3	4U-2		2U-4	Yes
TINKLER KJ	2U-3	3U-4	4U-3	2U-2		Yes
NZ TURNER BW	2U-3	3U-3	4U-2		2U-2	Yes
WOODS RL	2U-1	4U-3	4U-1		2U-1	Yes



## FIRST YEAR DEGREE COURSES 1976 — RESULTS

		Physics I	Chemistry I	Chemistry I E	Engineering A	Engineering B	Engineering C	Elec. Engrg	—	Mathematics I	Oceanography
BE(L)	CAMPBELL PR	C		P	C		C	P		P	
	CLARKE MC	D		HD	C		C	D		D	
	DIGBY AN	P		P	P		P	X		P	
	GARDINER PA	C		P	P		F	PC		P	
	HOUSE SW	X		P	C		P	X		P	
	SHIELDS P	D		C	C		D	D		P	
BE(M)	COX RE	P		P	P	C	HD			P	
	RIDGWAY NK	P		P	P	P	D			P	
	SWAIN PQ	C		D	D	D	C			D	
BSc	BRACE RJ	P	P							P	P
	COPELAND SG	P	P							C	P
	DACHS SL	P	C							P	P
	DAVIS CG	C	P							P	D
	ELLIS PR	P	X							X	P
	FIRTH S	P	P							P	P
	GALVIN MR	C	P							P	P
	KELLY PG	C	D							C	C
	KNOX GL	P	P							P	P
	LESCHEN PD	P	P							P	C
	MARCOMBE CW	D	HD							D	C
	MARSHALL SJ	P	P							P	P
	MAY PM	C	C							D	P
	MILLS-THOM AM	P	P							P	P
	MURRAY PJ	P	PT							P	P
	SCOTT JS	C	C							P	X

### Legend

P = Pass  
 C = Credit  
 D = Distinction  
 HD = High Distinction  
 PT = Terminating Pass  
 X = Deferred  
 F = Fail



## CRICKET 1976-77 SEASON — RANC 1ST XI

Before getting into the nitty gritty of this report, let me first make the point that the College 1st XI of the late '76 season is not to be mistaken for the side that donned the creams in early '77. During the transition period of those two years the team lost six players, four to the University of NSW and two to the Royal Australian Navy.

All in all, eight games were played in the 1976-77 season: four wins and four losses. Undoubtedly our '77 side was the more successful of the two teams, winning three of their four matches, and the loss was by a single run to Knox College in Sydney.

The College 1st XI never came close to realising its full potential, particularly in its batting. People like Michael Clarke, Chris Stanfield, Max Andrews, Brian Marien, Michael Spruce and Rob Parker were all quite capable of hitting runs, but due mainly to a lack of application, rarely did so. The College so often bundled out an opposition with between 100 and 130 runs on the board, merely to throw away their advantage with a substandard batting performance.

Our saving grace on many occasions was our superior fielding and bowling. Some of our fielders, in particular Peter Murray, Craig Marcombe, Paul Field, Clint Thomas and Chris Stanfield, were very impressive. The 1st XI never lacked depth or variety in their bowling either: at times eight of the eleven could easily have been given the ball.

To give an idea of the choice we had, here is a list of those who bowled fairly consistently throughout the season: Peter Murray, Michael Clarke, Max Andrews, Bob Richards, Shane Donaldson, Brian Marien, Chris Stanfield, Rob Parker, Michael Spruce, Steve Dachs, Mark Bourke and Craig Marcombe. That doesn't really leave many people out.

By the time this report is being read, the 1977-78 season will be under way. I hope it is a successful one for the College. Perhaps we may have our greatly needed new nets by then. Anyway, we would like to thank our manager/coach Mr Rex Benson for his time and support over the year. I hope some better results can be given him next season. Until then, *au revoir*.



Back row: J. Campbell, P. Field, C. Thomas, P. Gilkison, Mr Benson  
Front: S. Donaldson, M. Larsen, B. Marien, M. Spruce, M. Andrews

## AUSTRALIAN RULES 1976-77

The 1976 season started very slowly for RANC. Most of the previous season's team had posted out and things looked bad after a few heavy losses early in the season. However, the team stuck together and worked to build a stronger team under Coach Russ Shalders. Towards the end of the season our efforts began to show results.

LEUT Shalders will post out later this season and has therefore handed his coaching position over to CPOPT Jones. Our team this season has been bolstered by many ship's company and new entry. Both LSBA Lennard and Craig Bates, Captain and Vice-Captain respectively, are leading the team on to

victories well this season. The club now has a social committee run by CMID Georgelin, and a column in the *South Coast Register* written by CMID Briers. We now enjoy considerable support from *Creswell* and the local area where the population enjoy our fast play-on football.

This season *Creswell* supplied five players for the South Coast League, one of the strongest leagues north of Victoria. Our representatives acquitted themselves admirably in Alice Springs and are looking forward to more games against other leagues. The 1977 premiership seems to be within our grasp.

## RUGBY

### 1976

During the final half of the year the College began well with wins over Scots College, Bathurst 11-0 and St Josephs School, Sydney 25-6. Unfortunately we went into somewhat of a slump and although by no means disgraced went down to Daramalan, Marist Brothers and HMAS *Nirimba*.

However, after that short period of drought we once again went back into top gear to defeat James Ruse Agricultural High 40-4 and Illawarra Grammar 32-3.

In the 'big one' against RMC we played extremely well in poor conditions. RMC boasted a huge side but at no time did RANC back off. We went into the lead midway through the first half with a good try out wide. In the mud both teams were having trouble handling the ball and although RMC looked dangerous at times, sound defence kept us in the lead. With only minutes remaining RMC went in under the posts to record a 'six-pointer', and that is unfortunately how it ended — an unlucky loss 4-6. Some great football was played in that game and the games preceding it — '77 looked like it was going to be a good year.

Captain Greg Mapson, Bob Cox, Peter Kelly and Mick Galvin received colours for their outstanding efforts during the year. Mick Galvin also received the Burnett Memorial Prize for Rubgy.

### 1977

The first XV commenced the 1977 season in the same style as it concluded the old.

The team lost many of its stars to the University of NSW and a few to other training establishments but was fortunately bolstered by the arrival of a host of capable and willing new entry.

Unsure of the potential of our newcomers we went into the first game of the season against Vaucluse Boys High feeling that it would be a tough and torrid affair. As it turned out we had no cause for alarm when we scored a record 70-0 win. The game, although decidedly one-sided as the result tends to indicate, showed exactly what power we could rely on and augured well for future encounters.

Next we met North Sydney Boys High. They were a fast, well-drilled side and proved not as easy to defeat as our previous opponents, but after a hard fought game defeat them we did. A great last minute try sealed a sound 12-10 victory.

Our third match of the season was against Marist Brothers College, Canberra. The game was played in appalling conditions and quick, sure handling was not possible. Even so, the RANC team, after a mediocre first half, showed great improvement after the break and ran the ball well. This finally resulted in a try mid-way through the half that sent us to a



7-3 lead. With only seconds to go the Marist Brothers five-eight scooped up a loose ball and had a clear run to the line. With the conversion added Marist Brothers emerged victors 9-7.

Sydney Boys High was another to succumb to the supremacy of the College team when we ran out winners 13-3.

It is difficult to pick out any particular stars in what has proved to be a very accomplished side, but special praise must go to Steve Day, Chris Morris and John Campbell, who have played well in all our games to date.

Having won three out of four games it seems as though College Rugby has a bright future.

## ATHLETICS 1977

The 1977 season started well with a large number of new entry cadets showing promise as solid athletes. The nucleus of the 1976 team remained and after initial selection trials a training squad of about thirty-five cadets prepared for the season under the capable guidance of Mr Don Thompson and LCDR Noyes. CMID Mark Georgelin was selected as team captain.

The first meeting of the season was against the apprentices from HMAS *Nirimba*. A resounding victory over the apprentices boded well for the forthcoming Inter-Service Colleges Athletics Meeting.

At the RANC athletics championships held on 12 March the feature of the carnival was the outstanding performance of the eventual open champion, Steven Day. He won every track event from 400 m to 10 000 m and also came a creditable second in the 200 m. As an aside, he also managed to win the open long jump. Other good performances included Ralph Marshall (1st 110 m hurdles, 2nd 400 m, 1st high jump, 1st shot put and 3rd 200 m) and Mark Clarke (1st Junior 800 m, 400 m, 2nd 100 m).

The next week a finely honed edge was evident in the RANC team which travelled to Duntroon to do battle against the other service colleges. The meeting opened spec-

tacularly with a win and a new record time to Steven Day in the 800 m. Two more wins in the pole-vault (Nick Kerr) and 110 m hurdles (Ralph Marshall) and RANC had hit the front in the points score. Another win to Stephen Day in the 400 m culminated an exceptional performance on his part. Another gold in the high jump to Dennis Alexander and bronze medals in discus, 1500 m and 5000 m left RANC favourably placed to win the overall competition. All that remained was the 4 x 100 m relay and to beat RMC. Our sprinters put their all into the race but a very close decision at the final change-over went against the RANC team and we had to be content with a moral victory.

Final scores: RMC	60 points
OCS	50 points
RANC/RAAFA	48 points
ECS	30 points

ISCAM '77 was notable for the large number of medals collected by RANC — the most in fact since 1952 when the meeting was inaugurated. Our athletes collected five gold, one silver and four bronze medals.

The team would like to thank all those who helped in our preparation and in particular Mr Thompson and LCDR Noyes, without whose dedication and enthusiasm we would never have achieved such results.

## INTER-SERVICE SWIMMING

The five service colleges assembled at RAAF Academy, Point Cook on 26 February for the 1977 Inter-Services Colleges Swimming Carnival. After being placed fourth in 1976 the team was hopeful of improving after a period of intensive training which had been supervised by the ever cheerful CPOPT Jones. The lack of suitable training facilities at Jervis Bay had been overcome by many early morning

bus trips to Nowra and Huskisson pools. Several new entry cadets had shown promise and it was a finely tuned team which took to the water at Werribee pool that afternoon.

After two firsts and two seconds in the first four events RANC forged to the lead and the CPOPT had run out of film in his 'Brownie Box'. The next few events were not so successful but we again showed our true form in the



*Back row:* CPOPT Jones, W. Cummins, J. Campbell, M. Andrews, G. Mitchell, S. Gilmore, D. Gallagher, Mr Benson  
*Front:* A. Aldred, P. Field, P. Fryer-Hornsby, A. Davis, S. Andrews, D. Kilby, P. Chapman

100 m butterfly and 400 m freestyle when Warren Cummins and David Gallagher won these events in true senior service style. Other good performances by Dave Kilby and then Tony Davis boosted our points score to challenge RMC and RAAFA. Unfortunately our 4 x 50 m freestyle relay team were unable to stave off a late challenge and the final result was a very creditable third place behind RAAFA and RMC. Outstanding individual performances by Kilby, Cummins, Davis and Gallagher were a feature of the carnival. No

less than four RANC records were broken by members of our team at ISCSC. Considering that the majority of our team were new entry cadets the performance in 1977 bodes well for future RANC swimming teams. The team would like to publicly thank CPOPT Jones and LEUT Davidson for their encouragement and advice and in particular for their 'cheerful' example on those early February mornings when the last thing we wanted to do was to get in a bus and travel 37 kilometres just to swim up and down a cold pool.

## SURF LIFE-SAVING

Over the last two years the interest shown in surf life-saving has steadily increased. Last season saw CMIDs Digby, Woods, McNeill, Lucock, Hepburn and D'Orsogna obtain the Bronze Medallion, MIDN Pearce his Instructor's Certificate and MIDNs Pearce and Frew their Advanced Resuscitation Certificate.

The gift of a new reel and surf boat *Lest We Forget* provided an added attraction to members of the College.

With the new season already under way we are hoping for bigger and better things. The College was represented by MIDN Pearce at the surf carnival held at Woonona in November. It is hoped that possibly an R and R team and march past team will be able to participate in future carnivals.

The College has also issued an invitation to Woonona to come to the College in February — this event last season was very successful and popular and is hoped to become an annual event.

Even though the travelling distance is great the members of Woonona are always willing to help our small band at the College: for this we are most appreciative.

For the first time at the College colours were awarded in life-saving: Half Colours to MIDN Pearce.

Our thanks also go to LEUT Davidson who does much of the behind-the-scenes work to keep the club going. Presently he is working with MIDN Pearce on getting an AMBU simulator for the College to train on. This we hope will arrive in the near future.



**SOCCER 2ND DIVISION — SHOALHAVEN COMPETITION**

*Back row:* G. Heinicke, W. O'Hagan, M. Andrews, D. Musgrove, M. Larsen, P. Gilkison  
*Front:* M. Clarke, P. Osbourne, D. Gallagher, N. Sandeman, G. Flanagan

## VOLLEYBALL REPORT 1976-77

This year the College volleyball teams have shown a higher standard of play than ever seen at the RANC. Greater devotion to the sport has resulted with five of the College team representing the Shoalhaven Amateur Volleyball Association in the NSW under-20 titles and gaining second place. CMID Max Andrews has excelled himself further by qualifying for the NSW under-20 squad to play in the 1977 Australian titles.

The College boasts now of two teams, RANC I and RANC II, who play in the SAVA and B grade competitions respectively. RANC I are one of the top A grade teams while RANC II are outright favourites for taking off the B grade championships without losing a match. The best players for RANC I are CMIDs Max Andrews, Mark Sinclair and Clinton Thomas and for RANC II CMIDs Paul Gilkison (RNZN), Peter Osbourne and Peter Kraus. Those holding Full Colours are CMIDs Max Andrews and Sid Down and

holders of Half Colours are CMIDs Mark Sinclair, Tim Barrett, Paul Gilkison and Clinton Thomas.



**VOLLEYBALL**

*Back row:* S. Casbault, T. Barrett, C. Thomas, P. Kraus, S. Robinson, CPOPT Jones  
*Front:* P. Osbourne, M. Sinclair, M. Andrews, P. Gilkison, D. Littlehales  
*Missing:* N. Sandeman

## SAILING

Over the past twelve months, sailing activity with the College has been reasonably heavy, although of course it is never enough as far as some of our officers are concerned!

The pre-Christmas period saw cadets sailing nearly every day in one or more of the College's sailing craft. In bosun dinghy races competition was centred around the champion



#### SOCCKER 3RD DIVISION — SHOALHAVEN COMPETITION

*Back row:* N. Whitehead, V. Rixon, D. Rathbone, S. Spencer, M. Prince, S. Hay, S. Chalmers, J. Ford, J. Manson  
*Front:* M. Sander, M. Clarke, R. Norris, N. Coates, M. Spruce, D. Faulkner, M. Fox, L. Berrell

individual coxswain (Peter Sharp Cup) and divisional crew (Gibson Shield). In both series Jervis division had the most success; Basil Garth won the Peter Sharp Cup and, with Phillip Jackson, won the Gibson Shield. Well done, Basil!

Regattas were also held against RMC Dunroon and RANSA and resulted in RANC crews winning all races.

The College yachts have also been active both racing in the JBCYC point score series and being used for expedition/recreational sailing by cadets and officers alike.

October first saw *Franklin* return from her biennial refit in Garden Island and start in her first offshore race for the season. Her crew performed creditably in an untuned boat and sailed in the extremes of weather that prevailed during the twenty-four hour race to take line honours. Unfortunately she was handicapped back to third place. A similar race just before Christmas, however, saw her take line and handicap honours. In the series of around-the-Bay point score races, the College yachts performed creditably with *Currarong* taking second place in the twelve-boat fleet. It was a little unfortunate to see *Callala* lose her mast overboard during the last race of the series and then have to wait another five months for a replacement before we could sail her again.

The post-Christmas sailing activity continued with the same sort of fervour as seen

before leave. The bosun dinghy program revolved around the new entry learning to sail and with the 'older hands', battling out the Forster Cup inter-divisional series. This competition was narrowly won by Flinders Division. Regattas were also sailed against RANATE here at Jervis Bay and on Sydney Harbour against RANSA. A win and a loss were the respective results.

Post-Christmas JBCYC activity continued with two offshore races for *Franklin* and the usual six point score races for all yachts in the club's fleet. The offshore series saw *Franklin* take out second place, whilst in the point score series, the best College yacht performance was second place gained by the Phillip Division Endeavour *Carama*.

Early in the year, another three bosuns were supplied to RANC and this now brings to twenty the number of dinghies available for sailing. With such a large number of boats in the College fleet and the facilities available for sailing, it is hoped that all cadets will gain further experience in sailing in addition to that minimum required to obtain a particular proficiency certificate. Of course some cadets have been doing this as evidenced by the large number of sailing expeditions and recreational activities that have taken place during the past twelve months. It would be good if all cadets could show such enthusiasm and use to the fullest more often the sailing facilities available to them.



## TENNIS

The 1976-77 season was one of mixed fortunes for the tennis team. There were some excellent wins as well as some disappointing defeats.

Third term 1976 saw us matched against St Patrick's College, Goulburn, where we coasted to a comfortable 6 nil victory. We then played Nowra High at *Creswell* and went down 24 sets to 80. Most matches were close, hard-fought affairs with Dave Littlehales, Rod Nairn and Richard Menhinick winning their singles. Our honour, and Dave Littlehales' ego, was boosted the following week when we travelled to Sydney to play Cranbrook High. Due to some powerful play from Lach King and Peter Sullivan, playing 1 and 2, we won 5 matches to 1.

1977 saw the loss of Peter Sullivan, Peter Murray and Lachlan King, leaving only Dave Littlehales, Craig Bates and Richard Menhinick from the 1976 team. We were fortunate, though, in acquiring Mark Daniel who had previously played grade tennis in Western Australia.

The season began with a trip to Sydney to play Knox Grammar. This proved an excellent initiation for the team as even though we lost 21 sets to 6 some fine performances were recorded with Mark Daniel winning his singles and Richard Menhinick winning singles and doubles with Dave Littlehales. The next month saw us playing RANATE and Canberra Grammar, recording a loss and a win. The 'Fly Boys' from RAAFA were next to challenge us, on our territory, resulting in a hard game and a close loss — 8 matches to 4. Added sparkle appeared in the match when Philip Warwick paired with Richard Men-



TENNIS FIRSTS

*Back row:* Coach CMDR Sullivan, CMIDs Orr, Nelson, MIDN Bates  
*Front:* CMIDs Sander, Daniel, DMIDN Littlehales, CMID Menhinick

hinick in winning both singles and doubles in close matches.

The final game of the season was quick and sharp. It was the Chevalier Cup where we were knocked out in the first and second rounds. We won the first round on forfeit due to some trouble with the trains.

We would like to thank CMDR Sullivan for braving the terrors of NSW highways in his never-ending quest of support for his team. As he could well say 'It is not whether you win or lose, but how you play the game — but please!'

## STATE OF THE MARLINS 1976-77

The first stage was Ralpus Primus. During this period the college team was graced by Ralph Marshall, Mark Rodgers, Dave Gallagher, Mick Freeman and Col Cooper and it was during this period that we won the majority of our matches against civilian colleges, but we could not crack the jinx and defeat another Service college and went down to RAAFA, RMC and RANATE.

The next stage occurred after Ralph, Mark, and Mick had been called to other fields. It

was during this period that Dennis Alexander grabbed Shane Donaldson, Grant Dale, Colin Gorey, and Michael Moon along with a few others to form Marlins II, which started off B grade in the local competition. These players formed the nucleus along with Gerry 'Fletcher' Christian, Grant Ferguson, Col Cooper and Dave Gallagher.

Marlins I and Marlins II combined at this time into the present College team and started out in the A reserve grade in the local com-

petition but suffered the loss of Fletch and Dave from Marlins I and also Murray Fox and Michael Gallagher from Marlins II. The JIs began to infiltrate in the form of Will 'Jock' O'Hagen and Mark 'McGilla' Daniel early in the season, but they were forced out through the pressure of studies. Marlins still had little success in the inter-collegiate scene.

Marlins Primus has been heralded in by a win over RANATE and we hope to continue on our winning 'high' by defeating all-comers, yes, even the mighty RAAFA.

Our thanks for making this development possible must go to LEUT David Jennings USN (DJ) who brought us through this difficult stage with his constant faith in our ability to succeed. Thanks, Sir!

We must now welcome LEUT 'Russ' Shalders and Chief PTI 'Spike' Jones to our hallowed ranks and may they enjoy their stay as members of a victorious team.

*Back row:* S. Donaldson, C. Cooper, G. Christian  
*Front:* M. Moon, LEUT Neal, G. Ferguson



## SQUASH

Though a revived sport in the College, squash has affirmed itself as one of the more physically demanding of the College sports in 1976. Under the leadership of Gervase Pearce, *Creswell* fielded a team of five in the local men's C grade competition. Considering it was the first squash team from the College in over ten years, it didn't fare too badly to be just beaten in the grand final. The College also ran the squash championships of which Doug Lucock was the eventual winner with Philip Warwick finishing a close second. Doug Lucock went on to captain the College side in 1977. The team consisted of Doug Lucock, Andrew Arnold, Geoff Noyes, Philip Warwick, Richard Menhinick and our coach Brian Hill. *Creswell* will have played in its second grand final in two seasons and they are short-priced favourites to win. After a remarkable season the team termed the 'glamour side of Illawarra squash' had obtained a total of 200 points out of a possible 238 to finish as undefeated top team.

This year's College championships have all but finished. Once again Doug Lucock and



*Back row:* A. Arnold, P. Warwick, D. Lucock  
*Front:* D. Menhinick, LCDR Hill, LCDR Noyes

Philip Warwick are the two finalists with the match to be played in the near future. The championships attracted nearly thirty entrants, which only serves to show the rapid growth of the sport's popularity. Matches were also played against the Royal Australian Air Force Academy in 1976 and against HMAS *Nirimba* in 1977. Unfortunately *Creswell* came off second best in both matches against more experienced opponents.

Assured a spot amongst the College sports, squash can only prosper. With the erection of the nearby Huskisson and Vincentia courts, facilities are more easily accessible and it is hoped that two teams may be entered in the next competition. Already Full Colours have been awarded to Midshipman Pearce and Cadet Midshipman Lucock and Half Colours to Cadet Midshipmen Warwick and Menhinick. Indeed, the future looks bright for squash at the College.

*Back row:* ASLT Reed, LCDR Cunningham, C. Thomas  
*Front:* P. Chapman, D. Menhinick, M. Moon



## HOCKEY

### 1976

The *Creswell* hockey team had a very successful season in 1976, coming second in the Illawarra League. Of the games which were lost, many of these were at the start of the season. The grand final, which was played against North Wollongong, deserves a mention as the game was even all the way. We lost in the last ten seconds, the score 2-1, when North Wollongong slipped in a goal off the goalie's pads.

### 1977

*Creswell* had a nearly complete re-formation for the 1977 season. From 1976 we lost Peter Murray, Peter Leschen, Derek Frew, Chris Stanfield, Neil McQueen, Mark Blackmore, Paul Smith, John Scott, and early in the season 'Strick' Strickland. However, the new entry provided some more hockey players, so we had a reasonable team, which at the moment is about half way up the league ladder. Recently the team has been putting forward some good performances, so hopes for the future are high. The whole team would like to thank LEUT Paul Lashko, the Commanding Officer of HMAS *Aware*, for his time and excellent playing for the team.



### HOCKEY

*Back row:* CMID Webb, SBLT Reed, CMID Mike  
*Centre:* CMIDS Boadle, Warwick, Keast, Watling, Thompson  
*Front:* Lucock, Hoisser, D'Orsogna, Williams, Woolf

## INTERPART CRESWELL CUP 1976

A talented, well co-ordinated effort saw Flinders division establish a new record in the 1976 Creswell Cup. They sliced twenty-four seconds off the record which they had established nine days earlier in an inter-divisional

competition. The major competition came from the midshipmen, and it was not until the sailing leg that the lead became distinguishable. The celebrations that followed included a Trafalgar night mess dinner.



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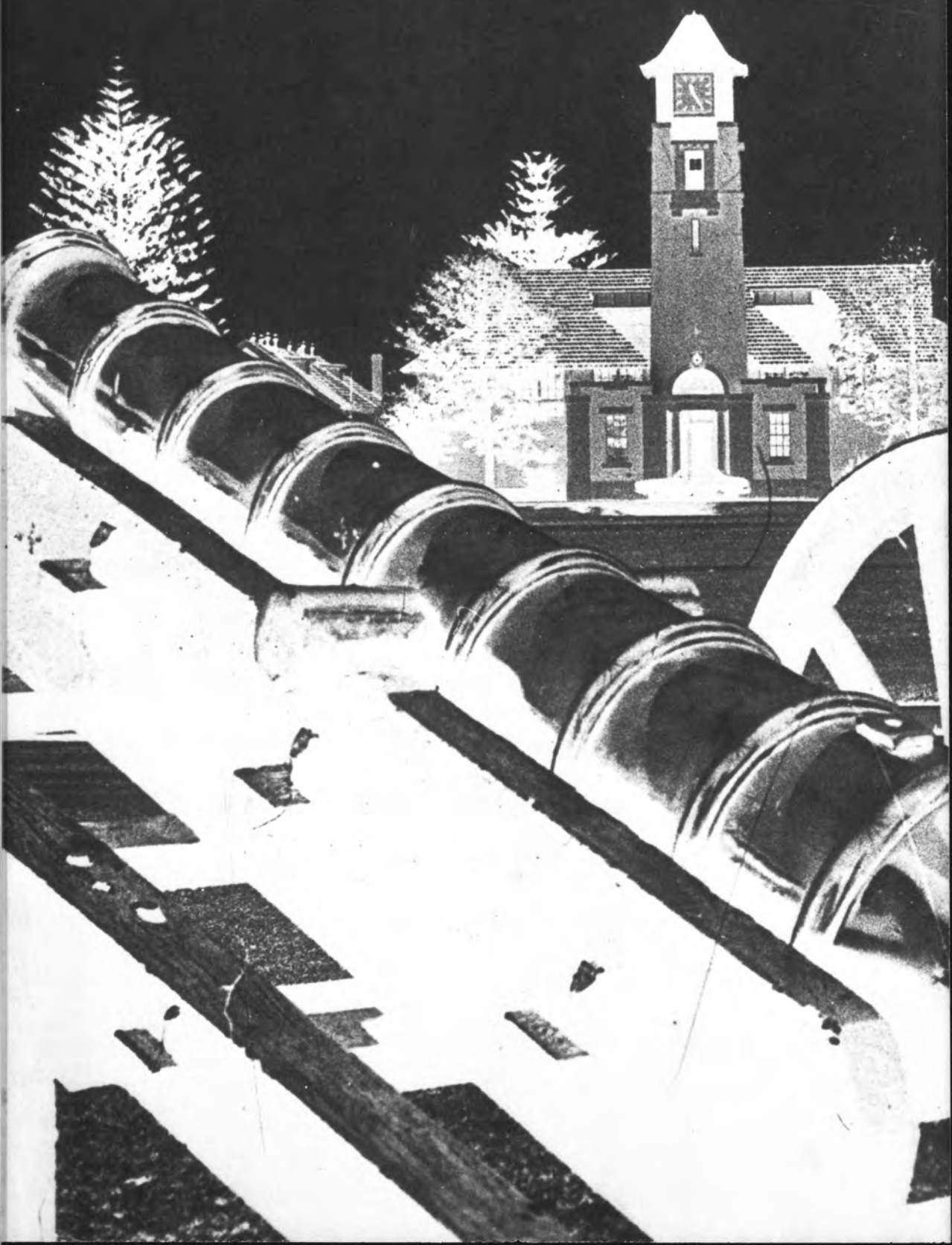


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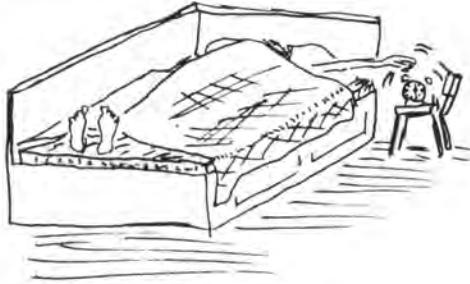


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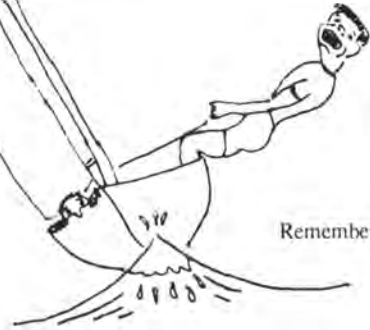
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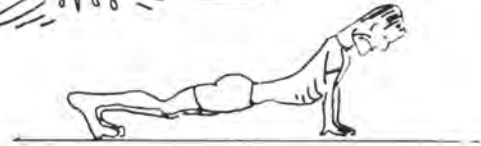


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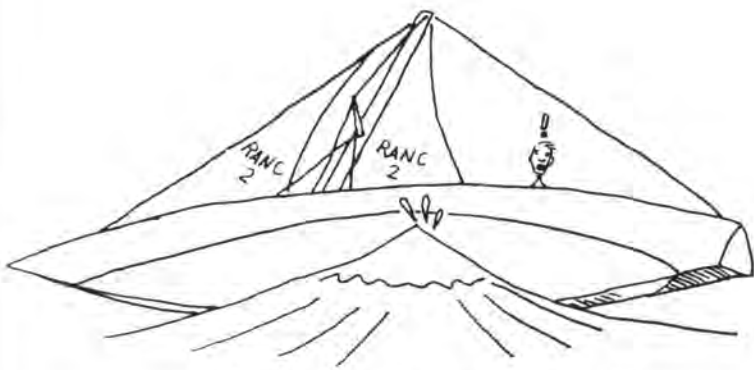
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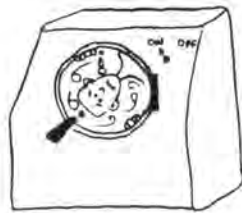
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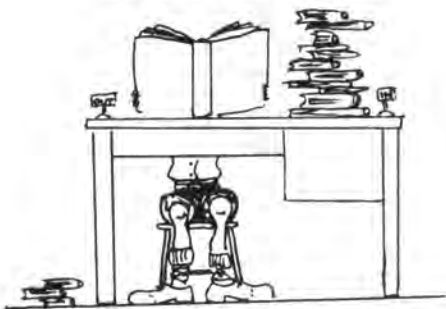
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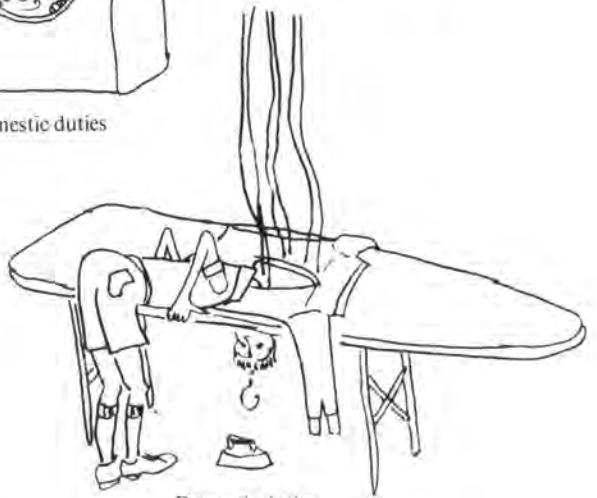
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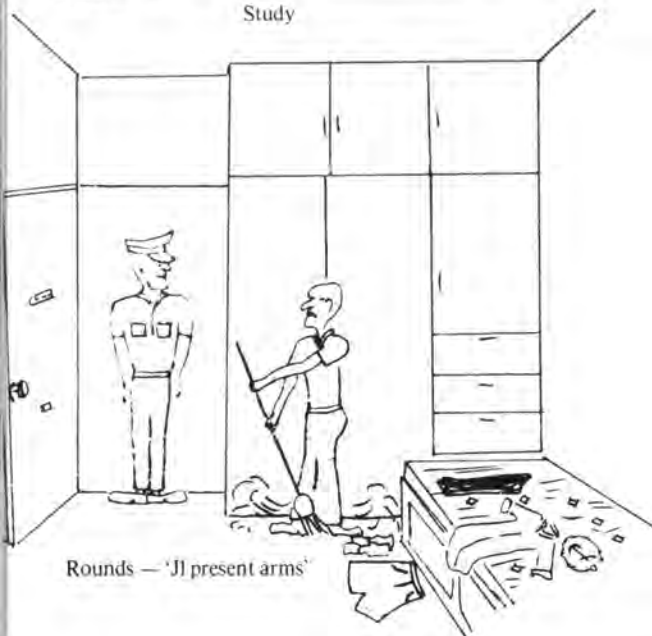






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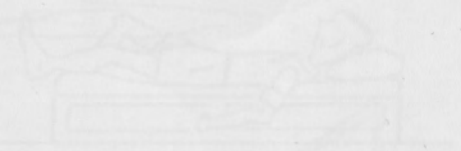


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