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FOREWORD

By Captain D. J. Ramsay, RAN

As the 75th number of the RANC Magazine is published we can all look back with satisfaction on the achievements of 1989. Over 700 trainees have passed through the Royal Australian Naval College in 1989. This body of trainees has included Defence Academy graduates, Supplementary List, Special Duties and Reserve Officers, and officers from foreign navies. Additionally 100 officers undertook the Junior Officers Staff Course.

This diversity of backgrounds lends the Naval College an atmosphere that is particularly beneficial to the development of all trainees. Some trainees are able to offer their experience of naval service, others have extensive knowledge of their particular profession and others are highly qualified academically. All of this, coupled with the curriculum taught at the Naval College, gives Junior Officers a more rounded education.

The training requirements of the Naval College have been met by a dedicated staff and with the support of HMAS *Creswell* Ship's Company. Whilst reading this magazine I invite you to reflect on the time and effort that is invested into preparing our junior officers for further training and service for their country. The Naval College has been turning out fine officers since the first graduation in 1916 and I am confident that this tradition will continue into the 1990s.



HMAS CRESWELL, Jervis Bay, NSW



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 the Gunroom at Jervis Bay.



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 task 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.

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 Pilot's 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,

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

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 HC 723 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 Office, 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 9, and Samuel 5. 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.

LIEUTENANT COMMANDER D. S. SEWELL

After a full and worldly education in Canberra, Lieutenant Commander Sewell joined the Royal Australian Naval College as a Senior Entry in 1977. After completing the Creswell Course he served, whilst under training, in HMS *Norfolk* and HMAS *Supply*, HMAS *Moresby* and HMAS *Torrens*. After gaining his Bridge Watchkeeping Certificate, Lieutenant Commander Sewell served in HMAS *Torrens*, HMAS *Warrnambool*, HMAS *Ardent* and HMAS *Jervis Bay*.



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

After serving in Clearance Diving Team One and at the Clearance Diving School, he also served for a brief period on P & O's *Canberra* (a truly arduous duty).

Lieutenant Sewell then joined the Training Staff of HMAS *Creswell* on 8 July 1985 as Phillip Divisional Officer and Sailing Officer. He reluctantly left *Creswell* in December 1987 and, after a brief stint in the Directorate of Naval Training, was selected as the Flag Lieutenant to the Chief of Naval Staff.

After 12 months of hectic travel with Vice Admiral Hudson, he returned to *Creswell* in August 1989 as a newly promoted Lieutenant Commander and as the first Chief Instructor.

COLLEGE STAFF 1989

Commanding Officer:

Captain D. J. Ramsay, RAN

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Commander G. A. Ledger, RAN

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Lieutenant D. G. Luck, RAN

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Chaplain W. Reddin, RAN (Uniting Church)

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Lieutenant Commander D. S. Sewell, RAN

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Lieutenant C. L. Dodd, RAN

Lieutenant Commander R. F. Grezl, RAN

Lieutenant Commander P. R. Gomm, RAN

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Lieutenant R. C. Chartier, RAN

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Lieutenant A. W. Shearman, OAM, RAN

Junior Officer's Staff Course:

Lieutenant Commander M. A. Linsley, RAN

Lieutenant Commander J. A. D. Lines, RAN

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Lieutenant J. M. Hunter, RAN

Flinder's Divisional Officer:

Lieutenant M. A. Harling, RAN

Phillip Divisional Officer:

Lieutenant B. W. Jones, RAN

Lieutenant A. M. Shearman, OAM, RAN

Jervis Divisional Officer:

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Lieutenant Commander P. G. Gomm, RAN

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POQMG P. Stanton

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CPOPT R. J. Thomas

CPOPT I. Sutton

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POPT N. Dureya

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LWRPT N. Roberts



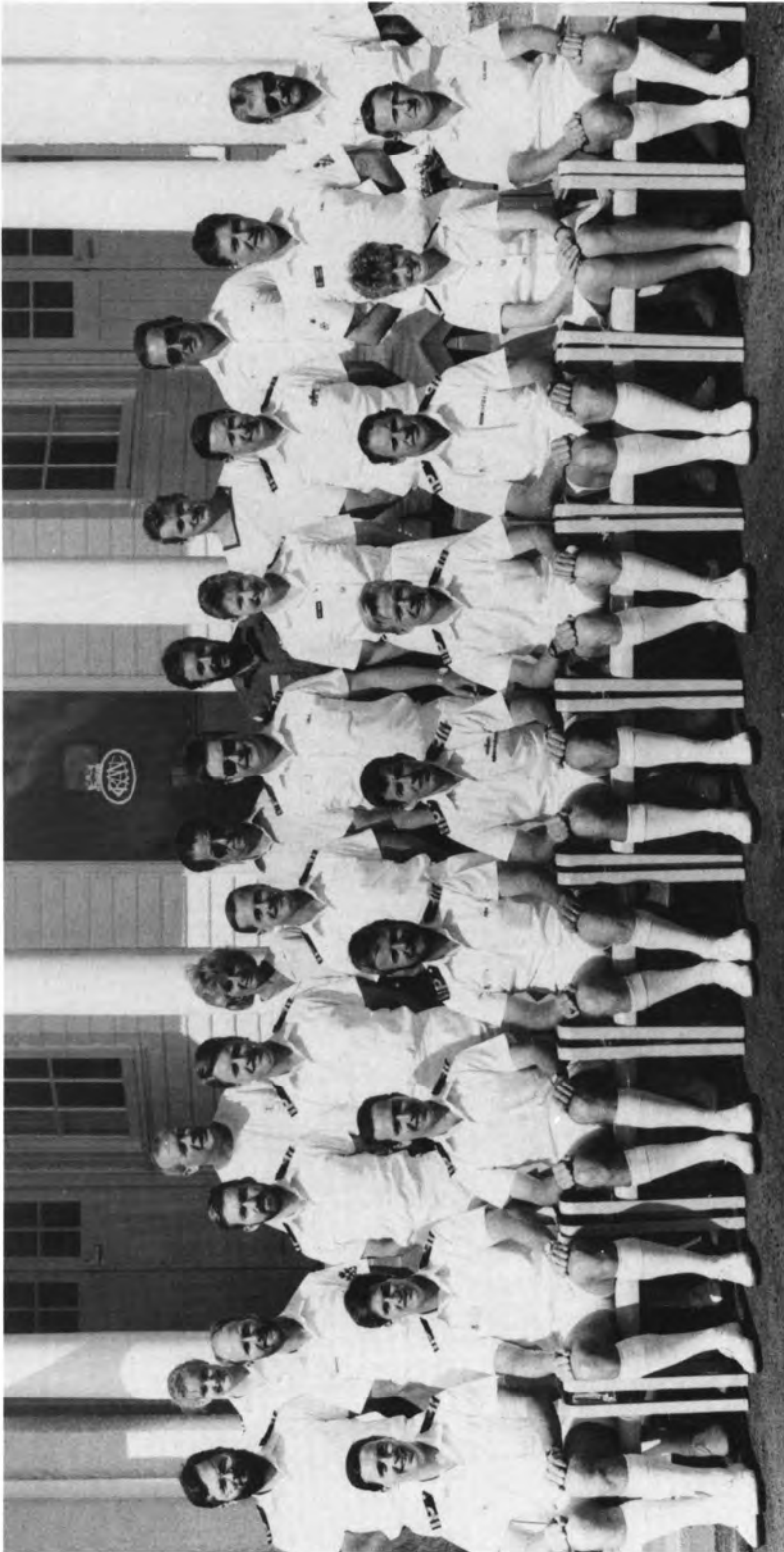
HMAS Creswell Training Staff

Back Row (L to R): LEUT Hunter, LEUT Jones, POSY Harper, POSTD Broughton, POMED Brown, LCDR Ezergailis, LEUT Bailey, CPOQMG Meyers, CPOSN Noonan, CPOFC Hair

3rd & 4th Row (L to R): LEUT Luck, CPOCX McLackland, LCDR Gomm, MAA K. A. Mann, LEUT Harling, LEUT Belton, LEUT Meney, LEUT Gibbons, CPOMTH Davis, CPOSV Kennedy, POMTP Vine, POWTR De Koning, CPOSTD Mackay, CPO Johnson, LEUT Chartier, POCOX McGregor, POCK Rankin

2nd Row (L to R): SBLT Ayers, POSV Lewsely, PO Watson, LEUT Brooks, LEUT Kenny, CPOPT Sutton, LEUT Shearman, WRPOSTD Herdman, LEUT White, POWTR McKewan, POSV Jarius

Front Row (L to R): LEUT Robinson, LEUT Crouch, LCDR Jones, LCDR Sewell, CAPT Ramsay, CMDR Ledger, CHAP Hill, LEUT Puttman, LEUT Kelly



HMAS Creswell Training Staff

HIGHLIGHTS OF 1989

1989 commenced quickly with the College staff preparing for the influx of trainees due in early February.

Creswell's Ship's Company held a Family Dance on the evening of 25 January on the Quarterdeck with over 250 personnel and family members thoroughly enjoying themselves. Australia Day brought honours to three of *Creswell's* personnel—Lieutenant A. W. Shearman, RAN, was awarded the Medal of the Military Division of the Order of Australia for his efforts in the establishment of the Personnel Liaison Team. Mr M. E. Halliday, and SWRRO P. Douglas received Australia Day Medallions in recognition of services in their respective fields of endeavour.

The RAN's taking delivery of the first S70B Seahawk helicopter had a minor hitch

as the truck driver mistook HMAS *Creswell* for the Naval Air Station and delivered the helicopter to a bewildered staff.

The Maritime Commander, Rear Admiral I. D. G. MacDougall, RAN, disembarked from HMAS *Darwin* to *Creswell* on 4 February, spending the night before returning to Sydney on the following day.

On 7 February, OFL 1201 was towed from her long-standing mooring to be the target for the FCF Hulkex. With the passing of the old OFL went also a favourite target for trainee boatwork evolutions.

The HMAS *Voyager* Memorial Service was conducted at Voyager Memorial Park, Huskisson on 10 February. Fifteen trainees of the Special Duties Officers Course formed a *Creswell* contingent.



Last post sounds at Voyager Memorial Service

As part of a practical leadership and seamanship evolution, some 25 members of the Junior Naval Command Course undertook an expedition to Bowen Island on 23 February. The evolution involved loading a tractor on to the flat top lighter at *Creswell* for towing to the Island where it was off-loaded. The second part of the evolution was to assist with the removal of several large objects, one a car, owned by the

Island's now dispossessed tenants, back to the mainland.

The Commandant of the Royal Military College of Canada, Commodore E. R. A. Murray, OMM, CD, ADC, accompanied by Mrs Murray, the Rector of the College, Doctor B. J. Plant and Mrs Plant, and Commander R. H. Melrick, the Canadian Defence and Naval Attache, visited RANC on 23 and 24 February.



Commodore E. R. A. Murray inspects the Divisions

The purpose of the visit was to examine the methods used by the RAN to recruit and train its officers. Commodore Murray reviewed Divisions and presented the 1988 Peter Mitchell Prize to Chief Petty Officer R. M. McLaurin.

The traditional Jazz and Review concert was held on the evening of 1 March which tested the good sense of humour of the staff as parodied by the trainees.

The City of Shoalhaven's sister city in the

People's Republic of China, Jiamusi, sent a delegation who visited RANC during April.

The Anzac Day service has grown in popularity because of the magnificent setting and this year over 200 veterans, serving members and their families, came to remember the fallen. The majority of *Creswell* marched in a parade through Huskisson which was led by Captain D. J. Ramsay. A service that followed in *Voyager* Memorial Park was attended by many.



Anzac Day March through Huskisson

The first of the newly arranged ICSC (Inter College Sports Carnival) was hosted by *Creswell* on the weekend of 22 and 23 April during which touch football, sailing, tennis, and female's softball were contested. *Creswell* was victorious over the weekend with ADFA running a close second, RMC and RAAF Williams finishing third and fourth respectively.

A most successful Open Day was held on 30 April. The day began at 1230 with Ceremonial Divisions and concluded with Ceremonial Sunset at 1800; both evolutions skilfully performed by officer trainees.

The Minister for Defence Science and Personnel, Mr D. W. Simmons, MP, visited *Creswell* on 15 May as part of a familiarisation tour of Defence Facilities on the South Coast. The Minister was accompanied by Commodore D. H. Thompson, AM, RAN, and both VIPs were shown around RANC

speaking to a number of trainees and Ship's Company.

During the period 24-25 May, the yacht *Tawarri*, skippered by retired RANR Commander Russel Vasey, berthed at *Creswell* on the final leg of her circumnavigation of Australia.

The Governor-General of Australia, His Excellency, the Honourable Mr Bill Hayden, AC, and Mrs Hayden, arrived at Jervis Bay on 3 July for a brief tour of *Creswell* and surrounds.

The Maritime Commander, Rear Admiral I. D. G. McDougall, RAN, arrived at *Creswell* on 25 July to give a presentation on the future of the RAN Fleet to the officers under training.

Staff and officers under training played host to children from the Raith Home Scheme on 26 and 27 August. These children, largely from foster families, had a most

enjoyable time pursuing a wide range of activities from abseiling to campfire sing-alongs. A similar camp was conducted for children of the Behavioural Management Support School on the weekend of 2 and 3 September.

The final quarter of 1989 continued at a high pace with the main peak occurring in late November when several large groups of Defence Academy midshipmen descended upon *Creswell* for Single Service training.

A reunion was conducted for the 1964 Junior Entry intake to the Royal Australian Naval College over the weekend of 30 September and 1 October, with over 35 ex cadet midshipmen attending. All participants were able to reminisce about their days un-

der training and they thoroughly enjoyed the return visit to their Alma Mater.

A team of eager cyclists and runners from the Ship's Company departed *Creswell* at 0600 on 11 November on a round trip to Canberra. The event was planned to raise money for the National Heart Foundation and St Vincent de Paul and riders were sponsored for the trip. The team cycled to Canberra via Kangaroo Valley and then back to Jervis Bay via Nerriga. During the first day the team set a good pace and arrived in Canberra at 1700. On arrival they presented a television set to the Theodore Street Behavioural School on behalf of the *Creswell* Ship's Company.



HMAS Creswell's Charity Run/Cycle Team

After remaining overnight at HMAS *Harman* the team commenced the return journey by foot. The runners made excellent time and by nightfall had reached Nerriga a day ahead of schedule. The following morn-

ing, 13 November the team returned on-board, footsore and exhausted. They had raised over \$2200.

The Deputy Support Commander, Commodore L. M. Sulman, RAN arrived at

HMAS *Creswell* on 16 November and the following day reviewed the graduation parade for Special Duties Officers Course Number 12.

Over 140 Defence Academy Midshipmen joined *Creswell* on 19 November for three weeks Single Service training.



Raith House guests sailing at Creswell

HISTORICAL SEGMENT

Introduction

The Historical Collection of the Royal Australian Naval College has come of age. In 1989 the Collection was relocated to a more appropriate, secure and permanent site, a volunteer worker was employed, a comprehensive cataloguing process begun, a number of important acquisitions were made, not to mention the commencement of a number of projects to enhance the written history of RANC.

Relocation

In March, LEUT Mark Harling took over the role of Historical Collection Officer from LEUT Michael Hickey. In time for the *Creswell* Open day on 30 April and with only two weeks to achieve it the Collection was relocated from the 'Captain's Annex' to the Gymnasium's 'Southern Annex'. Now situated in the 'study' area of RANC greater significance can be attached to much of the Collection's contents. The building itself is one of the originals and many a trainee will recall studying within its confines, Captain

Ramsay studied French inside it, whilst others, their matriculation or Higher School Certificate. No doubt also there will be some horrible memories recalled when trainees think of its other function—the dentist's surgery!

Objectives

Commensurate with the re-location was the setting of a number of important objectives which included the commencement of work on a fully comprehensive catalogue for the Collection. As an aid in this mammoth task Mr Eric ('Sam') Pitcher, RANC's last officially designated Study Corporal, was employed on a volunteer basis. As the end of the year fast approaches 90% of the Collection has been catalogued and photographed—something which has never before been undertaken.

Other objectives achieved have included the 100% validation of the Prizes, Relics and Trophies listing as well as the display of the 'Webber Collection' (magnificent handcrafted model ships) in one room of its own. Mr Peter Webber (the local craftsman) intends donating his greatest masterpiece an Elizabethan 40 gun frigate, to RANC for display soon. It is intended therefore to move the Webber Collection into Cerberus House where it will act as a focal point in a very large room designed to introduce visiting dignitaries and visitors to RANC. An active campaign to encourage donations of historical artifacts to the Collection has been very successful.

The most significant donation was made by Mr Andy Marshall (an employee of RANC) who donated his father's service documents and medals. Included in the donation was the very rare and precious Gallipoli Campaign medal. Negotiations are continuing with a local lady who hopes to donate an original personal log book of a sailor who served on HMAS *Australia* 1912-1919.

Events

The most historically significant event to affect RANC in 1989 was the death of Vice Admiral Sir John Collins, KBE, CB, RAN, (Rtd) on 3 September. Admiral Collins was born in 1899 and entered RANC as one of

the original entry in 1913—he was the first Australian Chief of Naval Staff. At a special bicentennial function in Canberra last year Sir John was one of 14 great Australians presented with a silver medallion by the then Governor General, Sir Ninian Stephen. Sir John was also one of the 200 chosen, who over the past 200 years have helped make Australia great. His memory will never be forgotten at RANC.

Other significant events included Class reunions for the Junior Entries of 1963 and 1979 (25 and 10 years respectively) as well as the 75th Anniversary celebrations of the Jervis Bay School—originally known as Captains Point Public School.

The Future

RANC has a special place in Australia's history and it is beholden upon us all to seek to preserve that history. The RANC Historical Collection now has a permanent, spacious and secure home and is well on its way to being fully catalogued. Every attempt is being made to enhance the written record of RANC's history and to improve the quality of displays. A good deal of 'our' history is out there with you locked away in old suitcases, cupboards and sheds not to mention your memories. If there is something you have tucked away gathering dust, (anything relevant to RANC or the Navy in general) please contact the Historical Collection Officer. An old coat, textbook, photograph, ornament, College cravat or written note of an event that occurred to you personally would serve to record forever more RANC's history.

The magazine, 76 years old, is itself one of the most significant historical documents at RANC. It is the only document to summarise, bind together and explain the ever changing role of RANC. In 1986 with the advent of the Australian Defence Force Academy *Creswell's* role changed dramatically and it is only in the College Magazines that the more subtle changes can and will be identified. Let us hope the magazine continues to receive the support it deserves in the years ahead. In 1989 the Collection hosted well over 1500 visitors, in 1990 and beyond it hopes to host many more—hope to see you next year.

COLLEGE HIERARCHY

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March–April
April–August
August–September
September–December

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MIDN S. Ottaviano
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MIDN S. Hinchey
MIDN S. Robinson

COLLEGE CAPTAINS REPORT

BY LIEUTENANT A. C. WILLIAMS, RAN

During 1989, the Royal Australian Naval College conducted two Junior Officer Common Training (JOCT) courses. Over a period of six months each, these two groups of eager young men and women were moulded into naval officers. This process involved a wide range of 'character building' activities which, we were assured, would benefit us in our naval careers.

The initial three week training period sub-merged us in boot polish and laundry starch, and we found that the key factor to completing the course was team work. We all leaned to run, march, eat, study and even get dressed as a team. Each individual had his or her own personal strength, and it was found that only with everyone contributing to the whole could we possibly achieve and maintain the standards that were expected of us. It was during these moments of trying to get the division ready for evening rounds, committing that last little bit of service studies information to memory, or learning to tie a bow tie in 13 seconds, that so many friendships were established. We all shared the thrill of completing our first task book and being rewarded with black gaiters to replace the white ones, marching from place to place instead of doubling and, joy of joys, being permitted entry to the Gunroom.

The course included EXPED, in which each JOCT group lived on army ration packs in the bush while carrying out evolutions to test our initiative and teamwork. A week long retreat entitled Character Guidance gave us an opportunity to examine our personal standards and motivations in relation to our naval careers and the demands that will be made of us in the future. Other activities during the course included the wet winch, which involved being hoisted out of

Jervis Bay by a helicopter, and a small arms training week that gave us an opportunity to fire pistols, rifles, shotguns and machine guns.

No military training would be complete without the gunnery staff marching us all around, initially empty handed but later with rifles and then with swords. Throughout the program, physical fitness played a large role. Whether we were going for an early morning run on the beach or competing on the football field, there was always some activity each day, guaranteed to work us into a sweat. Boatwork was an enjoyable part of our training and all of the junior officers were able to obtain their coxswain's ticket on at least one of HMAS *Creswell's* power boats.

A highlight during the training, and certainly something to look forward to in the future, was the mess dinner. This special event contains a good deal of naval ceremony, while providing the participants with a chance to 'carve up their mates' with well worded barbs.

A large component of the JOCT program was the training cruise. Each intake of junior officers spent four weeks aboard HMAS *Stalwart*, living with the junior sailors and performing duties in each of the ship's departments. This enlightening experience showed us first hand just what happens aboard ship and who does it.

Throughout the course, there have been moments of exhilaration and exhaustion, elation and frustration, but through it all we knew that we would be better naval officers for it. We have discovered who we are and what we are capable of. We now know how we can grow as professionals and how we can serve our country.



**FLINDERS DIVISIONAL OFFICER
LIEUTENANT M. A. HARLING, RAN**



**JERVIS DIVISIONAL OFFICER
LIEUTENANT D. L. GIBBONS, RAN**



**PHILLIP DIVISIONAL OFFICER
LIEUTENANT A. W. SHEARMAN
OAM, RAN**



**COOK DIVISIONAL OFFICER
LIEUTENANT J. M. HUNTER, RAN**

JERVIS DIVISION—COLLEGE ENTRY

During 1989, the fine traditions of striving to be number one never receded in Jervis Division. Whilst there may have been many changes in personnel and facets of training, the Great Blue Whale continued to make its presence known. Under the Leadership of three divisional officers and six divisional captains, the division was kept on its toes emulating the unofficial College motto of work hard, play hard.

The year began with JNCC 10, an intense seven week period of academic, sporting and social activity. The academic and sporting results were pleasing. The proof that the Great Blue Whale is the divisional symbol was well proved in the aquatic arena with MIDN Vicki Roche winning the award for best female swimmer at the swimming carnival. Unfortunately, despite her efforts, Jervis was not to win the championship on the day. In the academic and professional area, Jervis was well represented at the first Passing Out Parade with two divisional members receiving prizes, MIDN Horden Wiltshire receiving the RANC Jubilee Year Graduating memorial Sword, and LEUT Mark Muir, the Commodore Sir James Ramsay Prize.

6 March 1989 saw the commencement of JOCT 7. The Division began its life with 15 members. Sadly two were to leave for different careers.

From the beginning the pace was challenging, as it is designed to be, with Jervis Division pulling together as a team. Throughout the initial training period, Jervis developed a sense of pride in themselves combined with the desire to have a good time doing it.

Highlights for Jervis included complete domination of team sports—the Pixley Cup, the Cross Country, the *Creswell* Cup and the Tug-of-War. Jervis routinely dominated the parade ground and, though they may not have been the prettiest, their efforts showed through.

Jervis went to sea from 6 June to 30 June in HMAS *Stalwart*. The trip included such highlights as Cairns and the Whitsundays.

They returned from Training Cruise minus the Divisional Officer, LEUT Michael Hickey, who had left for greener pastures in

Sydney, he being replaced by Gunnery Officer, LEUT Daniel Gibbons, on 4 June 1989. The handover lifted our level of performance by Jervis winning divisions and taking out the *Creswell* Cup.

Despite the domination in team sports, Jervis was pipped at the post for Cock Division by Cook. During the period Jervis lived up to the expectations of the Divisional 'Gunnery' staff by winning Captain's Divisions. Other pleasing areas were in academics with best performance by Jervis in JOCT 7, JNCC 11 and SDOC 11.

The Passing Out Parade on 18 August 1989 was a great success with Jervis obtaining good representation in the coveted Guard positions. The renowned *Creswell* Gap made its appearance and the parade went ahead, despite inclement weather. Pleasing performances for Jervis were from three members, with MIDN Steven Sanders receiving the HMAS *Leeuwin* Sword for best overall performance of the graduating class.

MIDN Michael Dunne received the Commodore Sir James Ramsay Prize for best performance during Junior Officer Common Training and MIDN Alan Cowan the Department of Defence Cruise Prize for best performance during the training cruise.

21 August 1989 saw Jervis Division Receive 14 fresh and enthusiastic new faces for JOCT 8. Formed from a multitude of different backgrounds, experience and abilities, Jervis Division soon rallied together as a strong team triumphant in achieving course objectives.

Whilst not blitzing the College in all sporting events, Jervis showed consistency and maintained sportsmanship. The Fun Games Carnival held in the first week saw a valiant effort from Jervis which was not reflected in the eight point disparity. Jervis however, did a sound job in winning the Inter-Divisional tennis—five games to one. However, they had set our sights high: Jervis was also victorious in the Iron Man Championships in which our combined prowess overwhelmed Flinders and saw Jervis take the victory cake.

Jervis maintained their enthusiasm and willingness to participate in all activities. We always provided volunteers for groups visiting the College, sporting events with visiting ships, and all manner of social activities.

The wet winch, character guidance, and expedition training were a few of the other scheduled activities that Jervis was involved in with members fostering a Divisional spirit and camaraderie.

A BZ for Captain's rounds saw Jervis once again prove their seniority and highlight how successfully the team worked together. Of course Jervis Division would not be what it is without our Divisional Officers. Under the umbrella of his ideal of 'a minimum 100% effort', LCDR Paul Gomm rapidly earned our respect in the initial weeks of JOCT 8. Mid Stream saw his replacement,

LEUT Daniel Gibbons, take over the reins again with a bevy of fresh ideas and a cheerful grin.

All the while Jervis was assisted by our Divisional Senior Sailor, Chief Al Meyers, and MIDN Gavin 'Baz' Barry, our Divisional Captain.

As the more formal part of JOCT 8 draws to a close, Jervis has enjoyed hard times but many more happy occasions. Jervis has strived to prove themselves in their enthusiasm, initiative and determination. In the tradition of the Great Blue Whale, Jervis has certainly triumphed in 1989.

Divisional Officer:	January-June LEUT M. Hickey June-August LEUT D. Gibbons August-September LCDR P. Gomm September-December LEUT D. Gibbons
Divisional Senior Sailor:	CPOQMG A. Meyers
College Captain:	April-August MIDN S. Sanders
Divisional Captains:	January-March MIDN G. Edmestone March MIDN G. O'Loughlan April MIDN S. Sanders April-August MIDN A. Covan September-December MIDN G. Barry
Mess Presidents:	August-December MIDN S. Robinson

JERVIS DIVISION

JOCT 7

SBLT ME DUNNE
MIDN PS RICHARDS
MIDN SW SANDERS
MIDN BN HART
MIDN AJ COWAN
MIDN KR DUNSMORE
MIDN AJ DOBB
MIDN JN McGRATH
MIDN PB NAVEAU
MIDN CM RICE
MIDN JL PALMER
MIDN SM NUTSCHNIG

JOCT 8

SBLT RG ASTFALCK
MIDN GJ BARRY
MIDN BJK BUTLER
MIDN LS CORNISH
MIDN MA CROXFORD
MIDN GJ EDWARDS
MIDN DA HANNAH
MIDN FJ KIRK

B/SBLT SJ LAWSON
MIDN AJ MOTLEY
MIDN EI PIEKUSIS
MIDN SJ ROBINSON
B/SBLT H SHINDY
MIDN BJ TABER
MIDN FL WADDINGHAM

JNCC 10

SBLT RW BAREIS
MIDN S BERNOTAS
MIDN LJ BRETT
MIDN J COLLOUGH
MIDN SE DENGATE
MIDN G EDMISTONE
MIDN DF ELFORD
MIDN LS GORDON
MIDN SC IMPETT
MIDN DJ McRAE
MIDN JP KEOGH
MIDN KJ MITCHELL
MIDN SJ MOLES
MIDN MA MUIR
MIDN G O'LOUGHLAN
MIDN C CORNELL

MIDN DJ PEAKE
MIDN NE ROCHE
MIDN S WILLIAMSON
MIDN M DRUMMOND
MIDN WH WILTSHIRE

JNCC 11

MIDN M CREW
MIDN KRM DUNSMORE
MIDN P MCCARTHY
MIDN SM NUTSCHNIG
MIDN AR PALMER
MIDN HL POTTER
MIDN AJ COWAN
SBLT HE DUNNE
MIDN RH JAMES
MIDN JN MCGRATH
MIDN J PALMER
MIDN PS RICHARDS
MIDN AS ABBOTT
MIDN AJ DOBB
MIDN B HART
MIDN P NAVEAU
MIDN CM RICE
MIDN WV LAMBERT
MIDN SW SANDERS
MIDN MT TINNING

FOSLEX 1/89

CONST M TOHINING
2LT L KASE
2LT P VITUS

SSOC 7

B/CHAP E BURTON
B/SBLT NC CARLTON
B/CHAP PJ CASEY
B/SBLT J EVANS
B/LEUT JD QUIGLEY

UVOC 1/89

MIDN SL CUNNINGHAM
MIDN CAH PURCELL

SDOC 10

SBLT RS DAVID
SBLT JJ WILLIAMS
SBLT S WILKINSON

SDOC 11

SBLT CM BAMBROOK
SBIN GT CARTMILL
SBLT GJ KOEHLER
SBLT DJ STEWART
SBLT JF TAYLOR

SDOC 12

SBLT J CUNNIFFE
SBLT SJ ENGLISH
SBLT DN JAMIESON
SBLT P LONGLEY

ADFA

YEAR 1

MIDN NH AULMANN
MIDN GWL BLACKBURN
MIDN ND CHEVERTON
MIDN GW DAY
MIDN GJ FLETCHER
MIDN GI FRAYNE
MIDN SL GLASSOCK
MIDN AM GROMAN
MIDN SJ HURD
MIDN SM KAMINSKI
MIDN BJ LINFOOT
MIDN AJ McDONALD
MIDN PRA MEISEL
MIDN PM ODRISCOLL
MIDN CL PERKINS
MIDN PH RALPH
MIDN O SCHACHT
MIDN JL SKINNER
MIDN KK SULLIVAN
MIDN FL THORBURN
MIDN MJ TURNER
MIDN LJ VIRGO
MIDN BA WHITE

YEAR 2

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 WAYNE
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

YEAR 3

MIDN CS BRYANT
MIDN ML CANTER
MIDN AR GARVEN
MIDN JJ METZL
MIDN JV REYNOLDS
MIDN STEPHENSON
MIDN DJ BATROUNEY
MIDN HCE DRESHSLER
MIDN LJ GODDARD
MIDN WA HUGHES
MIDN AR NEWBERRY
MIDN SL SEDGEWICK
MIDN GK BURNEY
MIDN AW DICKSON
MIDN JG NASH
MIDN CJ SMALLHORN

January 1989—JNCC 10

With the Bicentennial and an enjoyable Christmas leave over, members of JOCT 6 were joined by some Academy and RMIT graduates, together with a number of UVOC (4), to form the first Flinders Division for 1989. The Junior Naval Command Course (No. 10) and the enjoyment of College life was to be our aim.

Lieutenant Mark Harling, posted across the Quarterdeck from the Captain's Secretary's Office, joined CPOSY Rod McLaurin and our divisional Captain 'Jack' Coard to lead the mighty yellows.

The ex-RMIT members soon established themselves as the Divisional 'father figures' especially SBLT Doug Hughes and MIDN Lee Robinson but in the more physically demanding aspects of College life such as Early Morning Activity (EMA) their weaknesses were quickly exposed. Having MIDN Simon Ottaviano (ex-ADFA) as College Mess President within its ranks it was clear that Flinders Division would lead the College in a number of ways. Not only was his acceptance proof of the lack of racial tension within the Division but it was also a sign that many fine Divisional social functions would

eventuate. Led by SBLT Nicola Russell and the zany MIDN Melissa Wade many a fine Divisional gathering was had at the Husky Pub and La Prima Italian Restaurant.

The honoured winners of Cock Division at the end of the 1988 Flinders worked exceptionally hard to win the swimming and athletic carnivals (special performances being given by SBLT Mick McCourt, MIDN Dean Schopen and Elise Burnside) and scored some demoralising victories in the cricket and ironman contests. Sadly however our marching left a little to be desired and despite strong showings in sport and academics Flinders missed out on back to back Cock Division Trophies by 0.34 of one per cent.

As graduation day approached the Division reflected and duly paid homage to Jack Coard who had guided us through many sticky situations.

March 1989—JOCT 7

The new JOCT Course (No. 7) began on 5 March 89 under the direction of MIDN Darren Gilmour ably assisted by MIDN Brett Meredith. As with many new entry trainees a certain amount of 'shock' was experienced in the first few weeks. Certainly SBLT Kevin McLean, who eventually became College Mess President, discovered that he had absolutely no organisational skills—his cabin (if you could call it that) didn't take shape for quite some time. It wasn't long before the first kit-musters were being prepared (Ian Menzies can attest to the carpets comfortability) and those deserving of privileges such as custodianship of the Divisional 'Rock' and 'Gnome' received their just rewards—just ask Sean Hinchey and Justin Jones. Particular mention should also be made of Officer Cadet Zainorin (Zai or Zak to his mates) from Royal Brunei Navy. Zai joined RANC to undertake JOCT, JNCC and EXAC training but seemed very keen to study something called 'Fostas'! Although we lost the Pixley Cup very early on it was apparent that a very lively and enthusiastic Division was in the making—Flinders soon became known as the 'family Division'. Sadly we lost two members of the 'family' LEUT Alan Ansell who returned to his family of four kids in Hamilton, Victoria and MIDN Timothy Brendon who departed

for 'corporate management' and a job with Telecom.

July 1989—JNCC 11

At the commencement of JNCC the division was introduced to the new Yeoman, POSY Peter 'Bloo' Harper who also took over the role of Flinders Divisional Senior Sailor. Bloo relieved the long serving (4½ years at RANC) Chief Rod McLaurin—we thought there could only be one 'legend' at a time. In a moving ceremony at his last 'Divvy do', 'Chief' presented some of his memorabilia to 'Ming' Menzies (the Chief's sweat shirt being the most prized possession). Ming's response was suitably coined and included a vote of thanks to Sue McLaurin for her terrific support to Flinders over the years. The Passing Out Parade and Ball was soon upon us at which Virginia Oborn, John Polglaze and Kevin McLean were all prize winners. The Ball held at the Shoalhaven Ex-servicemen's Club, was a great success thanks to LEUT Harling, SBLT McLean and MIDN Sanders. The Ball was the final opportunity for Flinders to gather together and say its farewells. Rod and Sue McLaurin were formally thanked and presented with a 'Flag Bin' complete with golf putter, we all wished Brett Mark the best of luck on pilots course and bade our farewells to each other.

August 1989—JOCT 8

Half an hour after the Passing Out Parade Luncheon on Friday 18 August JOCT 8 members started to 'roll in'. The course,

only a small group, required that Phillip and Cook Divisions be temporarily closed and a Duty Watch system consisting of three watches be introduced.

The course started off at a helter-skelter pace with a very thorough Initial Training Period of 4 weeks. The Task Book loomed as a great ogre to many but with a great deal of determination MIDN Paul Doble and MIDN Cindy-Lee Kidd finally conquered the Cross Country (5 kms in 26 and 35 mins respectively) whilst Belinda Cleary led the way in producing 'smiling socks'. Our ex-LSCOX Neil Carlile produced a kit-muster so perfect it was recorded for posterity on film (to be used for instructional purposes) and it wasn't long before ITP was over (for most!) to be closely followed by a Character Guidance Course, Expedition and NBCD training prior to the Training Cruise in early November. The day before the Cruise Flinders lost its first member in MIDN Bamford (John-The-Barbituate!) or 'Sweet-Pea' to his friends.

MIDN Max Muller and LEUT Alan Williams were both honoured with their selections as Divisional Captain and College Captain respectively. We're all wondering whether Alan's selection had anything to do with his Championship winning Kookaburra call given at the Fun Games! The nature of JOCT was such that it wasn't until week 13 that we could have our first Divisional function. It was there that the Division discovered that Mrs Harling was pregnant (six months no less!) and that the DO would have two types of 'new entry' to train up in the early part of next year!

FLINDERS DIVISION

Divisional Officer:	Lieutenant M. Harling, RAN (January–December)
Divisional Senior Sailors:	CPOSY R. McLaurin (January 1985–August 1989) POSY P. Harper (August–December)
Divisional Captains:	MIDN J. Coard January–March MIDN D. Gilmour March MIDN J. Jones April–August MIDN M. Muller September–December

JOCT 7

MIDN JF POLGLAZE
MIDN PT McCARTHY
MIDN V OBORN
MIDN JG JONES

SBLT MJ SQUAIR
MIDN NA McLEARY
MIDN SA HINCHEY
MIDN AG PRINCE
MIDN BW MARK

B/SBLT KW McLEAN
MIDN A PAPP
MIDN IR MENZIES
OCDT Z ZAINORIN

JOCT 8

MIDN J BAMFORD
MIDN B CLEARY
MIDN P DOBLE
MIDN D MANN
MIDN M MULLER
SBLT R SHAWCROSS
SBLT M SLATTERY
LEUT A WILLIAMS
MIDN N CARLILE
MIDN D DEZENTJE
MIDN A JONES
MIDN C KIDD
MIDN J NAVIN
SBLT C KELLY

JNCC 10

SBLT D HUGHES
MIDN D SCHOPEN
MIDN J COARD
MIDN R EVANS
SBLT M McCOURT
MIDN I MURRAY
MIDN S OTTAVIANO
MIDN B WALKER
MIDN A FINDLAY
MIDN D GILMOUR
MIDN A LINDSAY
MIDN B MEREDITH
MIDN E MITCHELL
SBLT N RUSSELL
MIDN M WADE
SBLT B WEINTZ
MIDN E BURNSIDE
MIDN C BOURKE
MIDN E DRYSDALE
MIDN J SCHWENKE
LEUT D BURNINGHAM
SBLT R BROADLEY

JNCC 11

LEUT A ANSELL
MIDN T BREEDON
MIDN S HINCHEY
MIDN B MARK
SBLT K McLEAN
MIDN N McCLEARY
MIDN I MENZIES
MIDN V OBORN

MIDN J POLGLAZE
MIDN A PRINCE
SBLT M SQUAIR
MIDN A PAPP
OCDT Z ZAINORIN
MIDN P MELLICK
MIDN J JONES
MIDN A THRELFALL
MIDN S MASON

FOSLEX

ENS LF LATORRE

SSOC 7

B/LEUT J HERBERT
B/LEUT KL LEACOCK
B/LEUT D LOH
B/LEUT AJ MARTIN
B/LEUT CY ROSSITER

UVOC 1/89

MIDN RP BRYSON
MIDN CM KELLY
MIDN H SHINDYERS

SDOC 10

SBLT DR HOGARTH
MIDN D ILLYES
SBLT PJ SMITH

SDOC 11

SBLT KI CLEWS
SBLT WM HERON
SBLT JR MORGAN
LEUT DL RENNIE

SDOC 12

SBLT MV AICHHOLZER
SBLT MA CAREW
SBLT PC HARRINGTON
LEUT PJ MITCHELL
SBIN BA SANKEY

ADFA

YEAR 1

MIDN KAR BAYLISS
MIDN AM BIRCH
MIDN RA CATON
MIDN JA CLARKE
MIDN SJ DART
MIDN DA DAWE
MIDN CL EVANS
MIDN AJ GIST
MIDN DJ GRIFFITHS

MIDN AM HENSFORD
MIDN JC HUNTER
MIDN AM JAMES
MIDN CM LEGGETT
MIDN CR LINDSEY
MIDN DJ MACNAMARA
MIDN BA MOLONEY
MIDN JC NISBET
MIDN JE PATEMAN
MIDN EJ REEKS
MIDN DJ TURNER
MIDN KM VICKERS
MIDN BEM WESTCOTT
MIDN EC WILLIAMS

YEAR 2

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

YEAR 3

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

PHILLIP DIVISION

Many changes have occurred in Phillip Division throughout 1989. The first of the changes took place on 3 March when Lieutenant Andy Shearman took hold of the reins from Lieutenant Barry Jones who had been leading his charges with firm but gentle guidance. To his credit, with the handing over of the Division came the honour of Cock Division, followed by a brand new team of trainees.

JOCT 7 arrived on 6 March and, like their peers from other divisions, they had to quickly learn and adjust to a very demanding lifestyle. At first the Division appeared apprehensive about their newly chosen career; many had difficulty gaining confidence on the sporting field and of course on the parade ground.

Confidence was restored. Winning the softball, the first of the Interdivisional sports, and being judged the best Division for Captain's Divisions helped reassure the members of Phillip that they did not have two left feet as they had first imagined. Our success on the parade ground was short lived. However our sporting prowess continued to grow with Phillip Division taking out first place in the major sporting competitions and second place in mass participation games.

August saw the closing down of Phillip Division as a depleted intake of JOCT 8 forced the necessity to only form two divisions. To all my fellow Phillip Divisional Officers, and all those who proudly boast that they were from the mighty Green Division, you can rest assured that the closing down of the Division has only been an interim step. January 1990 will see the Division and its staff in full swing with the

commencement of JNCC shortly followed by the new entry JOCT 9.

Looking back over the year, staff and

trainees have all worked very hard to maintain the high standards that we expect from Royal Australian Naval College.

Divisional Officer: January–March LEUT B. Jones
March–August LEUT A. Shearman
Divisional Senior Sailor: CPOQMG N. Hair
Divisional Captain: January–March SBLT A. Downie
March–August SBLT A. J. Wise

JOCT 7

B/SBLT AJ WISE SLEN
MIDN GA WADLEY SLEX
MIDN SM JOHNSON SLSU
B/SBLT PS REKERS SLEX
MIDN TC BINNS SLSU
MIDN BG COX SLEX
MIDN FN BYRNE SLEX
MIDN SG STEWART SLEX
MIDN JM IFOULD SLEX
MIDN PA DONEHUE SLEX
MIDN MA SOMMER SLATP
MIDN MG BORCK SLIT

JNCC 11B

MIDN TC BINNS
MIDN BG COX
MIDN PA DONEHUE
MIDN BC EDWARDS
MIDN SG STEWART
MIDN MG BORCK
MIDN ESM MULDER
B/SBLT PS REKERS
MIDN GA WADLEY
MIDN FN BYRNE
MIDN SJ CANNELL
MIDN JP CARR
MIDN JCF HATCHER
MIDN N HAYES
MIDN SM JOHNSON
B/SBLT AJ WISE

FOSLEX

LEUT DW DEXTER
LEUT AA EKO
LEUT PJ MULUWEIRAM
CMDR MR MANGMOG

SSOC

B/LEUT SJ ROBSON
B/LEUT GW WRIGHT

UVOC 1/89

MIDN TA BROWN
MIDN MJ HARDEN

SDOC 10

MIDN LDW KAMBANAROS
SBLT MG McCONNELL
LEUT AW SHEARMAN
SBLT PA TEICHMANN

SDOC 11

SBLT PC ANDERSON
SBLT AR MILSON
SBLT GW REDMAN
SBLT DBE WOODWARD

ADFA

YEAR 1

MIDN PWJ BATES
MIDN K BUTTERWORTH
MIDN AM CAMPBELL
MIDN MJ COAD
MIDN A COLLIE
MIDN CJ CORCORAN
MIDN BA DOUGLAS
MIDN MK FLYNN
MIDN DC GOULD
MIDN JM HILLOCK
MIDN BW JONES
MIDN W LODGE
MIDN AS McDONALD
MIDN BA OLDHAM
MIDN KM PARRY
MIDN G REIS
MIDN LM RENKEMA
MIDN RG SELWAY
MIDN RL SWAIN
MIDN PJ THOMPSON
MIDN GM TUXWORTH
MIDN AN VINCENT

YEAR 2

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 O'SHANASSY
MIDN SJ PHILLIPS
MIDN DA VANGELDER
MIDN DJ WATTS
MIDN AJ WOOD
MIDN AJ BOURKE
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

YEAR 3

MIDN PA BEAUMONT
MIDN CS CHALMERS
MIDN AJ MORRIS
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 SEXTONE
MIDN BS STEELE

COOK DIVISION

The integration in January of the Defence Academy and RMIT Graduates with JOCT 6 ignited a new spirit within the Division. Under the supervision of Mike Fitzgerald (Divisional Captain) and Rob Woodcock (Sports Officer), the Division competed in a variety of Interdivisional sports including swimming and athletics carnivals, cricket, touch football and volleyball. In the athletics, Pete Steel, Mike Fitzgerald and Birgette Lange all won their respective 800 metre events, and Rob Woodcock's effort in the 3000 metres epitomised the tremendous spirit which was now commonplace on the 'Red Deck'.

At a very successful Passing Out Parade in March, Mike Fitzgerald was awarded the JNCC Cruise prize for best performance during JNCC. After graduating, the SUACs remained at *Creswell* to assist the new entry midshipmen with their transition to College life and also to instruct them how to tie bow ties, spit polish shoes and correctly iron uniforms. Many thanks to Fl McNaught and Sarah King who made a new Cook Divisional Banner which will continue to be used well into the 90's.

From the outset it was evident that the members of JOCT 7 in Cook Division had the potential to do very well in the sporting arena, an area in which we had been sadly lacking in previous entries. Ainslie Morthorpe passed the Divisional Captaincy on to Graham Swan, a trainee who had in fact joined *Creswell* nine years previously as a junior entry. Graham, with Sion Griffiths, possibly the fittest sports officer the Division has ever seen, and Noel 'the Whip' Watts, combined to win the Interdivisional touch football in April, and with a close second to Jervis in the Pixlie Cup it was obvious we were going to be a force to be reckoned with in 1989.

A wide range of professional courses including NBCD, Character Guidance, EXPED and Rifle Shooting were enjoyed by all and in June the Division joined HMAS *Stalwart* for Training Cruise. With Lieutenant Hunter embarked as Training Officer, we visited Cairns and Hamilton Island and for almost a week where we were taught the

fundamentals of coastal navigation and pilotage in the Whitsunday Islands. It was regarded by most as the best month of training and many experiences such as Engine-room watches, cooking for 300 men in the main galley, or performing the duties of Bridge Lookout from 2 to 3 in the morning shall always be remembered.

Midshipman Mark Webster took over as Divisional Captain at the start of JNCC and his natural leadership style quickly moulded JOCT 6 and EXAC 10 K/Y classes into a winning combination. The sporting teams were boosted by the return of the EXAC's and the Division convincingly won the basketball and soccer with second places in tug-of-war, cross country and a draw with Phillip

in the tennis. Particularly pleasing were the academic results with a lot of hard work paying off in the final JNCC exams.

The Division was rewarded in August when it won the coveted Cock Division trophy. Mark Webster received the trophy from Captain Ramsay on behalf of the Division. Mark was also awarded the United States Naval Institute prize at the Passing Out Parade for the best overall performance during JNCC.

The Division closed down in August as a result of a diminished intake of SL's, however, commencing January 1990 the spirit and teamwork will return with a very busy 2 months programmed prior to the March Passing Out Parade.

Divisional Positions:

Divisional Officer:

Divisional Senior Sailors:

Divisional Captains:

Lieutenant Hunter

Petty Officer Fordyce

Petty Officer Stanton

Sub Lieutenant Fitzgerald (January-March)

Midshipman Morthorpe (March)

Midshipman Swan (April-June)

Midshipman Webster (July-August)

JOCT 7

MIDN GD SWAN SLEX

MIDN CJ RITCHIE SLEX

MIDN EM MOORE SLEX

SBLT NV WATTS SLEN

MIDN DS GRIFFITHS SLEX

B/SBLT AL HOLMES SLIT

MIDN MA LEACH SLEX

SBLT JW CHANDLER SLEN

MIDN DC BAGULEY SLEX

MIDN MD CUNDELL SLEX

MIDN CE SMITH SLEX

SBLT CJ SMIDT SLIT

MIDN RJ BOULTON SLEX

MIDN PA STUBBS SLEX

JNCC 10

MIDN SG BESWICK

B/SBLT DAC BOSWORTH

B/SBLT RJ COOK

B/SBLT MR FITZGERALD

MIDN SA KING

MIDN AG MORTHORPE

MIDN MW ORR

B/SBLT DMW COYLE

B/SBLT MA JOLLEY

MIDN FJ McNAUGHT

B/SBLT PR REES

MIDN PR STEEL

B/SBLT RJW WOODCOCK

MIDN CA AZZOPPARDI

B/SBLT JD BRYNARD

B/SBLT RH ELLIOTT

MIDN B LANGE

MIDN EJ McDONALD

MIDN JB POTTER

MIDN DJ TIETZEL

MIDN LM TOWNSEND

JNCC 11

MIDN SR ARTHUR

MIDN DC BAGULEY

MIDN G CAMILOS

MIDN MD CUNDELL

MIDN AM GORDON

B/ASLT AL HOLMES

MIDN EM MOORE

MIDN CE SMITH

MIDN PJA SPARKES

B/SBLT NV WATTS

MIDN MJ BALLHAUSE

MIDN RJ BOULTON

B/SBLT ST BROWN

MIDN RB DONNELLY

MIDN PD GREGG
MIDN DS GRIFFITHS
MIDN PM KENSHOLE
MIDN CJ RITCHIE
MIDN PA STUBBS
MIDN MA WEBSTER

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MIDN RG BOYD
MIDN S LOWE
MIDN AJ SMALL

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LEUT RJ COOPER
SBLT TP GARSIDE
SBLT DJ PARRY

SDOC 11

SBLT AJ BOOTH
SBLT PWS GORMAN
SBLT BE GURR
SBLT KA WALTERS
LEUT DS WENZEL

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YEAR 1

MIDN WL ALFORD
MIDN EM BOYLE
MIDN AJ CAPNER
MIDN CA EVANS
MIDN AR GIBBS
MIDN NR GREENE
MIDN KE HACK
MIDN WW HOBAN
MIDN JR ISBELL
MIDN BA KINGDOM
MIDN SG LYMN
MIDN SG MILLER
MIDN NH MILLIGAN
MIDN DW PEMBREY
MIDN DJ POWELL
MIDN PJ REYNOLDS
MIDN CJ SMITH
MIDN AM STRINGER
MIDN AJ TRACKSON
MIDN LJ TRENCHARD

MIDN MJ VAUGHAN
MIDN NC ZILLMAN

YEAR 2

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 JM 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

YEAR 3

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

PASSING OUT PARADE

3 MARCH 1989

The parade was reviewed by Flag Officer Naval Support Command, Rear Admiral A. R. Horton, AO, RAN. As special guests to the parade were the Royal Australian Naval College Class of 1936, and their Course Officer, Commander H. C. Wright, RAN (R'td). In addition senior local personages, retired senior officers and members of local and state government were in attendance to witness the parade.

The graduation group comprised 34 General List, 54 Supplementary List and 9 Special Duties officers.

The majority of the graduates (Supplementary) joined the Royal Australian Naval College in August 1988 and comprise ex-sailors, high school and tertiary graduates.

The professional and academic training they have undertaken during the past seven months has comprised; Navigation, Naval Weapons Technology, Seamanship, Naval History and Service Communications. Eighteen of their number are ex-sailors who have completed five years of engineering degrees at the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology.

The Special Duties graduates have come from diverse backgrounds ranging from clearance diving, seaman branch, medical, to naval stores, aircrew and physical training. Most of them will return to their specialist fields having completed their training at RANC.



The March Past

PRIZEWINNERS

The Queen's Gold Medal

Presented annually to the graduate 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.

—Sub Lieutenant R. C. Stone, RAN

RANC Jubilee Year Graduates Memorial Sword

The sword is 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, D. J. Sanders, of HMAS SYDNEY and B. C. L. Lindsey, K. F. Mar-ien, R. W. Mauder, F. J. Morgan, of HMAS VOYAGER who graduated from RANC in 1963, and who later lost their lives at sea whilst under training.

—Sub Lieutenant W. H. Wiltshire, RAN

Returned Services League of Australia Sword

The sword is 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 Serviceman's League of Australia, and was first presented in 1970.

—Midshipman J. A. Coard, RAN

Commodore Ramsay Prize

The award is presented to the graduate who displays best overall performance during Junior Officer's Common Training.

—Lieutenant M. A. Muir, RAN

United States Naval Institute Prize

The United States Naval Institute Prize is awarded to the graduate who displays the best overall performance during the Junior Naval Command Course. The prize is membership to the USN Institute and subscription to the Institute's 'Proceedings'. It was first presented in 1973.

—Midshipman M. R. Fitzgerald, RAN

Naval Historical Society Prize

Awarded for the best researched assignment by an officer during Junior Officer's Common Training (JOCT).

—Sub Lieutenant R. C. Stone, RAN

Department of Defence—Junior Officers Command Training Cruise Prize

This prize is awarded to the officer under training with the best performance on the Training Cruise.

—Sub Lieutenant R. C. Stone, RAN

W. H. Harrington Memorial Prize

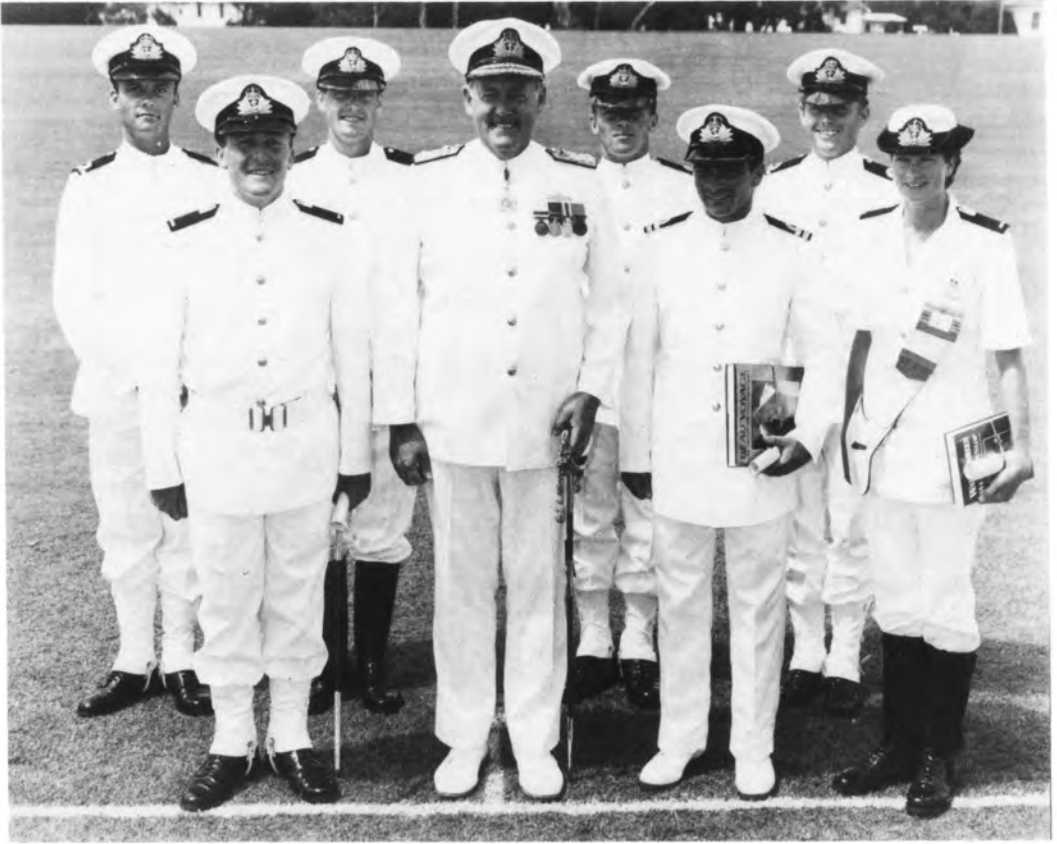
The Lady Harrington Memorial Prize will be awarded annually to the graduate who displays the best overall performance during the Special Duties Officers Course.

—Sub Lieutenant P. J. Parry, RAN

United Services Institute of Victoria Prize

The recipient is selected for exemplary officer development during Junior Officer's Common Training.

—Sub Lieutenant T. K. Lythgo, RAN



Rear Admiral Horton with prize winners

ADDRESS TO THE GRADUATES AND ASSEMBLY PASSING OUT PARADE 3 MARCH 1989

BY CAPTAIN D. J. RAMSAY, RAN

Rear Admiral Horton and Mrs Horton, Mr John Sharp, Federal Member for Gilmore, and Mrs Sharp, Commodore Oddie, British Defence and Naval Adviser, and Mrs Oddie, distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen.

Welcome to the Royal Australian Naval College. We are honoured today to have the Flag Officer Naval Support Command, to review this Passing Out Parade. Rear Admiral Horton participated in several such parades whilst under training at the College, culminating in his own graduation in 1951. He participated in two more Passing Out Parades whilst commanding the College in 1981 and 1982. I am delighted to welcome him back to review today's Parade and trust that it will not be his last.

We are also honoured to have with us today six members of the Graduating Class of 1939, celebrating the 50th anniversary of their departure from the College. Although they graduated they never participated in a Passing Out Parade due to the outbreak of hostilities in September of 1939. Also present is their Course Officer of that year, Commander Harley Wright, who himself is a member of the 1918 entry to the College. I extend to you all a very warm welcome and invite the 1939 graduates to consider this Parade as their own. Indeed had you arrived earlier this week I feel sure the Parade Staff would have happily issued you all with rifles and invited you to 'get fell in'.

Graduations are an important landmark in everyone's life—whether it be a graduation from university, technical college or high school. But today's graduation is particularly special for the 99 men and women standing before you, because they have chosen to embark on an exciting career in the Royal Australian Navy, and they stand now at its very threshold. This graduation is not so important for what they have achieved so far but for what they are now qualified to achieve. The Royal Australian Naval College provides Midshipmen with the basic tools and skills to enable them to follow a career in the Royal Australian Navy.

Today's graduates proceed now to specialised training in their chosen fields prior to taking up positions in the Fleet and establishments.

The training role and personnel makeup of the Royal Australian Naval College has changed dramatically over the last several years and the 99 young officers you see before you come from many different backgrounds. Thirty-four are General List officers, 29 of whom graduated last year from the Defence Force Academy and five from University of New South Wales. They have been integrated for the Junior Naval Command Course with 28 Supplementary List officers who completed Junior Officers Common Training after entering the Navy, in most cases, in August last year and 18 ex-sailors who completed engineering degrees at RMIT last December. Thirteen of today's graduates are ex-sailors who have completed the Special Duties Officers Course. The oldest graduate is 38, the youngest is 18 and there are 28 females. The diversity of students at the Naval College is obvious and this gives rise to their not so obvious qualities of teamwork, co-operation and tolerance as they learn to live and work together—essential elements for members of any ship's company.

To all the graduates I offer my hearty congratulations on achieving this important landmark. With the knowledge that you have gained from this establishment you can now confidently take the next step on the ladder of your career as an officer in the Royal Australian Navy. Officer training is an expensive process in this day and age and the Navy has expended a lot of resources on each of you so far. As you graduate from the RAN College I ask you to remember that of those to whom much is given, much is required.

On behalf of the graduates I offer thanks to the Training Staff for their dedication and to the Ground Staff and behind the scenes workers for their many efforts in preparing the Naval College for today's Parade. I trust you all enjoy today's special occasion.

There are several awards to be presented today to graduates who have performed with distinction. These awards are an important part of Naval College tradition and each has its own special significance and history. I would like to give you the background to one of the awards—The RANC Jubilee Year Graduates Memorial Sword. 1963 was a significant year for the Naval College as it marked our 50th anniversary—our jubilee year. The senior class in that year was a particularly fine group of young men, by any standards, but particularly to me as I was an impressionable first year cadet under their leadership, until their graduation in July, after which they were posted to various Fleet Units as Midshipmen. Tragically over the next seven months eight members of that year lost their lives in two separate accidents at sea. In October 1963 Midshipmen Mayger, Mulvany, Pierce and Sanders of HMAS *Sydney* were lost in a sailing accident off the Queensland coast. In February

1964 Midshipmen Lindsey, Marien, Maunder and Morgan also lost their lives when HMAS *Voyager* sank after colliding with HMAS *Melbourne*.

The families of these eight Midshipmen created a Memorial Prize—an Officer's Sword which is presented each year to the best General List Graduate. I would like to welcome the several members and representatives of those families who are here today, and thank them for their donation. This valuable and much valued prize serves well to perpetuate the eight fine young men and to inspire the pursuit of excellence in those who follow them through the Royal Australian Naval College.

I will shortly invite the Flag Officer Naval Support Command to make all the presentations and address the graduates. The first award is the Queen's Gold Medal and it will be introduced by Captain David Nicholls who was the Chief Cadet Captain and King's Medallist of the 1939 Graduating Year.

ADDRESS BY REAR ADMIRAL A. R. HORTON, AO, RAN

Flag Officer Naval Support Command
Passing Out Parade
HMAS Creswell
3 March 1989

Mr Sharp, Federal Member for Gilmore and Mrs Sharp, Captain Ramsay, Graduates of the Class of 1939, ladies and gentlemen and officers on parade. I am pleased to return here today at the invitation of Captain Ramsay, to review this Passing Out Parade. The Royal Australian Naval College is as usual immaculately turned out.

A little over 12 months ago the Australian People were celebrating 200 years of European settlement in this country. It was a continuation of our achievements—from humble beginnings as a penal settlement to the proud and successful nation of today. Throughout this colourful history, the Navy and its men and women have played a vital role, and it is fitting that today as you celebrate your graduation from the Royal Australian Naval College, you realise the importance of the Navy in Australia's history and that you now have the chance to become part of this history yourself.

Historically, 200 years is a very short time—and one in which it is difficult to establish traditions. Yet graduation from the Royal Australian Naval College is a tradition that has existed since the first intake of cadets graduated in 1916—on this very spot!

The Naval College has seen many changes since then—the cessation of the 13 and subsequently 15 year old entries, the transfer of academics to the Australian Defence Force Academy and Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology, and yet at a certain stage, the collocation here of all Junior Officer Training. It is interesting that all the changes that have occurred have been physical changes—not spiritual changes. For the role of the Naval College—to train junior naval officers—remains unchanged. Although we can look back through old photographs and history books and see changes, the tradition of the Royal Australian Naval College has remained constant. That is because the basic requirements of a junior officer in the Royal Australian Navy have also remained constant.

Whilst we put all officers through this common training point, it is indicative of the desire to ensure that Officer Training is coping with today's demands in an age of considerable pressure and complex technology. I would not be so rash as to say that those who proceed from here to their sea training will find it the same as it was 50 years ago. Indeed, I am sure the 50 Year Graduates present today will themselves be surprised at the differences of life at sea. They might further be surprised at the number of graduates who will spend a limited period of their future careers at sea, their particular streams being related to the predominantly shore based yet challenging areas of project management, computer sciences and integrated logistic support. I need hardly say that some will find themselves very much to the fore in staff postings particularly in the Canberra scene which contrary to popular opinion seems to be a source of great satisfaction to many and certainly is very relative to the environment within which Navy carries out its day-to-day business and plans for the future. Quite simply, Government is big business and as with any organisation, the Navy needs to be part of that business to be effective and capable, but a significant component of our naval lives still remains the same, that is the importance of people or the human factor. From your own readings, and I make no apologies to those who have perhaps been in the Service for some time, you will be aware of the emphasis that is publicly placed on the essentiality of the people and in turn, on personnel issues; conditions of service, remuneration, wastage and retention, job satisfaction, career prospects and the like. Yet from those same readings, you may have formed the impression that some of these concerns are a little hollow because in the view of some correspondents, little is being achieved. This could be an over simplification. Much needs to be done and the achievements are not as quick as we would like. This unfortunately

reflects the fact that we live in a very materialistic society with a significant degree of comparison as to the conditions of service and remuneration in other areas of the community. I doubt that will change. It is but one of many factors which make life more difficult in a personnel management sense than might have been the case 50 years ago, ranging from a vastly expanded and more probing media environment which more readily presents, although not necessarily factually, a kaleidoscope of personnel considerations both in the total community and in Defence, to a reduced public commitment to defence thinking. This results from a lengthy period of peace and inevitably, a perception of a reduced importance of Defence Forces when in competition with other Government commitments, such as Social Services.

In material terms the Navy is presently making great strides although I merely mention contracts already let for the construction of the very fine new submarine. The imminent decisions on the ANZAC Ship Project and the forthcoming introduction of the most versatile helicopter in our inventory, the Sea Hawk. There is no shortage of support in the right places for these projects and Five Year Defence Program budgetting seeks to provide the necessary financial support.

As you assume your places in this challenging environment however, you must nonetheless maintain a clear perspective of the crucial importance of the human factor.

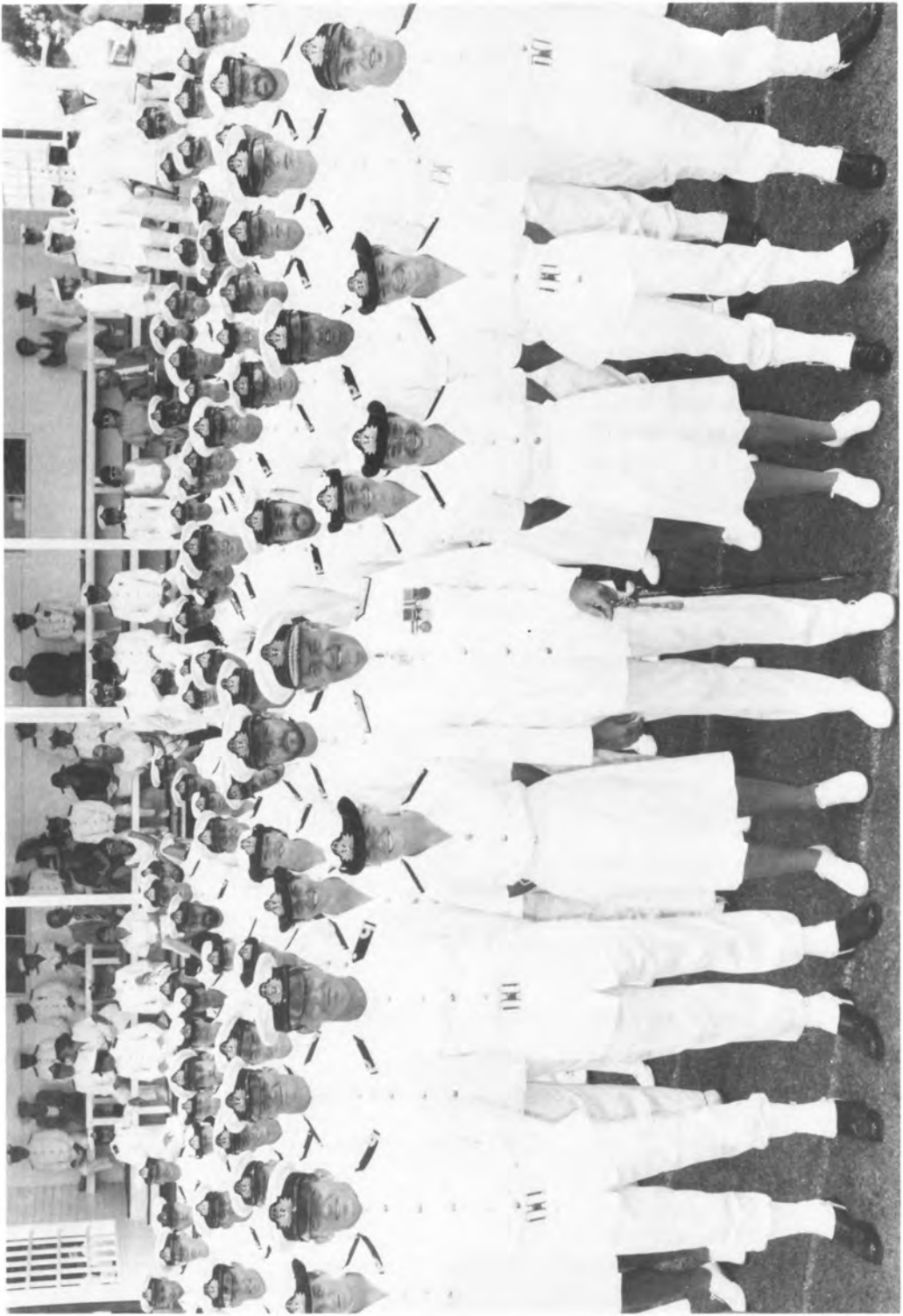
It starts here at RANC with the motto of 76 years: Honour, Integrity and Virtue. It also includes features such as leadership, motivation, support for the Divisional System through which we manage our people, pertinent and adequate training, personal development and loyalty, up and down. If you analyse those particular facets, you will appreciate that the human factor is not new. In the naval environment it has always been seen as the essential component for success. Drake, Nelson, Cook, Phillip, Cunningham, Waller. Indeed, where does one stop? All

identified the importance of the human factor. All appreciated the contribution, in the Defence environment, each sailor makes in terms of his own level of motivation, effort and dedication to the task in front of him and to the understanding, gaining of respect and leadership of those behind him. To officers about to enter the Fleet, which I use in its broadest sense, and to those more senior personnel today who have already been part of our naval life for some years, the human factor is something you must get right from this day on. Whether you are old hands or new, I cannot overstress the need to work hard on this aspect of your Service career.

No matter how good your new ship, submarine or aircraft might be in the future it will still be no better than the expertise you portray and the leadership and caring attitude that you project, not only to those under you, in particular, but also to your seniors and peers. We in the Navy pride ourselves on operating very much as a team, although quite clearly there is adequate opportunity, particularly in some of the more unusual postings you may well find yourselves in in the future, to be individuals. We are indeed all individuals. Yet it is the co-ordination and teamwork of those individuals that is paramount to the manner in which we uphold the profession of arms and undertake our responsibilities.

Yet in developing and implementing these personal skills and in devoting your energies to your people—and you will have such responsibilities sooner than you think—maintain a balanced perspective. Life contains time for relaxation and humour, and again, I see those characteristics as clear traits in our naval history. Be it work or play, your achievements will be reflected in the standards of your office, or ship or squadron. Rest assured, the personnel factors will be very significant to your reputation and results.

I congratulate you all on your fine efforts thus far, and on a splendid Parade today.



Rear Admiral Horton with graduates

PASSING OUT PARADE

18 AUGUST 1989

On Friday 18 August 1989, 95 young men and women graduated as officers in a ceremony held at HMAS *Creswell*. The ceremony was reviewed by the Chief of Naval Staff, Vice Admiral M. W. Hudson AC, RAN, who was accompanied by his wife. A large number of distinguished guests also attended, including senior Defence Force Officers, local dignitaries and of course, guests of the graduating class.

The graduates comprised of men and women from diverse backgrounds including the Australian Defence Force Academy, University and High School graduates. All, however, completed a very demanding seven week common course in professional Naval Training at HMAS *Creswell*.

A fitting tribute to the graduates and a highlight of the parade was a flypast of naval helicopters from the Naval Air Station at HMAS *Albatross*. The helicopters passed overhead as the members of the Guard slow marched through the graduating division. The Defence Force School of Music Band played Auld Lang Syne which brought a tear to many a parent's eye.

A number of locals were amongst the graduating class. Midshipman Simon Cannell and Midshipman Bryan Edwards hail from Nowra, Midshipman Neil Hayes is from Wollongong and Midshipman Catherine Rice is originally from Kiama. All Midshipmen are members of the Executive (Seaman) Branch and ultimately hope to obtain their Bridge Watchkeeping Certificates. Catherine however, is more interested in the administrative side of the Navy.

Following the Parade guests and graduates were treated to drinks and hors d'oeuvres overlooking beautiful Jervis Bay.

Later that evening celebrations took the form of a black tie graduation dinner at Shoalhaven Ex-Services Club in Nowra.

PRIZEWINNERS

HMAS Leeuwin Sword

Best conduct, performance of duty and leadership

—Midshipman Sanders

Commodore Sir James Ramsay Prize

Best overall performance during Junior Officers Common Training

—Sub Lieutenant Dunne

United States Naval Institute Award

Best overall performance during the Junior Naval Command Course

—Midshipman Webster

Eric Elton Mayo Memorial Prize

Best overall performance during the Special Duties Officers Course

—Sub Lieutenant Heron

United Services Institute of Victoria Prize

Exemplary Officer Development during Junior Officer Common Training

—Midshipman Oborn

Naval Historical Society Prize

Best researched assignment during Junior Officer Common Training

—Midshipman Chandler

Junior Officers Common Training Cruise Prize

Junior Officer Under Training from each stream with the best performance on the Training Cruise

—Sub Lieutenant McLean and
Midshipman Cowan



Chief of Naval Staff with prizewinners

ADDRESS TO THE GRADUATES AND ASSEMBLY PASSING OUT PARADE 18 AUGUST 1989 By Captain D. J. Ramsay RAN

Chief of Naval Staff, Admiral Hudson, and Mrs Hudson, Commandant of the Australian Defence Force Academy, Major General Day, and Mrs Day, Commandant of the Royal Military College, Major General Blake, distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen. Welcome to the Royal Australian Naval College.

I am particularly pleased to be able to welcome so many of the parents and friends of today's graduates, especially those who have travelled a great distance to witness this important ceremony. Your presence, along with that of the senior officers and official guests, adds much to the significance of this occasion and thereby to the sense of achievement of the graduates.

We are honoured to have the professional head of the RAN, Admiral M. W. Hudson AC RAN, as the Reviewing Officer for this occasion. Admiral Hudson joined the navy as a 13 Year Old Entry Cadet Midshipman in 1947. He spent four years at the RAN College, then at HMAS *Cerberus* in Victoria, graduating at the end of 1950. The RAN College Magazine for that year gives a full report on the passing out parade saying: 'The Marchpast was very well executed and the Parade was most impressive and inspiring. The keynote of the Ceremonial Parade is simplicity but it never fails to stir the souls of those who are privileged to witness it'.

Some things never change and I congratulate the members of the passing out classes on their performance on parade today. There are of course many things that have changed since your graduation, Sir, in 1950.

The most fundamental of these has been the move away from academic training, which ceased here altogether with the opening of the Australian Defence Force Academy in 1986 and the introduction of courses for Supplementary List, Special Duties and Short Service Officers.

The diversity of the officers under training undergoing these different courses has become a feature of the Royal Australian Naval College in recent years. The officers

graduating today are drawn from a very wide cross section of the population. Many commenced their naval careers as sailors, some 13 others graduated from the Australian Defence Force Academy at the end of last year. 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. One has already spent over 20 years in the Navy, whilst others have only been in the Navy since March this year. This range of backgrounds is typical of that which exists within the College at any one time. It proves a very real challenge for the staff here to provide training to meet the specific needs of a 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 teamwork 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 learn much from the men and women they manage. 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 Royal Australian Navy. I wish you all every success and hope that every one of you exceeds your own and my expectations.

I must thank all members of the Training Staff who have contributed so willingly and well to the endless task of officer training. I also wish to thank those members of the ship's company not associated with the Training Department for their contribution to the overall task by their provision of largely unseen and often unrecognised support in the form of domestic services and technical maintenance of our facilities, transport and boats. The band for today's ceremony came from the Defence Force School of Music in Victoria and I must thank Captain Anderson and all his musicians for travelling so far to join us today and for the excellent standard of their performance. Finally on behalf of all of us here I would like to complement the Ground Staff 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 will shortly call on Admiral Hudson to present prizes and awards. I mentioned earlier that perusal of the 1950 Naval College Magazine revealed a report on that years Passing out Parade. It is appropriate to point out that at this stage of the 1950 ceremony Admiral Hudson himself was presented with the King's Medal, for exemplary conduct and performance, and the Governor-General Cup and Burnett Memorial Trophy for best all round sportsman and best exponent of rugby football respectively. These awards were early indications of the ability and drive that have taken Admiral Hudson to his present position as Chief of Naval Staff and which bring him here today. It gives me great pleasure to now call upon you, Sir, to present prizes and awards to the graduates.



MIDN Oborn trooping the Australian White Ensign

ADDRESS BY VICE ADMIRAL M. W. HUDSON AC, RAN

CHIEF OF NAVAL STAFF PASSING OUT PARADE HMAS CRESWELL 18 AUGUST 1989

Captain Ramsay
Distinguished Guests
Families and friends
Those on parade and, most particularly,
The Graduating Class.

For any graduate of the Naval College to be invited to review a Passing Out Parade and to address the graduates on completion of their training is a single honour and I thank Captain Ramsay for his warm welcome.

As I watched the Parade earlier, I could not help but think back to my own graduation, now almost 40 years ago, and while I do not think the fundamental ethos of the Navy has changed, there is much that has, and there could be no better example than here at the Naval College itself with graduates on parade varying in age from 18 to 38 and representation of every stream of officer entry and with time in service from six months to 23 years.

That diversity of student body, while I have no doubt brings with it problems, has given the College a maturity which places it in the leading ranks of professional military institutions.

It is of course essential that the premier naval establishment for the training of our future officers continues to remain attuned to contemporary attitudes, but it is also appropriate on an occasion such as this to reflect on our history which is as rich and as varied and full of courage, dedication and loyalty as you will find anywhere.

At my graduation in 1950, the then Prime Minister, Mr Robert Gordon Menzies, in his address, underlined the importance of tradition and continuity in the Navy. He exhorted us to be always forthright, honest and completely fearless in delivering our opinions and expressing our judgments, based on our knowledge and experience. By doing this, he said, we would render real service to our country.

I would say the same to you. You inherit the traditions of your predecessors and you enter into a group that has vigorous stand-

ards of self-discipline and the highest standards of performance, and now that you have completed your training here at *Creswell* and depart for the Fleet and elsewhere, I am confident that you are fitted by training and character to worthily maintain the traditions of the Service.

If this were not so you would not be here. But in doing so, you have reached the first milestone in what will be, I hope, a long and fulfilling career for each of you.

At this point you probably don't realise, or if you do, only imperfectly, the group and culture you have been received into today. It is continuous, dynamic and has a history of 500 years which emphasises continuity and inheritance. I am talking here of what was perhaps best described by Rudyard Kipling in an address to a naval club in 1908. He called it the Spirit of the Navy.

He said: 'The Spirit of the Navy is too old, too varied and too subtle to be adequately interpreted by any outsider, no matter how keen his interest, how deep his affection . . . in peace the Navy exists under conditions which it takes years of training to understand; in war it will be subjected to mental and physical strain, three days of which would make the mere sea fight of Trafalgar a pleasant change. We have no data to guide us for the future . . . but whatever man may do, the Spirit of the Navy, which is man-made, but which no body of men could kill, will rise to meet and overcome every burden and every disability that may be imposed upon it—from without or within'.

Many people misunderstand the RAN's relationship with the Royal Navy. Britain was the most professional Navy in the world and, as a developing dominion, we wanted the best. We wanted to model ourselves on the best so we could become the best.

As the nation and the Navy developed we gradually took on, or took over, the functions we had sought help with from others.

Today, we no longer need the Royal Navy as we once did. In fact, many other navies now need us in a similar way.

We have built our own tradition, our own spirit of service and it has a truly Australian flavour. This College and the training program you have completed, reflect, if in only a small way, the RAN's coming of age. And, although your entry is different from that of 1916, and each of you come from such a different background with so many different experiences of life, the Service relies on unity and harmony—and you are the source of that.

The state of the Navy, therefore, may be said to be a reflection of the enduring values which have come down to us through our predecessors, rather than through our ships, our budgets, our weapons, or our accomplishments. And these values must be held in common and practised in unity.

This leads me to my second major point this morning. For all organisations it is a perennial problem that minor differences in background or duties of personnel become magnified and intensified with resultant disension.

Sir Francis Drake summed up the needs of a fighting Service when he warned his officers and men that if they did not become 'all of one company' submerging their differences to achieve the common aim, then they could go no further. Drake was already in South America when he said this; enroute to becoming the first English-speaking circumnavigator of the world, so it seems that his speech had the desired effect.

Here at Jervis Bay you have been learning the fundamentals of your profession and you should have realised by now that unity among yourselves was necessary for success in this environment.

As you continue to serve you will come to work closely with senior officers and, sooner than you may think, with officers junior to you. Some of you have been sailors, but all of you have served at sea and know something of the life. You will very soon be leading sailors and it is important always to remember that Drake's 'All of one Company' of the Navy does not merely include the officers but also the senior and junior sailors.

To succeed as leaders you must have clear aims and make those aims clear to your subordinates, and you must always respect their professionalism. You will not always be popular carrying out your duties but you will be rewarded and remembered for getting a job done while showing concern and compassion for those who toil with you.

So from today you must take very seriously the responsibility each of you has to each other, to the Service, to its mission, and to the officer group of the future. The composite of abilities combined through mutual respect is greater than the sum of the individual talents—in fair weather or foul.

I have personal expectations of you that I, not just as CNS, but as a naval officer, demand you meet. You have learned and experienced something of those expectations here at *Creswell*, I have already hinted at the key. It is self-discipline. Without it, the Service would collapse. Paganini, the Italian composer, put it his way:

'The first day I omit to practice the violin, I notice it myself. The second day my friends notice it. The third day, the public notice it.'

And so it is with self-discipline on which the Service survives and on which public confidence in our professionalism rests.

We are in the midst of the largest peacetime Naval development program in Australia's history. It means new frigates, submarines, aircraft, survey ships and mine hunters. It is an exciting time and one of limitless challenge. And, with challenge, come personal satisfaction and pride.

But you can only experience those things if you take up the challenge and involve yourself in shaping the Navy that will take us into the next century. Know what you want to do and what you want to achieve—and do it. The opportunities are endless.

I wish you every success in your careers. There is no limit to how far your talents can take you. I look forward with pleasure to meeting you and your families and friends who have come so far to see this Parade. Congratulations, and well done.



MIDN Sanders with the Chief of Naval Staff



ABCK Greg Smith and the passing out ball cake

JNCC 10

Junior Naval Command Course (JNCC) 10 comprised graduates from RMIT, ADFA and JOCT. The course commenced 9 January 1989 when 18 RMIT students joined to undertake Management and Service Writing training. The majority of the course, 34 JOCT and 34 ADFA students, commenced training 16 January.

Within a short period all members of the course had knuckled down to the intensive training which provides them with the basic knowledge required of an Officer of the Day and Divisional Officer. As Junior Officers under Training they appreciated that flexibility, common sense, and sense of humour were necessary attributes if they were to succeed in their chosen profession.

JNCC 10 were not short on sense of humour as was seen when the course held a Jazz and Review concert during the final week of training. MIDN Peter Steel, ably assisted by MIDN Mark Korsten, acted as co-hosts to a very enjoyable evening starring the XO's look-alike, Adam Lindsay and vivacious presenter Virginia Wade. The staff

also appeared in a brief, yet witty, skit reflecting upon graduating members 40 years hence. The comment was made that little make up was required to age the staff accordingly! Mr Forsyth your leave is stopped!

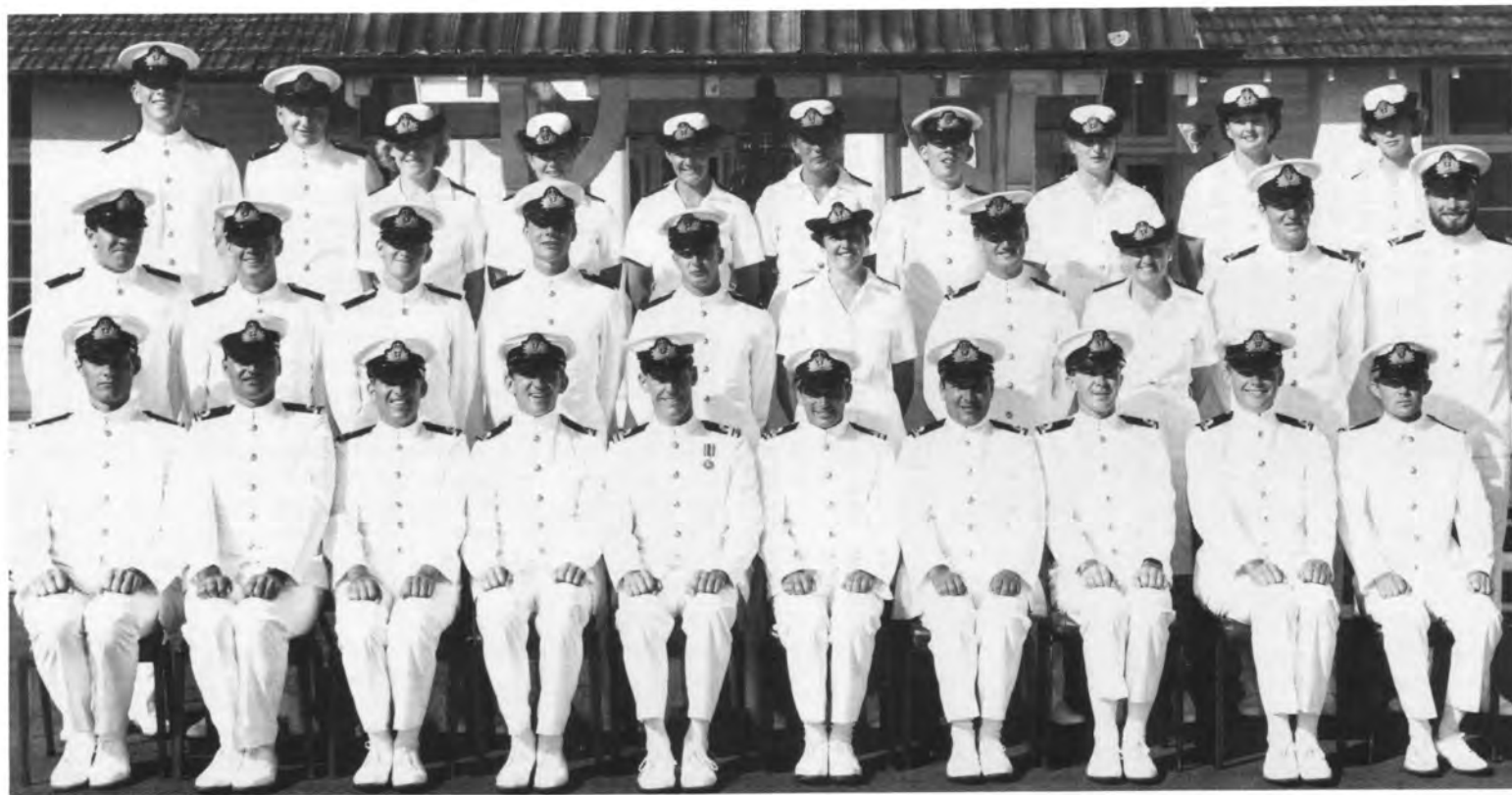
JNCC 10 graduated 3 March 1989 and all course members proceeded well equipped for their respective Application Courses.

JUNIOR OFFICERS' STAFF COURSE

The Junior Officers' Staff Course (JOSC) is a professional development course over four weeks covering aspects of Service Writing, oral communications, problem solving and Defence organisation. This highly sought after course is continuing to attract more and more attention as officers find that their work environments demand proficient staff skills.

During 1989, 84 students graduated from five courses. Also during the year, Lieutenant Rod Harrod was replaced by Lieutenant Tim Kenny on staff.

Due to the popularity of the course six courses are planned for 1990.

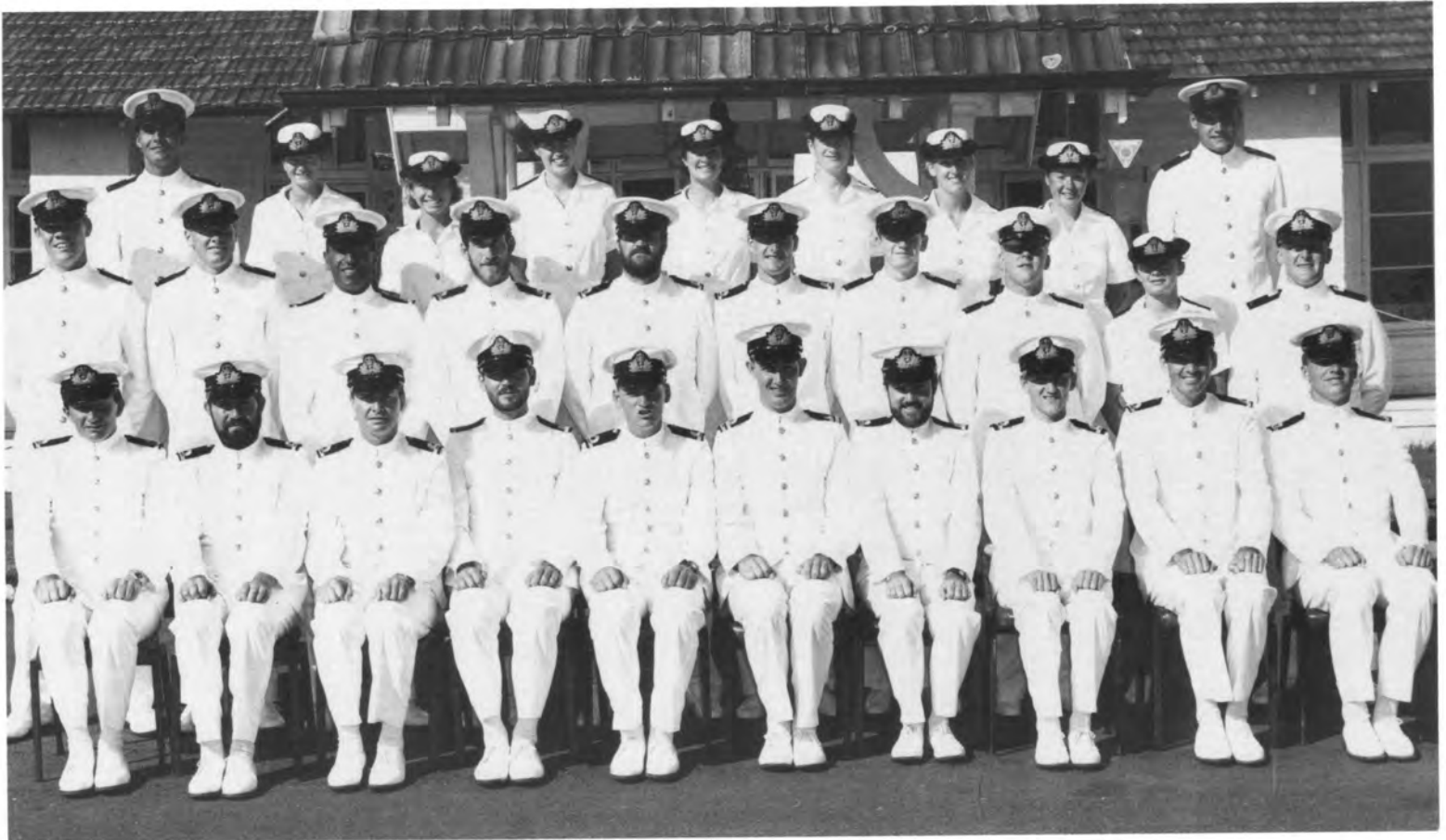


JNCC 10 Stream A

Back Row (L to R): MIDN G. Oloughlan, MIDN D. P. McRae, MIDN K. J. Mitchell, MIDN S. Bernotas, MIDN L. J. Brett, MIDS S. J. Moles, MIDS A. Morthorpe, MIDN S. Beswick, MIDN S. E. Dengate, MIDS T. M. Miels

Middle Row (L to R): MIDN G. Edmestone, MIDN L. S. Gordon, MIDN M. W. Orr, MIDN J. P. Keogh, MIDN D. P. Schopen, MIDN S. A. King, SBLT D. Bodsworth, MIDN T. J. Beck, SBLT S. R. Basley, SBLT J. Colclough

Front Row (L to R): SBLT D. G. Hughes, SBLT R. W. Barels, SBLT R. J. Cook, SBLT C. T. Hancock, LEUT C. J. Dando, LEUT M. A. Muir, SBLT S. C. Impett, SBLT D. P. Elford, SBLT M. R. Fitzgerald, SBLT M. W. Rusten



JNCC 10 Stream B

Back Row (L to R): S. G. Ottaviano, T. K. Lythgo, N. D. Roche, B. E. Walker, T. J. Donnellan, F. J. McNaught, E. E. Cudmore, K. L. Bentley, P. R. Steel

Middle Row (L to R): R. F. Evans, I. G. Murray, T. P. J. Chalke, A. L. Robinson, J. R. Williamson, R. C. Stone, I. R. Forsyth, N. E. Forrest, C. Cornell, J. A. Coad

Front Row (L to R): R. R. Rees, P. A. Kay, D. J. Peake, M. A. Jolley, S. J. Tiffen, J. S. O. Hamlyn, S. Thomas, D. M. W. Coyle, R. J. W. Woodcock, M. G. McCourt



JNCC 10 Stream C

Back Row (L to R): E. J. McDonald, L. M. Townsend, B. Lange, A. T. Findlay, D. J. Tietzel, M. J. Wade, C. A. Azzopardi, E. M. Burnside

Middle Row (L to R): N. Russell, B. J. Weintz, W. H. Wiltshire, D. M. Gilmour, B. J. Meredith, A. A. Lindsay, R. H. Elliott, J. B. Potter, F. P. Watson

Front Row (L to R): A. C. Down, P. E. Scott, J. D. Bryson, C. D. Bourke, J. A. Schwenke, D. A. Burningham, E. A. Drysdale, R. J. Broadley, E. J. Mitchell, M. L. Drummond

JOCT 7

Following reshuffles in programming and subjects, a new abbreviated JOCT was introduced in 1989. This streamlined 17 week course was run twice during the year.

JOCT 7 joined in March, and was made up of over 50 students, including 11 ex-junior sailors. This large number of in-service personnel indicates a desire amongst our sailors to advance themselves in their naval careers and must be encouraged throughout the Fleet. The expertise these people bring to the new entry courses at RANC is invaluable in assisting RANC staff—especially during the initial period of training.

A further unique respect of the course was the presence of a Bruneian member. Officer Cadet Zainorin Bin Zaimat-Abidin of the Royal Brunei Defence Force joined his fellows for a full training schedule at RANC, rather than the normal FOSLEX training. His application and results have seen this same method of training for both Bruneian

and PNGDF trainees planned for 1990. Despite losing several members through resignation, the course managed to complete their training and progress through to JNCC.

JOCT 8

JOCT 8 was another genuine mix of trainees who joined the College in August. With a spread of backgrounds from a 30-year-old expatriate Canadian school teacher, nine of the 20 trainees from the lower deck, to the expected 18-year-olds recently out of high school, the staff braced for the unknown.

The course has thus far blended into Naval life in the best possible manner. Having finished their initial training period, they are settling into the day-to-day classroom life with a very positive attitude.

This course will complete JOCT in December, following a four week training cruise, and then mix with the ex-ADFA and RMIT trainees for their JNCC phase of training.



Sea day on HMAS Brisbane—JOCT 8

JNCC 11

JNCC 11 commenced on Monday 3 July 1989. Of the 77 personnel on course, 64 were from JOCT 7 and included one RBDF OCDT. The remainder were ex-ADFA graduates who had completed EXAC Phase 1 training.

The course generally went well, with Divisional Officer, Officer of the Day and Naval Weapons and Technology training being conducted. An additional activity which was reintroduced into the extra curricular activities was evening debating and this provided extra stimulus to the avaricious minds of those on course.

Problems were encountered on the Character Guidance phase of the course as a result of the ex-ADFA personnel having

already covered this subject at the Defence Academy. A review of the module was conducted resulting in its deletion from JNCC and inclusion in JOCT.

Additional activities during JNCC 11 included a Sea Day for 15 trainees onboard HMAS *Bendigo*. This was a most profitable day with each trainee observing the daily activities onboard a patrol boat. They also had the opportunity of gaining 'hands-on' experience at all activities involved in man overboard exercises. A surface to air gunnery shoot was observed during the afternoon.

All 77 personnel successfully graduated on 18 August culminating in a most impressive Passing Out Parade which was reviewed by the Chief of Naval Staff.



JOSC 13/89



JNCC 11 Stream A

Back Row (L to R): MIDN M. J. Crew, MIDN A. R. Palmer, MIDN P. A. Donehue, MIDN S. G. Stewart, MIDN M. L. Potter

Middle Row (L to R): MIDN S. A. Hinchey, MIDN M. D. Cundell, MIDN B. C. Edwards, MIDN E. M. Moore, MIDN P. D. Mellick, MIDN P. T. McCarthy, MIDN K. R. Dunsmore, MIDN D. C. Baguley, MIDN C. E. Smith

Front Row (L to R): SBLT N. V. Watts, MIDN S. R. Arthur, MIDN T. C. Binns, MIDN G. Camilos, SBLT A. L. Holmes, MIDN S. M. Nutschig, MIDN N. A. McCleary, MIDN A. M. Gordon, MIDN P. J. A. Sparkes, SBLT K. W. McLean



JNCC 11 Stream B

Back Row (L to R): SBLT M. J. Squair, MIDN R. J. Boulton, MIDN P. D. Gregg, MIDN G. A. Wadley, MIDN P. A. Stubbs, MIDN M. J. Ballhause, SBLT P. S. Rekers, MIDN E. S. M. Mulder

Middle Row (L to R): MIDN M. Borck, MIDN J. G. Jones, MIDN A. Threlfall, MIDN J. M. McGrath, MIDN A. J. Cowan, MIDN C. J. Ritchie, MIDN P. S. Richards, MIDN P. Kenshole, MIDN T. J. Sepulcri

Front Row (L to R): MIDN R. B. Donnelly, MIDN M. A. Webster, MIDN R. H. James, SBLT S. T. Brown, MIDN B. Cox, MIDN V. Oborn, MIDN J. L. Palmer, MIDN J. F. Polglaze, MIDN D. S. Griffiths, MIDN I. R. Menzies

Absent: SBLT L. E. Dunn



JNCC 11 Stream C

Back Row (L to R): SBLT A. J. Wise, MIDN M. T. Tinning, MIDN M. A. Sommer, MIDN S. M. Scott, MIDN S. W. Sanders, MIDN N. A. Hayes, MIDN F. N. Byrne

Middle Row (L to R): MIDN A. S. Abbott, MIDN W. V. Lambert, MIDN A. J. Dobb, MIDN S. M. Johnson, MIDN C. M. Rice, MIDN A. G. Prince, MIDN A. M. Papp, MIDN G. D. Swan

Front Row (L to R): MIDN J. C. F. Hatcher, MIDN B. W. Mark, MIDN S. R. Mason, MIDN S. J. Cannell, OCDT Zainorin, MIDN M. A. Leach, MIDN P. B. Naveau, MIDN B. M. Hart, SBLT J. W. Chandler

Absent: MIDN J. P. Carr

SSOC 7

1989 had the usual varied groups passing through the College for initial training periods. The early, hectic part of the year saw SSOC 7 come in for the first of the new style three week training courses. A large group of medical, dental and legal officers, plus two new Chaplains arrived full of spirit and the desire to do well. As luck would have it, they had ready-made 'sea daddies' at the College in the form of SDOC 10.

To say that the interaction between the groups produced positive results would be an understatement as the SSOC course learnt quickly and effectively what was expected of them as naval officers. Feedback from HMAS *Cerberus*, where they carried out Phase 2 of their initial training, indicates their lessons were very well learnt.

UVOC

A small group of Undergraduate students made up the annual UVOC. The two weeks they spent here provided them with the necessary skills to 'survive' at their respective Wardrooms, plus gave them an insight into what life would be like when they return for initial full-time training.

ROOC 15/16

Finally, the ever present Reserve courses attended with their variety of backgrounds and great desire to learn about 'life in a blue suit'.

ROOC 15 was a catch-up course which predominantly consisted of unattached Reserve Officers. ROOC 16 was more the conventional spread of Port Divisions, with a sprinkling of unattached personnel.

The age spreads of the courses continue to be great, but the enthusiasm the course members display is uniformly high. As always, some of the activities tend to stretch the less fit or office bound members, however, physical limitations are always overcome by enthusiasm.

SDOC 10

The first SD course for 1989, SDOC 10, produced a group of good leaders. Leaders in the best sense of the word, as the course members banded together to assist *Creswell*

staff with their background and experience. This was displayed in particular in SSOC 7, where they spent many long hours working with the new entry officers in order to develop their levels of expertise and confidence. The result was a group of highly motivated new entry personnel and a self-satisfied, if slightly tired, group of SDs.

ROOC 17

Here we were in paradise—19 Reserve Officers from all parts of the country—Darwin, Cairns, Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne and Adelaide. Our group included two Chaplains, (more on one of them later), two doctors, a dentist, three AURs (Merchant Navy) and various other professional roles.

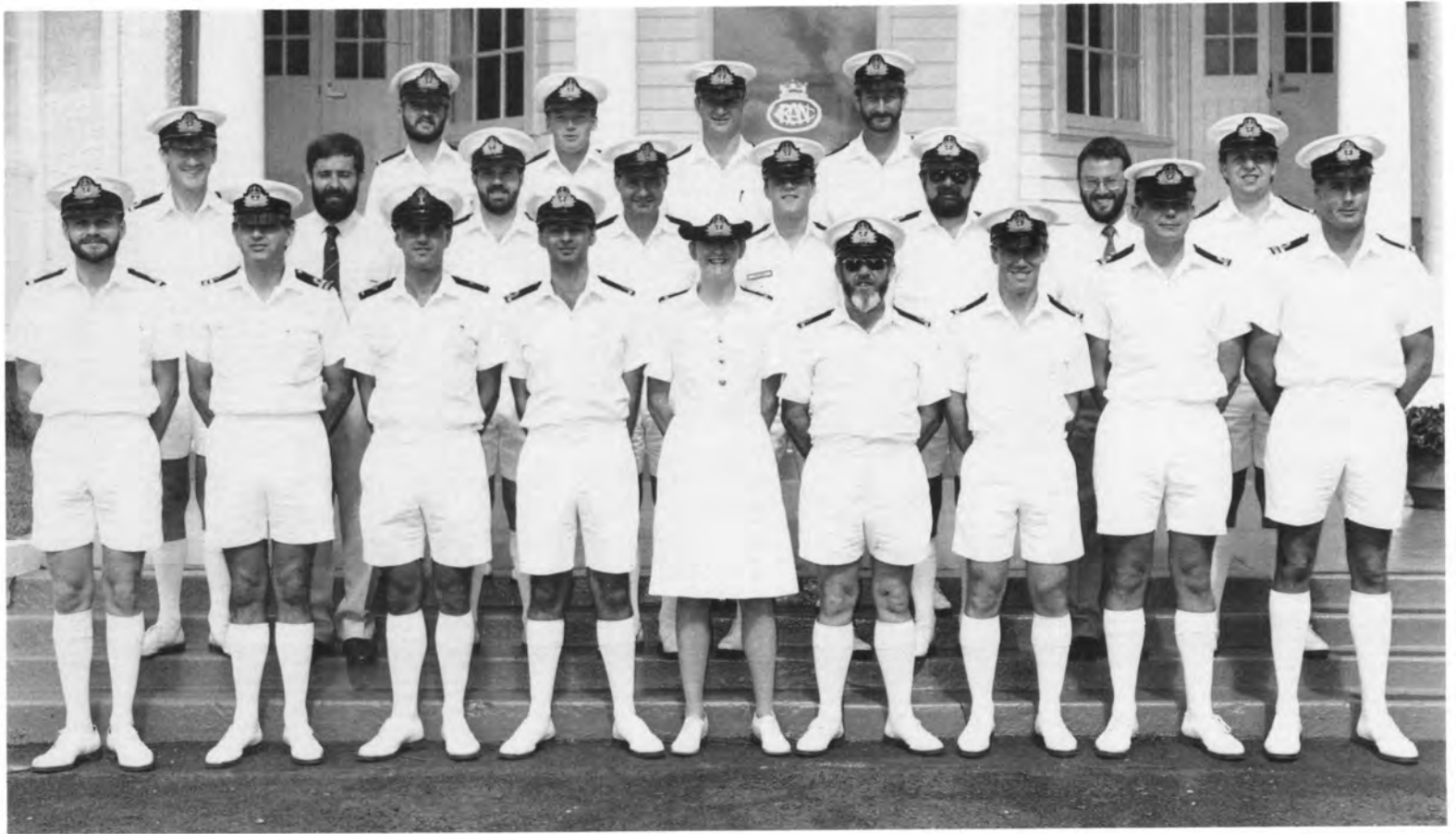
The course offered us an opportunity to get to know ourselves better, to learn by watching others, to appreciate naval life and to enjoy the company of others in the Wardroom.

Highlights of the course were many. Top of the list goes to the wet winch. Thanks to the crew of the Sea King and LSSE Bradford. Lieutenant Purcell was on a real high after the winch, while Lieutenant Harris, well—he said it all in two words 'xxx Great'. Even the cold wet windy day did not dampen the exhilaration.

The abseil and the exped came next. One chaplain (who will remain nameless) on reaching mother earth after abseiling, kissed the ground with suitable unchaplain-like language accompanying the action. The exped was a real test for us 19 desk jockeys but Acting Sub Lieutenant Derrington's birthday on Saturday was suitably celebrated. The aching muscles and blisters were forgotten for a while. We all conquered fears that weekend which allowed us to complete the course with confidence in our own abilities.

The pistol shoot and skeet shoot were great. Our nurse, Sub Lieutenant Carver, managed two out of 11 skeets, but how did she score seven out of six shots on the practice pistol rounds!

Let's not forget POSY Harper with his SICs and Lieutenant Puttman with her letters. The demi-official letter written by Lieutenant Harris must surely have provided some laughs.



ROOC 15

Back Row (L to R): SBLT G. E. B. Watson, LEUT C. Northrop, SBLT R. Griffiths, SBLT D. Goodwin

Middle Row (L to R): SBLT G. Reeves, LEUT I. Gray, LEUT G. Day, SBLT S. Marks, SBLT J. Brew, SBLT C. Weston, SBLT W. Moore, SBLT G. Nankin

Front Row (L to R): SBLT J. McDonald, SBLT P. Koeler, CHAP R. Thompson, SBLT P. Anthony, SBLT M. Hooton, SBLT K. Findlay, SBLT S. Parker, SBLT R. Spencer, LEUT J. Sorbey



ROOC 17

Back Row (L to R): SBLT G. Forsyth, SBLT P. Hogan, SBLT J. Saina, SBLT D. R. Partington

Middle Row (L to R): SBLT J. Stevens, LEUT D. Harris, LEUT T. Chengg, LEUT J. May, LEUT F. Purcell, LEUT S. Mylechree, LEUT D. Porrett

Front Row (L to R): CHAP G. Pitman, SBLT C. Aarons, SBLT P. Carver, LEUT R. Lyons, SBLT A. Derrington, LEUT D. Sykes, CHAP J. Pritchard

Even the New Zealanders had some input into the course when we were coopted to be demonstrators for an exercise involving them. The posters by Sub Lieutenant Aarons were great, but our aim with the eggs and tomatoes was a bit off. Well, would you like a big NZ'er coming at you after hitting him with a raw egg?

We take back with us heaps of reading material, a few blisters, bruises and sore muscles, great memories and some of us with photos to prove we did it.

ROAC 1—OCTOBER 1989

The first Reserve Officers Administration Course passed through HMAS *Creswell* 9 to 20 October 1989. Members were from Adelaide, Brisbane, Fremantle and Lonsdale Port Divisions.

The Course Officer, Lieutenant Richard Chartier, ensured the class received a wide

variety of instruction in all manner of administration, drill and leadership skills, which all members will no doubt be able to integrate into not only their Service activities, but also their civilian occupations. Well done Dick!

Situational Leadership, run by Lieutenant Commander Paul Gomm, was particularly interesting and relevant to this group.

The course members extend their thanks and appreciation to both the instructors and College members under training for their guidance, tolerance, hospitality and good spirit.

Fremantle: LEUT C. N. Harvey, SBLT R. J. Griffiths

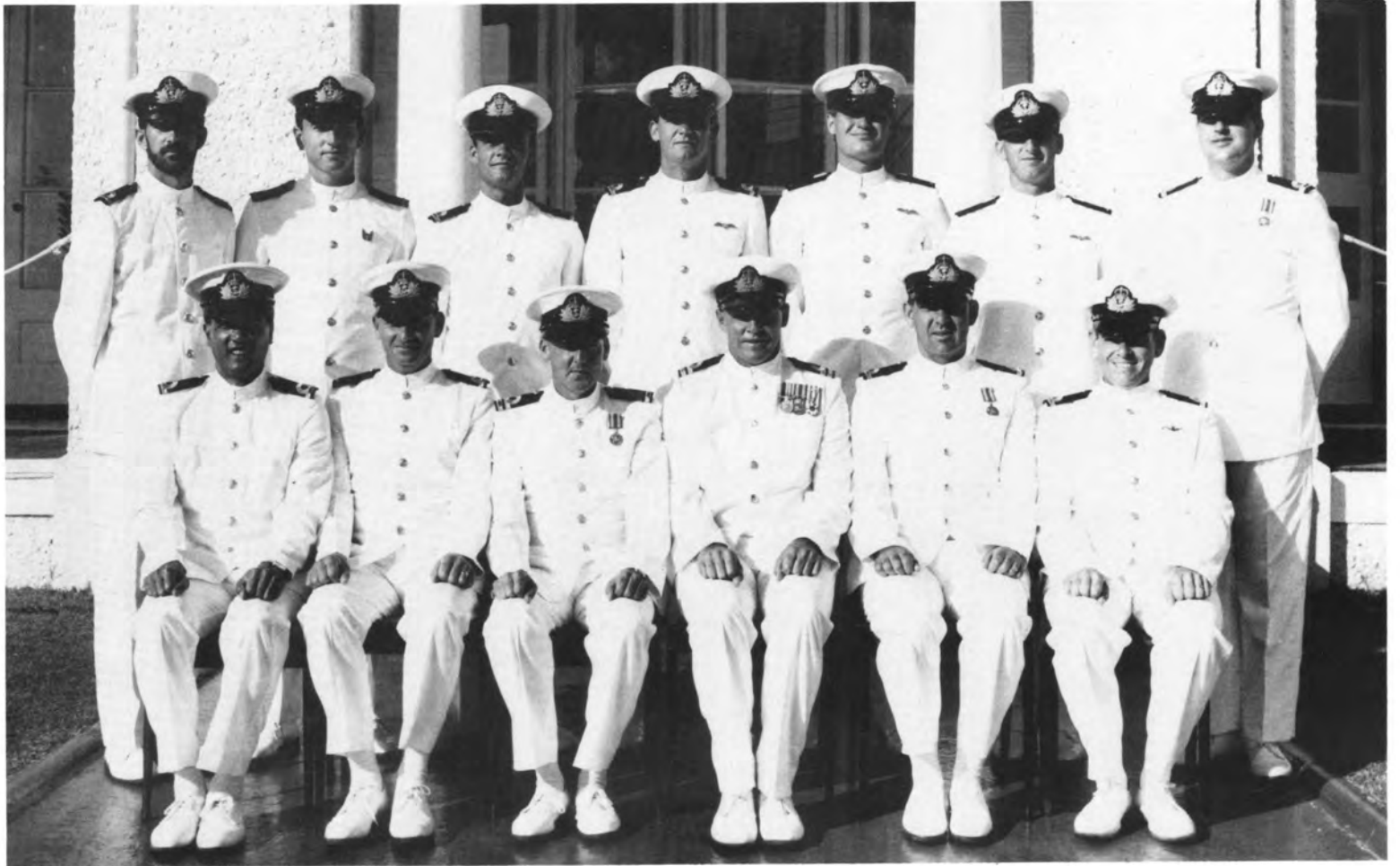
Lonsdale: LEUT P. N. Jackson, LEUT N. D. De Angelis

Adelaide: SBLT K. T. Francki

Brisbane: LEUT S. K. C. Leight



Reserve Officers Sea Day on HMAS Brisbane

**SDOC 10**

Back Row (L to R): M. G. McConnell, P. J. Smith, D. Parry, T. P. Garside, L. Kambanaros, D. Illyes, S. Wilkinson
Front Row (L to R): R. S. David, D. R. Hogarth, R. J. Cooper, A. Shearman, P. A. Teichmann, J. J. Williams

SDOC 11

Nineteen keen, eager and enthusiastic members of Special Duties Officers Course (SDOC) 11 joined HMAS *Creswell* 18 June 1989.

Having previous naval experience ranging from 11 to 22 years, the course had little difficulty in adjusting to a training environment, and very quickly had the staff exactly where they wanted them.

A small scare was experienced in week five when, on completion of Divisions, the Commanding Officer commented 'Good' as opposed to the customary 'Excellent' standard. As a result, the course stopped their own leave until standards improved!

Highlights of the course included expedition training (character building), ladies weekend (awesome), and man management (controversial), however, all members of SDOC 11 found something useful in their nine weeks at *Creswell*.

The course graduated 18 August 1989 with Sub Lieutenant Wesley Heron receiving the prize for best overall performance during SDOC 11.

SDOC 12

A new era for the RAN commenced on 17 September 1989 when 10 highly trained and motivated ex-Senior Sailors joined the RANC to commence the twelfth Special Duties Officers Course. The course consisted of individuals whose average length of service was 13 years prior to commissioning. Areas of expertise within the course ranged from Marine Engineering, Medical Administration, Communications, Work Study, Naval Police and the Submarine Arm. During the first four weeks the course soon melded into the highly efficient team which it is today and set the standard for the other College members to follow.

Despite pressing sporting engagements, the course still found time to participate in the many and varied social activities undertaken with HMAS *Creswell*, add some extra revenue to the township of Huskisson, and, to prove that SDs possessed some intellectual qualities, won the first of the debates scheduled for the course. We achieved the transition to the Wardroom without fuss as

our standards were high enough initially not to require any adjustment in attitudes. Having been advised by our Course Officer that previous SD courses had adopted higher social profiles, we immediately set ourselves the task of being the 'Most Boring' SD course ever but, try as we might, our natural abilities to mingle socially with all types of people soon made the Wardroom THE social venue.

We were particularly enamoured of the company of the Reserve Officers Administration and Orientation courses. No doubt the Psychologists amongst them will submit some interesting case histories following our free consultations! All too soon it was necessary to leave the creature comforts and embark on a formidable trek through the Moreton National Park. Once again team work and cooperation, tempered by good judgment and morale, allowed us to surmount all obstacles and return to HMAS *Creswell* in high spirits. Following a brief sojourn into the mysterious world of computing, the course will depart for other duties.

We are proud to have been selected to attend RANC and it is humbling to sit in the Gunroom reading the long lists of names of those who have gone before and have done so much for the Navy and Australia. It is a credit to the Navy, and the now defunct Junior Recruiting system, that seven out of 10 SD Officers began their careers through that scheme. Also of note is the fact that Sub-Inspector Brian Sankey will be the last Sub-Inspector to pass through the College and the first Sub Lieutenant SDEX Naval Police. This course is the last one in which the majority of members have achieved their educational qualifications through their own efforts as the Nowra TAFE scheme will be available for personnel from January 1990 on a full-time basis.

SDOC 12 ADVENTURE TRAINING

Part of the SD course involved a Training Expedition, designed to test the leadership and initiative of the personnel on the course, and to allow individuals to develop their skills and abilities in order to become more effective as professional Naval Officers. SDOC 12 therefore undertook its Expedition during the week 15 to 20 October.



SDOC 11

Back Row (L to R): LEUT D. Wenzel, SBLT G. Redman, SBLT J. Taylor, SBLT G. Koehler, SBLT P. Anderson

Front Row (L to R): SBLT C. Bambrook, SBLT D. Walters, SBLT A. Botth, SBLT B. Gurr, LEUT D. Rennie, SBLT W. Heron, SBLT K. Clews

Middle Row (L to R): SBLT D. Stewart, SBLT P. Gorman, SBLT A. Milson, SBLT R. Cairney, SBIN G. Cartmill, SBLT D. Woodward, SBLT J. Hogan



SDOC 12

Back Row (L to R): SBLT P. Harrington, SBIN B. A. Sankey, SBLT R. Barnett, SBLT P. Langley.

Front Row (L to R): SBLT D. Jamieson, SBLT M. Carew, SBLT M. Aichholzer, SBLT S. English, SBLT J. Cunniffe, SBLT P. Mitchell.

After a pleasant last breakfast amongst the civilised confines of the Wardroom, the course was transported to its jump off point in the Yalwal district. The first task was to navigate ourselves from our departure point to our first camp site, a short hike of some 9 km through some very interesting terrain.

Within the hour the course was forcing its way through dense bush and soon discovered some basic bushwalking techniques, such as it being far easier to walk along the top of a ridge than to cross them. As the temperature rose, the pristine uniforms and equipment of the group became soaked in sweat and covered in grime, a natural camouflage which we were to adopt (not by choice!) for the next few days. Stopping for a pleasant tinned lunch, the team observed the many and varied sights and sounds that the bush provides before moving onto the next phase of the land navigation task. After scrambling up some steep hills, and covering some distance in mildly thick bush, it became obvious to the team that it would be necessary to assault the pile of rock known as Jinkibilly Hill. The hill climb involved some deft manoeuvring, particularly by our larger members. Reaching the tip of the hill no obvious way around the rocks facing us could be found.

Aware that time was pressing, the team decided to take up the challenge of a direct climb up to the top of the hill and by making our way through a narrow fissure, we successfully climbed the hill disturbing the slumber of a very large goanna in the process. Bushcraft skills were certainly varied as differing designs and concepts in the building of shelters for the night illustrated. The afternoon brew was interrupted by a visit from the Fleet Air Arm in the form of Seaking 09 which conducted buoy approaches on the lake.

Next day the team was directed to head for a hill directly behind the campsite where the abseiling and cliff climbing activities were to be conducted. After a steep climb the team arrived at the summit and after a brief recon of the area, and seeing the cliffs over which we would soon be throwing ourselves, the group was strangely quiet. However, with the benefit of expert instructors,

top class equipment and complete faith in the medical services of the RAN, we began to slide over the 80 ft high precipice. Some individuals demonstrated that they possessed large quantities of intestinal fortitude, including the author, who normally will not get out of the lift in Centrepoint Tower! The Submarine Service can be proud of Sub Lieutenant Carew who took out the record for the most descents and at great speed. His application for the SASR is being considered I believe.

Daybreak saw the group moving to a new campsite and preparing for a canoeing trip along the waterways. The group took to the water with gusto, however it was certainly obvious from some of the courses being followed that there were no navigators amongst us!

Returning to the campsite the group carried out ditching drills which, after a long hot day of paddling, enticed some members to spend more time in the water than out of it. A small hike saw the group reach its final campsite for the expedition and after building shelters and making a fire, the group digested the culinary delights of the Australian Army 'A' ration packs to which we were becoming quite accustomed.

The evolutions conducted consisted of a jacking transfer, navigation exercises, a simulated MEDEVAC situation and a raft building exercise. Throughout it all the SD course demonstrated the ability of highly motivated and experienced personnel to tackle and solve problems in a team effort, calling upon all available skills, resources, and ideas. Suffice to say the SDOCs completed all of their tasks in the time allowed and at the end of the day proved they were still capable of extra activities. The training staff were kind enough to provide a fresh meal and a taste of the good life at their base camp where the SDs demonstrated some 'Black Magic' of their own! However, a steady downpour meant that the night would be spent by some members sleeping on what seemed to be a piece of dry ground the size of a 50 cent piece, however dawn came and the camp was up and ready to move out to the pick-up point for the drive out.

EXAC (EXECUTIVE APPLICATION COURSE)

EXAC is the application course which Executive trainees commence once they have passed their JOCT and JNCC and graduated from the Naval College. They are instructed, during EXAC Phase I, on a wide range of topics including Officer of the Watch (OOW), Navigation, Seamanship and NBCD. Both the OOW and Seamanship are three week courses taught at HMAS *Creswell*.

During 1989, Seamanship Instructor, CPO Neville Hair, taught seven classes of trainees. EXAC 11 streams were fortunate to have the opportunity to practice numerous evolutions for one week at the new Seamanship School at HMAS *Cerberus*. All the Seamanship courses ran very smoothly with the high level of student motivation and excellent results a reflection of the organisational and instructional skills of Nev Hair.

Eighty-three students successfully completed the OOW course during 1989 with

Midshipman Camilos and Sub Lieutenant Bambrook excelling in EXAC 10 and EXAC 11 streams respectively. Instructor, Lieutenant Barry Jones, was posted to HMAS *Geraldton* as Executive Officer in March and was replaced by Lieutenant Danny Gibbons. In addition, the expertise of a number of officers, namely Lieutenant Greg Flanagan from the Fleet Support Section, Lieutenant Peter Brown and Lieutenant Julie Fowler from HMAS *Albatross*, and the Chief Instructor, Lieutenant Commander Don Sewell, helped enhance the knowledge of the trainees in courses throughout the year.

Eleven FOSLEX Officers were also taught components of the OOW course in preparation of their return to their South Western Pacific Navies where they became both OOWs and Navigators.

With at least six EXAC streams and almost one hundred trainees programmed to commence their Executive training in 1990, the EXAC staff look forward to another busy and successful year.



Navigation training at sea



RANR Admin

Back Row (L to R): LEUT P. Jackson, SBLT R. J. Griffiths, LEUT M. D. De Angelis

Front Row (L to R): LEUT S. K. Leicht, SBLT K. T. Francki, LEUT C. Chartier (OIC), LEUT C. N. Harvey



SDLD 1/89

(L to R): LEUT B. Hull, LEUT D. L. J. Baldwin, LEUT G. W. Edgell, LEUT M. J. Cowper

SDLD 15 COURSE

Three well-seasoned ex Warrant Officers underwent a two week SDLD Officer Orientation Course at *Creswell* during the period 2 to 13 October 1989.

With a total of 66 years service and experience, and ranging backgrounds from Writer, Gunnery and Driving categories, the three officers had little trouble adapting to their new lifestyle and all are looking forward to their future careers.

DEFENCE ACADEMY TRAINING

Defence Academy Single Service Training is a significant part of the training conducted at *Creswell*, particularly as the majority of Academy Midshipmen undertook training at the College in 1989.

February saw the arrival of 115 keen and eager first year new entrants for a two week Naval Familiarisation module. This period consisted of a week at *Creswell* involving presentations, lectures, boatwork and visits, with the second week visting 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 1990.



SDLD 2/89

(L to R): LEUT A. J. Brogan, LEUT M. A. Weir, LEUT R. I. Nelson

January saw all second year midshipman proceed to sea in various Fleet Units for their Training Cruise, the majority reluctantly joining HMAS *Tobruk* for a cruise through the South Pacific and on to Hawaii. With many a run ashore behind them the Hawaiian sojourn eventually drew to a close with a somewhat speedier return to Australia in a RAAF 707. The last remaining task on return to the Academy for these fearless men and women of the sea was to relate to their Army and RAAF colleagues tales of life on the briny and runs ashore in foreign ports.

The 'old hands' of the Academy, the third years, arrived in late January for modules of Junior Officer Common Training (JOCT).

During the three week period the class of 50 studied Naval History, RAN Service Studies and Discipline, before returning to ADFA to commence final year studies.

As well as first year midshipmen, November saw the return of third and fourth year Engineering trainees to complete the remaining modules of JOCT. Following Naval Training at *Creswell*, all returned to ADFA for the graduation parade which was, for some, the final days at the Academy.

Of those who graduated in December, the separation from *Creswell* was short-lived as most returned in January to join their Supplementary List colleagues for the Junior Naval Command Course in 1990.

JOCT 8 CRUISE REPORT November–December 1989

After an early breakfast on Thursday morning the 27 members of JOCT 8 loaded their luggage onto the HMAS *Creswell* bus and departed for RAAF Base Richmond to join the regular Hercules cargo flight to Townsville via Amberley. Everyone arrived at Townsville on Thursday night well rested after, what was for many, their first flight in a Hercules. Following a one night stopover at the RAAF base everyone again boarded a bus, this time destined to join HMAS *Stalwart* at Trinity Wharf in Cairns.

Upon joining *Stalwart* at 1.30 pm on Friday November 10 the whole weekend was set aside to look around Cairns and pack away all the luggage into the three drawers allocated to each bunk. At 10.00 a.m. on Monday morning *Stalwart* departed for Noumea and arrived five days later after an uneventful trip with good weather and calm seas.

The following weekend was a full one for all JOCTs with cocktail parties and various sporting functions to attend. The cocktail parties were a new experience for many and

were enjoyed immensely even though the language barrier between the French and Australian officers hindered conversation to a large extent.

The ship departed Noumea on Monday November 20, and after another uneventful cruise arrived off Mackay on Wednesday night to MEDEVAC a member of ship's company ashore with suspected appendicitis. Over the next four days *Stalwart* conducted pilotage training for the EXAC officers onboard through the Whitsunday Islands whilst the JOCTs worked in the various departments within the ship.

Stalwart berthed in Mackay on Monday 27 November and after four days of rest departed for Hamilton Island on Friday 1 December. On Friday evening the ship's concert was held and the JOCT females made a lasting impression on the ship's company by taking first prize with an enterprising version of the 'Twelve Days of Christmas'. After weighing anchor Monday morning the ship departed for Sydney and rendezvoused with HMAS *Parramatta* off Jervis Bay the following Thursday.



FOSLEX officer takes charge on Jackstay evolution

SPORT

Prior to entering Sydney Harbour at 0930 on Friday morning, HMAS *Stalwart* and *Parramatta* conducted a light jackstay evolution with three JOCT members having the rare opportunity to take part in the transfer. For these three people it was the highlight of their cruise. At 1000 *Stalwart* berthed alongside Garden Island after being escorted into Sydney for the last time by HMAS *Darwin* and HMAS *Parramatta*.

For many JOCTs this cruise in *Stalwart* was their first time at sea and although only part of the ship's company for one month, much was learnt about every department in the ship and more importantly, about the pride sailors have for their ship. Being able to take part in a cruise of this nature and view life at sea from a sailor's perspective is a valuable part of officer training and Captain Dunne and the rest of the *Stalwart* crew must be thanked for providing the JOCTs with the knowledge they did over the four weeks of the cruise. All the JOCTs realise that taking part in a ship's decommissioning cruise is a once in a lifetime opportunity and made the most of their stay.

Sport has always played an important part of College life. This year has been no exception with sport being considered high on the priorities list of Officer training.

Like all other years we have had our share of victories and of course our disappointments. One major highlight this year has been winning the inaugural Inter Colleges Sporting Challenge (ICSC). ICSC has now replaced what was previously known as Inter Service College Athletics Meeting and Inter Services Colleges Swimming Carnival. RANC played host for the first of the newly-arranged competition for which teams travelled from Melbourne and Canberra to match their skill with RANC in sailing, touch football, tennis and ladies softball. The results were:

- First RANC
- Second ADFA
- Third RMC
- Fourth RAAF College

The second challenge was held mid-year and the Australian Defence Force Academy, our host, managed to reverse the placings from our first encounter with the final results being:

- First ADFA
- Second RMC
- Third RAAF College
- Fourth RANC



Touch football action on the quarter deck

IRON MAN—18 JANUARY 1989

- First Flinders
- Second Phillip
- Third Jervis
- Fourth Cook



Action from the Iron Man race

RANC SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS

- First Flinders
- Second Phillip
- Third Jervis
- Fourth Cook

Individual Champions: MIDN Schopen
(male)
MIDN Cornell
(female)

RANC/RANTTE/SYDNEY UNIVERSITY/
NOWRA AMATEUR ATHLETICS ASSO-
CIATION ATHLETICS

- First RANTTE
- Second RANC
- Third Nowra AAA
- Fourth Sydney University

1989 PIXLEY CUP

- First Jervis
- Second Cook
- Third Phillip
- Fourth Flinders



Sprint action at the Pixley Cup

McCAFFERY CUP CROSS COUNTRY CHALLENGE

First Nowra AAA
 Second RANC

1989 INTER-DIVISIONAL CROSS COUNTRY

First Jervis
 Second Cook
 Third Phillip
 Fourth Flinders

Individual winners: SBLT Dunne (male)
 MIDN Johnson (female)

COCK DIVISION FINAL POINTS

Mass Participation

First Jervis
 Second Cook
 Third Phillip
 Fourth Flinders

Major Sport

First Phillip
 Second Cook
 Third Flinders
 Fourth Jervis

Minor Sport

First Cook
 Flinders
 Jervis
 Fourth Phillip

Creswell CUP

First Jervis
 Second Phillip
 Third Cook
 Fourth Flinders



The Creswell Cup going to Jervis Division

INTER-DIVISIONAL FUN GAMES (New Intake)

First	Flinders
Second	Jervis

INTER-DIVISIONAL IRON MAN

First	Jervis
Second	Flinders

INTER-DIVISIONAL GAMES

Soccer	Flinders
Volleyball	Flinders
Touch	Flinders

HMAS CRESWELL FUN GAMES

The new entry officer trainees at HMAS *Creswell* took a break from their studies to partake in the annual College Fun Games.

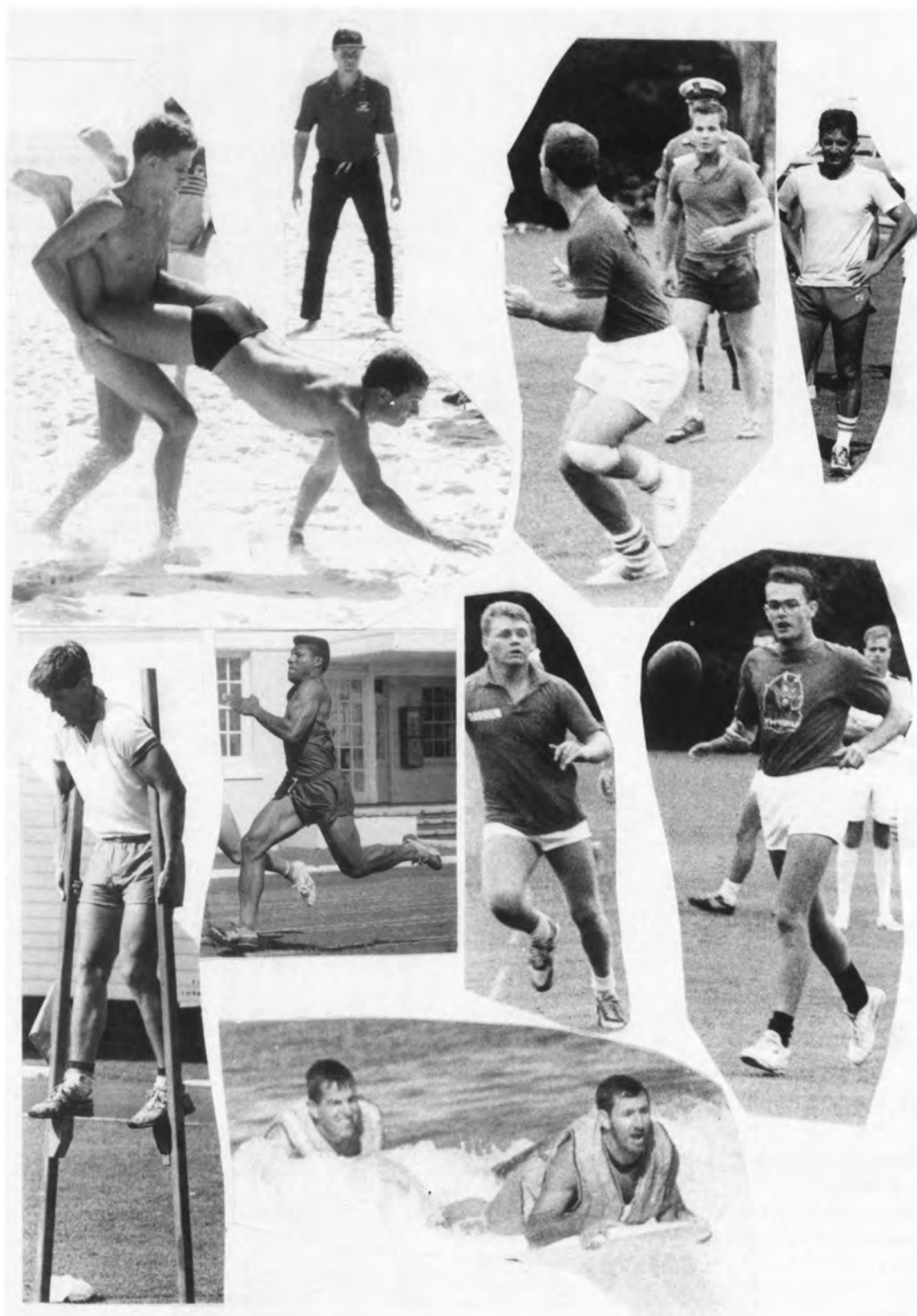
The trainees were divided into their two Divisions, Flinders and Jervis, for the competition. The first event was the 400 m wheelbarrow race around an obstacle course, with the winners being members of Jervis Division.

The Cooe and Kookaburra calling contexts were the next events and the most

humorous. Some very strange sounds were produced with Flinder's Division being the winners.

Also contested was an egg throwing competition with the longest throws reaching a length of 25 m. A protest was mounted however, as it was suggested that some competitor's had cheated because their eggs bounced and were obviously hardboiled. The event was eventually tied although quite a few ended up with egg on their faces.

Another highlight of the Fun Games was the gumboot throwing contest. This event proved to many that this is not as easy as it looks. By the end of the day there were many tired and aching bodies but all agreed that the Fun Games had provided a welcome break from the regular College Routines. The overall winners of the competition were the members of Flinder's Division who were awarded a victory cake. The members of the losing Division were assigned the onerous task of cleaning-up the area.



WILLS CUP GOLF TEAM

In 1989, *Creswell* entered a team in the Wills Cup NSW Golf Competition for the first time. Competing against the more fancied Sydney teams, namely *Kuttabal* and *Nirimba*, the team started very hesitantly with only one win in the first four games. Part of the problem was adjusting to the lightning fast greens on our home course at the Highlands in Mittagong. However, by May, the team started to gain some consistency with wins against *Nirimba*, *Albatross*, and *Plats/Waterhen* and on June 14 we defeated *Kuttabal*, the 1988 Premiers who, for the previous 18 months, had been undefeated, 170—166.

Opposition teams were already commenting on the tremendous spirit the *Creswell* team possessed and, with further convincing wins in July and August, the 'new boys' to

the competition were definitely no longer the 'easy-beats'!

Throughout the year, Greg Flanagan, Kel Turner, Don McTaggart and Louis Posik were returning consistently good scores. Competition to be selected in the team grew each week with the Captain of the team and selector, John MacKay, having 25 players from which to choose. At the end of the two rounds *Creswell* was on equal second with *Nirimba* and *Albatross*, however, our for-against record resulted in the team having to play a sudden-death semi-final against *Albatross* at the Liverpool Golf Club in Sydney. We won convincingly with Louis Posik top scoring with 42 points. By now the team had become accustomed to the three hour bus trips to Sydney each Wednesday and many will remember the year for the songs, celebrations, and Mick Cronin's pub on the return trips.



The Wills Cup Champion Team

Before being able to make it to the grand final, we had to play *Kuttabal*, a team boasting inter-Service and National players. Undaunted, we defeated them 182-195 with Greg Flanagan playing a superb round to end with 45 stableford points.

The grand final against *Nirimba*, which was played at the Liverpool Golf Club, was most players' first taste of real pressure golf. There was an air of quiet confidence as our first two players, Max Hunter and Greg Flanagan, landed on the green and both birdied the first hole. After five and a half hours of golf the team triumphed 186-184 a close, yet very decisive, margin. First year in the competition and we had won the coveted WILLS CUP! At a golf presentation night three weeks later, Captain Ramsay presented LS Posik with the MacKay-Ledger Trophy for his outstanding performances throughout the year.

The credit goes to all the 25 team members who competed throughout the year and, in particular, to our team Captain, John MacKay, whose organisational skills definitely ensured that the team chosen each Wednesday played to its full potential.

BUNDEENA TRIATHLON

Five enthusiastic *Creswell* sportsmen travelled to Bundeena over the weekend of 25/26 February to participate in the Bundeena Bike Barn Triathlon over the standard distance of 1 km swim, 30 km cycle and 10 km run. Because of the early start time of 0730 on Sunday the group camped at the Bonnyvale Camp site at Bundeena, about 1 km from the starting area.

A dull, overcast sky greeted the group and over 600 other triathletes when they made their way to the registration desks at 0600 on Sunday. Having been allocated race numbers, the team then proceeded to the transition area to prepare their bikes and running gear for the race. This was followed by a long walk to the starting area for the swim where hundreds of nervous entrants paced up and down the sand waiting for the start time.

The start was in three waves with the groups starting at 5 mins intervals. All *Creswell* competitors were in the last wave and included seasoned campaigner Rod Harrod, Shane Weekes attempting his third triathlon, and first timers David Ramsay, Nitro Pethley and Peter Caldwell.

Nearly all competitors received stings of varying degrees of severity from jelly fish as they negotiated the swim leg and this made life just a little uncomfortable. Peter Caldwell swam strongly to be in the leading group at the turning point but swam way off course to the right and lost about three minutes getting back to the exit point from the water. This allowed Rod Harrod to be first of the *Creswell* contingent on the bike with Shane Weekes and Peter together next, David Ramsay close behind and Nitro pleased to have the swim behind him.

The carefully prepared transition area was a swamp by the time the swim leg was over as the southerly change arrived with a vengeance and the cyclists started the 30 km ride in pouring rain. In spite of the wet roads and some steep hills on the bike leg, all *Creswell* cyclists rode strongly and arrived back at the transition area without incident.

The run course included numerous hills with a very steep climb immediately after the start so there was little time to ease into a rhythm. Following a much longer race in Canberra on the previous weekend, Rod Harrod relished the run leg to pound over the 10 kms in 38 minutes for a total time of 1 hour 53 minutes, a personal best for triathlons of this distance. Shane Weekes also had no problems on the run and was still strong at the finish with a time of 2 hours. Peter Caldwell was never happy on his leg and was passed at the 3 1/2 km mark by David Ramsay and at about 7 km by 'Nitro' who were both running at a pace about 1 minute per 1 km faster and went on to finish with times of 2 hours 4 minutes and 2 hours 7 minutes respectively. Peter never got above jogging pace to finish in 2 hours 11 minutes, vowing to devote more training time to the run leg.



Junior Officer Under Training from Tonga in the annual Athletics Carnival

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

NAVY OFFICER TRAINEES CLEAN UP PICNIC AREA

On Thursday 29 June, 24 Junior Officers Under Training conducted a clean up of the Yalwal picnic area. A trailer load of approximately 25 bags of rubbish left by previous visitors to the Danjera Dam's picturesque barbecue area, was collected.

The young officers had been camping nearby as part of their bush survival and expedition training. The group, led by Commander G. A. Ledger and Lieutenant Commander R. Grezl, took a welcome break

from the rigours of the training to help beautify and clean up the area.

The young officers who took part in the clean up were completing their final phase of the Junior Officer Common Training. The week's expedition also involved canoeing, bush navigation, abseiling and group leadership exercises. All enjoyed the week but were relieved to get back to hot showers and dry beds.



Junior Officers Under Training clean up Yalwal

CHILDREN'S WEEKEND WITH THE NAVY

Over two weekends in August, HMAS *Creswell* played host to over 35 children from disadvantaged backgrounds. The children, ranging in age from six to 18 years, were from Raith House in Campbelltown and the Canberra Behavioural Management School.

Both weekends kicked off with a tour of HMAS *Creswell* on the Friday afternoon, followed by setting up camp on the sports fields. A great BBQ dinner was then enjoyed by all, with a sing-song around the camp fire completing the evening's entertainment.

Over the time the children made the best use of the facilities offered by HMAS

Creswell. Staff from the establishment took the groups sailing, boating and fishing in Jervis Bay. The children also went canoeing and bushwalking, and some even managed to fit in a round of golf.

One of the highlights of the weekend was a visit to Greenpatch to feed the birds, followed by abseiling down the cliffs of Governor's Head. Although there were a few nervous faces at the start, everyone who attempted the climb made it down and the children and staff had a thoroughly enjoyable day.

The weekends concluded with lunch at the College with the Junior Officers Under Training before a somewhat teary departure for their return journey home.



CRESWELL SAILS FOR CANCER

A two race sailing regatta was conducted by HMAS *Creswell* on Sunday 5 March. It was the first regatta ever held on Jervis Bay which involved all the sailing clubs in the Shoalhaven area and attracted an enthusiastic fleet of some 50 keelboats, trailer sail-

ers, catamarans, dinghies and sailboards. The event was organised by *Creswell's* Sailing Officer, Lieutenant Commander Peter Caldwell and was held to raise money for the Leo and Jenny Leukaemia and Cancer Foundation.



Creswell's Franklin sails for Cancer

Many of the keelboats arrived at *Creswell* on the Saturday evening and provided a spectacular scene as they nested at the pontoons with their red Sail-for-Cancer flags lifting in a light north easterly breeze.

A spectacular morning's sailing was followed by an equally enjoyable BBQ on the lawns of *Creswell's* waterfront. Volunteer chefs and stewards from the Supply Department did a marvellous job of organising both the BBQ and the refreshments tent and their tireless efforts throughout the day were certainly appreciated by all who attended.

Those who did race enjoyed some exciting downwind rides as the combination of strong winds and large waves had most boats surfing down the reaches in spectacular fashion.

The catamarans and sailboards in particular really flew around the course.

On completion of racing, trophies were presented to scratch and handicap winners of each division by the Commanding Officer of *Creswell*, Captain David Ramsay, who spoke of the overall work done by the Leo and Jenny Foundation and confirmed that the regatta would be an annual event.

The trophies were expertly made by *Creswell* shipwrights and the cost of materials was covered by a surprise donation from Arne Thomsen, the area representative of O'Donnell Griffin, a fire alarm contractor currently involved in building projects at HMAS *Albatross*.

Trophy winners were as follows:

Division	Boat	Skipper	Club
One — Overall	DIRTY DICK II	Keith Rawlings	Jervis Bay CYC
	HANDICAP BREASY	Bryann Truman	St Georges Basin SC
Two — Overall	WHIP	John Innes	Vincentia SC
	HANDICAP ROCKET	Roger Ingle	Vincentia SC
Three — Overall	TOCATINA	John Winchester	Northbridge SC
	HANDICAP SHEARWATER	Steve Toth	RANC Yacht Club
Four — Overall	SAILBOARD	Peter Kourey	Sanctuary Point
	HANDICAP SAILBOARD	Tony Lim	Sanctuary Point

This proved to be a most successful day with all participants impressed by the organisation and running of the event. The proceeds of the day amounted to some \$1300 and the foundations have been laid for what should be an enjoyable and successful regatta for many years to come.



Survival at sea training in Jervis Bay

