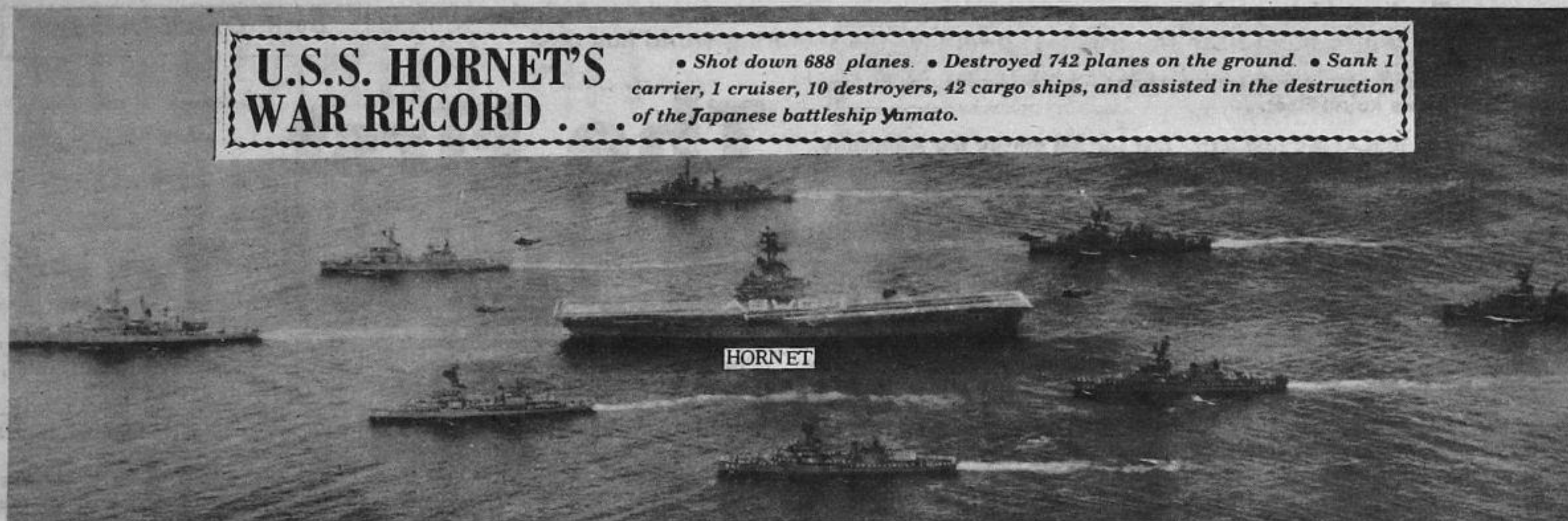


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• Shot down 688 planes. • Destroyed 742 planes on the ground. • Sank 1 carrier, 1 cruiser, 10 destroyers, 42 cargo ships, and assisted in the destruction of the Japanese battleship Yamato.



HORNET

U.S. NAVY TASK FORCE IN SYDNEY

The 44,000 tons anti-submarine aircraft carrier U.S.S. HORNET which led a U.S. Navy Task Force Group into Sydney Harbour on Tuesday, had, according to her official booklet, built the above record by the end of World War II.

An Essex Class carrier HORNET is the flagship of the Commander Anti Submarine Warfare Group One, and carries the flag of Rear Admiral E. P. Aurand.

She is equipped with anti-submarine Tracker aircraft and helicopters.

Tracker aircraft have been ordered for the Royal Australian Navy.

HORNET was accompanied by the U.S.N. destroyers JOHN S. MCCAIN, EPPERSON, NICHOLAS and FLETCHER.

Other U.S.N. ship movements in Australia are:

ADELAIDE-GLACIER (March 19-26), GARY (March 10-14).

FREMANTLE - GARY (March 18-21), CALCATERRA, (February 21-24).

All the ships have been engaged as part of the U.S. Seventh Fleet in Vietnam waters.

Commissioned on November 29, 1943, HORNET is the eighth ship to bear the name and from the keel to the top of her mast, the carrier is as tall as a 15-storey building.

Her ship's company say she is a complete seagoing city and air station.

HORNET carries 1576 officers and men and with air groups embarked the complement is increased by 2,500 pilots and operatives.

HORNET was 'rushed' into war service after her commissioning, and became part of the Task Force of the U.S. Pacific Fleet, operating as an attack carrier.

Originally to be named Kearsage, she was commissioned HORNET to retain the name of her fighting predecessors.

During World War II HORNET constantly saw action and was engaged in raids on Palau, Yap, Truk, the capture of Saipan, and the battles of the Philippines Sea.

She campaigned in the Leyte operations and was in action in the Battle of Surigao Strait, and in attacks on Northern Luzon and Formosa.

Her impressive battle record made her one of the best known U.S. fighting ships.

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BUSY TIME AHEAD OF H.M.A.S. PERTH

Australia's guided missile destroyer HMAS PERTH will be given a warm welcome in Sydney next Wednesday.



H.M.A.S. PERTH

She is the first of three destroyers built in U.S.A. for the R.A.N.

Federal Government interest is reflected in the fact that:-

(1) The Minister for Defence, Mr. Fairhall and,

(11) The Minister for Navy, Mr. Chaney will be at the Overseas Terminal, Circular Quay when PERTH berths.

Mr. Chaney was to have met PERTH when she reached Brisbane this morning but met with an injury at his home in Perth and his place was taken by the Postmaster-General Mr. Hulme, who accompanied the Chief of the Naval Staff, Vice Admiral Sir Alan McNicoll to Brisbane.

PERTH's arrival will be encompassed by ceremony.

She will be met at sea by two units of the R.A.N. and when she berths at Circular Quay to the strains of music provided by a E.A.A. Band, a press conference will be held on board.

Official calls will be made the following day and on Friday March 11, PERTH will be open for public inspection between 1330 and 1700.

On Saturday, March 12, Sea Cadets will visit the ship before she is re-opened for public inspection from 1300 to 1630.

At 1700 ex-PERTH sailors next of kin of those lost, and invited guests, will board PERTH which will be moved to Garden Island.

On Sunday March 13, members of the Navy League of Australia will visit PERTH at which time a portrait of Her Majesty, the Queen, will be presented to the ship.

During the afternoon PERTH will again be open for public inspection.

She will leave for Fremantle on March 16. PERTH also will visit Adelaide (March 29) and Melbourne (April 2).

The long history of the Royal Navy is rilled with brave moments and glorious incidents from which have risen the greatest traditions the seafaring world has seen.

By R. D. MIDDLETON

Occasionally a more than unusual happening interrupts the history-made saga of the Royal Fleet.

This story tells of the first turret test carried out by the Admiralty, and of the unfortunate ending to the recommendations which followed the experiment.

Over 150 years ago, Royal Navy Captain H. D. Chads, (H.M.S. EXCELLENT), was responsible for raising the gunnery standard of his ship to high efficiency.

This tradition has been carried on at the great R.N. Gunnery School of the same name.

Her motto was, 'SE VIS PACEM, PARA BELLUM'.

The unofficial motto, adopted by lower deck gunnery rates who qualified at the Gunnery School was, 'Fear God and all Gunners Mates'.

This is the story of the Coles gun turret tested by H.M.S. EXCELLENT.

In the year 1854, during the Crimean war, a Captain Cowper Phipps Coles, R.N., H.M.S. STROMBOLI, had designed a large gun carrying raft upon which he had mounted a 68 pound gun protected by a hemispherical iron shield.

It was capable of being flooded down to within a few inches of the water and presented a very small target to the enemy.

After the war, Coles found himself outside on half pay, yet the turret idea had so impressed him that he continued his investigations.

In 1859 he took out the first patent for a revolving gun turret.

In 1864 the Admiralty fitted an old cut-down three decker, H.M.S. ROYAL SOVEREIGN (Captain S. Osborne) with single and twin turrets designed by Coles, who supervised the refit, and ran her first trials on May 10, 1864, attaining a speed of 12 knots.

Doubt was expressed by many of the old Admirals who favoured the broadside system of gun arrangement concerning the vulnerability of the Coles turrets and Captain Coles made a submission by letter to the Admiralty that the turrets should be tested.

The Lords of the Admiralty, agreed to an experiment to be conducted by the Gunnery School, H.M.S. EXCELLENT.

ROYAL SOVEREIGN was moored near the Dean Shoals in the Spithead Channel and H.M.S. BELLEROPHON (Captain Tatham) was positioned at a distance of 150 to 200 yards range from ROYAL SOVEREIGN.

The arrangement was that three rounds were to be fired at the turret. The projectiles, terrifyingly, were Firths steel shot of 250 lbs. in weight, 17 1/2 inches long with spiral head, and the battering charge was 43 lbs. of large grain powder.

The object of the experiment, was to ascertain whether the turret could

be rendered incapable of protecting its gun and crew, and also to be able to train freely after being hit.

Coles complained that the latest pieces of ordnance, the 9 inch M.L.R. gun, was to be used against the old models of his turrets, but the test was ordered to take place.

The after turret of ROYAL SOVEREIGN was selected for the experiment and a canvas target with a bull's eye painted thereon, was mounted above the turret as an aiming mark for a sighting shot.

The single gun and its carriage was removed from the turret and the weight made up by shot and iron bars to an approximate weight of 14 tons, to put the designed load on the turret turning gear. A wooden replica of the

FLASHBACK

R.N. experiment had costly, fatal ending

gun was fitted inside the gun aperture of the turret.

It is interesting to note that the loading of the turret guns was accomplished by depressing the gun within the turret until it was in line with an aperture in the deck.

Then, from the deck under, the powder charge was inserted in the muzzle and rammed home.

The projectile, fitted with small extrusions to mate with the rifling of the gun was then raised on a small lifting device and also rammed home. The gun was then elevated into the firing position.

All the deck openings inside the turret were closed off for the test. Coles protested bitterly to the Admiralty about the arrangements.

He considered that the real gun in position would serve to deflect any shot or splinters from entering the turret during an action. His protests were noted.

Great excitement

When the decision to carry out the test became known to the press and public, great interest was aroused and on June 15, 1866, the day of the test, the Isle of Wight crowds of sightseers gathered and waterborne craft were numerous.

The first shot was fired at the canvas target surmounting the turret, the gun being at an elevation of 12 mins. and a portion of the canvas carried away.

This shot was fired with no other object than to obtain an accurate range, but it was speedily followed by the second for a very different purpose.

A 246 lb. shot was fired at a bull's eye on the turret. With tremendous force the shot struck the left side of the gun port and penetrated the 5 1/2 inch plate; but on reaching the 4 1/2 inch plate it glanced off, crossed the port, caused a slight indentation on the right side and was shattered into a dozen pieces.

The skeleton gun and carriage were

broken into fragments, and much damage was caused.

The revolving machinery was then tested and it was found that it had not sustained any injury. A revolution of a quarter of a circle was then made and this exposed the thinnest side of the turret, there being only a single plate of 5 1/2 inches at this point, to the BELLEROPHON's fire.

The next shot, of 250 lbs. entered the turret at a junction of two plates passed through the 5 1/2 inch plate, splintered the teak immediately behind it, and taking an upward direc-

trained by Jonathan Boning, a gunnery instructor on board the EXCELLENT, with admirable accuracy.

The damage to the ROYAL SOVEREIGN was inspected and the official report read:-

"The conclusion which it appears to me we should derive from the experiment is as follows:

"The turning gear of the turret, as fitted in ROYAL SOVEREIGN is not likely to be damaged by the concussion of heavy shot striking the turret.

"The construction of the turrets is that the ship is not sufficiently strong to receive more than one shot from the 9 inch M.L.R. gun and would be penetrated on its side and back, by one shot if it struck at right angles to its surface.

"The mode of securing the plates is defective.

"The circular form of the turret affords greater resistance to penetration.

"The experience we have gained by the deflection of the shot on the deck appears to indicate that any ship can be rendered unsinkable by a thick belt of armour at the waterline and an iron deck at its upper edge.

"It has been suggested that the after turret of ROYAL SOVEREIGN should be removed. It would however consider this to be inadvisable, as her offensive power would be reduced, especially right astern and no objection exists to its retention while she is intended for harbour service only.

"She would certainly be more effective if she had three double turrets but it is not considered worthwhile to make any important alterations in her present armament beyond supplying her with 9-inch M.L.R. guns when they are available."

In the following month of July, 1866, Coles was to receive official Admiralty approval to construct H.M.S. CAPTAIN as a low free-board turret ship.

Commissioned in April 1870, she turned turtle and sank with great loss of life, including that of Captain Coles, off Finisterre in September.

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BLIZZARDS HIT HOBART CREW

Time has progressed since our last article — and so has HOBART.

Forward movement though, hasn't been confined to the ship's journey down the East Coast of the States.

Thanks to a deal of hard work by what is rapidly becoming a well-knit team, the number of chalk marks on the wall have shown a surprising increase, and if we can be forgiven for saying it ourselves, the R.A.N. has been earning some nice comments.

Apart from those perennial topics weather has been the factor affecting HOBART the most.

Just before the accompanied member's families left for Australia on January 16, Boston turned on a very good blizzard, and then, hardly giving us time to recover, struck again with another.

It was incredibly true that on occasions there were less than a dozen people going ashore after the day's work.

Some of the remarks passed, on learning of temperatures in Australia, don't bear repeating — it shouldn't be too hard to imagine though; from for instance, the stores party as they brought thousands of items aboard through six inches of snow, ice and slush in sub-freezing temperatures!

One that can be mentioned: 'I can't even raise an honest sweat, but the Chief's sure doing his best for me!'

There were some very interesting sights in Boston; and many people managed to walk the Freedom Trail, ski in New Hampshire and Vermont, get to Clambakes — New England style, and see some of the more unusual ships of the U.S.N.

One of the latter was U.S.S. WAINWRIGHT, the latest Terrier equipped D.L.G.'s with N.T.D.S. (it even reads out the Bogey pilot's grandmother's name so the story goes).

The Air Control Team visited the U.S.S. WASP on her return from the Caribbean after collecting the Gemini Crew, and apparently only came back with a collection of charts, but there was some talk of 'Visiting Australian Astronauts Checking the Recovery Gear' — it wasn't quite clear who was pulling whose leg!

Sport was not really possible in Boston, but the Rugby team managed to get in some training on the top of the Ikara Magazine after shovelling the snow off.

The Fitting Out Period finally came to an end — after successful Trials, which included the first firing of a Tartar Missile.

Boston tried again with the snow and ice just before sailing, but HOBART got away on Tuesday January 25 and headed South for Norfolk, in sunny Virginia, and those allegedly warmer climates.

Our thanks to the Engineerroom Department for their determination and hard work to get the ship away from Boston.

ANOTHER GALE AND STORMS

Our arrival in Virginia was greeted by the worst gale and snow storm in living memory.

The Fleet Guide states that 'because of the unique position between zones, Norfolk enjoys a mild and pleasant climate.'

This quote was bandied about on January 31 as tugs came in to break away the eight inches of ice on the sea, to allow HOBART to leave DES-SUB Pier 20 on her way up the York River to Yorktown for Missile and Ammunition Loadout.

A large proportion of Chesapeake Bay was thickly covered with ice; luckily the snow had stopped (the temperature is left to your imagination), and the view of the inner-



FROM THE TROPICS TO THE SNOW — Most sailors aboard Australia's new destroyer, HMAS HOBART have served in the tropics aboard other RAN ships but when HOBART ran into a snow storm off the coast of America, this was something new. After the storm it was all hands to clear the decks. HOBART, built in America and commissioned on December 18, is currently carrying out trials off the American coast.

banks and surrounding countryside was quite beautiful.

Life outside was a little more pleasant on the ship's return to Norfolk but there was another blizzard before the big week-end trip to Washington D.C.

For the tour, buses were chartered from Greyhound, and 120 Australian tourists descended on the city for two days.

It was a very worthwhile, interesting tour, and thoroughly enjoyed by all who went.

Many places were visited — The White House, National Archives, the Supreme Court, Library of Congress, the Capitol — Senate and House of Representatives, Washington Monument, Lincoln Memorial, President Kennedy's grave at Arlington National Cemetery, and the Smithsonian Institute — to name a few, and then only the daylight ones!

HOBART's Exercise programme at Norfolk, Va. has been quite varied but concentrated — gunnery firings, ASW

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The climatic cycle of our traumatic experiences in Sunny Virginia was completed during our last afternoon and night of exercises (forcibly abandoned) when we encountered a real London pea souper.

All this weather has promoted the Forecaster at Panama City to request HOBART's arrival date, so that he can push out Panama's first snow warning.

Some interesting statistics for a five day period at Norfolk.

- Mean maximum temperature 27°
- Mean minimum temperature 19°
- Maximum temperature 35°
- Minimum temperature 12°
- Average temperature 23°.

During the night, while steaming through the fog at slow speed, one turbo-generator failed.

The culprit, a three foot eel which had found its final resting place tucked neatly around a pump impeller, was offered to the Captain at breakfast time.

His comments are not recorded.

Having competed first with crushed ice and then eels choking the generator inlets the Engineerroom are wondering about sunfish.

Things are looking up though, as HOBART is off to Florida shortly, to work out of Mayport near Jacksonville.

Another few busloads of tourists are scheduled to visit Miami — the place that taught the Gold Coast, Qld. how to make them give their money away and enjoy doing it.

This correspondent has been following a book 'The Art of Writing Made Simple', and so far you have read his coverage of the topics; 'Finding Reader Interest,' 'The Outline' and 'Shop Talk.' 'The Laws of Libel' and 'Professional Examples' will be taken up later.

'Literary Agents' is the subject of a voluminous correspondence with the Editor of Navy News, but a settlement has yet to be reached — The Editor's main complaint being that he receives more on that subject than he does articles for publication.

But away, the next show is about to start in Disneyland (the Ops Room's colourful collection of plots, totes and status boards).

Our motto: 'Sic Fortis Hobartia Crevit.' Rough translation: 'Watch us, we're growing every day.'

THE DANGERS OF INDOOR GAMES

"I was playing indoor bowls in the PO's Mess and one of my bowls rolled out off the balcony door and over the edge of the balcony. Thinking that I might lose the bowl I jumped over the railing and landed on a concrete path injuring my right ankle."

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The address of the association is c/o The Chairman, Colonel H. Boyle (Ret'd), 'Excelsior House,' 17 Elizabeth Street, Melbourne, C.I.

R.N. Appts.

Consequent on the retirement of the First Sea Lord, Admiral Sir Davis Luce, the following appointments in the Royal Navy have been announced:

FIRST SEA LORD: Admiral Sir Varyl Begg.

C.I.N.C. Portsmouth (from March 16), Vice Admiral Sir Frank Hopkins (in the rank of Admiral).

ACTING C.I.N.C. Portsmouth: Admiral J. L. Blackham.

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Term 1, 1966, got off to a good start with the arrival of seemingly never-ending hordes of New Entry Cadets. The first couple of weeks must have been confusing for them, but by now they are taking on the appearance of old hands.

The college yacht FRANKLIN still a little battered from the Sydney-Hobart Race, was entered in the Flinders Cup Race, which is sponsored by the College. A good field of 25 started, and after a very fast race, FRANKLIN crossed the line eighth.

The cricket and tennis teams did well in their first encounter of the year, defeating Knox College in all games.

Third Year cadets were treated to a visit to H.M.A.S. MELBOURNE, SUPPLY and YARRA during a visit by these ships to Jervis Bay. Luckily, conditions were perfect and an interesting and enjoyable visit was had by all.

The Ship's Company sporting competition is once again in full swing with the C.P.O. and P.O.'s teams looking very strong.

A cadet's gliding course was held over the last ten days of leave.

Despite gusty conditions the course was enjoyed although no certificates were awarded.

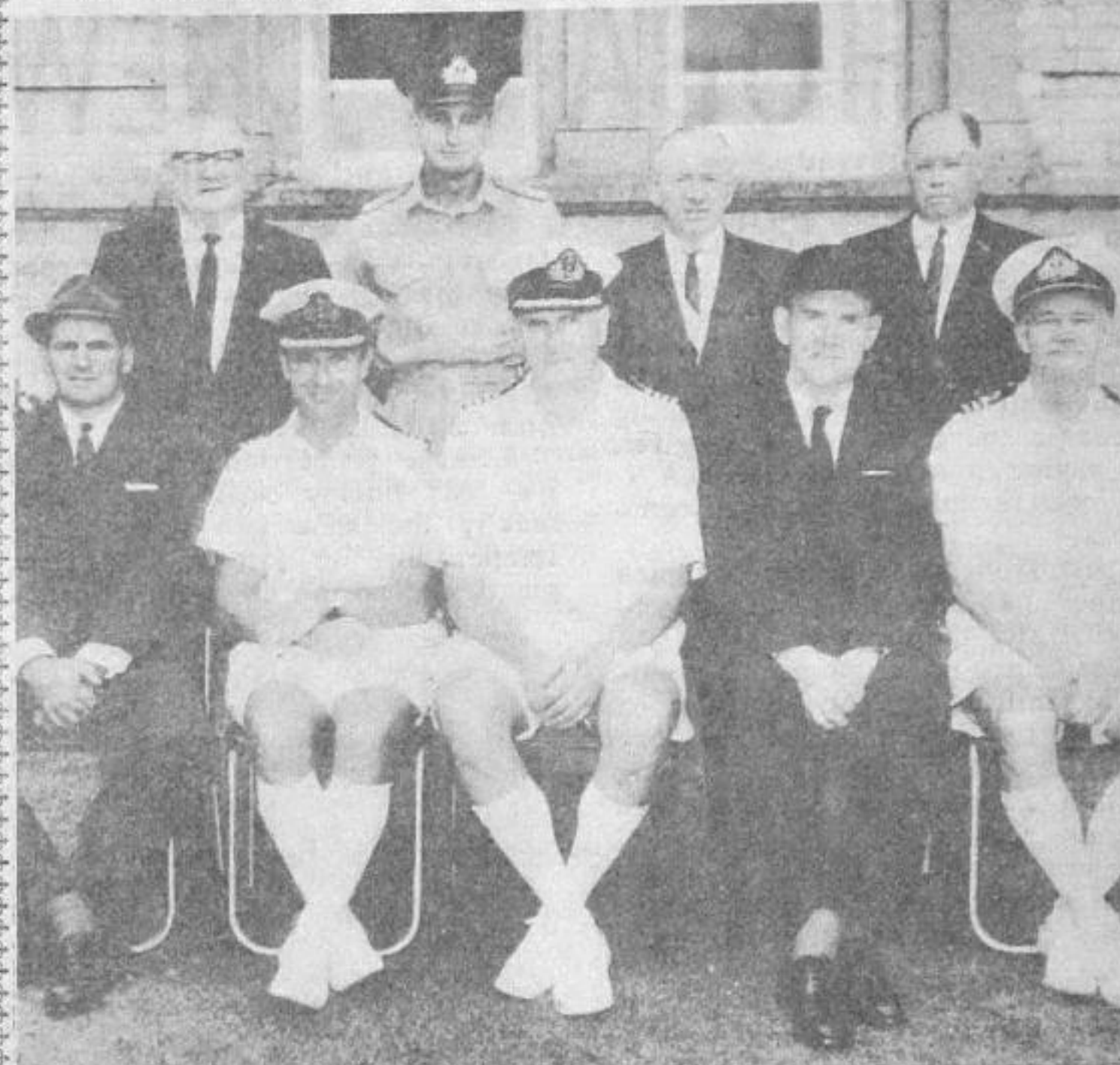
At present we must have two of the youngest soloists in Australia, Cadet Midshipmen K. STAGG and J. RENNIE, who were awarded their A. AND B. licences while only 15 years old.

Lieutenant Peter DECHAINEUX, Divisional and Engineer Officer, was relieved by Lieutenant Peter BOWLER recently.

We wish Lt. and Mrs. Dechaîneux well in their new home, and extend a warm welcome to Lt. and Mrs. Bowler.

Other new faces around the College include Messrs. Phillip THOMPSON, Brian NUGENT, and Joe GILKS, who have joined the academic staff, and we are happy to welcome three new families to the College.

CAPTAIN OF THE PORT FAREWELLED



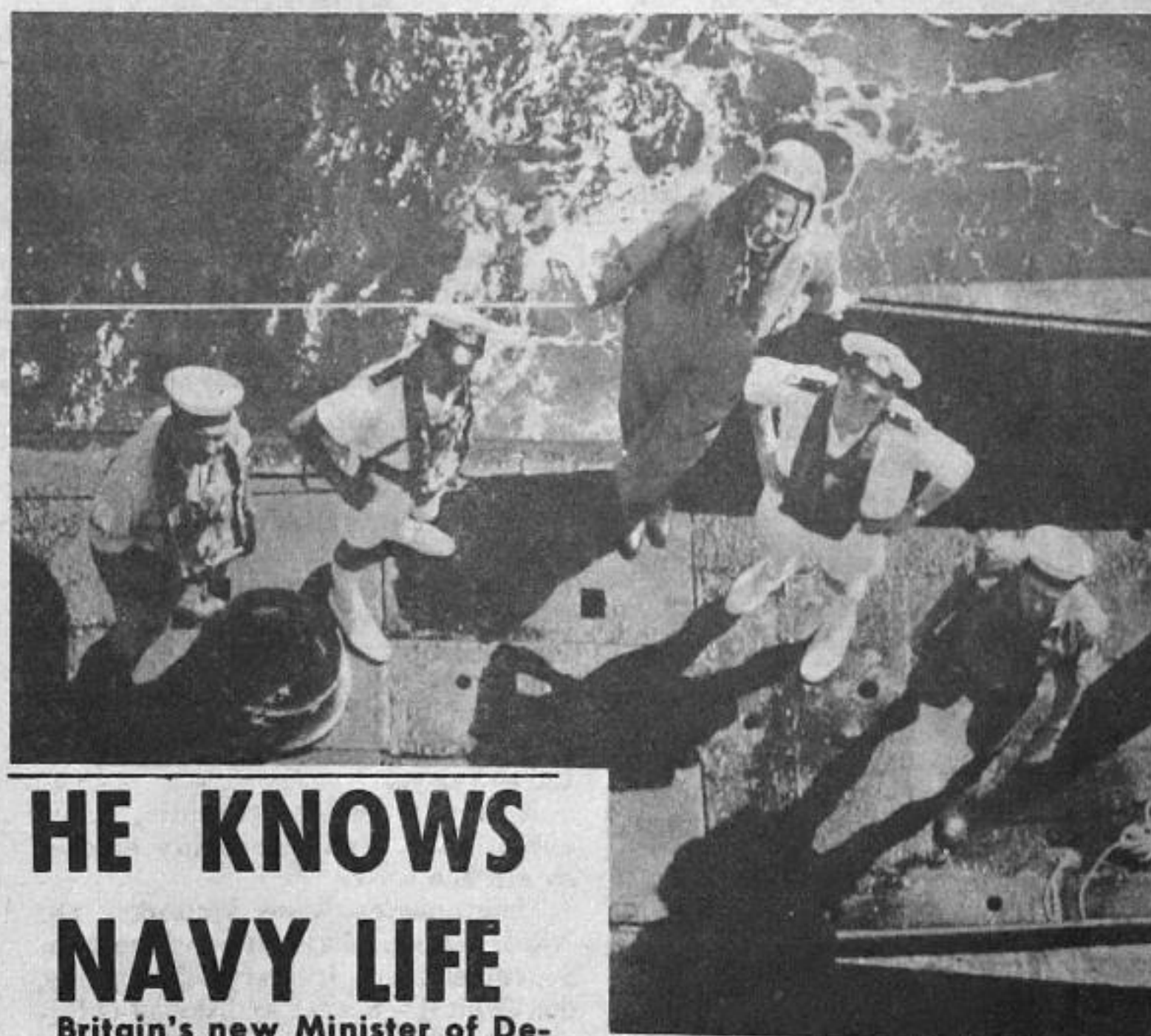
Naval officers, executive officers, and personnel of Garden Island Dockyard gathered recently to farewell Captain W. H. D. Graham (now Rear Admiral Graham) when he relinquished his position as Captain of the Port.

Rear Admiral Graham later left for Canberra to assume appointment as Fourth Naval member.

Photographed with Rear Admiral Graham are Inspector L. Hartup, Commander A. Davies, Commander V. Dunk, and executives W. Jones, B. Ryan, W. Williamson, T. Thornton and J. McEntee.

Navy Minister at sea

AN UNUSUAL PICTURE of the Minister for the Navy, Mr. Chaney, and submarine officers, taken while the Minister was waiting to be winched up into a Navy helicopter "somewhere" outside Sydney Heads recently. The Minister had embarked in the submarine TACITURN for a familiarisation trip which took him under the surface.



HE KNOWS NAVY LIFE

Britain's new Minister of Defence for the Navy, Mr. J. P. W. Mallalieu, should not have any difficulty in settling into the position.

During World War II, he served in the R.N.V.R. and since demobilisation has been an author, journalist and M.P. since 1945.

He joined the Royal Navy in 1942 as a rating and served on Convoys to Russia.

He was commissioned in 1944 and recorded his experiences in several books.

Two 'Very Ordinary Seaman' and a biography of Admiral Lord Cochrane have been widely read.

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Vice Admiral Charles B. Martell, U.S.N., reporting on his first full year as Director of anti-submarine warfare (a post created in July 1964) stated that the Russian Navy's gradual extension toward world-wide operations, far beyond its traditional defensive deployment close to

Russia, is made evident by movements of its submarines.

Soviet Naval ships now move freely in the Mediterranean and Norwegian and Philippine waters.

Manoeuvres off Norway made more use of submarines than are in the U.S. Navy's entire Atlantic Fleet.

Admiral Martell added that whilst America's merchant fleet was slowly shrinking, the Russian fleet was slowly expanding.

Speaking on the development of America's torpedoes the Admiral stated that large-scale delivery of the new Mark 46 torpedo began in November.

A still swifter, deeper running, and longer-range torpedo, the M-48 is still under development.

● ROLE OF NATO

Fighter Command is no longer in charge of Britain's air defence system.

It takes on the role of surveillance of the air space over Britain and interception of unidentified aircraft, combined with control of civil airliners through the combined search radars and air traffic control centres.

Air officers commanding sectors have been abolished leaving only the stations and Command Headquarters.

The new set up means that Britain is defended only through N.A.T.O.'s air-defence system, and must rely entirely upon Bomber Command to deter an enemy by threat of unstoppable nuclear retaliation.

All stations are equipped with the automatic Lightnings which can take off, intercept, and return almost without human assistance, by means of Elliott's automatic computers.

● 'Honkers' Clubs

The old cinema in the China Fleet Club, Hong Kong, built in 1934 and, in recent years, little used by sailors, now houses an eight-lane, ten-pin automatic bowling alley.

Seamen will get a panoramic view of Hong Kong when the new Missions to Seamen's Mariners' Club is completed.

The new club situated conveniently at Blackhead, Kowloon, will be eleven storeys high and will have a swimming pool at the third floor level, residential accommodation for officers and seamen of all nationalities, entertainment hall, games room, lounges, dining rooms, library and shops.

A Flying Angel Chapel will be on the first floor. It is expected to be completed towards the close of 1966.

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● Loan of ships

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The loans are to be made to Argentina (two destroyers), Brazil (three destroyers), Italy (two conventional submarines), Spain (one helicopter carrier), Turkey (two destroyers) and one escort destroyer to the Philippines.

Programmes operated to strengthen the free world include the training of foreign Naval personnel in America and permission for shipyards to build naval vessels under foreign contract.

● Jap Fleet review

The Japanese Flagship AMATSU-KAZE led the reviewing force of five ships carrying naval attaches from 12 countries, as a ten-mile line of Japanese warships sailed through Osaka Bay in the biggest fleet review since before World War II.

Waves of the Fleet Air Arm roared overhead as officials and air attaches reviewed the fleet of 49 ships - destroyers, frigates, minesweepers and submarines.

After the review the ships and aircraft engaged in tactical manoeuvres. The occasion was the 15th anniversary of the creation of the Japanese Self-Defence Force.

AN AUSSIE IN ADEN



Sub Lieutenant (SD) Rodney Trevor Nott, Royal Australian Navy, of HMS JAGUAR, taking a bearing when the ship visited Aden recently. On loan to the RN, Sub Lt. Nott joined "Jaguar" in September 1964, and is now seeing something of life in the South African-South American areas. Educated at Toowoomba Grammar School, Queensland, he joined the RAN in March 1946 and is a keen rugby union player and cricketer.

A ROUND-UP OF OVERSEAS NEWS

NEWS ITEM: U.S. STRATEGIC B-52 CRASHES IN SPAIN. ONE NUCLEAR BOMB MISSING.



"A PHONE CALL FOR YOU SIR—A MR THUNDERBALL ABOUT A H-BOMB!"

SHIP WITH TWO BRIDGES

Unique trials have been completed by HMCS SASKATCHEWAN, the ship with two bridges.

It all relates to a unique and almost revolutionary experiment designed to modernise the control of power and steering of a warship.

The new bridge, constructed of glass and aluminium measures about eight feet square, and is built on top of the ship's original one.

Today, the captain's orders pass through four men before they can be executed - and then back via four men after execution - and the ship's bridge, or command position, is well populated with officers and seamen plus

equipment.

In the new concept, this situation will be replaced by a completely sealed air-conditioned command area with two men 'driving' the ship, using a complex and comparatively compact electronic console - a major step toward automation on the high seas.

● Historic cruise

The U.S. Coastguard ice-breaker, NORTHWIND, has accomplished an historic cruise first undertaken by the early English and Dutch explorers who sought a route to China through the Northern Sea route.

It was the first time in the history of Polar exploration that an American vessel successfully penetrated and traversed the Kara Sea (the Western approach to the Northern sea) in the Soviet Arctic to gather basic oceanographic information.

Besides studying the currents and physical properties of that ocean, the Americans charted the earth's magnetic and gravitational fields in that area.

Shortly after entering the Kara Sea ice pack, she suffered damage to her starboard propeller shaft and underwent major repairs at Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

The temperature and salinity of 625 water samples from the Kara Sea were recorded and analysed (both are key indicators in charting ocean currents) and samples were tested for radioactivity since the area was used for Soviet nuclear tests.

During the voyage the ship was under constant surveillance by Soviet Naval units and aircraft.

As the NORTHWIND was leaving a message flashed from a Soviet destroyer reading: "I wish you a pleasant voyage, Yanks, you are good guys!"

HUON'S CRY — HOBART REGATTA

Close finishes were features of the Pulling events at the Royal Hobart Regatta.

For the second year, a full programme of seven races was organised.

Pulling races, once an important part of Fleet Regattas, seem to be fading into memory, and so this year we were especially pleased to have stiff competition from H.M.A.S. PARRAMATTA.

PARRAMATTA was Flagship, continuing a long association between the Navy and the Regatta.

Naval Reservists from the Hobart Port Division had worked hard for three months repairing and refitting a whaler reputed to be the legendary 'Phar Lap' from the old cruiser 'AUSTRALIA.'

The boat was launched less than a week before the pulling races, lighter by nearly a cwt. of old paint removed from inside and outside the hull, and gleaming with a fresh coat.

The Regatta Association always leaves the Navy to organise its own races, and this year, 'PARRAMATTA' started and judged the sailing and judged the finish of the pulling races, while 'HUON's' workboat started the pulling races.

'HUON's' second whaler was loaned to 'PARRAMATTA' and Reserves and a Sea Cadet crew manned 'Phar Lap.'

The finishes were closest in the Officers' whalers and the Chiefs and P.O's whalers, though there was good racing in every event.

'HUON's' crews in 'Phar Lap' managed to hold 'PARRAMATTA' at bay long enough in each race to cross the line first, though your corres-

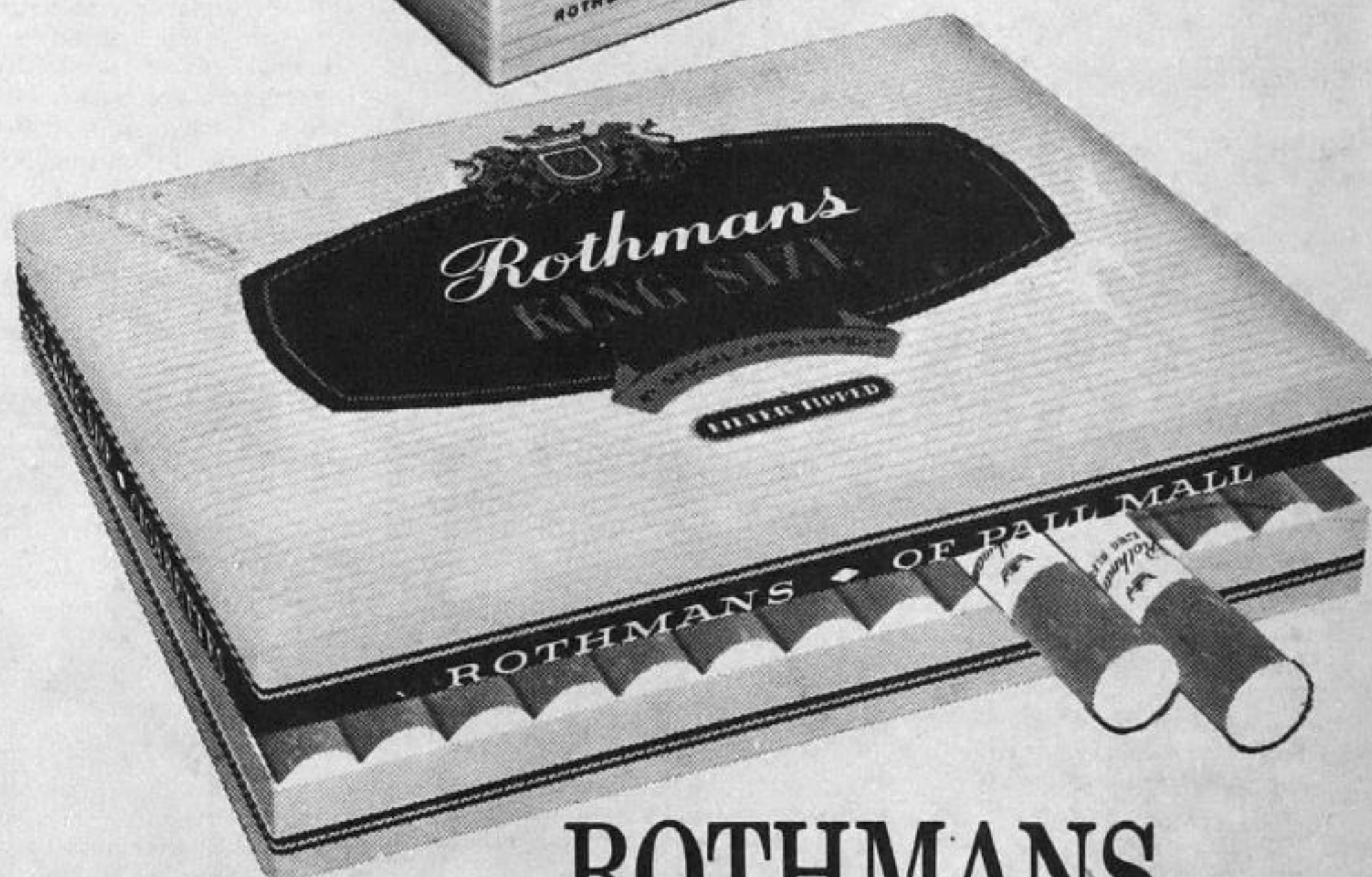
pondent is glad the Officers' whaler race wasn't 20 yards longer!

It was a very successful Regatta one of the biggest ever held in fact.

For 'HUON' it means the revival of interest in boats and boatwork which will be of great value in Reserve training.



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TOBRUK

ANNIVERSARY

The Commemorative gathering of Servicemen who participated in the Siege of Tobruk will be held in Canberra during Easter, commencing on April 6.

International visitors are anticipated and Saturday April 9 will be highlighted by the Parade of Servicemen, the Commemorative Service at the Australian War Memorial and the dinner at Queanbeyan.

Special Church Services will be held at the R.M.C. Duntroon on April 10.

The Siege of Tobruk, one of the famous sagas of courage against mighty odds took place from April 9 to December 10, 1941.

The defences, under heavy pressure, held grimly to positions until the allied strength was remounted and the enemy repulsed.

AUTHENTIC BOOK BEING PUBLISHED

Books have been written about the bravery and sacrifices made by the Allied troops; now another book, an authentic photographic record of the Siege, is to be published.

It will contain over 400 photographs in 256 pages from British, Australian, German and Italian Sources.

Orders may be placed with the Secretary of the Rats of Tobruk Association, P.O. Box 101, Canberra City, A.C.T.

Full cost is \$5.95 but a pre-publication price of 5 dollars post free is available to members of the Association and their friends.

The book is being compiled by John S. Cumpton, of the Department of External Affairs, Canberra.

It should be worth a place in your library.

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SOME MORE SAILOR SLANG

"Navy News" this week received a very cheery letter from a former contributor, veteran Harry Batt (Point Clare). President of the Central Coast Sub-Section of the Naval Association of Australia.

Publication recently of the glossary of a matelot phrases brought memories back to Harry and we were fortunate that he took time out to pen a lively 'dit' about their derivation.

He mentioned that the word 'Johnnie's' (Royal Naval House) was derived from that venerable old English gentleman who, wearing a top hat and frock coat, cast a critical eye over everyone entering the sacred portals to ensure that no liquor (the beastly stuff) was taken past to be immersed in the fountain for future reference.

Now let me introduce your readers to John Shearston.

In anticipation of any error with the word 'Andrew', meaning the R.N. more correctly called the 'Andrew Miller', the bearer of that name, being the R.N. providor was thus perpetuated.

SAME THING!

During a ship's dance, a young sailor couldn't keep his eyes off a pin worn by his partner, which depicted a cluster of Naval signalling flags.

"I see you're admiring my brooch," she said. "It was a present from my husband and the flags mean, 'I love you.'"

Knowing that the word "love" wasn't in the Naval signal manual, the sailor turned to his manual as soon as he got back to his quarters.

What the flags actually signalled, he discovered, was: "Permission to lay alongside."

The Wallaby Navy had its counterpart in 'Thomas Playfair' who's floating bread and meat emporium called on R.N. ships in Sydney harbour.

'Ticklers' also deserves a mention to keep the record straight.

This referred to a half pound tin of cigarette tobacco which cost one bob, smoked only by 'Ticklers' (O.D.'s).

A.B.'s and above paid a bob a pound for tobacco leaf which, after the stalks were removed, was sprinkled with rum, if any was left of the issue, wrapped in target cloth scrounged from the Gunner's Yeoman, then tightly rolled with spunyarn.

This was 'Pique' tobacco, and worth a dollar ashore anywhere.

'Navy News' mentioned the term 'Scran'.

Now what about the 'Scran Bag'? This was its official title.

Anything left sculling about the mess deck, was judiciously collected by the Crusher, before the Officer of the Watch went the 'Rounds', preceded by the Jonty carrying a lantern.

It was placed in the 'Scran Bag', which was opened once a week when the owners of the various silks, flannel richards, dickies and towels, could retrieve them at the price of one inch of pusser's soap per article.

Hence the mess deck obtained its supply of soap for scrubbing out purposes; this may also appertain to the present, if not don't say you haven't been told.

In regard to the term 'Rig' let me respectfully remind you that you omitted one very important one in that category namely, 'donkey rigged' of which the meaning is, perhaps, more apparent than real.

You have mentioned First Lieutenants being referred to as 'Jimmy'. If they are like some whom I have

served with it would be difficult to find an appropriate name without reference to their ancestry.

Your writer says the Swain is a ship's policeman.

Are you sure it isn't the Coxswain? Surely the Master at Arms is still the 'Jonty', and the Ship's Corporals (police, not Corporals of the gangway) are still 'Crushers' and a variety of other terms of endearment.

I won't tire your readers with any of the old terms except to run through briefly the names of various parts of naval fighting equipment.

First there was a bent piece of wood, with a strong cord attached to either end.

This was grasped firmly in the left hand then, bringing the right foot smartly forward, one placed a piece of stick three feet long, or thereabouts, with a groove in its end firmly on the cord, then with a smart backwood movement of the right arm one caused the cord to exert tension on said bent piece of wood.

On the order fire the right arm was dropped smartly to the side as taught in squad drill.

Should the missile fail to connect with a window of the Officer's block on Whale Island you were on your way to being a gunlayer.

If it did, Harry Isles (The Bull) could go through the pedigrees of the whole class in two minutes flat.

'LOFTY'

BY EDITOR: Thanks for your interest 'Lofty', we have missed your always interesting 'dits'.

BILL McASKILL FAREWELLED

Garden Island friends gathered at "Johnny's", Sydney, on the evening of February 16 to bid farewell to an old hand... Bill McAskill.

Bill served 50 years at Garden Island and in the R.A.N.

His farewell ended, Bill repaired to his home in North Manly content that he had played his part during active service and with the knowledge that his working associates held him in high esteem.

His career started at Garden Island as an apprentice fitter and turner in 1916, but on completion of his apprenticeship in 1921, he found himself unemployed, dismissed when hands were reduced.

But six months later Bill rejoined G.I. He resigned four years later to join the R.A.N. and after a period of about 21 years was discharged.

Navy life was in his blood then after a break of 3 months he had re-entered the Service doing duty as Assistant Overseer, Engineer Manager's Branch, G.I.

Steady progress followed and he retired as Temporary Technical Officer.

The numerous speakers at his farewell party paid tribute to his capacity, capability and geniality and in response he suitably farewelled himself.

FOR EXCHANGE

A three-bedroom house in Lalor Park for three-bedroom flat Maroubra area. Contact Mrs. P. Waite, 30 Funda Crescent, Lalor Park, NSW.

OUR CHOICE OF THE WEEK

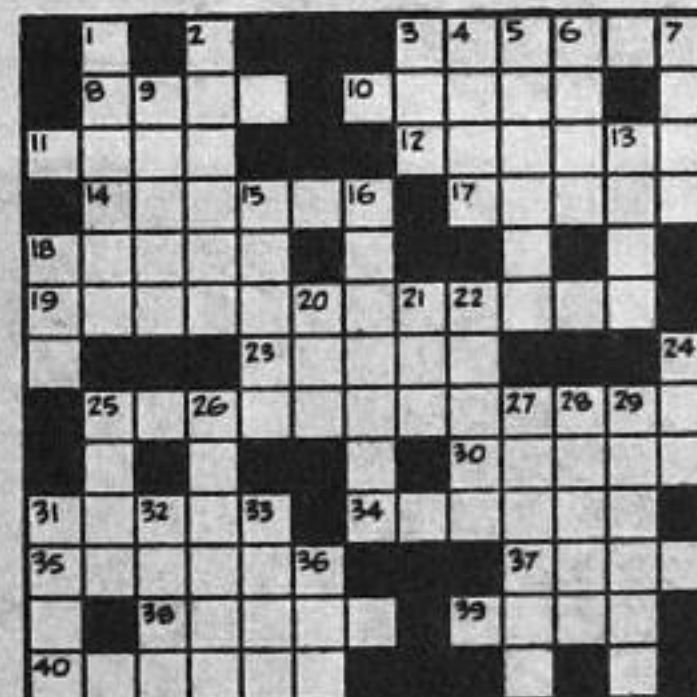


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 - Continued pain.
 - Claim.
 - Flying contraptions.
 - Spanish gentleman.
 - Safekeeping.
 - Relative.
 - Dispute.
 - Sets in motion.
 - Servant.
 - Frames.
 - Take without permission.
 - Insects.
 - Supplementary building.
 - Sting.
 - Payment.

- DOWN
- Unpowered aircraft.
 - World as a systematic whole.
 - Age.
 - Support for head.
 - Pacific island.
 - Prepare for publication.
 - Droops.
 - Girl's name.
 - Gas.



- Place of battle.
- Changes direction.
- Inspect secretly.
- Equip.
- Crack airmen.
- Produces abundantly.
- It is contracted.
- Spanish surrealist.
- Learned man.
- Hair of the Angora goat.
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VAMPIRE AND DERWENT SAIL



Rain dampens G.I. departure

Much needed rain in Sydney on Thursday, February 17, certainly did not help the gloomy atmosphere at Garden Island when wives, families, relatives and friends of the men serving in the destroyer HMAS VAMPIRE and frigate HMAS DERWENT said their farewells before the ships left for a lengthy duty in the Far East.

Such departure scenes were captured by 'Navy News' photographers.

VAMPIRE and DERWENT will serve for six months in the British Commonwealth Strategic Reserve re-

lieving the destroyers VENDETTA and DUCHESS.

On this tour of duty, members of the ships' company will give books and pamphlets on Australian wines, Australian tourist spots and on Australia, to visitors to the ships in Asian ports from Hong Kong to Singapore.

The books and pamphlets have been provided by the Australian News and Information Bureau, Australian National Travel Association and the Australian Wine Board.

The Minister for the Navy, (Mr. Chaney) said Australian ships frequently 'showed the flag' in several countries during their service with the Strategic Reserve.

"The men are asked a lot of questions about Australia during the visits and the literature will help to provide some answers," Mr. Chaney said.

A total of 527 officers and men are aboard the two ships.

VAMPIRE, the senior ship of the RAN's 10 Destroyer Squadron is commanded by Captain J. L. W. Merson and DERWENT by Commander J. D. Stevens.



AB Richard Joslin and wife, Ruth.



VAMPIRE men bid farewell as the Destroyer slipped.



AB Skip Quelch holds this youngster as he poses with his fiancée Joan Pinkham and Mrs. Ford.



LEADING AIRMAN SE Joe Dunner and wife, Jan.



Capt. J.L.W. Merson



COMMUNICATIONS Yeoman Ray Stuart with his parents.



M(E) Bob Tate and family.

FOR DUTY IN THE FAR EAST



HMAS DERWENT

C.O. of DERWENT CDR. J. D. Stevens takes his ship out.



AB Barry Connell with his wife Maree and mother.



PO Barry Hughes with wife Carmel and daughter Catherine. AB John McGuire and wife Ilsa. PO Brian Crowe and wife Heather.



PO Bob Richey with wife Norma and children Cheryl and Julie.



LTO Noel Chidgey with wife Carroll and daughter Helen.



LS PTI Marchenko, wife Patricia, daughter Kim with his mother.



LS Harry Rochester and wife Barbera with children Cherie and Peter.



AB Bill Forest with wife Marion and son Paul.

Wrans raising 600 dollars

CERBERUS Wrans are showing a splendid spirit, emulating in a different way the activity at Harman.

This year being their 25th Anniversary they are assisting in educating an aboriginal child who enters High School this year.

Aim is to raise \$600 dollars which will enable the child to reach Leaving standard.

The Wrans first function was a Tombola night organised by the Wran Chief's and Petty Officers during the recent Power strike and netted \$28 dollars.

The evening went off with a bang - that is, a certain Petty Officer Wran Steward reported for work next morning with a multi-coloured shiner, supposedly obtained by tripping over a chair in the dimmed Chief's and P.O. Mess to answer the phone.

A mammoth goffa bottle drive is being conducted throughout the Wrans quarters, and the consumption of soft drink has doubled - let's hope our unusually warm weather continues.

A Dance and raffle also netted \$87.55 dollars so we are off to a good start.

Our first dollar pay day was both amusing and profitable.

Firstly, a certain Third Officer was seen 'making like a shrimp' in a frock which she had collected from the drying room by mistake, and which belonged to someone who is a good four inches shorter. The profit came from a donation of \$22 dollars to our Aboriginal Child Fund by a male Petty Officer.

Inter-Service Sports training is now in full swing and we plan to bring home all the trophies, instead of the same old swimming trophy.

Lt. Cdr. Asker has taken the swimmers under his (water) wing, P.O. PTI Jessie James is holding a gun at the athletes' heads, and PO George Mules is coaching the softball team to stardom.

Our Quarters Officer decided to take up throwing the discus, in the hope of making the athletics team, and escaping for a day, but hasn't been seen on the Sport's field since the discus changed direction and hit a fellow athlete!

Apart from all these activities, Wrans who are not able to partake in all the sporting activities, may indulge in pottery classes each Wednesday night. We anticipate seeing several masterpieces in our quarters.

T.T.F.N.

Pictured is Drum Major C.P.O. Petty Officer Musician Williams who was recently promoted to Chief Petty Officer Musician at HMAS CERBERUS.



C.P.O. Musn. Williams is at present Depot Bandmaster, H.M.A.S. CERBERUS.

Cerberus Scene

P.T. Staff Chatter

CERBERUS P.T. Officer, Lieut. Murphy, leaves soon to rejoin Sydney in which he last served in 1957.

His place is being taken by Lieut. V. Powell.

The usually stable establishment of the P.T. Section has suffered upheaval with recent postings.

At present only PO's Frank Round, Pedro Rich, and Graham Pedder with Brett Guy, Pete Stevenson, Punchie Maguire and Pete Smith remain.

Rebob Golotta has been drafted to ANZAC, and Bill Lunney to SYDNEY.

Recent arrivals are Jes. (no sea service) James and Anzac Zainal from Singapore who are in the school.

The Seamanship School is feeling our influence with Bob Puller, Dave Brunswick, Graham Offord, Darky Phillips, Greg Daly and Rawbone Brownrigg learning the finer arts of

MUSICAL MOMENTS

Congratulations to Jim Stathis on being promoted to Acting Leading Musician.

Leading Musician Bertie Roche has the head on his 'Bellett' shaved. He hopes to pass PO Musician Ted Lincoln's 'hot' Valiant on the way to Frankston. Hear tell he's still struggling.

P.O.(Q)'s course is off to a hectic start. Leading Musicians Bill James, Max Argent, Paul Farrugia and Jim Hawkins all complain about the lack of hours in each day.

Warm welcomes and congratulations have been extended to Lt. G. D. Coxon, as the Assistant Director of Music, Petty Officers Coutts and Lowry, for their Chief Musicians Course, Leading Musician Hawkins for a Petty Officer Musicians Course, Musicians Faye and Gallagher for Depot Band Duties, and our three new entries, Junior Musicians Pankhurst, Butterworth and Wickham for their course in the School of Music.

We offer our congratulations also to C.P.O. Musn. Farrell, on his award of the 'Baton of Honour' as the top student in Conducting at the Royal Marines School of Music in Deal, Kent, U.K., and also the award of the Certificate of Merit from the Royal

Academy of Music for general studies. Congratulations are also in order for our new C.P.O. Musician Ian Williams, the Depot Bandmaster, and last but not least to P.O. Musician Hopkins on successfully completing his six weeks Petty Officers Training Course. Well done to all three.

The Depot Band and School of Music have completed an engagement at the Government Aircraft Factory, Fishermans Bend, included in the Band were some of the younger members doing their 'FIRST JOB', Ord. Musicians Ellis, Mungovan, Greedy, Bull and Junior Musicians Williamson, Ridley and De Vaurno.

On March 7, twelve Musicians travel to Sydney to combine with Eastern Area Bands for T.V. tapes and the making of an L.P. record.

The outstanding pupil at present, in the School of Music, is Junior Musician Rose, who passed his Second Grade Theory with 95 marks.

Junior Musician Rose has a brother in the Band who is at present serving in H.M.A.S. PENGUIN.

On the Sporting Field we continue our good record with wins in Volleyball and Basketball.

The defeat of the W.R.A.N.S. inter-Service Softball Team, plus the Band's fine effort of 6th placing in the Depot Athletics Championship is a very good achievement.

P.O. Coutts has been selected for the inter-Service Rifle Team; we wish him good luck and good shooting.

The Band won its way into the semi-finals of the Sailing.

Boat 1 and Boat 2 were placed first and second in the race against Weapons Operation Division.

The crews were:

Boat 1: J. Musn. Thurlby (Coxswain); Musn. Callaghan; Musn. Cockerill.

Boat 2: O. Musn. Longhurst (Coxswain); O. Musn. Mansell; Musn. Faye.

"JES"

The MAESTRO.

THE "OLD FELLAS" DO IT AGAIN

On February 9 the previously scoffed at "old fellas" of Cerberus came out of retirement and again proved themselves the greatest by completely overwhelming all other Divisions.

They won the Athletics Cup with 101 points next being Recruit School, 57.

PO. PTL JAMES, SA (AC) AINSLEY, PO. PTL ZANIAL, were individual winners and placegetters and OA MASKELL, CCY WYATT and PO. PTL LUNNEY took placings.

PO. PTL GOLOTTA was a member of the victorious 4 x 110 and Paarluff Relays.

The 'old fellas' won 7 events outright and the Tug-o-war Team, MAHNKOPH, MITCHELL, STRACHAN, OWENS, FINLAY, DEMARCO, DERRIMAN, JONES, PERRY and WISE did everything their keen coach PO. PTL GOLOTTA asked of them and only lost 1 pull to W.O.D. in the final.

Our Oar Race Team came second.

All members of the team 'christened' their pewter pots in the Mess by doing the right thing by a 'giner' put on by the President, and another by the Mess.

We were pleased that the Malayan Navy saw fit to allow PO. PTL ZANIAL to arrive in time for our Sports as he won two events and was a member of our 4 x 110 relay team.

No one tried harder than PO. PTL 'Jessie' JAMES.

Although looking anything but an athlete he was just beaten into second place in the individual Championship by a young clubswinger half his weight. Well done Jess.

If I do not add this I will never live it down: the author came seventh in a field of seven in the Veterans' race. Being junior to so many senior officers I felt it would be very diplomatic to follow them 'home'.

All in all it was a very successful day and at the moment, as usual, we look like taking off the Summer Cup for yet another year.

I must mention the recent Swimming Championships. Without warning he was on leave and with no training PO. CK. 'Tug' WILSON won the Diving Championship.

This information is for the rest of the Navy as he has told everyone about it here at Cerberus.

Now that "Looney" is going, I have been in the Mess the longest as he was a month 'senior' to me.

We wish Bill and Rebop Golotta every success in their drafts to SYDNEY and ANZAC respectively.

It is also rumoured that both Commanding Officers of SYDNEY and ANZAC have sent them letters asking if these two advanced seamen will require a guard on arrival.

I believe at the time of writing this epistle both only need this sea time to rise to the dizzy heights of a Chief Petty Officer.

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LITTLE CHIEF Bernie Burnett (5 years) on the right holds a pow wow with his sister squaws, Cindy (7 years) and Katrina (3 years) outside the family tepee. These three good-looking papooses belong to "Big Chief" Bernie Burnett (LSUW doing a PO's course) and his wife Joy, who live at Seven Hills.



"DON'T YOU DARE slug me with that rattle Bub," says young Debbie (4 months) to big brother Brett (14 months); thus proving that the female of the species begins to assert herself over the weaker male, at a very early age. These bonny babes belong to Bob Allen, a writer in WATSON'S pay office, and his wife Rhonda.



THREE JUNIOR chippies look happily out at you as they were photographed with Roselands Santa. They are Wendy (8 years), Kevin (17 months) and Trevor (6 years); the children of Ernie and Jill Graham from Mortdale. Ernie is WATSON'S chief chippy and had his photo in N.N. a few issues back.



"EXCUSE ME MATE, but can you tell me the way to Bulli Pass?" asks youthful driver Michael Harbeck (17 months), son of Ron and June Harbeck who live at Lake Heights, a suburb of Wollongong. Ron an SA, peddles Pusser's gear in WATSON'S clothing store.



IF THAT'S A TIGER inside that cage, then the two cuties you're looking at might be minus a hand right now. Fortunately it's a horse, so Jim and Barbara Smythe still have two whole children — Stephen (5 years) and Susan (7 years). An ex R.N. Submariner from Belfast, Jim is a PORP instructor at WATSON'S N.D. School.



TOP LEFT: This natty little charmer is Brad Chalmers who, with this winning smile, can probably put more over his dad than a lot of sailors around WATSON do. His dad is Alan Chalmers — Leading Patrolman; his mum is Shirley Chalmers and they live at Maroubra.

CENTRE: "Get off my trike," says 2-year-old Eddie Hope to his big brother Lawry (11 years) on the lawn of their home at Chester Hill. Lawry looks just like his Dad, Eddie Hope, a POUW instructor in the TAS School, and if young Eddie looks like his mother Sylvia, then old Eddie is a pretty lucky guy.

TOP RIGHT: Look closely into the face of this lad and you might just see some resemblance to his old man, a POUW and a veteran of WATSON'S ASUAT. John here, a naval apprentice at G.I., is 16-years-old and must make Sal Milazzo realise he's not as young as he used to be. Sal and his wife Edna live in a Pusser's House at French's Forest.

LEFT: Kiwis and Kangas cement Trans-Tasman relations as the wife and children of POUW Syd Young RNZN befriend the 'roos at the Pennant Hills sanctuary. Young Graham (7 years) is on the left, wife Georgia (no age given) holds Christine (3 years) while 10-year-old Heather, seems a bit uncertain about these weird Australians. Syd and Georgia, who come from Auckland, have already spent half of their 2-year stay here. Syd instructs in our TAS School.

PROGENY — FROM WATSON

Two issues back some of our single men indicated that they didn't go too much on this marriage stunt. This page is the answer to those people, for WATSON'S married men reckon that the ups and downs of this life are so much easier to bear when you've got kids like the ones pictured below.



WOULDN'T YOU just like to run off with this cuddly little bloke? I can just hear the girls oohing aahing when they look at him. He's Michael Weyling, he's only 9-months-old, and he's the son of Case Weyling (a LSUW in WATSON'S TAS Store) and his wife Carol. The Weyling's live in a Pusser's flat at Waterloo.



DO YOU KNOW Jim Bury? You don't. I'll tell you what though, you can get a good idea of what he looks like if you look at his two daughters, Karen (2) and Amanda (4). Some who know Jim, an ME, would say there must be a trace of their Mum, June Bury, in their looks—otherwise how come they look so good.



"DOH SI DOH, and around we go." Margaret (8) and Ian Webster are the lives of WATSON'S Buffer, CPO Larry Webster and his wife Shirley who reside in a Pusser's flat at South Coogee.



ONCE! TWICE! THRICE! and Col and Anne Ward found themselves with five children, and pretty good-looking ones too. First came twin-boys Cameron and Andrew (9 years); then a lone girl Francis (8 years) and finally twin-girls, Trudy and Tracy who are 4-years-old. Col's a PO at WATSON'S Cookery School and with this little lot to look after, I'll bet he's got to "turn to" in the kitchen of his Pusser's house at Seven Hills.



ABOVE: Posing beside a handful of straw is baby Greg Strawn (20 months) the proud possession of Ken and Joan Strawn from Telopea. Ken Strawn, LSFC is a most important guy in these parts—he's our postie and rides shotgun with WATSON'S orderly.

TOP RIGHT: "Jesse" James, PORP and his wife Joyce belong to these two, photographed on the back lawn of their home at May's Hill. They are Robert (17) an electrical apprentice with N.S.W.G.R., and his little sister Noeline who goes to W. Parramatta School. Robert, we hope that poor old dog's still OK!

RIGHT: Ken Galpin and his wife Audrey are responsible for these two little Galpins, photographed while holidaying at Currumbin Beach in Queensland. Ken's a Chief OA at WATSON. His six-year-old daughter Vicki, on the left, and 8-year-old son Kim are back at Adamstown Public School now and these idyllic days on the Gold Coast must seem far away.



"HAWKEYES"

In a flurry of foam, tears and diesel exhaust HMAS HAWK sailed for the Far East on January 5, leaving our favourite coathanger and lottery-built auditorium far behind.

Nostalgically we sailed along, for alas poor GULL, still suffered the wending of the dreaded ring spanner wielded by the fearsome Garden Island natives whose warlike cries are still often heard after 1600. We hope we see you soon fair sister.

Our passage to Manus Island was the usual calm one of Force 8 winds, non working stabilisers, upset Radar and temperamental generators and air conditioning.

However, little time was lost and Townsville was taken as a prize for the Minesweeper tribe.

Our thirsty engines were quenched with final filtered firewater and course was set for the Coral Sea and it's temperaments.

Madang proved to be the veritable haven of peace after a tiring passage with the many hazards of floating logs and moving islands, the curse of all hydrographers and conventional seamen.

Madang Ceremony

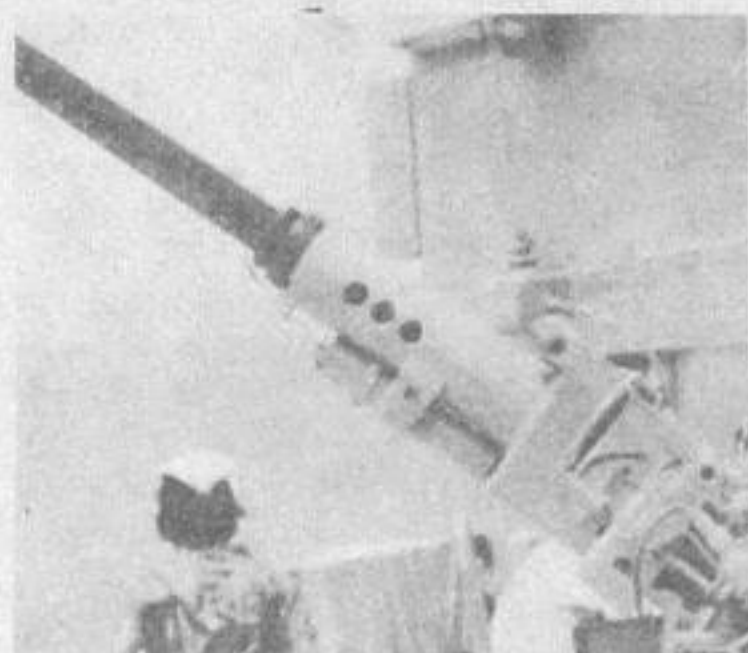
Madang could not have been more hospitable. We were taken care of in every way and great thanks goes to those worthy citizens who provided sports, dances and other recreational 'goodies' which cannot be mentioned in Reports of Proceedings.

We laid a wreath at the beautiful Coastwatchers Memorial and all our thoughts went back to those gallant outposted men of the last conflict who did so much to tame the tide of the Pacific War.

The ceremony was sunlit and colourful, and apart from our men

in their bell bottomed whites, there were units of the New Guinea Constabulary, the Wardens and Red Cross.

After the echoes of the Last Post, beautifully played by the Native Police, died away, all hands retired to be entertained by the R.S.L., Madang, who we thank for a splendid hour or two.



Guns Crews close up and clear away on Families' Day prior to sailing for the Strategic Reserve. A worried mother hastens to the Bridge to report.

A HAWK FIRST. There is now a blood bank in Madang, as 16 pints of blood were proudly donated by the fitter officers and sailors providing 2 weeks store for the Blood Transfusion Service.

Sister Aspery was overjoyed and had to 'con' the District Commissioner for a refrigerator to take the precious liquid. The quality we can vouch for, but we accept no responsibility for any peculiar reactions.

We noted with glee the many Victor Sylvester trained fandango operators at the Saturday night dance.

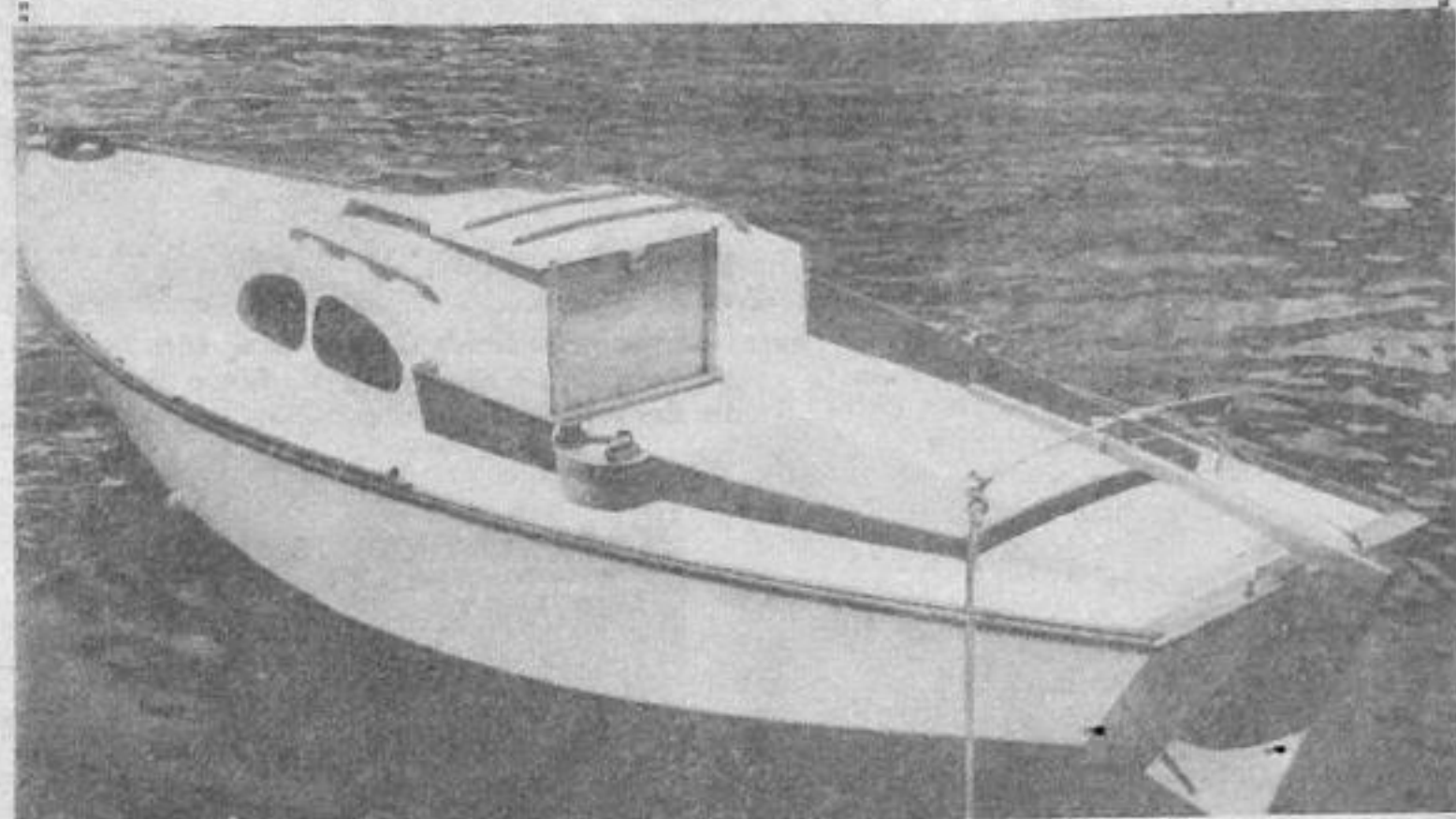
Shades of things to come, but good training for the Sarawak Shake and the Tawau Twist.

HAWK apologises for the hole put in the Madang swimming pool. Our comical navigator whose head was expertly bound by the District Commissioner personally, reluctantly admits that the depth was perhaps a little less than anticipated, and hands are a more useful stopper than a streamlined head.

We sadly left Madang, firing our AA guns (with break up shot of course) as a mark of respect to the Memorial and to let our Native charges know we are really around to look after them.

We had an exciting passage to the

R.A.N.S.A. FORMED



At an extraordinary general meeting of the Royal Naval Sailing Association in Sydney on February 21, a decision was made to form the Royal Australian Naval Sailing Association.

About 70 attended the meeting which was chaired by Commander J. L. Bath, Chairman of Committee of the Australian Branch of the R.N.S.A.

The meeting decided that the first Committee comprise those holding office as members of the Committee of the Australian Branch of the R.N.S.A.

This committee will function until a General meeting is held at Royal Naval House late in July.

At this meeting a Constitution will be submitted.

Captain R. J. Scrivenor, Secretary of the Australian Branch of the R.N.S.A. is Secretary of the new Association.

Any person desiring information on the new Association can contact Captain Scrivenor, C/- Post Office, Garden Island, or at H.M.A.S. Penguin.

Expansion of sailing interest by naval personnel is expected to follow creation of the R.A.N.S.A.

Growth of local membership has been steady and there now are 29 privately owned yachts in the R.A.N.S.A.

The Association also owns the keel boat Endeavour, and Bluebird, a fibreglass 22 footer which is proving a success in harbour competition.

In Western Australia, the Association is operating a yacht.

Membership of the Association is open to anyone interested in sailing and naval personnel will be particularly welcome.

The value to be gained from regular sailing whether in competition, or for leisurely recreation is considerable and gives young seamen worthwhile experience.

Crafts can be hired from the Association during the week or at weekends.

The meeting decided to continue close association with the parent body, the R.N.S.A. and Captain Scrivenor will be the Liaison Officer of the R.A.N.S.A. with the R.N.S.A., United Kingdom.

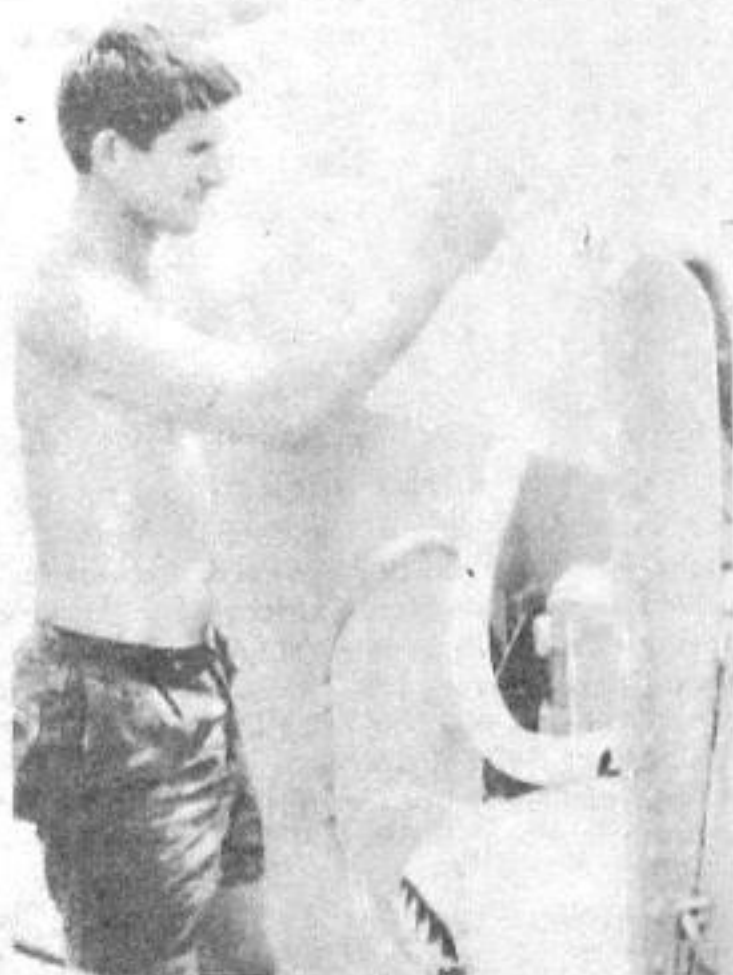
Under the Constitution to be presented at the General Meeting in July it will be possible for present members of the R.N.S.A. to continue their membership with that body and to join the R.A.N.S.A. at a nominal figure of a few shillings.

This charge is being made to assist the R.A.N.S.A. on to a firm financial footing.

The full facilities of the R.A.N.S.A. will be available to R.N.S.A. members.

Wider publicity of R.N.S.A. and R.A.N.S.A. sailing is proposed and 'Navy News' will be a media through which the sport will be publicised and information given of programmes and results of events.

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Our 'Buffer', Leading Seaman John Cleary disguises our newly fitted secret weapon, the Mark 5 rapid firing Algerine float affectionately named by the Ships Company as 'Algeron.'



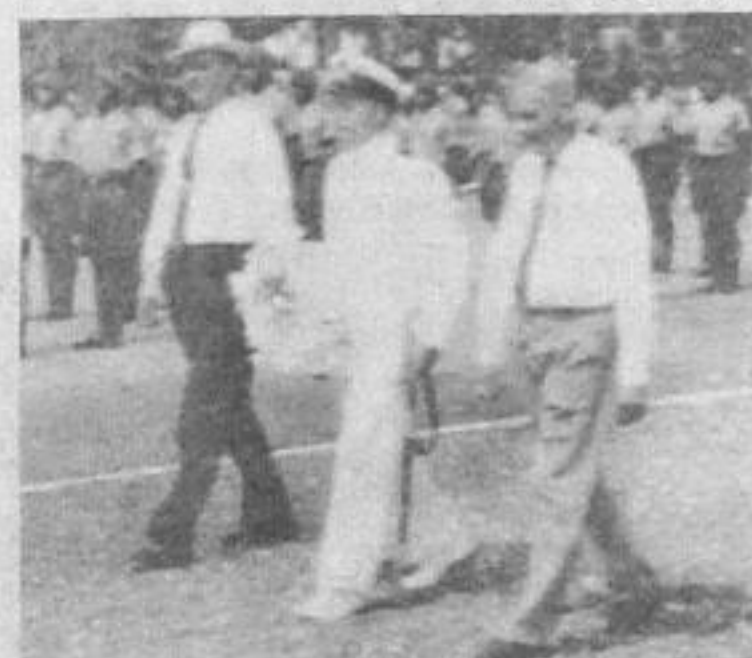
island of Puk Puks, without radar of course, and congratulate Leading Seaman Phil Mayes on his efforts to try and find bottom in 1000 fathoms with a 20 fathom lead line.

Finally, a big vote of thanks to the Camperdown, Victoria, Sub-Section of the Naval Association who so thoughtfully donated a generous amount to our Ship's Fund.

As a result we can provide lots of recreational facilities to all hands for the long months ahead.

Cheerio,

'HAWKEYES'



The Captain of H.M.A.S. HAWK, Lieutenant J. D. Foster lays a wreath at the Coastwatchers Memorial during the visit to Madang. Members of the local Constabulary form a Guard of Honour.

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PERTH MEN VISIT DISNEYLAND

Before leaving the States for home, PERTH'S ship's company visited Disneyland and Paramount Film Studios.

These experiences highlighted the ships visit to Long Beach, California. Long Beach is an extraordinary place. It sits on a lake of oil, and everywhere you look you see oil rigs, pumps, and refineries - also it is virtually integrated with the fabulous city of Los Angeles.

On arrival here and after the ship had passed into dockyard hands, the Ship's Company went on leave.

Many went to Las Vegas but from what I can see not many stayed - the one-armed bandits are everywhere, you'd be surprised the places they put them!

But the true beauty spots were not overlooked. San Francisco and the Grand Canyon were probably the most popular.

U.S. HOSPITALITY

The hospitality of the American people will always be remembered by the men of HMAS PERTH.

A typical example of the hospitality Australian sailors have experienced throughout their stay in the States was on Christmas Day, when some 60 American families entertained PERTH crew members.

Christmas Day went off with a bang, and of course the much publicised Families Film was a great success - the Navy P. R. people did a great job.

Probably the most popular place in this area is Disneyland - and if you think it's kids stuff, well there are some three hundred overgrown kids in PERTH, and many of them went more than once.

It's an amazing place! Walt Disney's boast is that it will never be completed. He is always adding to it and currently three new projects underway. A Disneyland hotel is already in existence as it is impossible to see the whole place in one day.

Another highlight was the visit of about 70 'PERTH Cowboys' to Paramount Studios, by personal invitation from Lorne Green, to watch the filming of a scene from 'Bonanza'.

This trip confirmed a feeling we have had for a long time - that we have many talented actors onboard already. Unfortunately the 'Ponderosa Mob' couldn't make it down to the ship - perhaps it's just as well, the Commander might have put a paint brush in their hands!

Apart from all these jollies

GANNET INCIDENT

A Gannet anti-submarine aircraft slewed over the side of the Aircraft Carrier, H.M.A.S. MELBOURNE during night landing exercises last week.

None of the crew was injured. On board were:

Acting Sub Lieutenant Albert John Fyfe, the pilot, of Ash Street, Devon, Vic.

Lieutenant Peter Kenneth Coulson Observer, of Napier Street, Dandenong, Vic.

Leading Airman Thomas Edward Lindsay, a crewman, of Nowra, N.S.W.

The Gannet made a steady approach to the deck of the Carrier but at a late stage, the pilot decided to go round again.

The Aircraft's hook caught the last of six arrester wires across the flight deck and the aircraft stopped, hanging over the side.

The crew climbed out unhurt.

The Aircraft dropped into the sea before it could be recovered.

there has been a great deal of hard work carried out in the past few weeks by all onboard.

At the moment of writing, a feeling of excitement is within us all as we realise home is in sight, and paint brushes move just that little bit faster and smiles are very much in evidence.

We have mastered this vessel! Now we are ready to take her home and show her off to our friends.

Watch out Australia, we're on our way.



DISNEYLAND VISIT: Above, two HMAS PERTH sailors, Leading Seaman Lindsay Sharpe and Leading Seaman Owen Cockburn, visit Disneyland in the United States. The ship in the picture is the MARK TWAIN, which was used as a prop in the Tom Sawyer film. It now cruises around Disneyland.

VISIT TO FILM STUDIOS: On the left, Dan Blocker (Hoss Cartwright), star of the television show Bonanza, shakes hands with Chief Petty Officer Les (Nugget) Berry of Mt. Colah, N.S.W. Chief Petty Officer Berry met Dan Blocker when he and other members of the crew of HMAS PERTH visited Paramount Studios in the U.S.A.

U.S. VISIT

CONT. FROM PAGE 1

After being converted between 1951-53, HORNET joined the U.S. Atlantic Training Fleet early in 1954 sporting a 'hurricane' bow and an angle flight deck.

In 1962, HORNET was overhauled at a cost of 10 million dollars and her useful life extended for another 10 years.

With her squadrons embarked, she carries a deadly punch for use against submarines.

The Destroyer Fletcher

Fletcher is known as the 'Fighting Fletcher' because of her long service under combat conditions after she was commissioned in June 1942.

In three years, FLETCHER steamed over 200,000 miles and participated in surface and air action, anti-submarine warfare shore bombardment, rescue and amphibious landings.

She also saw service in the Korean War.

The Destroyer Nicholas

In World War II NICHOLAS, commissioned in June 1942, was mostly engaged in escort duties in the Pacific and earned 16 Battle Stars for her operations.

During the Battle of Kula Gulf in July 1943, NICHOLAS, despite torpedo and gunfire attacks, rescued 291 personnel of the U.S.S. HELENA which had been sunk by the Japanese.

The John S. McCain

This Mitscher Class frigate's primary missions are anti-submarine and anti-air warfare.

She was commissioned in October 1953, and has been engaged with the U.S. Seventh Fleet off Vietnam.

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Housing Roster

The following sailors are frozen in the following positions on the E.A.A. Roster until their return to the Sydney Area:

1. ME L. E. Holmes R55926; 2. ABFC D. Howard R54255; 3. ME V. J. Littlefield R55861; 4. LCK S. J. Brooker R55908; 5. LCK B. F. Bruhn R55753; 6. RO K. C. Dunn R57305; 7. ABQMG B. J. Seath R63742; 8. RO G. J. Bawden R55901; 9. LS N. Edwards R57497; 10. AB P. R. Zeptner R59650; 11. ABR. Filmer R57385; 12. TO R. J. Down R55189; 13. CK. C. S. Buckingham R57233; 14. ERA2 R. P. Kesting R42373; 15. POSV J. O. Franklin R54764; 16. LWTR R. T. Arthur R59534; 17. RO J. Caine R56917; 18. RO P. J. Tierney R55892; 19. LEMP C. F. C. Green R57550; 20. A/POSE G. M. Todd R52130; 21. LEMWR T. A. Vander-Putten R55666; 22. POEWR W. McKay R52821; 23. A/LME C. F. R. Vanwezel R58103; 24. CEAW A. M. Schaefer R50379; 25. CEC. J. W. O'Bryan R29813; 26. OAP*1 R. J. Kay R46134; 27. EAW1 R. A. Salter R42043; 28. LEMWE G. B. McNally R54794; 29. ME J. N. Hough R58059; 30. LME E. Hasch R54940; 31. LSRP W. F. Hampton R55779; 32. LWTR G. W. Whiticker R53062; 33. POWW G. J. Clunes R45341; 34. SA2P N. A. Starr R42340; 35. ABQMG J. Swinbourne R57146; 36. SAS D. J. Taverner R59239; 37. ME G. F. Mason R55239; 38. CK. B. G. Turner R58821; 39. ABUC K. D. Peacock R93728; 40. ERA R. W. Maughan R42181; 41. ALME R. N. Masters R56838; 42. ABFC M. R. Hill R55852; 43. OA1*W M. G. Mackay R54997; 44. LSRP. B. J. Rodgers R52567; 45. TO R. R. Kendall R93684; 46. CK. K. J. White R59968; 47. EMWR J. M. Gilshenen R59572; 48. LSRP R. H. Thomson R57097; 49. NS2 E. Ashman R62328; 50. ME G. W. Nash R93120; 51. LCK. L. Stakenburg R57913.

The following 25 sailors are top

of the two bedroom roster to date 25th February, 1966.

ERA2 D.M. McMillan R42420; ABSR C. T. Hillsdon R59584; LSTD. J. K. Lowe R57772; EMWE L. J. Schlothe R93274; LWTR B. R. McKinnon R 57261; ALME R. L. Binnington R57437; ABRP J. P. Manley R57064; STD T. H. Hamilton R57753; ABRP A. E. O'Meagher R57344; EMWR E. Ceslis R93489; POEP D. V. Buchanan R56568; A/ERA2 M. R. Stirling R48467; ABQMG J. M. Filgater R57238; ERA2 J. G. Hinrichson R42269; LSFC I. A. Wilson R56650; LSFC G. R. Graham R58051; NAAH G. M. Campbell R55179; TO W. K. Phillips R58175; A/CA K. J. Gillespie R54665; POWTR T. R. Moonie R51032; ABRP B. C. Lillyman R57121; ABRP S. W. Lyons R57062; CK. J. L. South R93579; LS M. J. Matthews R57123; STD. W. B. Mullinger R57339.

NOTE: Have you informed the Billing Officer of the following facts:-

1. (a) Have been advanced in rating.
- (b) Have been posted to another ship or establishment.
- (c) Am no longer entitled to remain on roster.
- (d) Wish my name to be removed from the Roster.

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INTER-SERVICE CRICKET

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NAVY

RICHARDS c Cox b Kearton ... 23.
THOMPSON c Maher b Kearton ... 35.
WOODS c Ivermee b Cox 2.
KERR c Blaxland b Kearton .. 46.
LITTLEWOOD c McLeod b Cox .. 1.
EVANS b Cox 12.
LUTHER c Hamilton b Palmer .. 0.
TREWHELLA b Cox 1.
CLARK c Palmer b Cox 15.
FOSTER c McLeod b Kearton .. 16.
ASPLIN not out 14.
SUNDRIES 1.
TOTAL 166.
FALL: 41, 55, 72, 77, 99, 100, 110, 134, 166, 166.
BOWLING: Cunningham 0-29; Cox 5-39; Kearton 4-74; Palmer 1-23.

R.A.A.F.

HAMILTON c Clark b Trehwella 1.
DUNCOMBE c Kerr b Trehwella 2.
CUMMINS lbw b Clark 0.
MCLEOD b Trehwella 2.
MAHER stpd, Kerr b Richards .. 34.
BLAXLAND c Foster b Trehwella 62.
PALMER c Trehwella b Clark .. 3.
IVERMEE b Clark 6.
CUNNINGHAM c Kerr b Trehwella 3.
KEARTON c Trehwella b Clark .. 13.

GUESSING COMP.

Results of Naval Association Guessing Competition drawn at Five Dock R.S.L. on February 27.

First prize \$100: Ticket No. 946 — K. Watson, 134 Spencers Road, Cremorne.

Second prize \$30: Ticket No. 1635 — P. Martin, HMAS SYDNEY.

Third prize \$20: Ticket No. 839 — B. Richardson, 82 Stanmore

COX n.o. 5.
SUNDRIES 16.
TOTAL 147.
FALL: 1, 4, 4, 13, 92, 109, 125, 125, 141, 147.
BOWLING: Clarke 4-43; Trehwella 5-36; Richards 1-34; Foster 0-9; Asplin 0-8.

NAVY WON ON 1st INNINGS

NAVY v ARMY

SIMS b Clark 97.
IRONSIDE r.o. 4.
RODDY c Asplin b Clark 33.
KABLE b Clark 1.
ALEXANDER lbw b Stott 23.
PIPPEN c Littlewood b Trehwella 28.
RICHARDSON c Richards b Asplin 17.
GARNER c sub Foster b Clark .. 5.
ATHERDON b Asplin 2.
PARTRIDGE n.o. 20.
WALKER n.o. 4.
SUNDRIES 10.
Nine wickets declared 244.
FALL: 7, 59, 70, 116, 174, 210, 214, 216, 222.
BOWLING: Clark 4-63; Trehwella 1-73; Richards 0-38; Stott 1-21; Asplin 2-39.

NAVY

THOMPSON b Walker 0.
RICHARDS b Richardson 5.
WOODS b Kable 11.
KERR b Richardson 11.
LITTLEWOOD c Kable b Richardson 35.
BURGE c Partridge b Kable ... 0.
MCGURK b WALKER 6.
ASPLIN b Atherden 1.
TREWHELLA c Phippen b Richardson 6.
CLARK n.o. 0.
STOTT b Richardson 0.
TOTAL 75.

WATER POLO TITLE

RETAINED

NAVY retained the Victorian Country Water Polo championship at the Olympic Pool, Melbourne, on February 13, beating a combined Border Districts team.

The team for the first quarter was John Lacey, George Daniel, and Derek Easom (forwards) Allan Fuchs, 'Jesse' James and Graham Sloper (defence) with 'Hoss' Potter in goals.

In the first quarter Navy led 3-1 goals being scored by Graham Sloper, Allan Fuchs and Jesse James.

In the second quarter, Graham replaced Easom but a tremendous fight by Border had them leading 4-3 at the end of this period.

Bill Service replaced James for the third quarter.

In another move, Daniel came to centre back with Sloper to centre forward.

These changes paid off with two goals by Graham and another by Fuchs to Border's single bringing the total to 6-6 with a quarter to play.

The same team for the third represented Navy in the final quarter which began with a magnificent swim by Easom to win the ball and pass back to Daniel, Easom swam through and the ball was passed by Sloper, back to him, to enable him to score.

However, Border quickly equalised to bring the score to 7 all.

From the throw, the ball went to Fuchs and then a series of passes

FALL: 5, 9, 25, 31, 31, 45, 56, 70, 75, 75.

BOWLING: Walker 2-16; Richardson 5-34, Partridge 0-4; Kable 2-7; Atherden 1-14.

ARMY WON BY 169 RUNS ON 1st INNINGS.

between Daniel and Sloper ended in the former netting the winning goal to give Navy the championships for 1966.

This is a fitting conclusion to George's water polo career in the Service.

With only the inter-Service Series to play, CERBERUS Water Polo Club would like to extend its thanks to the drivers and transport staff who co-operated to the full and enabled the club to have a successful season.

The Club also appreciates the players who continually came to practices, and matches, often without playing, in order to let their team win an important match.

These sailors will be of benefit to Navy water polo as their experience increases, and will be of value to the Service in the future.

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NAVY'S SWIM HOPES SOAR

Navy has one of its best chances in years to win this year's inter-Service swimming, according to those present at trials held at Granville pool on February 21.

A good role-up of both male and female competitors, the return to the Eastern Area of several prominent swimmers and some impressive times supported their claim.

The inter-Service meeting will be held at Richmond on Thursday, March 10.

In the Navy squad are three CERBERUS champions, Ord, Lee, EM, Hoy and Ord, McLaughlin.

Lee won his heat of the 200 metres freestyle, finished second in the 100 freestyle and third in the 400.

McLaughlin beat Lee in the 400, clocking 5m. 46s. and finished second to Shanks in the 200 metres freestyle in the fair time of 2m. 34s.

McLaughlin also won the 50 metre butterfly from Watson and McDermott in 33.1s.

Hoy won his heat of the 100 metres freestyle in 66 secs., beating Barnes and Bennett in a good finish, which was one second faster than the earlier heat won by Wynberg.

The return of Stefanov, McDermott and Starr has certainly strengthened the Navy team. Stefanov scored a comfortable win in the 100 metres breaststroke beating Starr and Allen in 1m. 32.2s.

In an earlier heat, however, Watson recorded a better time of 1m. 29.5s.

'Mystery' man of the team, M.E. Bennett, from PENGUIN, could be one of Navy's strong hopes in the 100 metres backstroke.

Bennett arrived at Granville for the trials and asked whether he could swim.

Bennett surprised by beating two strong backstroke competitors in Barnes and Simmonds in 1m. 21.2s., then turned out in the heat of the 100 freestyle to finish behind Hoy and Barnes.

When the squad was announced Bennett's name had been omitted as no one had any knowledge of his whereabouts.

Finally, he was tracked down at PENGUIN and his name was added to the squad.

Shanks, of course, must be a big chance in the 200 and 400 freestyles events. He won his heat of the 200 in 2m. 34s., and his 400 heat in 5m. 52.8s.

Once again Judy Nicol will be a strong force to contend with in the Women's events.

This will be the last time Judy will represent Navy as she is off to Canada in November.

'Big Jude' will contest the freestyle and backstroke events and the relay. She won both heats, each time beating Wrans Ganly and Hibbert, clocking 37 secs for the freestyle and 45 secs for the backstroke.

ALBATROSS will be well-represented by Wrans Garland, Dunkley and Van Nispen. Wran Garland is expected to contest four events, freestyle, backstroke, relay and diving.

During the trials she clocked 35 secs. in winning a heat of the freestyle and 40.8 secs in beating Wrans Dunkley and Olle in a heat of the backstroke.

Wran Dunkley finished ahead of Van Nispen and Lawson in the breaststroke in 52 secs.

The squad is:-

MEN

ALBATROSS: L/SA Starr; L/Butch. Simmonds; N.A. Stefanov; Mid. Wynberg; N.A. McDermott.

HARMAN: P.O. P.T. Jorgenson; L/EM Shanks.

PENGUIN: M. E. Bennett.

WATSON: P. O. P. T. Osborne; Ord. U. C. McLaughlin; A. B. R. P. Barnes.

NIRIMBA: Apprentices Leach; Hines; Crane and Watson; A.B. P. T. Burns.

SYDNEY: Ord. C. D. Lee; S.A. Grierson.

RUSHCUTTER: Ord. C. D. Johanson.

WATERHEN: E. M. Hoy.

TRACKERS ON SHOW

American Tracker anti-submarine aircraft of the type to be delivered to the R.A.N. at the end of next year will be closely examined by R.A.N. pilots, observers and mechanics this week.

Several of the aircraft will fly from the U.S. Carrier U.S.S. HORNET to H.M.A.S. ALBATROSS.

At ALBATROSS, R.A.N. pilots and observers will be taken for familiarisation flights by the U.S. crews and ground staff will study the aircraft's engines and submarine detection equipment.

The R.A.N. will take delivery of 14 Trackers by November 1967. They will be flown from the R.A.N.'s flagship, the carrier H.M.A.S. MELBOURNE.

HORNET also carries Skyhawk fighter-bombers which will also be obtained next year for the R.A.N.

HORNET's skyhawks have not been brought to Australia. They are so highly regarded as combat aircraft that they have been left in Vietnam where they are being used as one of the main strike aircraft in operations against the Viet Cong.

DEMPSTER CUP FIXTURE LIST

Six teams will contest three rounds of this year's Dempster Cup Rugby Union competition.

Below is the draw for the first round:

MARCH 16: Albatross v. Nirimba (Albatross); Kuttubul v. Dest/Frig (Rushcutter No. 1); Penguin/Rushcutter v. Watson (Rushcutter No. 2).

MARCH 23: Watson v. Albatross (Rushcutter No. 1); Nirimba v. Kuttubul (Nirimba); Penguin/Rushcutter v. Dest/Frig (Rushcutter No. 2).

MARCH 30: Albatross v. Penguin/Rushcutter (Albatross); Kuttubul v. Watson (Rushcutter); Nirimba v. Dest/Frig (Nirimba).

APRIL 6: Dest/Frig v. Albatross (Rushcutter); Nirimba v. Watson (Nirimba); Penguin/Rushcutter v. Kuttubul (Penguin).

APRIL 13: Kuttubul v. Albatross (Rushcutter); Penguin/Rushcutter v. Nirimba (Nirimba); Watson v. Dest/Frig (Penguin).

APRIL 20: Nirimba v. Albatross (Nirimba); Dest/Frig v. Kuttubul (Rushcutter); Watson v. Penguin/Rushcutter (Penguin).

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Dates for representative matches are:

INTER-SERVICE (At Richmond)

JULY 13: Army v. RAAF

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AUSTRALIAN COMBINED SERVICES

APRIL 27: v. Combined Country (Sydney).

MAY 1: v. Victoria (Melbourne).

JUNE 19: v. Minister for Interior XV (Canberra).

AUGUST 7: v. Queensland (Brisbane).

AUGUST 10: v. City of Sydney (Sydney).

WOMEN

ALBATROSS: Wran Garland; Wran Dunkley; Wran Van Nispen.

HARMAN: Wran Lawson; Wran Ganly; Wran Tubb.

PENGUIN: L/Wran Nichol; Wran Worth; Wran Tynan.

Trial results:-

MEN

200M. FREESTYLE: Heat 1 - Shanks 1; McLaughlin 2; Crane 3. 2m. 34s. Heat 2 - Lee 1; Ross 2; Evans 3. 2m. 45.2s.

4 x 50M INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY: Crane 1; Wynberg 2; Hines 3; 3m. 20.6s.

100M. BACKSTROKE: Bennett 1; Barnes 2; Simmonds 3. 1m. 21.2s.

100M. BREASTSTROKE: Heat 1 - Stefanov 1; Starr 2; Allan 3. 1m. 32.2s. Heat 2 - Watson 1; Crabb 2; Mason 3. 1m. 29.5s.

WOMEN

100M. FREESTYLE: Heat 1 - Wynberg 1; Lee 2; Hill 3. 1m. 7s. Heat 2 - Hoy 1; Barnes 2; Bennett 3. 1m. 6s.

50M BUTTERFLY: McLaughlin 1; Watson 2; McDermott 3. 33.1s.

400M FREESTYLE: Heat 1 - Shanks 1; Hill 2; Evans 3. 5m. 52.8s. Heat 2 - McLaughlin 1; Van Vryaldenhoven 2; Lee 3. 5m. 46s.

50M BACKSTROKE: Heat 1 - Garland 1; Tubb 2; Saunders 3. 35s. Heat 2 - Nicol 1; Ganly 2; Hibbert 3. 37s.

50M BREASTSTROKE: Dunkley 1; Van Nispen 2; Lawson 3. 52s.

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● NAVY BOWLER CALLED FOR THROWING DROPPED CATCHES LOSE NAVY I-S CRICKET TROPHY



KEN CLARK... star bowler of the series.

The old cricket saying "dropped catches lose matches" applied to Navy in this year's inter-Service cricket series which ended at Richmond last Friday.

The series resulted in a three-way tie: RAAF beat Army, Navy 166 beat RAAF 147, and Army 9-244 (dec.) beat Navy 75; thus enabling Army to retain the trophy.

Navy's fielding was atrocious. Many catches were dropped and several missed through fieldsmen standing 'flat-footed'.

Navy's Ken Clark, considered the most outstanding bowler of the series, suffered greatly from the lack of fielding support.

Had Navy fieldsmen accepted 50% of the chances offered from Clark's bowling, particularly in the deciding match against Army, Navy would have won outright instead of sharing the series.

Sensation of the three-day series was a throwing incident in the Navy - RAAF Match.

Navy's Graham Foster was called three times in his second over.

N.S.W. Cricket Association umpire Jack Adams, was not happy with Foster's delivery and called him from square leg.

In his first over, Adams watched Foster's first two deliveries from square leg, moved across to point for the remainder of his over then, in his second over, called him for throwing.

From then on, Foster corrected his delivery and bowled reasonably well.

NAVY v. RAAF

A highlight of Navy's 19-run victory over R.A.A.F. in their encounter was the sustained effort of fast-bowling by Clark.

In this match Clark bowled 16 hostile overs, getting the ball to rear off a good length cutting it quickly away to the slips.

Although he captured 4-43 off these 16 overs, his figures should have been much better.

At least four easy catches were dropped from his bowling.

Navy lost the toss and were sent into bat on an easy paced wicket.

Bill Thompson and Ted Richards opened confidently and gave the side a good start with a partnership of 41.

Keith Woods joined Thompson after Richards was caught at backward square leg off a mistimed hook shot.

The second wicket fell at 55 when Woods was caught in the gully off a ball which lifted sharply off a good length.

Bill Kerr and Thompson carried the score along to 72 when Thompson was out to an easy catch at leg slip.

His 35 was well compiled and at this stage Navy had lost 4-77 and R.A.A.F. were well on top.

Kerr continued to bat solidly and hit the loose ball hard. His score of 46 included eight boundaries.

The fifth wicket fell at 99, when Viv Littlewood attempted to pull a shortish ball through mid-wicket, was not in position for the shot and snicked an easy catch to the R.A.A.F. 'keeper.

Two more wickets fell in quick succession and Navy were really in trouble having lost 7 for 110.

However Kerr was still there and batting well and he pushed the score to 134 before he was dismissed.

The last two batsmen Graham Foster (16) and John Asplin added 26 valuable runs for the last wicket to give Navy a total of 166.

Clark batted at No.9 and had scored 15 when he was out to a good diving catch at first slip.

This total looked an easy target for the strong R.A.A.F. batting line up but Navy bowlers had different ideas.

John Trehwella and Clark opened the bowling for Navy and gave the R.A.A.F. batsmen a torrid time.

Trehwella was disembarked from his ship at Jervis Bay and travelled to Richmond by train to take part in the series.

Despite the fact, Trehwella finished with the better figures (5-36) but he was not as impressive as Clark.

Three of his wickets were taken with balls well wide of the stumps and the batsmen virtually sacrificed their wickets chasing them.

Navy fielding was very bad in this game, a big improvement in this department was necessary to beat the young Army side.

The wicket keeping of the 'silent' man from Albatross, Bill Kerr was first class, (one stumping being outstanding) and this was the only good feature of Navy in the field.

NAVY v. ARMY

Needing only a draw with Army necessary to clinch the title, Navy batsmen failed dismally against a hostile Army attack which was supported by some excellent fielding.

Thompson won the toss and sent Army into bat on a wicket which proved docile and full of runs.

Clark was again the best Navy bowler. He finished with 4 for 63 off 15

overs and again his effort was marred by a series of dropped catches.

Extracting life from a wicket which could only be termed a batsman's paradise, and hampered by a foot injury, Clark proved to be the best bowler of any side in the series.

Trehwella, who opened the bowling with Clark, bowled 12 overs and took 1-73.

Trehwella would be well advised to cut at least 15 yards from his run and concentrate more on accuracy.

His run up is longer than Wesley Hall's and he would find that he could retain the same pace from a 12 yard approach and his direction would improve tremendously.

Richards could not find a length in this game and he is a far better bowler than his figures indicated.

He took 0-38 off seven overs but perhaps he would have been more effective if more attacking fields had been set for him.

Off the 56 balls he bowled 28 were scored from, many singles being scored where fieldsmen were set too deep.

Army were finally dismissed at 1400 for 244, leaving Navy 185 minutes to score the necessary runs.

On the fast ground this was well within their scope but the batsmen were not equal to the task and failed dismally.

Disaster struck in the first over when Thompson was bowled all over the place for a duck.

Worse was to follow when Richards was bowled in the second over for five and Navy were 2-9.

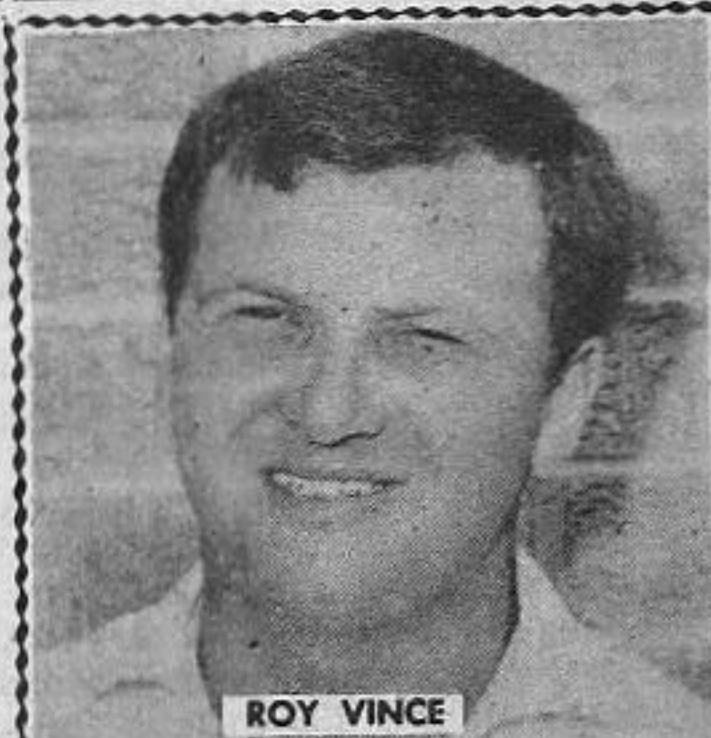
Woods was joined by Kerr and this pair seemed to be retrieving the situation when Kerr was bowled and Navy were 3-25.

He had scored 11 but the Navy fighting spirit at this stage was not in evidence.

It was left to Littlewood to retrieve the situation and he set about doing so in an intelligent and determined manner.

He had scored only four when Woods moved across his wicket and had his leg stump uprooted just when he appeared to have settled down.

Littlewood at this stage realised that he would have to keep as much of the strike as possible and for



ROY VINCE

CRICKETERS IN CAR ACCIDENT

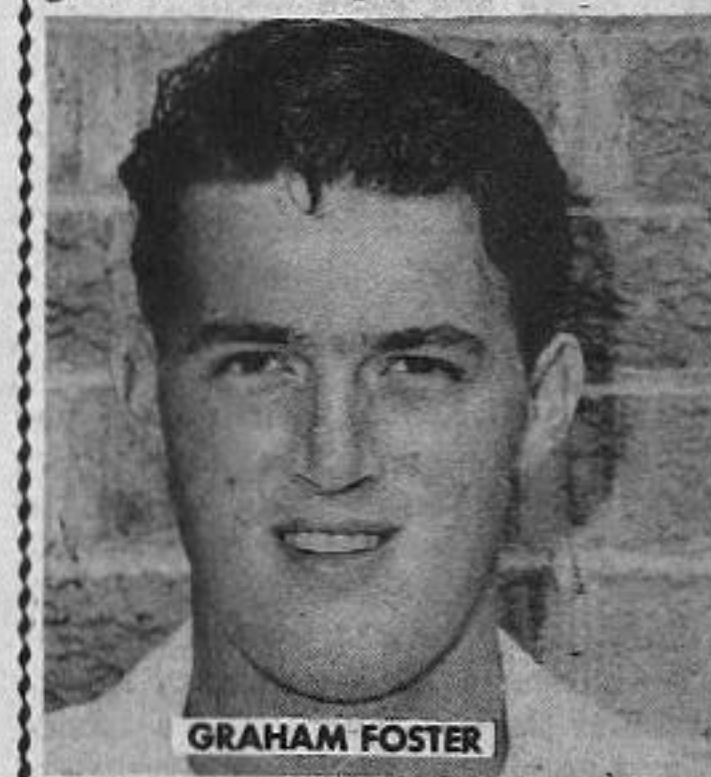
Two members of Navy's E.A.A. inter-Service cricket squad, EA Roy Vince and PO Std. Graham Foster, were involved in a car accident at PENGUIN prior to the series at Richmond last week.

Both players were travelling in a car around PENGUIN when the driver took a wrong turning and the vehicle plunged over a bank dropping 25 feet to the bottom.

The unlucky Vince suffered a broken knee cap.

Foster was badly shaken up but able to take his place in the team.

Vince and Foster topped the batting averages in this season's Zingari Shield competition.



GRAHAM FOSTER

the 1 hour 35 mins. he was at the wicket, he sacrificed at least 25 runs to retain the strike.

He lost five partners while he was at the wickets, the total contribution of the last six batsmen being only 13 runs.

Had those batsmen shown Littlewood's determination, Navy would have won the inter-Service series of 1966.

Littlewood's contribution was 35 out of the Navy total of 75.

Umpires for the three games were: Messrs. Bill Hutchinson and Jack Adams of the N.S.W. Cricket Umpires Association.

These two very capable umpires have been invited by Army to officiate at next year's inter-Service.

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