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FOREWORD

By Captain D.J. Ramsay, RAN

Whilst all Australia celebrated 200 years of European settlement, 1988 was also particularly significant for the Royal Australian Naval College, as it marked 75 years since it first opened at Geelong House in 1913, and also 30 years since its return to Jervis Bay from Flinders Naval Depot. 1988 was also a year of great change which saw the final class of RANC degree-stream midshipmen graduate, and the last resident civilian instructor retire. A College history, entitled *Work Hard — Play Hard*, was published as RANC looked back on its achievements and reflected on the changes made.

However, 1988 was not just a time for reflection, it was also a time to establish new ideas and meet the requirements of a Navy that is rapidly approaching the twenty-first century. Junior officers under training now come from many walks of life and include ex-sailors and work-experienced university graduates as well as those joining directly from secondary school. Similarly, the courses undertaken are diverse, ranging from two week Orientations to the more comprehensive 17 week Junior Officers Common Training. From RANC our graduates proceed to further training courses at other establishments or in some cases direct to billet positions at sea or ashore.

1988 also brought with it many visits from foreign naval ships participating in Australian Bicentennial celebrations. The classic German sail training ship *Gorch Fock* provided a chance for 15 trainees to undertake a voyage under sail from Sydney to Melbourne. Ships from the Indian Navy and the Japanese Maritime Self Defence Force also visited. RANC was able to offer hospitality to Queen Beatrix of the Netherlands, and Admiral Louzeau, Chief of Naval Staff, French Navy.

All in all 1988 has been a year of milestones and one in which I have been very proud to command the College.





The Royal Australian Naval College forms the major part of the 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*.

COLLEGE CHARTER

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. 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.

‘Remember that your vocation deliberately chosen is War. War as a means of Peace, but still War, and in singleness of purpose for the Empire’s fame prepare for the time when the honour and welfare of that Empire may come to be in your keeping, that by your skill and valour, when the time arrives and fortune comes your way, you may revive the spirit and perpetuate the glory of days that tingle in our hearts and fill our memories.’

—An exhortation, taken from *Alston’s Seamanship*, framed and hung in each Gunroom at Jervis Bay.



Survival at sea training.

RANC — 75 YEARS YOUNG

As 1988 draws to a close, the Royal Australian Naval College has an opportunity to reflect on business during this, her seventy-fifth year of operation. There is no doubt that significant changes have taken place since training the first 13-year-old boy cadets in 1913 at Osborne House, Geelong.

RANC as we know it today was built in 1915 and commissioned at HMAS *Franklin*. Cadets entered at the tender age of 13, completing their secondary education and general naval training modelled on Royal Navy pattern, before actually going to the British Royal Naval College for 'polishing'.

As a result of the harsh economic climate during the Great Depression, the College was forced to move to Flinders Naval Depot in 1930. After some 27 years away from Jervis Bay, the College returned in 1958 despite some local opposition from civilians who had been reaping the profits of a burgeoning tourist trade. Still affectionately known as 'Camp Creswell', HMAS *Creswell* has always been regarded as an idyllic posting location and it is to the Navy's credit that the site has remained as beautiful and unspoiled as it was 75 years ago.

The changing face of the Naval College has directly reflected the Navy's own changes to officers' training over the years. The 13-year-old boy intakes were the normal entry for officers from 1913 to 1955. In the 1950s, however, the College commenced its evolution from secondary schooling to tertiary training, eventually establishing formal links with the University of New South Wales. With this change the 13-year-old intake was discarded and a Junior Entry of 15 and 16-year-olds (for matriculation studies), and a Senior Entry for midshipmen up to 19 years who had successfully matriculated to an Australian university, was commenced concurrently with the introduction of the General List in the Navy Officer Corps.

Supplementary List male officers joined their General List counterparts at RANC early in 1978 with the first SL female midshipmen joining them later that year. In 1975, the Minister for Defence announced the decision to form a Tri-Service Defence Academy. In 1986, the Australian Defence Force Academy

opened in Canberra combining tertiary training for new entry Navy, Army and Air Force junior officers/cadets.

The function of the Naval College changed overnight from a tertiary training institution to an initial professional naval training college. Gone were the large civilian and military instructional staff along with the stability of long term courses. Left were a hard core of uniformed training staff responsible for imparting basic naval and military training, codes of conduct and teamwork to a large number of short courses. In addition to retaining single service training responsibilities for Defence Academy midshipmen (approximately four to six weeks a year), training for Direct Entry officers was increased to the same length as other Supplementary List officers, i.e. seven months. The resulting training pattern at *Creswell* is two large intakes of SL officers (between 50 and 100) twice a year, three Special Duties Officers Courses, and two Junior Naval Command Courses. In addition *Creswell* conducts and coordinates training for Defence Academy midshipmen during and after degree training, Short Service officers (doctors, dentists, nurses, chaplains and legal officers), SDLs, foreign officers, reserve officers, RMIT graduates and undergraduates, Undergraduate (UV) Scheme officers, EXAC Phase 1 training, not to mention five Junior Officers Staff Courses a year. 1988 has been RANC's busiest year with a staff of 17 officers and seven senior sailors training 734 junior officers to the tune of 31 150 training days.

The challenge of training officers at *Creswell* lies in the ability to successfully mix the extremely diverse range of individuals who are joining the RAN Officers Corps today. They include: Special Duties officers, up to 37 years of age; high school graduates at a tender 17 years; 21-year-old Defence Academy graduates; Direct Entry Instructor officers, who may have spent up to 10 years teaching; RMIT engineering graduates who may have previously served as a SMNETC; and doctors, dentists or nurses. Time is short for staff but the mixing pool offers the new, and not so new, the opportunity to meet and develop their professionalism in a naval environment before joining the Fleet.



Firefighting training.

CAPTAIN D. J. RAMSAY



Captain Ramsay was born in Sydney in 1948. Together with his mother and three sisters he accompanied his naval father around Australia and the world until January 1963, when he joined the RAN College at Jervis Bay as a Junior Entry cadet midshipman. After graduation in 1967 he served as a Midshipman in HMA Ships *Yarra* and *Sydney*, spending most of the year in the Far East.

As a Sub Lieutenant he was in the last group of Australians to undergo training at BRNC *Dartmouth* in UK and was awarded the Queen's Medal in 1970, having been dux of his year at *Dartmouth* and the subsequent nine months of Operations and Weapons Courses in the Portsmouth area.

On return to Australia he completed Bridge Watchkeeping Certificate training in HMAS *Brisbane* during her 1971 tour of duty as the last RAN Ship to operate with the US Seventh Fleet in Vietnam.

Captain Ramsay underwent flying training

with the RAAF throughout 1972, graduating dux of No. 84 Pilots Course in March 1973. He completed Operational Flying Training on Skyhawk aircraft in December 1973. After 18 months front line service on VF805, mainly embarked in HMAS *Melbourne*, he underwent Air Warfare Instructor Training and then served on VC724 instructing OFT students in air combat and weapons delivery techniques.

In early 1977 Captain Ramsay had a brief seamanship refresher before serving as the RAN Contingent Officer in HMY *Britannia* during that year's Royal Tour. He was then posted back to VF805 and embarked in HMAS *Melbourne* for the Spithead Review deployment to UK.

In 1978 he returned to flying training duties on VC724 at NAS *Nowra* and on promotion to Lieutenant Commander in September he became the Station Air Warfare Instructor and conducted No. 3 AWI Course for two students throughout 1979.

In December 1979 Captain Ramsay was posted to exchange duty with the Royal Navy flying Sea Harriers during the introduction to service of that aircraft. After VSTOL conversion with the RAF and Operational Flying Training at RNAS *Yeovilton* he joined 800 Squadron which was embarked in HMS *Invincible* in early 1981 and from July that year in HMS *Hermes*. His exchange service was extended by six months from mid 1982 so that he could continue to assist with training and trials during and after the Falklands

conflict. He was promoted Commander in June 1982 and spent the following five months as an instructor on 899 Squadron with no secondary duties and only such arduous tasks as flying in the four aircraft display for the eight days of the Farnborough Air Show that year.

All good things must come to an end and he returned to the position of Commander (Air) at RANAS *Nowra* in January 1983 and flew, occasionally, in Macchis until they were handed over to the RAAF in June 1983 and then in Skyhawks until they were sold to the RNZAF in July 1984.

Captain Ramsay's next posting was as Executive Officer of HMAS *Success* which required four weeks training in France (Nov.–Dec. 1984) and 15 months standing by the ship at Cockatoo Island Dockyard before she commissioned on 15 April 1986. After five months of sea time conducting acceptance trials the posting ended rather as it had begun with three months in Post Delivery Availability at Cockatoo Island.

Captain Ramsay was posted to Navy Office in January 1987 as the Director of Sailors' Postings and in January 1988 to HMAS *Creswell* as Commanding Officer on promotion to the rank of Captain.

Captain Ramsay was married to Janine McInerney in 1978 and they have two sons (Nicholas and James) and a daughter (Juliette).

COMMANDER G. A. LEDGER



Commander Geoffrey Ledger was born in Colac, Victoria on 20 May 1953. His most memorable school days were spent at Jordanville Technical School and Swinburne Institute of Technology before joining the RAN in 1972 as an SL Aircrew trainee.

Commander Ledger's basic training was undertaken at HMAS *Cerberus* prior to completing the No. 85 Pilots Course at RAAF Point Cook and then to Flying Training School at RAAF Pearce. A Helicopter Conversion Course with 5 Squadron RAAF Fairbairn followed soon after in July 1973. Eventually, by October of that year, he was flying Navy Iroquois from HMAS *Albatross* in 723 Squadron.

In January 1974 wider experience was

gained by a move to HT725, where he undertook operational flying training in Wessex. This preceded a posting to HS817 where he flew a front-line ASW Wessex and was involved in the clean-up operation of Darwin after Cyclone Tracy and was embarked in HMAS *Melbourne* for 18 months.

His skill as a pilot, and his ability to pass on this skill, saw him selected for a Helicopter Instructors Course in the United Kingdom during 1976. Instructional duties followed successful course completion with 5 Squadron RAAF Fairbairn. In June 1978 he was overseas again as part of the United Nations Emergency Force based in Ismalia, Egypt, where he flew Air Force helicopters in support of the peace-keeping forces on the ground. Finally, in January 1979, he returned to the squadrons at *Albatross* as a Training Officer. He must have had his feet on the ground for some of the time as in June 1979 he married his lovely wife Bethany. Unfortunately Bethany had the dangers of flying brought home to her when her husband was involved in a serious helicopter crash in 1981 which destroyed the aircraft. Luckily he and the crew escaped with only minor injuries.

During 1982 and 1983 came service with the Republic of Singapore Air Force instructing students on Iroquois helicopters and in

the techniques and procedures of sea/air rescues. These skills were thoroughly put to the test in January 1983 during the Sentosa Cable Car disaster in which eight people died. The then Lieutenant Ledger led the rescue operation to save 14 people and was subsequently awarded the Silver Commendation Medal by the Singapore Government.

Promotion to Lieutenant Commander in 1984 saw a return to HC723 as Training Officer and Central Flying School Agent where he was responsible for the standardisation of all RAN helicopter instructors. Before leaving HMAS *Albatross* in 1986, for Navy Officer, he became the senior pilot. At Navy Office he worked for the Directorate of Naval Officers Postings with responsibility for Aircrew and EX Administration postings.

Promotion to Commander in 1988 produced a posting to HMAS *Creswell* as the Executive Officer and a job away from the influences of aircraft.

Commander Ledger and his wife Bethany have two children, Matthew (8), and Samuel (4). He is a keen sportsman with expertise in golf, cricket, tennis, squash and running. He is also an Australian Rules umpire. His willingness to be involved with the wider community is no better reflected than by the amount of spare time he dedicates to the local church and to Sunday school.

RAN COLLEGE STAFF—1988

Commanding Officer:

Captain D. J. Ramsay, RAN

Executive Officer:

Commander P. C. E. Evans, RAN

Chaplain:

Reverend D. M. Hill, RAN (Anglican)

Training Officer:

Lieutenant Commander G. H. Starling, RAN

Course Implementation Officer

Junior Naval Command Course:

Lieutenant S. G. Daws, RAN

Course Implementation Officer

Junior Officer Common Training Course:

Lieutenant C. L. Dodd, RAN

Course Implementation Officer

Special Duties Officer Course:

Lieutenant Commander R. F. Grezl, RAN

Course Implementation Officer

Junior Officer Staff Course:

Lieutenant Commander M. A. Linsley, RAN

Instructors:

Lieutenant M. Hunter, RAN

Lieutenant G. L. Hewlett, RAN

Lieutenant M. L. Bailey, RAN

Junior Officer Staff Course Instructor:

Lieutenant R. C. Harrod, RAN

Cook Divisional Officer:

Lieutenant Commander P. R. Gomm, RAN

Phillip Divisional Officer:

Lieutenant B. W. Jones, RAN

Jervis Divisional Officer:

Lieutenant M. J. Hickey, RAN

Flinders Divisional Officer:

Lieutenant K. L. Knox, RAN

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Lieutenant Commander I. Ezergailis, RAN

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CPOQMG M. P. Forde

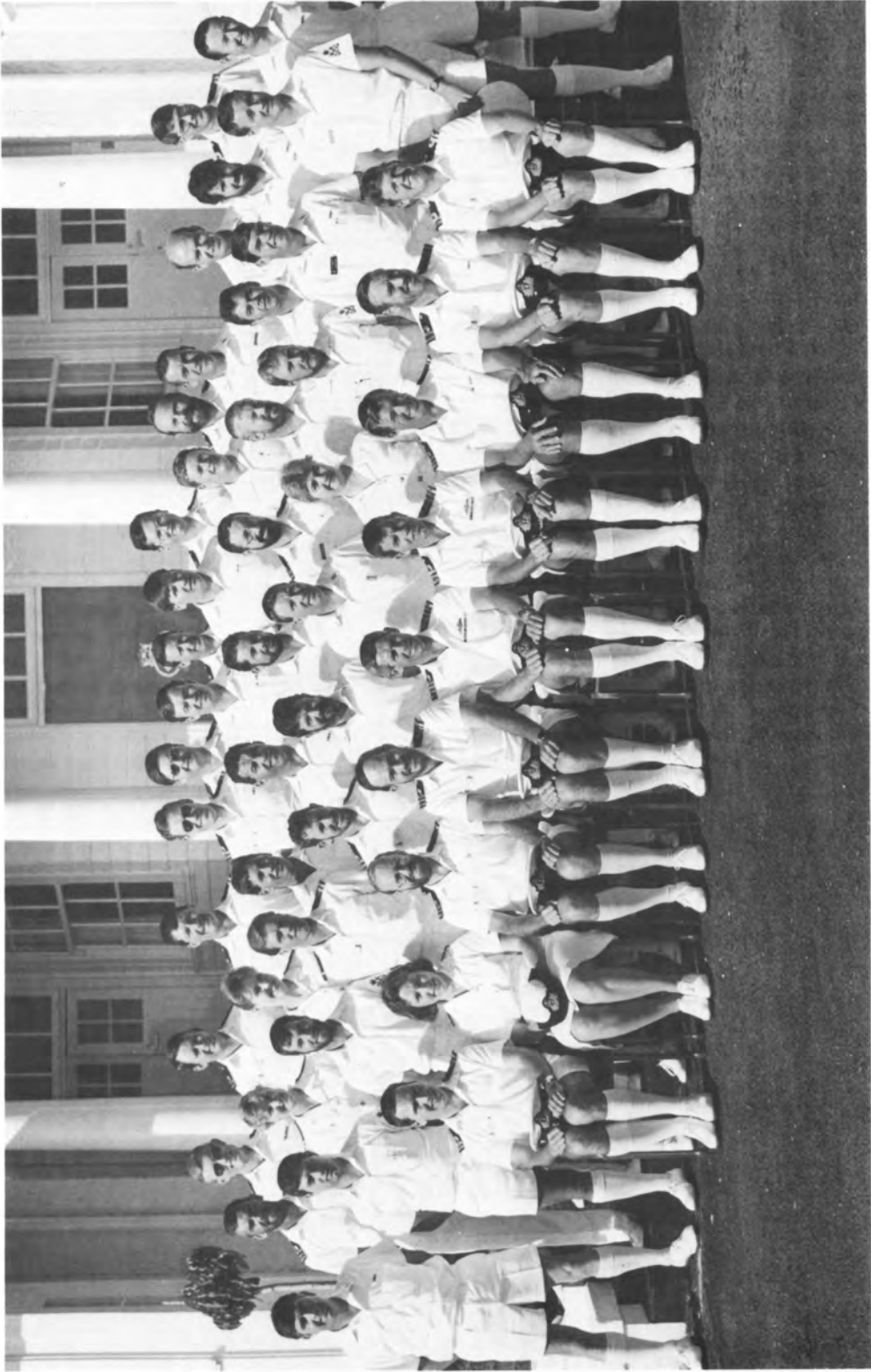
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POPT D. Hynd

LSPT T. J. Soward



HMAS Creswell Staff 1988.

PASSING OUT PARADE, 8 APRIL 1988

The Chief of the Defence Force reviewed the Passing Out Parade of 90 officers under training at HMAS *Creswell* on Friday, 8 April 1988.

The inclement weather cleared to allow the parade to go ahead. Families of graduates congregated from all over Australia, including many from the Shoalhaven area, to witness the culmination of many months of preparation.

The graduating class was composed of men and women who had tertiary qualifications from universities throughout Australia, including the Service's own Australian Defence Force Academy in Canberra. There were also graduates who had joined the Navy

from businesses and professional backgrounds and those straight from high school.

A number of locals also graduated including Lieutenants Chris Nelms, John Coombes, Chris Sinclair and Midshipman Kerry Jones.

A highlight of the parade was the flypast of naval helicopters timed to pass overhead as the graduating class 'slow' marched through the ranks of the junior class in farewell.

Following the parade special guests and graduates attended a smorgasbord luncheon which concluded only minutes before the leaden sky opened up. Later that evening the graduates and their guests celebrated until the early hours at a Ball held in their honour at HMAS *Creswell*.

PRIZEWINNERS

APRIL 1988

Queen's Gold Medal—presented annually to the member of the graduating class who has demonstrated the most exemplary conduct, performance of duty, and good influence among his fellows. The name of the recipient is permanently displayed on an Honour Board in the College. The Queen's Gold Medal was first awarded (as the King's Gold Medal) in 1916.

—Midshipman G. M. Hornbuckle, RAN

HMAS *Leeuwin* Sword—presented biannually to the member of the graduating class displaying the highest standards of conduct, performance of duty, and leadership. The HMAS *Leeuwin* Sword was first presented in September 1987.

—Sub Lieutenant P. W. Orr, RAN

RANC Jubilee Year Graduates Memorial Sword—presented to the General List officer under training obtaining the highest marks in initial Professional Naval Training. The Sword is donated by the families of: Midshipmen B. H. Mayger, P. G. Mulvany, G. J. Pierce, and D. J. Sanders of HMAS *Sydney*; and B. C. L. Lindsey, K. F. Marien, R. W. Maunder, and F. J. Morgan of HMAS *Voyager* who graduated from the Naval College in 1963 and who later lost their lives at sea whilst under training.

—Midshipman M. Wise, RAN

Returned Services League of Australia Sword—presented to the Supplementary List officer under training who obtains the highest aggregate of marks in initial Professional Naval Training. The Sword is donated by the Returned Services League of Australia and was first presented in 1970.

—Lieutenant M. D. Southern, RAN

Commodore Ramsay Prize—presented biannually to the member of the graduating class for the best overall performance in Junior Officers' Common Training.

—Sub Lieutenant N. Gilmour, RAN

United States Naval Institute Prize—awarded biannually to the member of the graduating class for the best overall performance in the Junior Naval Command Course (JNCC). The prize is membership to the USN Institute and subscription to the institute's 'Proceedings'. It was first presented in 1973.

—Midshipman K. A. Ellis, RAN

Naval Historical Society Prize—awarded biannually for the best researched assignment by an officer during Junior Officers' Common Training.

—Midshipman S. I. Rusiti, RAN

Department of Defence—Junior Naval Command Course Cruise Prize—awarded on behalf of HMAS *Jervis Bay* to the officer under training with the best performance on the Training Cruise.

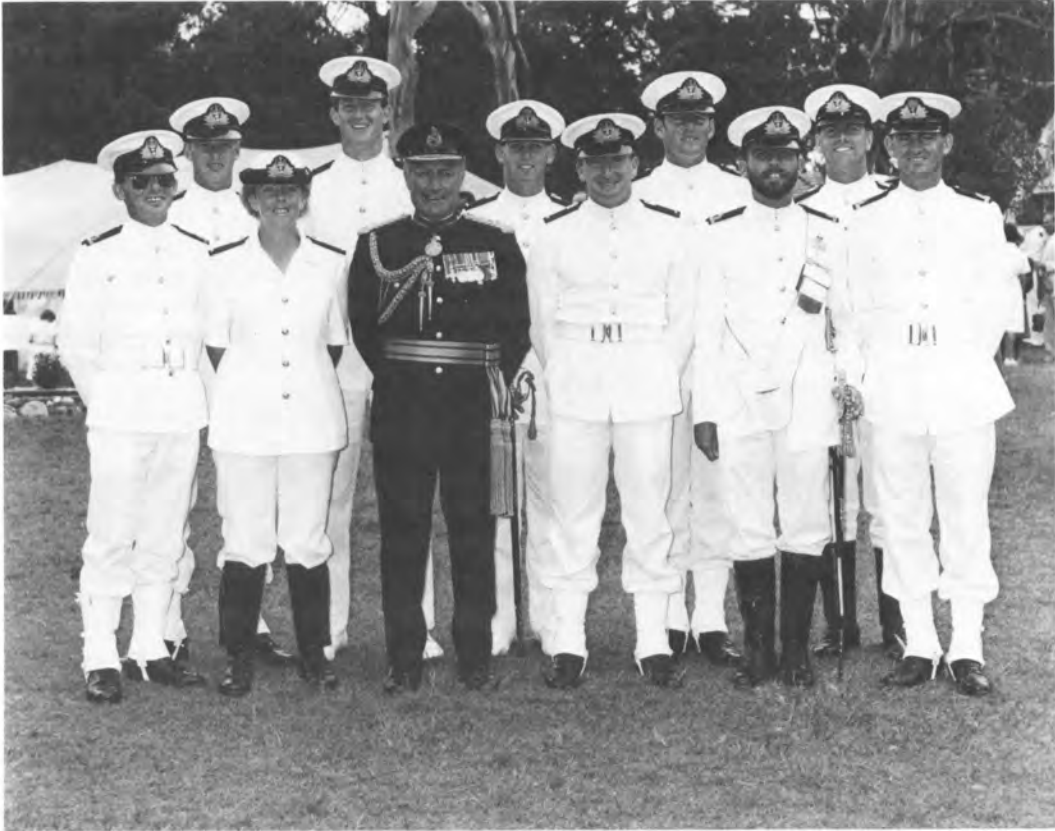
—Sub Lieutenant G. J. Murphy, RAN

W. H. Harrington Memorial Prize—awarded annually for the best overall performance in Special Duties Officers Course.

—Sub Lieutenant A. W. Robertson, RAN

United Services Institute of Victoria Prize—the recipient is selected for exemplary officer development during Junior Officers' Common Training.

—Midshipman K. T. Jones, RAN



Prizewinners—Passing Out Parade, April 1988

Back Row (L to R): MIDN S. I. Rusiti, SBLT G. J. Murphy, MIDN M. Wise, LEUT M. Southern, MIDN G. Hornbuckle.

Front Row (L to R): SBLT A. W. Robertson, MIDN K. A. Ellis, General P. C. Gration, MIDN K. Jones, SBLT P. Orr, SBLT N. Gilmour.

CAPTAIN'S SPEECH, 8 APRIL 1988

Chief of the Defence Force, Chief of Naval Staff, Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen—welcome to the Royal Australian Naval College. His Excellency, the Governor-General, has been prevented from reviewing today's Passing Out Parade by the State Memorial Service for the late Sir William McMahon, which is being conducted at this moment in Sydney. The Chief of the Defence Force has kindly agreed to review the ceremony and on behalf of the graduates I would like to thank you, Sir, for accepting the invitation to do so at such short notice.

This year, 1988, is significant not only because it is the Nation's Bicentennial, but also because it is the seventy-fifth anniversary of the opening of the RAN College. This year also sees the thirtieth anniversary of the return of the Naval College to Jervis Bay after some 27 years of incorporation in Flinders Naval Depot in Victoria. We are honoured today by the presence of many distinguished graduates of this College, and of course, Sir, the Royal Military College. I must single out from among these distinguished officers Rear Admiral Gladstone, Captain Stevenson and Commander Watkins for whom 1988 marks

the fiftieth anniversary of their own graduation. I trust this occasion brings back many happy memories for you all. In addition to inviting 50-year graduates, we are also honoured by the presence of a number of previous Commanding Officers of the Naval College at this 75th Anniversary Parade. I am sure that you gentlemen are all contemplating the changes that have taken place since you yourselves were trained at the Naval College and since you commanded it. I can assure you that both the challenges and the rewards of commanding this great establishment are undiminished and that the officers graduating today have as much, if not more, to offer the RAN as those who have gone before them.

To the parents, families, and friends of the graduates I extend a very warm and special welcome. Today marks the end of the graduates' initial officer training, that which is common to all types of professional naval officers. They will now commence training in their chosen specialist fields. This future training varies markedly depending on their particular specialisation, and the knowledge and skills that they have acquired during their courses here will form the foundation upon



General Gratton inspects the passing out class.

which they may build successful and productive naval careers. We at RANC are proud of these young men and women just as you as parents and friends are proud. I thank you for the support you have given them when difficulties and doubts have arisen during their training so far. I must also thank all members of the training staff here at the College for the care and attention they have given to their many charges.

The officers graduating today are drawn from a very wide cross-section of the population. Some commenced their naval careers as sailors, others have spent time at the University of New South Wales, the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology, or at the Australian Defence Force Academy. Some have come to the Navy having completed a degree at a civilian university and having worked at a profession for a number of years and some have joined RANC immediately after completing year 12 at high school. Several have already spent over 20 years in the Navy, whilst others have only been in the Navy for six weeks.

This range of backgrounds is typical of that which exists within the College at any one time now. It proves a very real challenge for the staff here to provide training to meet the specific needs of individuals in any particular group. However, the College derives significant benefits from the variety which is present within the ranks of its students who are able to draw on the particular strengths and experiences of individuals to achieve group aims, thereby fostering positive attitudes towards team work and cooperation. This will stand them in good stead in the future because team work and cooperation are fundamental

to the operation of every ship in the Fleet as well as in other naval establishments like *Creswell*. The nature of the professional training now carried out at the Naval College is outlined in your programs. I would like to stress that today does not mark the end of training in the arts of leadership and management for the graduates. They have been given a basic, but solid, foundation from which to develop their own styles and they will learn much from experience. They will come to recognise the invaluable resource these men and women of the Navy represent and they will have to shoulder the tremendous responsibility that they have taken upon themselves in becoming officers in the Australian Defence Force.

The overall training system for officers in the Royal Australian Navy is long, complex and expensive. Every effort is made here at the Naval College and elsewhere, to give young officers, and no-so-young new officers, the knowledge, skills and resources to assume their responsibilities and make their contribution to the Navy. My message to all those graduating today is this: 'Of those to whom much is given, much is required'. In terms of doing what the Navy requires I hope every one of you exceed your own, and my, expectations. Good luck.

Finally, on behalf of all of us here, I would like to complement the ground staff and the many behind-the-scenes workers who have put so much effort into preparing the grounds and facilities for today's parade. I know that their efforts will be rewarded by your enjoyment of this special occasion. I now invite the Chief of the Defence Force, Sir, to present prizes and certificates to the graduates.



General Gratton takes the salute.

PASSING OUT PARADE, 30 SEPTEMBER 1988

At the September Passing Out Parade 96 officers graduated. They comprised the Guard (48) and two squads. An additional 43 officers under training were also on parade.

The graduating officers move on to further sub-specialist training in the areas of Seaman, Supply, Instructor, Engineering and Pilot. This training takes place at HMAS *Cerberus*, HMAS *Watson* and in HMA Ships.

Most of the graduating class spent seven months at RANC where they undertook initial

training. In the latter stages of training they were joined by young officers from the Australian Defence Force Academy who were undertaking additional naval training after completion of their degrees.

Twenty-two members of the graduating class were members of the Special Duties Officers Course, all ex-senior sailors, many of whom will be returning to HMAS *Albatross* as Observers for the new Seahawk helicopters.



Admiral Carwardine inspects the passing out guard.

REAR ADMIRAL CARWARDINE'S SPEECH, 30 SEPTEMBER 1988

Good Morning.

I am proud and pleased to be asked to review this Passing Out Parade and to be given this opportunity to address the graduating classes. Before proceeding I must congratulate you all, and the graduates in particular, on an excellent parade.

I am a graduate of this College and for myself, in a sense, this is the closing of a circle. I paraded on this Quarterdeck, though it was physically displaced some 560 kilometres to the south-west, for my graduation in 1955, and now I have been invited to review your parade. Standing here I am struck by the truth of the adage that the more things change, the more they stay the same. The Navy has changed considerably, even in the few years that I have served, but the basic stuff of the Navy, the purpose, the fabric, the family of the Navy, remains the same.

I intend to discuss the nature of naval service from your personal point of view. As junior officers you have already made perhaps the most difficult choice of your career by joining the Naval Officer Corps in the first place. I suggest that you may find the reasons that prompted you to join us may not be the ones that motivate you for the remainder of your careers, except possibly one, namely service.

It is not modern or popular to speak of sacrifice, national pride, or loyalty, but for an organisation such as the Navy they are the bedrock on which the foundations of service are built.

Such ideas generally cause embarrassment and are rarely discussed, but they are fundamental to your reasons for being in the Service. The Merchant Marine can offer mere jobs at sea, industry can offer managerial challenges, but only the Royal Australian Navy can, and does, offer you all of that and more in the service of your country.

The Navy is traditionally referred to by its people as 'the Service'. This term summarises, I suggest, what the Navy is all about. The Navy serves the nation in whatever endeavours may be required and the people of the Navy are those that provide that service. Service requires commitment. Service requires self discipline. Service requires no little resilience.

In return service gives the satisfaction of knowing that what is done has worth.

In his inaugural address, President Kennedy stated the case superbly with his statement: 'ask not what your country can do for you, rather ask what you can do for your country'.

I may put this view strongly but I do believe that it must be at the heart of your motivation before you can ever be a success in the Service.

You will be given a vast array of other criteria for success. Many will be pleased to offer you unequivocal advice about what makes a naval officer successful. I would say that, like most of such advice, it can only be a guide.

Here again I will speak in phrases not often espoused today. The Navy expects all of you to be the best that you can and all of you to be proud. Some of you will be excellent, a few of you will also be very successful. By that I mean you will have that indefinable quality that converts excellence into the achievement of high rank or recognition. The Navy does not have the Australian 'tall poppy' syndrome, rather the opposite. Excellence is fostered and encouraged with success a proper goal.

The Royal Australian Navy is not old but it has a proud lineage. In its 77 years the Navy has produced a number of successful men in peace and war. There is probably only one facet of their characters that is the same in all of them. In all other ways it is their differences that make them remarkable.

Apart from successful service careers, many have served further and had distinguished viceregal, scientific, diplomatic, political and commercial second careers.

In the first entry into the Naval College in 1913 at Osborne House at Corio Bay, there were 28 young cadet midshipmen. Included in their number were Collins J. A., and Showers H. A. Both are still alive after illustrious careers, with Sir John Collins being the first Australian Chief of Naval Staff.

Admiral Sir Victor (or Vat) Smith was a man of great vision. He was the father of the Fleet Air Arm and remains one of the Navy's most successful Admirals.

The 1935 entry included two young men who were to have distinguished careers, Rear Admiral Gladstone, and Captain Savage, who are with us today. As a 15-year-old Cadet

Midshipman, they shaped my career when they were the Commander and First Lieutenant of the College in the 1950s.

The 1947 entry of 13-year-olds into the College brought into the Navy a number of men who were to achieve success in the Service and in second careers. They include the present Chief of Naval Staff, Vice Admiral Hudson, and the Vice Chief of the Defence Force, Vice Admiral Knox, who still serve; Vice Admiral Martin, who is shortly to become the Governor of New South Wales; and Commodore Johnston, who is the Administrator of the Northern Territory.

Other successful men in naval history have their records forged in battle and gave their lives in war. Captain Hec Waller of HMAS *Perth*, Captain Burnett in HMAS *Sydney*, Captain Getting in HMAS *Canberra*, Captain Dechaineux in HMAS *Australia*, are some of the more notable.

What is the relevance of these men for you, graduating class in 1988? I gave the opinion that amongst all these men (and all the other successful men and women in the Navy) there

is one facet of character in common. I accept the view that success means many different things to different people, but in naval circles success is achievement of high rank and using that high rank to the best advantage of the Service. All these men have done that.

The essential similarity of these men is their professionalism. Individually they were physically different and had a variety of dispositions, but all were supreme professionals; they knew their men and women and they knew their duty and loved their country.

Your task now is to achieve the same standards of excellence in a service that is unremitting in its demands for personal commitment and unrelenting in its demands for excellence. Apart from that the Service demands that you retain those talents that make you different from those persons alongside you. There is a place for nearly everyone in the Service, but only the professional will succeed to the very top.

That professional must be you!

I wish you well—thank you.



PRIZEWINNERS

SEPTEMBER 1988

HMAS *Leeuwin* Sword—presented to the member of the graduating class displaying the highest standards of conduct, performance of duty, and leadership. It is awarded from a trust set up by the Wardroom, HMAS *Leeuwin* before the establishment was decommissioned.

—Midshipman C. D. Simpson, RAN

Commodore Sir James Ramsay Prize—awarded for the best overall performance in Junior Officers' Common Training.

—Midshipman T. W. Linford, RAN

United States Naval Institute Award—awarded for the best overall performance in Junior Naval Command Course.

—Sub Lieutenant B. A. Riches, RAN

Eric Elton Mayo Memorial Prize—awarded each September to the officer achieving the best overall performance in Special Duties Officers Course.

—Sub Lieutenant K. T. Chambers, RAN

United Services Institute of Victoria Prize—presented biannually for exemplary officer development during Junior Officers' Common Training.

—Sub Lieutenant A. S. Partridge, RAN

Naval Historical Society Prize— provided biannually for the best researched assignment from an officer during Junior Officers' Common Training.

—Midshipman B. A. Walsh, RAN

Department of Defence—Junior Naval Command Course Cruise Prize—awarded to the officer under training with the best performance on the Training Cruise.

—Midshipman R. H. Puttman, RAN



Prizewinners—Passing Out Parade—September 1988

Back Row (L to R): SBLT K. T. Chambers, MIDN T. W. Linford, MIDN C. D. Simpson, SBLT B. A. Riches

Front Row (L to R): MIDN R. H. Puttman, MIDN B. A. Walsh, Admiral Carwardine, SBLT A. S. Partridge.

CAPTAIN'S SPEECH, 30 SEPTEMBER 1988

Rear Admiral Carwardine and Mrs Carwardine; Mr John Hatton, MLA for the South Coast, and Mrs Hatton; Alderman Bill Hillzinger; Major General Day, Commandant of ADFA; Brigadier Garland, President of the RSL, and Mrs Garland; distinguished guests; ladies and gentlemen, welcome to the Royal Australian Naval College for this particularly significant Passing Out Parade. 1988 is significant not only because it is Australia's Bicentennial year but also because it is the seventy-fifth anniversary of the opening of the RAN College. This year also sees the thirtieth anniversary of the return of the Naval College to this site on Jervis Bay after some 27 years of incorporation in HMAS *Cerberus* in Victoria. As always we are honoured today by the presence of many distinguished graduates of this College. Our Reviewing Officer, Rear Admiral Carwardine, graduated from the Naval College in 1955 while it was at HMAS *Cerberus*, and in fact returned to Command that establishment from 1986 until his appointment to his present position of

Assistant Chief of Naval Staff—Personnel in January of this year.

I must also single out from among those present, Admiral Gladstone and Captain Savage. This year is the fiftieth anniversary of their graduation and I thank you both for coming to see for yourselves that the high standards of the Naval College are being maintained.

I would like to extend a particularly warm welcome to the parents, families and friends of the graduates. Many of you have travelled great distances to be here and if it is your first visit to Jervis Bay I am sure that on this glorious spring day the Naval College is living up to the descriptions you have had of it. Despite the great beauty of this place we expect a lot from the officers under training at the Naval College. I am pleased to say that the graduates have lived up to our expectations and I thank you for the support you have given them along the way. You can be proud of their achievements so far.

The Passing Out classes you see before you today come from many diverse origins. They have successfully completed several different courses to date and they pass out from the



The march past.

Naval College today only to commence many more different courses next week.

There are 96 officers in the Passing Out classes. Twenty-two are members of the Special Duties Officers Course, all ex-sailors with considerable lengths of service and experience behind them. Seventy-four are members of the Junior Naval Command Course, 61 of whom entered the Navy in February this year. The oldest graduate is 38, the youngest is 18, and there are 12 females. This diversity is very much a feature of the Naval College and it provides a significant challenge to the staff as they must tailor the training provided to suit the particular needs of groups or even individuals. There are of course considerable benefits derived from the diverse nature of the trainee population. Not only do they all stand to gain from the many individual strengths and experiences within their ranks, but also they learn very quickly the importance of teamwork and the blending of leadership with tolerance and self-sacrifice which is so essential in the Navy.

I mentioned in my introduction that this Passing Out Parade is significant for its historical nature—the Bicentennial year and the seventy-fifth anniversary of the College. It is also significant because I am pleased to be able to announce the release of a book on the history of the College. It is titled *Work Hard—Play Hard, The Royal Australian Naval College 1913–1988* and the author, Lieutenant Commander Ian Cunningham, is here today as is the Commonwealth Government Printer, Mr Reg Rubie, whose organisation has published the book which is coming

off the press literally this week. I am particularly pleased to be able to launch the book because, like most naval officers, I am very proud of the Naval College. Furthermore, like quite a few naval officers, I am the son of a graduate of this College—in fact my father joined here in 1930 and made the move with the College from Jervis Bay to HMAS *Cerberus*, necessitated by the Great Depression. This was all somewhat before my time, but he returned to command the College in 1959 and 1960 and my being here as an impressionable young boy at that time had much to do with my being here today as Commanding Officer and, according to the book, the first son of a previous Commanding Officer.

This book deals with the history of the Naval College and the many officers who have graduated from it. Clearly today's graduates do not feature in the history of the first 75 years of the Naval College, but they are at the starting gate of the next 75 years and can learn much from those who have gone before them. They have already experienced that feature of the College which gave rise to the title of the book—they have indeed worked hard and played hard. I wish them their share of success in their naval careers and I am confident that they have as much to offer the Navy as any who have gone before them.

Finally, I must thank the ground staff here at the Naval College for the excellent job they have done in preparing the parade ground and the entire establishment for today's event.

May I now invite you, Sir, to present the prizes to the graduating classes.

**ADDRESS TO GRADUATES,
16 DECEMBER 1988
BY ADMIRAL B. LOUZEAU, FN**

It is a great honour for me today to have the opportunity to address you and, on behalf of the French Navy, to warmly congratulate you—the future officers of the Royal Australian Navy.

The naval vocation of your country is undeniable: your history, as well as your geographic location—with coasts opening on the Pacific Ocean and the Indian Ocean—testify to that.

You are, ladies and gentlemen, the heirs of this tradition. You have chosen to serve your country by serving in the Royal Australian Navy. The sea has attracted you, just as it attracted other young people of past centuries who were spurred on by liberty and adventure.

In return for your endeavours, the sea will give you understanding, for a sailor has to adapt to elements that he cannot control such as mist, wind and swell. It will also bring you closeness since the requirements of modern naval warfare require arduous training and leave no room for improvisation. Finally, the sea will teach you about endurance, since naval victory belongs to those who are the most watchful and determined.

Moreover, as this century draws to a close, the sea has become an international theatre, where nations' interests and strengths come face to face. I am sure that you will find action there.

I wouldn't say anything else to the officers graduating from the French Naval College who, thousands of miles away from here, prepare like you for the profession of naval arms.

As for me, I have been serving in the French Navy for the last 40 years. Like everyone else, I have not only experienced great satisfaction, but also difficulties and constraints. I can tell you frankly that, if I had my time all over again, I would do exactly what I have done and I would undoubtedly choose this profession above all others.

Be assured that France has never forgotten the sacrifice of the 50 000 Australian soldiers who fell in France during World War I and neither has she forgotten the key role played by Australia during World War II.

May these blood ties between our two

countries, both deeply devoted to liberty and justice, be the basis of friendship and cooperation between our Navies. More than 20 French warships have been calling in your ports since the beginning of the year. They sailed back home impressed by the professionalism of the Australian officers and sailors and touched by the hospitality of your Navy.

At last, I would like to extend my warm wishes to the officers and teaching staff of HMAS *Creswell* who are in charge of your training. A Navy's value is to be found first and foremost in the quality of its officers: this is a major responsibility. All my wishes are with them in this task.

Bon vent et bonne mer or, as you say in English, ladies and gentlemen 'Fair Wind and Good Seas'. Be proud of serving the modern and huge country of Australia and keep her flag flying high over the oceans.

HIGHLIGHTS OF 1988

Captain D. J. Ramsay, RAN, assumed command of HMAS *Creswell* from Captain G. A. Morton, RAN, on 15 January. That afternoon, accompanied by Mrs Ramsay, he attended a civic reception in Huskisson for the captains of the sailing ships of the First Fleet Re-enactment company. On Saturday 16 January, *Creswell* hosted a barbecue and sports afternoon for the visiting ships' crews and the following day many *Creswell* personnel took advantage of boat tours around the Fleet anchorage despite wet and windy conditions.

On the evening of 19 January, accompanied by the Executive Officer and Mrs Evans and two junior officers, Captain and Mrs Ramsay attended a cocktail party onboard the German Navy sail training ship *Gorch Fock* in Sydney. At this function Captain Ramsay concluded negotiations to have the *Gorch Fock* visit Jervis Bay. As an added bonus the Commanding Officer agreed to carry 15 trainees from Sydney to Melbourne. Under the supervision of Lieutenant S. A. Andrews, RAN, the 15 lucky gentlemen (no females at sea in the Germany Navy) joined *Gorch Fock* in Sydney and enjoyed the spectacle of Australia Day from onboard before the ship set sail for Melbourne.



Captain Ramsay assumes command from Captain Morton.



The Gorch Fock.

Petty Officer Cook B. P. O'Neil, R100407, was presented with an Australia Day Medallion at Divisions on Friday, 22 January 1988 for his outstanding work in the naval and local community.

In February HMAS *Dubbo* called to offer training assistance to Junior Officers Under Training (JOUTs). The ensuing week saw daily visits to *Dubbo* by JOUTs for practical navigation, ship familiarisation tours and seamanship (e.g. man overboard) exercises. This was a most valuable supplement to classroom instruction and was very well received by the trainees.

On 20 March the first Ceremonial Divisions for the year were held. Commodore M. J. Taylor, RAN, reviewed the parade which included a contingent from the HMAS *Sydney* Association and Naval Reserve cadets from TS *Sydney*. During the parade Sub Lieutenant P. S. Appleby, RAN, was presented with a Chief of Naval Staff commendation. The award recognised his actions during a medical

emergency onboard HMAS *Gladstone* on 30 August 1987. On the same day, after Divine Service, the Rex Benson Memorial Cricket Match was held between senior officers of the Support Command and Junior Officers Under Training from RANC. The game was keenly contested and the tied score (on the last ball of the day) was a fitting result. The Chief of Staff, Commodore L. M. Sulman, RAN, took the bowling honours with 2/13 from 4 overs and the Rex Benson Trophy was retained by the NSC team.

On 7 April, Mr Don Thompson completed his removal and finally departed from the married quarter his family first occupied in December 1958. His retirement and departure from the College after 34 years on the academic staff marked the end of an era in RAN officer training.

His Excellency the Governor-General, the Right Honourable Sir Ninian Stephen, AK, GCMG, GCVO, KEBE, was unable to review the Passing Out Parade on 8 April because



HMAS Creswell's Anzac Day Dawn Service.

of his commitment to attend the State Memorial Service for the late Sir William McMahon, GCMG, CH. At short notice the Chief of the Defence Force, General P. C. Gration, AC, kindly agreed to stand in for His Excellency. Most of the parade was conducted in bright sunshine but thereafter wet weather set in with a vengeance causing the planning Ceremonial Sunset to be cancelled and dampening much of the finery, but none of the spirit, of the graduates and their guests at the Ball that evening. The Passing Out class totalled 91 graduates drawn from the Australian Defence Force Academy General List degree stream (23), the University of New South Wales General List degree stream (13), Special Duties List officers (6), the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology Supplementary List engineers (8), Direct Entry and Supplementary List officers (32), and Short Service officers (9).

A traditional Dawn Service was held overlooking Jervis Bay on 25 April to commemorate Anzac Day. The service was attended by Commander B. Noffke, RNZN, the Commanding Officer of HMNZS *Waikato* which was anchored in the Bay and which formed a most appropriate foreground to the magnificent sunrise. Contingents of HMAS

Creswell personnel later marched in local ceremonies held at Huskisson, Milton-Uladulla and Culburra.

On Friday 6 May the Honourable Mrs R. Kelly, MP, Minister for Defence Science and Personnel, accompanied by four members of her staff, visited *Creswell* to familiarise themselves with, and observe, the Jervis Bay area. Mrs Kelly toured the establishment briefly prior to providing the press with a supportive stance on the Fleet Base relocation issue. After a generous period of time with the press, Mrs Kelly departed by helicopter to inspect the proposed Fleet Base sites enroute to HMAS *Albatross*.

The Chief of Naval Staff, Vice Admiral M. W. Hudson, AC, RAN, visited the Jervis Bay development sites on 31 August. Vice Admiral Hudson addressed the Junior Officers Under Training that evening and afterwards he spent an hour with them in the informal surroundings of the Gunroom Bar. Vice Admiral Hudson then dined at Captain Ramsay's residence with a number of junior officers and remained overnight before departing, on 1 September, for HMAS *Albatross*, where he presented the keynote address at the unveiling of the Australian Naval Aviation Museum foundation stone.



Admiral Hudson chats with four trainees.

On Tuesday 9 August, *Creswell's* officers under training and Ship's Company were given an extensive brief on the Navy's plans for development in the Jervis Bay area. The brief was an extension of a talk given earlier this year. Captain R. MacKenzie, RANEM, discussed the ammunition depot and the Fleet Base proposals to ensure personnel were informed of the correct facts and figures if required to discuss the plans with local residents.

Rear Admiral D. G. Holthouse, RAN, Assistant Chief of Naval Staff Logistics, visited on Tuesday 20 September. The purpose of his visit was to introduce himself to, and address, the Junior Officers Under Training of the engineering branch. He also took the opportunity to address all the College on the subject of 'Technologically Advanced Equipment—Who is the Boss?'.
During the evening of Thursday 22 September, Captain G. A. Morton, RAN, pre-

sented a guest lecture to the officers under training entitled 'The Law of the Sea—Its Practical Implications for Australia'. Captain Morton is serving within the Strategic and International Policy Division in the Department of Defence and was able to stimulate lively debate amongst the trainees on the chosen subject.

Then at 1130 on Saturday 24 September, the Japanese Training Squadron, under the command of Rear Admiral Tohru Iwasawa, JMSDF, anchored in Jervis Bay. A program for the visit had been previously arranged by correspondence with the Japanese Naval Attache, Captain Y. Yoishihara, JMDSF, who called on Captain Ramsay prior to joining the flagship as she anchored. The Squadron, consisting of the ships *Katori*, *Setoyuki* and *Shimayuki*, landed 150 newly-commissioned officers for tours of the College and a game of soccer against the RANC XI. This afforded both the Australian and Japanese trainees the



Action from the soccer game between RANC and the Japanese Officer Cadets.

opportunity to mix and exchange ideas (as best they could considering the language barrier). Language was not a major problem however when it came time for the Japanese to turn their attentions to *Creswell's* ever growing population of kangaroos. The soccer game ended in a diplomatic 0-0 draw and was followed by afternoon tea with the visitors. Some 60 of *Creswell's* JOUTs were able to visit and inspect the Japanese ships despite the restriction to boat operations caused by strong winds on the Bay.

Also in the Bay on 24 September were INS *Godivari* and HS *Aris*. Both ships were visited by an officer from the Fleet Support Section who performed liaison duties. No further contact was made with the *Aris*, however the Commanding Officer of *Godivari*, Captain S. V. Gopalichari, expressed a desire to call on Captain Ramsay and did so at 1330 arriving in his Alouette helicopter, complete with midshipman bearing gifts and a camera.

The Assistant Chief of Naval Staff—Personnel, Rear Admiral A. M. Carwardine, AM, RAN, reviewed the Passing Out Parade on 30 September. The parade was conducted in brilliant sunshine and the great spectacle that Passing Out Parades have always been was continued. Two courses, a combined total of 96 junior officers, graduated at the Passing Out Parade. These were Junior Naval Command Course Number 9 (JNCC 9) and Special Duties Orientation Course Number 8 (SDOC 8). The JNCC course comprised members of Junior Officers' Common Training Course Number 5, supplemented by ex-Defence Academy and University of New South Wales trainees. The SDOC 8 Course comprised engineering and aviation senior and junior sailors including one former Chief Petty Officer Musician and two ex-senior sailors from the Radar Plot and Supply categories. Lieutenant Commander Ian Cunningham's book, *Work Hard—Play Hard, The Royal Australian Naval College 1913-1988* was also released at the Parade.

Beatrix, Queen of the Netherlands, and Prince Klaus passed through Jervis Bay on Wednesday, 2 November 1988 as part of their Australian tour. The Queen arrived by royal F28 aircraft at Jervis Bay Range Facility at 1000. Other members of the royal party included a number of Netherlands and

Australian diplomats. The Queen and Prince Klaus were met by the Naval Officer in Charge Jervis Bay, Commodore M. J. Taylor, RAN, who escorted them to *Creswell* where they were met by Captain Ramsay. They were then transferred by boat to HNLMS *Witte De Wit*, one of the four Dutch ships anchored in Jervis Bay. HNLMS *Witte De Wit* and other Dutch Navy ships *Zuiderkruis*, *Kortenaer* and *Jan Van Brakel* all recently participated in the Royal Australian Navy's International Bicentennial Naval Salute in Sydney Harbour on 1 October.

Colonel Tee Chee Hean, Chief of Staff, Naval Staff Royal Singapore Navy, and Lieutenant Colonel Mohammed Noeh, Commanding Officer Royal Brunei Armed Forces Flotilla, visited on 3-4 October. The purpose of the visit was to view first hand the RAN's officer training facility.

On 16 December the French Chief of Naval Staff, Admiral B. Louseau, FN, reviewed the Passing Out Parade of Special Duties Officers Course (SDOC) 9.



Queen Beatrix departs HMAS *Creswell*.

HISTORICAL SEGMENT

Captain David Ramsay is not the first Captain Ramsay, Commanding Officer, HMAS *Creswell*. His father, the late Commodore Sir James Ramsay, served as Captain of the Naval College from 1959 to 1960. He later retired from the Navy and was appointed Governor of Queensland.

At the 1959 Passing Out Parade Captain J. M. Ramsay delivered a message to the trainees which contained a parting message which is just as current today as it was then.

'We set out here at Jervis Bay, and at all subsequent stages of officer training, to superimpose experience of all kinds on top of book knowledge which is necessarily the brain of sound education. A Naval Officer's experience of the world is probably second to none, and I commend to you all a healthy approach to the rich experiences which the Naval Service has in store for you.'

Obviously some of his wisdom fell on his son, David, who later joined the College in 1963.

Midshipman David Ramsay followed the fine example set by his father so that when he graduated in 1967 he did so as a Divisional Cadet Midshipman with first prize in English, Mathematics and History. In sport Midshipman Ramsay was the champion athlete, cross country runner and boxing champion. He also represented the College in Australian Rules, Rugby and sailing.

On Graduation Day 1967 the then Commander, D. J. Martin, arrived at *Creswell*, having just flown from the Far East, to assume duty as the Executive Officer. He too has now moved on to viceregal status as Governor of New South Wales.

At the Passing Out Parade in 1967 the Commanding Officer, Captain I. K. Purvis, outlined some of the dramatic changes which would take place in 1968.

In 1968 university studies in science and engineering began. To provide for those who may subsequently do an Arts degree, or for those who would not undertake a degree course, the 'Creswell' course also commenced. This method of tertiary academic training continued until 1986 when the Australian Defence Force Academy took over the role. Captain Purvis foresaw this eventuality in 1967 when he said: 'It would seem inevitable that later on there will be a Tri-Service College

where tertiary level academic studies for officers of the three Services will be conducted'.

Despite the changes of 1968 and 1986, RANC continues to fulfil the predictions Sir Henry Parkes made in 1888 while speaking at a banquet in Nowra.

'It may be that Jervis Bay from being, as it has been for years now, the frequent rendezvous of our warships for gunnery exercise and target practice, will develop into a training depot for an Australian Navy with College and other instructional equipment.'

REPORT BY COLLEGE CAPTAIN (MIDN HORNBUCKLE, RAN)

Since assuming the position of College Captain at the Royal Australian Naval College in October 1987 I have witnessed numerous changes. Activities throughout the period have been met with enthusiasm and events such as the visit to *Creswell* by the brigantine *Young Endeavour* added both colour and excitement.

There have also been many staff changes at the College since August 1987 with only one divisional officer, Lieutenant S. Andrews, remaining in his position for the entire period.

Interservice sporting events have been highly competitive and occasions such as the sports day at Royal Military College, Duntroon, were highly spirited despite the low numbers at the RANC. Within the College sporting events contested included beach olympics, the great canoe race, obstacle events, inter-divisional swimming and athletic carnivals. Many of these events assisted Jervis Division in claiming the Cock trophy.

Adventure training and sail training were well received by junior officers. Some were fortunate to be selected for sail training in *Alexander of Creswell* (Sydney to Hobart yacht race), *Young Endeavour* and *Gorch Fock*, the German Navy's sail training vessel.

On a personal note the position of College Captain has been challenging, at times difficult, but overall an extremely rewarding experience. Throughout the period many changes have been implemented and I believe that the Royal Australian Naval College has adapted well in catering for the increase in mature age entries.

The Royal Australian Naval College continues to provide a truly professional

training environment with the highest standards demanded. I thoroughly recommend that all Junior Officers Under Training strive to do well throughout the course in the hope that

they may also have the opportunity to hold a senior position within the College.

My thanks to all who have supported and assisted me in my role as College Captain.

DIVISIONAL REPORTS

PHILLIP DIVISION

The many and varied changes in training at RANC during 1988 have filtered down to the Divisional level affecting all facets of life with the Divisions. Everything from domestics to classwork has been through a period of rejuvenation and the results at the end of the year indicate that 1988 has been a successful year for the people at the top of Collins House.

With the new year came a new spirit. The Division had been languishing at the bottom of the sports table; disillusionment with the Division's performance had set in. However, the end of the previous year had brought a new hierarchy to the fore. Lieutenant Barry Jones had taken over as Divisional Officer,

Petty Officer Neville Hair as Divisional Senior Sailor, and Lieutenant Mike Southern as Divisional Captain. Together this team, with the willing support of the Division and their affiliates, would forge Phillip into a force to be reckoned with.

The first of the Division to arrive back from the festive season were the ex-JOCT members. Joining them were the graduates from the Defence Academy. These people joined forces to become JNCC 8 and the backbone of the Division. New experiences were to be had on the sports field—Phillip was winning events with regular monotony. Defence Academy Year 3 joined the Division for a short period of time bolstering the Division, whilst part of the JNCC 8 were away on Training Cruise. This led to what was Phillip's first major sports win of the year with a resounding walloping of the rest in the Inter-Divisional Relay Triathlon. Led by the remaining JNCCs, the Defence Academy members blitzed the field. This was followed by a good win in the Pixley Cup Beach Olympics.

The departure of the Defence Academy left the Division somewhat depleted, but not for long, as the new entry of SLs joined in late February ready to be turned into the pride of the Fleet. They were taken under the wing of JNCC and shown how to get into the now familiar Phillip Division winning habit. Divisional spirit and prowess was at a high and Phillip went on to record two excellent results in the Inter-Divisional Athletics and Swimming Carnival.

A very close finish in the swimming carnival had Phillip pip Jervis by one point in the final race of the day. Unfortunately the result was reversed the following day when Jervis beat Phillip into second place in the athletics. To mention individuals in either carnival would



Lieutenant Barry Jones.

detract from the nature of the team effort which brought about these results.

The Division quickly got back into its winning way in sport and other divisional activities. This culminated in Phillip being awarded Cock of the Walk Division the day before the Passing Out Parade in April. The Passing Out Parade went off very well and again Phillip came to the fore with Lieutenant Southern being awarded the Sword as the best SL graduate.

Most of the JNCC then departed the Division to the Application Courses. The Executive Branch remained at RANC to start training in their chosen profession. After six weeks they too had departed and the numbers dramatically fell to leave only 12 JOCT 5 remaining.

Midshipman Chris Simpson was awarded the job of Phillip Divisional Captain and Midshipman Barbara Walsh was appointed as the Gunroom Mess President. The cycle started again and by the end of JOCT 5 they were well on their way to becoming effective naval officers. The end of JOCT saw the arrival of July and the end of what had been a busy but successful first half of the year for Phillip Division. The winning continued, as did the training, as JOCT 5 became JNCC 9 and were joined by a number of graduates from the Defence Academy. The Division was split for a large period of the course whilst personnel undertook what was for some their first taste of life at sea on the Training Cruise.

Even though the results continued on the sports field, results in other areas saw Phillip Division relinquish Cock Division to Flinders before the September Passing Out Parade. However the newly-joined JOCT 6 were adamant that they would regain the lost prestige.

JOCT 6 had arrived quietly and begun the cycle of another group of new entry. This brought particular mirth from the former JOCT 5 members who would not believe that they were just as 'starry eyed and lost' as the new entry was. However, the Divisional hierarchy, led by the merciless Divisional Training Officer, Midshipman Leigh 'General Patton' Jackson, quickly brought them up to speed.

The session culminated with the Sword again being awarded to the Phillip Divisional

Captain. Midshipman Simpson was a popular and worthy recipient. Again the Divisional numbers dwindled with the JNCC 9 members disappearing to the far ends of the earth on Application Courses. Again the Executive Branch stayed and they aimed for, and achieved, a good standard of enjoyment from their remaining period at RANC.

Along with the departure of JNCC, came the departure of JOCT 6 on Training Cruise. This depleted the numbers in the Division to 2 EXACs and the Divisional Officer at one stage. This was rectified after four weeks with the return of the 'salty' JOCT 6.

The latter period of the year saw the welcome return to the Division of our Defence Academy Year 1, Years 3 and 4. All seemed pleased to be here and quickly picked up the Divisional spirit. However their stay on the most part was all too brief. They will return though, especially the Years 3 and 4, who will undertake JNCC and EXAC at the beginning of next year.

As the year draws to an end it is expected that Phillip Deck will return to the same state as when the year started—an empty shell without people. However, all is in anticipation for the beginning of 1989 when the Division will continue in its pursuit of excellence.

The Dragon:	No longer a Myth
Phillip Divisional Officer:	Lieutenant Barry Jones
Divisional Senior Sailors:	POPT Drew Hynd POFC Neville Hair

PHILLIP DIVISION

JNCC 8
LEUT MD SOUTHERN
LEUT TG KENNY
LEUT CP WILDERMUTH
MIDN RA JACKSON
MIDN SI RUSITI
MIDN DJ WILSON
MIDN KA VAJANAPORN
MIDN MJ BIGGS
MIDN BKA BRACE
MIDN AJ GAW
MIDN AS KEOUGH
MIDN AJ WITHERS
MIDN KA ELLIS

MIDN JC ETTLES
MIDN GA McGUIRE
MIDN PJ MATHERS
MIDN FA VERGELIUS

JOCT 6

SBLT TPJ CHALKE
SBLT RC STONE
SBLT SJ TIFFEN
MIDN TJ BECK
MIDN KL BENTLEY
MIDN SJ CANNELL
MIDN BC EDWARDS
MIDN NE FORREST
MIDN IR FORSYTH
MIDN N HAYES
MIDN TK LYTHGO
MIDN ESM MULDER

JNCC 9

LEUT JA IRVINE
SBLT RA BARTHOLOMEUSZ
MIDN CD SIMPSON
MIDN LA JACKSON
MIDN BM ZILKO
MIDN RW HALSALL
MIDN JL CARTER
MIDN NC CHAPMAN
MIDN JE CROWLEY
MIDN BA WALSH
MIDN RJ HATTON
MIDN SN GRANT
MIDN PJ de WIT
MIDN JF MAY
MIDN RL SHORT
MIDN KR YEATS

DEFENCE ACADEMY

Year 4

MIDN AC DOWN
MIDN MW RUSTEN

Year 3

MIDN U PHAJUK
MIDN CJ LAWRENCE
MIDN JCF HATCHER
MIDN TM MIELS
MIDN RG MOORE
MIDN VA NOLAN
MIDN PE SCOTT
MIDN SB SHOREY
MIDN JP CARR
MIDN TJ DONNELLAN

MIDN FP WATSON
MIDN PM REYNOLDS
MIDN BP DURKIN

Year 2

MIDN PA BEAUMONT
MIDN CS CHALMERS
MIDN AJ MORRICE
MIDN FN BYRNE
MIDN DT DAWSON
MIDN SG DRYDEN
MIDN CF GREATREX
MIDN IB MACPHERSON
MIDN ID NAVAY
MIDN DC SMITH
MIDN NJB STOKER
MIDN GA WADLEY
MIDN NE WILSON
MIDN MJ LYSTER
MIDN JG ROSS
MIDN WJ SAHLMAN
MIDN RJ SEXSTONE
MIDN BS STEELE

Year 1

MIDN SB ALEXANDER
MIDN PW BERRYMAN
MIDN AJW COOPER
MIDN TJ CRUISE
MIDN KR FORD
MIDN IM GILMOUR
MIDN MD HAMMOND
MIDN MJ HARRIS
MIDN MA LOMAX
MIDN BA OSHANASSY
MIDN SJ PHILLIPS
MIDN DA VANGELDER
MIDN DJ WATTS
MIDN AJ WOOD
MIDN AJ BURKE
MIDN MW FEHON
MIDN MJ HEWITT
MIDN JG JONES
MIDN LH LANGFORD
MIDN AJ MACAULEY
MIDN DL RAWSON
MIDN KA ROBSON
MIDN JL SANDALL
MIDN DA WALKER
MIDN D SORELY
MIDN AB WILKINSON
MIDN JA AUSTIN
MIDN PJ MINGAY

SPECIAL DUTIES OFFICERS COURSE

SDOC 7

SBLT DJ HUGHES
SBLT DJ MATHEWS
SBLT AW ROBERTSON
SBLT K SPICER

SDOC 8

SBLT MR BOWRA
SBLT SR ENTWHISTLE
SBLT TC JOHNSTON
SBLT R NEVILLE
SBLT BJ WILLIAMS

SDOC 9

SBLT TS CUNNINGHAM
SBLT GL McCOY

COOK DIVISION

1988 has been a year of change for Cook Division. Over the 12 months there have been three different Divisional Officers and four Divisional Captains. Lieutenant Simon Andrews led the division until May when he disappeared to 'go sailing' on the *Young Endeavour*. He was replaced by Lieutenant Commander Paul Gomm whose expertise and leadership built on the fine foundation set by Simon Andrews. Lieutenant Commander Gomm will be long remembered by the Division for his sense of humour and his two



Lieutenant S. Andrews.

golden rules: remain flexible and apply common sense at all times. Lieutenant Max Hunter took over the reigns in October and has continued to mould Cook Division into an enthusiastic and harmonious group.

The year commenced with the JOCT class being joined by Defence Academy cadets and University of New South Wales graduates. The influx of new blood carried on the Cook spirit which was so strong in 1987. This was clearly demonstrated with strong wins against 'J' Deck in touch football and softball. These wins were masterminded by Craig Powell and Noel 'The Whip' Watts and strongly supported by Cook Division spectators from the sideline.

Towards the end of January some Divisional members, accompanied by Lieutenant Andrews, had the excellent opportunity of a week on the German sail training ship the *Gorch Fock*. It is a pity that such memorable weeks are only on a limited opportunity basis.

The Training Cruise on HMAS *Stalwart* saw Cook Division members in Singapore, Penang and Cebu. Cebu of course is on Cebu Island which is in the southern archipelago of the Philippines. Cebu proved to be a fascinating place and was a real eye opener to many of the Ship's Company. To recover from the sights and sounds of South-East Asia we spent a day on Manus Island and finally two weeks cruising the Whitsundays. While all this sounds very relaxing there was in fact lots of work to keep us busy. If we continue to learn as much as we did during the four weeks of Training Cruise for the remainder of our training, then the sky is the limit.

A new entry of 11 bright-eyed JOCT joined on Friday 12 August and, although they proved to be no great athletes, they more than continued the Cook Division enthusiastic spirit. Training at the College was broken up by NBCD in Sydney and various expeds. Both of these activities were unique experiences for most trainees.

A Training Cruise to Melbourne and Hobart was an insight for many into the wonderful feeling of being sea sick, while more than one of the division suddenly realised how easy it was to lose \$100 at the Hobart casino. 'But if only'

The final weeks of the year we spent studying almost four months of work for the final examinations. With essays also due, it proved

to be a time to burn the midnight oil. So by December we all eagerly counted down the days to Christmas leave.

With some enthusiastic Defence Academy and RMIT graduates joining the Division next year, Cook looks forward to an equally enjoyable and successful training period early in 1989.

Remember the rhyme:
It's Cook for Cock
in 89!

COOK DIVISION

JNCC 8

LEUT LM KENNEDY
LEUT RW CHAMBERS
SBLT PJ McKAY
SBLT SJ ANDERSON
SBLT PW BOWERS
SBLT NC GILMOUR
MIDN DA FAVELLE
MIDN GM HORNBUCKLE
MIDN MJ MOGGACH
MIDN LJ RICCIARDONE
MIDN KL NORTHEY
MIDN CA POWELL
MIDN DS CLARKE
MIDN BJ McHARG
MIDN JAN MATTHEWS
MIDN JM MORRIS
MIDN MD RICKARDS
MIDN PJ TAYLOR

JNCC 9

LEUT RG BARNES
SBLT MA DOUGALL
SBLT K HARTLE
SBLT SP HURDMAN
SBLT P GODBOLD
SBLT BAE RICHES
MIDN P URQUHART
MIDN AP WATERMEYER
MIDN AP GREIG
MIDN MC SPELDEWINDE
MIDN GM LIST
MIDN L CHARLES-JONES
MIDN FT SMITH
MIDN BG GROGAN
MIDN DJ ELPHINSTONE
MIDN BM CLARKE
MIDN KA BRINKMAN
MIDN AE EVERETT

MIDN AF MASTERS
MIDN SJ HARPER
MIDN MA LANHAM

JOCT 6

SBLT RH ELLIOTT
SBLT ST BROWN
SBLT JD BRYSON
MIDN CA AZZOPARDI
MIDN PJ KENSHOLE
MIDN EJ McDONALD
MIDN JM SCOTT
MIDN DJ TIETZEL
MIDN B LANGE
MIDN L TOWNSEND
MIDN SR ARTHUR

DEFENCE ACADEMY

Year 4

MIDN MR FITZGERALD

Year 3

MIDN AM GORDON
MIDN SA KING
MIDN AG NORTHORPE
MIDN JG POTTER
MIDN PJA SPARKES
MIDN MW ORR
MIDN RB DONNELLY
MIDN RCA LEAHY
MIDN FJ McNAUGHT
MIDN JS SEARS
MIDN MFW TROTTER
MIDN MA WEBSTER
MIDN MJ BALLHAUSE
MIDN AD GILBERT
MIDN A SOMPUNGRUNK
MIDN RD BROWN
MIDN BJ EVERITT

Year 2

MIDN AC BOYLE
MIDN AC CRESCITELLI
MIDN SM HEATH
MIDN MJD MILLER
MIDN TJ BARR
MIDN JA CROUCH
MIDN PD DA SILVA
MIDN RL GENT
MIDN CW HOBSON
MIDN CT INGRAM
MIDN TBP NEEDHAM
MIDN JP O'CONNOR

MIDN ML PAVILLARD
MIDN CJ SOMERVILLE
MIDN MA GRIGGS
MIDN WA MALCOLM
MIDN DJ PEEL
MIDN JC RENWICK
MIDN GJ STEEL

Year 1

MIDN AS ABBOT
MIDN RJ ALLEN
MIDN SR ARTHUR
MIDN AA BATE
MIDN AR BEWICK
MIDN LF CRONK
MIDN MR CURTIS
MIDN RJ DICKENS
MIDN TP EVANS
MIDN GMM FLETCHER

MIDN KE BUGLER
MIDN MJ CASSAR
MIDN GA COX
MIDN RL HOLLIER
MIDN KJ KIMBALL
MIDN GA LAXTON
MIDN KJ GALE
MIDN AD MAHER
MIDN KT MOWLAM
MIDN DA PHILLIPS
MIDN AP QUINN
MIDN KA RENKEMA
MIDN KA ROCHESTER
MIDN DP SHARP
MIDN FP TABER
MIDN SA VILLIERS
MIDN JN WATSON
MIDN PA WESLEY
MIDN TA WILLSON

FLINDERS DIVISION

Positions held within the Division.

Divisional Officers:	Lieutenant Knox	(January–November)
	Lieutenant Daws	(November–December)
Divisional Senior Sailor:	CPOSY McLaurin	
Divisional Captains:	Midshipman Kemp	(January–October)
	Midshipman Coard	(November)
	Sub Lieutenant Lindsay	(November)
	Midshipman Gilmour	(November–December)
	Midshipman Mellick	(December)

Flinders Division undertook many different activities during 1988.

January was the month of sail. The highlights were the entry through the heads of the First Fleet Re-enactment and the visit of the German sail training yacht *Gorch Fock*. Midshipmen Coleman, Crebbin, Matier and Martin were fortunate enough to be chosen to be part of the crew for the voyage to Melbourne.

In addition to SSOC and JOCT, five members of the Division in February created sufficient strength to win the inter-divisional touch football and volleyball and retrieve our 'Tiger' banner from Phillip Division. On the social scene we all enjoyed a relaxing evening at the Huskisson Chinese restaurant.

Our Divisional Captain, Midshipman Kemp, celebrated his birthday in March with a spit polish birthday party.

Sporting victories continued with a win in Aussie Rules and victory in the prestigious Athletics Carnival.

During April and May Flinders Division continued in their winning way despite having their captain badly injured during a soccer game. The theatrical talents of the Division were well demonstrated by the send up of 'Perfect Match' at the Jazz and Revue night.

The middle of winter was celebrated by a 'What you were wearing when the ship went down' party and victories over Jervis and Phillip in hockey.

The annual cross-country running event was held in September with Flinders again showing their athletic skills with a strong victory. To show how well-natured Flinders is, we hosted Cook Division to a barbecue at Greenpatch simply to make them feel better.

All the hard work and team spirit was

rewarded when, in September, we were awarded the Cock Division trophy.

After this high point the year finished quietly except for the lingerie that was paraded during EMA one morning prior to Christmas leave.

FLINDERS DIVISION

JNCC 8

MIDN AR COULLS
MIDN RM FAHY
MIDN MTG HARRIS
MIDN KT JONES
SBLT RJF HUMPHRIES
MIDN J BUCKFIELD
MIDN MJ COLEMAN
MIDN AV FORSTER
MIDN AP RAGNER
MIDN GJ SWINDEN
MIDN MK WISE
MIDN EA CLAY
MIDN ML DALY
SBLT DC FRASER
MIDN TM McLAREN
MIDN TS MAHER
MIDN KL TURNER
MIDN BD JACKSON
MIDN JW CREBBIN

JNCC 9

MIDN TW LINDFORD
MIDN RM MATTERSON
MIDN NA MARTIN
SBLT AS PARTRIDGE
MIDN ERG McLAREN
MIDN FT SMITH
MIDN JA SYMONDS
MIDN GC TAME
MIDN CC ARENDS
MIDN DP RUSHWORTH
MIDN RC STEVENSON
MIDN JL BAXTER
MIDN AL BUGG
MIDN RH PUTTMAN
MIDN LJ OATES
LEUT BM HALL
MIDN LL WRAY
MIDN M FINLAYSON
MIDN TW KEMP

JOCT 6

MIDN JA COARD
MIDN AT FINDLAY
MIDN DM GILMOUR

SBLT A LINDSAY
MIDN PD MELLICK
MIDN BJ MEREDITH
MIDN EJ MITCHELL
SBLT N RUSSELL
MIDN MJ WADE
MIDN BJ WEINTZ

DEFENCE ACADEMY

Year 4

MIDN RJ BROADLEY
MIDN MG McCOURT

Year 3

MIDN EH BURNSIDE
MIDN EA DRYSDALE
MIDN SR MASON
MIDN DP SCHOPEN
MIDN RF EVANS
MIDN S VENOUR
MIDN IC MURRAY
MIDN SG OHAVIANO
MIDN AP THRELFALL
MIDN BE WALKER
MIDN JA SCHWENKE
MIDN JA BATEMAN
MIDN RD DIXON
MIDN DC KIRKBY

Year 2

MIDN L BLUNDEN
MIDN KA EDWARDS
MIDN BG GREAVES
MIDN NL KING
MIDN R TEUCHERT
MIDN S CRAIG
MIDN PJ FLOYD
MIDN AB FRASER
MIDN AG HORDER
MIDN MAK MANSIE
MIDN SC PETERS
MIDN CN TIZIOLIS
MIDN PW WARE
MIDN BD CANNON
MIDN MA GARRATT
MIDN CJ HILDER
MIDN SJ HUGHES
MIDN FS PETERS
MIDN AT GOLDSWORTHY
MIDN LA PAPPIN

Year 1

MIDN TJ AMOUROUS
MIDN AP BRADFORD
MIDN BJ BURROWS
MIDN JA CORBITT
MIDN DA DAWE
MIDN S DUNPHY
MIDN MW FIELD
MIDN JA HIPWELL
MIDN IK JORDAN
MIDN SJ LOCKEY
MIDN GR MAYNARD
MIDN GJ MOWLE
MIDN DP PHILLIPS
MIDN LS BATCHLER
MIDN DJ BLYTH
MIDN TR CRAVEN
MIDN AM GORMAN
MIDN AR RAE
MIDN LM RYAN
MIDN PA TOOHEY
MIDN RA VIRGONA
MIDN NJ WATSON
MIDN EJ WILDE
MIDN JE WILTSHIRE
MIDN CAL MILNE
MIDN SJ RICHARDS
MIDN PD SOPER

JERVIS DIVISION

1988 saw many Junior Officers Under Training pass through the hallowed blue corridor. These officers were from widely differing backgrounds including ex-junior and senior sailors, Defence Force Academy trainees, foreign officers from the Cook Islands, Papua New Guinea and Western Samoa, and people with all manner of civilian backgrounds. Jervis Division was the melting pot through which these people were blended into a team. The Divisional Officer for 1988 was Lieutenant Michael Hickey.

The Divisional Captains during the year all made large contributions to the Division and proved excellent leaders. Midshipman Greg Hammond began the year as Divisional Captain and did such an outstanding job that he left Royal Australian Naval College with a Commanding Officer's Commendation. During Greg's reign Jervis won the Cock Division competition. Jervis' first female

Divisional Captain, Midshipman Joanne Kuschert, followed Greg Hammond. During Joanne's time the Division was comprised largely of engineers, with an occasional Cook Islander. This provided an interesting mix! Succeeding Joanne as JDC was Midshipman Mark Potter whose natural leadership style kept the Division on an even keel and everyone happy.

During 1988 there were three Divisional Training Officers worthy of recognition. Midshipman 'Pod' Dobson worked closely with Greg Hammond to produce a winning team and was a great asset to the Division. Sub Lieutenant Don Sands and Lieutenant Fraser Stephenson worked with Joanne Kuschert. Don and Fraser were two great team workers who toiled hard and consistently for the Division.

Jervis had mixed results in the Cock Division competition. We started well, winning the first competition for 1988. However, our luck waned during the course of the year and we finished as wooden spooners.

Cock Division aside, Jervis Division was always a team to be reckoned with at RANC during 1988. The other Divisions remain envious of the team in blue who muster under the symbol of the blue whale.



Lieutenant M. Hickey.

JERVIS DIVISION

JNCC 8

MIDN PR HOFMAN
MIDN SMA HOGAN
MIDN AC MOORE
SBLT PW ORR
MIDN HJ ROBERTSON
MIDN KL SAWYER
MIDN AJ DOBSON
SBLT LP DONLEY
SBLT IF FALLS
MIDN GB HAMMOND
MIDN GJS LEWIS
SBLT GJ MURPHY
MIDN LPM DUANE
MIDN AM MANSBRIDGE
MIDN ID SALTER
SBLT GJ SAMMUT
SBLT PJ LEAVY

JNCC 9

SBLT RK FITZGERALD
MIDN SV PRENDECKIJ
SBLT MBC PURKISS
MIDN DS RUSHTON
SBLT DA SANDS
MIDN TS BYLES
SBLT AC FYSH
MIDN JGM JOHNS
SBLT RP JONES
MIDN J KUSCHERT
LEUT FL STEPHENSON
MIDN AP GREIG
MIDN MA RAYMOND
SBLT DL SOWTER
SBLT SP SYKES
MIDN MW KORSTEN
MIDN SJ SLY

JOCT 6

MIDN SG BERNOTAS
MIDN LJ BRETT
MIDN SE DENGATE
MIDN GC EDMISTONE
MIDN LS GORDON
MIDN JP KEOGH
MIDN ML POTTER
MIDN GA O'LOUGHLIN
MIDN AJ SEPULCRI
LEUT MA MUIR

SDOC 8

MIDN KL BALLICO
SBLT KT CHAMBERS

SBLT AJ GARRARD

SBLT I LANGE
MIDN JA TAHN
SBLT BD HOCK

SDOC 7

SBLT DC LASSAM
SBLT WF NEULIST
LEUT J COOMBES
LEUT CP NELMS

SSOC 5

LEUT KM MACKAY
CHAP RP WILLIAMS

FOSLEX

CONST G HENDERSON
CONST T TAPAITAU

DEFENCE ACADEMY

Year 3

MIDN GJ BATTERHAM
MIDN MJ CREW
MIDN RH JAMES
MIDN HL KNELLWOLF
MIDN MA MASSIE
MIDN SJ MOLES
MIDN AR PALMER
MIDN C CORNELL
MIDN ND ROCHE
MIDN MD TINNING
MIDN BP DURKIN
MIDN AM FORD
MIDN RF NORSWORTHY
MIDN CG WALTON
MIDN RTG MILLIGAN
MIDN MA RICHARDSON
MIDN MT SHEPPARD

Year 2

MIDN CS BRYANT
MIDN ML CANTER
MIDN AR GARVEN
MIDN JJ METZL
MIDN JV REYNOLDS
MIDN STEPHENSON
MIDN DJ BATROUNY
MIDN HCE DRECHSLER
MIDN LJ GODDARD
MIDN WA HUGHES
MIDN AR NEWBERRY
MIDN SL SEDGEWICK
MIDN GK BURNEY

MIDN AW DICKSON
MIDN JG NASH
MIDN CJ SMALLHORN

Year 1

MIDN DJ BANHAM
MIDN MS FENTON
MIDN BL GATELY
MIDN GR HEALEY
MIDN RJ HOSKIN
MIDN AD KING
MIDN TM LORD
MIDN MH MILLER
MIDN CJ PAYNE
MIDN AJ POWELL
MIDN UK ROBSON
MIDN J STRAVRIDIS

MIDN AJ WAYE
MIDN B WELLINGTON
MIDN WA BULLEN
MIDN BA COOPER
MIDN KJ GADDES
MIDN VL GODFREY
MIDN AL LADNER
MIDN LJ MEAD
MIDN MA SANT
MIDN MF YORK
MIDN KL CLAYTON
MIDN SP DUNNE
MIDN TR LONG
MIDN TW MOORE
MIDN SJ GLIDDON
MIDN SJ WOOD

COURSE REPORTS

JOCT 5/88—

BY SUB LIEUTENANT M. A. DOUGALL

28 February 1988 held little significance for me until I discovered it was the day that I was to finally start my basic naval training at RANC. It was late in the afternoon on that day that I drove through the inviting gates of HMAS *Creswell* after the long trip from Melbourne. I was looking forward to a shower and an early night. My previous stay at *Creswell*, doing a UVOC course, had resulted in the perception that JOCT would be quite a relaxed affair. However, thanks to our senior class and Divisional staff, a hectic schedule was in order. The rush to do this and do that became the norm but somehow we all seemed to settle into the routine.

Suddenly going to meals became a ritual. What was once regarded as one of the more enjoyable activities of the day became to many a dreaded task. Proper table etiquette had to be learned and practised. However, towards the end of training, with our well practised manners and much more time to concentrate on eating, scran once again took its place among life's little luxuries.

Marching, a subject close to my heart, plays an important role in the daily routine at RANC. During the early weeks many hours were spent on the Quarterdeck, the results of which were displayed during the Passing Out Parade. I always looked forward to drill lessons. Not only was the soft-spoken charm of the QMGs appreciated, but these were also the easiest lessons to stay awake in.

Four months later and JOCT is just another tale to tell the grandchildren. I doubt whether they will believe the pain and hardships we went through to achieve our present level of knowledge, refinement and bearing. Yet in our hearts we can all be proud and secure in the knowledge that we have survived.

Cruise. Both these components of the course have now been introduced into the earlier Junior Officers' Common Training, because students arriving from the Australian Defence Force Academy for JNCC have previously completed them. The course has subsequently been reduced from 12 weeks to 7, and the first of the shorter courses will commence in January 1989.

April 1988 saw the last Passing Out Parade held with a luncheon in a large marquee. Unfortunately, the Parade was not able to be reviewed by the Governor-General, who was attending a memorial service for the late Sir William McMahon. The Reviewing Officer for the Parade was the Chief of the Defence Force, General P. Gratton.

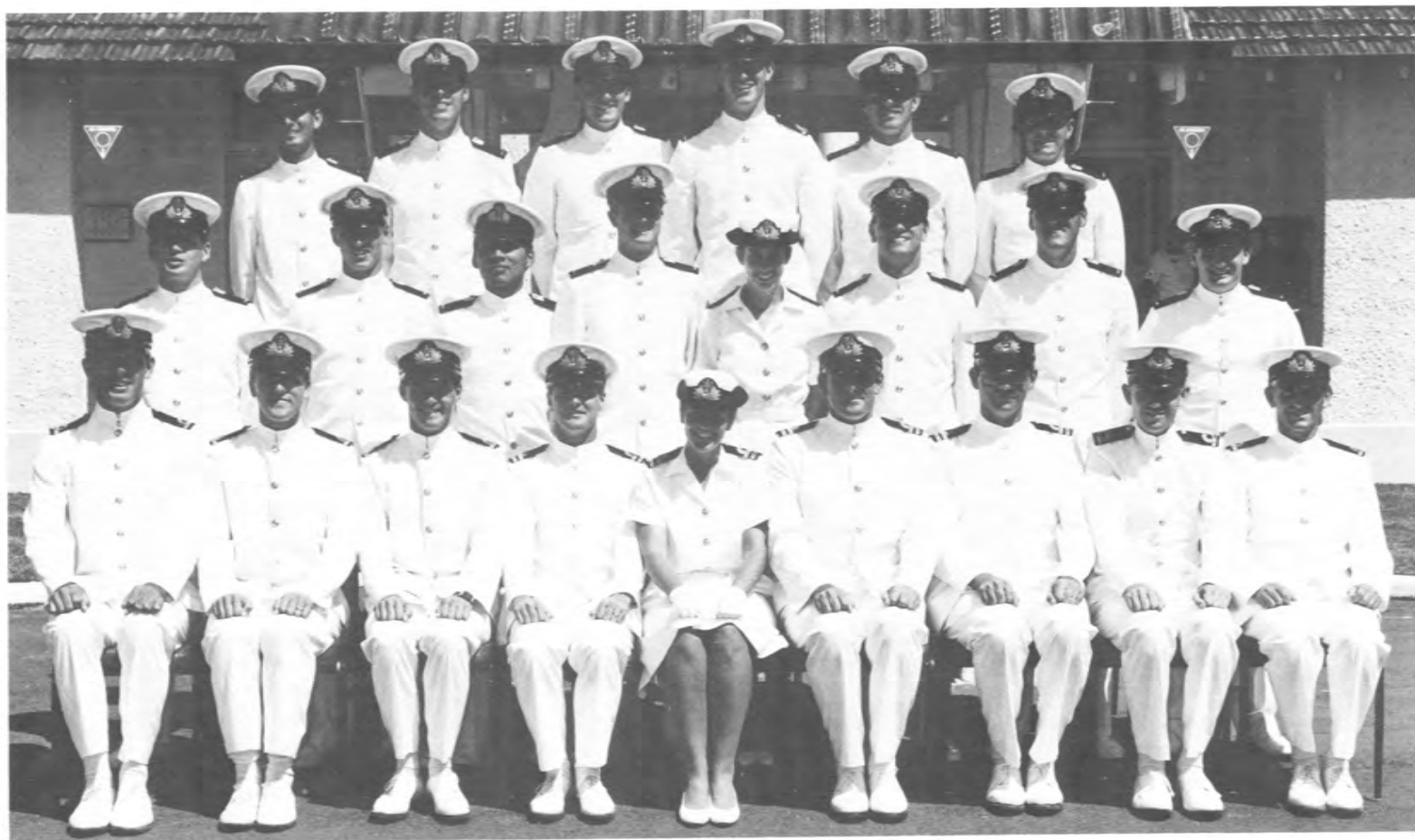
The September Passing Out Parade for JNCC graduates was also most impressive and was reviewed by the Assistant Chief of Naval Staff—Personnel, Rear Admiral A. M. Carwardine. The Parade was followed by refreshments, allowing graduates to mix socially with dignitaries and to introduce their families.

Future JNCC courses will be comprised of students who have graduated from either the Australian Defence Force Academy, University of New South Wales, Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology, or the Junior Officers Common Training course held in HMAS *Creswell*.

The JNCC is the last course all trainees must complete before continuing specialist application courses at HMAS *Watson* in Sydney or at HMAS *Cerberus* in Victoria. Future JNCC courses will contain instruction in Character Guidance, Naval Weapons and Technology, Security, Officer of the Day Duties, Divisional Training (including a round-table workshop) and practical application of management skills.

JUNIOR NAVAL COMMAND COURSE

1988 was a busy year for the staff of the Junior Naval Command Course (JNCC). These were the last courses to be held with studies in Management, and completion of the Training

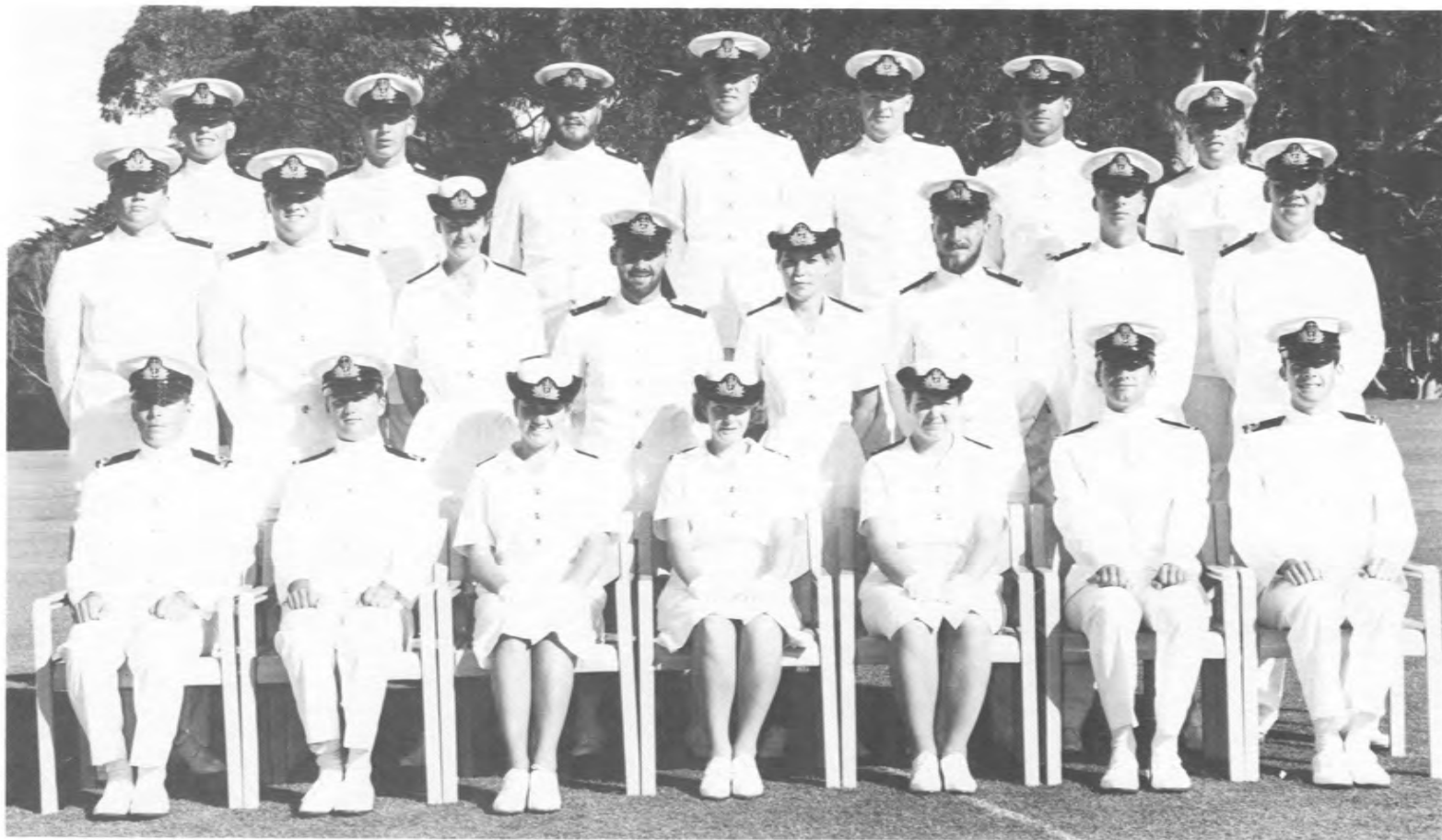


JNCC 8 Stream A

Back Row (L to R): A. R. Coulls, A. J. Dobson, P. J. Moggach, G. J. Murphy, G. B. Hammond, M. T. G. Harris.

Middle Row (L to R): G. J. S. Lewis, S. I. Rusiti, K. A. Vajanaporn, R. A. Jackson, R. M. Fahy, G. M. Hornbuckle, J. E. J. Watson, K. T. Jones.

Front Row (L to R): R. J. Humphreys, I. F. Falls, L. P. Donley, T. G. Kenny, C. P. Wildermuth, M. D. Southern, R. W. Chambers, D. J. Wilson, N. C. Gilmore.



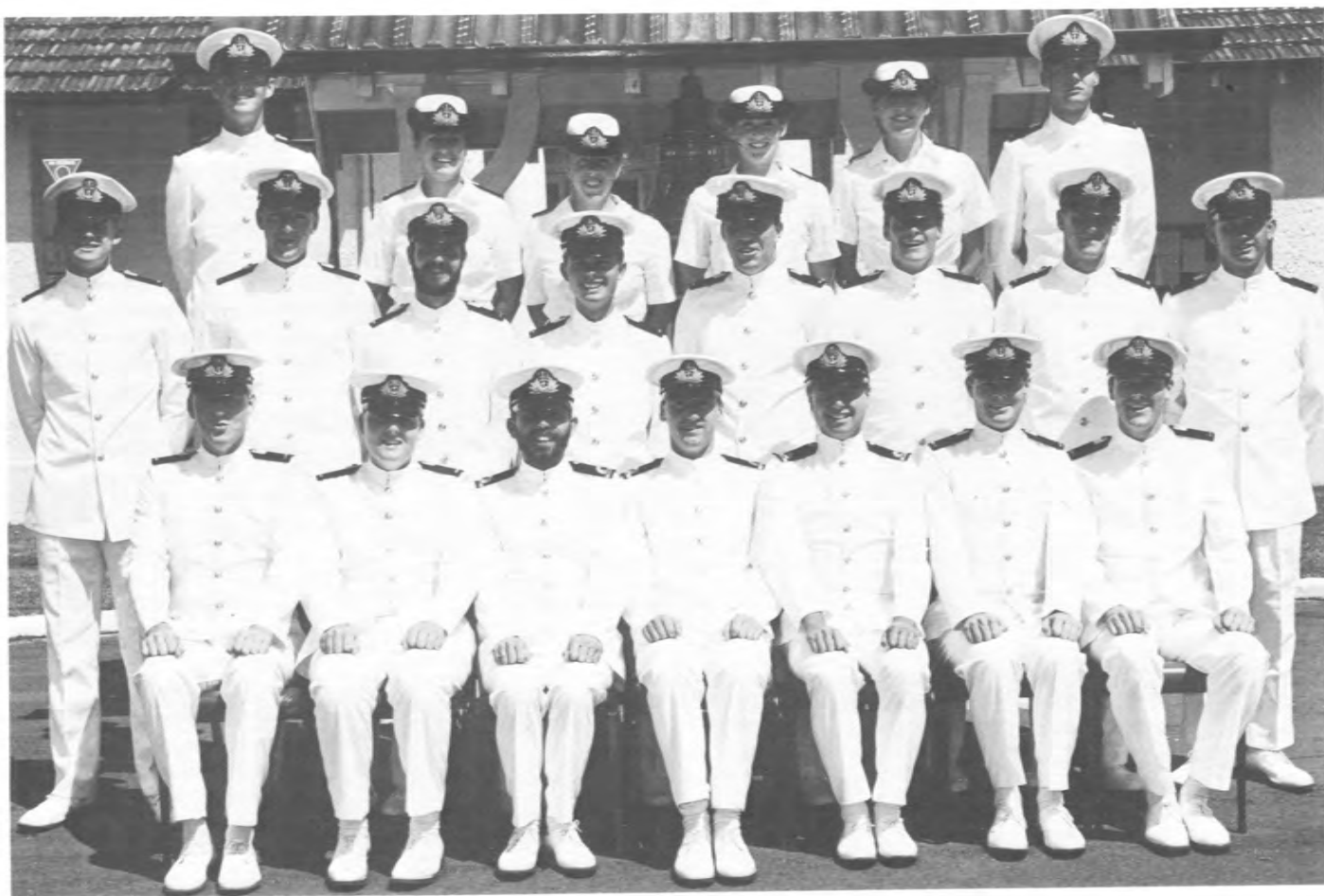
JNCC 8 Stream B

Back Row (L to R): S. Anderson, M. K. M. Wise, I. D. Slater, P. J. Leavy, A. V. Forster, A. S. Keogh, L. P. M. Duane.

Middle Row (L to R): B. D. Jackson, M. J. Coleman, A. M. Mansbridge, A. P. Rayner, K. L. Northey, G. J. Swinden, D. S. Clarke, C. A. Powell.

Front Row (L to R): B. K. A. Brace, A. J. Withers, J. R. Buchanan, L. M. Kennedy, A. J. Gaw, P. J. McKay, G. J. Sammut.

Absent: M. J. Biggs, J. Buckfield.



JNCC 8 Stream C

Back Row (L to R): K. L. Turner, K. L. Sawyer, K. A. Ellis, T. M. McLaren, E. A. Clay, P. R. Hofman.
Middle Row (L to R): J. M. Morris, J. W. Crebbin, F. A. Vergelius, M. L. Daly, M. A. R. Matthews, S. M. A. Hogan, T. S. Maher, H. J. Robertson.
Front Row (L to R): M. D. Rickards, G. A. McGuire, P. W. Orr, D. C. Fraser, P. W. Bowers, P. J. Mathers, B. J. McHarg.



Short Service Officers Course

Back Row (L to R): K. A. K. Paszkiewicz, D. M. Thiem, R. P. Williams, A. J. Welbourne, D. R. Mahoney, J. Drentin.
Front Row (L to R): P. M. Barrett, K. J. O'Rourke, K. M. Mackay, K. A. Manktelow.



JNCC 9 Stream A1

Back Row (L to R): N. A. Martin, C. D. Simpson, T. Lindford, A. J. Lewis.

Middle Row (L to R): J. L. Carter, S. E. Crowley, L. Charless-Jones, N. C. Chapman, P. Urquhart, S. J. Sly, B. A. Walsh.

Front Row (L to R): B. M. Zilko, R. N. Matterson, P. Roberts, M. A. Dougall, J. Irvine, R. A. Bartholomeusz, L. A. Jackson, M. W. Korsten.



JNCC 9 Stream A2

Back Row (L to R): A. P. Watermeyer, M. Speldewinde, A. P. Greig, E. McLaren.

Middle Row (L to R): R. W. Halsall, D. S. Rushton, M. A. Raymond, R. J. Hatton, J. Kuschert, S. V. Predeckij, G. M. List.

Front Row (L to R): D. L. Sowter, M. B. C. Purkiss, R. K. Fitzgerald, S. A. Sands, K. Hartle, A. S. Partridge, S. P. Sykes, A. W. Fysh.



JNCC 9 Stream B1

Back Row (L to R): D. P. Rushworth, R. C. Stevenson, B. M. Clark, J. C. M. Johns, D. Grogan.

Middle Row (L to R): S. N. Grant, K. G. Brinckman, G. C. Tame, F. T. Smith, C. C. Arends, T. W. Kemp.

Front Row (L to R): J. L. Baxter, D. Elphinstone, S. P. Hurdman, R. G. Barnes, R. P. Jones, P. Godbold, J. A. Symonds.



JNCC 9 Stream B2

Back Row (L to R): K. R. Yeats, T. S. Byles, M. Finlayson, R. L. Short.

Middle Row (L to R): L. J. Oates, M. A. Lanham, J. F. May, A. L. Bugg, A. E. Everett, R. H. Puttman.

Front Row (L to R): S. J. Harper, L. L. Wray, F. Stephenson, B. A. E. Riches, B. M. Hall, T. A. Sloper, A. F. Masters.

SPECIAL DUTIES OFFICERS TRAINING

1988 saw three more SD courses pass through RANC. Whilst the composition of course members varied, the attitude and application of all was consistently high throughout.

SDOC 7 had the usual mix of rough and ready SDs direct from Fleet or establishment duties, combined with some of the last of the RMIT Senior Sailor graduates. A motley crew to say the least, with a spread of experience ranging from ex-POCOX, Phil Appleby, whose harsh salt-sprayed exterior was more than tempered by a kind heart, through to a very junior ex-PO ground communications RMIT graduate whose sea time was limited.

SDOC 8 included a rare mix of seamen, engineers and 'birdies'. The new Seahawk program has provided a requirement for re-introduction of SD Observers and so no less than eight ex-aircrewmembers attended the course. Other than the ignoble results of a mess dinner early in the course, these personnel proved the true value of the SD officer when they set, and maintained, an exemplary standard

throughout their training. They also took charge of our new medical officers, giving them a unique introduction to normal life.

SDOC 9 rounded out the year with a small, but select, group of officers from varying specialisations. Whilst they were not part of a full Passing Out Parade, the course received a unique privilege. Their graduation took the form of a Ship's Company Divisions reviewed by the Chief of Naval Staff of the French Navy.

With the exclusion of RMIT graduates from future SDOCs, as these people will now join their engineering peers in the main training stream, the SDOCs for 1989 will have a revised composition. The course will be shorter and so more intense with plenty to challenge all course members.

SDOC 8

The eighth SD course commenced on 11 July 1988 and was made up of 22 personnel with previous ranks ranging from Able Seaman to Chief Petty Officer. The branches of the course consisted of eight birdies (the burden of the



Admiral Louzeau inspects SDOC 9.

course), six greenie engineers, two seamen, two supply, two birdie engineers, one stoker engineer and last (but surely not least) one bandie.

All the course members were thrilled to come to HMAS *Creswell* to celebrate our promotion to officer status, and for the first four weeks were privileged to eat in the Gun Room with the primary residents of the College. This allowed us to call our previous time as lower and middle deck hands and reflect as to whether our decision to change over was appropriate. During this time with the College residents we undertook their routines, namely the early morning route marching and early morning activities. During the day we learnt what it meant to be an officer in the Royal Australian Navy and how we could overcome our old eating habits and consume food in a respectable manner. The course was also required to do Colours and Sunset at which we were ultimately asked to withdraw due to our outshining the rest of the establishment with brisk forthright routines.

Our sporting prowess became legendary after holding our own against the younger and

fitter midshipmen of the College in the many challenge matches, and then supplying the necessary skilled manpower with our respective affiliated Divisions for inter-divisional sport.

After enduring our time within the College routine with patience and fortitude our course was elevated to the lofty heights of having Wardroom status. This involved tolerating increased bar hours and an extra walk of 100 metres to get to our evening meals. It also meant wearing a tie to tea. Nevertheless the Training Department still required our assignments to be submitted on time and our examinations to be passed.

The rest of our time here was spent evading the Gunnery staff whilst moving about the establishment, learning what a Stress Break was (thank you Lieutenant Commander Gomm) and finding out how easy it is to irritate your Course Officer.

So at the end of our time we said a fond farewell to HMAS *Creswell* with all of us wishing we could have spent more time here watching the natural beauty of the Bay and avoiding kangaroo droppings whilst marching on the parade ground.

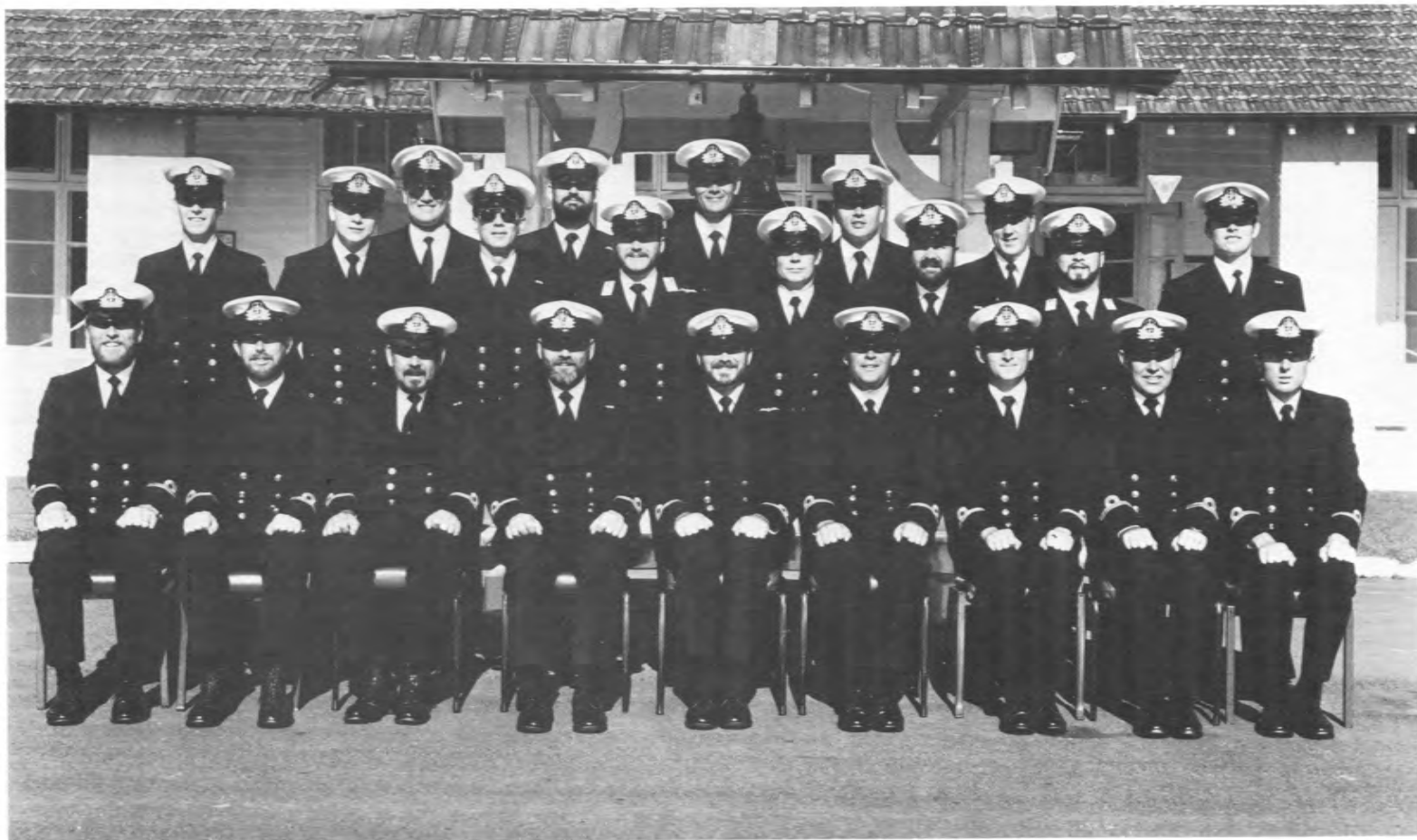


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EXECUTIVE OFFICERS APPLICATION COURSE (EXAC)

Since the end of 1987 the EXAC has had a complete changeover of staff. Lieutenants Don Sewell, Graeme Pedley and Simon Andrews were replaced at various stages during the year by Lieutenants Barry Jones, Glen Hewlett and Max Hunter, respectively. The new seamanship instructor was WORP Allan Parish.

EXAC is the initial application course for the Executive Branch officers. The two modules conducted at RANC are Officer of the Watch and Seamanship. The trainees then go on to do Navigation at HMAS *Watson* and on board one of the training ships, and then onto Fleet units for further experience and training.

During 1988 two EXACs were conducted at RANC: EXAC 8 and 9. EXAC 8 commenced in April 1988 and consisted of officers from JNCC 8 and SDOC 7. EXAC 9 commenced in October 1988 and consisted of graduating officers from JNCC 9 and SDOC 8. All participants of the course passed, with a generally high standard being set.

The year saw steadily increasing numbers undertaking the course with a significant increase in female participation (from one in EXAC 8 to five in EXAC 9). The general increase will continue in the future with the requirement to conduct three courses in 1989. With the ever increasing need to train Executive Branch officers for sea duty, it is expected that numbers undertaking this initial training phase will continue to climb for a significant period to come.

Included in EXAC 8 were six personnel from foreign countries, consisting of five Police officers from the Cook Islands and one Tongan Defence Service officer. They were attending the course in preparation for taking over a Pacific Patrol Boat under the Defence Cooperation Program.

In total, 84 Executive Branch officers successfully undertook EXAC training at RANC during 1988.

The arduous nature of the Executive Officers Application Course was also well reported by the members of EXAC 8.

8 April 1988 marked the graduation of JNCC 1/88. Out of this graduation class was drawn the members of EXAC 8. This fine class

consisted of a large variety of junior officers from different intakes and backgrounds.

Despite hopes that on graduation we would escape from the Naval College, this was not to be. However, regular courses in Sydney made our first eight weeks of EXAC Phase 1 most enjoyable. The first three weeks were spent studying Seamanship with week 2 being spent aboard a variety of Fleet units in Sydney applying what we had learnt.

Hours of classroom theory were put to the test aboard HMAS *Jervis Bay*. Training Cruise took us to the northern most extremities of Australia and into the waters of South-East Asia visiting the ports of Cairns, Darwin and Penang. Sub Lieutenant Anderson was awarded Trainee of the Cruise, mainly for his prowess on the bridge.

Worn out and worldly, EXAC 8 returned to *Creswell* in mid August for what would be their very last time. The revamped Seamanship course was found to be extremely motivating, giving us an opportunity to revise many of the long forgotten fundamentals of our chosen careers.

EXAC 8's last stand took the form of a Thai banquet where we celebrated the promotion of our Course Instructor, the former Chief Parish to Warrant Officer, and bid farewell to our oriental friend and Asian connection, Sub Lieutenant Vajanaporn, who returns to the Royal Thai Navy at the end of Phase One.

Goodbye *Creswell* and good luck.

DEFENCE ACADEMY TRAINING

Defence Academy Single Service Training is a significant part of the training conducted at *Creswell*, particularly as virtually all Academy midshipmen undertook training at the College in 1988.

February saw the arrival of 115 keen and eager First year new entrants for a two week Naval Familiarisation module. This period consisted of one week at *Creswell* involving presentations, boatwork and visits, with the second week visiting ships at Garden Island and Sydney establishments.

The First year class returned to our sunny shores in November for a week of Training Cruise preparations. This week involved briefings and activities necessary to survive

their forthcoming five weeks in HMAS *Tobruk* early in 1989.

Normally second year ADFA midshipmen do not train at *Creswell*, however 1988 saw 60 trainees arrive directly from their Training Cruise to New Zealand in HMAS *Tobruk*. During the week at *Creswell* the Second year class conducted Adventure Training exercises such as abseiling and bush navigation in the Jervis Bay area.

The 'old hands' of the Academy, the Third years, arrived in late January for modules of Junior Officers' Common Training (JOCT). During the four week period the class of 40 studied Naval History, RAN Service Studies, Discipline, Security and Supply before returning to ADFA to commence final year studies.

As well as First year midshipmen, November saw the return of Third year and Fourth year engineering trainees to complete the remaining components of Junior Officer Common Training. Following naval training at *Creswell* all returned to ADFA for the graduation parade which was for some the final days at the Academy. The Academy prize award ceremony saw a naval trainee, Midshipman Lee Goddard promoted to the position of the Senior Trainee at the Defence Academy for 1989.

Of those that graduated in December the separation from *Creswell* was short lived, as they returned in January to join their Supplementary List colleagues for the Junior Naval Command Course in 1989.

NAVAL RESERVES

During the past year the College has been regularly visited by a small but talented contingent of officers commonly known as the 'Rockies'. These are the men and women who volunteer to join the Reserve Force of the RAN. Most belong to Port Divisions throughout Australia, the latest additions being Darwin and Cairns. Others are Active Unattached Reserves (AUR). These are mainly professional people who are unable to keep the weekly appointments of a Port Division, e.g. doctors, lawyers, and Merchant Navy officers.

In 1988 three courses were run at HMAS *Creswell* with 62 officers passing through. These men and women bring a wealth of

experience which the Naval Forces tap into; the Reservists, on the other hand, can develop new skills outside their own profession, and be involved in a way of life that is completely different to anything they have experienced before, which can prove to be a very refreshing change to their normal existence.

The enthusiasm of the Reservists can be seen on the courses held at HMAS *Creswell*; they are in there because they enjoy the challenges that are given them. The humour and comradeship that is enjoyed on these courses is immeasurable.

From day one it is clear to all that they know very little about the Navy. However, within a very short period of time the groups help each other and, with the excellent instructors, in a mere three weeks they are beginning to feel at home in their environment.

Nearly all Reservists enjoy *Creswell* because, although they are officers under training, the staff have a mutual respect for their so-called 'Rockies' and realise that many of them have hidden talents that can be helpful. On a few occasions they are called upon to give lectures or presentations whereby the students of the College can obtain outside instruction on various subjects.

The Reservists are no doubt an important arm of the Navy and it is a credit to the College that many, if not all of those who pass through, enjoy the experience.

RESERVE OFFICERS ORIENTATION COURSE 14

Arriving from all parts of eastern Australia, including that place south of Melbourne, our group first met each other at Bomaderry rail station after a 'short' trip by train—compliments of SRA. Wonderful start!

Our group consisted of nine officers from Cairns Port Division, four from Brisbane, six from Adelaide, one from Sydney and one from Hobart. As you can imagine there was quite a large amount of luggage and we had quite a laugh when a 14-seater bus arrived to transport us to Jervis Bay.

First impressions of HMAS *Creswell* were excellent and remained that way throughout the course. We were all taken by the beauty of the area and the fresh look of the establishment. Accommodation was equally up to the standard and the service we received

in the Wardroom was impeccable throughout our stay.

The first day started with us clearing the store of 'woolly pullys' as we were not used to the cold weather that had set in (and was to remain, only to break for our weekend camp and Divisions). Lectures and drill were in front of us for the next few days. We mustered with the College 'kids' (most of us were twice their age and felt it) on the second day and had a pre-breakfast march. Very enjoyable, especially when the POCOX gave us an eyes right along the waterfront so we could view the sunrise across the Bay. This, alternated with early morning PT, was to remain throughout the course—character building! We were to learn to eat almost on the run as our program was very well organised.

The dreaded homework brought back memories of our long ago school days and we all had heads down before dinner. Not so much after dinner as the bar and pianola were very well patronised. The pianola would have to have had an overhaul after the workout we gave it during our stay and there were probably a few sleepless nights for some of the officers who lived in.

We had it very tough on our weekend exped., having to put up with steak, sausages, fresh salads etc. for our meals—all washed down by liquid refreshments. We had to keep our strength for the next day or so of abseiling. We camped at Bristol Point camping ground

which the ranger had opened for us. A delightful place to spend a few days. All of us thoroughly enjoyed the abseiling. After a day on the nursery slope we were all ready to tackle the 'big one'—the old lighthouse cliff. There wasn't one of us who wasn't just a little bit nervous—more character building!

Undoubtedly the highlight of our course was our Survival at Sea and the Wet Winch by helicopter. Once again the weather was not the best and cold to say the least. It gave a whole new meaning to the term 'wet as a shag'. Even so we all agreed that if we ever had to abandon ship the lessons we learnt would no doubt save our lives.

The Small Arms shoot was also very enjoyable and favoured those whose hands were steady and eyes were clear.

On our last day our final duty was to take part in Captain's Divisions—the culmination of our hard slogging on the parade grounds for the past two weeks learning to look like a military group (and for some of us, our left from right). We were all thankful when it went off without a hitch.

Without exception we were all a little sad to leave after the wonderful time we had and the excellent organisation of our course. We would like to extend to the staff of the College again our appreciation for effort that was taken to make this course the tremendous success it was. We will not forget.



Reserve Officers Orientation Course 14.

BALLAD OF ROOC 14— THE ANCIENT MARINERS

From Cairns, Adelaide and Bris-bane
To HMAS *Creswell*, they all came
For lessons, manners and adventure too
Waited in store for so bold a crew.

Beneath the play school clock
Ceremonial Divisions for even the Doc,
Began the days where dull moments were rare
With class leaders like Katie, hard to bare.

Service Writing only just, the time would kill
But Messages, aye was more our will.
Ab-seiling at the cliffs of the old lighthouse
Would prove just who was man or mouse.

But we were brave and stout to the boot,
See Sharon who from the hip would shoot,
And Jill over the cliff without a doubt,
And Maree'd run miles in sand for nought.

The triathlon, she came and went,
We Rockies put in till our backs were bent.
Justin, Andrew, Gordon, Peter, John, Paul
and Bubblic too

Represented the Group to name a few.

Finally by days the course did close
While on our faces enjoyment still shows
So thank you staff and LCDR GREZL
For our good times at camp *Cres'ell!*

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JUNIOR OFFICERS STAFF COURSE 1988 REPORT

The Junior Officers Staff Course (JOSC) came of age in 1988. Following its successful introduction the previous year, the number of JOSCs increased from three to five per year and a second staff member, Lieutenant Rod Harrod, was appointed. Eighty-four officers representing all lists and specialisations completed the four week program and the feedback received from them has been very positive and supportive.

Staff training in the RAN matured in 1988. The JOSC is now part of a progression which begins with Junior Officers Common Training, continues with the JOSC, then the RAN Staff Course and thereafter the Joint Services Staff College and colleges overseas. The desirability for staff training of career officers has become widely recognised.

In mid year JOSC's developer and first OIC, Lieutenant Clyde Appleby, was posted to sea. He was replaced by Lieutenant Commander Martin Linsley, who filled the billet until the year's end.

RANC TRAINEES JOIN A GERMAN BARQUE

As two million people lined the shores of Sydney Harbour on Australia Day, vying for a vantage point to see the Tall Ships Parade of Sail, 15 fortunate RAN officers under



JOSC 8/88.

training and an officer in charge from the Royal Australian Naval College had prime position aboard the German naval ship *Gorch Fock II*.

Responding to an invitation to the RANC from *Gorch Fock's* commanding officer, the group eagerly joined the ship at Darling Harbour for her voyage to Melbourne.

Gorch Fock II is a three-masted barque, square-rigged on the fore and mainmasts, and fore-and-aft-rigged on the mizzen mast. Of steel construction, she is 90 metres long and displaces 1870 tonnes.

The Australian visitors were assigned to one of the ship's four watches and to a part of ship and were immediately integrated into the crew of officer cadets.

Most of the German crew speak fluent English so there were few problems understanding what was happening, as most orders were patiently translated for the Aussies.

After the excitement of Australia Day and a visit to RANC the following afternoon, all sails were set for Melbourne.

Daily sea routine aboard commences at 0615 as the call 'Reise, Reise, Aufstenef' (wakey wakey) is heard through the mess decks. To this dreaded call all hands off watch must swing out of their *hangmatten* (hammocks), roll them up and parade with them on the main deck. There in the chill morning air the group is greeted by the duty Petty Officer.

Those off watch spent the day receiving lessons in seamanship, ropework, and ship handling. Part of ship work, such as chipping and painting was also carried out much the same as in any RAN ship. However, for the watch on deck the routine was different. As well as performing such duties as lookout and helmsman, the watch on deck provided the muscle power to manoeuvre the vessel by regularly trimming braces and tacks, shortening or raising sail and tending the yards.

It was a tired but very much enlightened group of 15 who finally returned to *Creswell* with salt in their hair and blisters on their hands.



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Front Row (L to R): A. S. Keogh, A. J. Martin, S. A. Andrews, D. C. Lassam, S. M. Hogan.



(L to R): D. C. Lassam, B. J. Furness, M. J. Coleman, P. R. Hofman.

JAPANESE TRAINING SQUADRON UNIT

On Saturday September 24, the Japanese Training Squadron stopped at HMAS *Creswell* on the way to Sydney for the Bicentennial Naval Salute. The squadron consisted of JDS *Katori*, the training ship, and two of Japan's most modern Destroyers JD Ships *Setoyuki* and *Shimayuki*.

The 130 newly-commissioned officers onboard, who graduated from the Japanese Officer Candidate School earlier this year, were given a tour of HMAS *Creswell* by the resident Junior Officers Under Training. The scenery and native wildlife were greatly

admired, especially the kangaroos, who featured as the most popular subjects for photographs.

The visiting midshipmen were challenged to a soccer game and responded by presenting an extremely eager and skilled team. It was a closely contested game with the home team missing several opportunities at scoring, resulting in a nil-all draw.

On completion of the game, those that were willing to brave the gale winds and rough seas were invited to visit the Japanese ships. Those who took advantage of the offer were met with much hospitality and enjoyed an extremely worthwhile afternoon.



Commander Evans presents an HMAS Creswell plaque to the Captain of the Japanese Team.

HMAS SYDNEY CEREMONIAL DIVISIONS

When the HMAS *Sydney* Association donated a Memorial Sword to HMAS *Creswell* in 1986, Vice Admiral Ian Knox, AO, RAN and the Commanding Officer of *Creswell*, were so impressed that they suggested the Association return to re-present the sword annually. Accordingly, on 20 March the HMAS *Sydney* Association National President, Mr Douglas Price, presented the *Sydney* Sword for 1988 to Sub Lieutenant P. J. Orr in recognition of his outstanding performance while under training.



The sword is 'TO THE ETERNAL MEMORY OF THE OFFICERS AND SAILORS WHO PERISHED IN HMAS *Sydney*. HMAS *Sydney* (1) 9.11.1914; HMAS *Sydney* (2) 19.11.1941; HMAS *Sydney* (3) KOREA 1951/52'. Preceding the presentation Douglas Price gave an address about the bombardment of Makri Yalo and what it was like in action inside a 6-inch gun turret where he was captain of the left gun in X turret.

The reviewing officer was Commodore

Malcolm Taylor, RAN, Commanding Officer, HMAS *Albatross*, who inspected HMAS *Creswell's* Guard and Divisions, the Naval Reserve cadets from the training ship *Sydney* (affiliated with the HMAS *Sydney* Association) and the HMAS *Sydney* veterans who, with their ceremonial banner, formed part of the Division on *Creswell's* Quarterdeck.

During his inspection of the *Sydney* Association, the Commodore was introduced to each old *Sydney* hand with whom he shook hands. He recalled he joined the carrier *Sydney* in 1954 as a midshipman and in 1955 watched Fire Fly and Sea Fury fighters fly off the carrier for the last time.

Creswell's Commanding Officer, Captain David Ramsay, served in HMAS *Sydney* in 1968 and his father, the late Commodore Sir James Ramsay (Governor of Queensland from 1977 to 1985) commissioned the carrier *Sydney* in 1948 and was her first navigator.

After Divisions, a church service was held in *Creswell's* new 120-seat chapel, with the HMAS *Sydney* banner displayed on the altar.

JUNIOR OFFICER'S COMMON TRAINING EXPEDITION

Our JOCT exped. was certainly a memorable experience for all those who managed to survive. It required skills varying from physical fitness to a sense of humour, all of which were displayed during our one week absence from HMAS *Creswell*.

Our exped. was based primarily around Danjera Dam. However, the major challenge was actually getting there. After being driven from *Creswell* to an isolated area, we were unceremoniously dropped off and left to our own devices.

Our first priority was to reach the halfway point (already pre-determined) and camp there for the evening. Following this we were to then proceed through to our base camp the next day. No limitations were placed on what we could bring with us except that whatever we took we carried.

The first day was remarkable in that we actually managed to get to where we were going. Using proven navigational techniques, manpower, resources and good leadership style, we successfully overcame the dense shrubbery, the rocky outcrops and the leeches.



The accommodation consisted of several pieces of rope tied to trees upon which were placed ground sheets thus forming small tents. It was under these architectural structures that we spent our first night. We were not alone, however, as we were joined by many small creatures that were positively determined to make us their meal. Needless to say they met with fierce resistance.

The following morning, after having risen to the gentle gushing of the nearby stream and the coily wisps of grey smoke wafting lazily upward through the eucalyptus from the camp fire, we proceeded to sample our ration packs. This was definitely a time for determination to overcome any thought of not eating. As we discovered later, we were to become intimately acquainted with the ration packs for the remainder of the expedition.

Undeterred we marched on to our primary objective—the base camp. After an invigorating trek that took the best part of the day the base camp at Danjera Dam came into view. Having already become experts at erecting and dismantling our tents we proceeded to set up our permanent camp with alacrity as the light was fading quickly.

It must be noted that, prior to the commencement of exped., we were informed that

it had never rained on exped. This, however, proved not to be the case as those who were evacuated from their flooding tents could no doubt testify. However, all was not lost. After relocating to higher ground preparations were made for our next activities—abseiling and canoeing. Abseiling was excellent. Scaling down cliff faces may not be everyone's idea of fun but all of us experienced this on more than one occasion with great zest. Similarly the canoe trip the following day was just as enjoyable. After a gentle paddle upstream, the party broke for lunch and then proceeded to navigate the rapids. All except two became saturated. This situation did not remain so for much longer as the two dry ones were unceremoniously capsized just prior to our return.

That evening we were treated to the culinary delights of Chief PT Thomas who, as consensus has it, has missed his true calling and should have become a chef. Needless to say this evening was the best of all.

The next morning was spent packing up. By this stage everyone was looking forward to a decent meal and a hot shower. After the walk out—a very steep one at that—we were met and driven back to *Creswell* full of fond and amusing memories of our week on exped.



SPORTS REPORT

SWIMMING

Inter-Division Championship. The 1988 championship was contested at the Bomaderry Swimming Pool on 5 March 1988. The day started on a high note with Lieutenant Southern (Phillip) breaking the 400 metres freestyle record in the first race. The new record is 5 minutes 15.85 seconds. That trend continued throughout the day as old records fell and new records were set for new events.

Other records to be set included:

- a. Mens 100 m Freestyle, MIDN Watson, Cook, 1m 01.47
- b. Womens 100 m Freestyle, MIDN Smith, Flinders 1m 24.44
- c. Womens 50 m Backstroke, MIDN Smith, Flinders, 42.56 sec
- d. Womens 50 m Freestyle, LEUT Wildermuth, Phillip, 37.02 sec
- e. Womens 50 m Breaststroke, MIDN Smith, Flinders, 46.19 sec

f. Mens 50 m Freestyle, MIDN Watson, Cook, 26.64 sec

g. Mens 200 m Individual Medley, MIDN Yeats, Phillip, 2m 49.94

The champion Division was not decided until the final race when Phillip managed to outlast the other three Divisions in the all-hands relay. This gave the championship to Phillip closely followed by Flinders, Jervis and Cook.

Inter-Service Colleges Swimming Carnival (ISCSC). The ISCSC was held on the weekend following the RANC carnival. Excellent performances from Lieutenant Southern, Lieutenant Wildermuth, Midshipman Watson, Midshipman Smith and Midshipman Yeats were the driving force to a very creditable second placing behind the Defence Academy.



ATHLETICS

Inter-Divisional Championships. 1988 was Flinders' year in athletics. Some strong performances by their best athletes were backed up by determined efforts by all Flinders competitors.

The champion female athlete was Midshipman Urquart. The male championship was finally shared between Midshipman Hammond and Sub Lieutenant Humphries after they had battled each other all day.

Five new records were set this year. On the track new records were posted by Midshipman Fahy (100 m for women), Midshipman Smith (800 m for women), and Midshipman Moggach (1500 m). In the field events the women's long jump record was broken by Midshipman Urquart and the men's shot-put by Lieutenant Chambers.

PIXLEY CUP

The Annual Beach Olympics is one of the major attractions on the sporting calendar at RANC. This year Phillip Division managed to outpoint Jervis with Flinders and Cook further behind. The prestigious iron-man event was won by Midshipman Watson of Phillip Division.

Inter-Service College Athletics Meet (ISCAM). At ISCAM RANC finished third behind the strong teams from the Defence Academy and RMC. RANC was unable to win any events but placed well, particularly in field events.



A clean vault.



Action from the Pixley Cup.

BICENTENNIAL FUN GAMES DAY

HMAS *Creswell* on Saturday 20 August conducted a Bicentennial Fun Games Carnival. The weather was perfect as each Division competed in events designed to get everyone involved. Spirits ran high as each Division strove to stamp their authority on the morning's activities.

First event of the day was the wheelbarrow race involving a passenger, a pusher and a wheelbarrow. Collisions and more collisions were the highlight of this event as each fought to get over the narrow bridge and then complete the slalom between the tyres.

From this event spectators and competitors moved down to the rolling pin throwing competition. The girls armed with weapons displayed dangerous accuracy. After the first throw the crowd scattered and after the second the line of judges scattered. Midshipman Judy Carter adopted the deadly underarm method to take out line-judge LSPT Chris Ploughman at the ankles. With considerable relief the crowd continued to the next event.

The waiters and waitresses race in theory was to race across a slippery plastic surface without spilling the contents of the tray. In practice it was quite different. Competitors had many spills, much to the entertainment of those watching.

Egg catching was next on the agenda. Complete concentration and calculated handling saw most of the eggs broken. Phillip Division won by secretly swapping their eggs for hard-boiled eggs.

There were many other events conducted such as the shopping trolley race, shadow race, brick throwing, and the sleeping bag race. The highlight of the morning was the final event of 'Coo-ee' calling and kookaburra laughing competition.

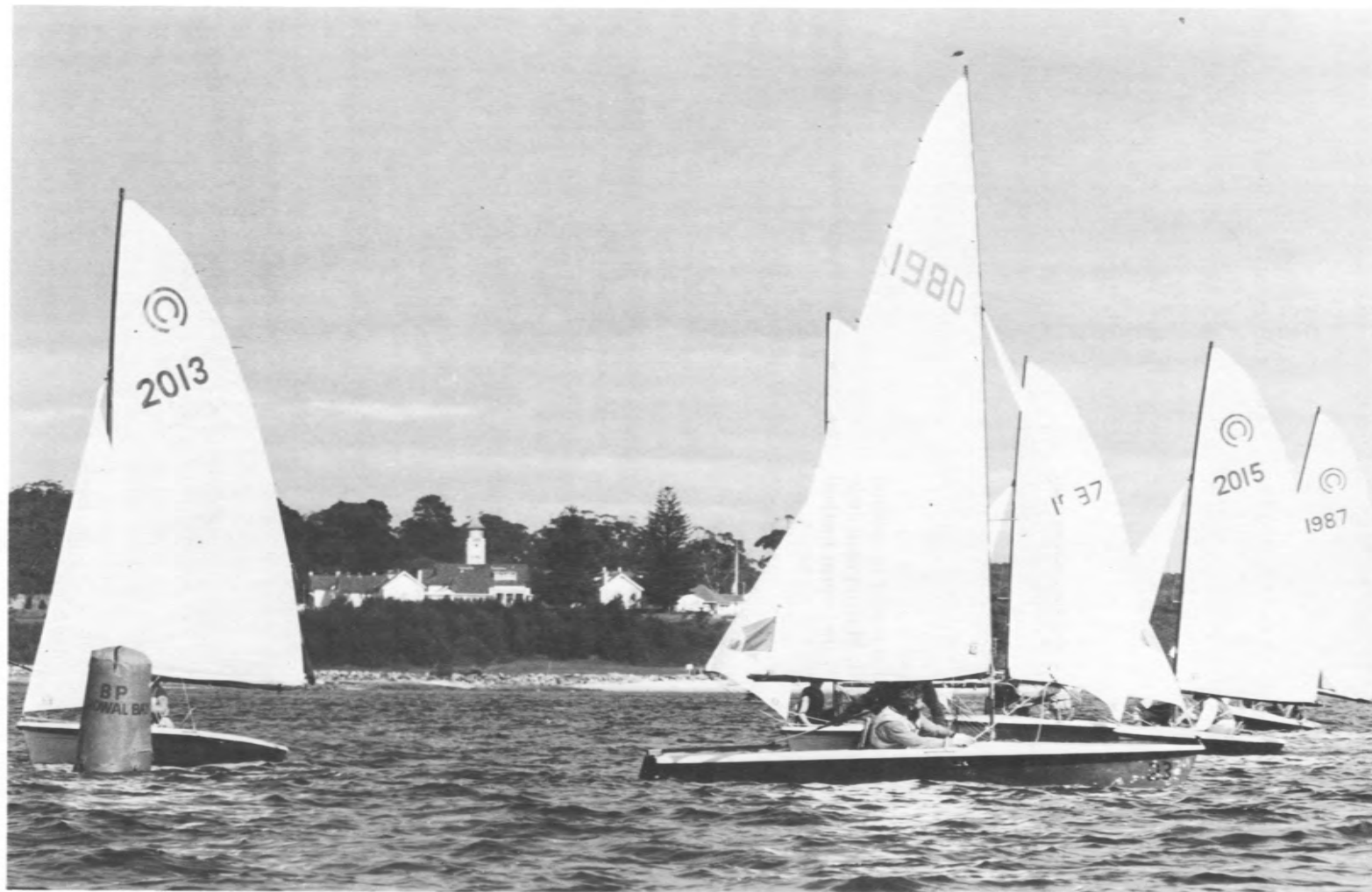
Everyone gathered around the dais to hear calls that were quite original, if not native. Few people realised the subtlety of the kookaburra's laugh, nor did the kookaburras it seems as they were seen flying away over the clock tower. Midshipman Greg Edminson won the event with a startling likeness both in appearance and sound.

'Coo-ee' calling took on a whole new perspective when Midshipman Simon Scott let fly his Scottish version. This was only topped

when Sub Lieutenant Tim Chalke chose to leave the 'ee' out of 'coo-ee'. Both these efforts scored big points from some unconventional umpiring by LCDR Grezl.

Once this event was completed the morning's scores were tabulated to find Cook Division coming an admirable last and loudest, Flinders third, Jervis second, and Phillip taking out the Pusser's cake. A barbecue followed to end an enjoyable morning's activities in the Bicentennial celebrations.





Sail training was conducted under the watchful eye of LCDR Peter Caldwell. It continues to be an integral part of the life at RANC.



The Navy continues to demonstrate its ability to mix the demands of a work environment with the needs of the natural environment at HMAS Creswell.

