

ECONOMIES IN DEFENCE

DECISIONS AFFECTING THE NAVY

The Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Defence, Mr. Lance Barnard, outlined some of the Government's thinking on Defence in a lengthy statement made in Parliament on August 22.

The main decisions affecting the RAN, as announced in the statement by the Minister (see pages 2 and 3), were summarised in a Naval Board signal which read . . .

- (a) Modernisation of three DDGs is to proceed and ways developed to do at least two in Australia.
 - (b) New oceanographic ship is to be built at Williamstown.
 - (c) Refit and modernisation of some at least of older River Class Destroyers is to proceed, the extent of the work to be critically reviewed. Development of Mulloka Sonar is continuing.
 - (d) Government has endorsed need for a new Destroyer Acquisition Programme to maintain Navy's strength in the 1980's but is not satisfied that the previous decision to acquire three DDL's is the most appropriate solution. Further detailed studies have been directed and the position will be reviewed next year.
 - (e) There is no need to proceed at this time with construction of AOE and further examination is to be made of a less sophisticated and less costly ship.
 - (f) To provide for expenditure on capital items (equipment, facilities and accommodation) manpower levels, both service and civilian, and the tempo of activities will be reduced.
- The following amplifies the reduction in Naval activities flowing from a reduction in the case of Navy of approximately six per cent in both service and civilian manpower and the requirement to keep running costs down so that resources can be made available for new equipment:
- (a) As already announced, HMAS SYDNEY is paying-off for disposal.
 - (b) A reduction from two training ships to one by paying-off ANZAC when DUCHESS completes her conversion refit in 1974.
 - (c) A reduction in the flying strength of the Fleet Air Arm by about 25 per cent. This will be achieved by reducing Squadron Aircraft strengths by one to two aircraft of each type and by a cut of 25 per cent in the authorised annual flying hours. Detailed instructions will be issued shortly. Reduction in the front line squadron strengths will not take place until after MELBOURNE's next deployment. Economies are being effected in this way so that we maintain our capability in all Fleet Air Arm activities rather than a very severe cut in a particular aspect.
 - (d) A reduction of steaming time of Fleet Ships by 20 per cent. To allow COMAUSFLT maximum flexibility, the Fleet will be placed on an annual fuel allowance. The same cut will be applied to support craft.
 - (e) A general reduction in administrative expenses in particular curtailment of local and overseas travel.
- Any necessary measures to implement the above reductions should be put in hand forthwith. Referring to service manpower the board has decided that:—
- (a) The functions and roles of shore establishments are to be re-examined.
 - (b) The complements of shore establishments are to be reviewed.
- The review of complements of the shore establishments will be made in two phases —
- (a) Phase 1 — those establishments which act in direct support of the Fleet taking into account the reduction of activities mentioned in an earlier paragraph.
 - (b) Phase 1 — all establishments.
- The Naval Board has decided to form a special task force with terms of reference which will include the critical examination of land-based personnel aspects of the Navy and, where corrective measures are justified, to recommend reductions in the number of personnel stationed ashore and the facilities which they control or which are required to support them.
- It is anticipated that normal attrition and a reduction in all forms of entry into the Service will account for the required Service manpower reduction. However, it must be expected that re-engagement and initial entry into the Navy will be on a more selective basis than before.
- Concurrently, efforts will continue to improve further the already high standard of conditions of service in order to insure that those who are fortunate enough to be members of the Royal Australian Navy, can look forward to a worthwhile career in the Service.
- The same considerations apply to civilian personnel. A critical examination of civil personnel strengths will be made to ensure that efforts are directed towards the important needs of the Navy.
- Unfortunately some retrenchments at the Williamstown Dockyard will be unavoidable. It is hoped that in other areas of employment, reductions to the required level can be achieved by normal wastage.

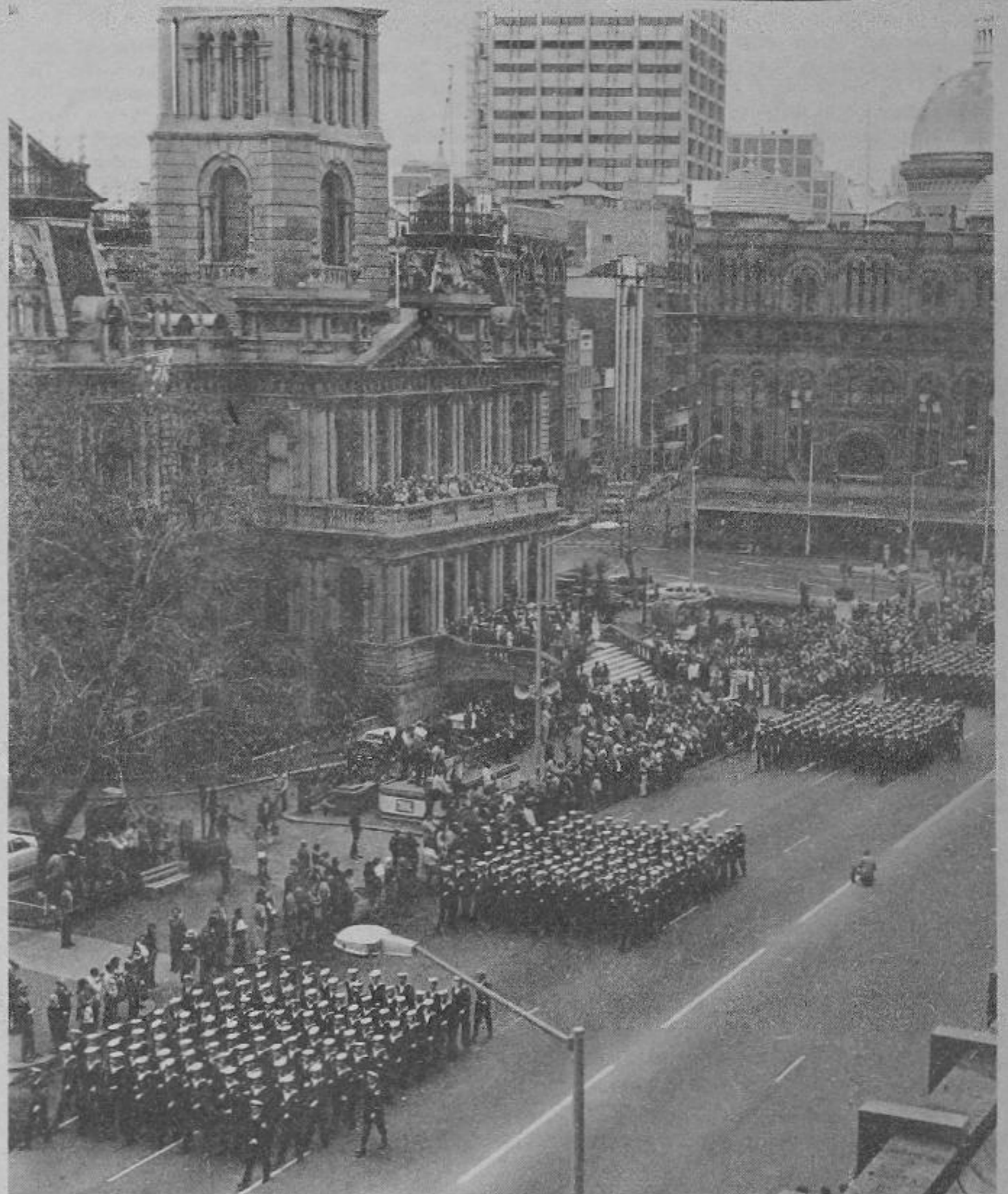
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Officers and sailors from the Australian Fleet march past Sydney Town Hall during the Freedom of the City ceremony on August 16 — Photograph by RAN photographer John O'Brien.

Lord Mayor of Sydney hits out on defence

"We must not stand idly by and see our Armed Services depleted to a point where they may not be able to defend us."

The Lord Mayor of Sydney, Alderman David Griffin, said this in a speech he made during a Civic Reception at the Sydney Town Hall on August 16.

The reception followed a ceremony in which the Freedom of the City was granted to the Royal Australian Navy by the City Council.

Among the guests were Rear Admiral Synnot (FOCAF) and Rear Admiral Graham (FOCEA); other senior Officers of the Navy, Army and RAAF also were present.

Alderman Griffin referred to the ceremony in Hyde Park, the impressive March through the streets of Sydney, and then said:

"I could not help feeling some alarm at the future of the Australian Armed Services.

"It seems to me to be naive in the extreme to suppose that the world is entering some new era of peace when in fact elsewhere it is surely armed to the teeth in what must be one of the most war-like periods in history.

"Yet almost every day our newspapers carry some announcement of some further re-

duction in the size and potency of the Armed Services.

"Almost the only thing granted to the Navy in the last few months was the grant we made this morning of the Freedom of the City of Sydney and although respect and good-will bolster one's ability to fight, you need something more if you are to repulse an enemy.

"Santayana once wrote that those who forget history are condemned to repeat it.

"We should ponder this. "Our history has so often been a story of unpreparedness, of gaining time, of hoping that the enemy would let us prepare before he struck.

"Thanks so often to the Navy we have had time but as to the future I am not so sure.

"We must not stand idly by and see our Armed Services depleted to a point where they may not be able to defend us.

"In some quarters I will probably be told to mind my own business but as Lord Mayor of Sydney, the defence of Australia and the preservation of Sydney is my business and if one feels disquiet, and how can one not feel it should we not say no and in no uncertain terms."

Earlier Alderman Griffin, in his address during the ceremony of conferring Freedom of the City to the RAN said the granting of the honour was unique; it reminded him of two things, on the one hand the supremacy of civilian power, and on the other, the total reliance of that power on the Armed Forces. The Freedom granted was the highest the Council could bestow.

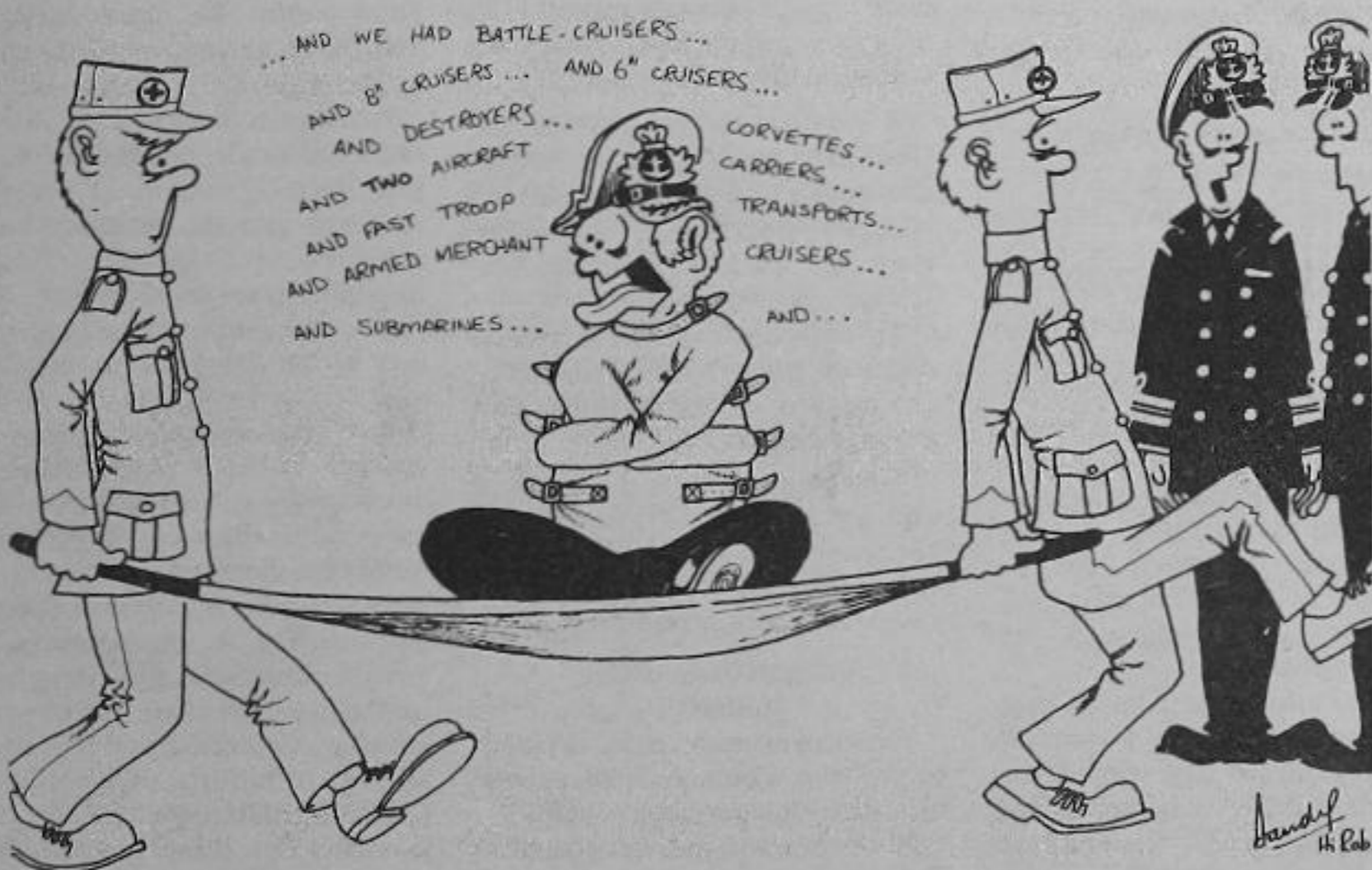
He added: "We honour the Fleet for what it is, for what it has done, and for what it again will do if ever the cry goes out to help.

"This is the year of the RAN's Golden Jubilee; for the last 60 years the Fleet has stood on its own feet, fought with its own Australian dash and enterprise in every theatre of naval operations."

Alderman Griffin described the RAN and its men as being "efficient, disciplined, steadfast, daring and loyal to Her Majesty and Australia".

• Pictorial coverage of ceremony on pages 8 and 9.

THE NAVY AND THE BUDGET



"HE'S TAKING IT RATHER HARD REALLY..."

AUSTRALIAN

MR. BARNARD opened his statement by saying the defence vote for 1973-74 would be \$1345m. This compared with an actual expenditure during 1972-73 of \$1285m.

He added his purpose in making the statement was to set out some of the Government's thinking on Defence, with particular reference to the strategic situation, the capabilities which exist in our forces, and in the light of these the financial and other provisions which should be made for Defence.

The Nation's security was the Government's first responsibility. Labor policy called for a strong and valid defence capability that would demonstrate beyond all doubt the nation's intention to defend itself and its vital interests. There could be no neglect of defence.

In determining policy first consideration would be given to the strategic prospect facing the nation.

It was necessary to assess not only the immediate situation but the likely situation in future.

He said that shortly after taking office he called for such an assessment to cover the next fifteen years.

There were bound to be uncertainties about the future, particularly about the later part of such a long period.

Position favourable

At the present time, Australia's situation was favourable and that various important factors and trends in the international situation supported Australia's security into the longer term.

The Government and its advisers did not at present foresee any deterioration in Australia's strategic environment that would involve consideration of the commitment of the Defence Force to military operations to protect Australia's security or strategic interests.

Mr. Barnard said the Government felt there was significant movement towards a detente between USA and Russia and co-operation in the handling of situ-

ations that could lead to critical confrontation.

China had effected some rapprochement with both the United States and Japan, and had strong interests in the avoidance of major international conflict.

Political competition among the major powers is expected to continue, and the possibility of limited local conflicts during the years ahead in various parts of the globe could not be ruled out.

But, present trends generally point to a prospect of relative stability in the global order.

Any major, protracted conflict, drawing nations into general war, appeared remote.

In South East Asia, any risk of military confrontation between the major powers had substantially receded.

The ASEAN countries Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore, the Philippines and Indonesia, had made substantial advances in nation building and regional co-operation.

The ASEAN Governments had been discussing proposals for a "zone of peace, freedom and neutrality" in South East Asia that would preserve their security and independence and allow them to pursue their national and regional development free from disruption by military confrontation in the region. Australia supported this initiative.

Pending neutralisation, the Government would continue to honour the Five Power arrangements. The Government did not accept that these arrangements

required the stationing of forces in Malaysia and Singapore indefinitely and had arranged for the phased withdrawal of Australian ground forces from Singapore.

However, a RAAF detachment of some 1500 and Mirages would remain at Butterworth at least until the situation was reviewed in 1975, the Government would continue to maintain a small naval presence in the area.

The Government would continue to co-operate with Indonesia. It was maintaining the Defence Co-operation Programme with Indonesia.

Defence understanding with Indonesia was important to Australia.

In Papua New Guinea there was now a clear movement towards final independence and Australia was closely involved in discussions about the development of their Defence Force.

The process of localisation was proceeding effectively and at an increasing pace, although Papua New Guinea was likely to continue to require assistance from Australia for some time to come.

No threat of external military attack against Papua New Guinea was foreseen and the Government saw no major risk to Australia's security arising there.

Mr. Barnard said the favourable developments in the strategic environment he had outlined strongly supported the Government's view that Australia was unlikely to come under strategic pressure or military threat. This was the current assessment.

It would be reviewed regularly so that as any changes were discerned they could, as necessary, be reflected in

Defence policy and in the development of Australia's military forces.

Australia would maintain Australia's security association with the United States and New Zealand under the ANZUS Treaty. The Government placed much value on this association.

The assessment of the situation Australia was likely to face in the next decade did not, mean that Australia could dispense with defence strength.

In matters affecting the nation's security it was necessary to move with prudence. Australia nowadays, and in the future, must accept the primary and independent responsibility for safeguarding its security and strategic interests.

The modern situation required Australia to be more self reliant than in the past, and this was very much in accord with the Government's view of our independent national status.

Australia must have forces in being for the surveillance and patrol of the environs of this continent, and be able to help the defence capabilities of other nearby countries with whom Australia maintained defence co-operation and aid programmes.

There could be scope for further Service assistance to community tasks beyond what was already done. This was now being explored.

After the more or less continuous defence expansion of the last ten years, now was the time to prune back activities whose original purpose had changed, for eliminating redundancies that had crept into our force structure.

The Government would make savings where they could be made without prejudice to the

Full text of statement by the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Defence, Mr. Barnard



essential capabilities of the Defence Force. It was intended to use the resources for higher community priorities.

Balanced judgments must be made of the kind and extent of forces that were necessary and the resources the nation would be able to put into the development of a base, or core force.

The core force would not be a manpower intensive force. But it must have sufficient modern defence components and skills and be of the size and organisational framework that would permit expansion in time of need.

Re-assess Defence Forces

Mr. Barnard said Australia had developed over the past decade a very significant level of defence capabilities, in manpower and equipment, and in some forms of defence facilities, although not in others.

We are now self sufficient in many areas where we were not so before.

Therefore the Government must consider whether replacements of capabilities in the Air Force or Navy, or Army, or Supply establishments were es-

sential and whether they need to be on a one for one basis.

The Government would assess whether it should reduce or retire any defence capabilities which it believed had a lower priority in the future or which could be readily re-developed. In other strategic situations, there could be military, economic and technological benefit in extending the life of some equipments we already had, so that advantage could be taken of foreseen improvements in technology later.

There could be some general reductions in the tempo of Service activities.

All these considerations were leading to a thorough re-assessment of Australia's defence forces."

Mr. Barnard then dealt with the current provision that was being made for maintaining and developing the capability of Australia's defence forces. He said he would review the position on a functional rather than a Service basis. Mr. Barnard's statement, in relation to the three Services has been summarised and extracts are on this page and page 3.

EFFECT ON THE NAVY

In his statement concerning the future of the Navy, Mr. Barnard stated the current strength of the Service, its effectiveness and Government decisions.

He said the present maritime force was centred around:

- eleven effective fleet destroyers;
- one aircraft carrier backed by nineteen fixed-wing attack aircraft and fifteen fixed and twenty-one rotary-wing anti-submarine aircraft;
- two RAAF long range maritime patrol aircraft squadrons totalling twenty-two aircraft;
- fifteen patrol boats (an additional five operate in the PNG Division);
- four submarines.

The maritime force would in due course be complemented by current projects for two additional submarines under construction, and for anti-submarine/cargo helicopters which will replace some existing rotary-wing aircraft.

A variety of naval vessels complemented, the main fleet units, including support craft, landing-craft, a destroyer tender, mine counter-measure vessels, survey and oceanographic ships, and so on.

Mr. Barnard said the decision to "pay off" HMAS SYDNEY was because further use would have required considerable expenditure to maintain her through to the end of her life projected for 1974.

This expenditure would have been quite unjustified.

ANZAC TO BE PAID-OFF

It has been decided that the second training ship HMAS ANZAC could be paid off when HMAS DUCHESS completed her conversion refit in 1974.

The naval component of the force provides a substantial force in being.

From this could be developed a very much larger Navy, should it be required.

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It must be noted, however, that substantial capital investment is necessary to maintain this comparative effectiveness.

The distances involved in our area, and the lack of ports and naval bases, make long range and sea-keeping attributes an important part of the naval force component. This requires the maintenance of a core of substantial ships.

The naval component has the type of units which contribute, especially in conjunction with maritime patrol aircraft and aircraft providing strike attack and defence to meeting the appropriate fundamental requirements for the protection of Australia and its immediate environment.

The naval force can assist in coping with any intrusions into territorial waters and fishing and resource zones.

It provides considerable support to civil authorities.

It could, in the present strategic environment, deter to a great extent any minor harassment and interference with Australian sovereign control.

DESTROYERS TO BE REFITTED

As I indicated, while in opposition and again earlier this year, I have been giving particular attention to the escort strength of the RAN and the need for new destroyer construction.

The two Daring Class destroyers in the fleet have recently been modernised.

A decision was taken by the previous Government to proceed with the modernisation of the three Charles F. Adams class Guided Missile Destroyers.

This will cover the overhaul and modernisation of the five-inch guns; updating the Tartar missile system to enable it to use the more advanced Standard missile; and installation of a computerised automated command and control system.

Further, and in line with maintaining our existing destroyers as operationally effective

The need for new destroyer construction has been examined against this background. The Government recognises the importance of naval strength to Australian defence preparedness, and has endorsed the need for a new destroyer acquisition programme for the Navy to maintain its strength in the 1980's.

But before any specific decisions are reached on this important matter, more detailed study is necessary into a number of aspects.

DUTY CONCESSIONS

Personnel are to be made aware of the following reductions in duty concessions as advised by the Department of Customs and Excise . . .

On and from October 7, 1973, all passengers aged 18 years or older, on arrival in Australia, will be allowed only — one litre of alcoholic liquor including wine and

beer (one litre equivalent of one and one half by 26oz. bottles or one and one half by 750ml bottles) and, 200 cigarettes or equivalent in tobacco products namely 250 grams cigars or 250 grams tobacco.

All excess quantities will be subject to normal rates of duty and sales tax.

There is the question of timing and priority and looking to the best opportunity.

The provision of three Australian designed and built destroyers for the RAN under DDL programme — has been estimated to involve \$355m project cost over the next ten years, but experience of ship construction shows a strong tendency for costs to escalate.

We have to bear in mind that a high proportion of defence expenditure is already committed to strengthening our maritime capability rather than other needs.

After thorough consideration of all the circumstances, the Government is not satisfied that the previous Government's decision to acquire light destroyers



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of the particular Australian design and characteristics is the most appropriate solution.

In the light of that decision, I have directed the Defence/Naval investigators to examine naval development overseas, taking also into account the current strategic assessment to which I earlier referred. The position will be further reviewed next year.

I realise this decision will come as a disappointment to many who have been closely involved in the DDL proposal.

I would like to express the Government's appreciation of the work of all the many participants in the project, in Government and industry, both in Australia and overseas.

To date some \$1.7m has been spent on the project, principally on design investigations and management consultancy.

This work has been valuable and will provide a firm basis for the continued study of the requirement for a new destroyer construction programme.

OCEANOGRAPHIC SHIP

The Government has decided to proceed with the construction of a new Oceanographic ship.

This ship will provide capability which will be of much benefit in both the military and civil fields for work in ocean research, including resource exploration.

We have decided that there is

no need to proceed at this time with the construction of a Fast Combat Support Ship, capable of underway replenishment of the fleet.

It has been assessed that such a ship would not be required before about 1980, when HMAS SUPPLY is expected to be retired.

I believe that a less sophisticated and less costly ship than that originally proposed at a cost now estimated at around \$69m might be more suitable. This is being further examined.

The need in the future for the acquisition of maritime surveillance aircraft continues to be examined.

We have at present one squadron of Orion aircraft and one squadron of Neptune aircraft, the latter reaching the end of its life later in the decade.

We are considering what is needed to meet projected military and, in conjunction with civil authorities, civil off-shore surface surveillance tasks.

The Navy Air Power Study will assist in this examination.

That study will also contribute to the consideration of the possible future need for a Seaborne Aircraft Platform when HMAS MELBOURNE goes out of commission. But these matters are not for decision now.

With the paying off of HMAS SYDNEY, and other economies, savings in both service and civilian manpower can be achieved. These are being put into effect.

DEFENCE

ARMY WILL BE BETTER BALANCED

Mr. Barnard said that following the recent review of the Army, there was to be a better balance between the field force and the Australian support area.

This had led to a planned increase in the field force of about 2000 men this year with a corresponding reduction in the support area component.

This increase would enhance our capability to provide effective ground forces should any low level situation arise to which the government might decide it is necessary to respond.

It would provide a sound basis for expansion should our strategic circumstances change.

As previously announced, the divisional structure would be retained for the Army, with three

Task Forces each of two battalions.

The support component of the Army, service and civilian, has become excessive; less essential activities are being curtailed and numbers will be reduced accordingly.

As part of ground force maritime support, the acquisition of eight heavy landing craft will provide the capability to transport men and material in coastal movement.

For air support of ground forces, the present substantial Mirage force has a ground attack role, the Navy's nineteen Skyhawk attack aircraft, wheth-

er sea or land based, also provide an attack capability.

Air transport support of the ground forces will be provided by two squadrons each of Hercules and Caribou aircraft and Utility Helicopters now in service.

These will shortly be complemented by the additional capability provided by Medium Lift Helicopters.

There are a number of armoured vehicle proposals now being studied including the replacement of the Centurion Medium Tank, the acquisition of fire support vehicles and bridging equipment.

RAAF SQUADRON TO BE DISBANDED

Mr. Barnard, referring to the RAAF air capability, said the main offensive and defensive units were 24F111C strike aircraft and 87 Mirage air defence and ground attack fighters.

He added "We have carefully reviewed the present provision for air defence capability."

"Our strategic situation can no longer justify maintaining four squadrons of costly Mirage flying effort. It has been decided in the present circumstances to disband one of the Mirage squadrons."

"Two fighter squadrons will continue to be deployed for the time being in Malaysia, and the

third squadron at Williamtown.

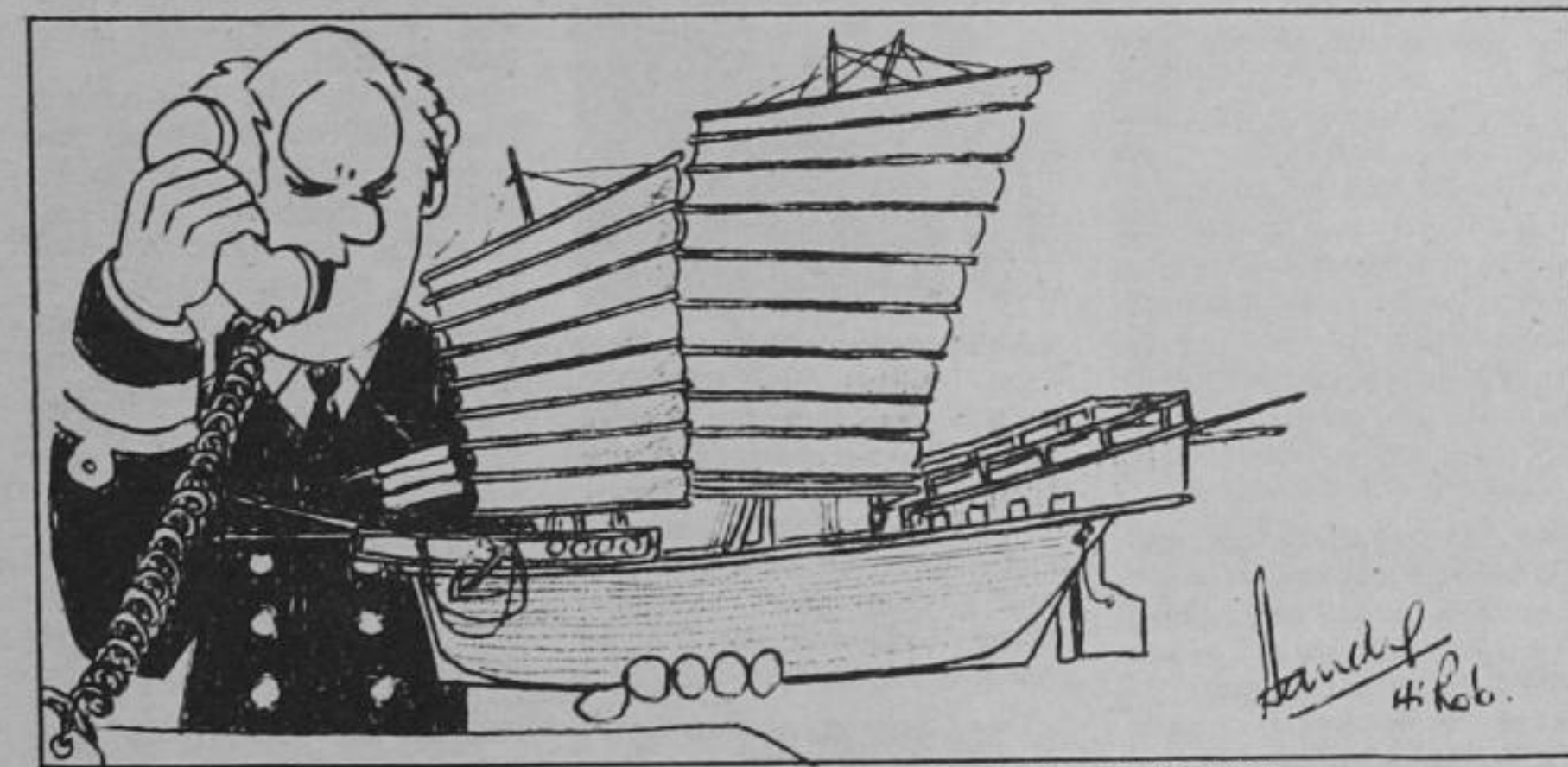
"With the phasing out of one Mirage squadron, and the consequential reduction in overall flying effort, it is expected that the life of the aircraft remaining will be extended into the 1980's."

"The reduced flying of Mirage aircraft will also reduce the need for maintaining the present training effort on both the Macchi and the Winjeel trainer aircraft."

"This decision also has an important bearing on the future of the aircraft industry to which I will refer later."

"The acquisition of the New Zealand CT4 Air Trainer as a replacement for the Winjeel will proceed in the coming year."

"But as a consequence of the reduced flying training effort now required, there will be a reduction in the number of aircraft to be required."



"HELLO MR. MINISTER... ABOUT THE REVISED NEW DDL DESIGN..."



"HELLO MR. MINISTER... IT'S THE ADMIRAL HERE... NO OUR ADMIRAL... LOOK SIR WE'VE DECIDED ON AN EXERCISE NEXT WEEK AND WE WERE WONDERING WHAT SHIPS WE'D HAVE LEFT BY THEN..."

REDUCTION IN WORK FORCE

Mr. Barnard announced there would be reductions in manpower in the Navy, Army and Air Force and civilians sections of the Services, Government dockyards and munition factories. Most of these would be by retirement, resignations or attrition, but there would be some retrenchments.

He said: "A central problem in developing an adequate Force structure is to decide on the correct balance between manpower and equipment expenditures, capital works, communications and so on."

"During the last decade Service manpower (excluding National Servicemen) increased from 50,100 in June, 1963 to 71,300 in June, 1973."

"Civilian manpower increased from 36,600 in June, 1963, to 51,300 in June, 1973."

"Over this same period of a decade pay rates also increased substantially."

some 2300 or 3.2 per cent in Service manpower."

"Navy will come down during 1973/74 by 1100 and RAAF by 1200."

"The Army will effect some economies in the Australian Support Area, which will be reduced by about 2000 to about 19,600, keeping the Regular Army total strength constant at some 31,150 during 73-74."

"Almost all of the Service reductions will be made by not replacing wastage."

"Retrenchments of Servicemen are unlikely to be necessary except for a relatively small number in certain ranks and mustering."

"Where they are in suitable categories they will be considered for inter-Service transfer."

There will continue to be a need for a considerable number of recruits in 1973-74.

"I am satisfied that these cuts in manpower represent necessary and indeed in some cases overdue economies and will not impair the defence capabilities we need in present circumstances."

"In association with the re-appraisal of our force structure a major re-appraisal is also being made of our defence industrial base."

"By their very nature Defence industries are in large part sustained by the workload generated by the needs of the Defence forces."

"In redirecting the activities of our defence industries there will be problems of adjustment."

The changes in Service activity and equipment procurement will result in a lower level of orders being placed on industry and on naval dockyards and government factories in the next few years.

"Further, a major review is being carried out of the policies governing the Service's stock-holdings of munitions and other items."

"The present review is expected to lead to a lower level of authorised holdings and the need to run down some of the existing holdings by reductions in orders covering peacetime usage."

"The Services have a combined stock-holding valued at many hundreds of millions of dollars and more efficient management of a resource of this size is essential and long overdue."

"There will be a reduction of

"Because of these considerations, it is necessary to review and adjust the operations of the Government munitions factories moving towards some definite longer term objectives."

"Progressive rationalisation of activities and concentration in fewer sites will be examined."

"The reduction in orders from the Services will mean an unavoidable contraction of workload in the munitions factories."

"Where possible the associated reduction in employment will be made by non-replacement of employees who resign or retire."

"But retrenchments will be necessary in some factories."

"In city areas the present full employment situation should ensure quick re-employment of those displaced. Efforts are being made to lessen the effect on country areas."

"Early this year I announced that a study was being made aimed at rationalisation of activities in the aircraft industry."

"The Government has examined this question, but it was evident that the decisions which needed to be made on equipment for the Services and the level of service activity had a vital bearing on the future workload and size of the industry and hence on the direction of rationalisation."

"The Government has now taken these decisions and I will press for a rapid conclusion to the rationalisation discussions."

"There will also be significant alterations to the pattern of future workload for our naval dockyards."

"The extensive modernisation of our three Charles F. Adams class destroyers was to have been carried out in United States dockyards."

"This work involves updating the missile fire control systems and the installations of new digital data systems. I have directed that ways be developed to do at least two of these modernisations in Australia."

"This work will be undertaken at Garden Island, and as a consequence, it will be necessary to transfer significant amounts of other refit and fleet maintenance work to the other two naval dockyards."

"Construction work of the Oceanographic ship will be

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RE-ENGAGEMENT POLICY

Re-engagement is subject to Naval Board approval and is not automatic for any sailor for any reason, e.g. by virtue of seniority.

Approval is not only dependent upon the recommendation based on efficient and enthusiastic performance of duty of the sailor concerned, but on the requirements of the Service and examination of service records in Navy Office.

2... On present indications, it is not envisaged that the reductions, announced in the ACNB signal 2223232 Aug., will have any major effect on re-engagements.

In the main, reductions will be brought about by normal attrition and reduced recruiting.

3... The Naval Board's policy generally is that subject to manpower requirements an endeavour will be made to ensure sailors continued service until pension, subject, of course, to the normal criteria vide Para 1 above.

4... Until the effect of the reductions is fully examined however, it will be necessary to impose certain restrictions on re-engagements as follows:

A. Sailors except those covered by ANO 504/71 Para 11 who have completed either continuous or aggregated service for pension, will be approved to re-engage except where the manpower situation clearly indicates otherwise.

In such cases the application will either be not approved or where time permits deferred for later consideration.

B. (1) Sailors who have not completed service for pension will be re-engaged subject to the normal criteria. Where the manning situation in respect of some categories is not clear at the time of application.

(II) It may be necessary to defer consideration of the application until 6 months prior to the due DEE date.

C. Where a re-engagement is deferred in accordance with Paras A and B above, names of those concerned will be held in Navy Office.

Re-engagements in such categories will be considered in accordance with DEE date as the situation permits.

D. To ensure adequate planning and to provide an equitable opportunity for all sailors wishing to re-engage, it is necessary that application be forwarded no earlier than 18 months and no later than 6 months prior to DEE.

(II) Applications within 6 months of DEE will only be considered in exceptional circumstances. In order to phase in the new system, sailors due DEE prior to March 31, 1974 who apply to re-engage before November 30, 1973 will be exempt from this restriction.

5... Captains are to give careful consideration to all applications for re-engagement and should not normally recommend any sailor who does not display the required standard of zeal, energy and ability in the performance of his duties.

A Captain's recommendation should be consistent with the information on Form PPI.

TRADITION IS REVIVED



With a name like he bears, "Joe" can afford to be a bit disdainful, or is he getting pally with LCDR Walls... It's not often a bulldog gets such an attractive handler as 30 Engel neither - so "Joe" had a good welcome to "WATSON".

BULLDOG FOR RAN

The newest recruit to be attracted by career prospects in the Royal Australian Navy is a British bulldog.

Four-month-old JODON CUR-RONG LAD, a 20lb. prize bulldog from Failford, NSW, enlisted in the RAN at a special ceremony at HMAS WATSON on August 10.

JODON (or Joe for short) was reared at the Jodon Bulldog Kennel, Failford, near Forster on the New South Wales north coast.

The owners of the kennel, Mr. and Mrs. Don Nellthorpe-Quibell, last year asked the Navy if they could present the Service with a bulldog puppy as a mascot.

The RAN used to have a bulldog mascot at HMAS CERBERUS, and Mr. Nellthorpe-Quibell, who once served in the Navy, said he would like to see the tradition carried on in the

Sydney area.

The Flag Officer Commanding, East Australia area, Rear Admiral W. D. H. Graham, who served with Mr. Nellthorpe-Quibell between 1945-50, accepted Joe from Mr. Nellthorpe-Quibell's 16-year-old daughter Heather on behalf of the RAN and HMAS WATSON.

The bulldog was then handed over to the care of Third Officer Sigrid Engel WRANS, 23, who volunteered to be his handler.

After the presentation, Joe accompanied the official party to the dais, where he reviewed the ship's company march-past with Admiral Graham.

Joe, who is worth about \$200,

has a hearty appetite. He eats four meals a day and his present weight of 20lb. is expected to increase to 80/100lb. when he becomes an adult. Bulldogs normally live for 10-14 years.

After Joe has settled in at WATSON and met his "ship-mates", Third Officer Engel will start grooming him for the ceremonial duties of the establishment's mascot.

The Navy is sure salt breezes blowing across South Head and the daily sight of RAN ships passing in and out of the Harbour will turn Joe into a sea dog even if he never sets paw on the deck of a genuine warship.

LAURIE SMIDT WELL KNOWN ORDNANCE MAN ENDS CAREER

On August 17, Henry Lawrence Smidt retired as Senior Inspector from the Naval Ordnance Design and Inspection Branch, Maribyrnong.

Including his twelve years service with the RAN, he had 47 years unbroken service with the department of the Navy, and the vast knowledge and experience he gained enabled him to make a valuable and important contribution to both the Department of the Navy and his country's security.

It has been said by his superiors that his uncanny ability to retain and pass on his inspection knowledge to his staff had always been a boon to the branch generally, and his skill and understanding in human relationship with his staff made him admired and respected by all who had been fortunate enough to have been associated with him.

Not only had Mr Smidt devoted a life time to the service of his country, he also was very active in community affairs.

For 11 years he served on the committee of Footscray West State School, and in recognition of nine years service as secretary was honoured by having a school house named "SMIDT HOUSE".

A member of the Naval Association of Australia since 1938 he served on the Sub Section, State Council and Federal Council Executive.

He is currently a member of the Federal Executive and a Trustee of the Footscray Sub Section and holder of the Diploma of Merit for service to this association.

On discharge from the service in 1938, this Association recommended him for an interview for a position with the Naval Ordnance Design and Inspection Branch; this interview commenced his long and successful service in this Branch.

He also represents the Sub Section as a member of the Footscray Citizens Appeal Committee for the Red Cross.

On July 27 1926, he enlisted in the RAN. He commenced his training at the then newly commissioned depot at Westernport, HMAS CERBERUS.

In October 1927 he joined his first ship, the cruiser HMAS SYDNEY (of EMDEN fame), as an Ordinary Telegraphist.

Laurie's outstanding memory aboard the famous cruiser was a re-enactment of the engagement with the German raider EMDEN for a film company.

After 6 months aboard SYDNEY he joined the Submarine Depot Ship PLATYPUS where he served for the next 12 months.

On August 20 1929, he joined the newly commissioned County Class Heavy Cruiser HMAS CANBERRA, which had been built by John Brown & Co. of Clydebank and launched in July 1927 by Princess Mary.

CANBERRA had just completed 5 months in British home waters before joining the Australian Squadron in 1929.

The new cruiser remained in Australian home waters until September 1931 when with a visit to New Caledonia and Fiji she made her first voyage outside the Australian Station since her arrival.

After 2 years and 4 months service aboard her, he moved to CERBERUS for a further 17 months.

He later served in HMAS WATERHEN, HMAS AUSTRALIA and had a further period at CERBERUS.



While serving at the "Short Wave" station at CERBERUS, he was described by his old 'oppo' Bill Greenwood (later Senior Inspecting Officer Grade 2 with INO) as a keen student of human behaviour, given to conducting tests which were designed to furnish material for psychological study.

These assumed various forms of which the following were typical:

- Removal of screws from the hinges of any door, and with-

drawal to a suitable observation point to critically analyse the reactions of the first sailors who sought to open the door.

- Heaping fuel into the fireplace in the living room, then climbing onto the roof to place wet bags over the chimney (some patience was necessary here, whilst waiting for card players and others to fling open the windows and let the smoke out, but the ensuing commentary was rewarding).

On completion of his twelve years service with the RAN, he joined the Naval Ordnance Design and Inspection Branch on October 3, 1938 as an Assistant Examiner at the Ammunition Factory, Footscray, thence on to the Explosives Factory, Maribyrnong, for 3½ years where he worked in all sections as a Leading Examiner in charge of shiftwork, which entailed overall supervision activities during afternoon and night shifts.

For the next four years he carried out duties at DINO Maribyrnong's main office, the Proof and Experimental and Gauge Sections and the Armament Stores at Somerton, Longlea and Swan Island Mine Depot.

In 1947 he was a Foreman Examiner at the Naval Armament Depot, Byford, Western Australia, being the senior representative in charge of all inspection activities. The following year he was transferred to the office of the Chief Inspector of Naval Ordnance at Navy Office Melbourne, carrying out Foreman Examiner's duties.

In 1952 he was transferred as Foreman Examiner at the Ordnance Factory, Maribyrnong, in charge of inspection personnel.

Once again he left Victoria, when in 1959 he joined DINO Sydney's staff.

During his time here he was responsible to DINO for the technical direction and supervision of Inspection Staff employed in the Naval Armament Depots, Newington, Auburn, Spectacle Island, Rydalmere and Kingswood on service inspection of Naval Armament Stores, also technical direction of proof and tests carried out in the New South Wales area.

Once more back in Victoria in 1962, he was transferred to the staff of INO Melbourne and carried out the duties of OIC Explosives Factory, Albion, Mulwala and Maribyrnong, and OIC Outside Contracts.

On March 15 1965, he transferred to the position of Production Progressing Officer with the Naval Staff Officer, Department of Supply Headquarters in Melbourne. Most of this period was concerned with production meeting and the progressing of all items required for the ship fitting of the IKARA Weapon system in HMA Ships.

After three years he was transferred to the staff of INO Melbourne Maribyrnong Headquarters as Acting Senior Inspector, responsible to INO for the technical direction of civilian inspection staff, except those under direct control of Naval or civilian professional officers employed in the inspection of new manufacture.

Looking back over his diversified career, and the tours of duty away from home, both in the NODIB field and the RAN, he pays a special tribute for the encouragement and support that he received from his wife Olive, who like many service wives had to cope with many day to day family problems and sometimes crises.

To mark the occasion of his retirement a presentation of a Portable Cassette Recorder was made to him by CMDR Peter S. Richardson, RAN.

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COMMENDATION AWARD

Rear Admiral Synnot (right) Australian Flag Officer Commanding the Fleet commends Chief Artificer Marine Technical Propulsion, Robert Edgar Sanders, for the efficient performance of his duties as the senior sailor in the Marine Engineering Department in HMAS HOBART.

The commendation signed by Rear Admiral Synnot said:

"His quiet but outstanding determination and above average ability have resulted in improved reliability and performance of the machinery at a time when the ship was becoming increasingly overdue for refit.

"His expertise, dedication and example have won him the respect of all. His leadership has moulded those under his charge into a team whose skill and reliability are well above average."



Destroyers to have new Commanding Officers

New Commanding Officers for four RAN destroyers were announced this month.

• Captain P. J. Hutson, at present Naval Officer Commanding North Australia Area, Darwin will become Commanding Officer of the guided missile destroyer HMAS PERTH, on February 8, 1974. He will also become Commander of the First Australian Destroyer Squadron, which comprises HMAS PERTH and her sister ships HMAS HOBART and HMAS BRISBANE.

• Captain M. W. Hudson, of Canberra, now serving in the Department of Defence, Canberra, will take command of the guided missile destroyer, HMAS BRISBANE, on December 18.

• Captain D. J. Martin, of Canberra, Director of Naval Reserves and Cadets at Navy Office, will take command of the destroyer escort, HMAS TORRENS, on December 11. He also will command the Third Australian Destroyer Squadron.

• Commander E. T. Keane, of Sydney, officer-in-charge of the Torpedo Anti-Submarine School at HMAS WATSON, Watsons Bay, Sydney, will take command

of the destroyer escort, HMAS STUART, on December 11.

• Captain I. H. Richards of Canberra, now commanding HMAS STUART, will become Director of Naval Reserves and Cadets at Navy Office on December 12.



CAPT. P. J. HUTSON



CAPT. M. W. HUDSON

SAILORS GET THEIR WINGS



The Commanding Officer of HMAS ALBATROSS, Captain D. A. H. Clarke, presents "wings" to Leading Seaman Aircrew Darryl Kirkpatrick, left, Leading Seaman Aircrew Bill Futcher, top, and Leading Seaman Aircrew Ted Payne, below. The trio had completed courses to qualify for operating Wessex Sonar equipment and SAR winch operators.

WORK FORCE CUTS

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undertaken at Williamstown Naval Dockyard to offset the results of the various decisions taken in reviewing the Defence Programme on the workload of this dockyard.

"As a result, it will be necessary to decline all tenders submitted for construction of this ship. Any inconvenience to tenderers is regretted.

"Other new work of importance to the naval dockyards will include the refit of some of the older River Class destroyers.

"Planning is now under way to redirect the future development of the naval dockyards to these new circumstances.

"In the short term, there will be a need for some reduction in the work force particularly at Williamstown dockyard. Where possible this reduction will be made by normal attrition.

"In line with our across-the-board re-assessment of the structure of Forces a review has been made of the expenditure proposed on constructing, procuring and maintaining defence facilities.

"I have decided to extend the completion of the next phase of the Western Australian Naval Support Facility, HMAS STIRLING, at Cockburn Sound, by three years, from 1975 to 1978.

"Some components of the project which can be regarded separately, the armament depot and jetty and the large ships wharf, have been deferred for later decisions as to commencement.

"A comprehensive study is proceeding within my Department to assess the most suitable location for Australian defence bases. The study will pay particular attention to the question of the Services' land requirements and to the identification of areas of land now held by the Services which might be released for other uses.

"The Government recognises

that much of the living and working accommodation at the various defence establishments at the present time is old and sub-standard and that significant expenditure will be necessary to provide Servicemen and Servicewomen with facilities that can be regarded as acceptable by today's standards.

"It is planned in future years to spend considerable amounts on replacing war-time facilities which are still in use.

"In the same way, we will be diverting considerable sums towards the provision of adequate housing for Service families.

"In 1972/73, expenditure on Service housing throughout Australia was some \$6m. We are planning to more than double that amount in 1973/74.

"Apart from new construction, we are looking at the possibilities of purchasing established dwellings, and we are pursuing a policy of upgrading and improving the older married quarters which were built to standards hardly acceptable today.

"The persistent theme of my remarks this evening is the need for careful appraisal of our present force structure and Defence activities in the light of present strategic circumstances. "We must provide those capabilities which are essential at present and as a basis for possible expansion, prune those which are excessive or redundant, and be alert to the needs of the future.

"Adequate Defence strength is necessary to the more independent posture of this Government. Vigorous management will ensure that the size and shape and support of our forces meet our real security needs with the maximum efficiency and economy."

The debate was adjourned on the motion by Mr. Sinclair, Deputy Leader of the Country Party.



MECH ATW Pat Rose receives his Long Service "gang" from the C.O. ALBATROSS, Captain D. A. H. Clarke who also presented a similar medal to MECH ATA Graham Sharp.



Jap training ships to visit Australia

Two training ships of the Japanese Maritime Self Defence Force carrying a total of 160 Cadets will visit Melbourne, Sydney and Darwin in September and October.

The Commander of the Squadron, Admiral Jikyo Ishino, a number of officers and about 160 Cadets, will visit Canberra while the ships are alongside in Sydney.

The ships, the destroyer KIKUZUKI and the frigate KATORI will call at Melbourne from September 19 to 23, at Sydney from September 25 to 29 and at Darwin from October 10 to 12.

Two chartered aircraft will bring Admiral Ishino, his official party and cadets on a morning

visit to Canberra on September 26.

In Canberra, Admiral Ishino will make official calls and will later lay a wreath at the Australian War Memorial.

He and his party will leave Canberra by chartered aircraft early in the afternoon for the RAN College and will return to Sydney that night.

After a bus tour of the city, some of the cadets will leave Canberra aboard chartered aircraft for Cowra and the remainder will fly to Nowra to visit the RANC.

All Cadets will return to Sydney that night.

The Japanese ships will visit the US, Peru, Chile and New Zealand before arriving in Australia.

BILLETING REPORT

HOUSING ROSTER: ABRP G. J. Downes is frozen at the top of the roster.

The following sailors top the roster at August 20, 1973, and are included on the roster between September 11, 1972 and October 19, 1972:

MECHIMTP A. C. Wynne, LRO W. J. Kilpatrick, ABWM P. E. King, LTO R. Clover, CPOPH G. D. Pryke, LRO M. Higgins, WOETS R. H. Pitt, RSS G. E. Cooper, A1ETW C. J. Miller, CK E. N. Jackson, ABWM S. P. Gomes, LSMTL P. J. Arnold, LSAV J. H. Pearce, LSMUSN M. A. Divertie, ABFC B. W. Router, LSUW D. J. Williams, LSQMG L. R. Batten, POMTP McCrindle, LSAV A. R. Antoney, ROS L. J. Bodimeade, A2ETC D. G. Mortimer, LSETS H. H.

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HMAS YARRA alongside the Basin at Singapore.

HMAS YARRA's programme since arriving at Singapore for a tour of duty with the ANZUK Force on July 4, has been hectic both socially and professionally.

Activities with and away from the Singapore-based Force have been many, varied and interesting to say the least.

There have been the ever popular Far East "runs" to the famous Bugis Street, buying of "rabbits" (already?), sight-seeing and for those who consider themselves gourmets, the savouring of Chinese cuisine, etc.

To keep relatives of the poor letter-writing types onboard informed, here is a run-down on events as they've happened...

Sport has played a big part in our weekly routines and our teams are faring successfully.

The coveted Commodore Cup was taken from HMS RHYL's tender care, after defeating their teams in golf, basketball, Rugby, volleyball and swimming.

In fact, the last two games were tie-breakers because RHYL had defeated us in squash, hockey and Soccer.

The Wardroom also played a hard game of Soccer against the Pink Panthers, a team of young ladies recruited from the Air Force and Army bases around Singapore.

Of course, gallantry required that we lose the game, but it certainly was not thrown. Keenest and best players for the

wardroom were SBLT Ian McGuckin and LEUT John Newman, who never missed a tackle!?

Following this was a week of seetime, exercising with HMCS KOTENAY and two British ("Never English") mine-sweepers HMS BEACHAMP-TON and HMS WOLVETON.

NGS, Surface firings and Officer of the watch manoeuvres were conducted during the week.

As usual, problems with the Chinese fishermen in the area delayed many of the NGS firings.

It seems that the best and bigger fish spend their time near the gunnery targets. Where the fish are, the Chinese fishing boats are.

After another weekend in harbour, YARRA again put to sea on Monday, July 16, this time leaving Singapore for a few months.

For the first part of the two weeks at sea, YARRA joined up with RFA TIDESURGE and HMS ANTRIM for exercises on route to a rendezvous off Ceylon.

When we arrived there exercises were conducted with the

TIGER group — HMS TIGER, RFA REGENT, HMS DREAD-NOUGHT and HMS DIDO.

The RN ships had just arrived from the UK with a Dutch force which is presently visiting other ports.

It is understood that some ships of this force will be visiting Australia later in the year.

The second part of the two weeks was devoted to PENANGEX — a combination of Gunnery and ASW exercises, with these ships.

On July 27, YARRA parted company with the others and headed for better pastures — HONG KONG!

On the trip to Hong Kong, the ship's company were pleased to hear "hands to bathe". Unfortunately, only a half an hour could be allocated to swimming, before we set sail once again.

Two of the ship's company celebrated their 21st birthdays during the time at sea, and as you can see from the photos, the cooks once again did a splendid job preparing birthday cakes for PO Larry Ward and SAN Warwick Dunn. The can of "Fosters" went well, too.

Not only did the ship's company have birthdays while on the trip, YARRA celebrated her 12th birthday in fine style, with a large cake in the shape of the ship, and the inevitable can of "Fosters".

WITH YARRA IN THE FAR EAST

YARRA has many years to go yet before she becomes of age.

The PO's Mess received a new member from HMAS TORRENS while in Singapore. PO "TREE" joined formally during a solemn ceremony at which CPOCOX "Uncle Pedro" Petrus, on behalf of HMAS TORRENS, handed over custody of the rubber tree ("henceforth to be known as PO Tree") to PO Sammy Salmon, who welcomed it on behalf of the PO's Mess. It is intended that PO "Tree" be handed on to the next ship deployed with the ANZUK forces. It is not true that the officers are now raising CW papers on PO "Tree".

Once again from YARRA, this article was done by the "SPROG", hoping that you all will enjoy reading of YARRA's exploits.



One of YARRA's victorious Rugby teams.



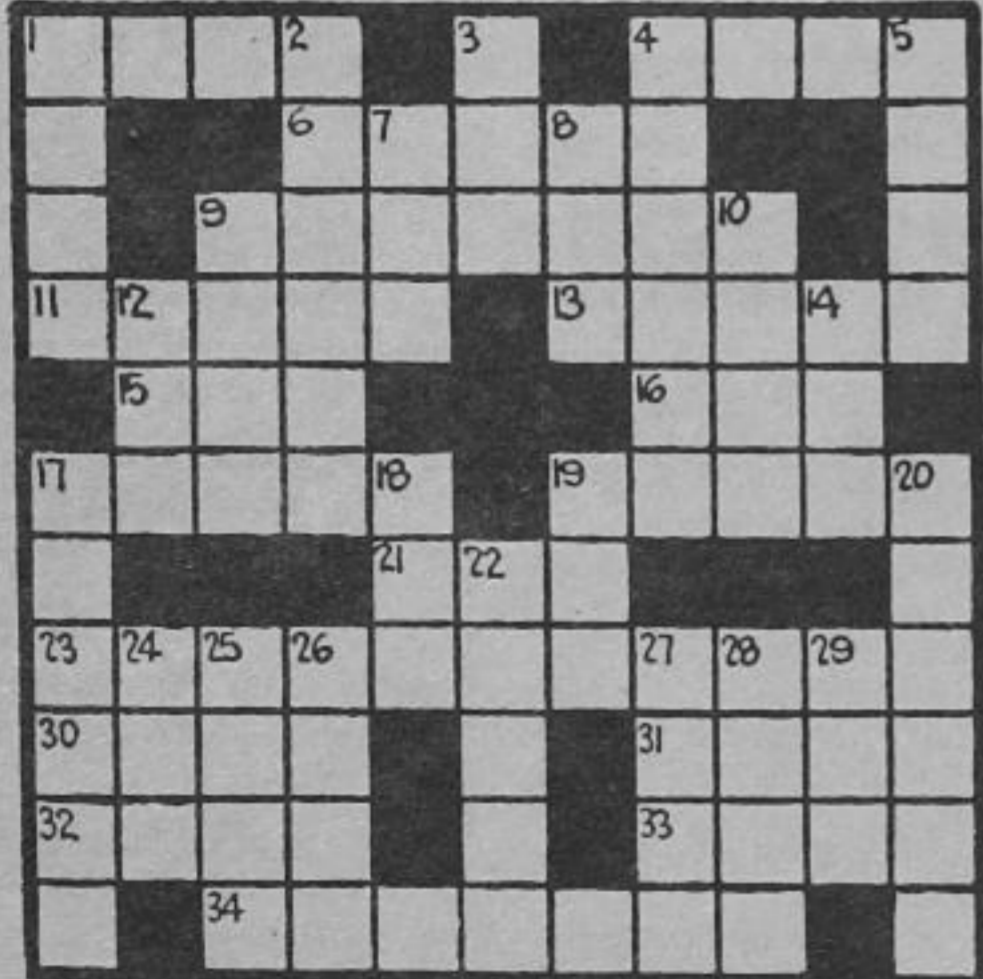
A cake and a can had to do until SAN Warwick Dunn gets back home to celebrate his 21st birthday with his family.



The Wardroom soccer team also played a hard game of soccer against the "Pink Panthers" comprising of all females.

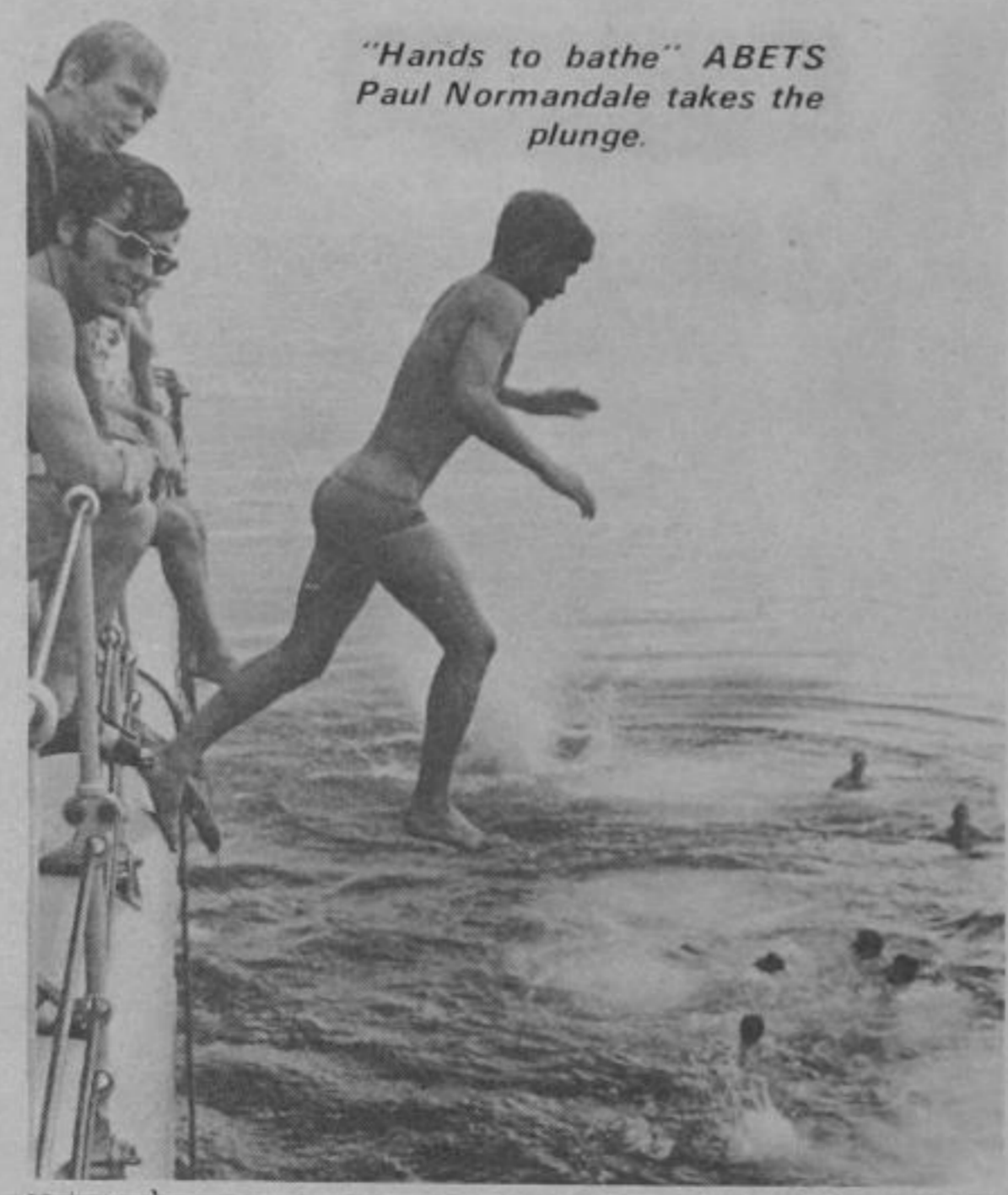
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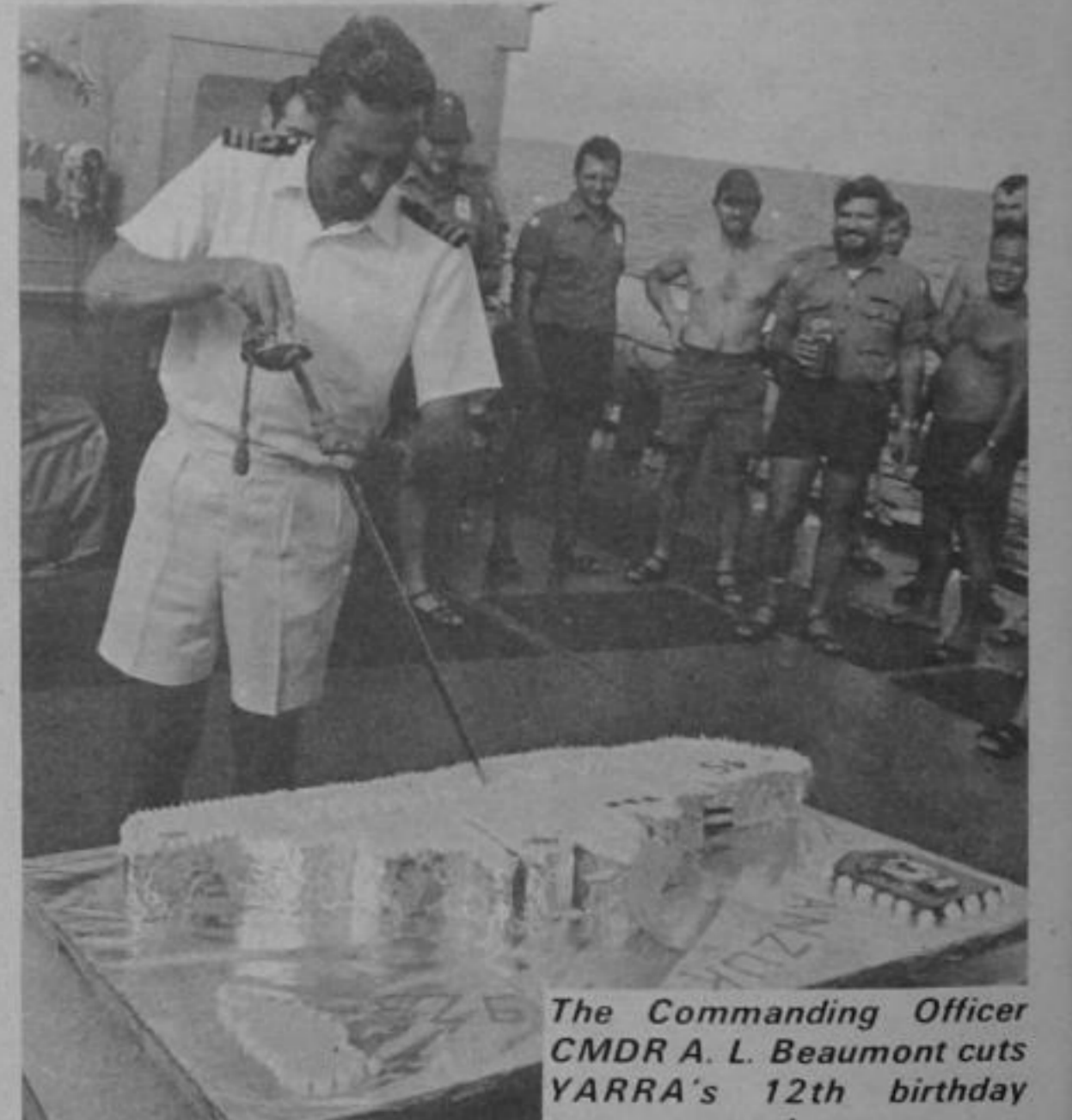


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"Hands to bathe" ABETS Paul Normandale takes the plunge.



The Commanding Officer CMDR A. L. Beaumont cuts YARRA's 12th birthday cake.

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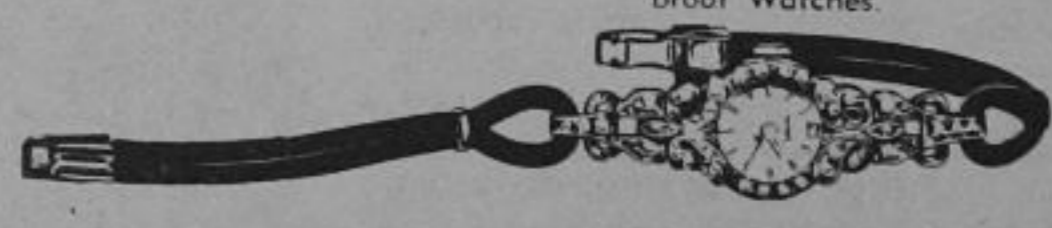
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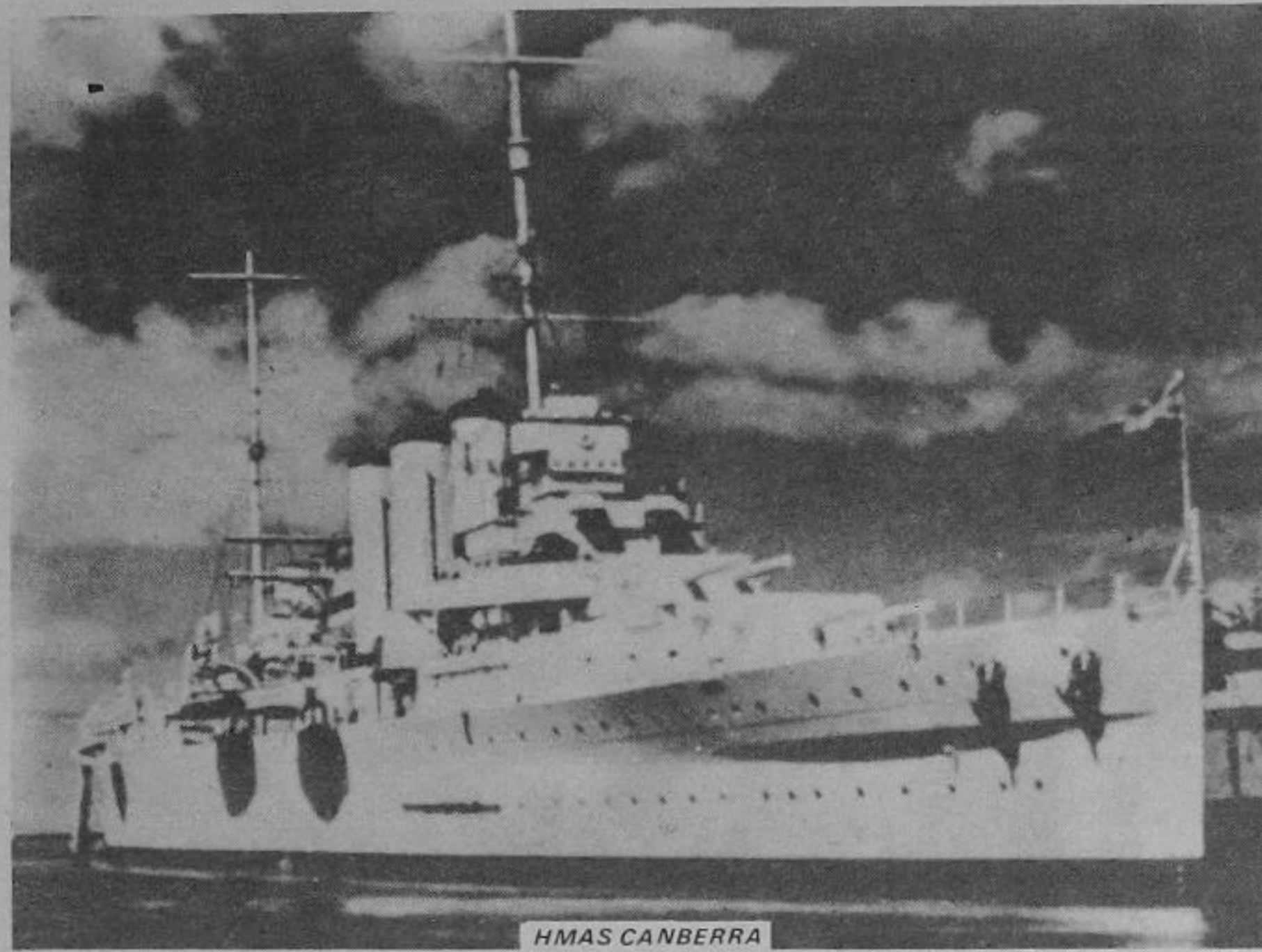
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HMAS CANBERRA

FLASHBACK

CANBERRA SAW ACTION IN MANY THEATRES

The loss of HMAS CANBERRA in attack by the Japanese in "The Slot", Savo Island, Guadalcanal on August 9, 1942, was recalled at the Naval Memorial Chapel, Watsons Bay, on Sunday, August 12, when a Commemoration Service, at which members of the CANBERRA-SHROPSHIRE association attended, was held.

The lesson was read by Mr. M. J. Brady, vice-president of the association, and the service was conducted by Chaplain Wesley Llewellyn, RAN.

CANBERRA was mortally wounded in a "surprise" action by Japanese warships, and was finally sunk by Allied ships, as she had no chance of being saved.

After the Japanese attack on her, the enemy fleet attacked USN ships and three destroyers were lost; the Japanese did not suffer loss.

CANBERRA was a "County" class eight-inch cruiser. She was built in the mid-twenties, under the terms of the Washington

Treaty by John Brown & Co., Clydebank, Scotland, and was commissioned on July 9, 1928.

Under the terms of the treaty her displacement was 9,850 tons. She was 630ft. long, had a speed exceeding 31 knots, a range of 10,500 miles and her fire power included eight 8" guns. Her complement was 670 but when she was the Flagship it increased to 710.

After a period in British home waters CANBERRA sailed for Australia on December 4, 1928, and arrived at Fremantle via the Cape of Good Hope, on January 25, 1929, to become a unit of the Australian Squadron.

The new cruiser remained in Australian home waters until September, 1931, when with a visit to New Caledonia and Fiji she made her first voyage outside the Australian station since arrival.

In the following nine years leading up to the outbreak of the Second World War, CANBERRA remained in commission with several periods as Flagship of the Australian Squadron.

In 1932, and again in 1937, she visited the China Station; New Zealand ports saw her on three occasions, and for the remainder it was the routine cruising of the peacetime navy in home waters.

In 1934, she acted as escort cruiser to HRH Duke of Glou-

cester during his visit in HMS SUSSEX.

On the outbreak of hostilities in September, 1939, CANBERRA began her wartime career patrolling and escorting in home waters and the Tasman Sea, under the command of Captain W. R. Patterson, RN, a service which occupied the cruiser for the first nine months of the war.

In June, 1940, Captain H. B. Farncomb, RAN, assumed command and the following month CANBERRA began a period of service in the Indian Ocean, escort duty Fremantle to Colombo and Capetown.

In July, too, she made an unscheduled search for the German raider ATLANTIS then at large on the shipping routes leading from Africa to India and the Malay States.

In November, 1940, she rescued survivors of the SS PORT BRISBANE and carried out a prolonged but again unsuccessful search for her attacker, the German raider PENGUIN, then en route for Antarctica after mining Australian ports.

In 1941 CANBERRA continued her Indian Ocean escort and patrol duties, making further surface raider searches in January, and again in February when she took part in the hunt for battleship ADMIRAL SCHEER.

In March, however, the cruiser reaped the reward of her constant patrolling when in the company of HMNZS LEANDER she intercepted the German supply ship COBURG and the ex-Norwegian tanker KETTY BROVIG (taken in prize the previous month by the raider ATLANTIS).

In mid-June, 1941, CANBERRA visited the western Indian Ocean for the last time and departing Zanzibar, proceeded for Colombo. After a brief period escorting in Indian waters she returned to Australia during the last week in July.

The second half of 1941 saw War with Japan on December 8, 1941, found the cruiser berthed in Sydney Harbour with more than 175,000 miles of war-time operational steaming to her credit.

Following the outbreak of the Pacific War she continued her role of escort cruiser, conveying troops to New Guinea in January, 1942, and convoys to the Malayan-Java theatre.

On February 17, she docked in Sydney for extensive refit work that was not completed until mid-May when she escorted a convoy south to Melbourne.

Back in Sydney she lay at anchor not far from the US cruiser CHICAGO at the height of the midget submarine attack, May 31-June 1.

In June, 1942, CANBERRA took part in offensive sweeps in the Coral Sea as part of Task Force 44 (including US ships CHICAGO and SALT LAKE CITY).

In August she was a unit of the naval forces supporting the American landing at Guadalcanal, and was lost off Savo Island on the night of August 8-9, 1942.

ACCURATE FIRING BY JAPANESE

The losses off Savo Island are described in "Porthole Mk.II" a publication which gives a history of the CANBERRA-SHROPSHIRE Association, and by Hermon Gill in the book, "Royal Australian Navy 1942-1945."

Porthole Mk.II says that when he received news of the US landings at Guadalcanal on August 8, 1942, Vice Admiral Mikawa quickly organised a force to attack the Americans.

Mikawa's approach through the Slot (the channel between the central Solomons) was not properly covered by air search on August 8, and the morning sightings of Mikawa's force by Australian Hudsons did not reach Admiral Turner.

Incorrect identification reports led Turner to the opinion that the Japanese were not coming through that night, but intended to set up a seaplane base at Santa Isabel Island, about 150 miles from Savo, and attack later.

The book goes on to say:—"Rear Admiral Norman Scott with two light cruisers and two destroyers patrolled the transport area between Tulagi and Guadalcanal, and never got into the battle.

The two western approaches, on either side of Savo Island, were guarded by six heavy cruisers and four destroyers, besides two more destroyers thrust out as pickets, under Rear-Admiral Crutchley VC, RN.

He divided his force into two groups — one half, under himself in HMAS AUSTRALIA, with her sister ship CANBERRA, USS CHICAGO and two destroyers, guarded the southern entrance to the Sound.

US cruisers VINCENNES, ASTORIA and QUINCY with two destroyers, guarded the northern entrance.

The night was hot, overcast and oppressive. At 2315 the two cruiser groups off Savo Island were steaming at low speed on their monotonous patrol courses.

At 0040 on August 9, Admiral Mikawa, having sighted Savo Island in the darkness, summoned his men to battle stations. Half an hour later the Japanese sighted two American cruisers and two destroyers.

At 01.36 Mikawa opened fire with torpedoes and shells. CHICAGO and CANBERRA were his targets at that stage.

Shortly after the USN destroyer PATTERSON, sighted the Japanese ships and flashed a message "Warning, warning, strange ships entering harbour".

It was too late. Despite evasive action CANBERRA was struck by many shells.

Fires broke out, men were killed and others wounded and it became obvious that CANBERRA could not be saved.

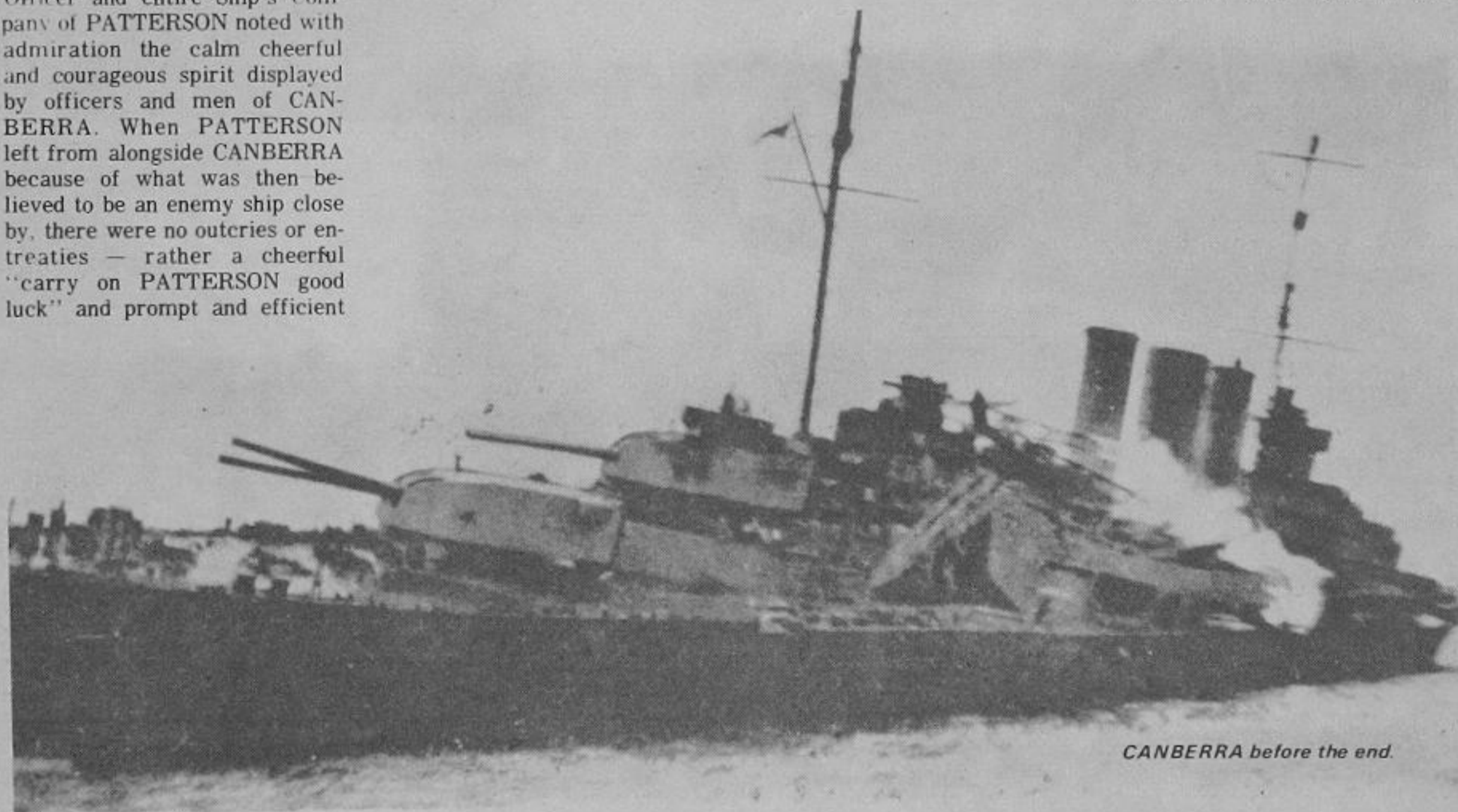
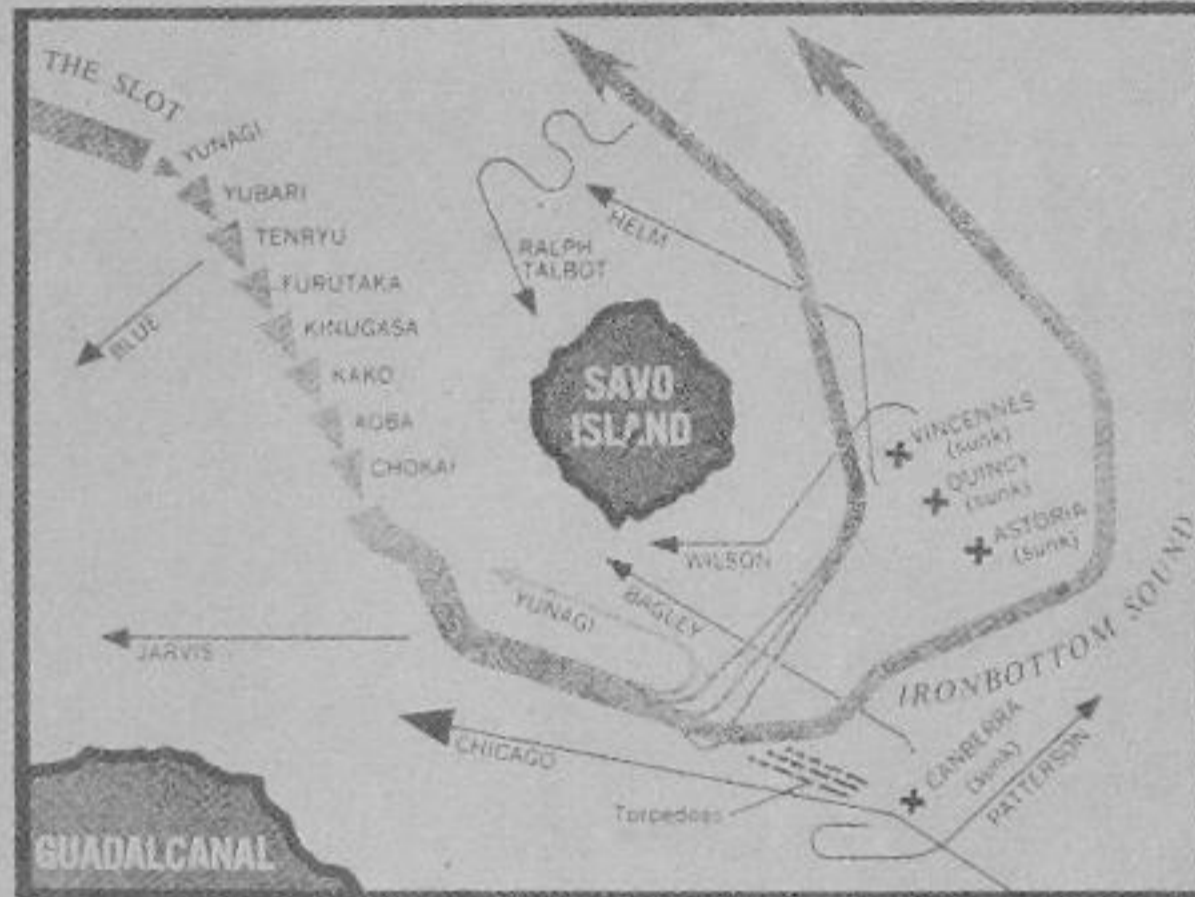
Mikawa's ships then disappeared in search of the USN warships.

Despite orders, the men of

CANBERRA would not abandon the ship until all the wounded were removed to the USN ships CHICAGO, PATTERSON and BLUE, which had arrived to help the stricken CANBERRA.

Hermon Gill's book, in a passage referring to the end of the action so far as CANBERRA was concerned, quoted an extract from a letter written by CMDR. Walker, Captain of the USN Destroyer PATTERSON.

It read: "The Commanding Officer and entire Ship's Company of PATTERSON noted with admiration the calm cheerful and courageous spirit displayed by officers and men of CANBERRA. When PATTERSON left from alongside CANBERRA because of what was then believed to be an enemy ship close by, there were no outcries or entreaties — rather a cheerful "carry on PATTERSON good luck" and prompt and efficient



CANBERRA before the end.

casting off of lines, bows, etc. Not a man stepped out of line. The PATTERSON feels privileged to have served so gallant a crew."

Hours later CANBERRA was destroyed by shellfire.

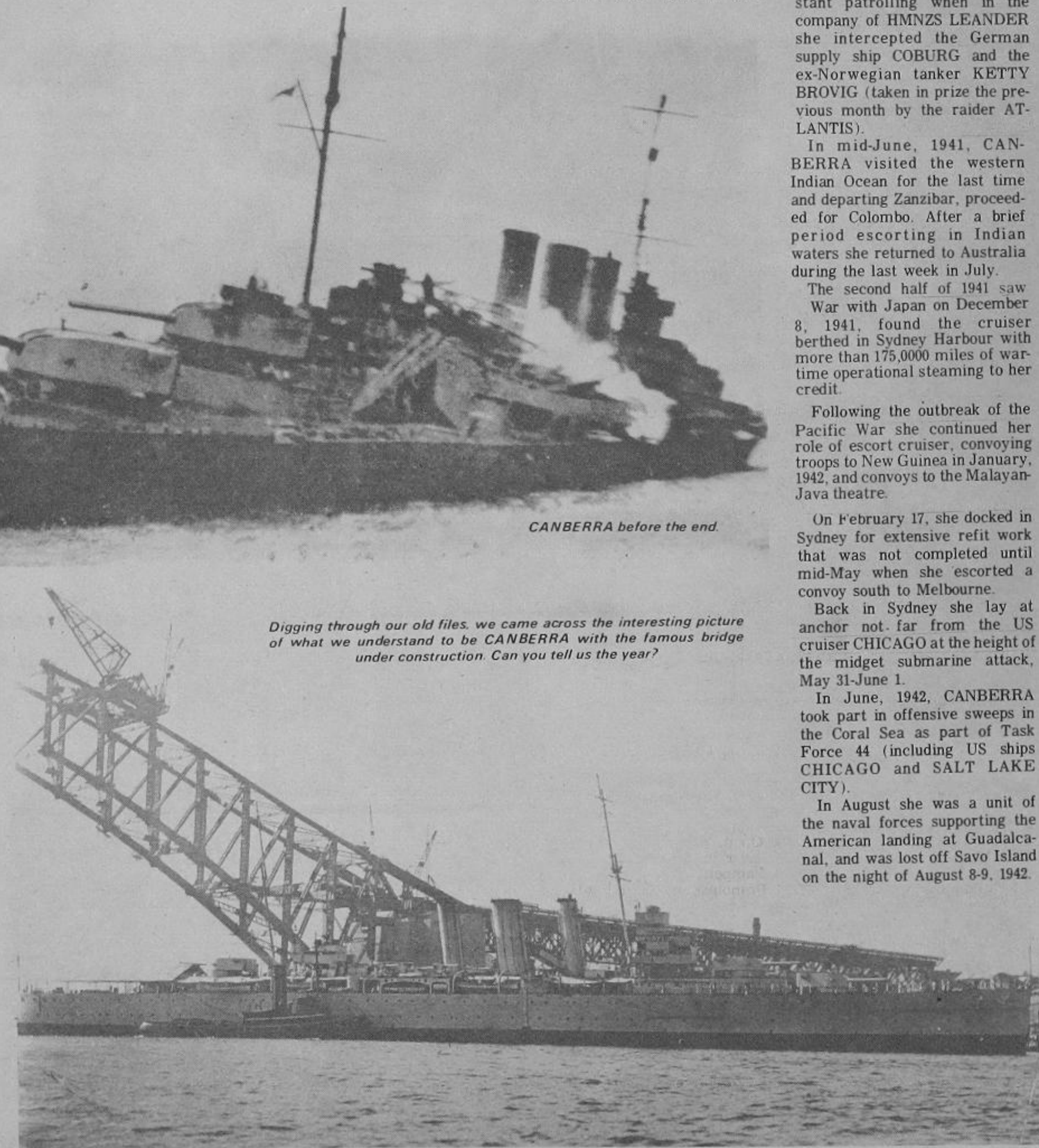
Captain Getting, unconscious, died in USS BARNETT on passage to Noumea and was buried at sea.

The Japanese Task Force soon found the US group and in short time the USN Cruisers VINCENNES, QUINCY and ASTORIA were sunk with the loss of 939 men.

In a report on the action, Admiral Crutchley attributed the losses to the lack of experience in night fighting, lack of alertness in all ships probably due to fatigue of the ship's companies, the absence of HMAS AUSTRALIA, and the failure of majority of ships to receive the warning by PATTERSON.

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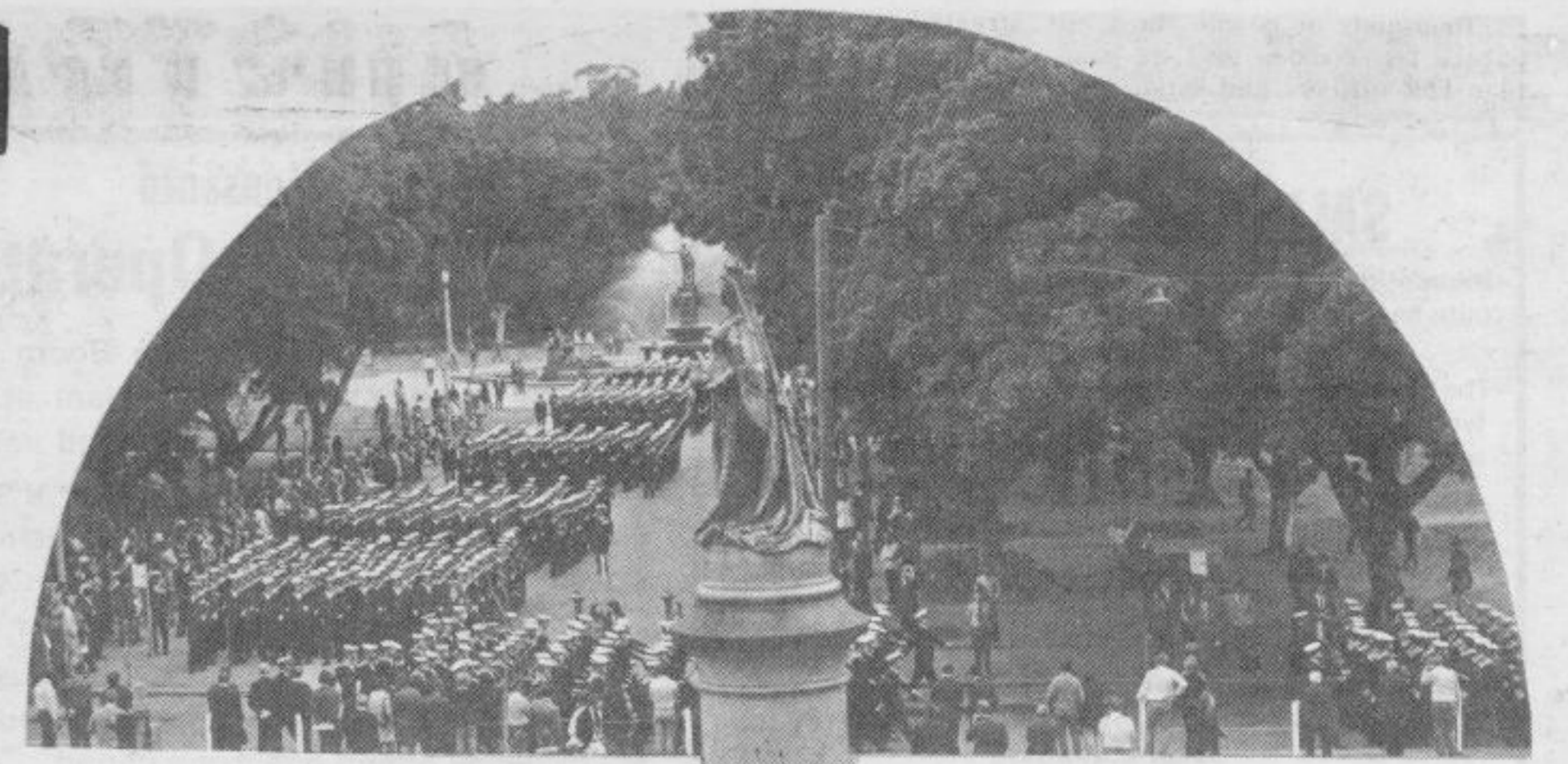


Digging through our old files, we came across the interesting picture of what we understand to be CANBERRA with the famous bridge under construction. Can you tell us the year?

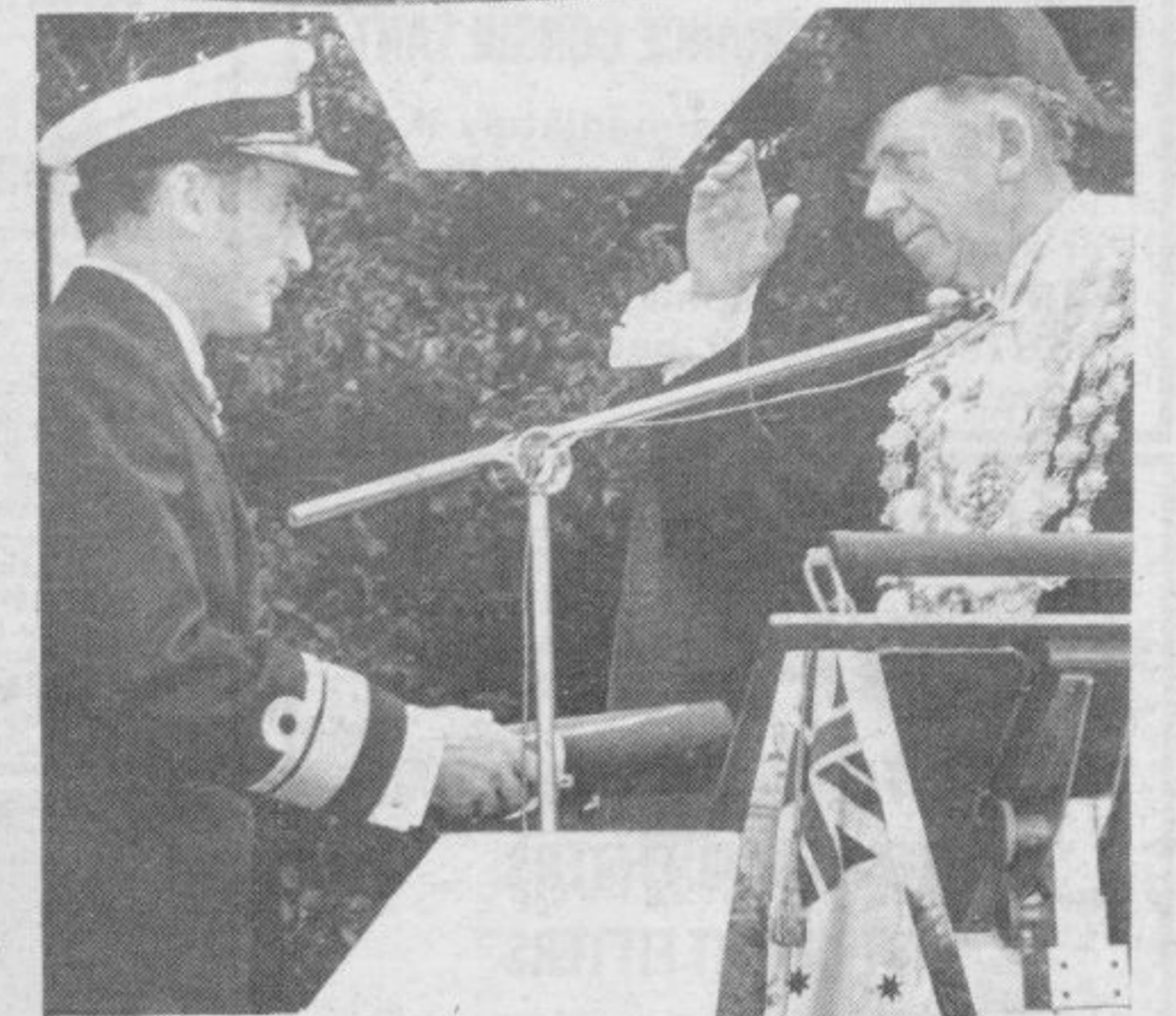
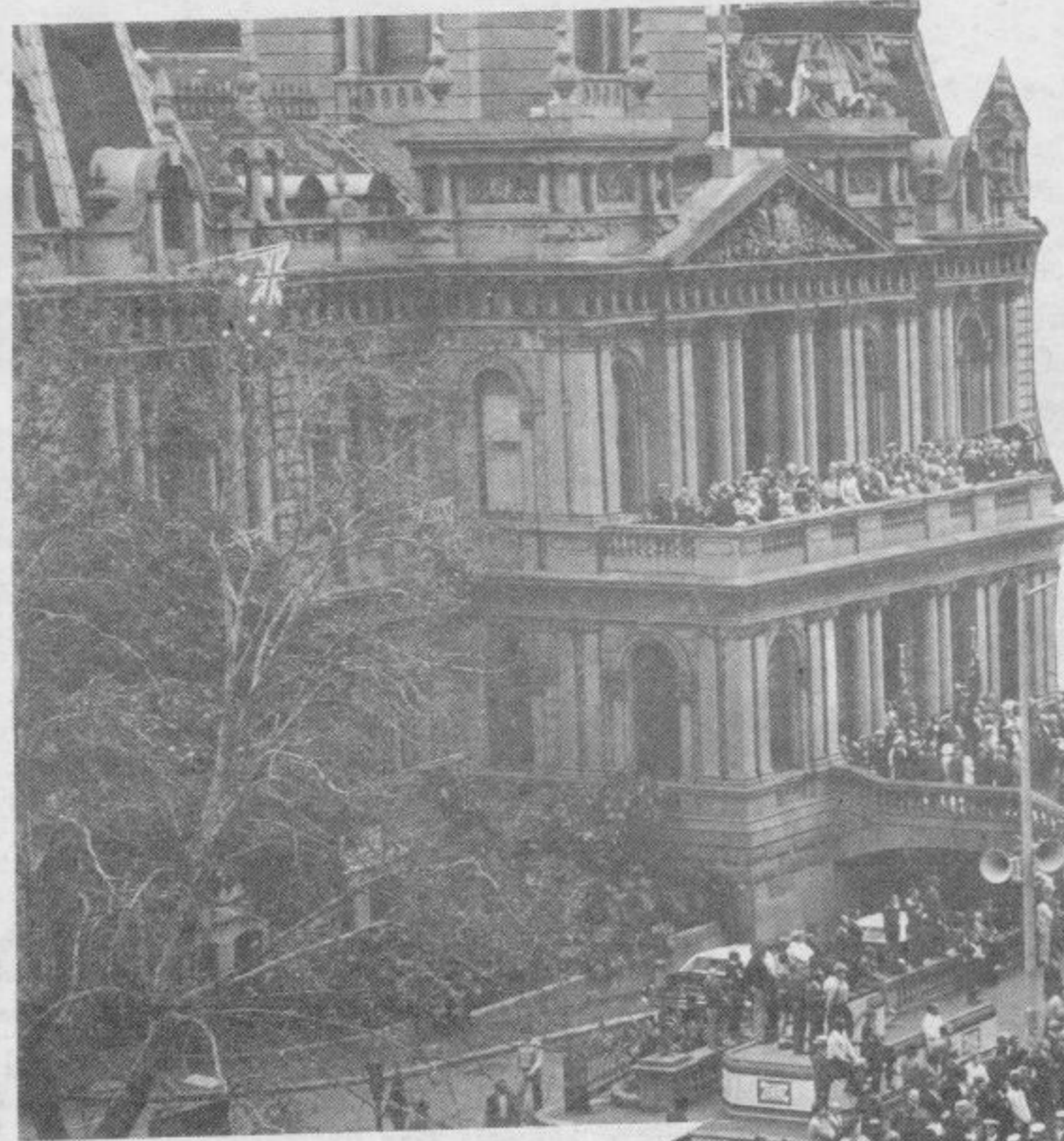
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AUSTRALIAN FLEET GRANTED FREEDOM OF THE CITY OF SYDNEY

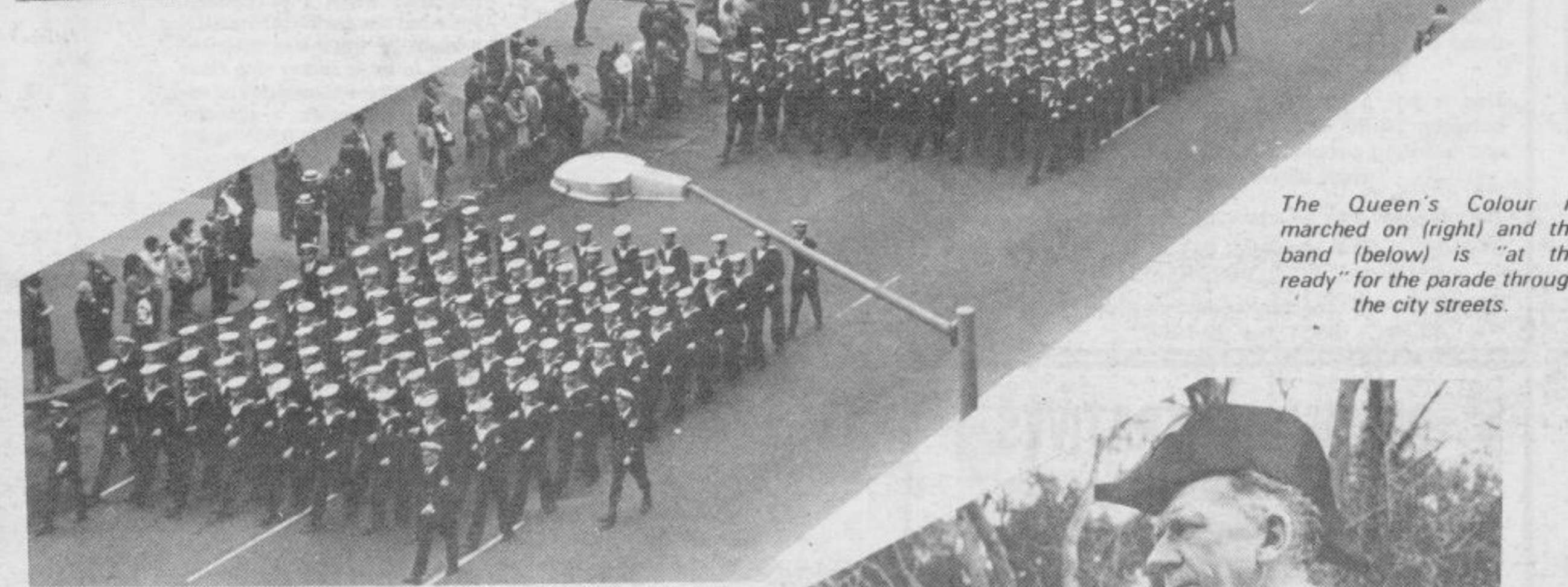
Rear Admiral Synnot leads the Scroll Party and escorts (pictured below and left) past the Town Hall after permission to march through the streets had been granted to the Fleet.



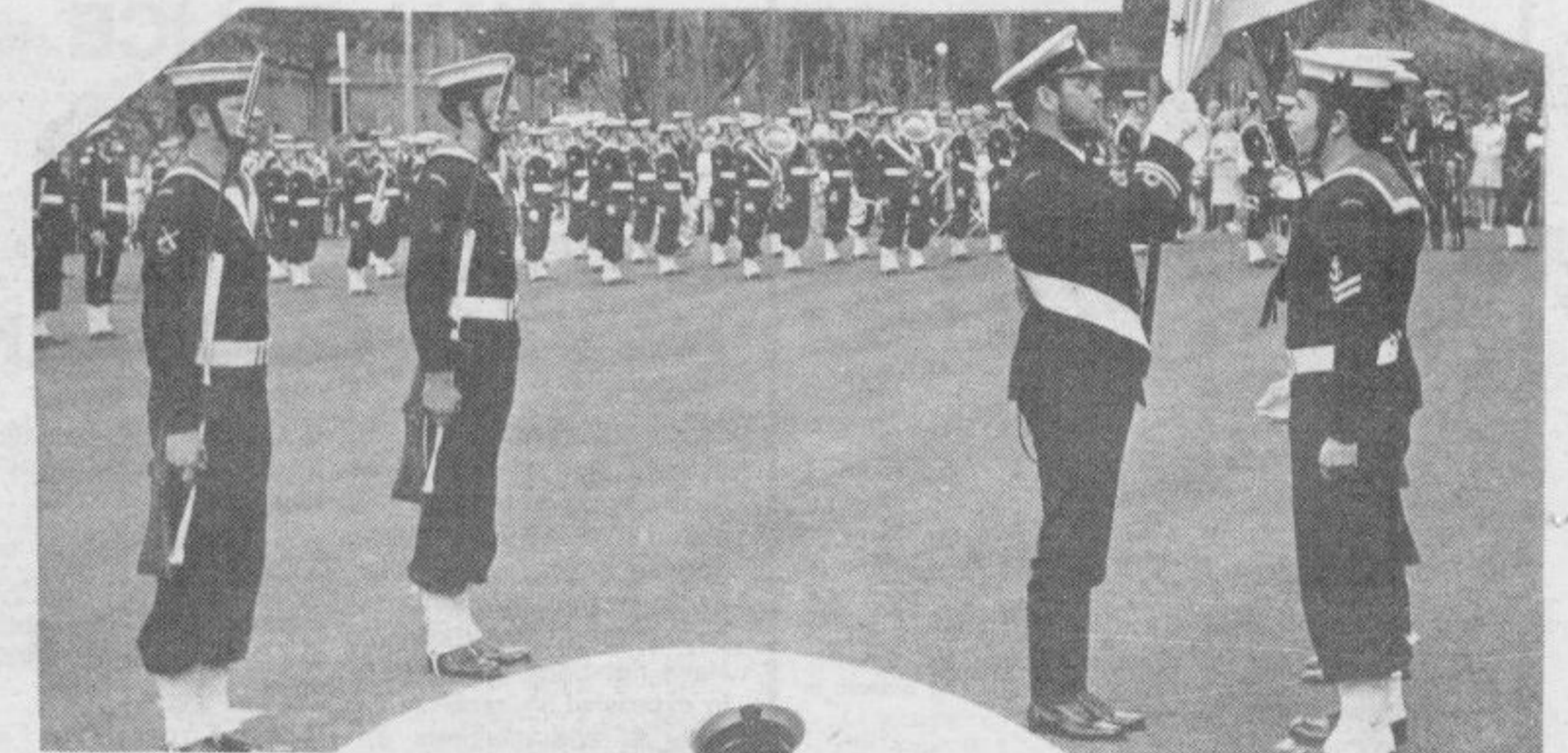
LEFT: An Australian White Ensign, the Fleet's gift to the City of Sydney, is presented to the Lord Mayor.



RIGHT: The official scroll is presented to RADM Synnot.



The Queen's Colour is marched on (right) and the band (below) is "at the ready" for the parade through the city streets.



● Photographs by Chief Pryke and his staff at GIC.



RIGHT: The Lord Mayor listens to RADM Synnot's address in reply, during the Hyde Park ceremony.



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It was the City Council's salute to the Fleet whose 60th anniversary falls on October 4.

On that day in 1913 the first units of the infant Royal Australian Navy entered Sydney Harbour for the first time.

The ships comprised the Battle cruiser AUSTRALIA, the cruisers MELBOURNE, SYDNEY and ENCOUNTER (on loan from the Royal Navy), and the destroyers PAR-RAMATTA, WARREGO and YARRA.

Some of the names of the original fleet borne by modern day ships of the RAN were represented in the Freedom of the City ceremonies in Hyde Park and the city streets.

Detachments from MELBOURNE, SYDNEY, STALWART, BRISBANE, HOBART, VAMPIRE and VENDETTA, STUART, DERWENT, TORRENS, OVENS, OXLEY, ONSLOW and OTWAY, participated.

For the men of HMAS SYDNEY, the granting of the Freedom of the City of Sydney had special significance.

They were making probably their last ceremonial public appearance before the former aircraft carrier is "paid off" later this year after almost 25 years' service with the RAN.

It was more than appropriate that the ceremonies began when the 100-man guard drawn from HMAS SYDNEY marched on to the parade area in Hyde Park North, played on by the Fleet Band.

Aldermen of the City Council in their blue and black robes of office arrived in a motorcade followed by FOCAF, FOCEA, and senior Army and Air Force Officers.

The Lord Mayor Alderman Griffin's arrival heralded the start of the official ceremonies.

As he took a salute from the guard.

Wessex helicopters followed by Grumman Trackers and Skyhawk jet fighter-bombers from the Fleet Carrier Group flew overhead in salute to the City of Sydney.

Alderman Griffin, accompanied by Rear Admiral Synnot and the Guard Commander, inspected the guard and then moved back to the official platform for the conferring ceremony.

In a short speech the Lord Mayor conferred the Freedom of the City of Sydney on the Australian Fleet and paid high tribute to men of the ships and their long association with the City.

The Town Clerk, Mr. J. Luscombe then read the official scroll which was then presented to Rear Admiral Synnot who replied on behalf of the Fleet and presented an Australian White Ensign to the Lord Mayor—the Fleet's gift to the City of Sydney.

The Queen's Colour was marched on and shortly afterwards the official guests left the park for the Town Hall where the Lord Mayor was to take the salute during a march past.

Police blocked off inner city streets as the parade moved along St. James Road, Elizabeth, Market and George Streets to the Druitt/George Streets intersection.

A Police Superintendent acting as City Marshal challenged the marchers and ordered them to halt demanding by what right they marched through city streets.

Rear Admiral Synnot, accompanied by the Scroll Party and escort moved to the head of the parade and replied to the challenge enforcing the Fleet's newly-bestowed right to march through the city "with banners flying, swords drawn..."

Given permission to pass, the parade swung past the Town Hall to the cheers of thousands of city shoppers and office workers who had packed the streets and vantage points in surrounding buildings.

Later Senior Navy Officers, including the Commanding Officers of ships and shore establishments and civic and business leaders attended a Civic Reception in the Town Hall vestibule.

Lord Mayor Griffin, host at the reception, paid high tribute to the Navy, to Rear Admiral Graham and Rear Admiral Synnot and called for a change in attitude towards the defence forces (see speech).

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TRIBUTE TO A FAMOUS ADMIRAL



Mrs. Farncomb is welcomed at the College by Captain Parker and CMDR T. Dickson.

At the Royal Australian Naval College, Jervis Bay, on July 29, Mrs. Farncomb, wife of the late Rear Admiral H. B. Farncomb, officially opened a modern motel standard accommodation block which has been named in memory of her husband.

The block will be the home of 76 Cadet Midshipmen.

Welcoming Mrs. Farncomb, the Commanding Officer of the College, Captain V. Parker, said he was delighted that Mrs. Farncomb had been able to find time to be present.

He added: Farncomb House is named after the late Rear Admiral H. B. Farncomb, who was one of the RAN's most distinguished and highly decorated officers in World War II.

He joined the Navy at the age of thirteen as one of the original entry of Cadet Midshipmen in 1913, and was the first College graduate to be promoted to the rank of Captain.

During the Second World War he commanded HMA Ships PERTH, CANBERRA and AUSTRALIA.

He saw action in the battle of the Coral Sea, the landings at Guadalcanal, the battle of the Eastern Solomons and was awarded the DSO for skill, resolution and coolness during activities around the Solomon Islands.

He was present at the landings at Arawe and Cape Gloucester and commanded HMS AT-TACKER, a Royal Navy Aircraft Carrier in which he was present

at the landings in Southern France.

Later he saw action against the German Army in the Aegean Area and was Mentioned in Dispatches three times.

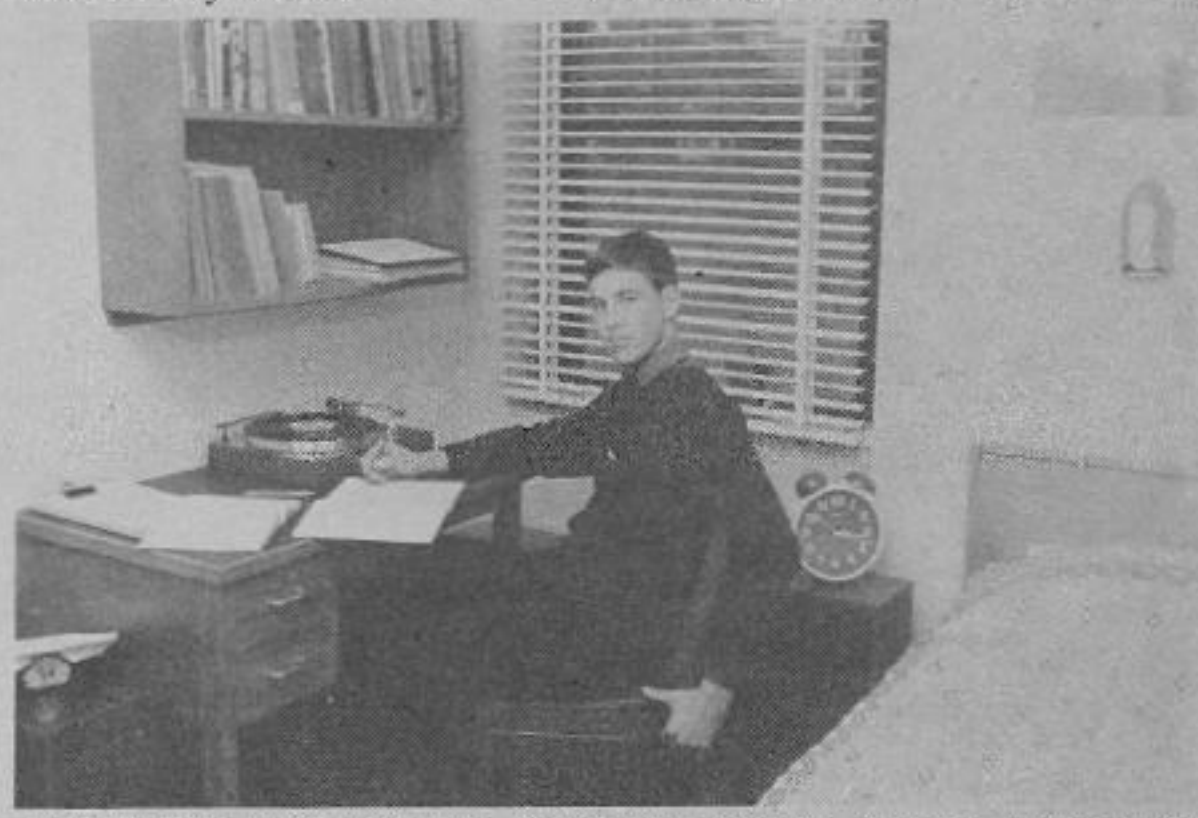
Promoted Commodore, he commanded the AUSTRALIAN SQUADRON in 1944, saw action in the Philippines and was made a Commander of The Order of the Bath.

The American Navy thought so highly of Admiral Farncomb that he was invested with the Legion of Merit, Degree of Commander and also the United States Navy Cross.

In her speech Mrs. Farncomb stressed the importance of Cadet Midshipmen acquiring a sound knowledge of history so that they could clearly comprehend Australia's future role in world affairs.

At the end of the ceremony the Cadet Midshipmen gave three cheers for Mrs. Farncomb whilst waving their caps in the air — an old Naval tradition.

Mrs. Farncomb also presented the Farncomb Cup to Cadet Midshipman J. A. Jones, of Jervis Division, who was the best cricketer.



WHAT IT'S LIKE INSIDE: Cadet Midshipman Andrew Holland (16) relaxes in his cabin in Farncomb House at HMAS CRESWELL. Andrew is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Holland of Carstenz Street, Griffith, ACT.



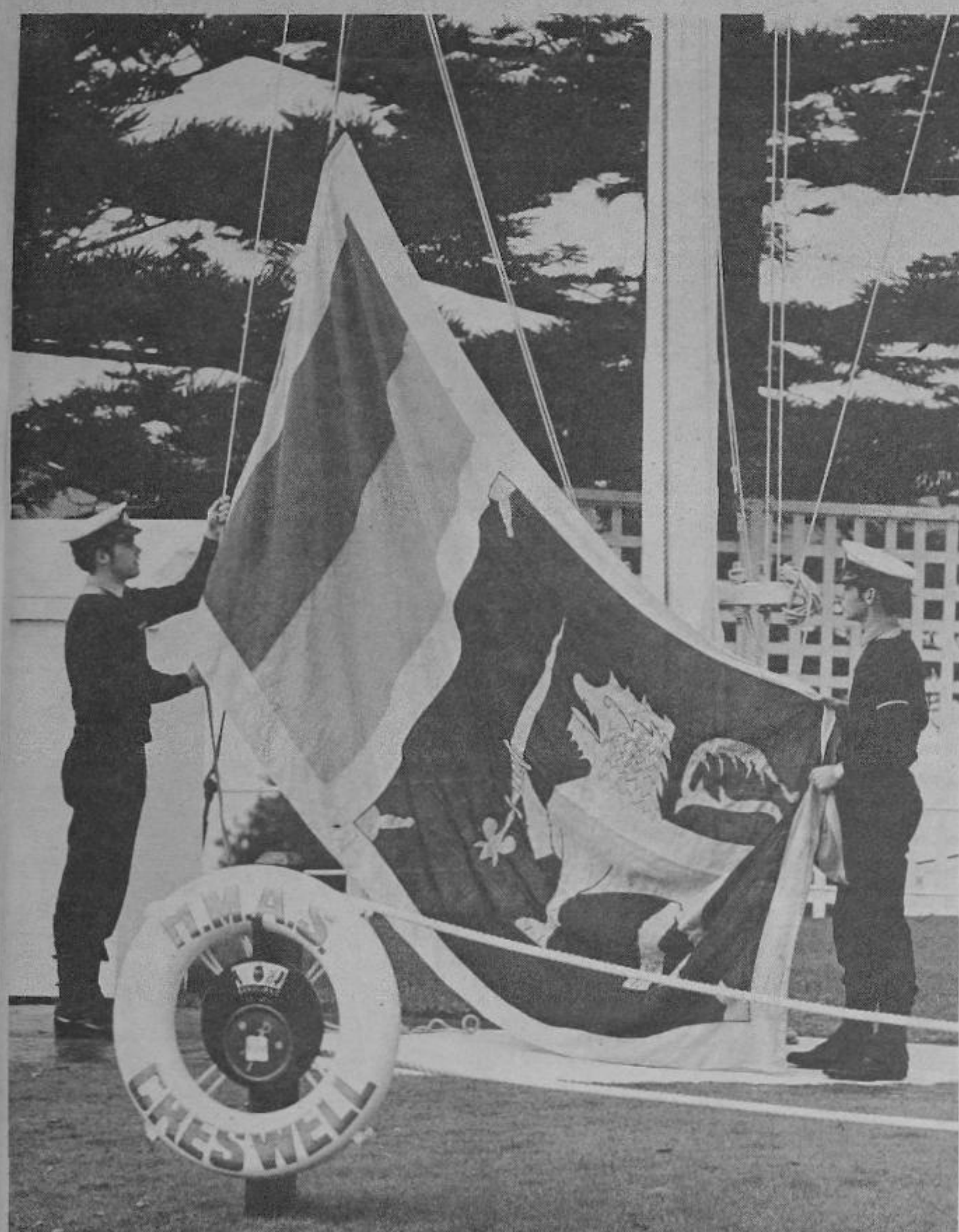
Mrs. Farncomb presents the Farncomb Cup to Cadet Midshipman Jones.

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The photograph shows, from left, Cadet Allan Peppercorn, 19, and Cadet John Purnell-Webb, 19, hoisting the national flag of Sri Lanka (formerly Ceylon) at the RAN College, Jervis Bay. Allan, of Jervis division, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Peppercorn, of Katikati, New Zealand, and John, who is captain of Flinders division, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Purnell-Webb, of Canberra.

FLAGS OF MANY NATIONS FLY AT RAN

The red and yellow flag of the Chinese People's Republic regularly flutters above the broad green quarterdeck of HMAS CRESWELL, the Royal Australian Naval College.

Also it is not unusual to see the hammer and sickle emblem of the USSR atop the flagpole as cadet midshipmen hurry across the quarterdeck between lessons.

At other times the Stars and Stripes, Union Jack or Rising Sun flap in the same wind which ruffles the Australian White Ensign on the flagmast at the other end of the quarterdeck.

Visitors to CRESWELL, are often puzzled to see the flags of great and small foreign powers flying there.

But the flags are flown for academic, not political reasons.

When cadets graduate from the college as Acting Sub-Lieutenants and serve in ships of the Australian Fleet, they encounter merchant and naval ships of many nations.

To help them learn to recognise foreign ships, CRESWELL holds the flags and ensigns of 36 nations.

At 8 am every day, when

cadets parade on the quarterdeck for "colours" — the ceremonial raising of the White Ensign — a cadet hoists a different foreign flag.

The college's daily orders identify the "flag of the day" and cadets are expected to take note of it as they cross the quarterdeck several times a day.

An added incentive to memorise the flag is the likelihood that CPO Ernest Ralph, the College's Chief Communications Yeoman, will spring a question about it on an unsuspecting cadet at any moment.

"They learn pretty quickly," says CPO Ralph, who teaches cadets about communications organisation, Fleet work and signalling.

The 36 nations include members of the Commonwealth, Allies and nations which sail merchant and naval ships in South East Asian and Pacific waters.

CRESWELL holds the flags of

Panama and Liberia, for instance, because of the huge number of merchant ships which fly these "flags of convenience." Liberian-registered ships were the third most frequent visitors to Sydney in 1971/72.

UN and SEATO flags are also flown at the college.

Cadets must also learn to recognise the 69 basic signal flags and pennants used by Allied navies. A different signal flag, called the "hoist of the day," flies over the quarterdeck each day.

In their senior years at CRESWELL, cadets are introduced to signal code books and the hundreds of possible combinations of signal flags.

EXCHANGE POSTINGS

RANK	NAME	P/N	PRESENT SHIP	SHIP FORCASTED	SEA/SHORE ROSTER DATE	PREFERENCE
LSQMG	D.A. LENNARD	R95593	STALWART	CERBERUS	SH. 13AUG73	SYD. AREA EST.
LSRP	G.S. McINTOSH	R65015	BRISBANE	N.A.	SEA 1MAY73	HOBART OR STALWART
ABRP	W.D. JONES	R104209	ALBATROSS	N.A.	SH. 30APR73	SYD. EST.
A/LSUC	A.E. ARMES	R43549	ALBATROSS	N.A.	SH. 2DEC72	ANY SYD. EST.
ABPC	A.L. THOMAS	R103705	ALBATROSS	N.A.	SH. 21MAY73	ANY SYD. EST.
ABWM	P.D. HALL	R95425	BRISBANE	N.A.	SEA 18OCT71	ANY SEA POSTING SYD. AREA NOT DEPLOYING LONSDALE
A2MTP	D.E. WALTER	R42807	DERWENT	CERBERUS	SEA 3JUN71	DESTROYER ESCORT
LSMTL1	E.J. HUTCHINGS	R95573	SYDNEY	N.A.	SEA 8JAN73	MELB. BASED SHIP
LSMTL3	R.G. HOWARD	R64767	MELBOURNE	N.A.	SEA 20DEC71	SHIP REMAINING AUST. STATION
A/LSETS1	D.P. McLEAN	R105211	PARRAMATTA	N.A.	SEA 30JAN73	SYD. BASED SHIP ANY SMALLER SHIP CERBERUS OR LONSDALE
A2MTL	J.E. RAYMOND	R42967	FLINDERS	N.A.	SEA 25JUN73	
STD	G. WADE	R108970	MELBOURNE	N.A.	SEA 7AUG73	
WTR	R.T. NICHOLLS	R106105	TORRENS	KUTTABUL (FOCAF STAFF)	SH. 5AUG73	
LSBAX	C.T. PENMAN	R63032	KUTTABUL	N.A.	SH. 28MAY73	LEEWIN
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LCK	A.R. LEWIS	R64755	STALWART	HARMAN	SH. NOV73	ANY. SYD. EST.
LSAN	M.L. CHAPPELL	R95831	CERBERUS	N.A.	SH. 5JUL73	SYD. AREA EST. ALBATROSS
IROS	G.M. LAURANCE	R62880	WATSON	N.A.	SH. MAY73	COONAWARRA
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PARRAMATTA BY-ELECTION

A By-election for Commonwealth division of Parramatta NSW will be held on September 22, 1973. Voting by eligible personnel is compulsory.

Any member enrolled for and qualified to vote for the division of Parramatta may vote either by attending a polling place within the division on polling day, Saturday, September 22, or vote by post.

An enrolled member of the Defence Force on Service outside Australia, who is a British subject and has lived in Australia

for six months continuously, and is not less than 18 years of age, shall be deemed to be an elector.

Postal vote application forms are obtainable at Electoral offices and post offices in Australia, or the offices of the Australian High Commissioners and Diplomatic Representatives outside Australia.

He is entitled to vote at elections as if his name appeared on the roll for the sub-division in which he ordinarily lived immediately before departure from Australia.

Friday the 13th is usually a day in which people avoid black cats, ladders and other vestiges of our superstitious past. But for the CERBERUS wives it became an occasion to bring out all the symbols and to thumb their noses at tradition.

About 150 people braved the legendary Crib Point elements to attend a 'Jinx Nite' in Club CERBERUS.

Witches, warlocks, devils and vampires abounded, and the Club looked like the traditional den of iniquity.

All of the decorations had been locally made, and many of the wives and their husbands had put in many hours of hard work to create the appropriate mood.

A feature of the night was the appearance of Brian Coshall, fresh from another triumph on the electric telly, this time as a winner of his heat in the viewer's section of Showcase.

CERBERUS' 'JINX NITE' WAS ONE HELLUVA 'DO'

His appearance in the final later this month was his last in Australia, as he returned to the Royal Navy shortly after.

Brian ran the full gamut of his repertoire for the evening in CERBERUS, his performance including a hilarious send-up of some well-known politicians.

STOP PRESS: He won fourth prize in the Viewers' Final which was shown on TV.

The other attraction of the evening was the race, which was held after midnight to avoid tempting fate a little too much.

Unfortunately Bev Callaway demonstrated her skills too well during the warm-up, and was carrying most of the money when her entry romped in ahead of the opposition.

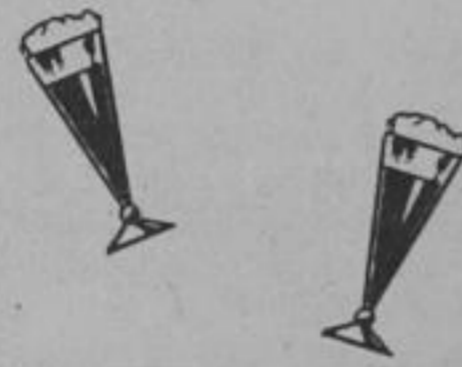
After it was all over and the bats, spiders and balloons had disappeared as mementos, everyone unanimously voted the evening as a well-deserved success both as a fund-raiser and as a social event.

And a great part of the credit must go to those who attended in appropriate dress and generally entered into the spirit of the evening.

● BELOW: "BLOSSOM" RADFORD, at the right, kept his table well entertained during the evening. However in this photograph their attention seems to be somewhat less than undivided.



● CAMERA SHY TOO—Dot Giles, Mary Marshall and Bill O'Day. Dot always was very shy.



● BUY A TICKET? The guessing competitions were well supported . . . Helen Higgon sells tickets to Helen and Huxley Pohlman.



● IT MUST HAVE BEEN a most interesting point under discussion as no one was concerned about the presence of the camera . . . Mrs. Patterson, Mrs. McInerney and Captain McInerney (CO CERBERUS) chat with CMDR and Mrs. Barnett.



● TOOK THE EYE . . . Alison and John Mitchell attended as the "good guys" just to keep the "baddies" honest.



● TOP PRIZE—Bev. Callaway and Brian Hay on the dance floor . . . Bev's outfit won her the prize for the best ladies' dress.



● KEEP CLEAR! The OIC of the Recruit School as the recruits see him. LCDR Gordon Miller in the appropriate rig.



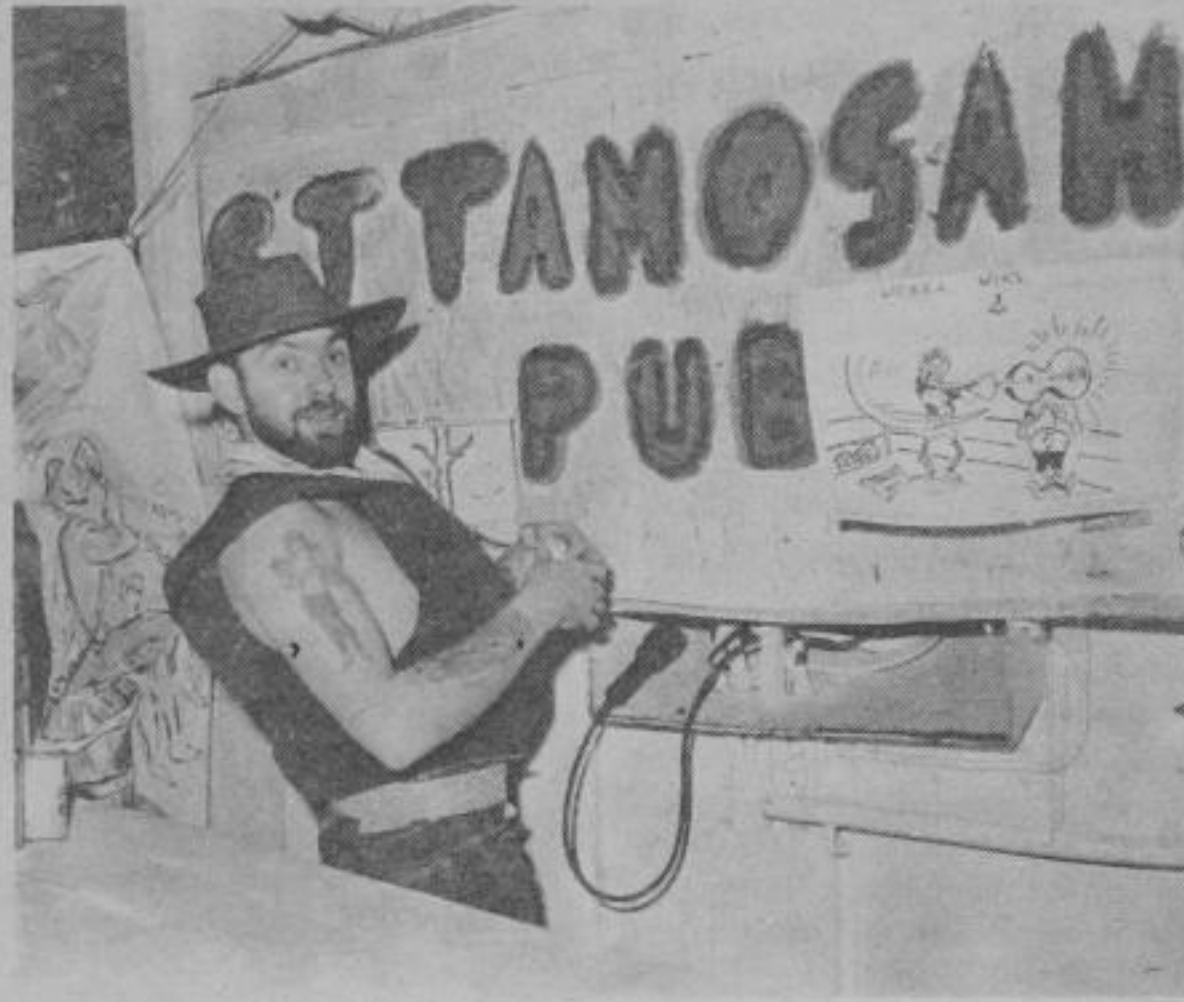
● WELL DONE . . . LCDR Brian Coshall, who entertained the party goers, is presented with a gift by Mrs. McInerney in appreciation of his efforts.

MAFIA seize MORESBY; ship turned into pleasure craft

NOW IT CAN BE TOLD! MAFIA "gangsters" swooped in and took control of HMAS MORESBY while the ship was carrying out its recent survey off the Great Barrier Reef.



MAFIA LEADER ABMTP DAVID DAWSON from Mount Surprise, Qld. keeps watch over his prisoners, CDR M. W. Varley (centre) and LCDR J. S. Compton (right).



"Bert the publican" of the Ettamogah pub, LSMTL Dutchy Verheyen from Maitland, NSW.



Chief SR Dave Waining, from Cairns, Qld. was "framed" into carrying out the activities of book-maker at the Moreston Cup race meeting. He pays-off in January after 25 years service, and he cannot remember having suffered such a frightening experience.

Reports of the seizure were confirmed when the ship returned to Sydney for refit this month and these pictures were produced as proof. In a lightning raid on the ship, MAFIA gangsters turned the ship in pleasure craft.

The ship's company, who had spent some 140-odd days out of 170 at sea on the laborious survey, had little resistance to offer.

With weapons drawn, they forced their way into the captain's cabin, ordered him to remove his uniform and dress casually, then demanded he clear lower deck and instruct all on board to dress accordingly and do whatever they were told.

The MAFIA gang then went about setting up areas for boozing, betting, boxing, etc. . . . but the only "B" missing were the birds, so they created their own by staging a fashion parade and a "Beauty" contest, in which the winner was "guest of honour" at the MORESTON Cup race meeting held on board to enable "victims" to have a punt with all the loot they'd saved over the long survey.

Sailors being sailors, all went along with the "heavies" . . . even to the limit of playing such not-so-manly sports as badminton and deck hockey . . . that is until the captain was able to make his move.

He produced a Sydney newspaper carrying the headlines . . . "MAFIA NON EXISTENT IN AUSTRALIA" . . . and the outcome was reminiscent of the legendary wartime activities of "Garnold Reen" . . . they just downed weapons and surrendered, crying "Mamma Mia, we're dead!" Which just goes to prove that certain sections of the community DO believe what they read in the papers!!

FOOTNOTE: There's no truth in the rumour that the "intruders" (now under punishment while the ship is "down the drain" under refit at Garden Island) will be subpoenaed to appear before the forthcoming Royal Commission into alleged MAFIA type activities in Sydney clubs!



Showing an above average interest in flying stations is SBLT "Mac" McAuley from Flinder Park, SA, as is SBLT D. Holliday from Ipswich, Qld. (left) who has a go at the wheel.



LSCOX Robert Watkins (Tubby) from Wollongong, NSW, plays badminton in the Hangar of HMAS MORESBY.



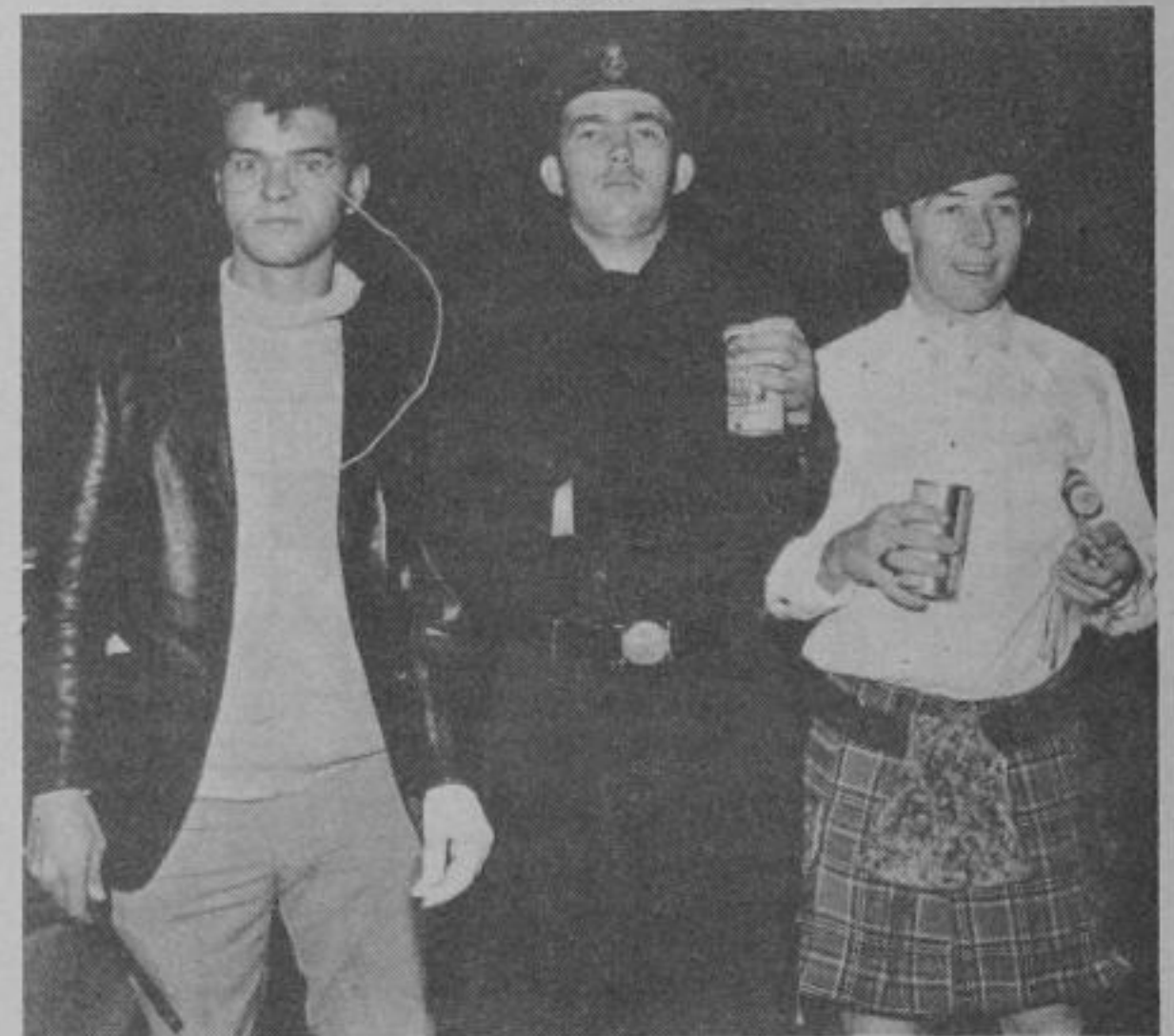
Winner of the "beauty contest", CK Philip John from Renmark SA, with one of her many admirers Mr. Adam Aitken a Dockyard Technical Officer.



Referee LSPTI Rod Mortison raises the hand of ABSR Tom Bunt from Bowral, NSW, after his victory over CK "Jacko" Jackson from Moorooka, Qld.



ABFC Mark Porter from Salisbury, SA, was another winner. He beat ABMTP Mick Norrie from Brisbane, Qld. (now in HMAS BARRICADE).



A few more of the "heavies" pose for our cameraman (who took the picture with gun held at his head), LSETS Hans Bohn (left) from Greenacres SA ("Baron Von Bohn"), LSMTTP Phillip Brown from Sydney (The "Barons" aide) and a "ring-in", ABMTP Jim McCullagh (right) from Auburn NSW ("Scobie McCullagh").

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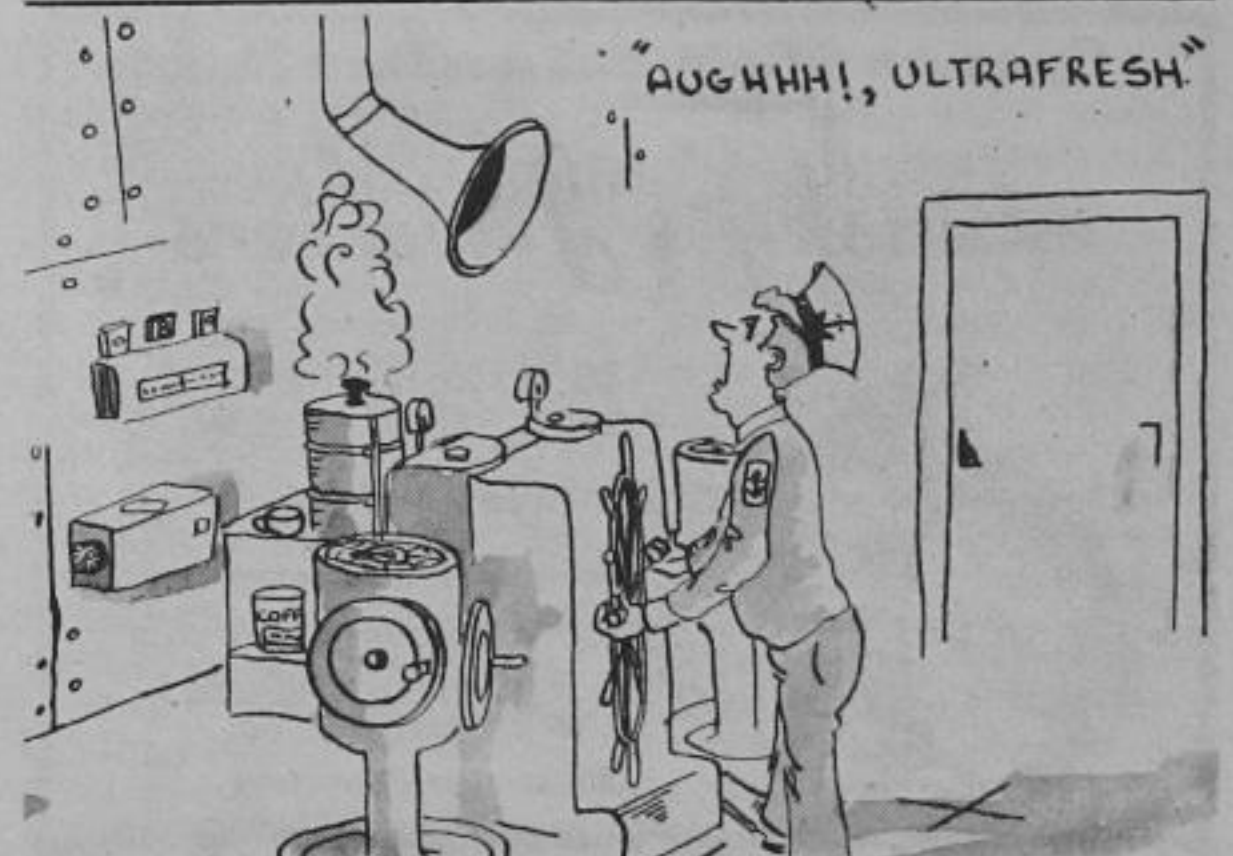
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THE ENGINEERING OFFICER LEUT G. Le Pavoux from Sydney (left) and POETC Johnno Johnson from Canberra "bat on" during the deck hockey game between Senior Sailors and Wardroom which ended in a one-all draw.



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Definitely for the last time, we mention the new Australian anthem. Did you notice that one of the "finalists" contains 11 lines which neither rhyme nor scan correctly? Surely in what could become Australia's anthem of the future, the rules of verse should not be over-ruled by poetic licence?

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As a parting gesture, we publish our entry - which didn't make the finals!

You're a bloody beauty bottler mate,
A real grouse kinda land,
Of great blue rugged mountains
An golden, flowin' sand.
Your sheilas are the very best,
Ya make my kinda beer,
So let's sing out for Orstraylia
For all the world to hear.
Chorus (sung to the first few lines of Jesus Christ, Superstar)
Orstraylia! Paraphenalia!
Land of the waratah and daylia.
Orstraylia! You're a ripper you are,
You're the best, you're the biggest, you're a Superstar."

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With the commencement of the Government's new policy for television programming, the points system, and with the greatest number of points being available for Australian shows of an educational nature, it makes one wonder whether a series could be promoted about the Services.

In each section of the Armed Services, there must be many functions that could make fascinating viewing, properly projected, for the layman and would assist in giving John Citizen - the taxpayer on the outside looking in - a far better insight into what goes on within the forces structure.

Over to you TV stations - there could be some readymade points material for you.

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Today's thought: Political platforms are always dismantled after elections - they are made to run on, not stand on.

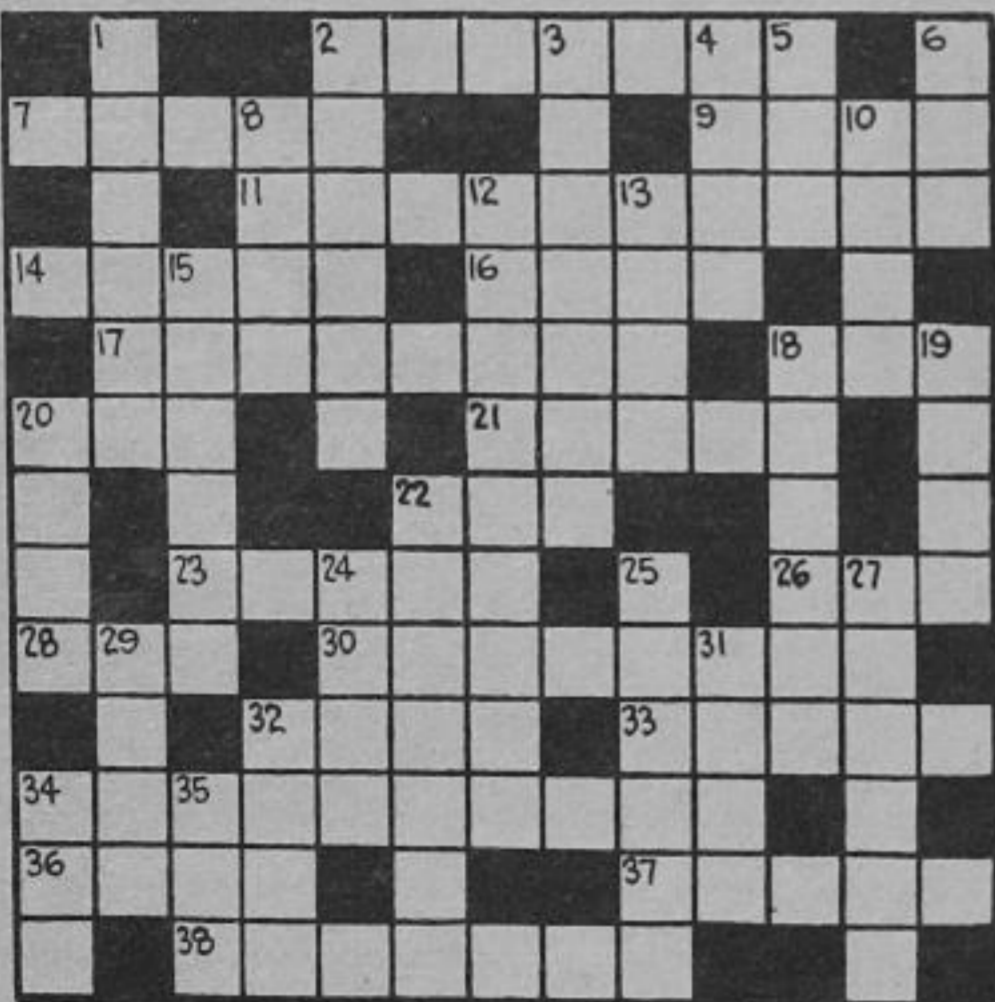
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"THE TORCH"



THEY'RE A STRANGE LOT . . . AREN'T THEY? Any of you who have served overseas know that the servicemen of many countries are inclined to regard Australians as a "strange lot".

Much of this stems perhaps, from our unusual usage of the English language which never ceases to confuse and amaze our overseas friends, our solidarity in "mateship", and the willingness to assist those in need.

It is no wonder that out of "mateship", and the Australian Services, there grew an organisation, the like of which is not seen in any other part of the world.

It is named LEGACY, and it was formed by ex-members of all the Services from the First World War.

It celebrates its Golden Jubilee this year.

Forming of Legacy followed the writing of an immortal poem, "in Flanders Fields".

Two lines in this read, "To you from failing hands we throw The Torch, be yours to hold it high".

The poem was written by a Canadian Army Medical Officer in 1915.

Australia accepted the challenge of his plea . . . ex-servicemen thought about the problems of their former comrades and the even bigger problems of the widows and children of the men who had not returned from the battlefields.

In 1923 Legacy was formed. The badge of the new body was, naturally, THE TORCH with a laurel wreath surround.

From its formation Legacy has dedicated itself to personal Service. Legacy safeguards the interests of the widows and children of ex-servicemen who fell (or who have died since), in the two World Wars and the latter conflicts of Korea, Malaya and Vietnam.

Its commitments are enormous.

It cares for over 85,000 widows and over 34,000 children, over half of whom are in the 16-20 age group - a critical milestone because guidance in these important years will determine the course of adult life.

To house Junior Legatees from the country who come to capital cities for either education, welfare or work reasons, Legacy maintains a number of residences.

Housing projects care for aged widows and Legacy subsidies sometimes in conjunction with Churches, Hospitals and Service Bodies, flats and beds in numerous hostels and nursing homes.

Benefits to Widows and Junior Legatees in calendar year 1972 amounted to almost 2 1/4-million dollars.

This is only secondary to the other activities planned to help service widows and children tackle and enjoy life in the ways to which they are entitled.

The task of Legacy in the next 50 years will, perhaps, be even more challenging than in the first.

With the passing of the years, it is inevitable that the widows and children of the World Wars will be joined by more from the later conflicts in Korea, Malaya and Vietnam.

AIR BOARD MEMBER

Air Commodore L. J. K. Holten, 56, presently Controller of Equipment, Department of Air, will be appointed to the Air Board as Air Member for Supply and Equipment on August 19.

Air Vice-Marshal Cleary, the present Air Member for Supply and Equipment, retires from the RAAF on August 18. Air Commodore Holten will be promoted Air Vice-Marshal on taking up the appointment.

HOLD IT HIGH — BE GENEROUS

Legacy stands ready, and will always be ready, when needed to take care of the service family in the event of the serviceman's death.

Legacy receives no government subsidy. All the moneys it has to carry out its work comes from private sources sympathetic to its ideals. Therefore donations are always acknowledged with gratitude.

Bequests to LEGACY are exempt from Federal Estate and State Probate duties and donations of \$2 or more are deductible for Income Tax purposes in most cases.

Therefore be generous during Legacy Week - September 3-7.

As Australians we want to take care of our mates - that's something the world envies us for.

And, if there's a good cause around we'll "kick in" to help it. LEGACY IS A GOOD CAUSE.

WEAPONS DISPLAY



One of the largest collections of antique arms and associated items ever displayed in Australia will be on exhibition at St. Mary's Catholic Church Hall, Parramatta Road, Concord, the weekend of September 15 and 16.

LEUT D. K. Miller now serving at HMAS NIRIMBA is organising the exhibition for the Antiques Arms Collectors Society of Australia, in aid of the Western District Hospital Appeal.

A large display of Naval Weapons from LEUT Miller's own collection (pictured) will be shown.

This includes numerous swords, one being a 1805 Admiral's dress sword inlaid with gold and another a rare 1825 Warrant Officer's sword, a 1770 flintlock sea service pistol, numerous cutlases and cutlase-bayonets from 1760 to the present day, longarms, some belonging to pre-Federation State Defence Forces and uniforms of that period.

Among the Australian weapons on display will be the first-known Australian-made pistol by convict Joseph Danks, riot blunderbuss from Port Arthur Penal Settlement, Tasmanian Tiger snare guns used to eradicate the Tiger, gold escort pistol (one of only two of this type known in the collecting world), plus numerous Australian marked arms of immense historical importance.

Charles Darwin's two pistols that he took with him on that famous voyage of discovery onboard the BEAGLE, will head the list of interesting foreign arms that will be exhibited.

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OPPOSITION TOO HOT FOR ASRU SIDES

The tour by the Australian Services Rugby League team is over for another year. The results... well, they were not flattering...

The reasons are simple — Services Rugby had become a threat to the "civvy" teams.

So the very best sides were chosen to play them.

It was the desire of the opposing unions to "revenge" the Services' victories in 1972, when the team was undefeated.

Tour results were: v Victoria, lost 10-16; v Australian Universities, lost 12-26; v ACT, lost 10-16; v Sydney, lost 6-30; v Darling Downs, won 37-7; v Queensland, lost 0-66.

Despite the losses, Services' players certainly proved that they had tons of heart.

At no time did they give up. Even against the powerful Queensland side which gave

them their biggest drubbing, the players were still giving all they had at the end.

After beating Darling Downs 37-7 they went into the Queensland match confident of giving Queensland a run for their money.

But no dice — Queensland were out to win. Their powerful pack included Test players, Dunworth (prop), Freney (hooker), Bell (second-rower), Cocks and Loane (back-rowers).

Australia's next half successor to Hipwell in my opinion, will be Gary Pearson.

He gave an immaculate service to promising five-eighth Paul McLean, who played instead of Test five-eighth Richardson, who was shifted to inside centre. The other centre was Test centre L'Estrange; wingers were Paddy Batch and Jeff McLean, Test players.

Harking back to Paul McLean, he also is the State kicker and he kicked 11 goals out of 11 shots. Test kicker McLean didn't get a kick.

For Services, Shepherd (wing), Brown (second-row), Keeling (centre), Ash (prop) and John Hickey (hooker) played well.

One could not fail to be impressed by winger Shepherd who, against Taylor, of Universities, gave a fine exhibition.

Graham Brown was the best forward on the tour. Off the field, Harman's Sick Bay PO Peter Mathews, was in demand and of great value to the team.

Navy players John Hogben and Steve Davidson never reached their best form because of injury, McCabe, hooker, never let his side down.

The side suffered a "tragedy" through the withdrawal of Navy player "Swede" Larsen, five-eighth for the first half of the tour.

"Swede" was a valuable unit in the backline and he called the moves.

His replacement five-eighth, Jeff Johnson, was nowhere in his class, nor did he have "Swede's" great cover defence.

The unavailability of Chris Cleveland affected the Services' pack and absence of a halfback of the class of Tony Roser was felt.

Behind the scenes, Sal Melazzo, our co-ordinator at WATSON, was magnificent.

Nothing was a trouble for

"Sal" or WATSON and the squad appreciated it, as they did the services of Des Harper (HARMAN).

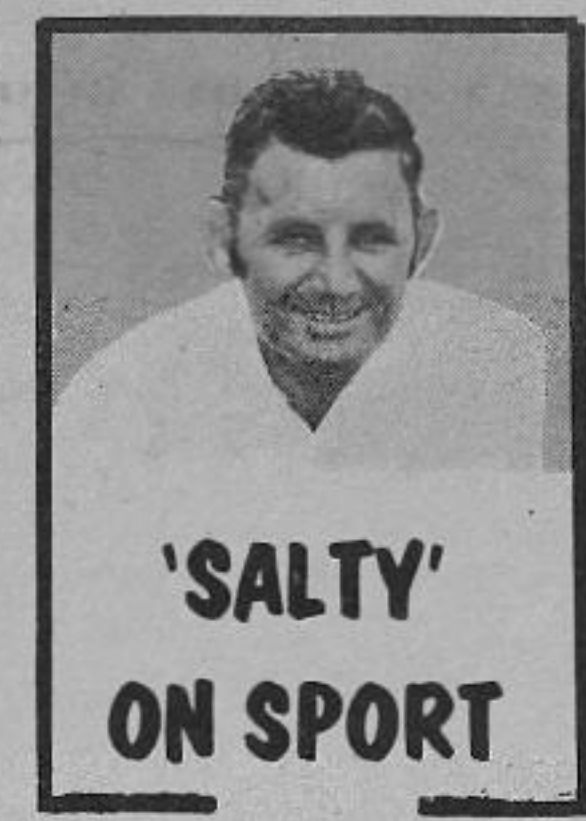
The interest shown in Navy depots by "old" Rugby men, Ted Pretty, Zeke Wulffe, Bull Julius, A. J. McKenzie, Joe Cunningham, Buck Rodgers, Arthur Wyatt, Bob Toovey, Bob Moss, Munga Murray and Lynn Betts was heartening, and much appreciated.

ASRU have been recognised by senior Rugby Union bodies throughout Australia. This was signified by the quality of teams we played.

City of Sydney, Combined Australian Universities and Queensland each contained no less than eight or nine internationals and State representatives were added.

The Services now have to support the ASRU by making the best players available to tour.

Otherwise the work of men such as Captain Craft, Capt. McInerney, CMDR Rothwell, CMDR Rayment and LEUT



Wyatt, to mention a few, will have been in vain.

While in HARMAN, I couldn't understand why the Depot concentrated on League instead of Union. Former Navy rep, Rod Rouse, coaches them and averages six or seven a night at training.

I understand that they prefer Union when outside the establishment.

One of the Navy's most underrated players, Frank Eastman is there and would be a great leader. Oldsters Ted Pretty and Zeke Wulffe and others I know would be behind them if they changed.

HOW THE TEAMS ARE FARING IN EAA SPORT

ROBY: DEFEATED OUP

RESULTS: AUGUST 15: ALBATROSS 15 d SSS 12; Carriers 21 d PENGUIN 9; WATSON 0 PLATYPUS 0 Draw; Destroyers 24 d WATSON 6; Escorts 42 d WATSON 7; KUTTANUL - bye.

AUGUST 22: PLATYPUS 35 d ALBATROSS 0; KUTTANUL 31 d Escorts 10; Destroyers 20 d WATSON 16; WATSON 29 d PENGUIN 6; SSS 12 d Carriers 6; WATSON - bye.

TABLE: (Includes August 22)

Carriers	28
Destroyers	27
WATSON	26
KUTTANUL	24
ALBATROSS	21
SSS	18
PLATYPUS	16
WATSON	13
Escorts	8
PENGUIN	6
WATSON	3

FEATURES:

Sep 5: SSS v WATSON (Rushcutter)

PENGUIN v WATSON (T.G. Millner)

Carriers v Destroyers (Rushcutter No 2)

WATSON v Escorts (Handwick)

KUTTANUL v PLATYPUS (T.B.N.)

ALBATROSS - Bye

Sep 12: PENGUIN v KUTTANUL (Handwick)

ALBATROSS v Destroyers (Albatross)

SSS v WATSON (T.B.N.)

WATSON v Escorts (Rushcutter)

WATSON v PLATYPUS (T.G. Millner)

Carriers - Bye

AUSTRALIAN RULES:

RESULTS: August 15: 1st Semi-Final - Dest/Prigs 11.12 WATSON 8.14; 2nd Semi-Final - Police 14.11 d Big Ships 5.3

August 22: Dest/Prigs 13.15 def Big Ships 7.8

FIXTURES: Sep 5: Grand Final 1400 - Erskineville

SOCCER: SHIVERS TROPHY

RESULTS: August 15: Big Ships 5 d North Set 0; Army 11 d South Ests 2; WATSON 17 d Dest/Prigs 1; ALBATROSS v WATSON (2) (Share points)

Inter-Service Soccer: 21-23 August - SLS CASULA: Army 4 d RAAF 2; Navy 1 d RAAF 1; Navy 4 d Army 3;

FIXTURES: 12th September - 1st and 2nd Semi-Finals - Details to be signalled.

TABLE: (included August 15):

ALBATROSS	22
WATSON (1)	22
WATSON (2)	15
Big Ships	14
North Set	13
Army	12
South Est	3
Dest/Prigs	3

GOLF - WILLIS TROPHY

RESULTS: August 15: WATSON 219 drew with PENG/PLATS 230; Dest/Prigs 197 d SSS 169; WATSON 189 d SSS 169; Dest/Prigs 197 d WATSON 159

August 22: WATSON 242 d Carriers 187; ALBATROSS 250 d Dest/Prigs 209

FIXTURES: 5th September (Preliminary Final); 12th September (Grand Final).

RIFLE SHOOTING:

RESULTS: August 15: WATSON 363 d Escorts 246; WATSON 570 d KUTTANUL 577; Destroyers 351 d PLATYPUS 288; Carriers 381 d SSS 199; ALBATROSS d PENGUIN - Forfeit.

August 22: WATSON 435 d KUTTANUL 397; Support Ships 389 d WATSON 361; ALBATROSS 457 d Destroyers 457

FIXTURES: Sep 5: WATSON v Support Ships (Morning)

Escorts v Destroyers (Anzac)

PENGUIN v PLATYPUS (Anzac)

Carriers v KUTTANUL (Anzac)

WATSON v ALBATROSS (Albatross)

'ON TARGET'

Good individual shooting by NSA Humphries, MTA Williams and CPOQMG Price highlighted an improved second round of the EAA Rifle competition on August 8.

The trio each scored well over the "ton".

Over the past two rounds some teams have been reluctant to complete the entire practice by failing to carry out the Fire and Movement section.

This section was introduced into this year's practice as it was found that many Navy shooters were at a disadvantage when entering inter-Service competitions.

The Fire and Movement practice is intended to liven-up a somewhat static exercise.

In future all teams should make every effort to complete all four sections of the practice.

—SHARPSHOOTER

FLEET RUGBY TROPHY

In a match at Rushcutter during July HOBART defeated BRISBANE 19-3 for the Fleet Rugby trophy.

HOBART scored four tries and a penalty goal and would have made the score more indicative of the control they had over the game if they had a goal kicker.

The HOBART forwards were all over the BRISBANE forwards in the "loose" and tight.

The first try came early when "Stretch" Pollock took advantage of HOBART'S bustling tactics, scooped up the loose ball and crossed for an easy try.

Not long after "Gooby" Owens burst through for a try from a tap penalty 10 yards out.

Just before half-time, a brilliant kick through by Pete Hateley saw the defence lacking and John Chambers quickly following through regained possession over the line, scoring a well-deserved try.

HOBART'S second half try came from a planned lineout movement with Norm Noack taking the ball round the front of the lineout catching the defence by surprise scoring wide out after a 20-yard run. Noack also landed a penalty late in the game.

The game was a tight, hard struggle with many injuries and tempers flared, resulting in a player from each side being sent off.

BRISBANE backs saw little of the ball due to Rusty Richard's smart work around the scrums. The win was well deserved but at no stage were any of the BRISBANE players to be underestimated.

A small feature of the game was the impressive line kicking from both sides.

The outstanding players were McCabe, Smith, Sloper and Jim Stokes for BRISBANE and Richards, "Gooby" Owens, Chambers, Hobson and McDermid for HOBART.

BOWLS REPORT

The annual Combined Services versus Rosehill Bowling Club event took place at Rosehill recently.

A good day was had by all with Services just shading their hosts to win the trophy.

The following team represented Navy... Mr. Jack Shepperd (skip) NIRIMBA, WOCOX Noel Chandler (third) SYDNEY, LEUT Tony Young (second) NIRIMBA, and SIMTHR. Ferguson (lead) NIRIMBA.

Once again our thanks to the Rosehill club officials for putting on another enjoyable day — it's Navy's turn to be host service next year.

ALBATROSS BOWLING CLUB'S PRESIDENTS DAY... Some 120 players attended Huskisson Bowling Club recently for the Albatross Club's President's Day to honour President Shiner Wright and other club officials.

The greens were a credit to the Huskisson Club as was the High Tea.

At the High Tea tributes were paid to President "Shiner" Wright, Chairman Tony Hunt and club officials by a number

of speakers, including Vice President George Berskin, representing the President of the RNSWBA.

Representing the RANBC was a four comprising the President LCDR Arthur Parry (Skip) (HMAS KUTTANUL), LSA Phil Glendenning (Third) (HMAS KUTTANUL), LWTR Kitchener (2nd) (HMAS KUTTANUL), TO Davies (Lead) (HMAS KUTTANUL).

RANBC PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP 1973: Sydney area First round pairs games got underway on August 22.

Succeeding games will be played at approximately fortnightly intervals.

ALBATROSS area sectional play will take place concurrently and it is hoped to have a winning pair by October 1973.

ACT NAVY WEEK BOWLS again will be a feature of Navy Week in the ACT and our old friend Jack Willis suggests October 1 as the probable date — details will be advised when received.

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A CUP IS ADRIFT

During March/April 1940 when approximately 9,000 troops were at the Sydney Showground a Rugby football competition was held.

It was a knock-out competition between about 12 service teams.

A trophy known as the A.I.F. Cup was donated, the donor it is believed being Major Welch.

The competition was of particular interest to the trainee soldiers and the games attracted large crowds.

After various elimination matches the "final" was conducted between the 1st Inf.

Tn. Bn. captained by Sgt. Russell Kelly ex-Rugby international (now deceased) and 6 DIV Sigs captained by Cec Ramalli also an ex-inter-national.

The match was a struggle from start to finish, and most exciting, and the tackling of both sides was devastating.

Sigs were leading 5-3 up to two minutes before fulltime when 1 Bn kicked a field goal (4 points in those days) winning by 7 points to 5.

The cup is of particular significance and unique in many respects.

After the 1st World War an ex-AIF team played a NSW team around about 1920.

After the 2nd World War, no such match was played and the "Cup" may be of special interest to the NSW and Australian Unions.

It is of particular interest to three ex-players who are members of the Northern Suburbs Rugby Club; Ron Alywin player and coach, and Jim Chaffey, break-away, both ex-1st Inf Tn Bn and Cec Ramalli, Captain and half back 6 DIV SIGS.

Jim Chaffey has been in touch with the officials at Victoria Barracks, and Alywin has contacted various Army Authorities including the Amenities Officer HQ "E" Command, Marrickville, but no trace of the "Cup" can be found.

Jim Chaffey who is Secretary-Manager of Northern Suburbs Rugby Club is anxious to display it at the Club premises if it can be found. Unfortunately after a lapse of 33 years it is not possible to give an accurate description of the Cup but possibly some reader of Navy News or Army News may be able to suggest its whereabouts.

Ron Alywin would very much like to hear from any player who participated in any of the matches played at that time. His address is 55 York Street, Sydney.



VICTORIA WINS

The Victorian Combined Services Colts overwhelmed Victoria Rugby Colts in a fast game at Watsonia Army Barracks, winning 20-3.

Young Navy player MOGG scored three tries in a game in which he excelled.

Other Navy players in the match were Jack McMurtrie, Thurbon and Cherry and they benefited by their experience.

An outstanding performance was given by the Army player Gherardi, who crash tackled the Victorian Colts with great enthusiasm.

Young Phil Ah Wong, brother of Navy representative Andy Ah Wong, showed he has potential and is blessed with a fine side-step.

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SERVICES IN BOTH GRAND FINALS

The red, white and black jumpers of the famed VFL club St. Kilda are showing the way in the less popular Aussie Rules State of NSW where the Combined Services A and B grade teams have carried the colours into the grand finals of the NSWANFL Second Division premierships.

The Grand Finals will be played this Saturday, September 1, at Trumper Park.

The A Grade side will play Pennant Hills at 2.30 pm and the B Grade team line up against University of NSW at 12.30 pm.

Both grades are confident of their chances of taking out the Flags.

Last year, in their first appearance in the NSW League's competition, the A Grade team reached the Grand Final but went down to University of NSW.

This year University of NSW were severely trounced by Services and did not measure up as well this season.

Minor premiers in both grades last season, Uni. of NSW just scraped into the semi-finals this year in the A grade but were beaten, while the B Grade side, bolstered somewhat, downed Services B team in the second semi-final to go straight into the Grand Final.

CHEER SQUAD NEEDED

Services had to earn their place in the B Grade Grand Final the hard way ... they had to beat Sydney University in the preliminary final on August 25 and this they did with ease, winning 11-9 (75) to 5-15 (45).

The B's, under Captain Greg Burridge, and without some of the strong players from HMAS MELBOURNE, turned in a gutsy display.

The A Grade under Captain POSN Greg Bulger and coach CPL Ralph Turner, won their way into the Grand Final on August 18 by defeating Sydney University by 7-17 (59) to 5-10 (40).

Bulger kicked three goals, while LAC Wayne Millar WTR Wally Bristow, CPL "Rags" Carpenter and TO Sam Chamberlain, each added one goal.

Throughout the season, the Services A team have had the edge on their Grand Final opponents Pennant Hills, beating them each time they've met ... from which suggests that Services

Combined Services A-Rules

should take out the Flag they missed out on last year.

The one disappointing feature of Services great efforts to reach this year's Grand Finals has been the lack of interest and spectator support from fellow servicemen, in particular those who've enjoyed playing Rules and know the thrill attached to playing in major finals.

Win or lose, Combined Services have done what many "knockers" thought was impossible to achieve on a tri-Service basis ... a small band of dedicated players from each Services have made the top in civilian weekend competitions.

The sad part of it all is

that only a small number of spectators will be in attendance at Trumper Park on Saturday (September 1) to see these fellows battle their hearts out and try to win recognition for the Services.

How about "sacrificing" one Saturday and help form a cheer squad for the blokes ... they won't let you down! The B Grade starts at 12.30 and the A's at 2.30 pm.

FOOTNOTE: Directly after the Flags have been decided, presentation of 11 awards will be made to Service players.

They include: Best and Fairest in both grades, most consistent, most improved, The President and Coach's awards and best team efforts.



Sam Chamberlain



Wally Bristow



Mick Fuertill

NAVY CLEARS OUT WITH VIC. I-S RUGBY TROPHY



NAVY'S VICTORIOUS inter-service Rugby Team — back row (left to right): LCDR Loftus, WOPT Rogers, POETC Mills, A2ETC Meakin, S1MTH Inall, CPOCOX Williams, LSPT Sutton, POPT Jeffries, ABWM Glew, SAP Pollock, S2MTH Brewert, SBLT Aylward, LCDR Hay, CSAP Roberts. Front row (left to right): POUW Shaw, CETC Warren, SBA O Conner, LSPT Bradford, LSPT Hatch, LSPT Hill, POPT Jones, ABWM Driscoll, LSAV Orr.

Navy downed Army 20-11 and RAAF 24-8 to win the inter-Service Rugby series played at Watsonia Barracks

The first game between Navy, led by LSPT Reg Hatch (lock) and the host service Army, was played in atrocious weather.

The hardworking Navy team were soon in front through a try by winger POPT Jeff Nankervis and then went further ahead with a penalty from Hatch.

Army then scored a try which was not converted.

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LSPT Billy Bradford (outside centre) burst brilliantly through the centre to score between the posts and Hatch converted. Then halfback A1ETS Dave Warren broke clear to score a clever try

far out in the left corner.

Army came back with a late rally, adding an unconverted try and a penalty to their first-half score but a further penalty from Hatch proved to be the clincher.

Substitutes went on towards the end when CAETW Don Roberts (hooker) received a broken nose and after LSMTF "Moose" Eddington who had played well up till then particularly in the line out, was carried from the field with a broken leg.

However, by this time Navy was comfortably in control of the game and the final whistle saw Navy winning 20-11.

The next day a tenacious and much improved Army team made amends for their defeat by Navy by downing RAAF 38-12.

The final match of the series, Navy v RAAF, played in sunny but cold and windy weather, proved the old adage that a star team will always beat a team of stars.

For the first twenty minutes, the match was even and it began to look as though RAAF might even retain the trophy.

However lack of experience in the forwards and the effects of the previous day's hard game against Army started to tell shortly before half time.

Navy forwards began to dominate and with plenty of possession the three-quarter line, ably supported by LSPT "Bones" Sutton who was starring at full-back, dictated the terms of play.

The "Golden Boot", Reg Hatch, was in form, kicking two penalties and converting tries scored by Sutton, POPT Bob "Aussie Rules" Jeffries (inside centre) and S1MTH Merv Inall (breakaway).

The RAAF replied late in the second half with two unconverted tries following careless mistakes by the now over-confident Navy players but they were too late and Navy ran out easy winners 24-8.

The inter-Service Rugby Trophy was presented to the Navy captain, Reg Hatch, by the General Officer Commanding Southern Command, Major General C. A. E. Fraser, at a function following the last match of the series.

Amusement and entertainment was provided by POUW Clarrie Shaw, ably assisted by ABWM "Sticky" Glew.

NAVY XV BEATEN 7-6 IN McLEAN CUP FINAL



An extremely strong Haberfield combination put paid to Navy's hopes of reaching their first McLean Cup Rugby Grand final with a well-earned 7-6 win in the South Side Final played at Five Dock Park on August 18.

The Navy 15, not as strong as the side that beat Waverley 22-3 in the semi-final, put up a good fight and only surrendered the lead 10 minutes from full-time.

The windy, blustery conditions favoured neither side and it was a tremendous effort by team captain and goal-kicker Brian Davis, to put over the two penalties that he did.

At half-time and leading 6-0, Navy looked much the better side.

However, the loss of vice-captain/prop Trevor Clarey with a cut eyelid late in the first half was to have far-reaching effects.

With the lack of an experienced prop to replace him, it left the Navy side with a chink in their armour.

On the resumption of play, Haberfield in a do-or-die effort, threw everything into the game,

which produced one of the most torrid sessions of Rugby this season, and took toll on the depleted Navy side in the latter stages of the second half.

Full credit to the Navy side in making the finals in their second year in the McLean Cup.

Last year they were defeated by a point, in the semi-final, and this year a point in the final, and next year, who knows!

The unavailability of numerous players throughout this season almost forced Navy to withdraw from the competition — indeed, this would have been humiliating!!

The best and fairest trophy for the season was presented to Phil Littlewood, who headed a strong field.

Phil, a popular winner, played really great football throughout the season and was selected for

The Navy's McLean Cup team which reached the final: BACK ROW, l. to r.: CMDR Rayment (Pres.), Hine, Barrett, Caldwell, Sndquist, Dagg, King, Maarcroft, PO Shaw (coach). CENTRE ROW: Stokes, Littlewood, Ranson, Lcke, Russell, Penglase. FRONT ROW: Davis, Furner, Keavers, Cleary, Read, Sheargold.

the trials in the Combined Metropolitan Sub-districts Rugby Union side.

His strong running and good defence have been a big feature of Navy's many wins this season. Well done, Phil!

I would like to extend a hearty thanks to all the people who were behind the club, in particular our coach, Clarrie Shaw, and president, CMDR Mike Rayment, manager Mick Gilfoyle and Zambuck Rev. Frunks.

Without their exuberance, Navy would not have reached the final.

We can only keep our fingers crossed in the hoping of making next year "third time lucky"

— "DIMPLES"