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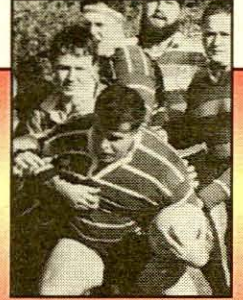
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Love is in the air ... ABMTH Paul "Shady" Lane let the whole of Sydney know his feelings about girlfriend Kellie Bosely when he sailed back into Sydney after three months away on RIMPAC '94 exercises. Kellie accepted the unique proposal and the couple hope to marry within a year. Inset: ABMTH Jason Dignam gets a special welcome home kiss from ABETP Renee Robinson after he also proposed by hanging a sign over the side of his ship. Photos: ABPH Vicki Tootell.

RIMPAC romances

With RIMPAC '94 duties completed in Hawaii the 1000 RAN personnel who took part in the exercise have returned to a warm welcome from family and friends in Sydney.

After nearly three months away from their loved ones the crews of HMA Ships HOBART, SYDNEY, DARWIN and SUCCESS shared a happy re-union with the crowd of more than 500 which was on hand to greet them.

SUCCESS was the first to berth at the Fleet Base and for crew member ABMTH Paul "Shady" Lane, the day took on special significance as he proposed

to girlfriend Kellie Bosely by displaying a six-metre long banner across the side of the ship.

Paul's message - "Kellie, will you marry me?"

Aye aye order of day

Shady" - could hardly be missed by his girlfriend of two years and certainly made the long-awaited homecoming even more exciting for the young Sydney couple.

Not to be outdone ABMTH Jason Dignam from

DARWIN also decided to pop the big question to his girlfriend Renee Robinson in similar fashion.

Renee, an ABETP at FIMA Sydney, wasn't the

only one taken by surprise as Jason had kept his plan a secret from everyone except his closest mates on board DARWIN.

There must have been something in the water in Hawaii!

Since departing Sydney in April the ships of the task group, together with the submarine HMAS OVENS, have been engaged in intensive exercises with forces from the United States, Canada, Japan and South Korea.

Work-up exercises included a number of torpedo firings on the Pacific Missile Range by SYDNEY and DARWIN before the real thing got underway on May 23.

This year's RIMPAC, the 14th in a series of biennial exercises which began in 1971, was the largest ever staged and operational results have indicated that the RAN played a major role in its success.

For more on RIMPAC, pages 6-7.

Recruit parade a first for CNS

For the sailors of General Entry Intake 107 (Rankin Division - SBLT Palmer) their graduation parade had a number of firsts.

Not only was it the largest class to graduate from the RAN Recruit School (LCDR Fryer-Hornsby) since the days of national service some 30 years ago, it was also the first occasion a Chief of Naval Staff has reviewed a recruit graduation on the school grounds.

HMAS CERBERUS (CAPT Carson) turned on fine weather, however, there was a predictable air of determination that the trainees would march through floods for such an occasion.

Only the week before the graduates, accommodation block lost a third of its roof in high winds.

CNS, VADM R.G. Taylor, in addressing the graduates, encouraged them to look to what Navy's future would provide, while being mindful of what was expected of



VADM Taylor reviews GE intake 107 at HMAS CERBERUS.

them in return.

He praised their efforts to date and commended their instructors on a job well done.

Admiral Taylor presented prizes to RCTCK Samuel Carman, from Jindera, NSW,

for academic excellence and RCTET Christopher Wallace from Cranbourne, Victoria, for being the sports person of the intake.

The top prize, recruit of the intake, was awarded to RCTCSO Justin Filmer from

Tamworth, NSW.

On completion of the parade CNS toured the areas of the Recruit School damaged by storms before meeting some 600 friends and relatives of the graduating class.

Super schemes quite different

Although both the DFRDB Scheme and the MSBS provide retirement benefits for their members, the way that the benefits are provided is different.

In this article we look at the retirement benefits offered by the DFRDB Scheme.

If you retire from the Defence Force on non-medical grounds and you have served for more than 20 years, or you have served for 15 years and have reached the retirement age for your rank, then you are entitled to retirement pay if you have received it previously.

If you don't meet the above conditions and you aren't eligible for invalidity pay either, you will receive a lump-sum refund of all the contributions you have made to the DFRDB Scheme.

You may also be entitled to a gratuity, which is simply a one-off bonus.

To claim your refund and gratuity you will have to complete an *Application for Refund and Gratuity and Superannuation* form and send it to ComSuper. This form, which is also called a D1, is available from your pay office.

Your retirement pay becomes payable the day after you leave the Defence Force and it will be paid to you fortnightly for the rest of your life.

You should also be aware that if you die leaving dependants they may also be entitled to receive a benefit from the DFRDB Scheme.

Your benefit is worked out as a percentage of your salary when you retire.

The two factors which are used to work out your retirement pay are your annual salary and your completed years of effective service.

For example, if you retire after 20 years' service your retirement pay will be based on 35% of your annual salary.

This increases by 1.5% for every additional year of effective service up to a maximum of 40 years.

Effective service is the total of your continuous full-time contributory service plus any periods of past service that you may have bought back.

To apply for retirement pay you will need to complete an *Application for Retirement Pay* form, which

is known as a D20.

If you can, you should return this form to ComSuper about six weeks before your discharge date.

According to the DFRDB Act all officers should serve until they reach a certain age. This is called the notional retiring age for rank.



The notional retiring ages for the different ranks of officers are as follows: lieutenant commander and below 42; commander 45; captain and commodore 50; rear admiral 52; and vice admiral and admiral 55.

You will still be entitled to receive retirement pay if you retire before you reach your notional retiring age as

long as you have completed 20 years' service.

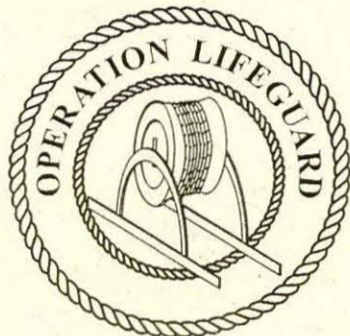
But your benefit will be reduced by 3% for every year that your age at retirement is less than the notional retiring age for your rank.

Notional retiring age does not apply if you are made redundant; or discharged as medically unfit for further service; or on a short service commission, and you complete that commission.

As well as receiving retirement pay you may elect to convert part of your future retirement pay to a lump sum.

This is called commutation. If you want to take up this option you simply complete an *Election for Commutation (D21)* form and return it to ComSuper.

You may elect to commute part of your retirement pay up to three months before you retire, or up to 12 months after you retire.



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Managers respond to criticism

A lot of national media attention has been focussed on the reported significant rise in capital reserves held by private health insurance funds and the larger than necessary rises in contribution rates.

The attention arose out of an internal document prepared for the Australian Medical Association.

Responding to the report the General Manager of NHBS, Mr Norman Branson, said: "If the comments accurately report the facts it can be categorically stated NHBS is definitely not one of the offending parties.

"Our rates have not risen in the past 12 months and we budget for a break-even situation where our expenses for the year equal our contributions, plus any surplus we derive from judicious investment policies is used to offset benefit and administration costs," Mr Branson said.

"This year our investments have returned sufficient income to delay any decision on contribution increases.

"We do not anticipate any significant increase in capital reserves," he said.

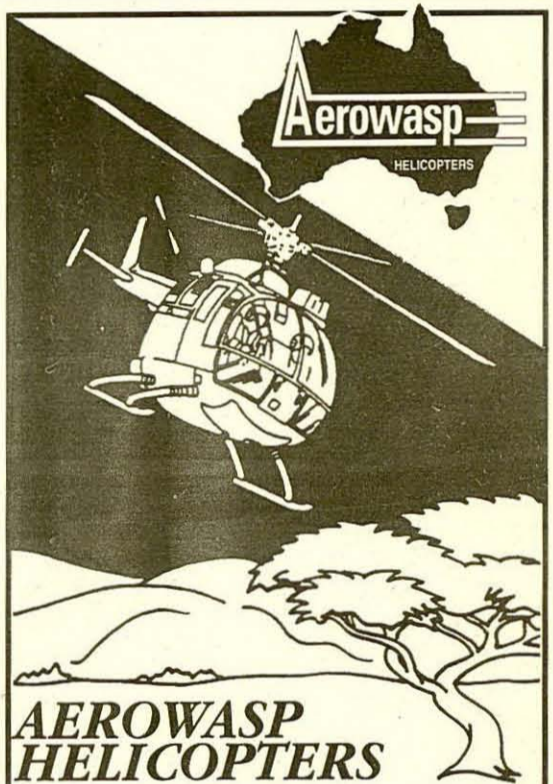
Meanwhile, according to Australian Public Service Benevolent Society General Manager, Mr Harold Barton, most people join the APSBS to obtain access to low-cost loans and therefore there is the occasional query about the \$5.20 fortnightly membership subscription rate.

"Most members consider themselves indestructible and believe accidents always happen to other people but the society has paid out \$3.2 million in mortuary benefits for deaths in the last five years," Mr Barton said. "This includes the deaths of 10 servicemen in the last eight months and these averaged \$28,500 each."

Mr Barton said the benefit did have a surrender value and the society estimated a member who joined now and surrendered in eight years' time could receive a lump sum of around \$1000 which would equal the amount of membership subscription for that period.

He said the membership would give a good insurance cover in the event of death, access to low interest loans, which are currently available at 11.9%, and the lump sum at the end of eight years if a member wished to surrender the policy at any time.

Mr Barton stressed the society was a non-profit organisation.



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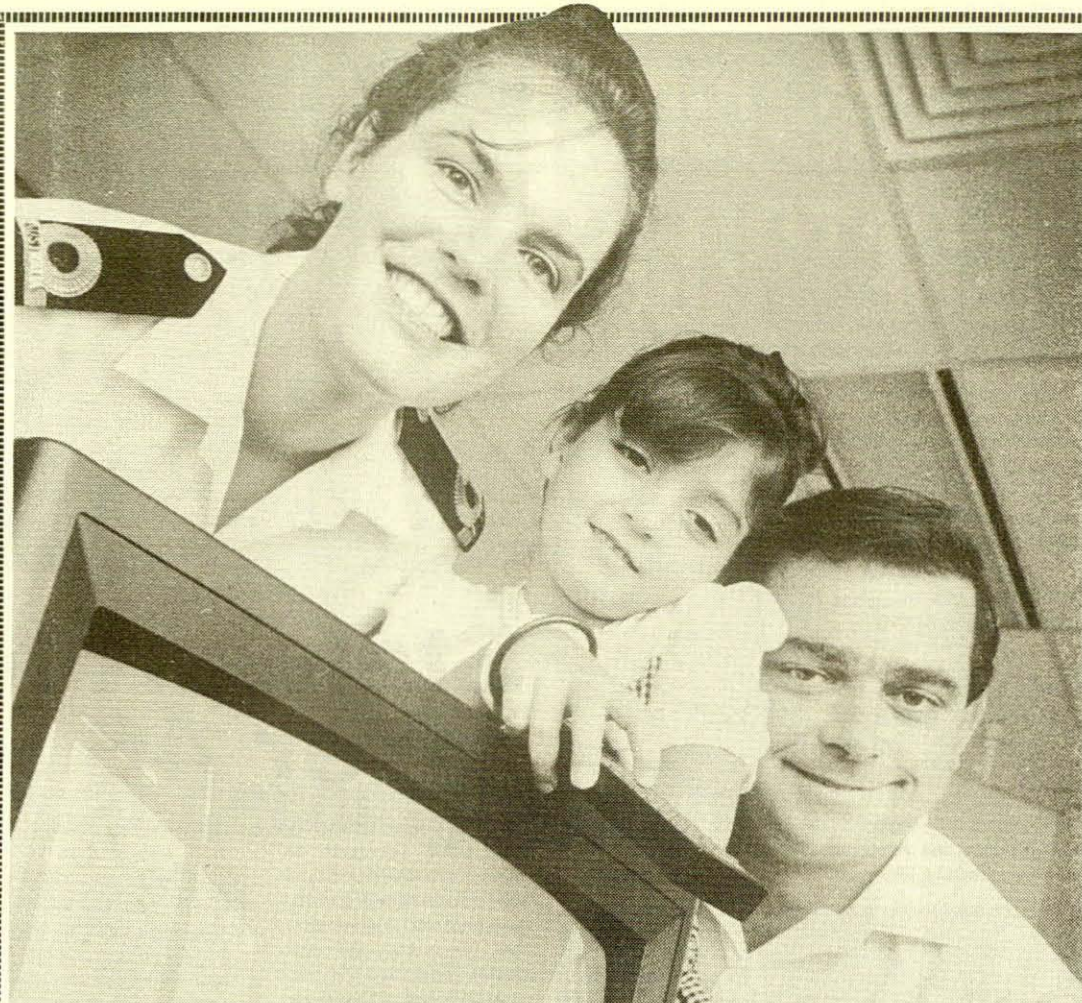
Eight Navy Seahawk helicopters carried out a formation flypast over Sydney on Monday to mark the aircraft's impending acceptance into naval service.

The aircraft left HMAS ALBATROSS about 1130 on Monday and tracked up the coast at about 150 metres via Stanwell Park, arriving at Long Reef (off Sydney) around noon.

They then flew past the Sydney television towers and tracked from west to east down Sydney Harbour passing under the Harbour Bridge before overflying the Opera House, Navy's Fleet Base East and Garden Island Dockyard.

The Commanding Officer of Navy's 816 Squadron, Commander Brett Dowsing, said the flypast was to mark the RAN's full acceptance of the Sikorsky S70B2 Seahawks into Navy service expected later this month.

"The arrival of Seahawks on board ships involved for some months in Exercise RIMPAC 94 gives us the opportunity for a "show of strength" before aircraft are deployed in flights elsewhere, either permanently or for training," he said.



Final gift from MORETON

From Brisbane's naval base HMAS MORETON, which closed this month, it was the final gift – a television for parents of sick children at Royal Children's Hospital.

Sub-Lieutenant Lorinda Turner, left, represented the base at the handover of the gift, initiated by Petty Officer Jeff Stevens, right, after his daughter Heather, 6, centre, was a patient in the RCH Robertson Ward.

Jeff and his wife Lesley spent four nights there while Heather was seriously ill, possibly from an insect bite.

The waiting lounge in the ward had no TV to help Jeff and

Lesley give their minds a rest from the worry about their little girl's sickness.

So at Jeff's suggestion MORETON's Social Committee Welfare Fund provided a set.

MORETON was first commissioned as a shore establishment of the Royal Australian Navy in October 1942 in Alice Street, the Domain, and recommissioned in its present location in 1960.

The naval presence which has existed in South East Queensland since 1926 will continue in a new Navy support office at Bulimba.

DERWENT on final voyage

The Royal Australian Navy's oldest warship, the Destroyer Escort (DE) HMAS DERWENT left Sydney for the final time on Wednesday, July 6.

A veteran of more than 30 years of service, DERWENT left for her home port of HMAS STIRLING in Western Australia to decommission.

Laid down in 1959, DERWENT has amassed a number of notable highlights in her long and illustrious career.

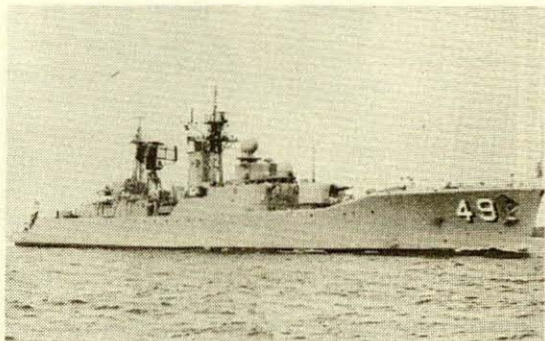
She became the first RAN vessel to fire a guided missile when she fired a SEACAT on May 25, 1964, and trialed the Australian designed Mulooka sonar which now equips a number of RAN vessels.

With her transfer to Western Australia DERWENT became only the second major warship to be home-ported at the Navy's Fleet Base West, marking a major commitment to implementation of the RAN's "two ocean basing" policy.

During numerous exercises and south-east Asian deployments DERWENT has clocked up more than 880,000 nautical miles.

Home to 220 officers and sailors, DERWENT is armed with twin 114mm guns, six anti-submarine torpedo tubes and anti-aircraft defensive systems.

Her decommissioning will free up crew for reassignment to the RAN's new ANZAC class frigates, currently being built in Victoria.



HMAS DERWENT... on her final voyage.

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Sea Kings to get a \$A58m update

Westland Helicopters, part of the international Westland Group of aerospace companies, has won

a \$A58 million contract from the Australian Department of Defence to update the Royal Australian Navy fleet of maritime utility Sea Kings and flight simulator.

The Life of Type Extension program (LOTE) involves a major avionics update and airframe modifications that will extend the service life of the helicopters until at least 2008.

The seven RAN helicopters, supplied by Westland in 1974 and 1983, have featured prominently in Australian civil aid operations over the past 20 years and played an invaluable role during the bush fires that devastated areas around Sydney earlier this year.

The Australian order follows a £4.5million contract from the Belgian Air Force to upgrade its fleet of five Westland SAR Sea Kings and a £15 million order for two new Mk43B SAR Sea

Kings from the Norwegian Air Force.

Westland Helicopters, which is also upgrading the 10-strong Norwegian Sea King fleet to Mk43B standards, is building six new SAR Sea Kings for Britain's Royal Air Force.

Scheduled for completion by mid-1996, the RAN's LOTE program will be undertaken by Westland Helicopters, working with British Aerospace Australia Limited and other local companies at HMAS ALBATROSS.

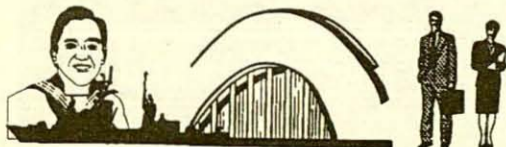
Mr Tony Quick, Exports Sales Director of Westland Helicopters, described the decision to extend the life of the RAN Sea Kings well into the next century as "a cost-effective investment in a proven helicopter and an endorsement of the unique capability and durability of the Westland Sea King."



RAN Sea Kings ... part of the fleet which is to be updated.

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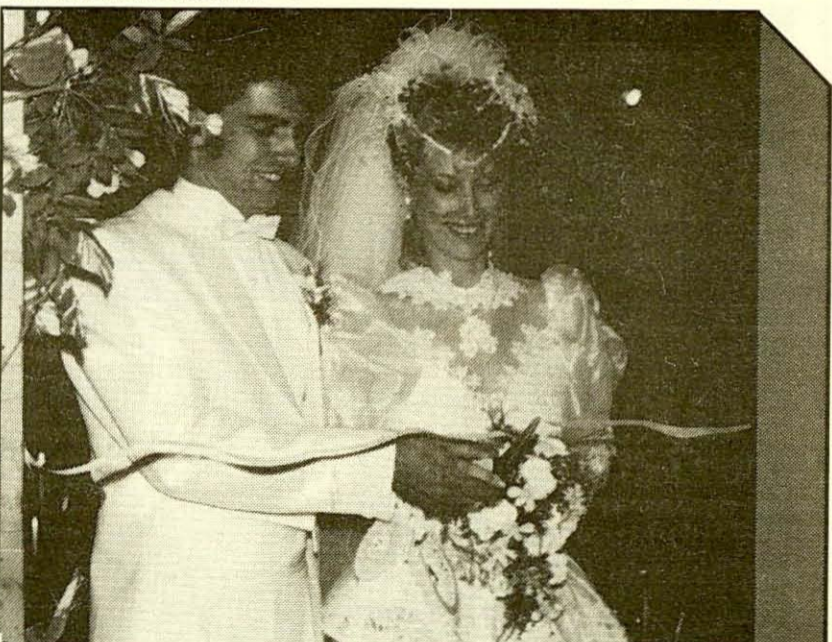
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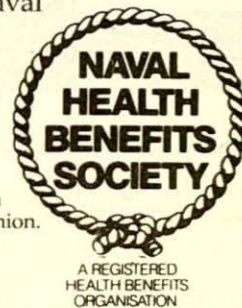
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Outstanding achievements recognised at ALBATROSS

In keeping with the Navy's belief that hard working personnel should be recognised for their efforts and given the accolades deserved the Commanding Officer of HMAS ALBATROSS, Commodore Morton, has presented 18 personnel with a Commanding Officer's Productivity and Achievement Award for outstanding achievement in their individual work places.

The personnel were nominated following a two-month assessment conducted in their work areas.

The criteria used to assess personnel included such factors as enthusiasm, value to the Navy, reliability, conscientiousness, sense of humour and self-motivation.

The recipients of the award were LSCK

Marshall, CPOMTD Jones, CPOUCSM Nelson, Mr Birkenhead, ABATA Lown, SBLT Edminstone, Mr Sutton, ABSN Hyland, CPL Williams, POATA Ellis, LSEWO Duselcorp, LSETC3 Bateman, POEWLSM Liebrechts, ABWTR Rushby, POSN Parke, LSDEN Fontaine and CPOA Taylor.

Meanwhile, LSMTD Karen Coleman has been presented with a Commanding Officer's Commendation.

The commendation was awarded to Karen in recognition of her outstanding performance in carrying out the duties of a writer, while employed "out of branch" in the Central Registry at ALBATROSS.

In November 1993 Karen volunteered to leave her driver billet duties and assist the Central Registry which was short of personnel.



LSMTD Karen Coleman.



Mr Trevelan.



Mr Fox.

Stalwart retires after 46 years

Mr William Trevelan has said farewell to HMAS ALBATROSS and has commenced a well-deserved retirement after dedicating 46 years' service to the Navy.

In recognition of his contribution, ALBATROSS CO Commodore Morton presented Bill with a Certificate of Appreciation.

Bill joined the Navy in October 1948 as an aircraft artificer. During his 22 years naval service Bill had an active career, both in Australia and overseas.

In 1970 he discharged as a chief petty officer to take on a technical officer's position with Naval Stores where he spent the next 24 years working in the defective

equipment sorting section.

Bill was held in high regard by those fortunate enough to have come into contact with him. His helpful and courteous manner, along with his willingness to assist, will be missed.

Meanwhile, one of ALBATROSS' longest serving instructors has "called it a day".

In 1958 Mr Frank Fox joined the Navy from Brisbane and began an 11-year career as an air technical communications sailor.

Although he enjoyed some sea time on the old aircraft carrier HMAS MELBOURNE, Frank spent most of his naval time at ALBATROSS.

Frank discharged from

the Navy on May 22, 1967, after attaining the rank of petty officer.

The next day, however, he was back at ALBATROSS as a civilian instructor, working in the Training Centre.

Utilising the vast knowledge gained from his naval time Frank became a respected helicopter communications instructor.

In later years, his instructional duties were expanded and he took on a more generalised instructor's role.

Although sad to leave Frank has much to keep him occupied. The future he says will include holidays, fishing and enjoying his grandchildren.



Some of the recipients of the Commanding Officer's Productivity and Achievement Award for 1994 were: back (l-r): LSCK Marshall, CPOMTD Jones, CPOUCSM Nelson, Mr Birkenhead; front: ABATA Lown, SBLT Edminstone, Mr Sutton, ABSN Hyland, CPL Williams with Commodore Morton.

Break ranks.

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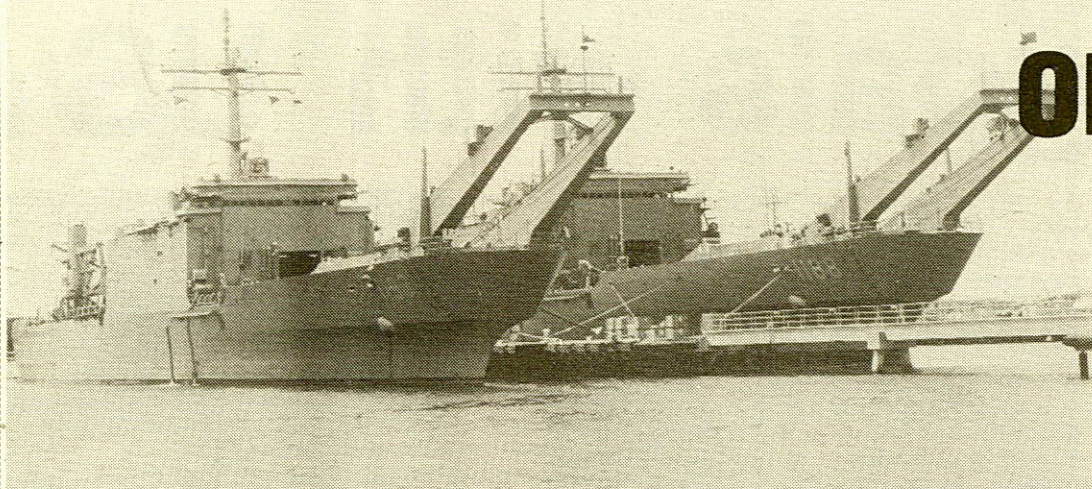
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No decision yet on training ships



Waiting game ... the two US ships the RAN hopes to secure from the Americans, USS FAIRFAX-COUNTRY and USS SAGINAW. Picture: Anntoinette Aldworth.

MCAUST at decommissioning

Facts and figures

- When they arrive in Australia the two THSS' will be the largest Fleet units in commission, except for the replenishment ships SUCCESS and WESTRALIA.
- During her USN career SAGINAW's nickname was "Aces and Eights" (taken from her hull number 1188).
- The proposed RAN names for the new ships are KANIMBLA and MANOORA, and they will be the second RAN ships to carry the names.
- The first ships of the name were requisitioned merchant ships converted to armed merchant cruisers (AMCs) and later infantry landing ships (LSIs) for service in the Second World War.
- During their time in Norfolk the crew have experienced temperatures above the 90 degrees level for most of the American summer.
- The original cost of each ship in 1970-71 was US \$25 million.
- The decommissioning pennant was hauled down at 1055 on June 28, 1994.
- Apart from the old carriers, SYDNEY and MELBOURNE, each ship will be able to embark more helicopters than any other RAN fleet unit, four Blackhawks or Sea Kings to perform their roles as helicopter support ships.
- The hull numbers for each ship will be 01 for SAGINAW/KANIMBLA and 02 for FAIRFAX COUNTY/MANOORA.
- At 10,985 gross tons the first KANIMBLA was the largest ship in tonnage to serve in the RAN in World War II.
- The first KANIMBLA participated in the first and final amphibious landings on Japanese held territory, at Tanahmerah Bay in Hollandia and at Balikpapan respectively.
- KANIMBLA's crew currently includes 33 women.
- Nine RAN personnel are posted to the USS FAIRFAX COUNTY for the voyage to Sydney.

The Maritime Commander Australia, RADM Chalmers, arrived in Norfolk on June 27, having travelled from Hawaii and the RIMPAC 94 exercises.

During his afternoon at the Little Creek Amphibious Base RADM Chalmers visited both training and helicopter support ships meeting the small group of RAN personnel aboard FAIRFAX COUNTY, before visiting the largely RAN-crewed SAGINAW.

"RADM Chalmers was the senior RAN officer present for the formal decommissioning of SAGINAW on Tuesday, June 28", said CMDR Curran.

Also attending the event was the Commander Amphibious Group Two, RADM Leonard Picotte. RADM Picotte welcomed aboard a number of former COs of the ship since her commissioning in 1971 and highlighted many notable tasks undertaken during her USN career.

SAGINAW was part of the first amphibious group to arrive in the Persian Gulf during the recent conflict, sailing from Norfolk with five days notice.

Since entering USN service the ship has been crewed by more than 2,500 personnel, including the 133 aboard for decommissioning day.

Outgoing CO of the ship, CMDR Luck, commented in his decommissioning speech that above all "SAGINAW was about people, and in the future, I trust, the RAN's new KANIMBLA will be about people and their contribution to the RAN."

CMDR Curran said RADM Chalmers hoped the date for a handover would be soon and added that he saw the ships as major additions to the Fleet, very relevant to Australian and particularly northern conditions.

The maritime commander's stay was only brief and he flew back to Sydney on Saturday, July 2.

Meanwhile, CHAP John Connelly has had the never ending task of maintaining morale aboard the new THSS.

Since arriving in Little Creek CHAP Connelly has begun a series of life management courses, concentrating on how best to handle problems on both the ship and at home.

"Like any long deployment from Australia person-

nel have their share of family and shipboard 'hassles' and THSS 01/02 are no different.

"I have a busy schedule of meetings and talks with the crews and these are valuable aids to all," he said.

As well as his RAN duties CHAP Connelly is assisting the USN crew aboard with both nationalities being offered a combination of yoga, prayer and meditation as a release valve.

"One thing I have noticed is the degree of camaraderie that has developed, both personal and on-the-job," CHAP Connelly said.

With more than 180 Australian officers and crew now in Norfolk, Virginia, USA, for the handover of the fleet's new training and helicopter support ships (THSS), momentum is gaining as the commissioning day approaches for the first ship.

For the time being, SAGINAW (KANIMBLA) and FAIRFAX COUNTY (MANOORA) are berthed at the Little Creek Amphibious Base, a large complex of official buildings, maintenance and support facilities, sporting facilities and berths located south-east of the main city, a short distance from the Atlantic.

SAGINAW (KANIMBLA) is still painted in her original USN naval grey and flew the Stars and Stripes until officially decommissioned on Tuesday, June 28.

Attending the formal part of events were the Maritime Commander, RADM Don Chalmers, CDRE Bob Letts, Naval Attache in Washington and the Commanding Officer of THSS 01, CMDR Glenn Curran.

The first RAN crew for THSS 01 arrived in the USA on February 21 and

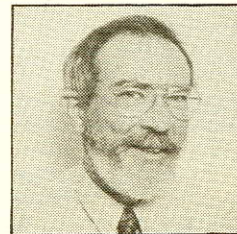
Stories: LCDR Ross Gillett, Navy Public Affairs; picture: ABPH Toni Aldworth.

has now reached 185 men and women.

Most of the crew are living and working with the ship's American crew, receiving instructions on equipment unique to the class of ships and generally

preparing the ship to sail for trials and then back to Sydney for a well earned

Shortly after the decommissioning, accommodation for more than 100 onboard was moved from the "troop" (Marine) messes to the regular Navy messes, the extra space being made available after the departure of the USN personnel.



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The main product of the Conference was the brochure titled "The Plan For The Journey Into The Future" comprising the:

- **Navy Mission** - our enduring purpose as the nation's Navy
- **Navy Vision 2003** - a description of the conditions of success we need to aim for
- **Navy Improvement Goals** - the long term things we need to achieve to see those conditions of success realised, and
- **Navy Values** - the organisational and personal reference points that are meant to ensure the interests of the Navy and its people are aligned

Many thousands of the brochure were circulated for supervisors to brief their people.

CNS, as promised some time ago, has now called upon his Admirals to seek comment from their people for the refinement to **The Plan For The Journey Into The Future** - now that we have all had time to consider its impact, how and where we may contribute and to consider how it may be improved.

The next Flag Officers' Conference is planned for 05/06SEP94, so if you have some suggestions that need to be considered, send them through your chain of command. Should you wish to refresh your memory and need another copy of the brochure call LEUT Robyn Boyd, SODGNM, on 06-2656122 - otherwise it appears in the text of Section 2 of the 93/94 and 94/95 editions of the Navy Plan. Suggestions should be received in time for your Admiral to develop collective views of the people within your Command or Navy Office Division well before the Conference.

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HMAS SUCCESS preparing to RAS with Spruance Class Destroyer USS KINCAID. Photo: ABPH D. Yates.

SUCCESS achieves goals with US Navy

RIMPAC

The officers and crew of HMAS SUCCESS, (Captain Jim O'Hara) have completed the ship's fourth RIMPAC Exercise in conjunction with the United States Navy.

Several major objectives were achieved over the successful deployment, characterised by a combination of hard work and time to relax in the Rainbow State of Hawaii.

After a short visit to Lautoka, Fiji, a busy work-up period continued until the task group's arrival in Pearl Harbor.

The hard work was not over for SUCCESS' crew, however, as 13 fuel tanks had to be cleaned in preparation for deperming.

Four days and 150 pairs of disposable overalls later, the task was completed and leave granted.

The tourist mecca of Hawaii was beckoning. Many members of the ship's company took the opportunity to visit the neighbouring islands with their spouses, Maui and Kauai being the most popular destinations.

Credit cards were also put to good use as a host of bargains were purchased at Pearl Harbor Naval Exchange.

One of the major goals set for HMAS SUCCESS during Exercise RIMPAC '94 was to undergo deperming. An excellent team effort ensured that this task was achieved on time and successfully for the first time since the ship's commissioning in 1986.

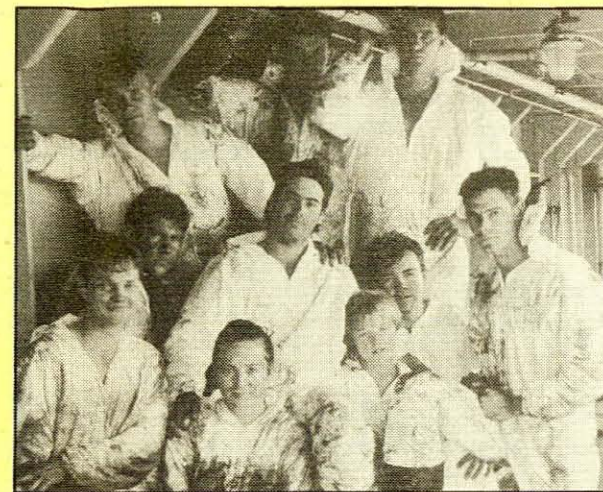
After refuelling, SUCCESS sailed with ships from the US and Canadian navies as part of the USS CONSTELLATION Battle Group.

The aircraft carrier, which dwarfed SUCCESS when it berthed alongside, was to coordinate the coalition forces during the exercise which also included ships from the South Korean and Japanese navies.

During the exercise, the crew of SUCCESS carried out their major role, as one of two supply ships in the group, by refuelling the combat units of the coalition forces.

Replenishment serials were conducted with US Ships CHOSIN and KINCAID and the Canadian Ship HMCS VANCOUVER. Two consolidation RAS' were also completed with USS WABASH.

Close interaction with these ships provided an excellent opportunity to improve interoperability between the forces from several different countries.



It's a dirty job but someone's gotta' do it — tank cleaning onboard SUCCESS.

Dolphins meet Navy 'Seals'

By LEUT Sharon Dusting

For the RAN clearance divers attached to the Coalition Forces EOD and Combat Salvage Task Unit, this year's Exercise RIMPAC represented a number of "firsts".

RAN clearance divers have worked before with US Navy EOD and mobile diving and salvage units in the annual Exercise BELL THUNDER.

This year, however, BELL THUNDER was incorporated in RIMPAC for a larger, more demanding exercise.

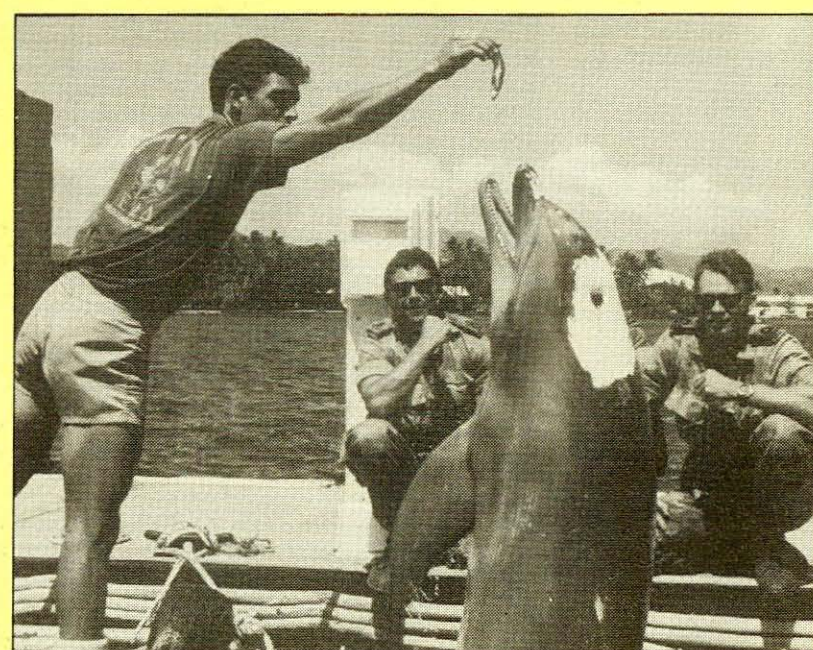
The RAN CD detachment of 23 members of Clearance Diving Teams One and Four, led by LCDR Steve Johnson, found itself working with Canadian clearance divers as well.

Together, the Australians, Americans and Canadians formed a joint force whose task was to establish and defend harbour areas within the littoral area of operation.

Their mission during RIMPAC 94 was to respond to simulated explosive threats, clear harbour areas of obstructions, provide support for beachhead clearance and expansion, and to participate in maritime interdiction operations.

For added realism, the 120 members of the Task Unit lived together under canvas in field conditions.

In another new twist, the divers shared their camp and underwater domain with members of a very elite and unusual group. Atlantic and Pacific bottle nose dolphins of the US Navy's Marine Mammal Programme were



employed during RIMPAC to defend Coalition Forces personnel and assets.

The dolphins, part of an innovative program which also includes sea lions, are trained to detect, locate and report the presence of swimmers or divers and underwater objects such as moored mines.

Their sophisticated and highly effective biological sonar allows them to locate underwater objects with great reliability.

With so many elements coming together for the first time, RIMPAC 94 provided a tremendous training opportunity for dolphins and divers alike.

"Jake" shows off with his handler Willie Dumont in front of Australian Clearance Divers POCD Mark Skelton and LEUT Adam McPhail. "Jake", an Atlantic dolphin, is wearing sunscreen to protect him from the harsher Pacific sun. Photo: ABPH Craig Duff.

RIMPAC

DARWIN devours RIMPAC

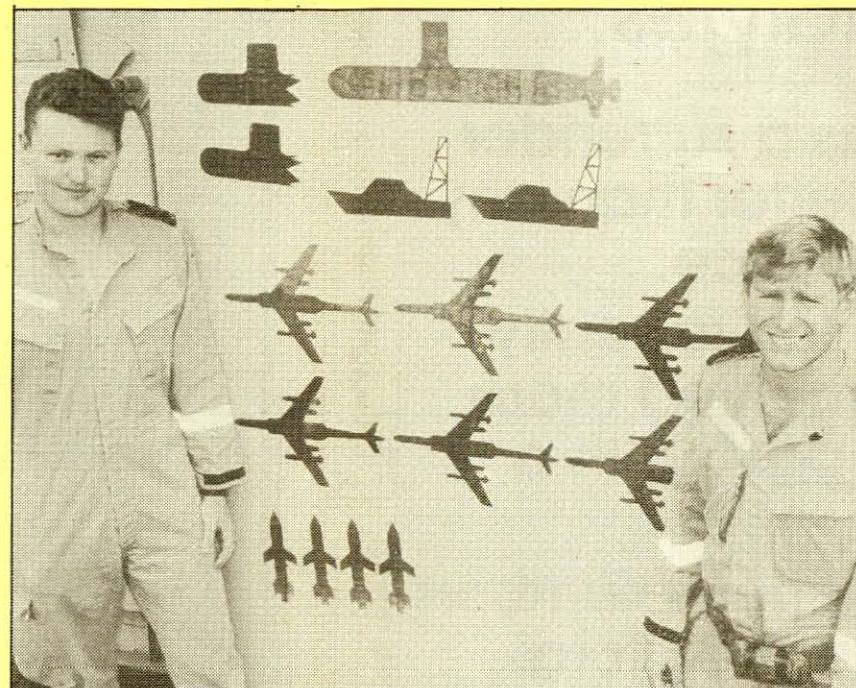
HMAS DARWIN, Commander L.N. Pataky, has participated in RIMPAC 1994 with successful results.

DARWIN operated independently of the other Australian warships for the majority of the exercise as a member of the ESSEX Amphibious Force and was able to fly the ensign with pride as it achieved distinguished results.

The other ships in ESSEX's force included HMCS KOOTENAY, HMCS PROVIDER, USS LAKE ERIE, USS JARRETT and HMAS HOBART for a short period.

The responsibility of this force was the security of the amphibious landing and to defend Oahu from the US/Japanese and US/South Korean forces.

DARWIN was able to show her range of capabilities in operational roles as



ABSCO Mackichan (left) and LSETS Weller beside DARWIN's RIMPAC "Kill Board" only half-way through the exercise.

she conducted ASW and AAW with outstanding results, including surprising and bouncing a Japanese

submarine after its periscope was spotted from the bridge wing on day two. The exercise allowed

DARWIN a good insight into other nations' operations, and many lessons have been learnt.

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DUBBO ready for operations

After a large change-round of key personnel, the ship's company of HMAS DUBBO have recently completed a dedicated week of continuation training with COMAUSPABFOR staff embarked, designed to ensure that the ship has maintained the appropriate standard of operational readiness since conducting a workup and ORE in August 1993.

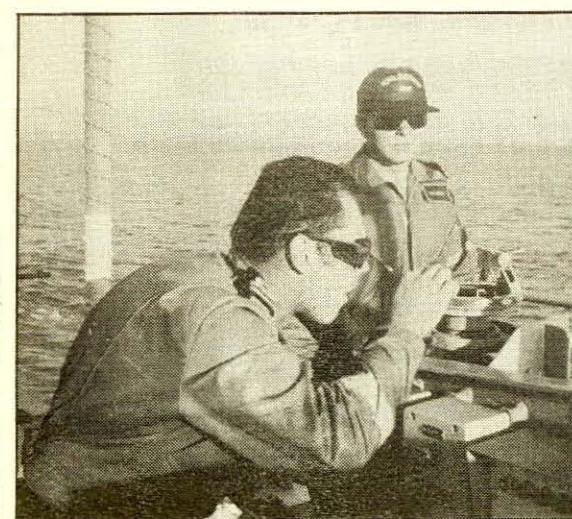
With a 50 percent change-round of personnel, including a new executive officer, navigator, senior technical officer, second engineer, chief bosun's mate, radio operator and cook, it was considered necessary to conduct the additional training to build up the ship's teamwork and effectiveness.

Conducted in North Australia Exercise Area off Darwin, DUBBO carried out a series of typical patrol boat evolutions under the watchful eye of COMAUSPABFOR staff, including seamanship, navigation, gunnery, communications, engineering, damage control, fire fighting, boarding and SAR operations.

Each serial was carefully briefed to highlight shortcomings and emphasise lessons learned.

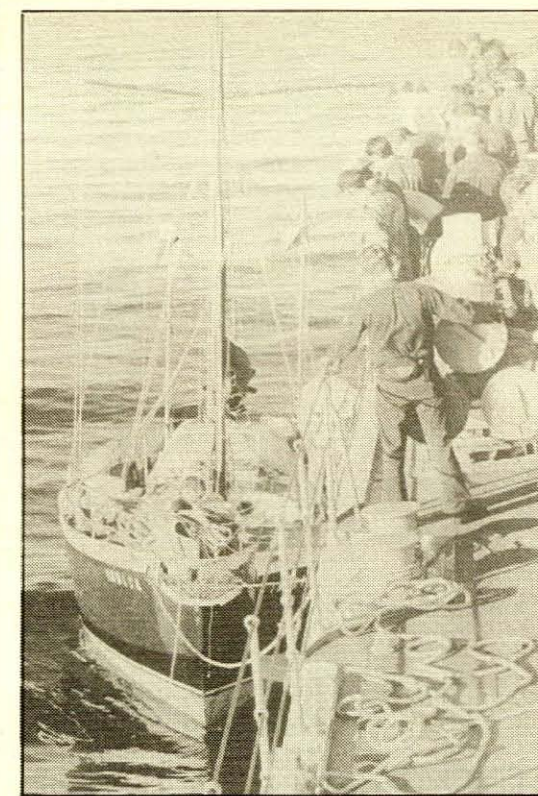
The Commander Australia Patrol Boat Force (CMDR W.G. Conlin) is the class authority for all minor war vessels.

Based at HMAS CAIRNS in north Queensland, COMAUSPABFOR is also responsible for maintaining the operational effectiveness and level of preparedness of the Minor War Vessel Flotilla.



Pilotage training for LEUT Tony Rayner under the watchful eye of LEUT Bob Heffy of COMAUSPABFOR staff.

At the end of the continuation training week a formal assessment was not given, although the ship's company performed commendably and DUBBO was said to be well placed to meet future operational commitments.



The cutter INDORA being pumped dry alongside HMAS TORRENS. Photo: LEUT Andrew Maher.

TORRENS to the rescue — twice

HMAS TORRENS' current deployment has been something like a movie-length episode of the "Thunderbirds", with two separate rescue incidents keeping the crew on their toes.

First, the ship responded to a mayday call from a solo yachtsman whose 11m cutter had struck a submerged object and was taking water off Moreton Island, Queensland.

Ralph Kiesewetter was in the 21st day of his journey from New Zealand to Brisbane aboard INDORA when things went horribly wrong. He was forced to abandon the yacht shortly after making the mayday call.

TORRENS, which was only 40 minutes away, arrived just before the Westpac helicopter to recover the yachtsman and then secured his boat alongside.

In an act of selfless bravery Executive Officer LCDR Steve Hayes and CPOMTH Dave Turnbull then pumped the INDORA dry before it was taken under tow by a Coast Guard vessel to the safety of the shore.

A week later, while conducting pilotage training in the Whitsunday Islands, TOR-

RENS again responded to a call from a vessel in distress, this time the MV CAPE GRAFTON. The ship, which services light-houses, was grounded on Dent Island after her engines locked on full ahead.

TORRENS was on the scene in five minutes, standing by to assist as CAPE GRAFTON's crew conducted an internal search to make sure the hull was intact.

The vessel's efforts to reverse off the rocks were thwarted by the falling tide, which raised the possibility of it toppling at low water.

At the request of the CAPE GRAFTON, TORRENS provided a diving team to carefully survey the submerged section of the hull and it was able to observe the clearance under the propeller, the hull integrity and the seabed topography.

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RUGBY TAKES A BACK SEAT IN NICK'S LIFE

Readers will more likely remember newly promoted CDRE Nick Helyer from the football arena as a rugby union referee than as one of Navy's senior resource managers.

Rugby will have to take a back seat in Nick's life now he has been posted on promotion to Pakistan to join the National Defence College.

CDRE Helyer is a graduate marine engineer who went on to specialise in resources management.

He assumed his current position as Director of Naval Programs in November 1991 and subsequently completed the Defence Resource Management Course at the United States Navy Post-Graduate School in Monterey, California.

His previous postings as captain included three years as training captain at HMAS CERBERUS and two years as Chief Staff Officer (Engineering) with the Maritime Commander, Australia.

CDRE Helyer joined the RAN in 1969 after completing his initial naval officer training with the Royal Navy and shortly before the completion of his Bachelor's Degree in Mechanical Engineering at the Royal Naval Engineering College



CDRE Helyer ... posted to Pakistan.

in Plymouth, UK.

The year 1979 was an important one for Nick when he was appointed a Member of the Order of British Empire (MBE) for his performance of duty during the Half Life refit of HMAS YARRA.

Nick says he is excited about his new posting to Islamabad where he believes the "climate" is right to promote rugby "to the masses" on the Indian Sub-continent.

LATEST PROMOTIONS

RAN provisional promotions which were promulgated on 17DEC93 vide ref are confirmed to date 01JUL94.

The following officers listed in seniority order are provisionally selected for promotion in the Permanent Naval Force (PNF) to date 01JAN95:

COMMANDER TO CAPTAIN (4):
Gates R.W., PWO D.MHQ (DNW); Rago L.J., PWO N, SWAN; Geraghty G.J., H.MHQ (HYDRO); Lemon S.P., SU, NSC-MCLS.

CHAPLAIN DIVISION TWO TO CHAPLAIN DIVISION THREE (1):
CHAP Mitchell G.A., (RC), COONAWARRA.

LIEUTENANT COMMANDER TO COMMANDER (15):
Hobbs R.D.T., N.HQADF (Facilities); Beveridge R.L., SM, HARMAN O/S-CFN exch; Mapson G.J., MCD, HARMAN NO (MHC PD); Richards R.W., SU, CERBERUS; Lockwood P.J., PWO G, HQADF - DGF (sea); Thompson V.M., PWO ASW, DARWIN; Turner S.J., SMN, HQADF - DGF (sea); Aldred T.N., PWO G, CANBERRA; Cullm S.T., PWO ASW, DERWENT; Rodgers A.M., SU, HARMAN NO (ANZAC PD); Warner R.M.F., LE NO-DNLS; Kraus P.J., N.MSA FIJI; Davis A.J., WE, STIRLING; Carter J.B., MCD, WATERHEN; Weyland-Smith S.G., ME SM, KUTTABUL-NSC.

LIEUTENANT TO LIEUTENANT COMMANDER (54):
Williams A., WE, HARMAN NO (FFG/DDG MOD ILSM); Sparks J.N., SMN SM, GERALDTON (ADDNL); Andrew G.A., PWO, MHQ; Belton A.B., SMN, HARMAN NO (DCM-N); Smith M.B., SMN C, HARMAN NO (DNOP); Tobin J.O., O, ALBATROSS (HS816); Ostrowski F.M.S., ETP, HARMAN O/S-PNG; Boyle R.D., ME, DERWENT; Cooke P.B., PWO D, HOBART; Cunningham D.B., SMN, WATSON (PWO CSE); Gallon B.C., SU, HQADF (SSRP); Rourke A.J., PWO ASW, MHQ; Dibetta A.G., WE, DERWENT; Whitfield G.J., MA, HARMAN O/S-USA; Hickey M.J., IT, CRESWELL; Carinci R., MESM, KUTTABUL-NSC; Glastonbury S.D., PWO ASW, RAAF Edinburgh (RANLO); Price P.M., IT, CERBERUS; Coates B.J., EOE, KUTTABUL-NSC; Forsyth A.W., AE, ALBATROSS; Sinclair C.L., AE, HARMAN NO (DAIRENG-N); Byrne B.C., DN, HARMAN; O'Malley A.J.J., PWO N, TOBRUK; Waddell M.A., SMN QH, ALBATROSS (HS817); Ward G.J., PWO ASW P, NEWCASTLE; Wright D.A., MD, PLATYPUS; Cull R.J., PWO G, BRISBANE; Brighton A.J., NS, CERBERUS; Van Geelen R.J., SU, CAIRNS; McIntosh G.J., SU, HARMAN NO (DMCP-N); Staples K.O., QMG, HQADF (DGR); Kajewski C.B., SMN C, MHQ; Davidson A.K., SU, DERWENT; Macaulay-Black K. QOI, SUCCESS; Everest B.M., MCD, HARMAN O/S-UK; Marshall A.J., WEA, ALBATROSS; Collins P.A., SU, MHQ; Davies G.S., SMN SM, CAIRNS; Dutschke V.S., PWO D, RAAF Williamtown (ADFWC); Miko M.H.J., SU, TOBRUK; Wakeling D.M., SU, SWAN; Koerber S.A., PWO N, CAIRNS; King A.J., ME, HARMAN NO (DNER-SS); Coonan D.J., WE SM, STIRLING; Muir M.A., IT, ALBATROSS; Cheek P.J., ME, HARMAN NO (DDTS-N); Vine A.J., ME SM, ORION; Birmingham D.A., WE, BRISBANE; Gatward S.J., WE, HARMAN NO (DNOP); O'Leary D.F., PWO ASW, MELBOURNE; Roy C.A., SMN, MHQ (OIC AMC); Spicer K.L., ME, SYDNEY; Appleyard S.L., AD, HQADF (DPV); Jordan D.W., PWO G, HOBART.

The following are provisional selections for promotion in the ANR to date 01JAN95.

LIEUTENANT COMMANDER TO COMMANDER (3):
Wilson C.M., MD, HARMAN NO (DGNHS); Quilty M.C., NCS, MHQ; Eaton C. LE, HARMAN NO (DNLS).

LIEUTENANT TO LIEUTENANT COMMANDER (9):
Elsay H.N., SMN, WATERHEN; Bradshaw R.G., SMN, MHQ (CAIRNS); Busuttil J.P., WE, MHQ (FIMA); Kerr C.J., SMN, MHQ (COONAWARRA); Phillips R.J., SMN, MHQ; Street A.W., LE, HARMAN NO (DNLS); Day G.M., MD, HARMAN NO (DGNHS); Curtotti M., LE, HARMAN NO (DNLS); Brangwin C.J., IT, WATSON.

The following are provisional selection for appointment to lieutenant in the

Warrant Officer entry scheme with rank seniority to coincide with date of posting to officers billet:

Holmes A.P., WTR, ALBATROSS; Hewitt C.J., ETP, MHQ; Zintschenko B., B, ADFRU-MELB.

In zone CMDRS who were eligible for consideration at the JUN94 promotion board will receive promotion board feedback letters after 01JUL94.

There have been some changes to the relative sizes of the bands. Allocations of officers to bands have been made on assessments of potential for higher ranks.

Promotion board feedback will be provided to LCDRs and LEUTs after the DEC94 promotion boards.

Similarly, this feedback will rank officers according to bands of competitiveness and potential for higher ranks.

Time is required to examine the promotion board feedback requirements for LCDRs and LEUTs. Further advice will be promulgated in due course. The Minister for Defence Science and Personnel, CNS and his Admirals congratulate all officers and warrant officers on their provisional selection for promotion.

The Warrant Officers Promotion Board has assessed the suitability of all eligible chief petty officers for promotion to warrant officer and allocated the following personnel to promotion category "A" for any vacancies which may arise in the PNF from 01JUL94 for the life of the promotion list.

Promotion category "A" is defined as suitable for promotion and manpower requirements indicate a high probability of promotion to warrant officer in the next 12 months.

TO WOB (1):
Baker D.T., R106250, CPOB, ADELAIDE.

TO WOCM (1):
White P.G., R120608, CPOCSMAC, HARMAN-DEP/DEF-WARATAH.

TO WOPT (1):
Sutton I.E., R95052, CPOPT, COMAUSNAVSUP.

TO WOTWR (1):
Sweeney T.W., R121435, CPOWTR, HARMAN-DEP/DEF-JEPS.

TO WOSTD (1):
Russell D.J., R121837, CPOSTD, HARMAN-NO-DSCM.

TO WOMP (8):
Wells R.R., S114589, CPOMTP, HARMAN-DEP/DEF-KIRIBATI; Longland K.J., S120204, CPOMTP, HARMAN-DEP/DEF-WARATAH; Rollinson A.R., S116003, CPOMTP, HARMAN-DEP/DEF-WESTERN SAMOA; Mahon D.P., S118529, CPOMTP, HARMAN DEP/DEF-MICRONESIA; Allard R.M., S116542, CPOMTP, HARMAN DEP/DEF-DNR; Hawkins L.J., S119167, CPOMTP, SWAN; Griffiths T.J., S114866, CPOMTP, NTC-EAST; Sheen K.H., S122599, CPOMTP, RUSHCUTTER.

TO WOMTH (1):
Bottomley C., S126240, CPOMTH, COONAWARRA.

TO WOETP (1):
Parker R.K., S113337, CPOETP, RANLO Singapore.

TO WOETS (3):
Chenery A.P., S116623, CPOETS, ADELAIDE; Jarvis G.A., S123971, CPOETS, NEWCASTLE; Bronatowski G.R., S110110, CPOETS, KUTTABUL-RANEG.

TO WOETW (1):
McLeod J.A., S120307, CPOETW, NEWCASTLE.

TO WOETC (1):
Kanyasi J., S121830, CPOETC, MHQAUST.

TO WOM (1):
Belcher T.J., R109483, CPOM, HARMAN NO-DSCM.

TO WORS (1):
Tanner R.A., R114417, CPORS, HARMAN.

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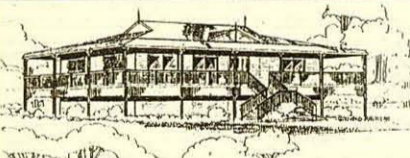
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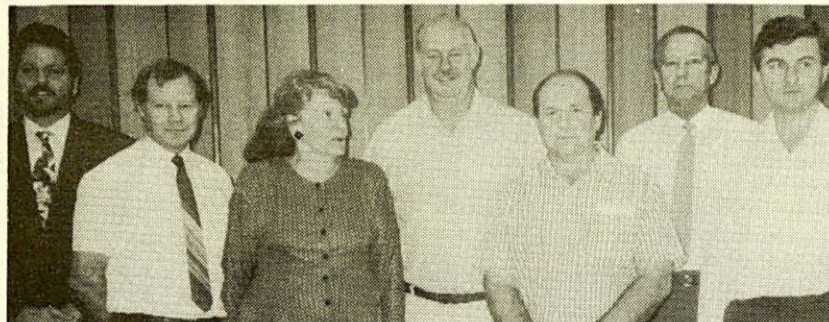
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Thirty and Forty years' service l-r: Joseph Benke (32 years), Ray Starr (32 years), Commodore York (COLOG), Dennis Toohey (30 years), Tom Hale (31 years), Norman Eakins (40 years).

Service tally of 980 years

The presentation of long service awards for staff with 20, 30 and 40 years' service with the Defence Department at the end of 1993 has been held at NSC Zetland, RANTME North Sydney, Remington, RANAD Kingswood and Newington.

Chief of Logistics, CDRE York, was in attendance to present the awards watched by a small group of management, staff and family members.

It was observed during the presentation that the combined efforts of these staff

members represented more than 980 years of dedicated service to the RAN.

After the presentation a lunch was served for the 30/40 year recipients as a memento of their significant achievement.

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Following the success of the last four Defence Productivity and Quality Awards presentations, nominations are now being called for the 1994 Awards.

In October last year CDF and the secretary presented 16 awards to Defence personnel in a ceremony at ADFA which attracted considerable media coverage.

The Minister for Defence Science and Personnel also attended the ceremony.

This year there are two categories under which nominations may be made:

Category A: Productivity Award - recognises individuals and teams who generate significant monetary and/or productivity savings but who may not necessarily have made the improvements as a result of the implementation of a continuous improvement

program or Total Quality Management (TQM).

Category B: Quality Award - recognises organisations who have committed themselves to Continuous Improvement or Total Quality Management (TQM), the extent to which that commitment is reflected in its day-to-day operations and the contribution continuous improvement has made to the organisation.

Successful nominees will be awarded either a Defence Quality Award or a Defence Productivity Award as appropriate.

Other nominees may be awarded letters of commendation.

For full details please refer to DCM 39/94 or contact Jackie Allan on (06) 266 5527, DNATS 8665527, fax (06) 266 5136.

School group visits TOBRUK

HMAS TOBRUK has played host to a group of physically handicapped children from the Cerebral Palsy Stuart School.

TOBRUK has been affiliated with the school for the last four years and has frequently provided financial assistance and support for the school's development and expansion.

Occasional visits are made either to the school or the ship. This time a group of children, parents and teachers travelled from the school in Croudace Bay near Newcastle to visit the crew members of TOBRUK.

The visit started with a

Sydney harbour cruise in two Navy work boats.

Cruising around the harbour was a first for many of the children and their parents.

The weather and seas were perfect and the experience proved the highlight of the day for many of the children.

A bus then took all the visitors back to the ship where there were plenty of helping sailors to carry the children (who are all under the age of eight) and their wheelchairs up the gangway.

A tour of the ship was then in order and all the children managed to get their photo taken while sitting in

the captain's chair or sitting at the helm.

On completion of the tour the Commanding Officer, CMDR Kevin Taylor, presented a cheque for \$500 to the Stuart School principal Mrs Bev Meldrum.

Lunch was held in the junior sailors' cafe for all the visitors.

An enjoyable day was had by all as it also provided a pleasant change to the daily routine of the sailors.

The children and parents are already looking forward to their next visit to TOBRUK and thanked the Commanding Officer and crew for their day onboard.



Some of TOBRUK's crew members with children from Stuart School.

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Rank	Name/Int	O/Number	Ship/Estab	Posting	Area/Shore/Roster	Desired Locality
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ADELAIDE: Morning tea at Naval House on Tuesday, August 9, at 10.30am at 13 Hutt Street, Adelaide. Please bring a plate. For more information contact Faith Green 332 2536 or Betty Thomas on 298 2720.

NOWRA - The next coffee morning will be held on Wednesday, July 20, at 9.30am. It is a soup and savoury morning. Contact Leanne on 21 0949 for information. Coming up is a basic first aid course with St John Ambulance on Wednesday, August 3, 9.30am to 11.30am. Babysitting is available for \$2 a child. Entry is by donation to St John's. Please book at the next coffee morning.

ALBATROSS Playtime meets every Monday at 10am. For more information contact Liz on 23 1556 or Kim on 21 8402. The craft group meets every Friday at 9.30am. Babysitting is provided at \$2 a child plus \$0.50 for tea/coffee. Any inquiries contact Carole Quinn on 23 3747.

A thrift shop is open on Fridays from 10am to noon and coffee mornings. For information contact Fiona on 23 2393 or Leanne on 21 0949.

CONTACT GROUPS WA
TORRENS - A bowling night has been arranged for Saturday, July 23. Two games plus shoe hire \$7.50. BYO drinks and plate. Contact Sharon on 593 2373.
DARWIN - meets for a coffee morning on Tuesday, July 19 and craft July 15 and 29. Contact Debbie on 592 6968.

SWAN - a Mother's Day function at the Silver Dragon on July 15 at 7.30pm. Contact Jenny on 592 1292.

MORESBY - Please call Louise on 528 3441 for information on mini golf on July 15 and

a visit to Scitech on July 22.

The next combined contact group meeting is on Wednesday, August 10, at the junior sailors' mess. For information on the activities for all WA based ships, the FLO is available on 527 9233.

CERBERUS - Cerberus Cottage Playgroup meets every Wednesday from 9.30am to 11.30am. Come along and bring the kids. No kids? Just bring yourself and come for a cuppa and a chat. Contact for playgroup is Donna on 79 4818. For more information Shae on 83 9227 and Val on 79 3176 for child care. Call Denise on 83 8373 and Sharon on 79 2648, they are available for babysitting at any time.

SPOUSES OF SUBMARINERS - These ladies meet every Monday fortnight with the next meeting on July 25 in the senior sailors' mess at PLATYPUS at 9.45am until 11.30am. Babysitting is available. For more information contact Hazel on 909 8359 or Debbie on 411 6958. Plans for a self defence and first aid courses and bus trips are on the drawing board.

CANBERRA - Bookings will be open in a few weeks for the quiz night on September 17. The Canberra Service Wives Craft Group meets fortnightly on a Thursday from 10am to 12.30pm at the Ginninderra Community Hall. Cost is \$1.50 for members

and \$2.50 non members. Bookings are essential. Child care is provided. Contact Kaeren on 258 8473, Christina on 259 1274 or Judie on 241 6949.

The 1994 Stitches and Craft show bus trip is on August 20, departing at 6.30am from Tuggeranong Markets or 7am from Canberra Labour Club. Cost is \$25. Only 56 seats available. Book early with Kaeren on 258 8473.

EXMOUTH - The Harold E. Holt Craft Group Inc. meets every Tuesday from 9am to noon at the chapel on the base. Babysitting is provided. Contact Shelley Booth on 49 1983 or Gail Tingey on 49 2217.

ALL STATES - The book *Land, Sea, and Sky: Past and Present Australian Defence Force Families Talk About Their Lives*, will be published in early 1995.

All Navy wives, spouses and members are invited to contribute anecdotes, stories, children's drawings, letters, reflections on Service Life. More information can be posted. Phone 008 0200300 (free call) for ideas and details. All interested individuals/grown up family members/extended families/veterans, are warmly invited to contribute.

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Expressions of interest are invited from any ex-crew members including junior recruits and civilian personnel who served in the above ship. A three-day 50th Commemoration Reunion is envisaged to include wives/partners to be held in Brisbane 25th, 26th, 27th April, 1995, culminating with a Dinner. Intending participants residing outside Brisbane would need to book four nights' accommodation. The joint planners for this proposal are operating from personal funds. Postage and phone calls are expensive. If possible, a donation of \$10.00 made out to DIAMANTINA SOCIAL FUND would greatly help. All surplus monies will go towards cost of Dinner. You can help by contacting other ex-shipmates who may also like to attend. With your reply, please include a stamped-addressed envelope so we can contact you when the event is nearer.
Syd Loane - 10 Winnifred Street, Clayfield QLD 4011 - Ph: (07) 262 5101
Ted Beard - 1/17 Gardiner's Place, Southport QLD 4215 - Ph: (075) 320 023

ATTENTION ALL ACADEMY GRADUATES!
The social gathering of the year is on again, but this time it's in SYDNEY. Yes that's right, the *Academy Graduates' Association Annual Dinner* is to be held on 1 October 94 at the **BOULEVARD HOTEL** in William Street, Sydney. At only \$65.00 per person it is a full night of entertainment not to be missed. The night includes meal, drinks, music and prizes from 7pm until well after midnight. It's a black tie affair, with special deals available on airfares and accommodation available for 'out-of-towners'.
For more details, please contact FLTLT Scoop Taylor on (06) 2688223, or LEUT Mick Miller on (06) 2688533, but do so by 31 July 94 as places are strictly limited! Don't forget, members get a discount at the dinner (\$10.00 per person) so it may be worth the joining fee to enjoy the privileges of membership of the Association! Call the above numbers for details of membership, or see a member for a membership coupon from the Autumn 94 Edition of *TATTOO*.

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SUMO SLAM A HUGE HIT

The grunts of traditional Japanese Sumo wrestling reverberated around PLATYPUS to ward off any evil spirits before the start of a fund-raising round of wrestling bouts.

Organised to raise money for the HMAS PLATYPUS and Submarine Squadron Ball on July 23, the Sumo Wrestling provided great entertainment for competitors and spectators alike.

This year's ball has special significance because it will commemorate the Submarine Squadron's move to Western Australia in September.

Raffle tickets were quickly snapped up by submariners keen to take part in a bout, and there was special interest in the tickets for a celebrity bout against the likes of CO PLATYPUS CMDR O'Brien, CO of ONSLOW LCDR Bray and CPWTR Lake.

For the uninitiated, sumo wrestling rewards the victor with the mandatory body slamming of the loser.

By
POPH Chris Woods

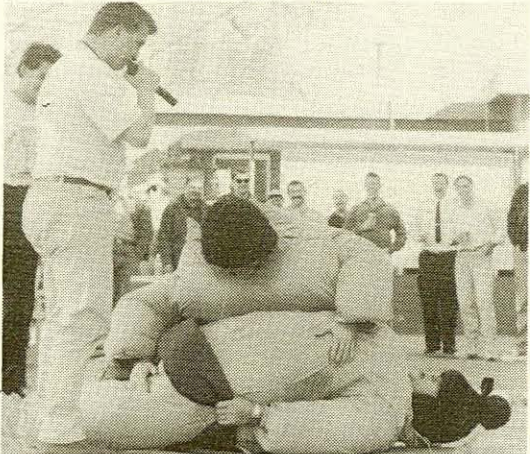
Accompanied by a countdown from the spectators, the winner takes a running leap to belly flop on top of the hapless victim.

As many combatants found out, sumo wrestling isn't as easy as it looks. Just getting in and out of the heavily padded suits is no mean feat and then you have to try and push your opponent out of the ring to

win the round. Best out of three to takes the match.

All this takes place while holding onto a Japanese styled G string and trying to stay upright!

As well as raffling the spots in the wrestling bouts, everyone had the chance to enter the draw for meat trays and the grand prize raffle which included a trip for two to Melbourne.



Down for the count ... spectators cheer as the body slam is performed.

Neville declares

Navy cricket is about to lose one of its most dedicated and colourful players. POETC Nev Knight has bowled his last over for the Navy as he pays off after 20 years' service. Those who have had the good fortune to play with Nev at Interservice or Zingari level, will know of his fiercely competitive attitude and attention to crick-eting etiquette. He loved to play the game at the highest standard but he also possessed a sense of humour which made him a very likeable character. Over the years he has been an inspiration not only to Navy cricketers but also to the junior cricketers at the St George CC where he played weekend grade cricket. Av-A-Go and Navy sport wishes Nev all the best for the future.



By Marty Karow

A team of four runners from HMAS MELBOURNE competed in the fourth annual 6.5km Olympic Fun Run from Darling Harbour to the Rocks and back in Sydney. The MELBOURNE team of LEUT Greg Swinden, LEUT Wayne Gordon, LEUT Simon Greg and SBLT Nic Zillman did extremely well finishing third out of a large contingent in the teams division.

The NSW Winter Interservice Series will be

contested in the Holsworthy area from August 8-10 '94. Sports to be contested are rugby union, Australian Rules, soccer, netball, volleyball (m+w), hockey (m+w), tenpin bowling (m+w), cross country, squash (m+w), pistol/rifle shooting and touch footy (m+w). Enquiries and nominations for the positions of coach, manager and players are to be directed through your PT Staff.

Belinda shows flair

Really creating a first in the MORETON sporting world is the visiting ships Liaison Officer, SBLT Belinda Mitchell.

Belinda, a keen sports-woman herself, has the job of organising sports for visiting ships and has a great flair for her new job. With the help of the TORRENS and SWAN muscle bosuns, Belinda organised the Wells Trophy, which is a series of contests between Navy and Army.

Sports included rugby, touch football, volleyball and soccer, but Army's vast numbers at Enogera told. The brass at the series were OIC Naval Support CMDR Derek Caton and the captains of the visiting ships, CMDR Gately and CMDR Rago.

**SALTY
in the
North**

The recruiting (or careers) department at Russell Offices, Canberra, will soon take on a rugby atmosphere. The director is former top Navy forward Graham Sloper, who was captain of SUCCESS on its first trip to the Gulf.

Well known as a member of rugby's infamous "engine room" and has never taken a backward step, Graham will soon be joined by current ASRU coach Geoff Jones who has been appointed Director of Army Recruiting.

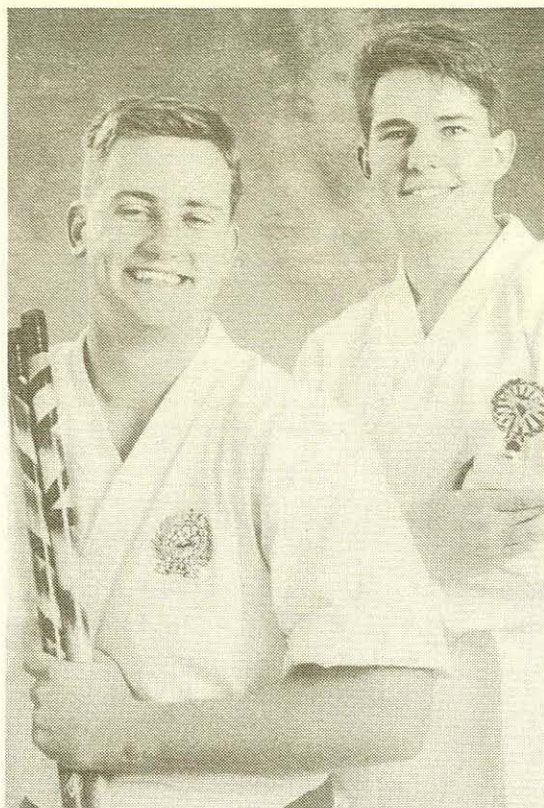
I would like to thank the

ships and establishments which have donated shirts and caps to help paraplegic athlete Allan Gildersleeve, a former ABQMG who broke his neck while serving on HMAS CESSNOCK.

Allan won a bronze medal in lawn bowls at the Majorca Games, reached the semi-finals in the elite Paraplegic Games in London, and this year won the National Singles title and the Queensland State championship.

Next year he hopes to compete in the Tubby Davies Triathlon Masters Titles in Melbourne, and the World Bowls in South Africa.

Anyone who has spare t-shirts or ties, could you send them to me at 3/130 Oxley Avenue, Woody Point, Qld, 4019, and we will have a raffle or an auction to help Allan with his expenses.



MIDN Chris Oldham (left) and MIDN James Harrap are all smiles after their strong performances at the International Goju Karate Championships in Melbourne.

Karate duo shine

RAN Midshipmen James Harrap and Chris Oldham, along with five other cadets from the Australian Defence Force Academy, have made a major contribution to the success of the 24-member ACT squad at the IGK International Karate Championships in Melbourne.

The ACT finished with five firsts, two seconds and four thirds, of which three firsts, one second and two thirds were claimed by team members from ADFA.

IGK (International Goju Karate) is a traditional Japanese form of karate which is now practiced around the world, with teams from Canada, Spain, UK, South Africa, Papua New Guinea, New Zealand and the Philippines taking part in the championship.

The competition involved two main categories of kata (a practiced sequence of moves performed individually and judged on technique) and Kumite (fighting).

The kumite section involved combatants fighting one-on-one for three minutes or three points and the sparring was non-contact which means kicks and punches are only permitted to hit lightly.

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Perfect setting for a classic race ... action from the Navy Invitation Teams Racing Regatta on Sydney Harbour.

Vics down RAN to take regatta

By LEUT Ken Smith

Black Rock Sailing Club (VIC), boasting sailors with Olympic experience and a number of major titles to their credit, have taken out the eighth annual Navy Invitation Teams Racing Regatta held off Rushcutter's Bay in Sydney.

It was Black Rock which ended Navy's hopes of victory in a tight quarter-final match-up before going on to take the overall title.

Using the well maintained Tasar dinghies from Command Sailing Centre, 12 teams of six from around the country took part and there was no shortage of world class sailors on show, including Navy crews Ric Longbottom and Phil Anderson, Martin Linsley and Ken Smith and Stewart Schimeld and Jude Kennedy.

Past records aside, the aim of the regatta was team racing and this could easily be described as Formula One sailing - it's fast, exciting and provides great action for spectators.

In varying wind conditions the teams sailed five races each on the first day to secure spots in the final rounds, with Navy, Black Rock, Blairgowrie (VIC), Brighton/Seacliffe (SA), Bayview

(NSW), Royal Prince Alfred (NSW) and Royal Queensland making it through to the quarter-finals.

Largs Bay (SA), YMCA (ACT), Mooloolaba (QLD), Mounts Bay (WA) and Royal Tasmania were relegated to do battle for the plate.

After some tight racing in gusty conditions on day two, Black Rock and Brighton/Seacliffe emerged to fight out the main event, while Mounts Bay took the Plate Final from Largs Bay.

Despite some brief mishaps with the boats losing their challenge in the testing conditions, Brighton/Seacliffe took the first of two races in the final in a 1-3-5 combination.

After swapping boats they were off again, with Black Rock needing to at least equal the finishing position of Brighton/Seacliffe to take the title. The highly skilled Black Rock team managed to equal the 1-3-5 finish, giving them the title in what proved to be a classic match-race.

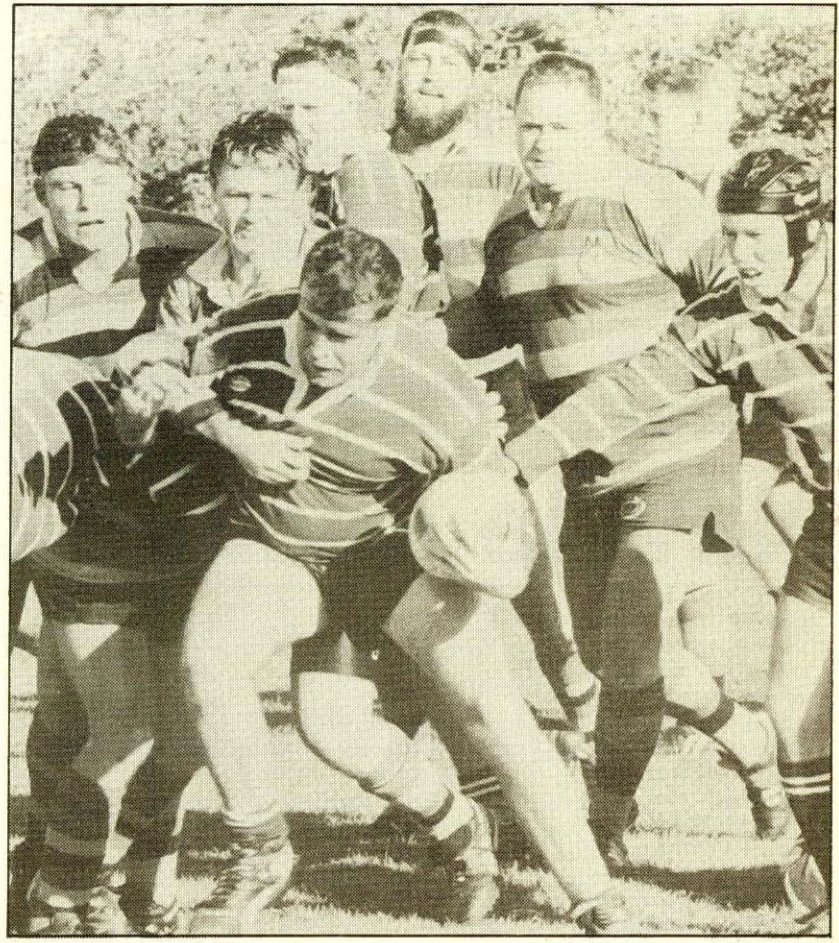
The winners were presented with their trophies by Rear Admiral Hunt, Flag Officer Naval Support Command, who reaffirmed his support for the event, which is held in high regard by sailors Australia-wide.

Tries galore as KUTTABUL fire

Tries, tries and more tries.

That was the order of the day in the Dempster Cup, as KUTTABUL thrashed PLATYPUS/WATERHEN 63-27, giving their opponents a lesson in running rugby in the process.

From the moment PLATYPUS knocked on at the kick-off things looked ominous as KUTTABUL spun the ball wide to centre Darren West who broke a number of tackles to score the first of his team's 11 tries.



KUTTABUL forwards on a roll during the 63-27 demolition of PLATYPUS/WATERHEN in the Dempster Cup.

Halves Jim Carter and Zahn Holden were in dazzling form, continually igniting a KUTTABUL backline which simply displayed too much precision for PLATYPUS.

Tries to Carter and Gordon Longrigg extended KUTTABUL's lead to 17-0, but to their credit PLATYPUS never gave up and they scored the next try through prop Tony Dallen.

KUTTABUL winger Danny Dawes notched two tries to make it 27-5 and when Holden added a five-pointer of his own the half-time score read 32-5.

Early in the second stanza KUTTABUL produced a magnificent bust which started in their own quarter and finished with West crossing for his second try. Paul Merrigan's conversion took the score to 39-5.

Courage

Again PLATYPUS showed plenty of courage to hit back with a try to Dave Churchill from a quick tap, but Shane Farley snuffed out any faint hopes of a PLATS revival when he capitalised on more brilliant work from West to score under the posts. Merrigan's conversion gave KUTTABUL a 46-10 lead.

PLATYPUS' best player on the day was undoubtedly lock "Bungy" Williams, and it was his powerful burst

which set up the first of two tries for halfback Shane Denning.

Williams worked tirelessly in both attack and defence, making a number of clean breaks and preventing at least three KUTTABUL tries with his last-ditch tackles.

Strong running by Steve King set up another try for Farley, after which Dawes and Holden each grabbed their second to make the final score 63-27 in KUTTABUL's favour.

KUTTABUL now has four wins to their credit in the Dempster Cup and on the form shown against PLATYPUS,

look more than capable of mounting a serious challenge for this year's title.

Backs and forwards combined superbly in a powerhouse display of running rugby, which PLATYPUS were simply unable to match on the day, despite strong performances by Williams, Denning and Bob Plath.

Tribute

Williams later revealed that a number of the PLATYPUS players had taken the field as a tribute to 22-year-old Ron Holmes, who died on the Sunday before the game.

The game was to have been Holmes' last for

PLATYPUS and as a mark of respect to their former team-mate the players wore black armbands.

"A few of the guys hadn't played for a while, but they decided to get together as a last tribute to Ron," Williams said.

PENGUIN and WATSON both forfeited their round six matches, giving the points to ALBATROSS and CRESWELL respectively.

And in a deferred match from round three, CRESWELL continued their solid form with a 22-0 defeat of PLATYPUS.

In other rugby union news Navy players from the Top End beat their Army counterparts in a curtain-raiser to the Northern Territory v Italy international in Darwin.

The match was characterised by committed defence and free-flowing attack, with a late Navy try stealing a 15-7 victory.

With an extra 2000 soldiers due to be re-located in the Territory in the next few years, Army will have a greater player base from which to choose, but Navy coach PO Peter Chapman said his boys would be looking forward to the challenge.

Navy also had two representatives - LEUT Tim Caven and CPO Phil Blackwell - in the Northern Territory side which took on Italy in the main game.

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