SWAN’S HIGH SEA MERCY MISSION

These graphic photographs by Navy cameraman, John Gardner, capture some of the action during HMAS SWAN’s mercy dash to aid injured seamen onboard the US cargo ship “AUSTRAL MOON” in high seas off Sydney on Monday night, May 2. TOP: LSMED Phillip Littledew watches from the rubber liferaft as Surgeon Lieutenant Brian Missa is lowered from HMAS SWAN for the rough passage to the “AUSTRAL MOON” (bottom picture). The seamen were injured when a huge wave crashed over them while inspecting air vents on the upper deck. See story page 2.
NAVAL TASK FORCE SAILS FOR THE U.K.

A three-ship Australian and New Zealand Navy Task Force, comprising the aircraft carrier HMAS MELBOURNE, Flagship of the Australian Fleet, the guided missile destroyer HMAS BRISBANE and the New Zealand frigate HMAS CANTERBURY, sailed from Sydney on April 26, to take part in the Silver Jubilee Spithead Naval Review in England.

The Task Force, under the command of Rear Admiral G. V. Gladsome, formerly the Australian Fleet Commander, sailed for Portsmouth in England by way of the Suez Canal. About 25 ships and 500 ships will participate in the Review which is expected to be the most spectacular naval occasions in the UK for many years.

The last naval review at Spithead marked the Queen’s coronation in 1953.

Fleet Air Arm aircraft, comprising Skyhawk jet fighter-bombers, a Tracker anti-submarine aircraft, sea king and Wessex helicopters, later flew into the carrier from the Naval Air Station, Nowra.

Some of the aircraft will take part in spectacular static displays at an International Air Show at Greenham Common, Berkshire in England during the Silver Jubilee celebrations.

The passage through the Suez Canal will be the first by Australian Navy ships since the guided missile destroyer HMAS HOXTON passed through the Canal last August on its return passage from the American Bicentennial celebrations.

For HMAS MELBOURNE it will be the first time through the Suez Canal since its delivery passage to Australia from England in 1969.

HMAS BRISBANE and HMAS CANTERBURY have not passed through the Canal.

The three-ship Task Force is due to arrive in Portsmouth on June 13 to take part in the Spithead Naval Review which will be staged on June 28.

MELBOURNE is carrying a special cargo - the three yachts selected to represent Australia in the international Admirals Cup series off southern England in July.

The three yachts, the 45-foot RAGAMUFFIN, the 41-foot RUNAWAY and the 44-foot SUPERSTAR were loaded aboard HMAS MELBOURNE in the early days of the RAF Venture at Garden Island last month.

They were stowed in special cradles in the aircraft-carrier’s hangar deck for the voyage to England.

OFF TO THE UK... The flagship of the RAN, the aircraft carrier HMAS MELBOURNE, leads the guided-missile destroyer HMAS BRISBANE out of Sydney Harbour on April 26. The RAN units will take part in The Queen’s Silver Jubilee Naval Review at Spithead, Portsmouth on June 28.

COMMENDED FOR HAZARDOUS DIVING OPERATION OFF WA

Four RAN ship’s divers have been awarded Commendations for their efforts in the search for survivors last November from a wrecked oil company resupply barge off the West Australian coast.

The divers, and two Petty Officers from the HMAS STUART, became the first to use equipment from the destroyer escort, HMAS STUART.

The diving team consisted of H.M. Lieutenant Russell Craig of South Perth, Qld, Lieutenant John Delaforce of Mankato, Minn, Petty Officer ETW Larry Ward of Albany, Western Australia, Petty Officer 1st Class Dwayne Book of St Marys, WA.

HMAS STUART was called in to assist in the search for survivors from the resupply barge - "PREVENTIVE," which exploded on a reef south of Passage Island off the West Australian coast.

The four-man diving team recovered one body and carried out an extensive search of the wreck.

SILT Crane was awarded a Commendation by the Chief of Naval Staff Vice Admiral G. G. Smyth, and the three other members of the diving team were awarded Commendations from the Flag Officer Commanding the Australian Fleet.

SILT Crane’s commendation from Vice Admiral Smyth read as follows:

"Commendation: H.M. Lieutenant Crane, RAN, WMC STUART, for his bravery and devotion to duty under hazardous and difficult conditions as Officer in Charge of the ship’s diving team during the search for survivors of the grounded, Pentecost, on 8th and 9th November, 1976."

"During the search of the wreck, H.M. Lieutenant Crane, and his team worked under cramped and difficult conditions, and was subjected to the rigours and circum-stances of the superstructure. His devotion and devotion to duty were an inspiration to the diving team."

The picture shows the then Flag Officer Commanding the Australian Fleet, Rear Admiral G. V. Gladsome congratulating the divers after presenting them with their Commendations in a ceremony on board HMAS STUART.

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RAN SURGEON LIEUTENANT BRIAN MISDO (with glasses) and LS Phillip Littlewood (right) help the injured seaman Mr Lane (left) from the workboat to an awaiting ambulance at Circular Quay on Tuesday, May 3. — Photo by APH Gartt Johnston.

Navy medical men risk lives in high seas mercy dash

Two Navy medical personnel risked their lives in huge seas in the Tasman Sea on Monday, May 2, in a bid to reach a seriously injured crew member aboard a cargo ship.

The personnel - Surgeon Lieutenant Brian Misdo and Leading Seaman Phillip Littlewood - left Sydney on Monday on the destroyer escort HMAS SWAN, commanded by Commander A. M. "Jerry" Curwarine.

The Australian warship had been asked for medical assistance by the 38,000 tonne freighter "AUSTRALIAN MOON," which radioed that the First Mate, Mr. Charles Lane, had suffered serious injuries in violent weather.

With another member of the ship's company, Mr. Lane took the full force of a forty-foot wave which crashed over "AUSTRALIAN MOON," 650 miles east of Sydney early on Monday.

Mr. Lane suffered head, arm and body injuries while the other man, the bosun, fractured his right arm.

The "AUSTRALIAN MOON" immediately headed for Sydney to rendezvous with HMAS SWAN.

At about 7.15 on Monday night, the two ships made contact some 800 miles east of Sydney, and HMAS SWAN prepared to transfer the RAN medical personnel to the freighter.

Conditions were atrocious - strong southerly winds and extremely rough seas with a 30 to 35-foot swell made the operation so hazardous that there was no possibility of the warship using its boats.

A line was passed from HMAS SWAN to "AUSTRALIAN MOON" and connected at the escorts end to a naval liferaft.

But the abnormal conditions proved too much - and the line snapped at one point, threatening to plunge the liferaft and the Navy medical pair under the bows of the "AUSTRALIAN MOON."

After some tense moments, the RAN pair were able to secure their bobbing craft and board the freighter.

Because of the weather, Surgeon Lieutenant Misdo and LS Littlewood, remained on the cargo ship as it beat through the big seas towards Sydney, HMAS SWAN in the meantime made for Jervis Bay and suspension of its exercise program.

On Tuesday morning, a Stannard Bros. workboat brought the injured men together with Surgeon Lieutenant Misdo and LS Littlewood from the "AUSTRALIAN MOON" to a waiting ambulance at Circular Quay.
NAS NOWRA: COURT’S VERDICT

A seven-man NAVE Court Martial, on April 22, sentenced Able Seaman Air Technical Aircraft Grammar John Tren to be kept in custody “until the pleasure of the Governor-General is known.”

The Court earlier had found that Tren, on charges against last December’s Nowra Air Station fire, had done the action as charged but was insane at the time “so as not to be responsible, according to law, for the act.”

"Tren had plowed out guilty at the opening of the Court Martial at HMAS PENGUIN on April 13, to having

- Wilfully damaged an "H" Range at HMAS ALBATROSS by fire on or about December 4, 1956.
- Wilfully destroyed an SIE Tracker aircraft and also to having wilfully damaged an SIE Tracker aircraft - all by fire at HMAS ALBATROSS on or about December 4, 1956.

All charges were dropped in Section 32c of the Naval Discipline Act.

The prosecution called 35 witnesses and the defence 14.

COURT MARTIAL EVIDENCE

The April 22 edition of "Naval News" transcripts of evidences for the Court Martial gave a verbatim report of Defence Counsel, LCDR Gaug’s opening address to the Court.

In his closing arguments which implied firstly that the accused had been transferred to HMAS PENGUIN solely for disciplinary reasons, and secondly that medical treatment that the accused had received at HMAS ALBATROSS prior to his transfer had been less than optimum.

These statements were not without the time of proceedings.

The Command Medical Officer, LCDR P. T. Trevelyan, has released to "Naval News" the following statement:

"An examination of transit signals of 21 January, 1957, showed that, contrary to Defence counsel’s advice, within 24 hours of the arrival of the crew who was still at HMAS ALBATROSS, HMAS PENGUIN specifically for the detailed medical examinations of the accused and medical tests which were subsequently carried out.“

He further states that he considered that the medical treatment was in the face that the accused had received from the Medical Officer at HMAS ALBATROSS in September and November 1956 was reasonable and fair in the circumstances.

The report (below) from the US women may be permitted to serve aboard US Navy ships, interested.

The Australian Society for the Promotion of Women’s Rights, who sponsored the acceptable payment working classes considering factors are allowed to bear their costs of said - Photo by VANCE HAYES.

SHIPWRIGHTS IN US NAVY

The US Navy propose to amend the section of the US Code which currently prohibits the assignment of Navy women to duty on vessels of the Navy other than hospital ships and transports which would not be expected to be assigned to combat missions.

The proposal has been endorsed by the Secretary of the Navy, it is currently under consideration within Armed Services. Upon completion of which it will be forwarded to the Department of Defence for consideration.
ADMIRALS' INSIGNIA
Investitures were held in Canberra and Sydney recently. At Government House, Canberra on Tuesday, April 19, the Governor-General Sir John Kerr presented various awards to civilian and Service personnel.

Five of the 12 Naval recipients were Admirals and they are pictured at the right with the Governor-General after the ceremony. They are Rear Admiral G. J. Willis; the Chief of Naval Staff Vice Admiral A. M. Synnott; The Governor-General; Rear Admiral G. V. Gladstone; Rear Admiral Michael A. G. Reid (retired); and Rear Admiral M. P. Read; all received the Order of Australia.

INVESTITURES IN CANBERRA... Photos by POPH John O'Brien.

Captain E. E. Johnston and wife, Joan, with Commander C. J. Niblet and wife, Susan. Both Officers received the Australian Medal and are onboard PERTH which is commanded by CAPT Johnston.

Miss Susan Willis, Rear Admiral G. J. Willis and wife, Marguerie.

Commander Reece with his wife Susan and son, Commander Reece, who is Director of Naval Safety, received the MBE.

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Two members of the RAN were among NSW recipients of New Year's Honours: Commander Mark Russell, Commanding Officer of the HMAS Coonawarra, received the OAM in recognition of his long and distinguished service in the Australian Defence Force, and Lieutenant Commander John Davidson, who was awarded the OAM for his services as a Flight Commander in the RAN. Commander Russell (left) and CMDR King (right), after the Government House ceremony.

Commander A. M. Cummins, pictured with his mother, Gwyneth and father, Ronald from Southport, Queensland, received the Australian Medal.

TwoNaval personnel received awards from Knightsbush to Orders of Australia (Military Division) during the Investiture at Government House, Sydney on April 23. They are (from left to right): Lieutenant Commander James Fawkes, Chief of Staff, Sydney; Warrant Officer (Ordinary) Alfred KURNURU; Captain Charles Plunkett of the Naval Reserve, Warrant Officer Robert C. Bovell, and a Commando of the Women's Royal Australian Naval Service; Chief Petty Officer Alan Moore; and Warrant Officer Regional Commander.

BELIEF — (From left) — Mrs. Ann-Johnston; Onslow Napier, Vice Admiral John Johnston; Haydn Kelly; and Warrant Officer (Ordinary) Alfred KURNURU, after the Royal Investiture. Warrant Officer Kurnur, who received the Order of Australia (Military Division) for his long and distinguished service in the Naval Reserve, was presented with a special award by the Governor-General, who praised his contributions to the Australian Defence Force. (Photo: John O'Brien.)
VENDETTA REPORTS FROM THE MYSTIC EAST

In this report from 'VENDETTA IN THE MYSTIC EAST', our correspondent outlines the highlights of the deployment from Manila to Subic Bay and onwards to Japan.

During this period, members of the ship's company found Olongapo a little more sheltered than usual due to earth tremors... RAAF Butterworth personnel proved ideal hosts during the four-day visit to Penang... Hong Kong was much the same - the Red Cross "dained" the blood streams and the locals drained the pockets during the "rabbit run".

Our correspondent takes us onto the story from where he left off in the last edition, Manila:

After a "fantastic run" in Manila, VENDetta set sail for Subic (then Cebu Dorm) on Monday, March 14 for exercises with the US Navy and arrived in Subic Bay (exactly) on Thursday, March 17 for a two-day visit.

Very little of any consequence occurred except that those who stayed ashore had friends in Olongapo on the Friday night and thought that they made the early morning. About 0800 on Saturday morning the area was hit by an earthquake - actually it was only a small tremor, but it was enough to make all the buildings groan and shake. Despite this, the ship sailed on time at 1030 for the 'Pearl of the Orient', Penang.

VENDetta arrived at Penang on Thursday, March 24 for a four-day visit.

For almost 100 years (some would call them "marketers"), Penang is an island, separated from the north-west of Malaysia by a mile-wide strait. It is the capital of Georgetown, which has a population of some 580,000 people.

On the mainland, opposite, is the town of Butterworth, where the ferry runs for George Town, Penang.

This place also houses some of the Royal Malaysian Air Force and is Headquarters for the Royal Malaysian Air Defence System (LUDS) which is made up of detachments from the RAAF, RAF, RSN (Singapore) and, of course, the RMAF.

RAAF Butterworth played host to us while we were in Penang and provided a sporting challenge... with the natural socialising afterwards.

We sailed from Penang on Monday, March 28 after spending the weekend in a small bar and anchorage in the middle of the harbor. This happens to almost all warships, but we have been so specified during deployment as regards alongside-berths, that it came as a bit of a shock to the system to have to get a "bunk out" to the ship.

On April 3 the Hong Kong Red Cross arrived on board and the ship began to take on the appearance of a hospital ship. The hospital ship had become a tradition in Hong Kong - blood donation.

Over 125 pints of blood (more than 200 pints possibly blood alcohol!) were donated the day and they were hard at work in the forward cafe for about 4 1/2 hours.

The Chinese Tailors and "Bhacca- laces" (shilling) were landed in Hong Kong at the end of the SMP, much to everyone's disappointment, as they had expected the Ship's Company to maintain a high standard of dress, both adrift and ashore.

Fortunately, the laundromen will be staying with the ship until we leave Singapore.

Sailors' "shaky run" in Olongapo

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ABMGS "BOB" MERTZ typed his hand at holding a ride-just while his was in Hong Kong and ARCC "Tu" was the unfortunate "victim". JUST BEHIND THIS photo in Penang was a very large Malayman ARCC Steve Kirp and ARCC George Finlay with ABRT Wayne lamp during this operation.

HMSS VENDETTA leaves Hong Kong on a dull and cloudy day - framed by the hills above Causeway Bay.

BELOW: Hong Kong's Victoria Harbour with Rawlinson in the background. Observing the view of Hong Kong Island (and VENDETTA in TAMAR's Naval Basin) are ABMS "Red" McCr dbg, MDMN Phil Rogers, SLTB Frank Owen, ABCC "Sonny" Summell, ROCC "Bruce" Ferguson and POUW Jim Oakes.

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CDFS retired on April 20

The Chief of Defence Force, General Sir Francis Hackett, retired on April 20 because of health reasons. He was succeeded by General A.L. MacKinnon.

NEWCASTLE'S ANZAC DAY MARCH

Captain Hulme, with wife Julie and Narelle (7 months), and brother.

NAVAL ASSOCIATION “FIRST”

The ANA Division of the Royal Australian Navy Association recently held a reunion, described by our correspondent, as "a 'First'".

**WILLIAMSMITH**: The Navy set sail on a grand reunion voyage, the ANA Division of the Royal Australian Navy Association, under the leadership of Commodore J.H. Williams, RN ON, and Rear Admiral J.W. Henderson, RN, set sail from Sydney for Hobart and Melbourne, where the ANA Division of the Royal Australian Navy Association has its headquarters.

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**Ovens ‘Home’ From Pacific**

IMM Ovens returned from the RIMPAC deployment on April 5th more than two years after leaving Sydney, having spent two years in the South Pacific and the Indian Ocean. The Ovens returned to Sydney via Pearl Harbor, a stopover in the South Pacific.

**The Australian Submariner HMS Ovens returning to its base at HMAS Playfie...**

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**Harman: FOCEA’s Divisions**

**Ray J. Doherty**, who retired from the service on April 20, attended the Division of the Royal Australian Navy Association (RAHAN). The Division was formed in 1945 and has been a pillar of the Royal Australian Navy community for over 70 years. The Division's goals are to maintain the traditions and values of the Royal Australian Navy, to promote the welfare of its members, and to support the Royal Australian Navy Association (RAHA) and the Royal Australian Navy. The Division meets regularly and has a strong record of community involvement.
MAJOR CHANGES PLANNED FOR SERVICES' PENSION SCHEME

Major changes to the retirement scheme for the Defence Force have been forecast by the Minister for Defence, Mr D. J. Killen.

Announcing these on April 19, Mr Killen said the Government had authorised him to proceed with modifications to the "reversionary benefits" arrangements -- the pension rights that pass from the member to his family on death -- to bring them in line with the more beneficial provisions of the new Commonwealth Public Service superannuation scheme.

The main proposals were:
- No cancellation of a widow's or widower's pension if she or he re-married;
- Restoration where appropriate of pensions previously cancelled for this reason, and;
- Extension of pension benefits in some cases to widows and children previously excluded because the marriage took place after retirement.

There would be no change to the level of widows' and children's benefits paid, but legislation had already been enacted to allow automatic annual adjustment of pensions.

Mr Killen said amending legislation to give effect to the proposals would be introduced in the Parliament as soon as possible.

NAVAL HEALTH SOCIETY GOES AUTOMATIC

Following the modifications to Medibank last October, the comparatively low contribution rates of the Naval Health Benefits Society attracted many new members and as a result, the Society found that it had to increase its staff to cope with the greater volume of claims received.

This took time and training. It also meant that the Society's normal turn around time for the payment of claims was about two weeks, could not be maintained. The Committee of Management of the Society, concerned about delays in payment of claims, have taken steps to overcome the problem.

The Society recently purchased a mini-computer which will eliminate much of the manual process used in the past.

The computer will produce automatically a Retiree Advice Notice and Cheque.

The Retiree Notice will show a line-by-line assessment of the claim, settling out the fee charged, the basic benefit, additional benefit and total benefit.

This will enable members to compare the calculation of benefits against the amounts, which will be returned. If a benefit is not paid on an assessment claimed, the reason will be endorsed on the account.

The new mini-computer can only be fed to the new red claim form. Where a member submits a claim using the old blue form, his claim will be processed in the old way, using a carbon-picked cheque with a manually completed Retiree Advice Notice.

These claims will probably take longer than those forwarded on the new form.

Claims for services received before 15 October 1981, require the completion of both a Medibank claim form and an NHBS form (either red or blue).

Contributors to the LS tables (i.e. those who pay the Medibank fee and contribute for additional cover) must also provide both forms.

Pay INCREASES

LI contributors are also reminded that following the next pay increase, they should add the revised Medibank rate to their NHBS statement and compare the result to the equivalent PC allowance. (PC means full private cover and the levy is not paid.)

The NHBS is aware that it is an irritating matter when a claim is returned with a request for more information or the relevant item has been re-claimed, but a claim cannot be reassessed for benefit at all without the necessary information.

In this regard members should refer to the instructions on the claim form that every time they make a claim.

The NHBS would like to remind its members that when they write to the Society for information they should provide its name, first names and address on the letter and not just simply attach the letter to the claim form without any identification other than the signature.

SD PROMOTIONS

The following RAN SD promotions are made to date April 1, 1977.

LIEUTENANT (SD) TO LIEUTENANT COMMANDER (SD) John Robert Elliott (AV) -- Melbourne, Edward Donald (CD) -- Penguim, Robert Vincent McConell (C) -- Harman (No), John Bindon de Baghleigh Whitaker (PR) -- Watson.

ENGINEER LIEUTENANT TO ENGINEER LIEUTENANT COMMANDER: Don Maxwell Kidd (H) -- Harman (No), George Athol Payne (ME) -- Cerberus.

ELECTRICAL LIEUTENANT TO ELECTRICAL LIEUTENANT COMMANDER: Sydney Keith White (WE) -- Duchess, Francis David Guest (L) -- Londsdale, Raymond Edward Hughes (WE) -- Stuart.

SUPPLY LIEUTENANT TO SUPPLY LIEUTENANT COMMANDER: Rodney Major Bathbone (S) -- Liewwin, Brian Thomas Edgerton (S) -- Acting Lieutenant Commander (SD) -- Moreton.

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CAPT NICHOLLS FAREWELLED AFTER 43 YEARS' SERVICE IN RAN

Captain David Nicholls, OBE, RAM, Naval Officer Commanding Queensland, left for retirement on Sunday after 43 years' service in the RAN. Captain Nicholls (centre) is pictured with his wife, Margaret, and two of his children, Peter, 27, and Lisa, 25.

MEMBERS OF THE RAN CLEARANCE DIVING BRANCH took part in the traditional Captain Moore's service (right) at the Royal Australian Navy Base in Townsville. The ceremony included the presentation of a service medal and the laying of a wreath at the shrine of the Fallen.

Perry's Indian Ocean cruise book for sale

HMAS Perth's News Committee has 25 "Indian Ocean Cruise 1973" books available for purchase. The books are signed by the crew and include photographs and personal stories from the cruise. Interested readers are encouraged to contact the News Committee for further information.
APPRENTICES’ INTER-SERVICE 1977 SERIES

400 COMPETED IN SIX SPORTS

More than 400 apprentices from the three Armed Services came together recently at HMAS Nirimba, Quakers Hill, for the annual Services Apprentice sports meeting.

They were from the RAN Apprentice Training Establishment, HMAS Nirimba, the RAAF Apprentice School at WAGGA and the Army Apprentice School at Balcombe, Victoria.

The apprentices competed in events covering, swimming, water polo, cricket, squash, tennis and athletics.

Competition was keen in all sports with overall honours going to Army (45 points), who wrestled the trophy from last year’s winners RAAF (26 points) and Navy (26 points).

A run-in loss to RAAF in the cricket and good performances in squash and water polo were Navy highlights.

On the first day, Navy played RAAF with the following results:

SQUASH: RAAF defeated Navy 52-

WATER POLO: Navy defeated RAAF 22-

CRICKET: RAAF defeated Navy 9 to 47.

TENNIS: RAAF defeated Navy 7 to 2.

In the Squash, Navy No 1 Apprentice Barry was defeated 5-2 by Murray of RAAF.

Parsons (Navy) defeated McCallum (RAAF) 6 to 4.

Long (Navy) defeated Morris (RAAF) 9 to 5.

Census (Navy) defeated Grunston (RAAF) 7 to 2.

Navy (RAAF) defeated Robinson (Navy) 9 to 3.

Competition was keen as can be seen by the results and a high standard of play was maintained throughout.

The WATER POLO was a very tight game and led to a draw.

The RAAF team tried hard for that little extra in the final quarter but neither could make the deciding goal.

TENNIS: RAAF were by far the stronger players of the day with the outright win.

Best player for Navy was Apprentice Freeman who won his singles outright.

Apprentice Taylor’s match was hard fought but he finally went down to Leathly (RAAF) 2:1.

In the doubles, the winning match was played by Freeman and Leathly who combined well.

CRICKET: Navy won the toss and elected to bat and at lunch 47 were all out for 8. Good fielding was a feature with Kuss (10 for 5) and King (4 for 9) were Navy’s best bowlers.

Navy started out well in reply before a batting collapse saw the chase plummet by one wicket.

RAAF v ARMY.

WATER POLO: Army defeated Navy 23-

TENNIS: ARMY defeated Navy 4 to 3.

SQUASH: Navy victors by 4 rubbers to 2.

CRICKET: RAAF 9-92 beat Army 8.

SWIMMING: A hard-fought competition was contested by evenly-matched teams.

The progressive scores were very close throughout.

The relay events were won by Navy which gave them a win with 60 points from Navy and Army on 52 each.

On the final day, Navy had the chance to take out two sports - squash and water polo.

Although not beaten in water polo, they could only manage a draw which gave the trophy to ARMY, who had defeated RAAF.

Navy finished 24 last at the end of the first quarter but Army equalised in the second and third quarters.

In the last quarter each team recorded again for a three-all draw.

SQUASH: ARMY pulled out a win with some tremendous squash to gain a three-all draw with RAAF.

ARMY then defeated Navy 9 rubbers to one.

TENNIS: A complete runaway win to ARMY over Navy by five rubbers to one. In the singles, the only Navy winner was Apprentice Freeman.

The doubles was also a win to Army by two rubbers to one.

Once again, Apprentices Freeman and Leathly were the only Navy players to hold a set.

ARMY came out winners, seven rubbers to two.

CRICKET: Navy won the two.

Army, sent in, had a good start partnership before losing two quick wickets.

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STAFF TROPHY: The Staff Trophy was competed for in the Senior Sailors Men.

The games night included darts, snooker, cribbage, billiards and curling.

Final: First Navy, second RAAF, third Army.

PAKISTANI SHIELD

The guard post, HMAS BABBICIDE, has won the Pakistani Shield for 1977 — its second successive victory.

The shield is the best overall Shield Fleet performance in sport for the year and is awarded by the Flag Officer Commanding the Australian Fleet.

BABBICIDE had a clear win with 73 points from Australian Naval Aid or patrol boat, HMAS ATTACK (45 points) and the mine hunter, HMAS SNIPE (48 points).

The nearest of the bigger ships were HMAS BRISBANE and HMAS BAMBURG, each with 32.5 points.

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Penalties decided ‘KO’ Soccer winners

A series of penalty shots were necessary before NAMBIR A“A” took out the Grand Final of the 1977 ALBATTLE CROON Cup recently against a most impressive CRESWELL “A” combination at HMAS NIRMABA.

The sides were deadlocked 1-1 at full time and were still unresolved after extra time. The sides were reduced to 10-man in previous years - were then reduced by two kicks from each side were decided by the respective goalkeepers before NIRMABA “A” drove home the winner.

In 14 minutes, including three Army sides, competed.

Last year’s ALBATTLE Cup winners, CRESWELL, had to be content this year with the CRESWELL Cup - MEMBERS Cup - after losing their first round encounter to the major ASMM 6 Field Engineers at CRESWELL - “B” occasion to the Midvaal Soccer Champions. NORTHERN ESTABLISHMENTS, were their names of 3-1 against MELBOURNE but were eliminated by CRESWELL “A” 4-1 in the second round.

Major cup winners NIRMABA “A” wrapped up the semi-finals with four corners to nil against Army 3rd Field Engineers. The semi-final was then drawn with CRESWELL “B” but advanced to the Grand Final by three corners to nil.

Tragically, CRESWELL “B” also won their way to the “decider” by four corners to nil after they drew with NIRMABA “B” in the “decider”.

GRAND FINAL: NIRMABA “A” vs CRESWELL “A” (on penalty).

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DEADY HILL, the Super Bike is better than ever, Suzuki GS750.

From what I hear, it was rather a “poster shot” that did everything but bring it to page 1, so I'm wondering what the "JG" did it for.

Anyway the scores of 264 to 195 and 289 to 224 are impressive, with 264 rivalling, with Peter Simpson 27 points and Gary Noon 26 to be the top scorers.

In PHTR, best of the four, or who were unrepresented, are invited to add their names to the AOA list, Rich on 2077 for 100 points and Stanacker on 58 for 8 points.

ALBATTLE recorded their first win of the season by defeating WATSON 35 to 30.

An all-Blue affair, with 26 and 20 points each and Ladd on 28 for the WATSON trio while "Buck" Ryan had a 30 and John Scott a 33 for WATSON.

The first competition of the RAN Officers’ Golf Society 1977 Program was the Novices’ Masters event for the G.H. Trophy, won by best under 30 handicap at the magnificent NSW Golf Club. April 11, reports LEUT Stan Coppen.

LCDR Peter landscape (RAN) managed to maintain his form with the trophy for the first time with a course count (26 points) victory over last year’s runner-up, John Scott a 23 for WATSON.

Recently-retired Commodore J. N. "Buck" Ryan has improved a very fine performances during his 44-years NAVY service – particularly at Radio Station Yalata.

He still regards some of the Navy Air Force teams of his days as being among the best of the best. "Even in a snail ship as one is 34" he admits.

Referring to the abrupt end to his career, he said he was playing in a really bad state.
NEW TALENT EXCITES EAA RUGBY SELECTORS

"A lot of new faces but plenty of talent" is how NAVY selectors summed up the 25-man squad to defend the EAA inter-Service Rugby trophy at HMAS Nirimba this month.

NAVY coach "Buck" Rogers was most impressed with the keenness and ability of the 80 players who trialled at the Randwick Sports Complex on April 26.

He told them that some were unlucky to miss selection.

Little had separated most of them from those who gained positions.

Seven of last year's victorious NAVY squad have been named for the 1977 series to be played at Nirimba on May 17, 18 and 19.

They are Ian Lusan, Benny Hill, Jim Henry, Harry Pearson, Phil Langford, Norm McKinnon and Gabby Galabonsi.

Last year's ASU winger Jeff Nakevicius is an important EAA gain from Victoria who teamed with McKinnon and Creagan Dixon - both until last season - to form the squad.

The full squad is: Full-backs: Brian Brennan (ALBATROSS), Bob Cox (CRSSELL), Rangers Plain (NAVY), Tubby Kelli (NIRIMA), Keith Towney (PRADELL), and Bangy Williams (STUART); Five-eighths: Ian Lusan (ALBATROSS) and Tim Greatley (PENGUIN); Back three: Rod McKinnon (PERTH) and Ray Russell (WATSON); Wings: Harry Pearson (STALT WART), and John Caroll (ALBATROSS); Breakdowns: Dave Hodgins (ALBATROSS), Phil Langford (WATERKEN) and Jim Henry (PENGUIN); Second-rowers: John O'Malley (ALBATROSS), Dave Goodwin (LARGIT), and Phil Harrow (STALT WART); Prop: Norm Nock (STALT WART), Bob Clark (ALBATROSS) and "Dempsey" Shacklock (NIRIMA); Locks: Gabby Galabonsi (ALBATROSS) and John Creagan (HOBART).

An important pre-match drill for the squad will be their clash on May 8 with Counties at 7.00 p.m. Millers.

Injuries hit Dempster Cup hopefuls

NIRIMA downed an injury-hit ALBATROSS 24-13 on April 29 to retain the Dempster Cup rugby competition lead with DESTROYERS/ESCORTS.

The co-leaders are unbeaten on six points from ALBATROSS and WATSON (each on four), M.S.S. (three), PENGUIN (one point) and KUTTABUL, and last season's premiers at PLAYUPS/WATERKEN (both six points) also registered a point.

ALBATROSS arrived at Nirimba for their match with only 15 players.

How gallantly they battled.

They lost a further two players during the match and at one stage had only 16 players on the field.

Hooker "Gabby" Galabonsi, bearing a shoulder injury, stripped and took the field.

Admittedly Nirimba were also without two of their top players. Benny Hill had not played since suffering a broken thigh on More Cup day while promising full-back APPELGRIN and Greg Green broke an ankle in a freak accident in the previous match.

Greg was standing behind a line-out with no opposition player within reach.

He appeared to go over on his ankle.

He complained that it was sore but played out the match.

The following day the Doc Bay, diagnosed a break and his leg will be in plaster for about another three weeks.

"He'll be another Johnny Hogben," Benny Hill said of his young full-back.

"It's entering in attack, handling and kicking will be an acoustic goal-kicker," he added.

"He's only young and he's got his chance in inter-Service coming in years.

Despite the final score, the match was not all Nirimba.

"Jewels" Lemon led his side well from five-eighths and Nirimba only led 13-4 at the break.

Defeated by the second half they levelled at 13 all.

A lucky burst by centre "Scud" Kelly, who gathered a loose ball in his own half and scored in a hardly position, clinched the match for Nirimba.

The Apparitions Establishment uncovered yet another brilliant full-back - Stan - 17-year-old Len Johns.

Pet P.T.O, Quinn Twigg, who saw the match was most impressed with Johns.

"He's got a good left-foot kick and backed up after the Dempster match to also play well in Nirimba's under-17 team against a local schoolboy side," added Quinn.

Ironically, Johns' name bears the same name as one of Australia's best ever Rugby League halfbacks, the Newcastle-born Len Johns.

In other Dempster Cup matches on April 29, WATSON had an 8-0 win over KUTTABUL (still to score a single point while conceding 45), PENGUIN and "BIG" HEALY and TEER/KIPS drew 11-all and P.E. STROYER/ESCORTS defeated PLAYUPS/WATERKEN 27-27.

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ALBATROSS hockey with a difference!

The SENIOR SAILORS at HMAS ALBATROSS recently challenged a COMMODORE's XI in what can only be described as an unusual game of hockey for the "Protector Trophy".

Commodore Jerrie quickly proposed rule changes this year - remembering too well how the WARRROOM had to endure last year's 19-91 match.

This year the game was played in a soft hail. Hailers could use BOTH sides of the stick and none of the ALBATROSS Hockey Club members could play in their usual positions.

The "Protector Trophy", made by POAVN G.F. Turie, was designed to enable it to be shown by the victors "in a place of prominence."


The match was played in fine but very humid weather conditions.

The pitch was in excellent condition - "as Navy lawns can toll - be spent more time on the ground than uptopped", observed our correspondent.

Ten minutes into the first half Phil Brown scored first for WARR ROOM against what was a confident Senior Sailors team - Ills Wells equalised and five minutes later picked himself off the ground to elbow the flat-footed goalie for his second goal.

Into the second half the senior sailors and the goal and the Sailors went further ahead, 3-1.

"We were looking unbeatable... and then we died," they cheered after Phil Brown hammered home another three goals to give the WARRROOM a 4-3 win.

After the game it was back to the S.S. Mess to enjoy a leg - pool for the lens; S.S. President (WOATA Jim Lee) then presented CBRS Jervis with the "Protector Trophy" - with a promise that the senior sailors would win it next year.

Chief P.T.O. Jenny Eggn, prevailed to play for the officers, about to be leg-up open by PO Jeff Howald.

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