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## FOREWORD

1986 saw the Royal Australian Naval College (RANC) experience significant change. For the first time there was no new General List entry, for the first time the College catered for all lists of officers and for the first time courses undertaken were professional rather than academic. This transition completes at the end of 1986 when the final year of the Diploma course departs.

Naturally, the end of RANC as an academic institution is a sad event after such a long and proud history. A great many naval officers will vividly recall the history lessons, textbooks and science laboratories of RANC and the close integration of the academic and naval staffs in a College environment.

The opening of the Australian Defence Force Academy (ADFA) of course was the reason behind the changes to RANC. ADFA has now taken over all academics and I have no doubt will set and maintain standards of which we can be proud. RANC's role now therefore, is to take ADFA graduates, plus Supplementary List, Direct Entry, Special Duties and Short Service officers and give them their naval training and bring them to the level where they can go forward to the Fleet. Perhaps the most significant benefit this new training system produces is that it brings all officers-under-training together for the first time. Officers from all lists now undertake very nearly the same training. Such commonality will greatly enhance the prospect of officers from all lists enjoying very broad career opportunities throughout their Naval service. It is the integration of the officer corps at this early stage of training which is the most exciting feature of RANC today. An awareness of the other officer lists and the unique qualities they each possess will stand all who pass through RANC in very good stead.

The new RANC has a most exciting future; it must employ an approach that is sufficiently dynamic to handle the variety of officers who now pass through here, yet it must maintain the traditions of the Service which are so important to the RAN. It is an interesting challenge and I have been proud to be associated with the transition which has occurred this year and the very many dedicated staff who have worked so hard to ensure the success of the new training scheme.





The Royal Australian Naval College forms the major part of HMAS *Creswell*, a shore establishment in the Royal Australian Navy located at Jervis Bay. The College is under the command of the Commanding Officer, HMAS *Creswell*.

## **CHARTER OF THE ROYAL AUSTRALIAN NAVAL COLLEGE**

The aim of the Royal Australian Naval College is to train young men and women for service to their country as officers in the Royal Australian Navy. The training provides a sound and well-balanced education in academic and naval subjects conducted within a naval environment and demands professional excellence and stimulates personal endeavour. Training is designed to develop concurrently the qualities of leadership, loyalty, integrity, responsibility and initiative, and forms the basis of the continuing officer development process throughout careers.

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 LEUT S. Stangret; LEUT J. A. Dallas; SBLT S. S. Sewell.  
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 A. J. Graham; LCDR M. S. Skopal; CHAP M. T. Holz; LCDR F. S. Wyllie.  
*Absent:* Mr J. E. Casey; LCDR R. J. Mittens RN.



### CAPTAIN G. A. MORTON



Captain Morton was born in Brisbane on 10 December 1944 and joined the RAN College at Jervis Bay as a Junior Entry Cadet Midshipman on 30 January 1961, graduating in July 1964. After a year at sea as a Midshipman, mainly onboard HMAS *Derwent* in SE Asia during confrontation, he undertook a brief period of Midshipmen's exchange with the USN before commencing two years of study in the UK.

After all this arduous training he returned to Australia in 1967 as a Sub Lieutenant and served as TAS officer of HMAS *Anzac* and on award of his Bridge Watchkeeping Certificate, served as XO of HMAS *Gull* before returning to the UK for the Long Gunnery Course at Whale Island from June 1969 to August 1970. This course was followed by postings as the Gunnery Officer of HMA Ships *Torrens*, *Melbourne* and *Perth* as well as shore staff postings in Canberra, Washington DC and the RAN Tactical School. He was promoted to Commander on 30 June 1980.

After promotion to Commander, he attended the Joint Services Staff College, then served as Director of Surface and Air Weapons—Navy in Canberra before assuming command of HMAS *Tobruk* in June 1983. He reluctantly left HMAS *Tobruk* to

join Fleet Staff in December 1984 as Fleet Warfare Officer and Chief Staff Officer Operations and was promoted to Captain on 30 June 1985. He assumed command of HMAS *Creswell* on 24 January 1986.

Captain Morton and his wife Dianne have two daughters, Priscilla (12) and Cecilia (8). Recreational interests include flying, tennis, cricket and boating.

### CAPTAIN A. G. MIKOSZA, MSc, DipEd, SMIREE, RAN



Captain A. G. Mikosza, MSc, DipEd, SMIREE, RAN joined the Royal Australian Navy in 1963 as a commissioned officer. From 1964 to 1967 he served in HMAS *Leeuwin* engaged in teaching matriculation physics to officer candidates. January 1968 to 1969 he was at HMAS *Cerberus* instructing electronics to technical senior sailors in the Electrical Engineering School. January 1970 to December 1970 he was engaged in lecturing Electricity to First Year students Department of Physics, University of New South Wales. In January 1971 to November 1975 he was lecturing in Physics and Electrical Engineering at the Royal Australian Naval College. November 1975 to November 1977 saw exchange service with the Royal Navy at the Royal Naval Engineering College, Plymouth, United Kingdom. He was promoted to Com-

mander in 1977. From November 1977 to February 1979 he served in HMAS *Nirimba*, RAN Apprentice Training Establishment as Quality Control Commander and was in charge of the Training Development, Quality Control and Training Support cells. He was Training Officer at HMAS *Leeuwin* from February 1979. In January 1982 he returned to the Royal Australian Naval College as Director of Studies.

His interests are hockey, golf and electronics. Captain Mikosza is married and he and his wife have one son and two daughters.

**COMMANDER A. J. GRAHAM, RAN**



Alan Graham, whose home town is Mullumbimby, NSW, entered the RAN in 1968 at the Naval College. Passing-out in 1972, after serving as Chief Cadet Captain in 1971 and winning the Queen's Medal for 1972, he travelled to the UK for an Operations and Weapons Course before returning to Australia to serve on various HMA ships including HMAS *Melbourne*, HMAS *Sydney*, HMAS *Duchess* and HMAS *Parramatta*. Specialising as an Air Intercept Controller, he was posted again to HMAS *Melbourne* for Fighter Control duties before acting as Flag Lieutenant to the Fleet Commander and then moving to HMAS *Buccaneer* as Commanding Officer and Command of the First Aus-

tralian Patrol Boat Squadron. Following another trip to the UK (this time for a Principal Warfare Officer's Course), he served as Direction Officer on HMAS *Hobart* whilst in company with a US Battle Group in the North Arabian Sea, and was then posted to the Australian Embassy in Washington, DC, as Naval Staff Officer, Tactics and Warfare.

He is married to the former Robin Wallis of Adelaide and they have two children, English-born Rebecca and United States-born Victoria.

**THE EDITOR**

**LIEUTENANT S. R. MOORE, RAN  
BA, MA(Hons), DipEd, RAN**



After study at Macquarie and Sydney Universities and three years with the NSW Department of Education, Shane joined the RAN in 1982 as a Direct Entry Lieutenant. On completion of initial training, Lieutenant Moore was posted to HMAS *Nirimba* as Electronics Instructor and with two Arts degrees this made for interesting lessons. Postings to HMAS *Leeuwin*, HMAS *Cerberus* and RAAF Staff College followed.

In April 1986, Lieutenant Moore was posted as Humanities Lecturer at RANC, where his rapier-like wit and charm could be best utilised. One of his prime objectives be-

fore he leaves the Naval College is to ensure the RANC Historical Collection is opened to the public. Lieutenant Moore's interests include scuba-diving, skiing, reading and cars that married officers cannot afford.

**LIEUTENANT COMMANDER  
IAN CUNNINGHAM,  
BA, BA(Hons), TSTC, RAN**



Lieutenant Commander Ian Cunningham left the Education Department of Victoria in 1979 to join the RAN as a Direct Entry Instructor Officer with the rank of Lieutenant. After orientation courses, he was posted to RANC in 1980 to instruct in English Literature and Australian History and completed an honours degree at Wollongong University in 1983. Postings to RAAF Staff College (to instruct and administer correspondence staff courses for RAN personnel), to HMAS *Jervis Bay* (for an all too brief stint as Training Officer) and to the Defence Information Services Branch (as Navy Liaison Officer) occupied 1984 and 1985. He was promoted to Lieutenant Commander in 1984. In February 1986, Lieutenant Commander Cunningham returned to RANC in the Humanities Department, assuming the mantle of Lecturer-in-Charge in May. He is currently undertaking PhD studies with the History Department at Wollongong University as part of his next

posting, which is to write a history of RANC for publication in 1988 as part of the Australian Bicentennial celebrations. His interests are reading (as widely as possible), golf, hockey, model aircraft and vintage motorcycles. He is married with one daughter.

**LIEUTENANT COMMANDER  
R. J. MITTINS, BSc, MSc, RN**

Lieutenant Commander R. J. Mittins joined the Royal Navy as a Direct Entry Instructor Lieutenant in 1971. After initial training in Victory Barracks (now HMS *Nelson*) and Royal Naval College Greenwich, he took up his first appointment in HMS *Collingwood*, the Royal Navy's Weapons Electrical Training Establishment. This was followed in 1974 by an appointment to the New Entry Apprentice Training School, HMS *Fisgard*.

After a short sea tour in HMS *Bulwark*, a former carrier then converted to an amphibious role, Lieutenant Mittins was appointed to the staff of the Royal Naval Engineering College at Manadon in Plymouth where he lectured in Electrical Machine Theory and Power Electronics to both post-graduate and under-graduate students. During his time at RNEC he was promoted Lieutenant Commander in 1976 and gained a Masters degree from the University of Aston.



In 1983 he moved to HMS *Sultan*, the Royal Navy's Marine Engineering Training School to set up academic courses associated with the transfer of responsibility for Electrical Generating plant to the Marine Engineers.

He joined the staff of the RANC in 1985 upon receiving a much sought after exchange posting. He is married with four children and will be reluctant to return to the 'liquid sunshine' of the UK.

**LIEUTENANT COMMANDER  
F. J. WYLLIE, RAN**



Lieutenant Commander RLEX (P) Francis James Wyllie born 16 July 1941—joined the RAN as an Electrical Apprentice at HMAS *Nirimba* on 8 July 1957. Qualified both as a general service and aircraft electrical artificer serving in HMAS *Creswell*, *Albatross* and *Melbourne*. August 1965 joined HMAS *Cerberus* as a married with two children BATC midshipman and completed flying training as a pilot February 1967, then posted to HMAS *Albatross* for a helicopter conversion

course and finally qualified on Anti Submarine Wessex as an aircraft Captain. December '67 to March '68—flew Wessex on HMAS *Sydney* during her trips as a troop/stores carrier to Vietnam.

Up to mid 1973 remained in various flying positions between HMAS *Albatross* and HMAS *Melbourne* and as a member of HS 817 was awarded the United States Naval Meritorious Unit Commendation for rescue operations after the USS *Frank E. Evans* collision.

Since 1973 Wyllie has served in the Officers Training School at HMAS *Cerberus* June '73–December '75. HMAS *Parramatta* under training for his watch keeping ticket January '76–March '77 during which time was promoted to Lieutenant Commander. March '77 to December '78 was Flight Safety Officer at HMAS *Albatross*, January '88–November '79 Deputy Director of Naval Safety in Canberra. December '79 to December '81 as OIC of the RAN Management School at HMAS *Cerberus* where he left the RAN in December '81.

Moved to Queensland (Brisbane) became Secretary/Manager of the Brisbane Golf Club where the Minister for Defence, Sir Jim Killen was a member.

Joined Brisbane Port division as an RAN Reserve Officer in the Training Officer's position.

January '84 his wife Loraine re-entered the RAN full-time as a Nursing Officer and he followed her to Sydney where he spent two years working with intellectually handicapped adults and transferred to the Sydney Port Division as the Reserves Training Officer at HMAS *Waterhen*.

January '86 Lieutenant Commander Wyllie followed his wife to HMAS *Creswell* where she is now the Nursing Officer. The Navy decided to also use his talents as a JNCC instructor in the management/leadership area and so offered Lieutenant Commander Wyllie 11 months full time Service as a RAN Reserve Officer to assist the College during a time when we have a shortage of instructors.

LIEUTENANT COMMANDER  
MICHAEL SKOPAL, RAN



LIEUTENANT COMMANDER  
W. G. RICHARDS, RAN



Lieutenant Commander Skopal joined the RAN in 1972 as a Seaman Officer undertaking his early training in HMA Ships *Duchess*, *Stalwart*, *Vampire*, *Parramatta* and *Supply*.

His first posting as a newly qualified Officer of the Watch was in HMAS *Yarra* in 1975. The then Lieutenant Skopal was sent north to Darwin as the Executive Officer of HMAS *Assail*. A shore posting followed in 1978 as Staff Officer Reserve Training at HMAS *Lonsdale*. As often happens to land lubbered sailors, he met and married his wife Marilyn, a Lieutenant in the Navy who was then working as the Legal Officer at HMAS *Cerberus*.

Lieutenant Commander Skopal attended the Assistant Principal Warfare Officers Course in 1979 prior to returning to HMAS *Yarra*. 1980 saw him posted in command of HMAS *Advance*. His second shore posting was in 1981 as an instructor at the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis, USA.

On return to Australia, the newly promoted Lieutenant Commander Skopal assumed command of HMAS *Dubbo* which operated from Cairns.

He joined the College in January 1986 as the Naval Training Officer and finds most of his leisure time dominated by his small son, Nicholas.

Lieutenant Commander Wayne Richards was born in Sale, Victoria and was educated in Toowoomba, Queensland. He joined the Navy as a Junior Recruit in 1970 and entered the Naval College in 1973 as a Senior Entry cadet midshipman. Stage II training was undertaken in HMAS *Anzac*, HMAS *Melbourne* and HMAS *Stuart*. During his Stage IV training in 1976-77 he served in HMAS *Tarakan*, HMAS *Perth*, HMAS *Melbourne* and HMAS *Torrens*, where he was awarded his Bridge Watchkeeping Certificate. He then served in various capacities in HMAS *Stuart* and HMAS *Hobart*. He administered the Sydney Port Divisions RANR as a Staff Officer to the Naval Support Commander. This was followed by postings to the Queensland area where he served on HMAS *Tobruk* and, after suitable courses, took command of HMAS *Balikpapan* on 29 June 1983.

On joining HMAS *Creswell* in January 1985, he assumed the duties of Course Planning Co-ordinator and Assistant Jervis Divisional Officer.

Lieutenant Commander Richards and his wife Shirley have four active children—Ian, Adam, Craig and Tammy. His interests are ten pin bowling, micro-computers and surviving his four children.



**DR HAROLD KEMP,  
BEd, BSc, MSc, PhD, ARACI**



Dr Harold Kemp joined the academic staff of the Royal Australian Naval College in 1965 after eleven years as a secondary teacher in Victorian High Schools. Until 1968, he taught chemistry at secondary level and since tertiary studies were introduced into the College program has taught chemistry and materials science to degree and diploma students. He became head of the Science Department in 1974.

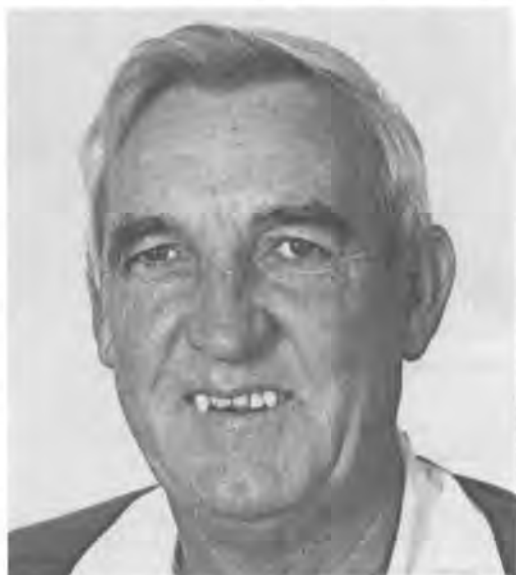
Dr Kemp completed Bachelor of Science and Diploma of Education at Melbourne University in 1953 and Bachelor of Education in 1967. The winning of a Naval Defence Act Scholarship allowed him to spend 1969 and 1970 in the School of Metallurgy, University of New South Wales. As a result of this and several years of part time study he was awarded the degree of Master of Science in 1972 and the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in 1977. By this time a liking for scientific writing had developed and he has written journal articles on metallic corrosion, thermodynamics and ballistics.

The beauty of the Jervis Bay area and opportunities for outdoor recreation provided strong reasons for bringing his family to the College. Dr Kemp has greatly enjoyed a number of extra-curricular activities with

midshipmen including canoeing in the Shoalhaven River, walking the Kokoda Trail, learning to fly a glider and competing in cross-country and marathon races. Dr Kemp is keenly interested in fishing, archery and photography. He enjoys combining these activities with camping trips.

He and his wife Margaret have three adult children and two young grandchildren.

**MR J. E. CASEY, BA, MSc, MScOR**



Mr Casey came to RANC in May 1970 from the position of Mathematics Master at Sydney Boys High School. Initiated into the teaching service at Nowra High School he had long cherished the desire to return to the attractions of the South Coast. He is familiar with all three of the Metropolitan Universities, having graduated BA, BSc from Sydney University and MSc from Macquarie. Prior to his appointment to RANC he held a part-time lectureship in the Department of Education at the University of New South Wales and in Mathematics at the Institute of Technology.

After a year at the Naval College he became infected by the urge to study which was so virulent in the midshipman body and took out a Masters degree in Operations Research at Wollongong University. After fifteen years he can still live with the job of teaching midshipmen and will follow them to the Defence Force Academy in 1987.

**DON GREGORY THOMPSON,  
BSc, MSc, DipEd**



Born in 1930 and educated at Broke Primary School and Maitland Boys High School where he was vice-captain in 1947. Attended New England University College from 1948 to 1951. Represented in athletics, Rugby, basketball and debating. Secretary of the NEUC Amateur Athletics Club which he formed and President of the Debating Society. Graduated BSc in 1950 and gained a Diploma in Education in 1951. Taught mathematics and science at Newcastle Boys High in 1952 and mathematics at Sydney Boys' High in 1953.

He joined the RAN College in 1954 as a mathematics master. Assisted with the science, geology and fishing clubs and as cross-country and athletics coach. Studied athletics coaching methods and techniques at Melbourne University and was appointed a state coach in 1957. Celebrated Melbourne's successful staging of the Olympic Games in 1956 by getting married and is now the proud father of four. Survived the move to Jervis Bay and saw the commissioning in 1958. Was promoted to Senior Master in 1961 and gained an MSc in 1969. Acted as Wardroom minerals caterer and as auditor and was Secretary of the local P & C association for a number of years.

Research interests are in the application of solar energy for domestic and rural purposes. Beyond work and family, his main interests are now in gardening and fishing. He received a CNS commendation in 1985.

**CHAPLAIN MICHAEL HOLZ, RAN**



Chaplain Michael Holz was born and educated in the City of Wollongong. After 11 years in various fields of electrical engineering and despite discouragement from family and peers, took the first step towards the Anglican priesthood.

In 1968 and married to his wife Janice for three years, they both attended Melbourne Bible Institute to consolidate their love and knowledge of the Holy Scriptures. The Anglican Diocese of Sydney accepted Michael in 1969 to train at Moore Theological College for four years. During the latter two years of this training he was appointed Catechist In Residence at Holy Trinity Garrison Church, the Rocks.

Upon graduation in February 1973 he became Assistant Minister and Youth Director of St John's Anglican Cathedral, Parramatta, for five years. A career in parish work seemed to be assured. However, as a former National Serviceman, Michael had been favourably impressed and interested in Defence Force Chaplaincy. This interest gained



the attention of the Anglican Bishop to the Defence Force and many discussions evolved concerning a new career prospect in the RAN.

This became a reality in September 1977 when he took up his first posting as a Chaplain in the RAN at HMAS *Watson*. Since that time he has had postings to HMAS *Cerberus*, HMAS *Melbourne*, HMAS *Stalwart* and HMAS *Nirimba*. After waiting nine years for a posting to the College, it finally came in January 1986. However, tertiary and HSC commitments meant after due democratic process that the family remain in the Blue Mountains, and a life of weekly commuting for the head of the family.

Michael and Janice have four children, Louise, Russell, Anthony and Aaron. His interests are participating, even if he does not win very often, at all sports, and renovating the family home.

**LIEUTENANT JUDITH ANNE DALLAS,  
BA, RAN**



Born in Ingham, North Queensland, Lieutenant J. A. Dallas was the eldest daughter of a marine engineer. Swimming at four and sailing by the age of eight, her one ambition was to follow in her father's footsteps and he was sweet enough not to disillusion her. Lieutenant Dallas completed her second-

ary education at Somerville House in Queensland, but longed to travel so, after leaving school, visited her mother's family in England.

Having caught the travel bug, she was coaxed back to Australia to further qualify herself and to save enough money to set off again. Instead she met her future husband and shortly thereafter produced two bouncing bundles of joy who promised to change her life forever. Tired of secretarial, book-keeping positions, she embarked on an English Honours degree and became fascinated with Renaissance literature and naval history. It was this latter interest that initiated her inquiry to join the RAN, and the more she found out about it, the keener she became so, when a position was offered she had no hesitation in bundling all and sundry under her arm to report to HMAS *Creswell* two weeks later in July 1982.

Her first posting was in 1983 to HMAS *Albatross* as Education and Library Supervising Officer where she immediately fell madly in love with all aircraft. In January 1984 Lieutenant Dallas joined HMAS *Creswell*, firstly in the Humanities Department lecturing in naval history and tutoring Chinese history. Some months later staff changes occurred. She then found herself a 'lone' IT in a PNT world as the Training Development Officer, but is enjoying every moment of it—well, most moments anyway!

**LIEUTENANT S. G. COPELAND,  
BSc, DipEd, RAN**

Lieutenant Stephen Copeland joined the Royal Australian Naval College as a Senior Entry cadet midshipman in 1976. After a year at the College he moved to Sydney where he successfully completed a science degree. In 1979 Lieutenant Copeland joined the Fleet and in the ensuing 18 months served in HMAS *Supply*, HMAS *Vendetta*, HMAS *Moresby* and HMAS *Stalwart*. In July 1980 a requested transfer from the Executive to the Instructor branch was approved and Lieutenant Copeland packed his bags for HMAS *Leeuwin*. There he completed a Diploma of Education at the University of Western Australia. He was then promptly posted to the Naval College as Supplementary List Course Officer and Navigation Instructor. After



nine months in that billet he moved 'across the quarterdeck' to the Academic Department where he joined the staff as a Mathematics Instructor, a billet he still holds.

Lieutenant Copeland and his wife Wanda have two daughters, Belinda and Catherine.

**LIEUTENANT A. M. NAUGHTON**  
**DipAppSci, RAN**



Lieutenant Andrew Naughton joined the Royal Australian Navy as a Junior Entry midshipman in January 1979. Graduating in July 1981, he served in HMAS *Tobruk* and HMAS *Melbourne*. He married Janelle in December 1981.

He qualified as a Supply Officer by completing the Basic Supply Course at the Supply School, HMAS *Cerberus* and was promoted to Sub Lieutenant in July 1982. He was then posted to HMAS *Kuttabul* prior to an enjoyable stint of seetime. Between December 1982 and January 1984 he served in HMAS *Torrens*, HMAS *Supply* and HMAS *Hobart*, the highlight of this period being a South East Asian deployment. This was followed by time at HMAS *Albatross* where he gained necessary naval stores experience. Since joining HMAS *Creswell* he has been the Stores Officer Jervis Bay Range Facility and Captain's Secretary. He was promoted Lieutenant in January 1985.

He is a keen sportsman and plays Rugby, cricket, touch football, indoor cricket and enjoys running, swimming and inter-mess sports competitions.

**LIEUTENANT D. S. SEWELL, RAN**

After a full and wordly education in Canberra, Lieutenant Sewell joined the Royal Australian Naval College as a Senior Entry in



1977. After completing the Creswell Course he served, whilst under training, in HMS *Norfolk* and HMAS *Supply*, HMAS *Moresby* and HMAS *Torrens*. After gaining his Bridge Watchkeeping Certificate, Lieutenant Sewell served in HMAS *Torrens*, HMAS *Warrnambool* and HMAS *Ardent*. In 1982, whilst serving as Diving Officer and Windsurfing Instructor in HMAS *Jervis Bay*, he met and was smitten by his future wife, Sharon, during an eight week training cruise to Fiji—which shows just how much trouble you can get into on your training cruise.

Lieutenant Sewell was selected in 1983 for training as Mine Warfare and Clearance Diving Officer, and after 14 months training in Australia, England, Scotland and Belgium qualified into this elite and specialised field.

After serving in Clearance Diving Team One and at the Clearance Diving School, and for a brief period on P and O's *Canberra* (a truly arduous duty) Lieutenant Sewell joined HMAS *Creswell* on 8 July 1985 as Phillip Divisional Officer and Sailing Officer.

**SUB LIEUTENANT J. BLUNDEN, RAN**



Sub Lieutenant Jenni Blunden was born and raised in Sydney and upon completion of the HSC joined the Royal Australian Naval College in 1981 as a midshipman.

Following promotion to Acting Sub Lieutenant, she was posted to Navy Office and HMAS *Creswell* for a brief period before joining HMAS *Albatross* in July 1983 as Supply Officer (Pay).

Sub Lieutenant Blunden joined HMAS *Creswell* in July 1984 and is currently Supply Officer (Cash). With only fourteen months before promotion to Lieutenant, Sub-Lieutenant Blunden is expected to leave HMAS *Creswell* mid 1986 and return to Navy Office.

Sub Lieutenant Blunden is currently single and enjoys horseriding, art, music and social activities. She is also keen on the fitness scene, playing such sports as touch football, waterpolo, squash, basketball and volleyball.

**LIEUTENANT RICHARD O'BRIEN, BA, USN**



Lieutenant Richard O'Brien joined the United States Navy in 1972 as a recruit at the Naval Training Center, San Diego, California. After seven months of training, he joined his first Command, Amphibious Squadron Five as a Radioman. After two extended deployments to the Western Pacific and Indian Ocean, Lieutenant O'Brien was transferred to Layfayette, Indiana, where he continued his College education at Purdue University while attached to the Naval Re-

serve Officer Training Center. In 1977 he was transferred to Naval Communications Area Master Station on Guam where he finished his college education in Political Science and History.

In November 1979, he attended Officer Candidate School in Newport, Rhode Island and upon completion, was commissioned an Ensign. After further training in warfare and communications in San Diego, California, he reported to the USS *Mount Vernon* (LSD-39) as the Communications Officer and Boat Group Commander during amphibious landings. During this time, he completed his Surface Warfare qualifications and was promoted to Lieutenant (junior grade).

Further training was received in engineering prior to being stationed on USS *Ranger* (CU-61) in 1983. He served two years in propulsion engineering and as catapult steam officer where he received his engineering qualifications and his promotion to Lieutenant.

In March of 1984, Lieutenant O'Brien learned of his pending orders to the RAN College to be effective in November 1984. Operational requirements pushed the date to March 1985. When he arrived his wife and family were left behind to solve passport difficulties. His wife Chris, their daughter Amber and son Daniel arrived one week later.

Lieutenant O'Brien serves as the Cook Divisional Officer and as HMAS *Creswell's* soccer coach. His major concern is the lack of complete sporting news in Australia and wonders how the San Diego Padres are doing this year.

**LIEUTENANT S. D. ABSON,  
BSc(Hons), DipEd, RAN**

Lieutenant Stuart Abson graduated from La Trobe University in 1975 and commenced teaching in 1976 at Hamilton Technical College in Western Victoria. In pursuit of a more challenging career, he joined the RAN as a Direct Entry officer in July 1980 and embarked on a six-month training course, which included a two-month training cruise to Indonesia on HMAS *Jervis Bay*. Lieutenant Abson was initially posted to HMAS *Nirimba* in 1981 as an electronics instructor in the now disbanded Air Technical Department, but within six months he was enticed



to the sunny shores of Jervis Bay as a physics/oceanography instructor at RANC.

Lieutenant Abson has had broad experience in naval administration during his posting to HMAS *Creswell*. He has worked in the fields of Wardroom management, resettlement, and public relations, spent a year as the Assistant Jervis Divisional Officer and took an active part in the development of HMAS *Creswell's* 1984 Scheme of Completion.

His interests range from scuba diving (which has seen him partake in RANC expeditions to the Great Barrier Reef and Perth), cross-country running, sailing and tennis, to playing the piano and restoring furniture.

Lieutenant Abson has a wife, Leonie, but no children yet!

**LIEUTENANT B. H. FALLON, RAN**

Lieutenant Bruce Fallon joined HMAS *Cerberus* in 1977 as a Supplementary List Seaman Officer. He completed Stage I training in HMAS *Cerberus* (being in the last SL course to be trained there before all officer training moved to HMAS *Creswell*), before moving on to Stage II training in HMAS *Melbourne*. Stage IV training was undertaken in HMAS *Torrens* where, in 1979, he was awarded a Full Bridge Watchkeeping Certificate. In October 1980, Lieutenant Fal-



lon completed the Basic Air Traffic Control Course at RAAF East Sale and was posted to RAAF Darwin for consolidation training. He joined HMAS *Albatross* in January 1982 for ATC duties and completed the Advanced ATC Course in August of that year. Lieutenant Fallon joined HMAS *Creswell* in April as Sports Expedition Training and Short Course Officer.

Lieutenant Fallon and his wife Jan have two sons, Michael and Christopher. His sporting interests are varied and he has been a member of the Australian Combined Services Basketball team for the past three years.

#### **SUB LIEUTENANT SHARON SEWELL, RAN**

Sub Lieutenant Sharon Sewell was born in Caulfield, Victoria and educated at Stella Maris College, Frankston. After agonising over whether or not to pursue a career in journalism, she ran away to sea instead (or near enough) and joined the WRANS in March 1982—much to her father's delight and her English teacher's disgust.

After graduating from RANC, Sub Lieutenant Sewell undertook the Administration Course in HMAS *Cerberus*, from whence she emerged as one of those most worthy and efficient of beings, the Administration Officer.



In January 1984, Sub Lieutenant Sewell joined HMAS *Watson* as the Administrative Support Officer for the inaugural Surface Warfare Officer Course. After this pioneering venture, she returned to RANC in July 1985 as a member of the training staff.

Sub Lieutenant Sewell is married to Lieutenant Sewell. They have no children and one dog. Her interests include tapestry, fishing, bicycling and watching VFL football.

#### **LIEUTENANT C. F. LAMMERS, RAN**

Lieutenant Lammers joined the Royal Australian Navy in 1964 as an Adult Recruit. After undertaking sea training in HMAS *Sydney* and HMAS *Melbourne*, under the Ords Various Scheme, completed the Naval Airman Photographers course at RANAS *Nowra* in December 1965. Further sea time followed in HMAS *Melbourne* and HMAS *Anzac* until 1969. Promoted Leading Airman Photographer in 1968 Lieutenant Lammers joined HMAS *Kuttabul* for three years in various photographic and trials analysis billets at the Command Photographic Section, RANTAU and with the Naval Display Team.

Further sea time followed as a Petty Officer in HMAS *Supply* and HMAS *Melbourne*. In 1974 Lieutenant Lammers left the RAN and joined the Western Australian Pol-





icy Force as a Police Constable. He re-entered the RAN in 1976 serving at RANAS *Nowra* and in HMAS *Melbourne*. After promotion to Chief Petty Officer in 1979 Lieutenant Lammers undertook pre and post promotion training for commissioned rank in the United Kingdom at RNC *Dartmouth* and RNC *Greenwich*, and the photographic interpreters course at RAF *Wyton*.

Lieutenant Lammers returned to Australia in December 1981 and was a member of HMAS *Melbourne* de-commissioning crew. Subsequent postings have been Fleet Headquarters and a three year tour with the Joint Intelligence Organisation in Canberra. Lieutenant Lammers is presently a member of the training staff at RANC with responsibilities for the Special Duties Officers and Reserve Officers Courses. He is married with twin daughters.

#### LIEUTENANT P. J. BRIERS, RAN

Lieutenant Briers joined the Royal Australian Naval College as a Junior Entry Cadet Midshipman on 22 January 1974. After matriculating and completing the 'equally challenging' Creswell Course, Midshipman Briers underwent professional seaman officers training at various establishments.

Training at sea for Lieutenant Briers included two deployments to the balmy waters of Hawaii and other Pacific islands—once in HMAS *Perth* and once as the 'Skimmer Liaison Officer' on HMAS *Otama*. Lieutenant Briers also learnt his trade in HMA ships *Yarra* and *Bayonet*. To consolidate his training, he was posted to HMAS *Melbourne* in January 1981.

January 1982 found Peter married to an Army Officer and teaching at the RAN Management School at HMAS *Cerberus*. A year later he moved to Recruit School. His first son was born in December 1983 and he returned to sea the following January.

On 10 March 1984, Lieutenant Briers had the honour to be the Executive Officer of the commissioning crew of HMAS *Dubbo*—a Cairns based patrol boat. After two challenging and rewarding years at sea he joined the Training Department of the Royal Australian Naval College. Lieutenant Briers and his wife Terri now have two sons—Tristan and Ramsay—and a bull mastiff. Both parents enjoy peaceful hand crafts whilst both boys enjoy making them noisy. The family is due to move to Tasmania in 1987.



LIEUTENANT STEFAN STANGRET,  
RAN



Lieutenant Stangret joined the RANC as the Captain's Secretary on 24 September 1984. He is now acting as the Deputy Supply Officer and Supply Officer (Stores), however, will be joining the training staff in early 1986 as a member of the Junior Naval Command Course Team.

Coming from Inglewood, a small country town in Queensland, Stefan joined the RAN as a cadet midshipman on 13 January 1975. Whilst at the College, he completed his HSC and went on to UNSW to study towards an Arts degree.

In December 1980, he completed the Supply Course at HMAS *Cerberus* and was posted to Navy Office in Canberra, where he served as the Staff Officer to DGLOG-N and DGFAC-N. In 1982, he was posted to HMAS *Harman* in Canberra where he was the Navy Office Paying Officer and Deputy Supply Officer.

He is a keen sportsman who has competed in the top grade in many sports. His main interests, after his family, remain however, as Rugby, fishing, cricket and golf—areas in which he has been actively involved at the College.

Stefan is a family man who, along with his wife, Leanne, have one daughter and another child on the way.

LIEUTENANT G. B. PEDLEY, RAN



Lieutenant Graeme Pedley joined the Royal Australian Naval College in 1977 as a member of the first Supplementary List Class to be trained at the College. His training time included postings to HMA Ships *Stalwart* and *Brunei* before gaining his Bridge Watchkeeping Certificate in HMAS *Brisbane* in 1980.

After two years in HMAS *Brisbane*, he was posted as Executive Officer to the Brisbane based Landing Craft HMAS *Wewak*. Fortunately, between postings he was able to enjoy a three month deployment to Antarctica in the USCGC *Glacier*, returning to Australia in USCGC *Polar Sea*.

During his posting to HMAS *Wewak* he married his wife Cathy and received his first shore posting, as Assistant Operations Officer at HMAS *Moreton* (the two were unrelated). Twelve months only was spent ashore before being posted in command of HMAS *Brunei* in December 1984. He assumed command on the morning of the 12th and was presented with a son, Andrew, the following evening.

Lieutenant Pedley joined the Naval College as Jervis Divisional Officer and also instructs in the Executive Officers Application Course.

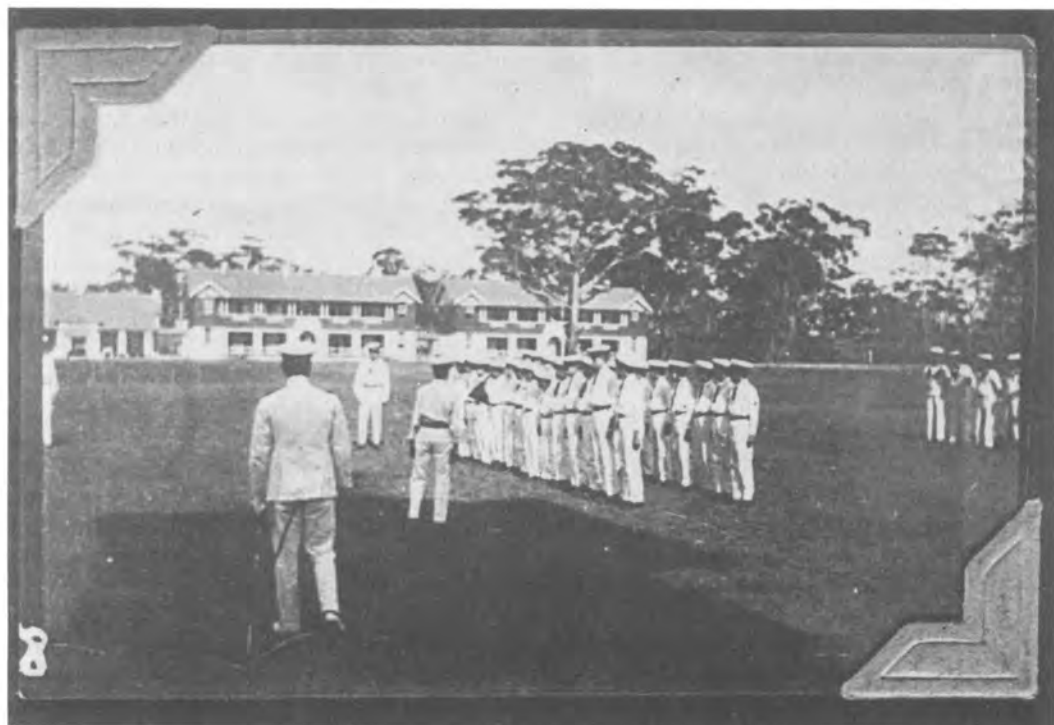


**SUB LIEUTENANT  
KATHRYN L. KNOX, RAN**

Sub Lieutenant Knox's first military training was undertaken with 1 Commando Regional while a member of the Australian Army Reserve. Having regained her senses, she survived to join the RAN in 1981 as an Administration Officer. Following two years under training at RANC and HMA establishments *Watson*, *Nirimba* and *Kuttabul*, she was posted to HMAS *Huon* in 1983. Sub Lieutenant Knox was then posted in 1984 to the Surface Warfare Officer Project in Navy Office, followed by six months on the staff of the Director of Naval Training.

Sub Lieutenant Knox married Lieutenant Guy Knox in December 1985 and joined him in Western Australia, spending three months of this time on the staff of the Naval Officer Commanding West Australia Area.

Having returned to the Naval College in July 1986, Sub Lieutenant Knox assumed the duties of Course Planning Co-ordinator.



*Midshipmen—Quarterdeck RANC 1918*

## ADDRESS BY

### THE COMMANDING OFFICER CAPTAIN G. A. MORTON, RAN, AT THE PASSING OUT PARADE, 4 DECEMBER 1986

Your Excellencies, Member for Fraser and Mrs Langmore, Chief of Defence Force and Lady Bennet, Chief of Naval Staff and Mrs Hudson, Chief of the Air Staff, Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen—welcome to the Royal Australian Naval College.

I am honoured to welcome Your Excellencies back to the Naval College and thank you for your valued association with it and I hope that you will be able to continue your patronage here in the future.

To the parents and families of the graduating classes I extend a very warm and special welcome. We are proud of these young men and women and I am sure that you, as parents and friends, are equally proud. The transition from civilian to Service life or from sailor to officer is not easy and I thank you for your support and encouragement through the initial weeks of training and at other times of difficulties and doubts.

The 75th year of the RAN has been one of transition here at *Creswell*. This time last year my predecessor noted that the parade then represented the end of an era—well today's parade marks the beginning of a new and equally important era for the Naval College. Today, the graduating classes represent both the academic and professional streams of training and typify the diversity of background and experience evident in the young men and women now passing through the College. Of the 46 graduates before you, 24 have completed their various degrees at the University of New South Wales, four have completed their academic qualifications for the Diploma of Applied Science, whilst 18 have completed the second Special Duties List Officer Course to be conducted under our revised training plan. It is worth noting that this course is significantly different from that originally developed by the Junior Officer Training Plan 1986 planners. The course was completely restructured by *Creswell* staff in mid-year and I am very pleased with the results. We will be progressively revising all courses developed for the new scheme in the light of our experiences this year.

Under the Junior Officers Training Plan 1986, RANC is responsible for the conduct of professional, single service training. Additionally, this year, the last of the *Creswell* Course of General List midshipmen have worked towards the award of their diplomas bringing to a close academic study at the Naval College. We have also overseen the training of those officers completing degrees at the University of New South Wales Kensington Campus and this role will continue next year. I can assure you that in the transition from academic to professionally-oriented training there has been no lessening of importance for the College, in fact, quite the reverse has occurred. There is no doubt in my mind that this establishment will continue to be the centre of excellence for training professional Naval Officers.

From now on all officers in the RAN will undertake some aspects of their initial training at *Creswell*. With the introduction of new courses which have a philosophy of common training as their basis, *Creswell* will continue to uphold its long-held traditions. There is now great diversity in the courses and in their students. However, whether they be GL Midshipmen newly graduated from the Defence Academy, Supplementary List, Direct Entry, Special Duties, Short Service or Reserve Officers, with ages ranging from 18 to 35, they all have one thing in common—the desire to serve as an officer in the RAN. Here at *Creswell*, it is this desire that we must nurture and develop.

Whether the officer under training is an 18 year old straight from school or an ex-sailor with 15 years naval experience (some of whom you saw paraded before you today) it is the task of the Naval College to mould men and women of different backgrounds and experience into Naval Officers. This moulding process has three corner-stones—the self-discipline of the individual; a sense of personal achievement and pride in professional knowledge; and, most importantly, leadership—that multi-faceted constant that is required of an officer till the day he or she leaves the Navy.

To commence such a process of change, the training that Junior Officers receive must not only deal with the requirements of a career based on service but also the complexities of a modern Navy—not an easy task. The two major courses run at *Creswell* are Junior Officer's Common Training and Junior Naval Command Courses. The former provides basic training for all Naval Officers while the Junior Naval Command Course is designed to prepare young officers to effectively exercise military command within the Royal Australian Navy. Part of this latter course is conducted at sea aboard the Navy's training ship, HMAS *Jervis Bay*, and her contribution to the training process of this college is indeed an important one.

During its 73 years, the Naval College has undergone various changes and developments. The transition from its first 13 year old entrant in March 1913, to today where men and women from all spectra of society undertake the range of training I have just outlined, may seem at first glance to be radical, however the fundamental requirements of initial officer training have not changed. The challenge for those here this year has been to shape our new courses so that we can continue to instill those enduring qualities of loyalty, dedication, fair play, fun, enthusiasm, and honesty which are just as relevant to success as a leader in the Navy of today as they were 75 years ago.

Turning briefly to the future, I am confident that it is indeed a bright one for HMAS *Creswell*. With its new professional empha-

sis, the naval college will continue to expand. Next year the first In-Service Junior Officers Staff Course will commence to provide Junior Officers with the skills required of them when posted to shore-based staff appointments. *Creswell* itself is an increasingly important Naval asset particularly when viewed against a background of the Naval Plans for further development in the Jervis Bay area. I know that there is some concern at the impact that our plans may have on this beautiful area but I can assure you that nobody is more concerned for the environment of this area than the Navy itself—after all the Navy has been here longer than most and fully appreciates its outstanding features.

Lastly, and perhaps most importantly, I would like to thank the civilian and uniformed members of the academic staff here, and all those many dedicated advisers from the University of NSW, past and present, for their valued contributions to the College and through it to the RAN. I would also like to acknowledge the efforts of the Naval Training Staff who have, in a year of re-organisation, accepted the challenges involved and achieved excellent results. On behalf of all of us here I would like to compliment the ground staff and the many behind the scenes workers whose efforts will be rewarded by your enjoyment of this special occasion.

I now invite your excellency to present prizes and certificates to the Passing Out Classes.

## ADDRESS BY

### THE COMMANDING OFFICER CAPTAIN P. G. V. DECHANEUX, AM, RAN, AT THE PASSING OUT PARADE, 5 DECEMBER 1985

Your Excellencies, Federal Member for Gilmore, Chief of Defence Force, Chief of Naval Staff, Your Worship the Mayor of the City of Shoalhaven, Commandant Defence Academy, Commandant RAAF Academy, Commandant Officer Cadet School Portsea, Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen—Welcome to the Royal Australian Naval College.

I have the pleasure to welcome back Your Excellency and Lady Stephen who shared this occasion with us last year, I am honoured to welcome also Rear Admiral Showers who was in the original entry to the Naval College in 1913.

Ladies and Gentlemen, today's Parade marks the end of an era. With the opening of the Australian Defence Force Academy in Canberra in January next year, there will be a fundamental shift of training emphasis here at the College. The last planned Diploma Course entered the College in January this year. These midshipmen will complete their Diploma Studies under the present system, but as from next year, tertiary education will be concentrated at the Academy.

Since its foundation in 1913 as the Principal Officer Training Establishment for the Navy, the Royal Australian Naval College has provided both an academic education and a professional training for future Naval Officers. The passing years have seen a gradual increase in the age of entrants, and in the educational standards of the graduates. Recently all General List entrants were recruited into the College for a tertiary education. Approximately two-thirds chose a degree course offered in conjunction with the University of New South Wales, whilst the remainder undertook a Diploma of Applied Science Course at the College. With the opening of the Defence Force Academy, all General List entrants will study for a degree at the Academy. The Royal Australian Naval College will thus cease to provide a venue for academic studies.

However, the training functions of the College will not be reduced. The Chief of Naval Staff has approved a new scheme for the

training of Junior Officers, much of which will take place here at HMAS *Creswell*. Scheduled to commence in January 1986, it will affect all those who join the Officer Corps of the RAN from that date onwards, and also all those who entered in the past few years and have not yet completed their academic studies.

The basic concept behind this new training structure is that it should commence with a broad-based, general course relevant to all officers, and then progressively become more specific to cater for individual specialisations.

General List Naval Officer Cadets will undertake a Junior Officers' Common Training Course at the Defence Academy, and during selected Academic vacations these midshipmen will return to the College for additional single service studies. Other officer entrants will complete the Common Training Course entirely at the College.

Following this course, and on completion of degree studies for General List Midshipmen, all officers will complete a professionally orientated 12-week Junior Naval Command Course here at HMAS *Creswell*. The course is specially designed to enable officers to effectively exercise military command within the Royal Australian Navy. Following this second 'common' course a variety of application courses will be offered at the College and other establishments depending on specialisation.

Also, some other courses which are studied for short periods at varying stages in an officer's career will be transferred to HMAS *Creswell*. The College will thus acquire an older, more transient, but not significantly smaller population. Opinions have been expressed that the College will wane with the advent of the Defence Academy. I firmly believe that this will not be so and you may rest assured that my central aim is to continue the proud history and traditions of the Naval College. There is no doubt in my mind we will remain the centre of excellence for training professional Naval Officers.

Today, 53 young men are passing out from the Royal Australian Naval College. Twenty-one of the midshipmen have completed the academic component of the Diploma of Applied Science majoring in mathematics, humanities or science related subjects. The remaining 32 midshipmen have been studying towards arts, science, engineering, surveying and commerce degrees offered by the University of New South Wales.

These officers before you have undergone training which has been a blend of professional and academic study, social and personal development and the instilling of loyalty and dedication to their fellow officers, to the Service and to their country. Each midshipman here, I am sure, will look back on his College days with great depth of feeling, for it was here that they, under the tutorage of a highly motivated and very competent staff, both professional and academic, have learned to be Naval Officers. This was their first Naval experience; it will indelibly mark them as they progress through the service and the knowledge and sense of pride they have gained here will always be with them.

For the support we receive from the University of New South Wales, and especially the joint university and college committees, I am most grateful. I would also like to make mention of the Academic Advisory Council; Professor Ratcliffe from the University of New South Wales; and Professor Neumann from the Australian National University for their continued and invaluable help providing well-considered advice to the Naval College in all areas of education.

I wish to take a moment to acknowledge the work of the other staff here at HMAS *Creswell*, especially the maintenance and ground staff. Their consistent effort throughout the year makes the appearance of the College a credit to them, as I'm sure you will agree.

I would also like to take this opportunity to wish the Commandant, Admiral Sinclair, and the Rector, Professor Wilson, every success with the opening of the Australian Defence Force Academy next year. I hesitate to use the term ADFA because, as the Admiral quickly points out, that acronym is used by the Australian Dried Fruits Association. The Academy has grown into a magnificent facility and I am sure that it will develop into an esteemed academic and military institution of which we, as Australians, can be justifiably proud.

To the parents of the passing out classes I extend a very warm and special welcome. We are proud of these young men and I am sure you as parents and friends, are equally proud. The transition from civilian to Service life is not easy and I thank you for your support and encouragement through the initial weeks of training and often at other times of difficulties and doubts.

I extend to these young men sincere good wishes for their future and I do so with the utmost faith that they will carry on the fine traditions of the Royal Australian Navy of which we can all be proud.

I now invite Your Excellency to present the certificates and prizes to the Passing Out Classes.



## PRIZES AND AWARDS

Prizes and awards presented since September 1985:

### Passing Out Parade December 1985:

**Australian Institute of Navigation Prize** for the Dux of Degree Stream Stage 1 Navigation  
MIDN G. A. ROY

**The Ramsay Prize** for Dux of Degree Stream Professional Naval Training  
MIDN M. L. HARDY

**The Ramsay Prize** for Dux of Diploma Course Professional Naval Training  
MIDN K. P. N. SHARP

### Peter Mitchell Prizes

Dux of RANC Diploma Course  
MIDN P. M. QUINN

Best Overall Performance on Training Cruise 1/85  
MIDN J. P. McCORMACK

Best Practical Navigation on Training Cruise 1/85  
MIDN M. L. HARDY

**The Naval Historical Society of Australia Prize** in recognition of service as Chief Midshipman at the Royal Australian Naval College 1985  
MIDN J. F. BLAKE

**United States Naval Institute Prizes** for Dux and Runner Up of RANC Diploma Course  
MIDN P. M. QUINN  
MIDN J. A. HIELSHER

### Junior Officers Stage Two Prize Winners 1985

RAN College Jubilee Year Graduates Memorial Sword for GL Dux 1985  
MIDN P. K. TALBOT

RSL Memorial Sword for SL Dux 1985  
MIDN A. J. CLOWES

### Ceremonial Divisions 2 March 1986:

**Eric Elton Mayor Prize** for Dux of GL First Year Diploma  
MIDN S. J. DUNLOP

**W. H. Harrington Memorial Prize** for midshipman who in first post matriculation year displays the greatest professional potential  
MIDN M. S. WADDINGHAM

**Peter Mitchell Prizes** awarded to midshipmen graduating from a four year and three year degree course with the best results

MIDN D. UPTON  
MIDN M. L. HARDY

Prizes awarded by RANC and forwarded to Australian Defence Force Academy for Presentation:

### Department of Defence Academic Book Prizes

Dux of GL First Year Engineering (including Survey)  
MIDN W. H. WILTSHIRE

Dux of GL First Year Science I  
MIDN M. L. DRUMMOND

### December 1986:

**Queen's Gold Medal:** Awarded to the Degree or Diploma graduate who has demonstrated the most exemplary conduct, performance of duty, and good influence among his fellows  
MIDN S. F. BLAKE, RAN

**United States Naval Institute Prize:** Awarded to the Dux and Runner Up of RANC Diploma Course

MIDN W. J. TRIFFITT  
MIDN C. P. MOULDS

**Peter Mitchell Prize:** Awarded to the Dux of the *Creswell* Course

MIDN W. J. TRIFFITT

**Returned Serviceman's League of Australia Sword:** Awarded to the Supplementary List Officer under training who obtained the highest aggregate of marks in initial Professional Naval Training

SBLT C. W. MARTINS

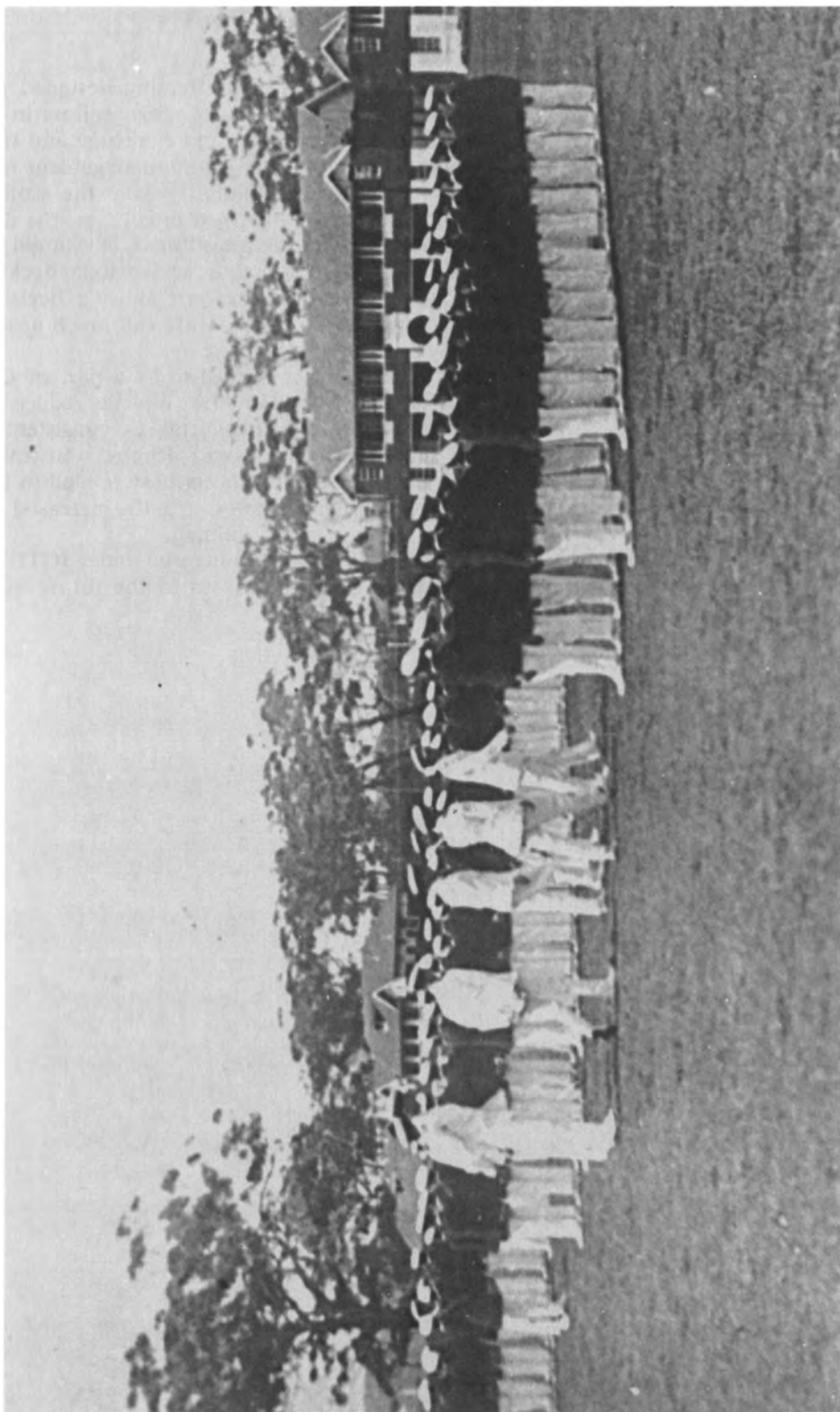
**Ramsay Prize:** Awarded to the Dux of the Degree Stream Professional Naval Training

MIDN M. A. THOMAS

**RANC Jubilee Year Graduate's Memorial Sword:** Awarded to General List Dux 1986

SBLT M. J. UZZELL

**Naval Historical Society of Australia Prize:** Awarded for the best researched assignment by an officer during Junior Officers Common Training  
MIDN J. F. BLAKE



*Midshipmen-Divisions—RANC 1918*



## JUNIOR OFFICERS TRAINING PLAN

The Royal Australian Naval College undertook a major change of character at the start of 1986 when the Junior Officers Training Plan (JOTP '86) was implemented.

In the place of the Diploma Course Midshipmen came Lieutenants, Sub Lieutenants and Midshipmen to undertake Junior Officer Common Training, Junior Naval Command Course and the Executive Officers Application Course. In addition to these courses which make up the basis of RANC training, Defence Force Academy midshipmen undertake Single Service Training; RANR, RMIT Undergraduate and SDDL officers also comprise a significant proportion of RANC's training programme.

Despite the inevitable problems over the first six months, JOTP '86 is settling well. One of the first major changes was the SD officers course which was changed considerably after the pilot course. The SD class now

follows a pattern of training designed primarily to assist former senior sailors in the transition to officer and challenge and train them to meet their future management role.

After a short period, where the College lived and was managed in courses, the divisional system was reinstated. Divisional Officers have returned to the divisional decks as in previous years to ensure junior officers are easily exposed to the staff and much needed counselling takes place.

Sport has continued to be a part of College life, although short courses reduce the possibility of teams being as consistent as they previously were. Rugby, Australian rules, hockey and soccer have tended to lose some ground to golf due to the increased age of officers under training.

RANC is functioning well under JOTP '86 and is looking forward to the future in its new training role.

## THE RAN COLLEGE MESS 1986

### 'THE OFFICER LIST MIXING BOWL'

1986 has seen the RANC Mess move from the spartan environment which predominated in the GL era to a more Athenian atmosphere of style and culture. The sweeping changes which have occurred at HMAS *Creswell* in the past 12 months are essentially a result of the new direction officer training is taking in the RAN. There is no denying that this has been a year of transition which has placed enormous demands on the College mess and its members.

With the end of the Diploma Stream GL Midshipmen at the College, an old chapter in College history is closed and a new one has begun. No longer is RANC the receptacle of snotty nosed, sleepy, frightened First Years nor tyrannical Class Twos. Gone is the GL era, for the time being anyway! Today's College is a mixing bowl of all the various lists from SDs to DEOCs to SLs, BATC, SSOC and even a few left over GLs. At present there is a diverse range of officers under training with varying experiences from midshipmen with no experience in anything to sub lieutenants with 20 years experience in the Navy to lieutenants with double degrees. We have seen extremely young lads come in fresh from high school, young ladies with enormous enthusiasm and the aging but never tiring silver topped members of the College all of whom have been brought together in an environment still in its infancy. It would not be presumptuous to say that the range and experience of offices at RANC this year is perhaps richer than ever before.

It is this rich new breed of different characters which has given RANC its flavour for 1986. The Mess has taken on a new visage of style and luxury and has been directed toward a modern facility with all the appointments of a Wardroom. This is in strong contrast to previous years where the age and experience of College members demanded much less of the Mess. The 'Old School' view of the direction the Mess is taking is perhaps epitomised by quoting a lieutenant currently at the College:

'The biggest mistake they ever made was to carpet the Gunroom!'

However the vast improvements which have occurred and will continue to occur in the Mess undeniably make it more conducive to its proper function of a training Wardroom. Many of these improvements may be attributed to the older members of the Mess, particularly from the SD classes. The SDs appear to have a sly way of getting almost any job done quicker than a mere mortal. Special mention must go to the first Mess President in 1986, Sub Lieutenant Daryl Mounsey. His term as Mess President from 14 April until 23 May laid the foundations for the direction of the College Mess in the future. Darryl proved that if you badger the Barrack Master enough you can get ANYTHING done. Some of the improvements Darryl implemented include building a new outdoor barbeque area, creating a games room and improving the decor in the Gunroom. His legacy to the College was to write the College Mess rules which has become invaluable to new members of the College.

Lieutenant Cathy Knights' period as Mess President from 23 May until 29 August marked another historical first for RANC. It was the first time a female Officer had been appointed President of the College Mess. Cathy was a social identity within the College and for a while we all enjoyed the rigours of a hectic social life. The Mess became a great venue for the social set with such functions as 'The 60s Night' and the 'Pyjama Party'.

The close of the year brings with it an intense period for the College Mess, both socially and professionally. Examinations are the greatest obstacle with 85C completing the final Diploma Course exams and Revue Board not too far away. Of course the end of the year is also the period of numerous functions with Trafalgar Night, Fogerty Fegen Night, the College Mess Dinner and the big finale, Passing Out. Indeed the traditions of the College live on and not only has the spirit within the Mess survived, in many ways it has improved. There is no doubt that it will continue to do so in 1987.

## PHILLIP DIVISION

At the end of 1986, supremacy reigned in Phillip Division when they retained the Cock Division Cup. The year had seen many spectacular wins by Phillip, the most impressive being the Canoe Race. Led by our enthusiastic Divisional Officer, Lieutenant Sewell, a race with the other Divisions was never really on and Phillip won by an outstanding margin.

The Tug-o-War competition was to say the least, a fun event and it was proven that the addition of a female, namely Kate Bizilj-Wearne certainly added to the strength and confidence of the team. A very close 2nd place was achieved in the Creswell Cup. You may wonder why Phillip did not take out this cup and the best answer is that when a bike chain falls off in a short ride three times, you know it is more than nature working mysteriously.

Mid-January 1987 saw the departure of JNCC Stream A on their training cruise which took them from Hobart to Penang. February 9th saw the arrival of many long-haired, very unmilitary-like people. Yes, another group of SLs had arrived to become Naval Officers. After the arrival of DEOCs a week later, the first Divisional do was held at Links House. For the DEOCs and SLs this was a goffer affair, nevertheless a chance to meet JNCCs and Phillip affiliated staff.

JNCC B left on their training cruise on 19 February 1987 and flew to Penang and cruised to Lumut and then on to Singapore, staying there 10 days, much to the envy of JNCC A.

The swimming carnival was taken out by Phillip with impressive swims by Karl, Matt and Fallsy. Much divisional team spirit was witnessed in the All Hands Relay but we were just beaten by Jervis.

Steeple Chases certainly are to Phillip Division's liking, especially stilt walking and bike riding. At least winning the Steeple Chase allowed SLs and DEOCs neg rounds for one evening.

Athletics was won by Jervis but consistent efforts by all of Phillip contenders allowed us to come second. Tim Watson and Wendy Pyne are to be congratulated for their wins. The following day, the Pixley Cup was contested and won by Phillip. Good swimming

by Karl Hombergen and Matt Loughlin and active participation by all the Division allowed Phillip to take a good lead.

With only a couple of weeks until the Passing-out Parade, JNCCs are hard at work and play (Toga parties and the like). For some 85Cs like Bruce Shearman, Rob Slaven, Bill Triffitt and Scott Thompson, this year will mark the end of three years. A good effort guys. Let's keep up the spirit and team work Phillip and we'll have another Cock Division Cup!

## JERVIS DIVISION 1986

The elite Division started the year with a bang in '86 and it was the Athletics in February that was the forerunner of things to come.

Formed from a potpourri of different streams, experience and abilities, Jervis Division rallied all year under the expert guidance of Lieutenant G. B. Pedley, RAN. These factors seemed to result in a truly worthwhile experience for all members of the Division; those who were here then left, and those who remained for the year.

Sporting efforts throughout the year produced a mixture of fortunes, including our glorious victories in athletics and the Creswell Cup, and our gutsy narrow defeats in the Pixley Cup and Swimming carnival.

One point worth noting would be the Division's 'get up and go' attitude. For example, at no time during the year did Jervis fail to field a team in any sport or challenge, a sure sign of the spirit and camaraderie active during the year.

Jervis Division prides itself on its representatives in sport for the College. Those who participated achieved the highest levels of excellence and sportsmanship.

By the same token, aptitude was recognised in social adventure. Under the umbrella of the Divisional Officer's ideals of 'work hard, play hard!' Jervis was also highly capable of enjoying itself. With the support of the evergreen affiliated officers, the team can fondly recall such evenings as—the DO's after athletics, the House of Ho, the Bridge Tavern, Greenpatch Divisional Meeting, St Georges Country Club, Links House BBQ, Dave Jarvis' 21st and the Woolaway Woolshed. All in all, a very de-

manding task carried out in the best traditions of Jervis.

The success achieved by the Division could not only be attributed to the leadership styles of the DO and Divisional Captains Jim Simpson and Mike Edwards over the year, but also to the effort of all who comprised J-Team in 1986, a most memorable year.

### FLINDERS DIVISION

The beginning of 1986 saw Flinders Division in high spirits and ready for another year's work. The opening of the Defence Force Academy saw Flinders Division lose many of its numbers to complete their degrees in Canberra. Those who remained were the 1985 CRESWELL course students ready and eager for another year of intense academic courses and professional naval training. The ranks grew in numbers with the arrival of SL1/86. For those lucky enough to be in Flinders things were looking up. The beginning of 1986 also saw the Navy new entry from the Defence Academy arrive for two weeks of Fleet orientation and some professional naval training. The first DEOC course for the year joined a little later increasing numbers even more. We also said a sad goodbye to Lieutenant Lammers who has been replaced by Lieutenant Naughton.

1986 was a great year for sport as usual for Flinders Division; with the help of great divisional spirit and top personal efforts, we managed to excel in all areas. Under the ever-so-experienced hand of the Divisional Officer many Rugby stars appeared from the Division; David Frith, Clayton Moulds and Simon Gregg all starred in Rugby with Simon going on to be selected for the Navy Colts tour next year. We were also well represented in hockey with Andrew Jackman and Gavin Ronald excelling beyond all expectations.

The social calendar was very full all year as the party division pulled together and had many divisional social drinking occasions, although the CRESWELL Course students had to decline many offers towards the end of the year to study for exams. After weeks of preparation and study, exams were over and we could return to our social commitments. All in all, 1986 was a great year for Flinders Division with everybody looking forward to Christmas leave.

### COOK DIVISION SEPTEMBER 1985-86

1985/86 saw the change in College life as academic studies became less important and professional naval training became the mainstay of the College. So, too, it was with Cook Division. The final exams of 1985 took a heavy toll on our number; we lost two degree stream and two diploma course students. Dave LeLievre changed from diploma to the new SL course just beginning, whilst Dave Hargan 'saw the light' and changed from degree studies to the diploma course.

Thus, when 1986 finally came around, all those degree stream students who had passed moved on to Canberra and the Defence Academy; whilst the traditions of the Naval College were maintained and passed on by five remaining diploma students. To supplement this meagre number a new SL course arrived, a new DEOC course arrived and we even had an SD course to ensure matters ran smoothly.

Luckily for Cook Division, whilst all those people and courses mixed and interacted, we were under the brave leadership of Lieutenant Briers, our new DO, and that highly reputable and normally strong new Divisional Captain, Peter Thompson. Despite efforts to the contrary by two of our infamous DEOC class, the Division did manage to run smoothly and both Romeo Carinci and Joe Alesi can now annoy someone new, having got bored with Peter.

Cook Division's already low number was further reduced when two of our SL course, Jill Buckfield and Drew Downie, left to finish their degree studies outside, hopefully to return mid '87. More recently, we lost Brian Neely who resigned to return to Adelaide, after very successfully completing his training cruise.

Divisional sport this year has been extremely inconsistent as we flew from first to last and back again. Following big efforts from Mike Hickey (2nd), Dave Hargan (4th) and Chris Jones (5th) Cook Division managed to carry off the interdivisional cross country championship. Pete Thompson also put in a major effort to cross the line in a time well under his previous best. The swimming carnival again showed that as a team Cook is unstoppable as, whilst we didn't win

the carnival, we convincingly won the All Hands Relay, capably led by our returned Divisional Officer Lieutenant Richard O'Brien, USN. Fine individual efforts were shown by Ian 'Spud' Parker who won the hurdles at the athletics and Simon Dunlop at the swimming carnival.

Sport at a higher level was led by Peter Thompson who has been selected to play for the Navy Colts Rugby Union team on their tour of Europe early in 1987. Dave Hargan was also selected for the Inter-Service Basketball team. At College level, Cook dominated in supplying members for the various teams. Pete Thompson and Scott Blair were both regulars for the College XV while the hockey team included Andrew Aspinall, Pete Thompson, Dave Hargan and Simon Dunlop in its winning lineup. Likewise, Cook dominated the College basketball team; at one stage four of the five on court were Cook, with Chris Jones, Simon Dunlop, Andrew Aspinall and Dave Hargan all playing.

The welcome mid-year break brought more changes to Cook Division as we re-

ceived a new group of SLs and one solitary DEOC. Piers Chatterton, ex RANR, ex everything else, brought his unique humour and good nature to Cook Deck as the only member of DEOC 2 to grace our Division. The new SL intake promised great things in the sporting department as Allan Jones and Dave Burrows were both Phys Ed teachers in civilian life.

The mid-year break also saw a change in leadership as Pete Thompson, having ironed out the problems in the Division's philosophy of life, stood down to concentrate more closely on his studies. The new Divisional Captain is Dave Hargan.

Throughout all this change, Cook Division has proven its great flexibility as it manages to exist at reduced strength and still fight off the yellow hordes from above and the multi-coloured men from the other house. This indomitable spirit which has lasted so long will continue forever in Cook, remembering our slogan:

'You're not even, till you're one up'.



*Governor-General takes the salute of the December 1986 Passing Out Guard.*



## CLASS SLOC 1 NOTES

The Supplementary List Officers Course number one of 1986 was surely significant in the history of the RAN for a number of reasons, not least of which was the fact that it was the first group of Junior Officers Under Training (JOUTs) to undertake the new courses that comprise the Junior Officer Training Programme 1986. Labelled by some as 'guinea pigs', but by the more informed as 'true and brave pioneers', SLOC 1 endured the 17 week Junior Officers Common Training, took two weeks' leave, and returned to participate in the 12-week Junior Naval Command Course (which included a four-week training cruise onboard HMAS *Jervis Bay*), finally passing out on Friday 19 September.

The story began for most on St Valentine's Day 1986 (February 14 for the unromantic) when 35 former civilians, including 10 women, and 7 ex-sailors, none of whom owned up to being female, arrived at *Creswell* with well known mixtures of feelings ranging from sheer delight to cold fear. Upon completion of the 3-week new entry period and the infamous taskbook, members of the course were permitted to re-assume human-like qualities and have enough time to talk and get to know each other better. The subsequent group spirit and sense of identity was renowned in the College and manifested itself on many occasions, including the new tiresome 'change of College hierarchy' discussions. Another indication of this real sense of group spirit is found in the fact that of the 42 who began SLOC 1, only 2 departed, and both of these, Jill Buckfield and Drew Downie, did so to pursue further tertiary studies with the intention of returning to RANC at a later date.

Some consider it to be a matter of pride to be the last of a breed; SLOC 1 consider it to be very much a matter of pride and honour to be the first of a new breed. It was at times a trying situation to be placed in, but in the end all agreed that they were proved to have been the trailblazers, the first critics, the pioneers of the new training programme.

Perhaps for the sake of self indulgence; probably for the sake of history and poster-

ity, it would be fitting to conclude by naming the SL pioneers:

Anthony Allen (Tony)	Jenny Morrison (Westy)
Adam Allica (Adam)	Brian Neely (Baron)
Deborah Ayres (Deb)	Andrew Nelson (Beaker)
Scott Blair (Scotty)	Rod Nockles (Noddy)
Katrina Blazey (Kate)	Jeff Olle (Ollyboy)
Jill Buckfield (Jill)	Sean O'Dwyer (Paddy)
Monique Buckley (Mon)	Brian Parker (Bush Pig)
Andrew Coogan (Coogs)	Ian Parker (Spud)
Jason Cupples (Cuddles)	David Phillipson (Davo)
Paul Delamont (Psycho)	Gavin Ronald (Fozzie)
Drew Downie (Droopy)	Andrew Rushbrook (Rushy)
Sue Draysey (Sooby)	Rowan Schied (Commander Doom)
Michael Edwards (Rubber)	Terry Stickler (Tez)
Chris Edwards (Wog)	Nick Tate (Sharon)
Peter Flynn (Errol)	Jason Taylor (Peaches)
Paul Garai (Chuck)	Leon Volz (Max)
Brent Gerdes (Eugene)	Richard Warren-Smith (Hypho)
Debbie Harris (Deb)	Nick Woodley (Noodle)
Lissa Johnson (Liss)	Danielle Zandler (Rambo)
Roger Knights (Roj)	
David LeLievre (Slim)	
Cameron Martens (Cam)	
Alec Millit (Gash Sub)	

## DEOC 1/86 NOTES

The members of DEOC Class 1/86 had the unique opportunity of being the first participants in the new expanded Direct Entry Officer Programme at RANC. The class spent six months at the College during which time its members set new standards in fields as diverse as marching and Mess Presidency. Throughout the six months there were differing emotions amongst the group regarding going back to school, but one emotion united us all. To RANC we would like to say, 'Thanks for the good times!'

DEOC Class 1/86 was composed of engineers and instructors, an unlikely combination maybe, but one which made life interesting. The engineers were:

Lieutenant Joseph Peter Paul Alesi: A sophisticated young man whose appreciation for the finer things in life did not meet with overall approval.

Lieutenant Marcus Antonio Alfonso: A keen sportsman who supported many teams here at RANC. Voted most likely to kill his superior officer in the heat of the moment.

Lieutenant Chris Baker: Chris applies himself diligently to any task at hand. At least we think he does.

Lieutenant Roger Boyle: A second attempt at the Navy for Roger. He is doing slightly better this time.

Lieutenant Romeo Calypso Carinci: Qualified from DEOC course, highly proficient in kit musters, driving skills and wise cracks.

Sub Lieutenant Peter Nobby Higgins: Something of a philosopher, Nobby prefers to write poetry on little scraps of paper rather than dwell on his real life problems. Copes well with his macho image.

Sub Lieutenant Tau Ila: A man for whom all DEOCs have a true admiration, as this flash from PNG makes us all look particularly silly in any given athletic competition.

Sub Lieutenant Adrian Marshall: Married during the course, Adrian is arguably the happiest DEOC that ever graced the RANC.

Sub Lieutenant Dean Schiavone: Dancer, athlete and marcher, a man ever alert with lightening reflexes. Should not be crossed.

The Instructors:

Sub-Lieutenant Virginia Baburin: A determined individual, Virginia had no fear in doing things that no man has ever done before at RANC.

Lieutenant Cathy Knight: Invaluable to the administration of RANC as she single-handedly ran the establishment for the six months of the DEOC course.

Lieutenant Michael Hickey: A pleasant enough chap.

Lieutenant Mark Gillespie: Mark has revolutionised the model of a young naval officer. Orders have been given to expand recruiting at Townsville.

Sunday 21 September 1986 found 15 new members of the SDOC settled into Dowling House in preparation for 11 weeks of intensive instruction. Three other members were to join three days later due to overlapping courses. Drawn from a selection of engineering, communications, seaman and supply senior sailors, both male and female, the course represented a wide range of experience and expertise. The submariner members were surprised to find that some of their General Service colleagues had even been to sea!

The course was integrated into the College system with regard to divisional duties, an action which certainly helped course members to understand the working of the system currently run by Midshipmen, to whom we are much indebted.

PT at 6 am, parade training, sword drill, classroom instruction, together with lunchtime meetings and afternoon sport made for a hectic schedule. However in week five an overnight cruise in three liferafts on Jervis Bay, followed by a casual four day stroll through the bush in the YALWAL area, which was enjoyed by members of the course. This whole exercise being loosely termed leadership training.

Week seven culminated with course members' wives being invited to the College as a general introduction to the College and an introduction to Wardroom life.

At the time of writing we have four weeks to go to passing out. Course members are presently involved in various roles, helping to organise the Passing Out Ball, and a day is planned to renovate and build new equipment on the Adventure track at Jervis Bay Primary School.

Completion of the course will see members depart to various establishments around Australia and some lucky ones are even coming back to HMAS *Creswell* next year for further training.



## JUNIOR NAVAL COMMAND COURSE TRAINING CRUISE 3/86

The objective of the Junior Naval Command Course cruise is to introduce trainees to ship-board life. This entails trainees working in all of the ship's departments, regardless of branch. The Training Cruise is conducted on-board the Officers Training Ship, HMAS *Jervis Bay* and lasts for four weeks.

Training Cruise 3/86 departed Sydney for Vila on 28 July 1986. On board were 30 trainees from Supplementary List Course 3/86, three General List Midshipmen, and nine foreign trainees. The foreign trainees, mainly from the Pacific Islands, were carrying out the Application Course Cruise.

The weather was wet and cold as HMAS *Jervis Bay* left Sydney and remained so until the ship left Australian waters. The first three days of the cruise were taken up with coastal navigation. This gave the trainees a chance to apply what they had learnt in the classroom.

After coastal navigation was completed, the trainees began working in the various departments. This was based on a watch system with the trainees rotating through each department in the four week period. The trainees worked to the same routine as the Ship's Company. Other activities included PT, seamanship evolutions and watch on deck at night.

The seamanship evolutions included laying and recovery of danbuoys, making a tow and anchoring. The trainees also took part in the time-honoured tradition of scrubbing the funnel.

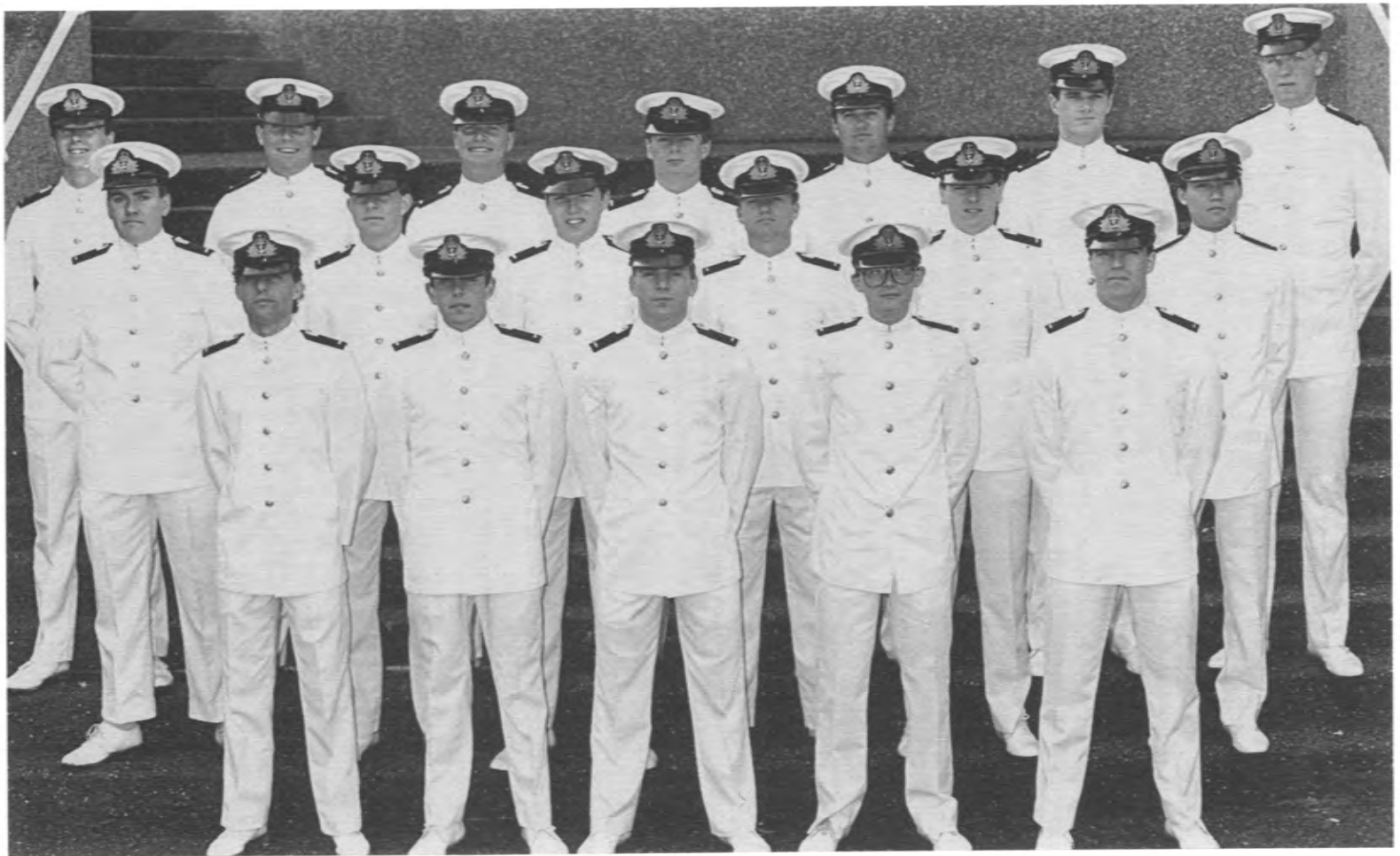
While it was generally agreed that engineering was the least favourable department, supply came out ahead for preferences along with part of ship on the upper decks. Other enjoyable activities were the rifle shoot, casino night, and the kite-flying competition. There was also a number of ban-yans to add variety.

Ports visited were Vila, in Vanuatu, Townsville and Brisbane. All the trainees participated in runs ashore and an enjoyable time was had by all. Shopping was high on the list of things to do, especially in Vila, while the casino took most of the attention in Townsville.

Sport figured prominently among the trainees, with teams being entered in the deck hockey, volleyball and table tennis competitions, but the highlight of the cruise was the Cameron Cup. The Cameron Cup is a trophy awarded for victory in rugby between the trainees and ship's company. Unfortunately, in the inaugural game, the trainees went down in Townsville. After which, there were the usual 'Wait 'till next time'.

Speaking of highlights, the social highlight of the cruise was the Ship's Concert put on by the trainees. The event was a resounding success and will be long remembered by the ship.

The cruise ended in Brisbane after four interesting, and at times, exciting weeks on-board HMAS *Jervis Bay*. The cruise was very successful and gave the trainees an insight into how a ship operates. The value of a Training Cruise is immeasurable and is indispensable in a Seaman Officer's training.



Degree Stream Graduands, December 1986

*Back Row (L to R):* R. F. Richardson; S. C. Mayer; P. G. Wright; N. A. Thomas; M. A. Rossendell; C. J. Coulson; W. Miko.

*Middle Row (L to R):* S. R. Muller; M. J. Treeby, G. D. Hargreave; A. J. Withers; I. R. Dunbabin; W. Gajaseni.

*Front Row (L to R):* N. A. Townsend; W. L. Barry; B. K. A. Bruce; A. J. Tham; S. J. Gatward.

*Absent:* A. L. Johansson; M. C. Warren; M. D. D. York; J. K. Stewart; D. J. Coonan; M. H. Steel.



**GL Diploma Course—85 C**

*Back Row (L to R):* MIDN M. E. Moncrieff; MIDN N. A. Smith; MIDN R. A. Warren-Smith; MIDN W. J. Triffit; MIDN D. M. LeLievre.

*Middle/Back Row (L to R):* MIDN C. K. Jones; MIDN L. Nankervis; MIDN A. S. Aspinall; MIDN S. J. Dunlop; MIDN P. E. Thompson; MIDN A. J. Jackman; MIDN S. J. O'Keefe; MIDN D. A. Wright.

*Middle/Front Row (L to R):* MIDN S. Thompson; MIDN T. J. Watson; MIDN D. A. Barnes; MIDN S. P. Gregg; MIDN C. P. Moulds; MIDN A. G. Stone; MIDN G. W. Davidson; MIDN A. A. Goodall; MIDN R. B. Slaven; MIDN S. A. Hamilton.

*Front Row (L to R):* MIDN D. H. Frith; MIDN D. N. Hargan; MIDN J. R. Simpson; MIDN B. J. Shearman.

*Absent:* MIDN D. G. Dykstra; MIDN C. McHardie.



Supplementary List Officer Course 1/1986

*Back Row (L to R):* MIDN A. J. P. Allica; MIDN A. R. Nelson; MIDN L. A. Volz; MIDN T. S. Flynn.

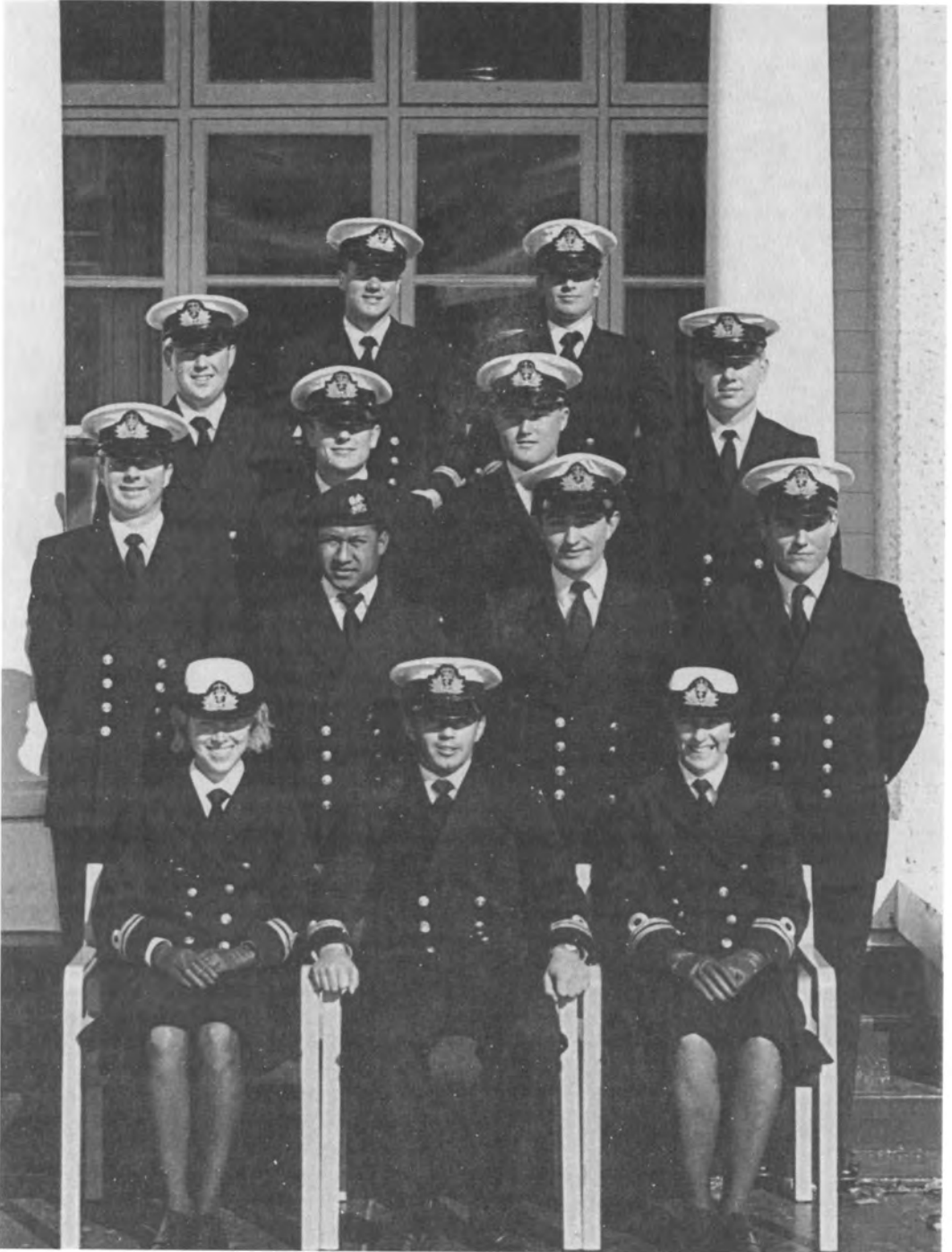
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*Middle/Centre Row (L to R):* MIDN M. D. Edwards; MIDN D. S. Taylor; MIDN D. Phillipson; MIDN R. J. Nockles; MIDN A. P. Rushbrook; MIDN N. A. S. Woodley; SBLT C. E. Martens; MIDN B. R. Gerdes; MIDN D. M. LeLievre; MIDN S. P. O'Dwyer; MIDN R. A. Schied.

*Middle/Front Row (L to R):* MIDN D. L. Ayres; MIDN R. D. Knight; MIDN R. A. Warren-Smith; SBLT A. J. Millett; MIDN G. W. Olle; MIDN T. W. Stickler; MIDN S. H. Blair; MIDN C. W. Edwards; MIDN J. A. Morrison; MIDN B. W. Parker.

*Front (L to R):* MIDN D. L. Harris; MIDN S. M. Draysey; MIDN M. A. Buckley; MIDN L. G. Johnston.

*Absent:* MIDN K. Blazey.



Direct Entry Officers Course 1/1986

*Back Row (L to R):* LEUT M. J. Hockey; LEUT M. A. Alfonso.

*Middle/Back Row (L to R):* SBLT P. M. Higgins; SBLT A. J. Marshall; SBLT D. P. Schiavone; LEUT R. D. Boyle.

*Middle/Front Row (L to R):* LEUT C. J. Baker; LEUT T. C. Ila; LEUT J. P. P. Alesi; LEUT M. J. Gillespie.

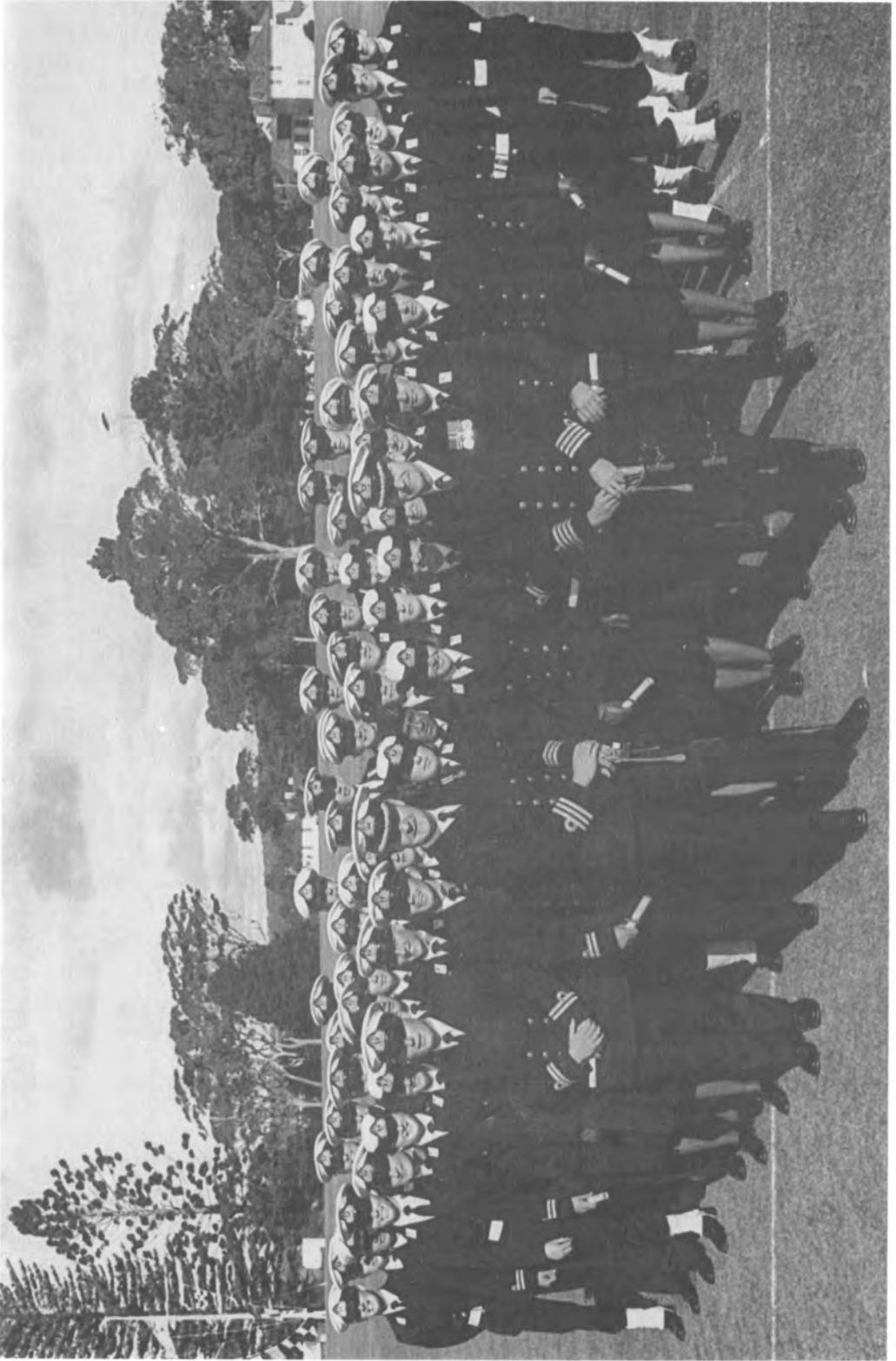
*Front Row (L to R):* LEUT V. S. Baburin; LEUT R. Carinci; LEUT C. A. Knight.





Short Service Officers Course 1/1986

*Back Row (L to R):* LEUT L. R. Skardoon; SBLT P. P. Evans; LEUT M. H. Hanson; LEUT D. P. Erlich.  
*Front Row:* LEUT M. F. Reagon



HMAS Creswell's First September Graduation SLs and DEOCs.



Special Duties Officers Course

*Back Row (L to R):* T. J. Gibson; C. G. Luscombe; G. F. Priestnall; C. R. Bartlett; M. F. Wandmaker; K. W. McCarron; N. A. Marshall; A. J. Thomas; G. J. Watson.

*Middle Row (L to R):* R. Weston; M. P. Pearce; J. K. Fisher; G. J. Mellon; D. Graham.

*Front Row (L to R):* M. L. Sander; E. B. Mateer; P. J. Batman; N. J. Thompson.



Supplementary Officers Course 2/1986

*Back Row (L to R):* MIDN A. P. McPhail; MIDN M. A. Willmore; MIDN A. M. Jane; MIDN M. D. Loughlin; MIDN K. Bokulic.

*Middle Row (L to R):* MIDN D. L. Gallegos; MIDN P. A. Kasper; MIDN B. L. Legge; MIDN A. R. Johnston; MIDN S. J. C. Brooks.

*Front Row (L to R):* MIDN M. S. Easterby; MIDN B. J. Vizard; MIDN M. J. McCormack; MIDN D. E. Burrows; MIDN B. S. Hanley.



Direct Entry Officers Course 2/1986

*Back Row (L to R):* LEUT J. Ball; LEUT G. L. Meney; LEUT J. F. Wearne; LEUT S. C. Heppenstall; SBLT P. Chatterton.

*Front Row (L to R):* LEUT P. M. Coard; SBLT A. E. Forrest; LEUT K. Bizilj-Wearne; LEUT J. A. Pease; LEUT J. A. Zeiher.



## OPENING OF CRESWELL CHAPEL

On Sunday 15 June 1986, a service of dedication and blessing was held at the new HMAS *Creswell* multi-denominational Chapel 'Holy Trinity'.

At the request of the Commanding Officer Captain G. A. Morton RAN, the service was conducted jointly by the three members of the Religious Advisory Committee to the Services; the Right Reverend K. H. Short, the Most Reverend G. F. Mayne, AM, and Chaplain (Air Commodore) G. J. Crossman, CBE, together with the three RAN Principal Chaplains.

The Chapel was built over a period of eight months with the assistance of the Community Employment Programme, which en-

abled thirteen unskilled workers to gain valuable building experience.

The most striking feature of the new chapel is its open plan design enhanced by large windows, which offer magnificent panoramic views of Jervis Bay. However, externally the Chapel is designed to blend in with the original Naval College architecture built over seventy years ago.

Among the distinguished guests attending the service, were two recent Commanding Officers of HMAS *Creswell*, Rear Admiral A. R. Horton, AM, RAN currently Chief of Naval Personnel and Commodore P. G. V. Dechaineux, AM, RAN currently Director-General of Naval Production.



## KOKODA TRAIL—JULY 1986

In July 1986, the Royal Australian Naval College, HMAS *Creswell*, sent an expedition party to Papua New Guinea (PNG) to walk the notorious Kokoda Trail. This expedition has almost become an annual event with this year's 'push' along the trail being the fifth mounted by the College in the last six years. The Kokoda Trail Expedition, and others like it, are considered by the College to be extremely important in developing leadership, comradeship, and physical and mental toughness in Junior Officers under training.

After considerable preparation including strenuous physical training, the Kokoda Trail Expedition departed HMAS *Creswell* by bus at approximately 11.00 am Wednesday 2 July 1986. The members of the expedition were:

LEUT Graeme Pedley (OIC)  
LEUT Stuart Abson (2IC)  
LEUT Michael Sinclair (Medical Officer)  
SBLT Jenni Blunden  
POPTI 'Moose' Eddington (Adventure Training Officer)  
ABCK Gavin Fuller  
MIDN David Barnes  
MIDN David Dykstra  
MIDN Adam Goodall  
MIDN Scott 'Spud' Hamilton  
MIDN Charles 'Chuck' McHardy  
MIDN Neil Smith  
MIDN Anthony Tham  
MIDN Nigel Townsend

As with previous years, transport to PNG was by a RAAF Hercules from Sydney (RAAF Richmond) to RAAF Townsville, then Caribou to Port Moresby.

A comfortable overnight visit was experienced in Townsville, with some investment in Queensland occurring at the new Townsville Casino. On the morning of the 4th, the team departed Townsville by a RAAF Caribou which was to fly initially to Port Moresby, and then on to Kokoda airstrip.

At Port Moresby we were met by our hosts, 1st Pacific Islands Regiment of the PNG Defence Force, and taken to their 'home' at Taurama Barracks on the outskirts of the city. The evening was spent talking to various members of the PNGDF, and familiarising ourselves with, of course, the Papua New Guinean beer. The change in climatic conditions from the mid-winter cold of Jer-

vis Bay to the 30° tropical sunshine of Port Moresby was a great way to start the expedition.

The major change in the plan confronted the expedition on the following morning when the pilot reported that the Kokoda airstrip had been closed. The options at that stage were to report by signal and request an extension of tasking for the Caribou, or to land at Guira airstrip which was 100 km further from the proposed starting point. The second option was taken and the Caribou took off at 0920.

Also that morning the party members were introduced to 'David', 'Pani' and 'Jessie', three members of the PNGDF who were to be our guides over the following eight days. Their knowledge of the jungle, coupled with their ability to communicate with the natives in the villages rendered them invaluable.

Prior to landing at Guira airstrip the northern coast of Papua New Guinea was seen. To successfully complete the trail now, the expedition had to go from very near the Solomon Sea on the Northern coastline to the Coral Sea at Port Moresby.

The first day totalled on our own was an interesting mixture of writing, organising transport when there appeared to be none, dusty, heavily corrugated roads and walking. All members of the expedition were taken by utility to the original starting point of Kokoda—which took just over three and a half hours.

The morning of Sunday 6th was clear and crisp with all members eager to commence the walk in earnest. The pattern that morning, which became the routine for the walk, was, rise at daylight, breakfast, a brief on the day's walk at 0720, and walking by 0730.

Upon reflection, the first day of the walk was the most difficult. Initially, the pace was quite fast but a combination of climate and very steep hills reduced that pace somewhat. The village of Isurava, an overnight stop for previous expeditions, was the lunch-break site this year. A welcome rest was had while a variety of ration pack biscuits or noodles was eaten, followed usually by a refreshing coffee or tea. The picturesque village of Alola, two hours from Isurava, was the overnight stop.

This was the first occasion for a mountain stream wash for most and was followed by a well earned evening meal. The friendliness of the villagers was a highlight here as it would be for most of the villages to come.

By 0730 Monday 7 the party was again walking. The first 30 minutes after Alola was a very steep descent and with the exception of a hornet's nest the walk was incident-free for the following two hours to Iora Creek crossing. Here two members had a cold and involuntary swim after which the walk continued up a very steep grade for the next two hours, before we broke for lunch. The following three hours took the party past Templeton's Crossing No. 2 before camping overnight at Templeton's Crossing No. 1. A fairly cramped overnight stay ensued and the first rain was experienced.

Camp was broken at 0730 Tuesday 8 and a steep one and a half hour's climb to the pass through the range under the peak of Mount Bellamy followed. This was the highest point of the trail at 2400 metres. A further three hours of moderately strenuous walking ensued before a lunch break was taken at what was known as Kagi Gap. The canopy that had covered everything for the preceding four days was left behind and a spectacular view of Kagi spread before us. After a hurried lunch, the very steep descent into Kagi commenced. To experience a sunrise in the middle of New Guinea's highlands, amidst towering mountains, was reason for all expedition members in their own way, to ponder quietly for a couple of moments.

Wednesday 9th was spent recuperating in Kagi. In Kagi that day, the team met the natives and became very much a part of the village for the day. Most of the day was spent either sleeping or playing soccer, volleyball and poison ball with the village children.

The relaxed pace of the stopover at Kagi changed at 0730 Thursday 10th when the party departed for Efogi. This walk typified most of the trail with the distance being only four kilometres but 600 metres down, 500 up, 350 down and 90 metres up again. A short hour and a half later all members, even the two slowest, were enjoying lunch beneath the dense canopy at the top of Brigade Hill. Three hours later, which included a half hour swim in a very cold mountain stream, the

party arrived at the fairly large village of Menari.

The 75th Anniversary was celebrated that evening with a sedate mixture of ration food, luxury items, such as Mars Bars and Muesli Bars (luxury because it was added weight) and a refreshing cup of 'Rat pack' tea. An amusing interlude at Menari was that one of the team, a female, had a particularly restless night because two bats had perched about two metres from her head. One was comfortable hanging around and the other thought discretion the better part of valour and did not move much all evening.

At 0730 Friday 11th, the walk started again at a good pace because by now all members were used to both the climate and the physical exertion. The trail from Menari to Nauro was, at times, very difficult to follow. The majority was through flat boggy areas punctuated occasionally by sections of river bed containing very slippery rocks. By 1230 the party reached Nauro but unfortunately went no further that day due to the illness of a midshipman. A restless afternoon and evening passed where all were hopeful a medevac would not be required the next morning.

The resilience of the party members was evident on the morning of Saturday 12th when our previously sick junior officer recovered and the push to Owers Corner (a day and a half away) continued. Where the first day on the trail will be remembered as the most difficult, due to the lack of acclimatisation and getting used to the hills, the second last day will be well remembered for other reasons.

On Saturday 12th, day eight on the trail, two of the largest hills on the trail were encountered during a very exhausting 10 hours. On departure from Nauro at 0730, it was one and a half hours straight up to the top of the Maguli Range. This was the scene of heavy fighting during both the retreat and the advance along the Kokoda Trail during World War II. The following two and a half hour walk was either flat or downhill, before a lunchbreak was taken at Ofi Creek at 1130.

After an insect-infested 30 minute luncheon of either noodles or bully beef, the push continued to the evening stop at the top of Imita Ridge. The final hour of this 10 hour

day was spent climbing a particularly steep 1 in 1 grade. This section, which was often on hands and knees, tested not only the physical endurance of all concerned, but also the mental endurance. Responses varied on reaching the top of Imita Ridge but to be where the Japanese suffered their first land defeat in the Pacific was an experience not many have had. That day everybody, including the Physical Training Instructor, (PTI), had tested their endurance by simply walking the trail. It was difficult to imagine soldiers actually conducting a battle over the same ground fighting for, and in many cases losing, their lives. That evening marked only the second time it had rained during the expedition and that was to make the descent from Imita Ridge the following morning, an extremely hazardous experience.

The final morning, Sunday 13th, saw an earlier start of 0715 to enable us to arrive at Owers Corner by 1100. The descent, as expected, was extremely slippery with the intrepid medical officer sitting in the sticky orange mud at least three times in the first 10 metres. It is believed he lost count after 30 similar excursions. The last obstacle to be

encountered was the Goldie River which had been fast flowing and deep during the previous year. Fortune again smiled on the party for the river was easily crossed in thigh deep water at 1000. The final climb of 300 metres up to Owers Corner was completed by the last expedition member at 1100.

Travelling back to Port Moresby in a PNGDF bus, an overwhelming sense of achievement was apparent on most faces. The midshipmen varied from broad smiles to simply tired faces; the one female looked totally elated; the doctor still could not believe he had made it; the PTI actually looked as though he had exercised; and the remainder were simply happy to have achieved what they had.

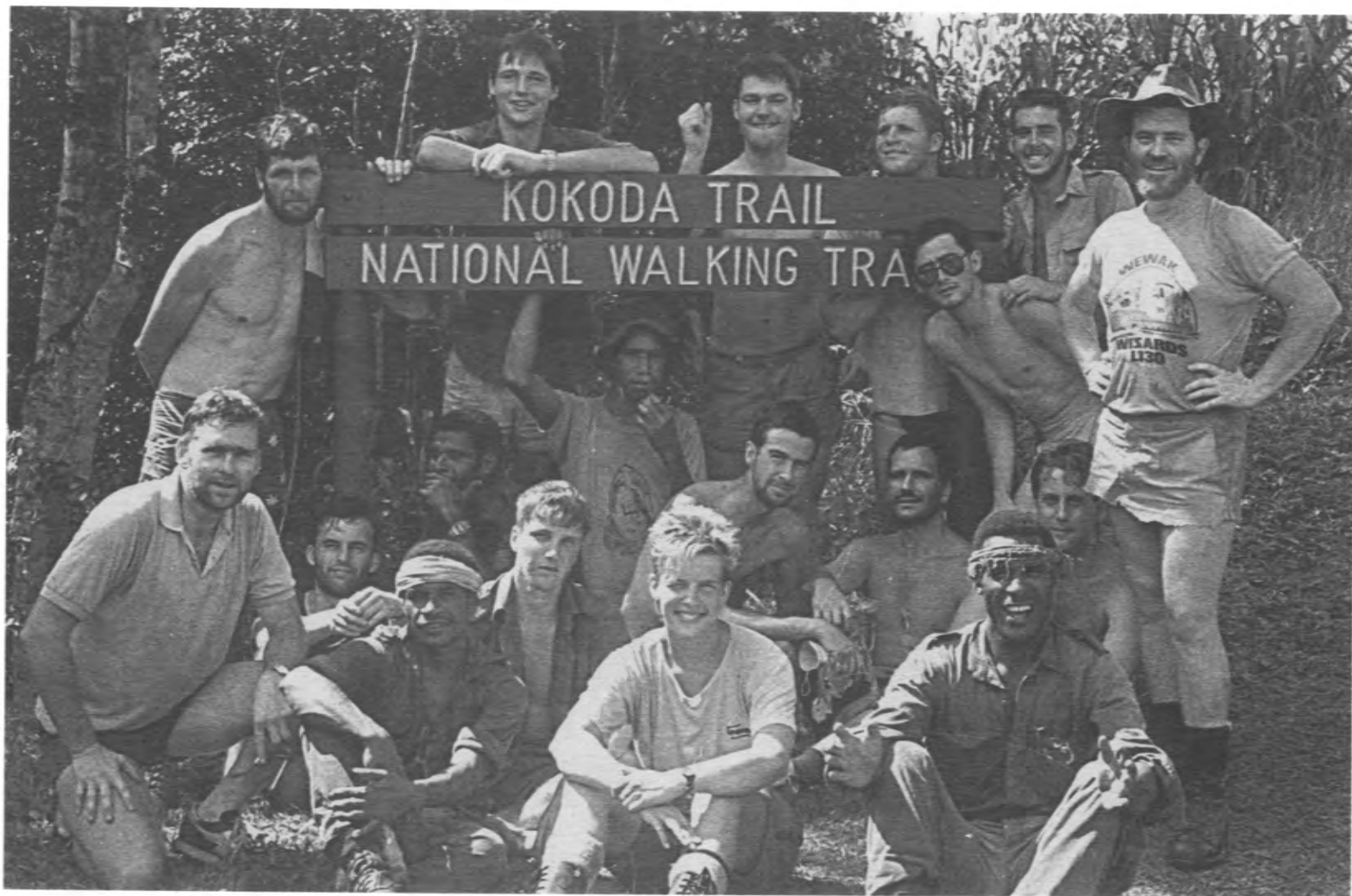
The hot showers at Taurama Barracks were wonderful after which most had a relaxing afternoon sightseeing in Port Moresby. The Caribou was airborne by 0930 Monday 14, arriving in Townsville in mid afternoon after a stop-over in Cairns. A RAAF Hercules departed Townsville at 1540 Tuesday 15th, arriving at RAAF Richmond at 2030.

Overall, it was a very rewarding experience for all concerned.



Team members enjoying a break at one of the many creek crossings.





After 93 kilometres of walking, the team proudly poses for the camera at Owers Corner.



## RANC SKIING EXPEDITION 1986

On Saturday 12 July, five midshipmen and three staff from the RANC departed for five days expedition training on the snowfields of Mt Buller in Victoria. The journey to Mt Buller via the thriving metropolis of Wangaratta was mainly uneventful except for some minor grumbings when the Big M was bypassed in Nowra and howling protests when it was again passed in Goulburn.

The weather on the first two days was perfect for skiing; however, on Tuesday afternoon heavy downpours of rain had reduced most of the slopes to slush which were practically unskiable. Rain again reduced the available time for skiing on Wednesday, but many prayers were answered when the temperature dropped and the rain turned to snow. A large dump of snow Wednesday evening meant Thursday was excellent for skiing, so good that a few of the expedition team were partially disabled by nightfall. Aching legs and tall stories of powder drifts to shoulder height were testament to the day's excellent skiing.

The team was sorry to leave on Friday morning, leaving behind even more snow and the first signs of sunshine for several days, and perhaps even more for the new friends left behind. Many thanks must go to Noni Lloyd, the lodge manager, for the assistance she willingly gave the team and for the humour she so amply supplied.

## LET'S GO DIVING

In the period 3-17 July 1986 personnel from HMAS *Creswell* and Lieutenant Peter Day (HMAS *Penguin*) took part in a diving expedition to the most beautiful dive site in the world—Australia's Great Barrier Reef.

The expedition was the result of an offer made in March 1986 to the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority (GBRMPA) to provide divers for any projects being undertaken. HMAS *Creswell* divers had previously undertaken a survey of Crown of Thorns Starfish (COTS) with GBRMPA in July 1984, and the task decided for 1986 was a continuation of this work—an attempt to control an outbreak of COTS by injecting them, underwater, with copper sulphate.

GBRMPA undertook to charter a dive vessel for the expedition and asked for 15 divers

from HMAS *Creswell*. Six willing MIDS were available and Ship's Company and other sources made up the rest of the dive team.

The team departed from HMAS *Creswell* at 1120 Wednesday 2 and headed for RAAF Richmond. The following day saw the team leave for the reef, after a few delays, about a C130 transport plane. At 1720 on the same day the team, led by Lieutenant Don 'Let's go diving' Sewell, arrived in Townsville ready to commence a mission of eradication. By 2100 Thursday 3 all members of the dive team had joined MV *Booby Bird* at Townsville Wharf and at 0200 Friday 4 lines were cast off and she proceeded to Grub Reef, 38 nautical miles east of Townsville.

GMBRMPA had provided us with suitable diving platform and a converted trawler that could sleep twenty-one plus three crew in relative comfort.

Following an initial orientation dive, the starfish killers yielded their weapons and began their onslaught against the *Acanthaster Planci* (COTS). The aim of the exercise was to eradicate all COTS within a certain area and later investigate the arrival of further COTS. Killing the COTS was no easy task. One could not just cut a COTS in half, as one of the halves could possibly regrow into another COTS. What was required was copper sulphate ( $\text{CuSO}_4$ ) and Du-pont Spot guns (garden drench guns). The COTS were then injected with 10 ml of  $\text{CuSO}_4$  in  $2 \times 5$  ml injections (enough to kill a human being). The  $\text{CuSO}_4$  is then absorbed throughout the COTS' body and the Starfish starts to decay, leaving no chance for the COTS to regrow.

The dive expedition consisted of three individual teams with five members per team. Each team had a diving supervisor and methodically worked around each bombora killing every COTS in sight. So efficient were our dive teams that we finished our mission in one week instead of two! So we were instructed to 'rope off' another area and repeat the same procedure.

Each team was allocated a zodiac and retained the same boat for the duration of the expedition. This allowed personal gear to be stowed in the boats and saved multiple handling in unloading and reloading.

Three dives were conducted each day commencing at approximately 0730, 1030 and 1400. Four divers entered the water on each dive leaving the fifth team member as a standby diver/boat driver. The zodiac was anchored on small bombora and motored or paddled behind the divers on the larger bombora.

Midway through the expedition we were visited by Captain Geoff Morton and although this time he didn't arrive by helicopter, he was brought from Townsville aboard a crash boat. That evening Captain Morton helped us celebrate the RAN 75th Anniversary by means of a cake made up of many pieces baked in MV *Booby Bird's* tiny oven. MV *Booby Bird* was also visited by two film crews (ABC and a private organisation). It was then that Lieutenant Sewell's acting talent was finally recognised. After filming the teams rigging up Lieutenant Sewell as required to say 'LET'S GO DIVING' for the dive teams were about to enter the water. Although we all thought Lieutenant Sewell was an instant star, the film crew asked 'The Don' to repeat the catch phrase again . . . and again! We are sure Lieutenant Sewell will remember and perhaps regret that day.

The forenoon of Wednesday 16 was used to recover all buoys, nets and boats and at 1000 anchor was weighed and course set for Townsville where MV *Booby Bird* berthed alongside No. 6 wharf at 1630.

The casino proved to be a popular site that night and less popular the next morning when most were dragged from their pits. At 1500 Thursday 17 the dive team left from Townsville aboard another C130.

Many thanks to Lieutenant Sewell for the general running and organisation of the complete diving expedition. Below is the list of personnel involved in the expedition.

**Team One**

LEUT Sewell  
ABQMG Hocking  
LSMED(U) Pederson  
MIDN Frith  
MIDN Jones

**Team Two**

LEUT Day  
ABMTH Shepherd  
ABMED Lee  
MIDN Watson  
MIDN Jackman

**Team Three**

LCDR Mittins (RN)  
LEUT Moore  
ABCK McKellar  
MIDN Dunlop  
MIDN Wordsworth

The success of the expedition can perhaps be best judged by the eagerness with which GBRMPA welcomed a suggested return.

## 1986 SPORTING AWARDS

### ATHLETICS

Award/Prize	Awarded for	Winner
Carr Trophy	100 m Sprint	1986 T. J. Watson
Clarke Cup	Shot-put	1986 A. A. Goodall
Dowling Shield	400 m	1986 A. C. Coogan
Evans Trophy	5000 m	1986 S. R. Miller
Franklin Trophy	Open Champion	1986 T. J. Watson
Morgan Shield	1500 m	1986 C. E. Martens
Smythe Cup	110 m Hurdles	1986 G. E. Armstrong

### CROSS COUNTRY

1 Pint Pewter	Winner of Championship	1986 T. J. Watson
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### RUGBY

Burnett Prize	Best Exponent	1986 S. Gregg
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### SWIMMING

Colin Creswell Cup	Open Champion	1986 S. Gregg
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### SQUASH

Benson Cup	Champion	1985 J. R. Simpson
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### TENNIS

Cunningham Cup	Singles Champion	1985 R. Jackson
2 x ½ Pint Pewters	Doubles Champions	1985 R. Jackson/M. Lanham

### DIVISIONAL TROPHIES

Cock Division Trophy	Best Division	1985 Session 2 Phillip Division 1986 Session 1 Phillip Division
CRESWELL Cup	Relay Race	1986 Jervis Division
Dechaineux Memorial Trophy	Swimming	1986 University Division
Grimwade Cup	Athletics	1986 Jervis Division
Walters Cup	Cross Country	1986 Cook Division
Dalton Cup	All Sports	1985 Flinders Division



RANC v RMC Jervis Bay 1917

### ATHLETICS 1986

The 1986 athletics programme began with the action packed Inter Divisional Athletics Carnival. The rivalry between all five divisions was evident during the day's events as all participants strove for personal bests.

The 1986 Inter Divisional Athletics Meeting provided a contrast from previous years, as DEOCs, SD, SL and 85C all competed, whereas in the past only GLs and a few SLs had been actively involved. The standard remained high, although lacking in the usual depth of numbers.

The following trainees were awarded trophies and shields, as a result of being placed first in various track and field events:

#### UNSW—Fegen Cup (4 × 100 m relay)

MIDN Goodall—Clarke Cup (Shot-put)

MIDN Watson—Carr Cup (100 m—record 11.0 sec)

MIDN Millar—Evan Trophy (5000 m)

MIDN Armstrong—Smythe Cup (110 m Hurdles)

SBLT Martens—Morgan Shield (1500 m)

MIDN Coogan—Dowling Shield (400 m)

MIDN Watson—Franklin Cup and Pewter Goblet (Best Athlete) 1st 100, 200, Long Jump

#### Grimwade Cup (Winning Division)—Jervis Division

An Inter Services Colleges Athletics team was selected following the Inter-divisional meeting. This team then competed against Nowra Amateur Athletics Association and Sydney University at the College on 15 March 1986. For the members of the RANC team it was an excellent opportunity to see if their training was proving beneficial to their performances. It also provided a warm up for the following athletics meeting between the Navy, Air Force and Army. Four members of the RANC were placed first in their events, thus providing a very close finish in the final points scores at the end of the day. The total points for each team are as follows:

NOWRA AAA	105
RANC	100
SYDNEY UNI	93

First place competitors for RANC were:

MIDN Watson—100 m  
MIDN Armstrong—110 m hurdles  
MIDN Rossendell—Javelin  
MIDN Humphreys—Discus

*Note:* Sub Lieutenant Martens was placed 3rd in the 1500 m and 5000 m.

The final competition for the athletes program was ISCAM (Inter-Service Colleges Athletic meeting) and for 1986 was held at Duntroon Saturday 23 March 1986. Competing teams in 1986 were Duntroon, RANC, RAAFC and the new Defence Academy.

The small and somewhat inexperienced team from the RANC were certainly the underdogs, but spirited attitudes were at a high and the RANC was far from disgraced. The end of the day point scores for each team were:

ADFA	177 points
Duntroon	148 points
RANC	114 points
RAAFC	112 points

The 100 member strong ADFA team were easily the winners and Duntroon, as usual, performed excellently. The fight for 3rd place all depended on the final 4 × 100 m relay. The RAAFC had to win the relay to edge out the RANC from third place. With ADFA being the favourite this feat was of course impossible and RAAFC were placed 3rd in the relay thus allowing the RANC to be placed 3rd overall.

Medal winners for RANC

MIDN Warren—1st Long Jump  
MIDN Miller—1st 5000 m  
MIDN Rosendell—1st Javelin  
MIDN Watson—2nd 100 and 200 m  
MIDN Goodall—3rd Shot-put  
MIDN Humphreys—3rd Discus

## CRICKET

The 85/86 cricket season was quite a successful season for the RANC First XI. Apart from a narrow loss in the first match against Old Cranbrookians, the cricket team was undefeated and by the end of the season was putting together some big scores and winning convincingly.

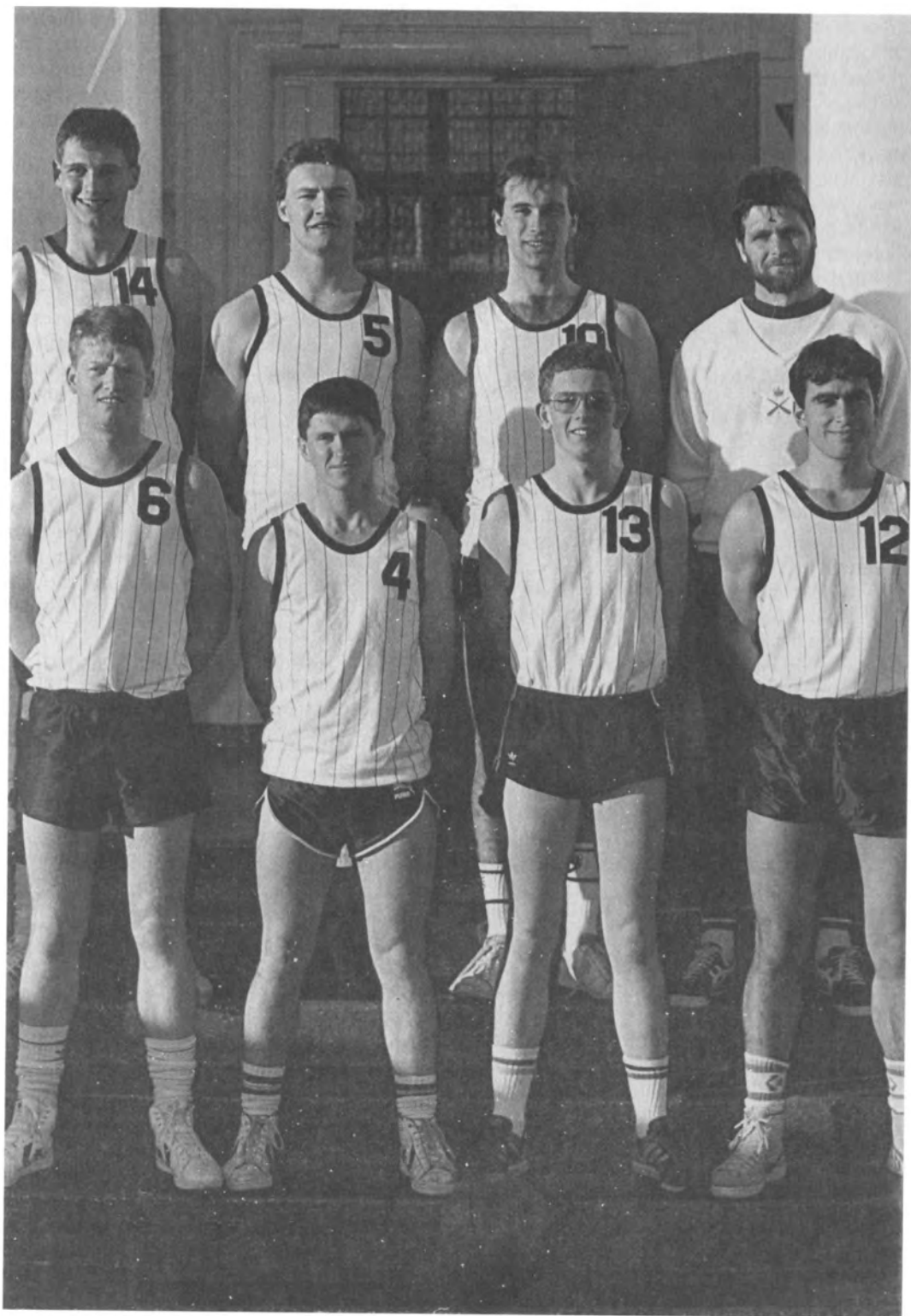
The highlight of the season was the match against Navy Office, which is always looked forward to by the team. Having been sent into bat the College amassed its largest total of the season, 4/244 off 45 overs. The whole team batted well with outstanding performances from Moulds (56), Stone (52), and Frith (32). In reply, Navy Office fought hard and scored a well compiled 211 runs against some very good bowling from Lieutenant Stangret 4/34 and Bannister 2/34. The match was extremely close and the team was thrilled when it sent Navy Office home with another defeat at the hands of the College.

Throughout the season there were many fine performances with the bat and ball.



College v Staff RANC 1916





RANC Basketball Team 1986

Clayton Moulds topped the batting list with 283 runs for the season and was well supported throughout the year by Lieutenant Stangret and David Frith. Adam Goodall performed best with the ball taking 24 wickets with good support from Lieutenant Stangret who took 16 wickets. Although these were very good individual performances, I would like to thank all the players who participated in an outstanding season.

Finally, I would like to thank Lieutenant Stangret for the time and effort he put into the team during the year.

### RANC BASKETBALL TEAM 1986

The 1986 Basketball season proved very successful for the RANC Basketball team.

Competing in the Shoalhaven Basketball Association Winter Competition 'A' Reserve Grade, HMAS *Creswell* out-gunned the opposition in the Grand Final to win the Premiership 56-27.

The team was captained by MIDN Dave Hargan, who has been a stalwart of the team for the last few years. He, and the addition of ABWTR Wayne Springall and Lieutenant Marcus Alfonso, provided a high standard skill and game sense for the new and less experienced players to follow.

MIDN Neil Smith and MIDN Aspinall showed great improvement through the season and if we could get Lofty Smith to jump and use his height he could be devastating.

The boys on the bench deserve a special mention—the dynamic dart, MIDN Mouse O'Keefe, Lieutenant Romeo Carinci, ABMED Bob Pritchard and Lieutenant Rodger Boyles. They gave their all when they hit the court, giving plenty of support to the rest of the team.

Our thanks to our number one supporter, Lieutenant Alesi, who always had the crowd going with either his drum or gas rattle. A job well done. Winners are grinners!

### VOLLEYBALL

During 1985 RANC entered only two teams in the Shoalhaven Amateur Volleyball Association Competition, comprised of Ship's Company and Supplementary List Midshipmen (SLOC 1/86). Team members were (A Grade) Sub-Lieutenant Jenni Blunden (Manager/Coach), Lieutenant Mal Parsons,

POWTR Mark Chee, POPT Eddington, LSPT Owen Sims, ABSV Dave Newman and MIDN Leon Volz. B Grade comprised of MIDN Brent Gerdes, Nick Woodley, Andrew Rushbrook, Mike Edwards, Katrina Blazey and Adam Allica.

Both teams played well throughout the season and the winter competition, which closed on 14 August, saw A Grade last with 17 points but B Grade were in for a fighting chance in the semi-finals. However, they were narrowly defeated and so closed another season of RANC participation and representation in the local volleyball competition. September 11 saw the beginning of a nine-week Social Competition in which several HMAS *Creswell* players participated.

### RUGBY 1986

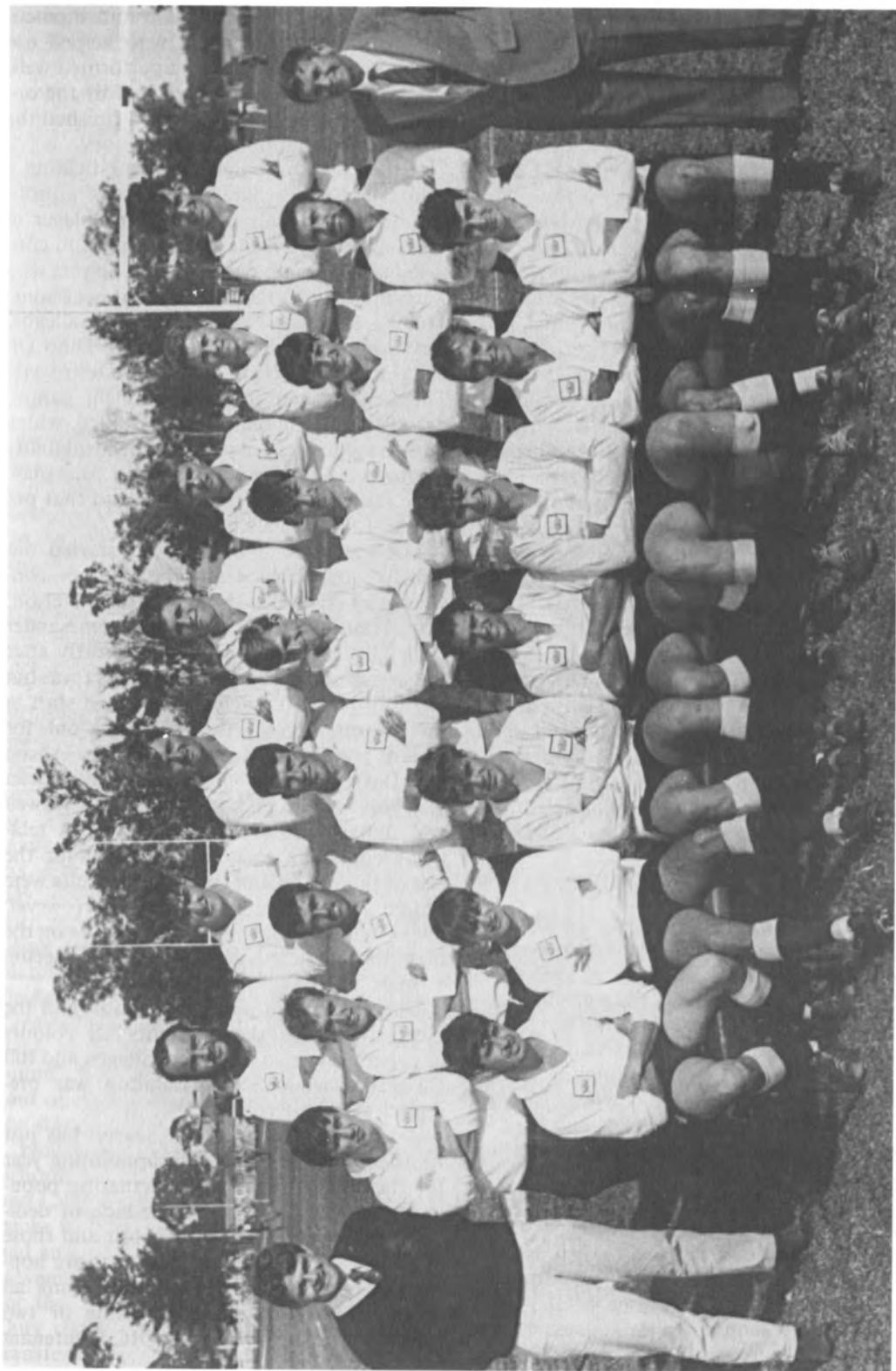
The RANC Rugby team had a most successful and enjoyable season in 1986. The team did not retain the premiership won in 1985 but finished a creditable third on the Far South Coast competition ladder and fourth overall after losing the Minor Semi Final to Batemans Bay.

The results in the Far South Coast competition were as follows:

vs Cobargo	Won 21-3
vs Bega	Won 15-4
vs Moruya	Won 9-6
vs Bodalla	Lost 4-11
vs Milton	Drew 6-6
vs Batemans Bay	Won 4-0
vs Bega	Won 6-3
vs Moruya	Lost 3-25
vs Bodalla	Lost 15-22
vs Milton	Lost 6-12
vs Batemans Bay	Won 6-3
vs Cobargo	Drew 0-0

Won 6, Drew 2, Lost 4

The results indicate that the team's performance slumped during the second round. This can be attributed to injuries coupled with leave and training commitments of the College, a coach's nightmare, but a fact of life in any Rugby team and particularly in the Navy. Essentially, the team lost much of its playing strength at the wrong time and accordingly, its combination on the field. Nevertheless, all those involved with the team enjoyed themselves which is the most important aspect of the game on or off the field.



RANC 1st XV 1986

The highlight of the season was the team's performance in the Navy's Rugby Knockout for the Mons Cup. Losing to HMAS *Nirimba* 6-0 (the Mons Cup winner) in the opening match, the team scored convincing wins in its next three encounters and reached the Phate Final. In this match HMAS *Cairns* won 9-0 after an intercept try in the dying minutes of the game just as the RANC team looked certain to score itself to win the match. An unfortunate end to what was a great day of Rugby for the RANC team.

There were many notable individual performances during the season. The forwards at full strength were ball-hungry and strong in all phases of play. The backs made the most of their opportunities and were sound in defence and possessed strength and speed in attack. MIDN Simon Gregg, MIDN Peter Thompson, MIDN Jay Bannister and ABUC Steve Lancombe all played representative football with the RAN Colts and hope to be selected for a tour of the United Kingdom and France in 1987.

1986 was indeed a successful year for RANC Rugby, the team had fun while learning more about the game, for many it was their first season of Rugby. The existence of a team in future years will now depend upon the Ship's Company of the establishment. The RANC Rugby team in the future will undoubtedly be a year by year proposition, alas only time will tell.

### 1986 SQUASH REPORT

The beginning of 1986 was greeted with optimism by the few remaining squash players in the College. With the majority of 1985 players graduating and moving onto greener pastures, the squash team was feeling the pinch.

Lieutenant Commander Dick Mittins, RN took over the reins at the beginning of the year. In the first half of the year we managed to field two teams—the Cruisers and the Destroyers. However, due to the fluctuating number of people in the College, the teams saw constant changes, and a large number of guest appearances.

The Destroyers consisted of Ian Nelson (C), Adam Stone and Scott Hamilton. At least these were the backbone of the team which usually contained one guest player each week. Thanks to LCDR Frank Wyllie,

Bill Triffitt and the many other midshipmen, too numerous to mention, who helped out during the season. The team performed well, even though they were outclassed by the opposition on many occasions and finished the season on a high note with a victory.

If the Destroyers had problems fielding a team, the Cruisers had even more of a problem. They had only one full time player in Bill Davidson (C). The rest of the team consisted of any number of different players who were invited to play on regular occasions. Thanks to Mick Noonan, Dean Gallegos, Nev Rooney, Chris Gudgin, LSPT Dino Dibella and Ian Nelson from the Destroyers. The Cruisers put in some excellent games, defeating the top teams at least once, which was no mean feat considering the availability of players. Sadly, we lost our best four players midway through the season and that put an end to our finals hopes.

The second half of the year started out well. We fielded one team, the Cruisers, consisting of Bill Davidson (C), Ian Nelson, Scott Hamilton and Lieutenant Commander Dick Mittins, RN. Ian resigned shortly after the season started and another player was out due to injury. So much for our great start to the season! Again, the call went out for squash players and Lieutenant Stuart Abson and Darren Shirlaw came to our aid. Dean Gallegos was posted back to HMAS *Creswell* and things were looking up again. A relatively consistent team was possible for the rest of the season and some good results were posted against the better teams. However, due to the unavailability of key players on the night that mattered, we were unable to secure a finals berth.

Due to their unfailing dedication and the excellent squash they played, full colours have been awarded to Dean Gallegos and Bill Davidson, while Scott Hamilton was presented with half colours.

As this goes to print, the season has just finished what has been a disappointing year for the squash club. The fluctuating population of the College and the lack of dedicated players both took their toll and those of us who will be around next year are hoping for better things. Finally, we thank all those people who played a game or two throughout the year and our OIC Lieutenant



Commander Dick Mittins, RN for his support and dedication throughout the year.

## SOCCKER

There was a time when every sport could field a team at anytime just be assigning midshipmen to it. This year was completely different and there was some serious doubt that HMAS *Creswell* could consistently field a soccer team. With seven days before regular season competition, 13 people showed interest in soccer and the HMAS *Creswell* Soccer Team was formed. The team competed in the third division of the Shoalhaven District Soccer Association.

The HMAS *Creswell* Soccer Team was a well hidden asset from all except the members of the team. Comments such as 'I didn't know we had a soccer team' from very prominent individuals were heard more than once. On one of the two occasions when the team was allowed on the Quarterdeck, there were even a few spectators who watched with bewilderment and may have regretted what they saw. Nevertheless, the players put a total effort into each game.

The structure of the team was completely different to that of previous seasons and having a USN officer in charge was not one of the changes. The majority of this year's team consisted of junior sailors and officers. Junior officers under training and a civilian made up a small portion of 'registered' players. Even with the vast numbers (on a good day we had 13 players) the season started with some uncertainty with HMAS *Creswell* being unable to field a team in the first match, thus forfeiting. Although a team was fielded on all other occasions, HMAS *Creswell's* first win came about on the fifth week of competition. By the end of the first round, HMAS *Creswell* was in sixth place (out of eight teams) and eager to move up in the standings.

However, disaster struck, or 'duty called'. Schools were attended by LSCK Rod Atkins and LSSU Roger Smith, leaving a void in the backs to be filled by LT Rich O'Brien (USN) and any other who showed up. ABUW Steve 'I want to play Rugby' Noakes then took off for the Solomon Islands in a relief effort. Duty days always took  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the team and transfers left the team with less than mini-

mum numbers. Rich O'Brien and team's captain Sub Lieutenant Dave Wakeling had to find additional members to take the field. The presence of Lieutenants Stef Stangret and Bruce Fallon insured a complete team on hard-pressed days. Injuries were few but came at the most inopportune time. Lyn Kingma (our civilian and best mid fielder) had a face lift after a late tackle against South Nowra and was out for a few weeks. LSSTD Dave 'Nobby' Clarke broke his ankle shortly after Lyn's return. ABSTD Laurie Neal had more duties than the rest combined but did well in scoring when he was available. There were several games where no midshipmen played and that is a first for HMAS *Creswell*.

Because the team could not field the same team twice, everyone was called upon to perform in different positions. ABMTP Chris 'Mitch' Mitchell was goal keeper when LSSTD Scott Chalmers was absent. 'Mitch' rarely played the same position twice. The antics of ABMTP Darren 'Swampy' Marshall made him the most colourful player on the team. The team's top scorer goes to ABCK Michael 'Dougo' Douglas.

The action on the field was as interesting as off the field. The team's navigator 'I know where I'm going' Swampy Marshall with the help of MIDN Dave 'I made the last goal' Barnes directed the driver 'Mitch' into parts of Australia never before explored. On one such expedition 'Swampy' (now known as the Wide Mouth Frog) directed the bus in a motor cross competition while looking for the soccer field in Manyana. We lost the match but took third in the motor cross. The team extends their thanks to 'Clutch' Mitchell for the many miles he drove and for putting up with the 'Frog'.

In the last round of competition HMAS *Creswell* was able to defeat all the top teams but barely kept from receiving the wooden spoon. Next season should be as interesting if not more rewarding. ABMTP Murray Graham, the team's best and fairest will be returning as well as the team's regulars Knobby Clarke the Club Man, Best Mid fielder Lyn Kingma, Dave Wakeling (now the coach) and the rest. But special thanks must go to MIDN Jason Taylor who supported the team, always there if not always called upon.

## CROSS COUNTRY

There are only two cross country events on the RANC sports calendar, the College Inter-divisional championships and the McCaffrey Challenge held between the RANC and Nowra Amateur Athletics Association.

### RANC Championship

The advent of ADFA and the timing of a JNCC training cruise resulted in one of the smallest interdivisional cross country fields seen in many years. Despite this setback the competition between the divisions was still very keen. At stake was the Captain R. H. Walter Cup donated in 1919.

A fine team effort saw Cook Division run down the strong Jervis outfit in a tight finish.

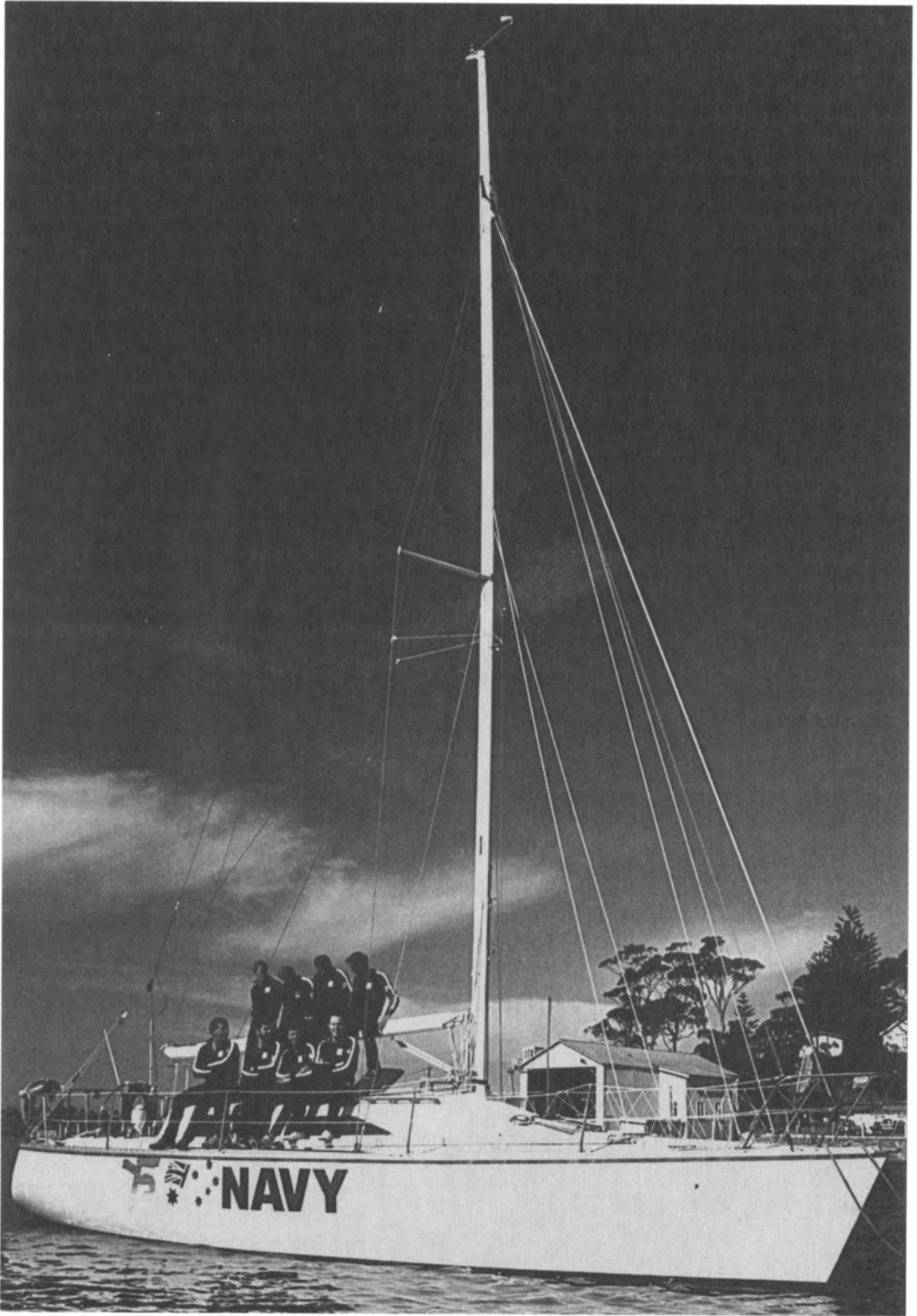
The final results being Cook (1st), Jervis (2nd), Phillip (3rd) and Flinders (4th). The individual winner was MIDN Tim Watson (Phillip).

### McCaffrey Challenge

The numbers problem that beset the inter-divisional competition also had its effect on the McCaffrey Challenge. Raced over a shortened and water-logged Nowra course the Nowra AAA team easily accounted for a makeshift college side. Results were as follows: Nowra AAA 102 points; HMAS *Creswell* 218 points (based on the first 12 runners home).

The best performer for the HMAS *Creswell* team was the College champion, MIDN Watson.





RANC yacht—'Alexander'

