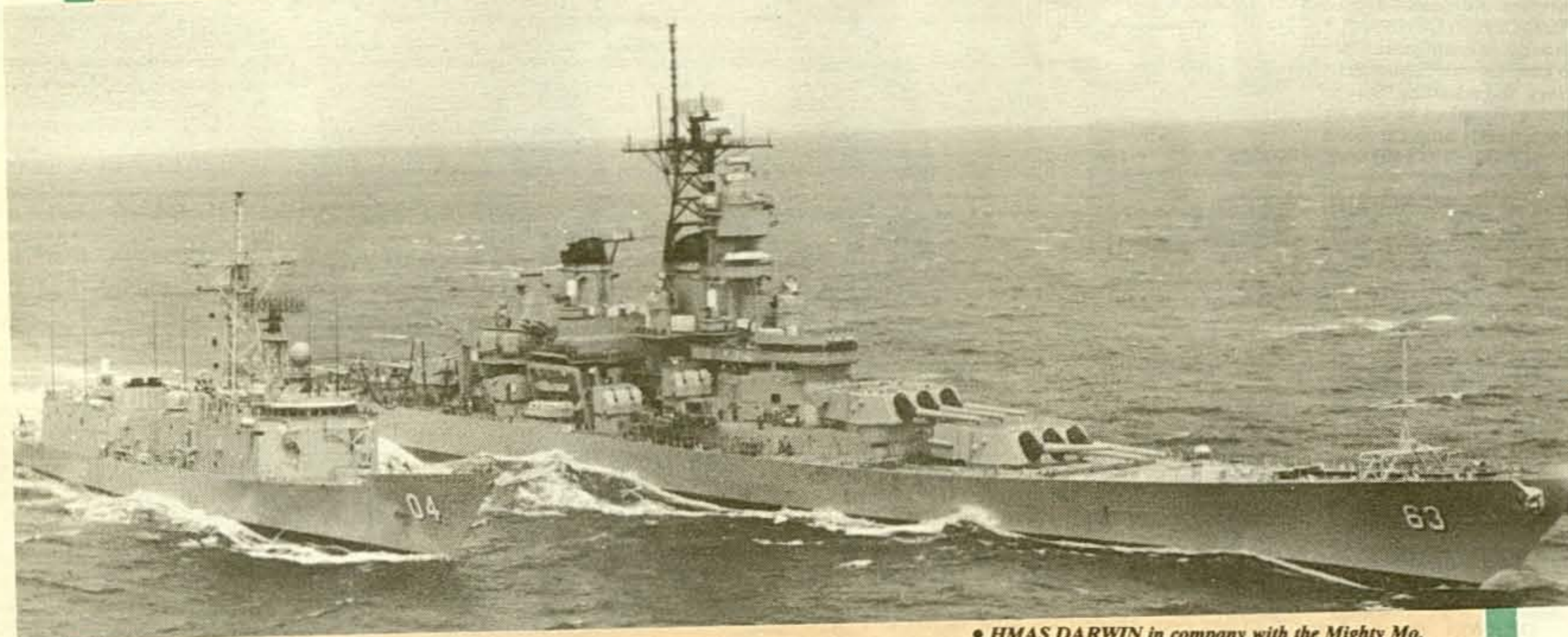




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• HMAS DARWIN in company with the Mighty Mo.

PEACE RETURNS

The "battles" of Rimpac 88 are over and the multi-nation exercise has been labelled an unqualified success.

RAN Maritime Commander, Rear Admiral Peter Sinclair, spoke of the success of the exercise on his return to Australia from the exercise headquarters in Hawaii.

As a major figure in Rimpac 88, RADM Sinclair was able to see first hand the smooth operation of the many facets involved.

RADM Sinclair took command of a defending force during the free-play phase of the exercise. Under his control were eight services from three nations; among his assets were nuclear submarines,

Rimpac a success

a battleship, the USS MISSOURI, and B-52s.

He said the mix of nationalities and services under his command made for a particular challenge.

"Conducting and co-ordinating the offensive and defensive actions at sea were formidable," he said.

"That we were able to get such close co-ordination and effectiveness speaks well for the ability of the three countries to work together."

He said the interoperability of

Australian, U.S. and Canadian forces was a highlight of the exercise, proven across the full operational spectrum.

The exercise scenario for the free-play phase saw the defending Orange force, under RADM Sinclair's command, opposing a Blue amphibious task force spearheaded by the US carrier NIMITZ.

Their battles raged across the north-eastern Pacific for almost two weeks.

The MISSOURI led the surface action groups against NIMITZ and her escorts as they made their way from San Diego to Hawaii.

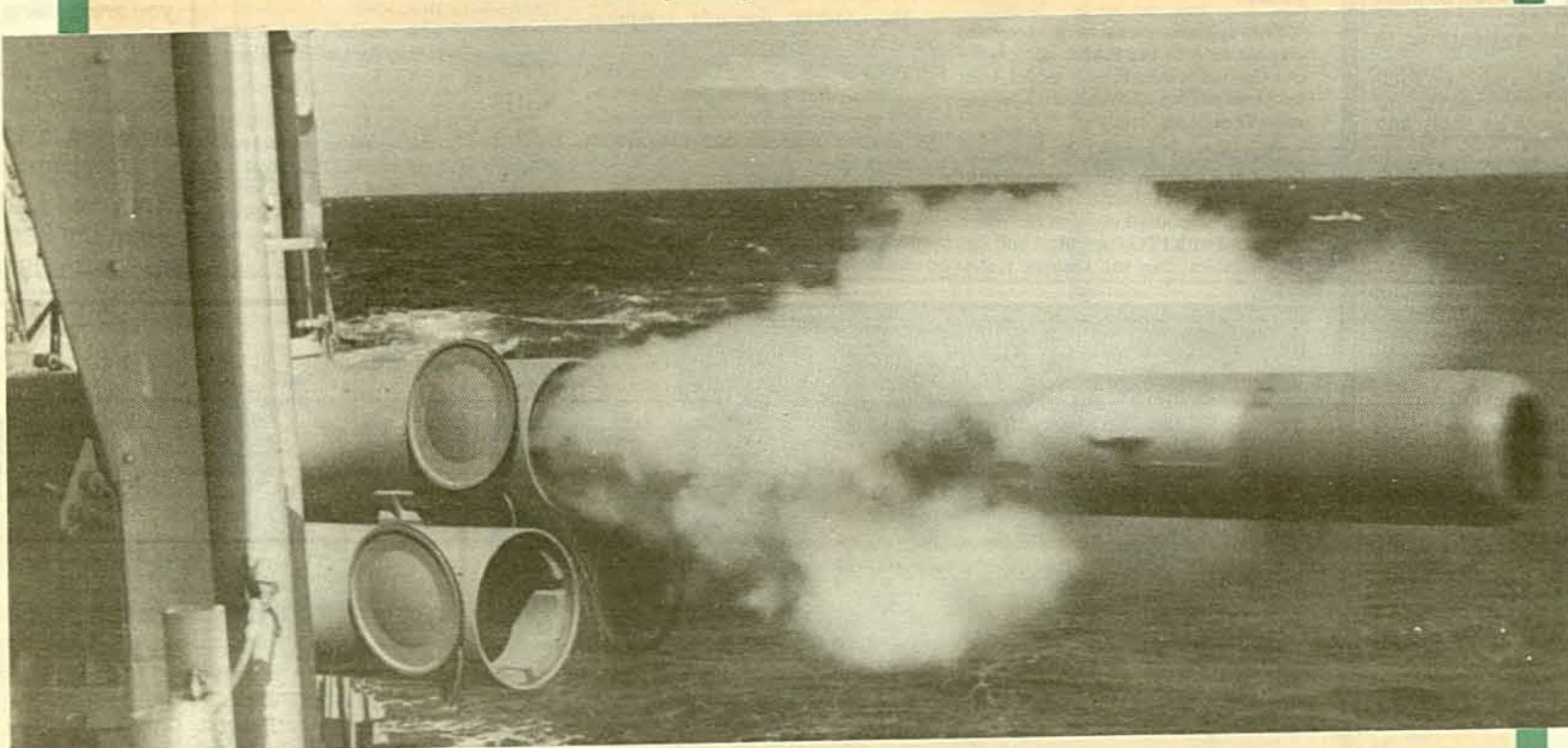
One of the six RAN participants almost continually in the thick of the action was HMAS DARWIN. She accompanied USS LONG-BEACH in deep probe surface strikes and participated in the successful prosecution of submarines.

The highlight of DARWIN's Rimpac was escorting MISSOURI

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• SUBMARINES beware! DARWIN fires a MK46 torpedo during the live-fire phase of Rimpac.

CANBERRA SINKS THE BUCKEYE

CANBERRA has achieved another first in the RAN by successfully firing a second Harpoon anti-ship missile in the mobile sea range off the Hawaiian islands.

In 1981 CANBERRA fired the RAN's first surface-launched Harpoon missile and the recent firing is only the RAN's fourth surface launch.

In a co-ordinated firing with a US A-6E Corsair, CANBERRA scored a hit on the target, the former USS BUCKEYE.

The many weeks of preparation and hard work by the operations and weapons electrical departments paid off with the Harpoon firing and the equally successful Standard anti-air missile firing two days previously.

In between firings CANBERRA took advantage of the opportunity to work with the USS NIMITZ for a day.

As one of the world's largest aircraft carriers launched and recovered half a dozen different aircraft CANBERRA faithfully carried out her duties as plane guard, even when full power was required just to keep up with the carrier!

A crew from the US Navy Broadcasting Service embarked in CANBERRA during the firings to film life onboard and Australian ship for a weekly program shown in all USN ships and establishments as well as some commercial television stations in the United States.

With the emphasis on highlighting the differences between Australian and US shipboard life they were quick to home in on beer issues and beards. A complete segment was devoted to beer and they were intrigued by the beard growing contest.

After over a month of operating out of Pearl Harbour CANBERRA returned there after the firings for a final port visit. For most this was a time to properly relax and enjoy Hawaii and with almost all of the participating ships in port it was an opportunity to get out and meet new friends from different navies.

Rimpac over

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in a high-speed dash through the enemy amphibious task force as it approached the enemy amphibious zone.

Our correspondent reports DARWIN provided her with AAW protection while her 16-inch guns "destroyed the remnants of the survivors".

In the final, live-fire, phase of the exercise DARWIN successfully fired two war-

shot Mk 46 anti-submarine torpedoes from her ship-launched torpedo tubes.

DARWIN also fired an SM-1 surface-to-air missile with some good results. Sister-ship HMAS CANBERRA probably had better results with her SM-1 firing but the highlight of her Rimpac participation was her Harpoon firing.



CPOQM Clarie Brown leads a HOBART hit squad raid on Waikiki Beach.

Busy time in Hawaii

□ Chief Petty Officer Bob Mays of HMAS HOBART gave the Americans a lesson in quick thinking during Rimpac 1988.

CPO Mays rescued an American sailor from the water, after the sailor accidentally drove his car from a wharf at Pearl Harbour.

HOBART's Sub Lieutenant Chris Eggleton presented CPO Mays with an honour certificate for the rescue.

As HOBART heads home to Sydney from Rimpac word is filtering through of some of her relaxing Hawaiian capers.

Take the catch and carry game developed by HOBART sailors on Waikiki Beach.

Object of the "game" was for a HOBART squad to hit the beach and carry away a willing participant. The victims generally did not mind being carried away by Australian charm as our picture above shows.

HMAS HOBART is due back in Sydney on August 17.



CPO Mays and SBLT Eggleton.



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Australia's Mine Countermeasure Needs

The Joint Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade has referred the above matter to its Defence Sub-Committee for investigation and to report with particular reference to:

- the nature and related timescales of the mining threat that Australia would be most likely to face,
- the different technical approaches to mine countermeasures,
- the defence of our major ports and their approaches, including implications for commercial shipping (such as delay and risk of loss),
- the security of passage through our major coastal sea routes, including implications for commercial shipping,
- recent developments in the use of mine warfare, such as in the Persian Gulf, and their implications for Australia,
- having regard to the different levels of priority that might be identified, the resource implications of the associated different levels of mine countermeasures capability, and
- the implications for Australian industry.

The Defence Sub-Committee, chaired by Mr Manfred Cross, MP, invites written submissions from persons and organisations regarding this inquiry. The Sub-Committee also intends holding a number of public hearings in which selected persons and organisations will be invited to present evidence.

Written submissions should be forwarded by 9 December 1988 to:

Mr Alan Stephens
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Model upgrade for FFGs

The final phase of the \$26 million upgrade of the Action Information Organisation Tactical Trainer at HMAS WATSON has been completed.

The upgrade came to a successful conclusion with the RAN's acceptance of a Guided Missile Frigate model, built by Honeywell Ltd (Australia) for almost \$2 million.

The contract involved the manufacturing and installation of computer interfaces, signal simulators and facsimiles of shipboard equipment. When interfaced with FFG computers and display consoles, they will simulate realis-

tic scenarios for training FFG operations personnel.

The new model was required with the fitting of the RAN's Naval Combat Data System to the FFGs.

The AIOTT primarily comprises models of ships' operations rooms.

These models are used in conjunction with computer generated scenarios to train ships' operations room personnel in surface warfare and anti-aircraft procedures.

The operations room models provide AIO training for officers and sailors and for ships' operations room teams.

Until recently, the AIOTT consisted

of training models of the operations room of the Destroyer Escorts (DE), similar but outdated models for the Guided Missile Destroyers (DDG) and a model of the now decommissioned HMAS MELBOURNE.

Until the new model's installation there was no facility for training officers and sailors in NCDS operations at the AIOTT.

The replacement of obsolete models with an FFG combat system model enables the training of NCDS operators, previously conducted at the Combat Data Systems Centre, Fyshwick, ACT, to be co-located with other training programs at WATSON.

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Director General of Equipment Projects, Commodore P. D. McKay accepted the new model from Mr Phyl Miles of Honeywell.



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Contract signed for PPBs

The Defence Science and Personnel Minister, Mrs Ros Kelly, has announced the signing of a contract providing extensive follow-on support for the Pacific Patrol Boats (PPBs) that will continue for two years after the handover of the last vessel.

"The support arrangements will ensure that the vessels continue to operate efficiently, with repair and maintenance carried out in the shortest time possible," Mrs Kelly said.

"The Pacific Patrol Boat Project is a major component of our ongoing Defence Co-operation program with South Pacific countries and provides the main focus of our strategy of enhancing the maritime surveillance of the South Pacific.

"Four vessels have already been handed over, two to Papua New Guinea, and one each to Vanuatu and Western Samoa. This year two more boats will be presented to the Solomon Islands and PNG."

The contract with the vessels' builders, Australian Shipbuilding Industries (WA) Pty Ltd (ASI), is worth \$6.69 million and forms part of the overall PPB project cost of \$68.76 million.

It provides for a centralised data base for technical management of each vessel, technical advice, a range of equipment and a centralised regional link with equipment suppliers.

The arrangements will involve the establishment of a management facility in Canberra, support facilities in Port Moresby, Townsville and, if necessary later, in the South Pacific.

Tenders let for sounder

Tenders have been received for the manufacture, test and trials of the Laser Airborne Depth Sounder (LADS), for the RAN.

The Minister for Defence Science and Personnel, Mrs Ros Kelly, said that four Australian-based firms; BHP Engineering, Clough Systems, Computer Sciences of Australia, and Hawker de Havilland (Victoria), had tendered for the contract which the Navy planned to let by the end of this year.

The LADS system was developed by scientists of the Defence Science and Technology Organisation (DSTO) as a major survey tool for the RAN.

Coastal waters can be mapped faster and more efficiently from the air than by normal depth sounding equipment operating from ships.

A large naval-air exercise involving more than 2000 Navy and Air Force personnel will be held in the Tasman Sea from August 15-26.

Code-named TASMEX-88, the exercise is designed to test the ships and aircraft from Australia, Canada and New Zealand in all phases of conventional maritime warfare and to maintain and develop the operational capabilities and interoperability of maritime forces in combined operations.

Under the operational control of the Commodore Auckland, Commodore I. A. Hunter, the exercise starts on August 15 when the ships sail from Brisbane.

The last TASMEX was held in 1984; however, the series dates back to the early 1970s when the first of this type of major maritime exercise was hosted by New Zealand.

Australian Naval forces taking part include the destroyer HMAS BRISBANE, the frigates HMAS CANBERRA,

TORRENS and PARRAMATTA, two patrol craft, HMAS GLADSTONE and HMAS BENDIGO, As well as two Australian submarines HMAS ONSLOW and HMAS ORION.

The New Zealand Naval contingent comprises the frigates HMNZS WELLINGTON and WAIKATO and the new Navy tanker HMNZS ENDEAVOUR. All three New Zealand ships will have been in Brisbane for the New Zealand week of Expo after a three month deployment to the Far East.

One of the main objectives of this year's exercise will be to fully evaluate the effectiveness and role of HMNZS ENDEAVOUR in a fleet environment.

TASMEX-88 will also combine with the annual Naval Volunteer Reserve control of shipping exercise.

Later HMAS BRISBANE will also pay a port visit to Tauranga.

More than
2000 for
TASMEX



• Nineteen-year-old Bernadette Foy is an aerobics teacher who has just started into full time modelling — and it's not hard to see why! Picture: Nev Whitmarsh.

Intensive study for Bay area

Jervis Bay is to be the subject of intensive marine ecological studies over a period of three years, the Minister for Defence, Mr Beazley, has announced.

It will be the most detailed marine environment survey carried out in Australia for more than a decade and will involve the CSIRO Division of Fisheries Research, NSW Fisheries Research Institute, the University of Sydney, the Australian Museum, the Australian Defence Force Academy, Department of Defence research scientists and private consultants.

The complex scientific studies, which are the result of two years planning, will be divided into 12 projects with a total cost of \$5.5m.

Part of the data from the studies will provide scientific information for the environment impact statement on the proposed relocation of naval facilities from Sydney to Jervis Bay.

However, the major end-product of the research will be the development of a long term environmental management plan for Jervis Bay.

The long term management plan will ensure that:

- commercial and recreational fishing are maintained and improved through better knowledge of fish habits, feeding and breeding;
- people can continue to enjoy the recreational resources of the bay and its shorelines; and
- appropriate conservation measures are provided for sensitive habitats and the plant and animal communities that they support.



• Mr Beazley

"Irrespective of the outcome of the environmental assessment processes for the relocation of Naval shore facilities to Jervis Bay," Mr Beazley said, "the Navy, Army and Air Force will continue to use the area for major training activities."

"Consequently, a long term environmental management plan is needed for areas under the control of the Defence Department.

"The Commonwealth's existing management plans have provided limited protection against haphazard development in Jervis Bay and its environs.

"These new studies will ensure that the marine environment will remain protected into the 21st century and beyond", Mr Beazley said.

Noting that nine of the 12 projects would be undertaken by the CSIRO Division of Fisheries and NSW Fisheries Research Institute, Mr Beazley said both organisations were of world standing and their independence could not be disputed.

"I have no doubt," Mr Beazley said, "that the studies will provide important spin-offs for the Australian fishing industry, amateur fishermen, tourism and the residents of Jervis Bay."

Data obtained during the studies will be stored.

TECHNICAL WRITERS

The Australian Submarine Corporation Integrated Logistic Support Department is seeking the services of qualified Technical Writers for the preparation of technical source data into approved formats.

The position requires dedicated and self motivated persons with a desire to expand their knowledge in a computer based environment.

For further details contact R. Sykes on (08) 348 7140 or send a resume marked confidential to: Recruitment Officer, Australian Submarine Corporation Pty. Limited, P.O. Box 2472, Adelaide S.A. 5001

Success for bomb

An innovative Australian designed glide bomb has been successfully tested in South Australia.

The glide bomb, will be launched from an aircraft and will have an explosive and penetrating power similar to that of a Harpoon or Exocet missile, but at a fraction of the cost.

The glide bomb concept has been developed over the past decade by a team of scientists from the Weapons Division of the Weapons Systems Research Laboratory within the Defence Science and Technology Organisation

and from Aerospace Technologies of Australia.

The scientists have developed a method of converting a normal 250 kilogram bomb into a "smart" weapon.

The bomb, if fully developed, could be programmed to be released from the aircraft at some distance and take a prescribed path to the target.

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Since leaving the wintry shores of Australia's west coast the ship's company of HMAS DERWENT has been enjoying the tropical climate of South East Asia as part of Operation Nak Tong Tiew, which has so far included visits to Jakarta, Bangkok and Singapore. Nak Tong Tiew is a Thai term for tourist but only partly depicts the goals of the deployment as the busy operational program attests. DERWENT's correspondent takes up the story.



• HMAS DERWENT arrives in Singapore for the start of a 10-day, pre-exercise Starfish visit.

Deployment hones work, social skills

DERWENT berthed at Tanjong Priok wharves in Jakarta in company with HMAS SWAN for a busy three-day visit which was packed with both official and sporting engagements.

DERWENT hosted a combined reception with 130 guests. Among these were senior Indonesian officers and military attaches from 21 foreign nations including CAPT A. Mezin from the USSR.

DERWENT paraded a guard for the traditional ceremonial sunset and the guard officer, SBLT Nick Woodley, and guard members did an excellent job.

The TNI-AL sports teams proved strong and had victories over DERWENT teams in soccer (5-0) and volleyball (5-0 also). A Rugby match was played against the International Sports Club of Indonesia with SWAN playing the first half and DERWENT the second. Under the captaincy of Andy Armes DERWENT managed to reduce a 9-0 deficit to 9-3 at fulltime with a penalty by ABMTP O'Brien. Six DERWENT sailors acquitted themselves well in the Hash House Harriers run sponsored by the Batavia Harriers.

DERWENT sailed in company with SWAN and headed for a rendezvous with two Kiwi Leander

class frigates, HMNZ Ships WELLINGTON and WAIKATO.

During the Kiwi PASSEX opportunities were taken to train helicopter transfer crews with the RNZN Wasp and DERWENT's bicentennial gift from Britain, our OPSO LCDR Elliot Seatherton RN was invited to ride in WAIKATO's Wasp and gained a bird's-eye view of the OOW manoeuvres progressing below.

Unfortunately SWAN had to detach for Singapore to effect some mechanical repairs leaving DERWENT to represent the RAN until completion of the PASSEX and then continue on passage to Thailand and Bangkok.

The visit to Bangkok proved stimulating and started with official calls by the Commanding Officer, CMDR David Shackleton, as usual a reception was held and was attended by more than 40 RTN personnel and embassy staff. Congratulations are again due to the guard paraded for the ceremonial sunset, this time headed up by SBLT Squizzy Taylor.

The Bunyip Bar at the

Australian Embassy hosted a successful "Happy Hour" for 60 senior and junior sailors during the official reception.

The British Club of Bangkok offered honorary membership to DERWENT ship's company for the duration of the visit, including free use of the excellent tennis, squash and swimming facilities. The club also fielded teams for golf, rugby and squash which offered many sporting highlights.

First to the playing fields were the golfers ably led by POMED "Wacka" Payne. A titanic struggle ensued with Wacks taking out individual honours but the British Club won the teams event.

DERWENT did well to field soccer and Rugby teams with the soccer players losing to an RTN team 5-0, despite an excellent performance in the goals by POSN Pete Bellman. The Pat Pong Road affected Rugby team suffering defeat at the hands of the British Club 26-4, with our only try scored by ABMTP O'Brien.

The DERWENT squash

players were valiant in defeat by the more experienced British Club teams and of particular note was the effort of LEUT Steve Dachs who, after taking the first two games, succumbed to his heat-wise opponent.

The ship was opened to visitors and 244 Thais journeyed down to the wharves to view DERWENT. Forty RTN cadets also visited the ship. Other visits were a tour and part arranged for 50 under privileged Thai children and a tour for 20 embassy staff and expats.

Twenty RTN officers and wives hosted a return official function at the Piman Theatre Restaurant. The function was attended by 20 RAN officers including the Commanding Officers of DERWENT and SWAN, which had arrived in Bangkok from Singapore.

DERWENT and SWAN left Bangkok to conduct a PASSEX with the RTN Ships PINKLAO and CHONBURI. At the rendezvous a boat transfer saw the exchange of two officers between DERWENT and PINKLAO with Lieutenant David Greaves representing the RAN on-board PINKLAO.

Navy band gets standing ovation

Capacity crowds gave the R.A.N. Combined Bands a standing ovation and requested encores during the recent EXPO Australia Week performances.

The Victoria Naval Band (VNB) and the Naval Support Command Band (NSC) combined under the direction of the Director of Music, Navy (DMUS-N), Lieutenant Commander V. G. Knowles, to perform in Brisbane at Expo 88 on June 18-19.

Performances at EXPO 88 consisted of leading the lunch time parade and performing a 30 minute marching display at the Piazza.

The Piazza performances lasted three times that of normal marching displays and instead of taking place on the usual (about) 100m x 15m rectangular area they were performed on a circular area, 25m in diameter and comprised twice the number of musicians as normal.

The performances were seen by audiences of 4000/5000 and the RAN band was only the third since EXPO began to receive a standing ovation.

The lunch time parades were seen by more than 40,000 onlookers.

While in the area the Victoria Naval Band supported a Naval Association tree planting ceremony at the Forrest of Fame Park near Gatton and the Combined Band performed in concert in Toowoomba City Hall.



• SBLT Sean O'Dwyer, Kay Cottee and LEUT Mark Sander in the torpedo compartment of HMAS ONSLOW.

First lady pays visit to ONSLOW

Few readers would be unaware that Kay Cottee was the first solo yachtswoman to sail around the world non-stop.

Few, also, would have imagined that after seven solitary months she would be in a hurry to go onboard a boat again.

However, this was exactly what Kay did on Saturday, July 16 as, she was welcomed onboard HMAS ONSLOW.

Kay admitted to Executive Officer, LEUT Mark Sander, as he conducted her around the submarine, that she is used to less spacious surroundings but might find it difficult to share them with 70 other people.

During her tour Kay exchanged yarns with the ships' company.

Everyone's enthusiasm to hear more of her epic trip, combined with Kay's

keen interest in the submarine, turned her quick visit into the sort of walkthrough reserved only for those who are ready for their submarine part III qualification.

While looking through the after periscope, Kay recalled lonely times when in mid-Pacific, she would sit and wonder if she and 'Blackmore's First Lady'

were being watched from below. 'You never know!' a voice piped up from the background.

Kay may not have left the gates of HMAS PLATYPUS as a submariner but her visit was enjoyed so much by the ships' company that she may well be invited to become an honorary member of HMAS ONSLOW's After Mess.

Victualling Branch - RE-UNION

Venue — Sportsman Club, HMAS NIRIMBA, Quakers Hill NSW 2764
Date — Saturday, September 10, 1988
Time — Commencing 1930 hours
Cost — \$15 per head/\$25 per double
Food — Barbecue and Smally eats
Drinks — Beer/Wine/Soft drinks
Missing Mates — If you know of any ex-stores victualling sailors whom you do not have a current address or phone number for, let us know their names.
Please contact the following people for any more information: CPOSV Pedro Petersen (02) 626 4613; POSV Tony Crocker 626 4614; Ex CPOSV Jim Short OAM 626 4291.



• The RAN Combined Band leads the lunchtime parade at EXPO.

HMAS SUCCESS SHIP'S BALL 1988

All present and past serving members of HMAS SUCCESS are invited to attend a Ship's Ball at the AJC Centre, Randwick, Sydney on Friday 9 September 1988.

COST: — \$25.00 per person. \$50.00 double.
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HMAS PERTH — alive and well



• **CMDR Martin Smith, CO PERTH, discusses the role of welding/burning sentry with (l to r) WRETTP Caroline Handley, WRETTP Melissa Mackay, WRSV Toni Duffy and WRETTP Amanda Johnston.**



• **The PERTH contingent, led by LEUT Alistair Richards and WOCOX Peter Bergin, march through the streets of Perth during the tri-Service freedom of entry march.**



• **Members of the ship's company of PERTH with Mr Robin Yarran, Rhonda Habich, Laura Parker and "Kaos" the dog at Sister Kate's.**

To rejoin fleet in '89

Yes, the rumours are true! — HMAS PERTH will rejoin the fleet again in 1989, bigger and definitely better than ever.

by LEUT Richards.



The second modernisation of a DDG progresses well with a great deal of effort both by dockyard and Ships staff.

The refit will result in improvements in the weapons systems, habitability and machinery.

Milestones achieved already this year include fitting new air-conditioning plant; the fitting out of one messdeck (the first to be done by contract); the reinstallation of the shafts and screws; and the refurbishment of the boilers and engines.

PERTH chalked up a first this year when four female members of the RAN were posted to the ship. WRETTP Handley, WRSV Duffy, WRETTP Mackay and WRETTP Johnston (pictured with the CO) were posted to PERTH and involved in ships staff maintenance, fire sentry commitments and technical office writer areas.

All were pleased to be the first women posted to a commissioned DDG although they were somewhat disappointed not to be going to sea.

All four leapt into their new roles of destroyer women with zeal and have quickly become assimilated into the ship's company. (WRSV Duffy recently posted to HMAS WATSON).

In late May, 30 PERTH personnel travelled to Perth to participate in a bicentennial tri-Service freedom of entry march.

The march involved a Navy contingent, two Army and one RAAF squadron. The parade, totalling 700 men and women, was naturally led by HMAS PERTH with the ship having been granted freedom of entry to the streets of Perth in early 1966.

Thanks must be expressed to HMAS SWAN, HMAS DERWENT and HMAS

visiting Sister Kate's Child and Family Services.

Sister Kate's caters for a range of family needs and the ship has always had a strong association with this organisation since commissioning. The day was spent in the sun completing many manpower intensive tasks.

The return journey was uneventful, although long (the milkrun via Adelaide and Melbourne) and the marchers quickly returned to the task of modernising the pride of the Fleet.

Time out from work was signalled on Friday, June 17 to allow the ship to commemorate one full year in the Captain Cook Dock.

This feat was also achieved by some other ships in the past, but PERTH is still docked down, counting the days and trying not to break the record.

All this time in dock (a good part of it with HMAS SYDNEY) has allowed a great deal of underwater work to be completed and will alleviate the need for a second docking later in the refit.

After many days slaving over the hot stove by LSCK Chris Hazell and the ships cooks the anniversary cake was cut by CMDR Martin Smith (Commanding Officer) and SMNETP Kennedy (the youngest member of PERTH).

OXLEY for boosting the Perth contingent to 190.

The music was provided by the RANR band and an exceptional guard and colour party was paraded by DERWENT.

The contingent was challenged by Commissioner Bull of the Western Australian Police who was more than ably supported by four mounted police.

The reply was made by Lieutenant Alistair Richards (XO PERTH) and WOCOX Peter Bergin (scroll bearer) before the parade continued past the saluting position at Town Hall.

The salute was received by the Lord Mayor of Perth, Charles Hopkins assisted by Commodore R.M. Baird Naval Officer Commanding Western Australia.

The hectic pace of the Perth visit continued with HMAS PERTH personnel

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What you need to know about NPD

By LCDR John Wenban

In a recent edition of *Navy News* I said I would provide details of when and where the Net Pay Deposit NPD education program will be conducted.

The presently proposed schedule for the introduction of NPD to shore establishments is:

- September 15 1988 — HMAS HARMAN and the Defence Force Academy.
- October 27 1988 — All establishments in NSW and HMAS CRESWELL.
- November 10 1988 — All establishments in Victoria, South Australia and Tasmania.
- November 24 1988 — All establishments in Queensland the Northern Territory and West Australia.

To meet that schedule I plan to visit establishments on the following dates:

HMAS ALBATROSS August 29-30 1988; HMAS CRESWELL September 1 1988; HMAS KUTTABUL (and outstations) September 2,12,13,15,16 1988; HMAS NIRIMBA September 5-6 1988; HMAS PENGUIN September 7 1988; HMAS WATERHEN September 8 1988; HMAS PLATYPUS September 9 1988; HMAS WATSON September 14 1988; HMAS CERBERUS September 19-23 1988; HMAS MORETON September 29-30 1988; HMAS CAIRNS October 3-4 1988; HMAS COONAWARRA October 6-7 1988; HAROLD E. HOLT October 11 1988; HMAS STIRLING October 12-13 1988.

While in Sydney I also expect to visit places such as the Remington building, Maritime Headquarters, SAMR, Zetland etc.

By doing that I would hope to minimise disruption to personnel and management alike. More details of 'when and where' will be promulgated by establishments and the *Navy News* closer to the times of my visits.

RESETTLEMENT TRAINING Diploma in Occupational Health & Safety Management — SYDNEY

Following the success of the inaugural ADF Resettlement Diploma Course conducted in December 1987, the National Safety Council of Australia is proposing to conduct a second Diploma Course in Sydney, specifically for those who are considering leaving the Defence Force and who wish to embark on a career in Occupational Health and Safety.

The Course will be of 3 weeks (full-time) duration, and will be conducted at "NSCA House", Redfern in Sydney, from Monday 26 September 1988 to Friday 14 October, 1988.

The cost of this Course will be \$950, with Key Subject Areas being:

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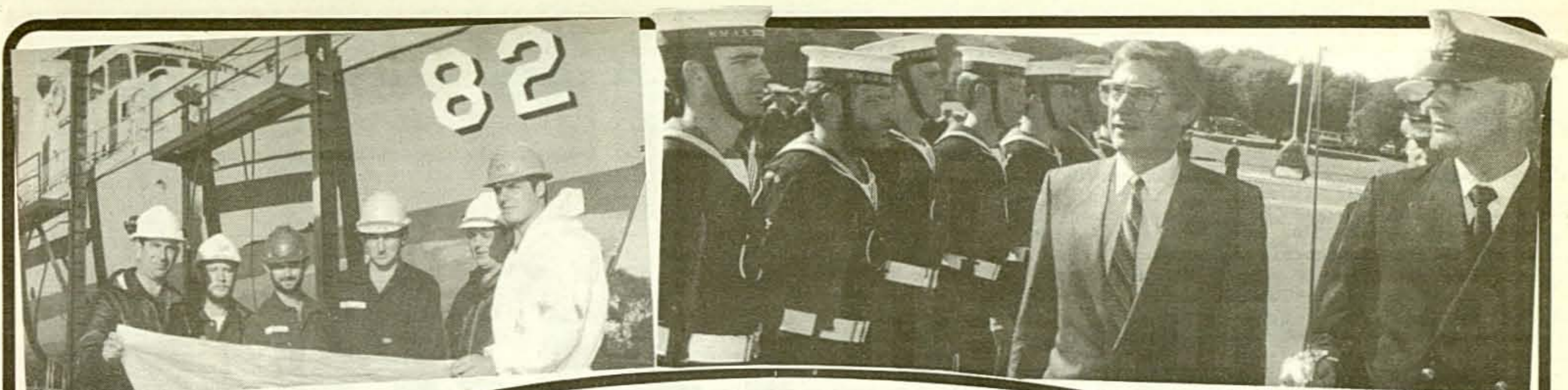
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WA Premier, Mr Peter Dowding, inspecting the guard.

HMAS STIRLING

TENTH ANNIVERSARY



Premier Dowding meeting CMDR Bob Mummery (CSO Tech to NOCWA).



NOCWA, CDRE Malcolm Baird (right) with Premier Dowding, STIRLING CO, CAPT Geoff Earley and XO, CMDR Richard Usher.

July 28, 1988 marked the 10th anniversary of the commissioning of the Naval Support Facility, HMAS STIRLING, in Western Australia.

The WA Premier, Mr Peter Dowding attended ceremonial divisions, and congratulated the RAN on an important milestone.

He emphasised the high regard in which the Navy was held in the west.

They were good citizens and were warmly received, he added.

"We look forward to an increase in the presence of the Navy.

"You are good citizens, well thought of, well respected in the community and very welcome to expand your operations here in Western Australia."

WA's Navy PRO, Vic Jeffery, lists notable events at STIRLING in the last 10 years:

27 Nov 78 HMAS ACUTE was recommissioned at HMAS STIRLING as the first patrol boat to be based there.

13 Oct 81 RAN Weapons and Equipment Depot opened by RADM Andrew Robertson on northern end of island.

08 Feb 83 CAPT Darryl Fox was appointed first individual captain of HMAS STIRLING.

Previous captains were NOCWA.

27 July 83 New million dollar Recompression Chamber was handed over to CDT4.

20 Jan 84 HMAS STUART arrived as the first destroyer to be based at HMAS STIRLING.

17 Feb 84 Patrol boat HMAS GERALDTON — first Fremantle class patrol boat based in WA.

04 Oct 85 Mr Kim Beazley, Minister for Defence, opened HMAS STIRLING's \$1.1million gym.

05 Sep 86 75th Anniversary time capsule placed in grounds of HMAS STIRLING to be opened on 100th Birthday of RAN.

20 Sep 87 HMAS OXLEY arrives as first submarine homeported in WA.

22 Apr 88 The \$17.5m RAN Submarine Escape training facility was officially opened by Minister for Defence, Mr Beazley.

WA-based photographer LSPH Bill McBride, in this pictorial report, looks at just some of the vital roles — and the personnel currently performing them — at STIRLING.



In the recompression chamber are clearance divers (L-R): LS Gareth Peters, AB John Heesters, PO Peter Trivisonno and AB Brendan Wilkinson.



ABCD John Heesters in the submarine training escape facility.



The medical and dental staffs planning an "operation" on senior medical officer, LCDR Mike Loxton.



SGT Ian Gore (left) with three of his team of naval policemen.



Seaman branch members (L-R) LSRP Jerry Lewis, ABRP Red Barron, POQMG Frank Ness and ABQMG "Stumpy" Nicholls (front) slipping HMAS MORESBY.



CPO Arthur Crowther (OIC) top of picture — with his tug crews.



Busily working on a chart is LSMET "Fozzy" Foster.

Roger's gone but not the folklore

The RAN lost one of its finest sons, with the retirement of Lieutenant Commander Roger Oyston.

In July, LCDR Oyston transferred to the RAN Emergency Reserve on his 30th service birthday having upheld the traditions of the RAN for most of that time. The odd occasion when he may not have, could in time become part of the RAN's unwritten folklore.

Roger entered the RAN as a Naval artificer apprentice — later taking the way of Noah and 'passing out' as a shipwright tradesman despite the attempts of a minority group among his instructors to have him do otherwise.

He was the HMAS NIRIMBA volunteer band drum major for two years where he added dignity and style to an otherwise ordinary musical performance.

Representing the apprentices school at hockey, rugby and golf, it was the later diversion that was to add new honours to his list of achievements.

Promoted to sub lieutenant in 1971 he accepted the mandatory posting to the United

Kingdom without complaint to complete special duties engineering training.

When it was fashionable for shipwright officers to cross train to marine engineer (hull), Roger was in the first group selected with a number of other equally talented officers to undergo transformation to that 'purple band' in the engine and boiler rooms of the aircraft carrier HMAS MELBOURNE.

In practical terms Roger became a professional RAN engineer officer occupying a wide variety of responsible, rewarding and at times delicate billets.

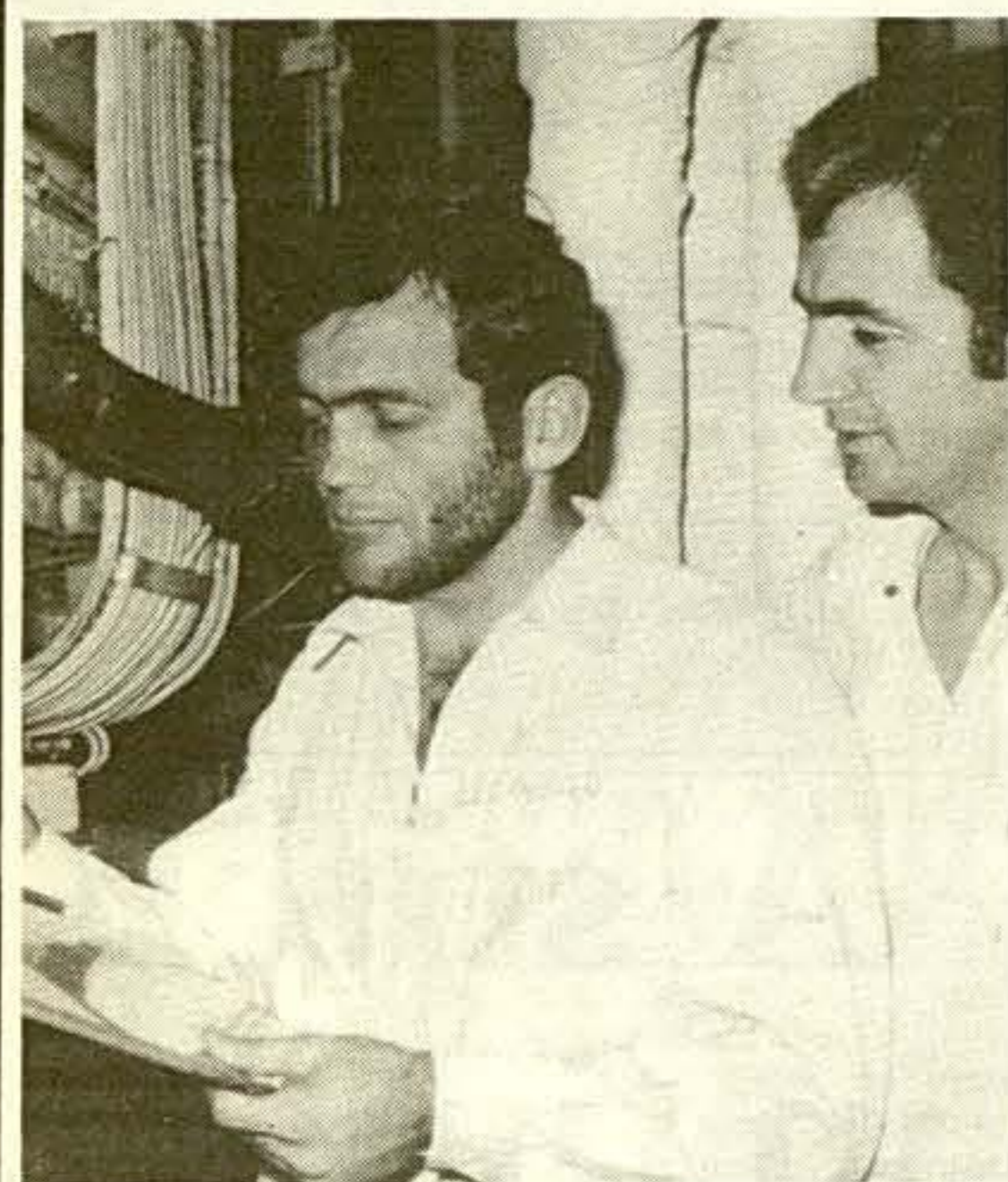
Upholding traditions throughout his career Roger was the ideal divisional officer; fatherly, firm, fair and respected by his staff — he encouraged and achieved team spirit.

Roger may claim many firsts in his career, if one had time to listen to an 'old salt spin a dit', but it's believed that he may be one of the few, if not the only RAN engineer officer capable of, and called upon, to command a Royal Guard.

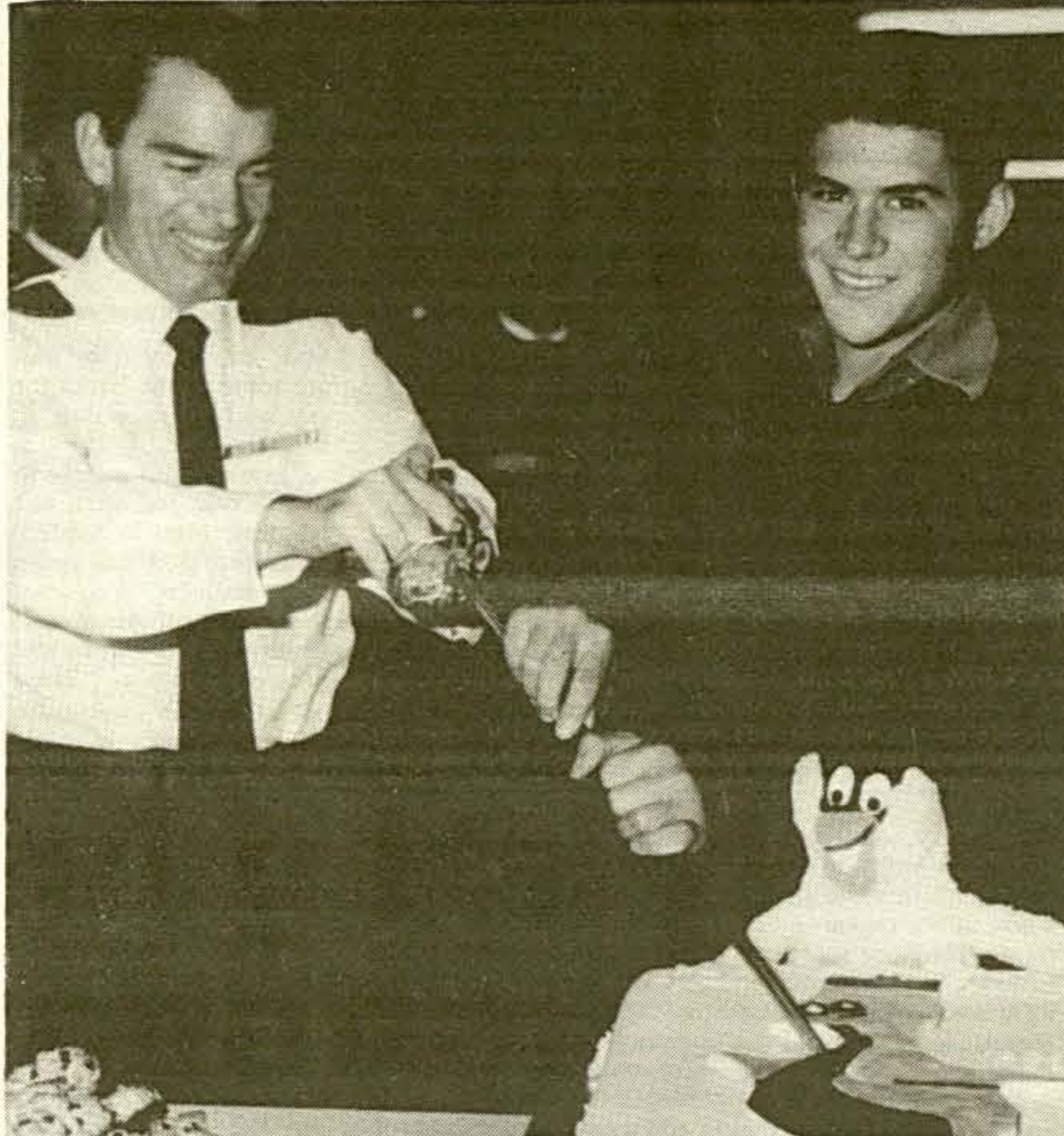
Roger intends settling in Cairns where he will join NQEA.



DISCUSSING new ADF careers for women, FLTLT Eleanor Jones (left), SSGT Sue Shannon, Mrs Kelly and CMDR Liz Coles.



BROTHERS on the job ... Chris Oyston (left) and Roger Oyston pictured during engine room rounds on-board MELBOURNE in the mid-1970s.



CAPT Cawthorn (left) and SMN Padgett cut the anniversary cake.

Women on track for new roles

The Defence Science and Personnel Minister, Mrs Kelly, says servicewomen should have the opportunity to rise to the highest ranks in the Australian Defence Force.

Speaking at a seminar on the career expectations of women in the Services in Canberra Mrs Kelly promised that women would have access to a wider range of careers within the ADF.

She told a representative group of servicewomen that the ADF was recruiting women of the highest quality for the forces who "expect and deserve" the opportunity to pursue careers which matched their ability.

The Minister said that although the Australian Defence Force already had one of the highest proportions of women members — 9.5 per cent — of any Western country, the range of available jobs was still too restrictive.

"While the exclusion of women from combat roles is likely to continue, women can make a greater contribution for example, as instructors in combat and combat-related areas," Mrs Kelly said.

"Working in these types of areas will give women the command experience which they need to reach high Australian Defence Force ranks."

Mrs Kelly said the seminar also considered other factors which affect women's careers such as discrimination and the combination of careers and families.

Measures to provide support in such areas would be developed as a result of the seminar.

The Review Group considered matters such as opening some operational headquarters and training positions to women as women increasingly undertake the same training courses as men; whether the employment of women in operational training positions would have any effect on combat efficiency; and the initiatives needed within the Services so that career opportunities to one star rank became available to women.

- Other topics included:
- reconciling family life and Service career;
 - improving career opportunities for women in the Services, and
 - can the career expectations of today's women be satisfied in the Services.

New pilots for Navy

The RAN has gained three new pilots, with the graduation of pilot course No. 144.

The pilots graduated from RAAF Base PEARCE. Among the graduates were Lieutenants Jerry Butler and Cliff Gaudie and Sub Lieutenant Paul Bowler.

Family and friends from all over Australia attended the graduation parade.

They saw SBLT Bowler present the graduating class to the Defence Science and Personnel Minister, Mrs Kelly.

LEUT Gaudie was presented with the S. J. Gohle trophy for the most proficient pilot on course.

'Raisin' a cake

HMAS PENGUIN's 46th birthday, July 14, was celebrated in the highest spirit, as two young sailors put their best feet forward on the day.

SMNCK Luke Benbow, 18, got his cake and ate it too! Luke designed and prepared an outstanding 28 x 50cm fruit cake, which had everybody smiling on the day.

After three days of persistent effort, boxes and boxes of raisins, sultanas, cherries and dates combined with "just the right amount" of rum and sherry.

Luke was able to sit back with a smile of self satisfaction, and watch everybody devour the object of his dedicated labour.

In combination with the Commanding Officer, Captain R. Cawthorn, SMNSR Peter Padgett, 17, displayed his talents by cutting the cake with a well polished and clean naval sword.

Peter's career with the RAN has just started after successfully passing the basic SR course and he remains the youngest sailor at PENGUIN.



THE new graduates, LEUT Gaudie (left), LEUT Butler and SBLT Bowler.



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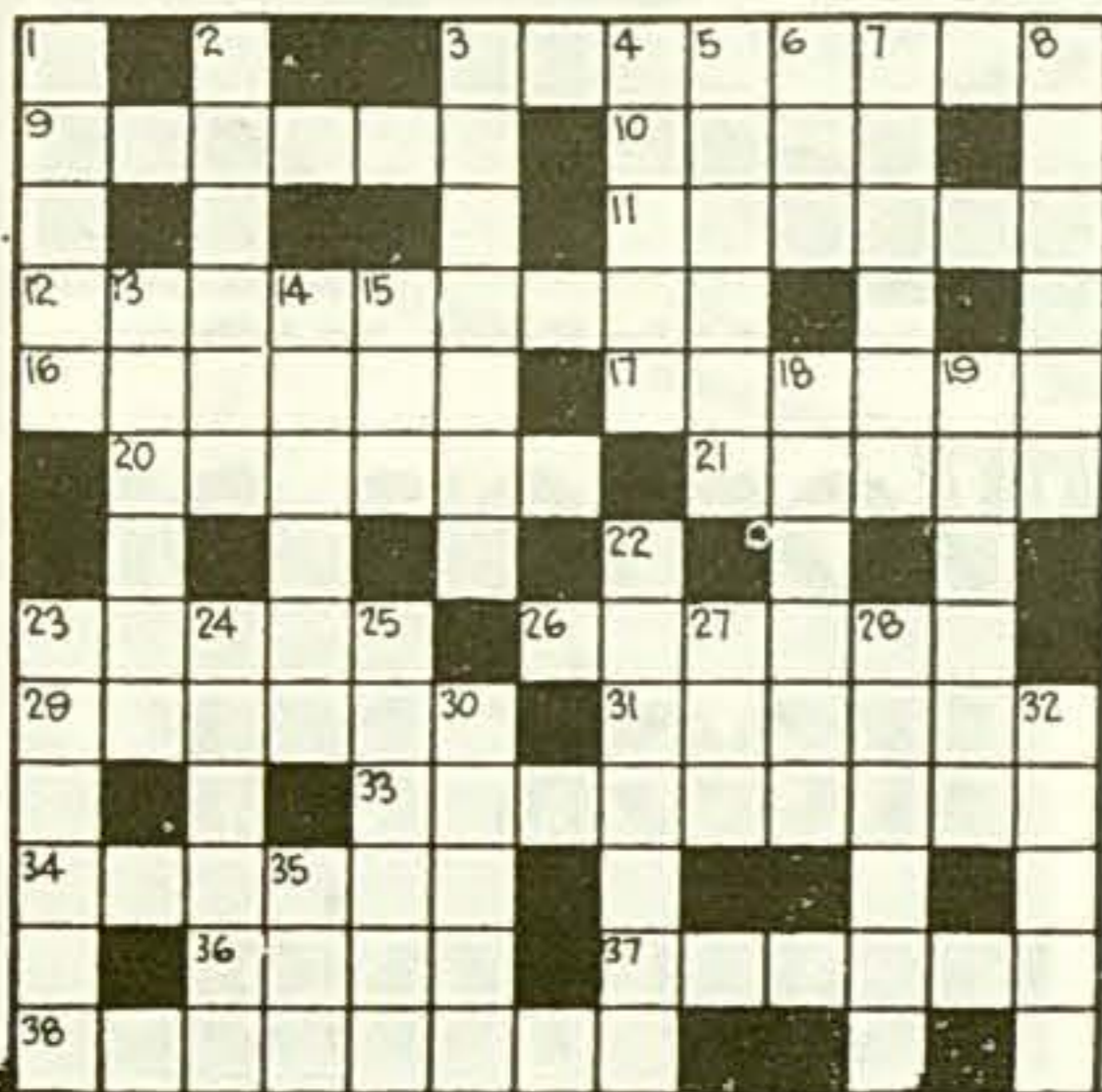
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Recruits join front line of Defence

Commodore A.R. Cummins was the reviewing officer at the recent graduation parade of General Entry 43 from the Recruit Training School at HMAS CERBERUS.

For the graduating division of 106 recruits, the parade marked not only the end of 82 days of recruit training, but also the beginning of specialist naval training.

CDRE Cummins thanked the passing out division for a smart parade.

He said that the Commanding Officer HMAS CERBERUS, Commodore J. S. Dickson, the recruit school instructors and all the parents and friends present could be justly proud of those who demonstrated their willingness to learn and determination to achieve the first basic professional knowledge as sailors in our Navy.

CDRE Cummins went on to say that: "Service in the Royal Australian Navy brings with it the pride and honour of a total personal contribution to the security and well being of our great country."

"The Navy is at the front line of the defence of our Nation.

"We provide the forces that keep the safety of our sea lanes; the routes for the imports and exports on which the wealth of the Nation depends.

"It is the Navy that shows first the armed strength of



CDRE Cummins casts his gunnery eyes over number one platoon as he inspects the graduating division.

frigates, minwarfare projects and the supporting infrastructure ashore".

CDRE Cummins said the navy depended on the leadership skills of officers and senior sailors and the professional excellence of all to make the RAN effective.

He advised the recruits to expand their knowledge

ness, fair weather or foul are some of the basics for safe and effective duty at sea.

"In addition, you have to live in cramped often wet quarters; even in modern warships. It is a young man's business. "You learn the realities of life at close hand in all its human and professional reality. "There

Passing out parade

our country, and our governments will, to have peace and freedom in the whole of our region — one third of the globe's surface.

"We make the charts for all to use. We patrol against illegal immigration and importation.

"We represent our country abroad and back up our foreign policy.

"We lead the technological development of our industry in many fields in the largest expansion ever of our maritime forces; new submarines, helicopters,

every day. "Learn to be expert, confident, safe and sure in everything you do at sea and ashore," he said.

He also sounded a note of warning.

"The sea is a harsh and unforgiving environment, for both small and larger ships. On top of all that, add the intense demands of any level of combat at sea.

"Instant reactions to orders, the perfect execution of drills for the use of equipments — as an individual and as part of the team — in daylight, dark-

is no place for the lazy, slow, untrained, or incompetent".

But just as there can be tough times, the commodore said there are definite advantages of a Naval life.

"The friendships you make are usually lifelong. The family of the Navy — those who are serving now, those who have served, and all our parents, close relatives and our children, have a special quality of kinship, understanding and support," he said.

CDRE Cummins had some special advice for the young graduates.

"You will face some other challenges in life. At your age you can expect to fall in love not infrequently.

"Statistically, the length of such 'enduring' relationships is six weeks and often less. Do not rush to find you life's partner.

"Use your seaman's eye and seek the good

council of family and friends.

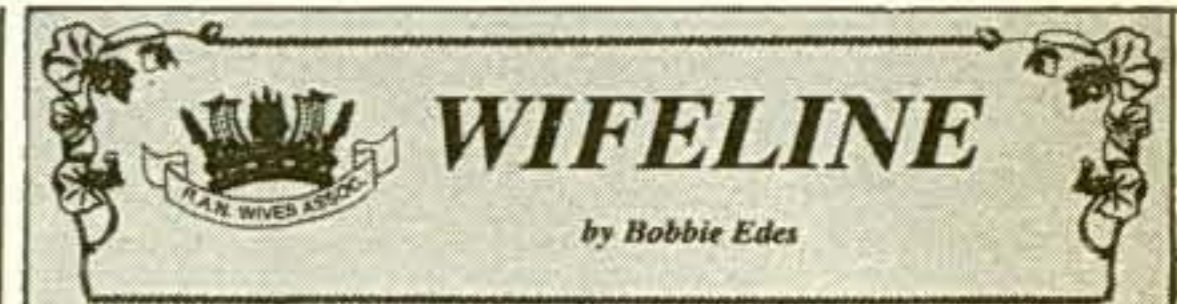
"But first, save enough to get a good start. Plan carefully, be patient. Remember that adage, it's printed in large letters on the shopping bags in US Navy port exchanges: "Navy wife — toughest job in the Fleet".

"Have respect for her before you ask for someone who will have a tougher life than you".



Senior Wran Pauline Campbell of HMAS KUTTABUL, travelled to CERBERUS to see brother Joe, a recruit radar plotter, graduate.

RCTCD Chick was determined to make his graduation parade despite a badly infected finger and took his 'drip' with him when he lined up to receive his graduation certificate from CDRE Cummins.



A stitch in time ...

Western Districts (of Sydney): Next Thursday August 11 is the next get-together of the girls of this group — at 10am in their rooms at HMAS NIRIMBA, Quakers Hill. A stretch-sewing demonstration is the feature of the morning, so why not pop along and learn a little about this easy way to sew?

Babysitting will be available in the adjoining creche. For more details ring Judy on 626 9670.

Norwa: The next coffee morning to be held at the rooms of the RAN and Combined Service Wives and Friends Association will be held on Wednesday August 17 at 10.30am. This meeting will take the form of a soup and sandwich luncheon, and is a good opportunity to bring along a friend, and catch up with old friends.

Cost is \$3 inclusive - and the thrift shop will be open for trading.

The venue is Block I, Flat 2, Canberra Drive Albatross - and babysitting will be provided, free of charge.

Canberra: A woolshed dance is being organised for Saturday night September 3 at Yarralumla. Dress will be bush best, cost is \$20 family, bring a plate, BYO drinks.

Further details can be obtained by ringing Barty on 883 077, Gill on 951 194 - or writing to the club at PO Box 194, Curtain ACT 2605.

CERBERUS: The long awaited bicentennial surprise planned for Monday August 15 is to be this groups great extravaganza! Unfortunately, no more details have been supplied — but if you would like to go, then ring Sue on (059) 792 594.

Secretaries — In order to publicise your activities, I need details well in advance.

As you can see this is not happening. Could Fremantle, Rockingham, Adelaide and CERBERUS groups supply me with up to date details of events until the end of this year as soon as possible:

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NAVY SPORTS SECTION NEWS

Following months of planning, preparation and training, a team of 12 RAN Tasar sailors departed Sydney recently with six Tasars, two trailers and three vehicles, bound for Yeppoon, Queensland, and the World Tasar Championships.

Included in the team was Rick Longbottom the winner of the previous world title; but missing on this occasion was Martin Linsley (the European champion) who was unable to escape the commitments of his new posting in charge of the Junior Officers Staff Course at CRESWELL.

After two days driving the team established their base camp at the Army barracks in Rockhampton, a 40km drive away from the championship venue.

Eager to try the local conditions the entire navy team was on the water by Monday afternoon — along with about 30 other Tasars out for training sessions.

By the time the four race warm-up series started more than 70 Tasars were sailing daily and everyone was left with no doubt that they were in for a tough regatta.

While RAN crews fared well in the overall results of the warm-up series, it was obvious that they would not be dominating the championships the way they had in the previous titles in England.

Best results in the warm-up series were Phil Anderson 4th and Peter Caldwell 7th overall with all four races counting.

After a full day of registration, weigh-ins and measuring, the final count of 111 starters took to the water for the invitation race.

With HMAS BENDIGO's 40/60 making a very audible starting signal the fleet got away in a 15 knot southerly.

Caldwell and John Stranger got the best of the start and immediately served notice they would be a force if the winds stayed strong.

As the race progressed the wind increased to about 30 knots and Peter was having a ball. He was in a commanding position when the race was abandoned.

Anderson was also well positioned and handling the conditions well.

After nearly two days sit-

ting in the clubhouse watching the wind blow itself out, the fleet finally got underway in huge seas but light, shifting winds.

Positions changed dramatically during the race as the fickle wind and tide played havoc with the fleet. Worst affected was Anderson who maintained his place in the top five until the last 50 metres of the race where he dropped to 26th.

Longbottom also dropped from 2nd to 5th and was the best placed Navy boat. The fleet was becalmed about four miles offshore and most were towed in about two hours after sunset.

The next race was a resail of the postponed heat one and in this race the North American champion showed his ability in the light conditions to win easily. All Navy boats fared badly in this

Three Tasars in top twenty

race. Longbottom was best placed with a 19th!

Race three brought slightly more rewarding results but the wind and tide still proved cruel to many highly rated competitors.

Noel Sneddon of the Army (who could only manage 6th in the inter-Service championships) ignored all the competitors around him and went away to the right hand side of the course where he picked up a private breeze and coasted away for an easy win.

Anderson and Mick Larsen were second and Gordon Stewart 8th.

Caldwell and Stranger, by far the heaviest crew in the fleet were not enjoying the extremely light conditions and struggled to stay in the top half in spite of excellent starts in all races.



• Rick Longbottom ... 5th overall.



• Phil Anderson ... 11th.

Heat four started in about 8-10 knots and with the extra pressure of this breeze Caldwell sailed well to lead the fleet around the first triangle. The breeze unfortunately faded rapidly and with it went any chances of Peter holding his position. Longbottom recovered from a poor start to finish 6th, while Colin Dunn sailed well for 20th.

Heat five was another drifter and Rick was well in front when the time limit expired.

The race was resailed on the Sunday and fortunately Rick again sailed a copy-

petitive fleet. Longbottom was 5th, Anderson 11th and Stewart 20th. Banjo Patterson and Rowland Lewis from HMAS STIRLING were 2nd in division three, while Caldwell was left to ponder on what might have been had the titles been held a week earlier in the SE trade winds. Dunn, of HMAS NIRIMBA, crewed by Gavin Tannock were 34th.

The titles were covered by the local media and the Navy team's reputation for good sportsmanship and co-operation was considerably enhanced by regular mentions in radio and TV interviews — particularly after the devastation of the invitation race when several competitors were indebted to the RAN for the loan of spare parts to get their own boats back on the water.

The crew of HMAS BENDIGO also gained favourable publicity for their excellent performance as committee boat.

LCDR Frank Owen was invited to participate in the presentation ceremony and delighted the heat winners by making a surprise presentation of fully engraved 40/60 shells as mementos of receiving the winning gun.



• Two of the RAN's top Tasar sailors, Martin Linsley (front) and Rick Longbottom. Martin could not make the championships and Rick finished the best of the Navy contingent.

Challenge for canoeists

The inaugural Lloyds Aviation Canoe Cup Challenge will be held on the Shoalhaven River, Nowra, on September 7.

The challenge has been organised by HMAS ALBATROSS and is over two distances — TK2 class (23km) and Canadian class (8.5km). The races start at 1300 and 1305 respectively.

Other class canoes, surf skis, K class etc, will start with the TK2 division and compete over the 23km course.

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Lloyds Cup going to the ship/establishment with the best placed first two

canoes/kayaks.

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There will also be other prizes and a barbecue and refreshments on the completion of the race.

Entry forms are available through your PTI or from CPO Klaus at RANAS, HMAS ALBATROSS — DNATS 8-671338.

SQUASH KNOCKOUT

HMAS KUTTABUL will hold a squash knockout competition starting on Monday August 8.

Depending on the number of entries the competition will be run on a winners' and losers' draw (similar to Mons Cup), with games played on a daily basis until the completion of the first round at which point games will be played alternately either side of the draw.

Once the nominations have been received and the draw made out it is up to the individuals to book the squash court and forward the results to the PTI on completion of the game.

Each match will be the best of five games, normal squash competition rules will apply once the match has started.

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Firstly, the base's Australian football side captured the coveted Father McDonald Cup and then completed the prestigious double by taking the Mons Cup Rugby knock-out.

It is the first time CERBERUS has held both trophies in the same year and, already, plans are afoot to ensure the cups stay down south in 1989.

The win by the teams gained plenty of kudos for the sportsmen concerned and demonstrated to the base's recruits and trainees the value of belonging to a highly motivated team.

The Commanding Officer of CERBERUS, Commodore J. S. Dickson, in congratulating those concerned said the future of naval sport looked bright as sailors posted from CERBERUS to fleet units after having been made to feel 'part of the team'.

• CERBERUS's Australian football captain, Mick Daly, and coach, Garry Saunders, with Rugby captain, Ian Watson, and coach, Bill Stokes, are congratulated by CDRE Dickson. The Father Mac and Mons Cups take pride of place in the foreground.



• Alan Evett

Leading golfers to clash

KUTTABEL hopes next Wednesday's return to Kembla golf club proves more fruitful than its first encounter against unbeaten Wills Cup leader ALBATROSS.

The "birdies" trounced the "greens" who couldn't cope with the day's blustery conditions.

On its day, KUTTABEL can field an inter-Service side and generally is feared by most rivals.

It has the highest aggregate of all teams yet two losses see it in second position — four points behind the leader.

TROSS, KUTTABEL and PLATS/WATERHEN are assured of semi-final berths while defending trophy holder NIRIMBA's only threat is WATSON.

ALBATROSS continued on its winning way in the July 27 round with a 183 to 159 result against WATSON at Nowra.

Danny Searle's consistency netted him 40 points from John Hogben 37, Cranston Dixon 36 (14/22) and Wayne Asher and "Dutchy" Holland 35.

WATSON's six-man side couldn't cope with the rubber tee mats and Brad Popp 36 and Mick Murray 32 were the only real scorers.

KUTTABEL downed PENGUIN 172 to 160 at Roseville — with skipper Steve Cottam and deputy "AJ" Evett each firing 38s from Tom Kolosko and Allen Walsh's 33s.

Jo Fehvari celebrated her debut with PENGUIN with a fine 37 from skipper Graeme Mustow 36 and Dave Youell 32.

In the other match, PLATS/WATERHEN scored an important 157 to 149 win over NIRIMBA.

Best for the victors were Mike Weekes 35, Mike Davidson 33 and Mark Burrows 31 while Dave Huston 31 and Ken Hoey 30 topped for a disappointing NIRIMBA.

Losing skipper Frank Arena, who dropped himself to reserve to enable others in the 11-man squad to play in the top eight, managed 33.

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Away from the Wills Cup scene, all RAN golfers will congratulate top NAVY golfer Mark Lewis (DARWIN) on the birth of a daughter.



• FLEET captain and hooker Dave Letts scythes through the PLATS/WHEN defence during the last round at Randwick. Fleet won 27-9. Picture: ABPH Kevin Bristow.

'TROSS takes grip on cup

With only two rounds of the NSW Dempster Cup Rugby competition remaining the HMAS ALBATROSS XV appears to have a stranglehold on this year's trophy.

The Blues are well out in front on the competition ladder with 12 points, six in advance of HMAS KUTTABEL, HMAS WATSON, Fleet and HMAS NIRIMBA (A). All are locked on six points.

NIRIMBA A forced its way onto six points on Wednesday with an 11-4 win over finals' contender, WATSON.

The game was played at NIRIMBA having been postponed from the previous week because of commitments by the majority of the WATSON team.

This year's competition has suffered because of the early withdrawal of the HMAS PERTH lineup and several forced postponements.

There is still one remaining postponed match to be played with KUTTABEL to meet WATSON at Randwick on August 17. The fixture was originally set down for June 29.

But at this stage ALBATROSS is a certain finalist with KUTTABEL, WATSON, Fleet and NIRIMBA A vying for the other three finals' berths.

The major and minor semi-finals will be played at Randwick on September 7 (1300 start) with the preliminary final at the same venue on September 14 (1330 start).

The grand final will be played at Sydney's

Rugby headquarters, Concord Oval, on September 21.

At this stage ALBATROSS is certainly the side to beat.

It will be going for its third consecutive grand final victory.

In 1986 TROSS beat NIRIMBA A 12-3 and the following year repeated the dose with a 19-10 win over the same team.

This year the team is unbeaten and the winning run should continue when it takes on WATSON at Randwick on August 10.

Meanwhile, the annual Fleet versus Establishments game originally set down for July 20 was postponed because many of the Fleet players were at sea.

The game will now be played at Randwick on August 31.

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| ALBATROSS | 12 |
| *KUTTABEL | 6 |
| *WATSON | 6 |
| FLEET | 6 |
| NIRIMBA A | 6 |
| PENGUIN | 4 |
| NIRIMBA B | 2 |
| PLATS/WHEN | 2 |

*Game to play — see story.

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