Vice Admiral McNicoll ends long career

Vice Admiral Sir Alan McNicoll, Chief of Naval Staff, "paid off" from the RN on April 3, thus terminating his association with the Service which he entered in 1922. He was then 13 years of age, a younger fished by ambition to succeed.

In recent weeks he visited ships in the Gulf of Mexico and managed a return to Australia with his son. Always a man who liked adventure, he has, it is said, spent a fortune in such ventures.

While in Sydney awaiting transport to return to Australia, he experienced what he termed a "great thrill," when the Viet Cong attacked the city.

"The Minister for the Navy, Mr. Kelly, said Sir Alan McNicoll had asked the R.A.N. through a period of great change," he said.

He had returned into the service 3 years missile destroyers, patrol boats' new electronics, and a destroyer tender, and this year he said there had been a great deal more, powerful.

He had expressed the R.A.N. to become more Australian, charged him to go to the Army and the R.A.N. and his own White Ensign.

The fury of the fighting probably brought memories of the two battleships of the R.A.N. that he had conquered, the Royal Oak and the Prince of Wales. It was then that Sir Alan, then riding steadily through the officer rank, decided that he could serve at sea and won the George Cross.

His boyhood days stamped the type of man he was to be, a simple man. When he entered the R.A.N. in 1919, the age of 13, he was inspired to succeed by the example set by his father, Brigade-General Sir Walter McNicoll.

The funeral of a statesman and a marked degree, he also was a fine athlete, and won his share of awards.

But his career was always unusual, not only in his service and everything he did, but the touch of something— it was a family tradition.

When he passed out of the RANC he was awarded "magnificent time," the Grand Aggre
gate and French prize; in addition he was first in Bea
manship, History and English. Later in his Lieutenants' examinations he gained all 1st Class Certificates.

In World War II, young McNicoll was a rising officer, willing to make decisions.

He was torpedo officer of the 1st Submarine Flotilla in Sydney Harbour during the Royal Navy Fr
Squadron Torpedo Officer in the Solomon Island, battling with the KIng George VI.

While serving in the Mediter-
rean in 1941, as Lieutenant

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ments.

I have every confidence in your ability to defend Australia and wish you the very best of good fortune in both your ser
vice and personal affairs.

The evening of March 6 was a memorable one for the Reserves of the Port Adelaide Post Division, when at 1900, officers, sailors, sea cadets, and members of the Navalmen's Association fell in for inspection by the Chief of Naval Staff, Vice-Admiral Sir Alan W. E. McNicoll.

On arrival, Sir Alan was intro
duced to the Executive Officer, Lieutenant-Comman
dant E. L. Nicholls, RANVR, Commanding Officer (Re
serve) Commander B. S. Hope
ihan, RAN, Commander C. A. Martin, USNR, Command
ning Officer TS Adelaide; Sea
Cabinet Lieutenant M. E. Koch, who was President of the Navalmen's Association Mr. J. H. Purbrick, the President, Naval Officers' Club Lieutenant A. S. Russell, RANR Rtd.

The parade looked smart and efficient, and as Sir Alan inspected officers and sailors of "ENCOUNTER".

Last, but not least, Sir Alan inspected members of the Naval Officers' Club of South Australia, and members of the Navalmen's Association. He spent some time talking to individual members, some of whom had served with Sir Alan in "HOBART," "VALI
RA" and "CANDERSHIMA.

Amongst those present were Surgeon Commander Sir Francis Mannix, Hon. Com
mander D. P. McGuire, ex
Ambassador to Rome; Com
mander C. Shillingford, Lieu
tenant-Commander G. A. Fea
gan, and Lieutenant A. E. Sten
tett.

The highlight of the evening was the presentation of the Volunteer Reserve Offi
cers' Decoration to Lieutenant (2) H. J. Haagstrom, RANVR. Addressing the parade Sir Alan thanked all members for the excellent work they had done to stress the importance of the role that the Reserves played.

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vice and personal affairs.
"I have not disguised my opinions as to the essential, imperative, immediate, vital, pressing, epochal..." the man who wrote those words was Sir John Fisher, who at the time was quite exalted about Admiral Beatty's submarines in the Royal Navy. For years he had been an advocate of the submarine, stressing its potential. He had plenty of opposition, but he had courage and vision. Maybe he remembered that submarine craft had been a challenge to man since the days of Alexander the Great. Did he have in mind the fate of the Russians in their war against Japan when they were caught "with their pants down." Thinking ahead, he probably appreciated the potential offense, and defence, of submarines.

He must have been a forward thinker too, because he wrote: "I don't think it is fantastical to imagine the impeding revolutions which the submarines will have as offensive weapons." A man with very practical thoughts, you might say when you think now of the influential part submarines are playing in the affairs of nations, of the fact that German submarines sank more than 350 ships in two years.

Sir John Fisher's views were expressed about 1911 when the RN and its first submarines were launched.

In the intervening years submarines have remained a constant feature of military strategy, but now most nations "politeness only" submarines and missile ships.

Australia which 60 years ago was anti-submarine has "seen the light" in the view of submarine knaves in its submarine "swim" and so in 1953, decided to purchase four "O" class submarines. When the ships arrive, Aus-

The Australian owned submarines emerges. They mounted four 18-in. torpedoes and a 19-ft. 10-in. on the surface, and 16 inches below water. The two RAN submarines ARI and ARII reached Sydney in March and April 1954 under the control of RAN officers, and with a complement of English and Australian ratings.

The use of submarines by powerful nations has grown tremendously in the past 20 years. Russia is well equipped with undersea craft, U.S. submarine craft, and so on. Britain operates a sizable submarine service; China has submarines.

Australia is again joining forces with the free world in the acquisition of a submarine group but it wasn't so many years back when RAN officers and personnel, a Royal Navyedinister, HMAS OILY, HMAS OZY, HMAS OSWEG and HMAS OSLOW. Australia's newly built "O" class submarines are regarded as being "first class" vessels, among the "best" in the world. They are most advanced conventional submarines, and combine high speed with long endurance.

In recent years submarine experts of the RN and USN have supported the Australian Government's decision to operate submarine classes in preference to the nuclear powered ships, in the interest of greater utility value - and no nuclear danger.

In the planning of Australia's naval strength for the future, the submarine has its role - the decision to build the new base in Sydney for the four Otons.

Sundry changes have happened since the last game started. MELBOURNE's refit. The Royal Australian Navy's newest and分工 hunter tows and radar boys will be in heaven with this ship.

The new crew is gladdened to the thought of the Otsu and it hasn't as yet got bored. Various new hatchets have been forged and others have been melted. Siren upstairs recently was a newly posted sailor who once knew his way around the ship.

Our sailor buzzed around the corner where he "knew" there was a hatch and flattened his face on the great chain of metal now filling the hole. An idea of the amount of welding and burning we have aboard can be gathered by the number of men working there. They are over sixty at times.

After we had had steady failures. As yet we have too many new players for our old hands. They are referred to as "individualists," and in the Russian knock-out "comity" was knocked out by STALWART.

The elderly "make and mend" type took on the Army second division at Gold and were obliterated, the electrician came out and placed squat against the stokers and the engine room was for STALWART.

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HOBART ON SECOND TOUR OF DUTY IN VIETNAM

Families, friends and sweethearts turned out in large numbers to bid farewell to HMAS HOBART's ship company, when the missile guided destroyer left Garden Island on Friday, March 22, to join the US 7th Fleet in operations off the Vietnam Coast.

HOBART (Capt Shands), making her second tour of duty in the Vietnam war, relieves HMAS PERTH.

A Navy cameraman was kept busy snapping family farewells before HOBART slipped.

Above: LEM Kim Samuel and his wife, June, have a last few words and a smile for each other.

Right: Three-year-old Scott, son of AB Don Evans, thinks farewells are fun. He made sure he wouldn’t lose his cap.

FOR SALE

A/B A. Douglas who left the Navy, medically discharged in 1964, has a large quantity of clothing including uniforms (blues and whites), etc., which he wishes to dispose of. Anyone interested is asked to write to him at 31 Young Street, Mt. Pritchard, NSW.

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Pensive moments for Mrs. Sandra Nicholas as she watches husband LME Paul Nicholas, hug their daughter, Donna.

LEFT: OS2C Peter Manuel (left) and OR2W Russell Davidson are farewelled by friends, Rhonda Tolland and Cheryl Fisher.

Below: STWD Dave Penny and Marie Nicholas didn’t see our cameraman as they said farewell.
STUART RETURNS

Sydney Harbour was bathed in sunshine when STUART returned on April 1 from her far East tour of duty, but the sunshine did not equal the warmth of the welcome accorded the ship by wives and friends of the sailors.

"Now isn't Jennifer like me?" probably thought Chief Electrician John Owen, when his wife Pat brought their baby daughter to meet Daddy.

It was a smiling couple when our cameraman snapped SAP Bob Crafield and his wife Rose.

There's a family likeness here too, but is their son Michael the "dead spit" of his mother, Mrs. Norma Leach, or his father PO Les Leach?

ORFDC Danny Thunzezy was happy to see his father, mother and brother Frank.

AB Jack Dempsey was anxious to get together and meet his wife Carroll and daughter Jennifer.

STALWART STUFF

There was a time when we thought we would never get ashore, but our vessel commanded by Captain LEWIS, looked at our ship, thought of all the things we could do, if we were allowed ashore, and our way up the hill to the Stand-by Office. After feeling the frustration on the part of the officers, we had the brighter side.

You could always sit around and listen to the strike meeting, which was one way of filling in the lunch hour.

However, for the majority there was the very last, to wait for the valley and was a wonderful competition it was. The "Green Line" proved to be the best, and the officers carried off the wooden spoon. Everyone played the valley ball and they produced a STALWART team which whipped all opposition in the Eastern Area, SYDNEY gave us two great games, which we won.

Our rugby team, has disposed of the opposition, and they look like developing into a good team.

However, with all these Sydney natives it could be the wives will put their foot down, and say "You get yourself home here, and get stuck into that jungle out the back door, instead of chasing a bag of wind around."

They should make all female members of a Rugby Club at birth, and then by the time they marry, they would understand.

Rugbyologically, Ransleigh, our POCD, depicts the fact that he plays with his life jacket under his jumper, is staring and in his last game against DUCHESS, scored two tries.

Others who are going well at the moment are LSCD Leonard and our PTI Ian Rigby, with "Lotjoy John" silencing the croaking whip as coach.

Followers of our Australian game of football will be pleased to know that a loan has been raised in the ship, and Commander Sn Preby, who has a lifetime of association with the game, has been approached to be the president.

For Wilson, the CIP, our Carireen Manager can show you a good line of washing, in his canteen. You have probably heard about the Rear Admiral at Cockatoo. However, we sing the same song here as at HMAS. They are a happy team in STALWART.

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The advent of "Taranag Telephone" is but one of the improvements which help to make Taranag more habitable.

The Chief and Petty Officers, and the Junior Rates Club have both installed sophisticated new bars.

They arrived in Malekula, and many were the volunteers to help get them into position and working.

The results are certainly worth the effort, and have greatly improved the drinking of both clubs.

Socially Taranag was in a particular fashion, the Chief and Petty Officers organised a "Ladies' Night".

It proved to be a "fantastic" success. The ladies sat down to a seven-course dinner and were entertained by mess members - the dance was most popular.

CPOC Graham Franklin and his merry men earned commendation for the splendid efforts that they made.

MUSICAL CORNER

CPOCMUS Jeff Ouitsa has put in many weeks of hard work with his newly formed PNG Band. Led by AB Priscilla as drum major, and made up of such old stalwarts as CPO Manase and LIEUT Yori, the band's greatest moments came when they played for a full-scale Division on February 23.

Jeff's muttered words of commendation to his boys after their startling rendition of the "Alert" were much appreciated by those Divisions close enough to hear them.

STOP PRESS

It is on record that in their final examinations, the PNG Band passed out with the highest marks ever recorded.

This gives some indication of the enthusiasm and patience that has gone into the training of this arm of the Papuan and New Guinea Navy.

ODDS AND ENDS

The wet season has departured and, as a result of the long, dusty, cool tropical evenings and a steady spate of picnics, boat trips and fishing mania, LIEUT foyles is much in demand at LORANGAL by the regulars at the Manus Sports Club, since he gave his free interpretation of an ancient native fire dance.

Buzzy Bryant, the senior "fuss pulling" among the officers, has a word of advice for all those who wish to be water skiers: "Never try to hold a shotgun and water ski at the same time." This piece of advice was given to someone on the foreshore, whilst approaching a rocky beach at speed. Your attention could easily be distracted, with concomitant results (or lack of results).

Someone must have filled the petrol tank on the recently purchased V8 kombi with something other than petroleum a few weeks ago. Our roaring reporter observed the vehicle performing the strangest gyrations around the depot. We are happy to add that our intrepid Canteen Manager "Dangerous Max Olliers" was not daunted by the sudden revolt of his truck, and could be seen furiously wrestling with the wheel, a look of grim determination upon his face.

NOTES FROM ENCOUNTER

The Crow Riders of Encyclopedia RAIR wish to inform all interested parties that we are still with you, lamentable as it may be.

Since my last venture into "NN", we have changed CHOOs from Commander J. Gifford to Commander J. Lancaster, and a welcoming and pawning off of myself to the Reserve as a "C". This has been quite beneficial to the Reserve Officers' Mess.

Our ship, HMMS RANJ, has been converted to a training ship. Mess, and a few quaint ideas for "BBHT" into the Gulf they are looking splendidly.

We manage to keep the gung-ho spirit of the Reserve in the eyes of the public as we are well to be forgotten in this State.

We also have had quite a few requests for our command, the two most notable, our eager JENX Lt. LIEUT J. D. C.

RLEF Darwen has reached the exalted rank of Commander. Congratulations, well done our "Bob", and to LIEUT CRR, RANJ was his first line command, well earned. As such, we all hope that the big things expected of these two popular officers will come to fruition in the near future.

We are delighted with the appointment of our Commanding Officer (CQMS) Commander E. B. Hopkins, RANJ, as an Acting Deputy to H.M. the Queen, Englewood. All hope that this officer's distinguished career in the RAN.

During March the retiring Chief of Naval Staff, Vice Admiral Sir Alan McLeod, is expected to address the RAIR of Encountor and give his farewell message, an honour which we all feel the pride of having RANJ officers and sailors to be members of so fine a service.

Greetings from Radio DJ

We hope that the ship "up top" are receiving and enjoying this program.

The new Navy Reserve team has settled in. D. Broadhurst, who took over as temporary host on the show will be your regular host.

P.O. Allen Roberts, (VAM), RANJ has been retained as a host. We ask our listeners "up top" to send them as many requests as possible.

"Navy Request" is your own program, so let's hear what records you would like to have played.

Furthermore, how about telling your families and friends about Radio DJ. Tell them that we will include requests from them to you.

We can record personal messages.

For more details about this, anyone can ring us on 30 3631, and make arrangements to do so.

In this edition we tell you about the "Big Ten" show, with Donnie Sutherland as your host. We also have some pretty good running in Radio DJ's Hit Parade. The Top Forty was led by Tony iPhone, Top Forty Chart, compiled by a resident of New Guinea.

After school, he became a musician and played the piano, but had 28 rides without success, except for a third place. In the end, he split up with the pop group. The Thunderbolts, because they were more popular than they split up in 1967.

In his spare time, he became a disc jockey at Rip's Cross and he later joined Radio DJ.

He was given the Backtrack show, taking over from VPM Cross. While doing Backtrack, "TV" was another host. At this time both John Young, (VAM), and Young took over Backtrack, and then the Top Ten show, taking over from "TV". He hopes for a good future.

The last "C" in the afternoon show on Radio 3KX Murumuluna was a new "C". Our new host to Radio DJ was Lieutenant J. Levy, RANJ. Lieutenant J. Levy was the first non-Guinean to be stationed in New Guinea. He proved to be an excellent party leader.

Later LIEUT John Anderson (INIRIMA) joined the Radio DJ staff.

Two Radio DJ members, Lieutenants B. Bailey and H. White, have joined the Backtrack show. Later LIEUTs B. Bailey and H. White, have joined the Backtrack show.

Carrity Brown, who was an old hand, has joined 3XN Newagen. Radio DJ would like to thank all for the many interesting letters and Ists received.

We appreciate very much the letters and cards that enclosures along with our article, in the March 15 issue of Navy News. Have a beautiful leaf fall's, and feel free to drop out to see us any time you like.

"THE BEST OF 20"

In recent times "ATTACK" has been the theme in the Gulf of Carpenteria, seeing the little of our design. All Rings have the "Security Setting". The Diamonds are cut with 58 sparkling facets to give maximum brilliance and quality.

"ON AIR WITH RADIO-DJ" - a column to keep you in touch with happenings in the pop music world.
A SAILOR

A sailor is like
A fly on a bike,
He gets under your nose,
And teases on your toes.
He moans in bed,
And scratches his head.
Drinks all the beer
You can commandeer.
Grows all your gin
To your next of kin (meaning him!)
He prefers you at home,
But how can I go on? He expects you to be
With his cup of tea.
At the end of his bed
When he raises his head.
It's woman like us,
Who make all the fuss.
When left ashore
While he goes off for
Eighteen months pleasure
Away from his 'treasure' Stick some and be good,
For we know that we should.
We wait for the letters
That come from our 'betters'
Declaring that they
Stay on board night and day
But we know they're ashore
And what they go for
Clean the slats on the letters
That come from our 'betters'
Are certainly not tears
But the rings marks of beer.
And then he comes home.
No more to roam.
Home to his 'treasure'
For ever and ever,
That's the trouble with 'Jack'.
He ALWAYS comes back!!!

THE WILD ONE
(As in Marlon Brando)

The captain of Cowabunga
Was not taking no one day.
When he heard that simply frightening sound,
Of a pock-marked coming his way.
Quickly he shinned up a lamp-post,
Knowing full well he was saved;
But he looked so funny sitting,
While Sharron sat grinned and voted.
Well to all my seafaring fellows,
Feeling so safe and so snug.
Don't fear a fall in love with a girl.
Who has the Honda bug.
Cassie man she'll drive you crazy.
Or something of the like.
For hate you ever tried making love to a girl.
On the back of a doggie bike.

MONTORA was lucky — it must have been a softish surfaced reef because she got free.
FACELIFT FOR 'TROSS J.R.'s

CLUB

If you are ever passing through Norva, or anchored in Jervis Bay, and have time on your hands, you are cordially invited to make a call at HMAS ALBATROSS where, if you desire, you can sample a "happy hour," or enjoy one of the first class "shows" staged in the Junior Recreational Club.

As you can see from the photographs the J.R. Club has had quite a facelift to the extent of an outlay of $13,000, every cent of which came from the Ship's Canteen Fund.

Our correspondent at Norva says the ship's company feel they are deeply indebted to Captain D. C. Wells (now FONAC), Commander McNeeley, Commander Duncan and CPO Writer Bryce for the support they gave. He writes, "without their help this club would not have eventuated."

The opening night was a great success. Attendance included the appearance of Tahnia, a Polynesian belly dancer and Gerry Neave, a popular male vocalist.

Everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves and the night was made all the more hilarious when Munn. Ken Saunders responded to an invitation from Tahnia to participate in one of her belly dancing courses.

He looked a power of strength standing in his light boots and puffers' deeps, but despite his apparent effort, he could not master the art of rolling his hips adequately. But he made an extra good effort and the attendance gave him a great hand.

Since the opening, the club patronage has steadily increased and entertainment is of such quality that sailors remain on the establishment and attend functions at every opportunity.

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NA Jerry Williams (left), winner of the best-dressed competition, grooms...

The bar staff take a breather! NA "Pop" Stork and LA Bill Poul were rigging, but they worked so hard, a record in takings was recorded.

The above picture shows the old J.R. Club with its limited accommodation ... the lower picture shows the effect of the renovations.

In order that all members of the ship's company may have the opportunity of seeing these artists, they agree to do two complete shows on two nights.

At present the club has seating accommodation for 150, and as this is obviously insufficient to cope with the demand, plans are to buy 50 more chairs and extra tables.

There are hopes of extending the club and for this purpose money is being set aside each week. The cost will be heavy but it can be met.

More Accommodation

On Sunday, March 17, we had a Psychedelic Happening, or, as the Hippies call it, a Love-In.

Prices of $10 were awarded for the best Hippie outfits. No 2as were worn and the rags some people turned up in were out of this world. One sailor wore his mistress over, strolling amid the throng blessing all those present with quite a large palm front.

Three male members of the club dressed as young ladies in various states of pregnancy. At about 1815 an unusual hush descended as one of the most beautiful "girls" imaginably slow rolled-up to the bar and ordered a midder.

Once in the lights of the bar, the tattoos on the arms became noticeable, and it was found that "she" was that well known RO, Johnny Hong Kong (picture below).

The DXO was called upon to select and award the prize to the best, or one could say worst dressed male present. As it was impossible for him to make a tour of the club the boys were called out to parade on the dance floor. After much deliberation by the judges, N. A. Jerry Williams was declared winner. He had an advantage over everyone as he was sporting a remarkable growth of fungus on his face. His outfit would make the professional San Franciscans sit up and laugh.

The girls were called on to

The dance floor and asked to parade in front of the judges, and WLEAN Bie Oivisil was selected.

She really laid 'em in the aisle, she wore a jumper that would have been too big for Norm Provan and a length of chain around her waist that would have been heavy enough to anchor any Daring Class Destroyer.

The attendance was a record for the club and we now wonder what our next show will be... a Hawaiian Night or a Bonnie and Clyde Night.

You are invited.

As we said earlier, there is an open invitation to drop in on us. Our operating hours are 1630-2200, Monday to Thursday 1200-2200, Friday 1100-2300, Saturday, Sunday and holidays.

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Weekly crossword

ACROSS
1. Chicken
6. Choral
11. Chief
16. Chief
21. Chief
26. Chief
31. Chief
36. Chief
41. Chief
46. Chief
51. Chief

DOWN
1. Day
2. French
3. French
4. Kind of spice
5. Kind of with
6. Kind of with

"Love-In" a success

A "P.o.a." or a "wha-P o" RO Johnny Hong Kong

"Love-In" a success

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Almost five years have passed since Leading Radio Operator Peter Baggott lay in his bunk pondering his future.

He was in a dilemma. His time in the Royal Australian Navy had come to an end and he had done nothing in the way of taking up a position "outside".

This problem constantly worried him in those leisure hours between duties when thoughts of home, his loved ones, his future and not forgetting money problems, flooded his mind.

Baggott knew he could always sign on again. He had enjoyed the eight years he had served.

Naturally, there were the moments when he would have liked to have told them what to do with their Navy, maybe at some time of their service, experience this feeling.

But no, looking back, he truthfully admitted to himself that the Navy was a great life.

But he had made up his mind that he wanted a change. He could always join the Reserve and keep in touch with the Navy life he enjoyed so much.

When it was decided that LRO Baggott would leave the Navy after nine years were up, he began looking through the "Positions Vacant" sections of the newspapers, seeking a suitable position.

RESTLESS AND ADVENTUROUS

Peter Baggott was like most sailors, restless and adventurous. Single and in his mid-twenties, he wanted something different, exciting and independent.

The advertisement read: "Radio Officer required for Antarctic Expedition - with the Department of Civil Aviation."

He joined DCA with the hope of getting a position with this expedition.

He applied for the position, after all, he remembered he was one of his old shipmates, RO "Red" Hyster, had applied for a similar position some years beforehand and was accepted.

"With this knowledge, I

sage down, I doubted whether I had done the right thing. Just what was Antarctica like?

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"Some found it hard to accept during the early part of the expedition but they soon got used to it."

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KEEPING FIT AT SEA

Soldiers at sea must keep fit and when BRISBANE's ship's company had a sports day enthusiasm was keen. Here are a few pictures of the events, held at sea off Long Beach, California in March.

A tough climb for LS Cato and AB Marshall in the rope climbing.

Rifle shooting — We don't know how many bulls eyes were scored but the riflemen looked determined.

AB Speed steers the After Seaman to victory in the boat race.

Did he win? — Maybe LCDR McDermott thought he would judging by the smile, or it is the effect of strain, as he does the broad jump.

What a tangle there was when the competitors essayed the obstacle course.

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Two SEATO military exercises are scheduled to be held during 1966-67. The first will be a command post exercise to be held in Thailand during the 3rd quarter of 1966. It will be followed by a combined maritime operation which will take place in the Treaty Area. Thirty five military exercises have been conducted since 1956. The latest one was Exercise "Remus", a command post exercise held in Thailand recently to test communications aspects.

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"Come on there," yelled BO Waters to his bugger crew.

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New Radio Service

Hear ye... internationally known Mary Collins, who stole the hearts of lonely Seamen in the Far East for years with her cheery radio broadcasts and messages service has joined RADIO AUSTRALIA.

On April 2 she commenced a radio service to be given weekly for RAN men at sea.

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6 Sailors and Wrens in the EAA were surprised when Mary, tape recorder in hand, tramped through NHQ, Recruiting, and Fleet HQ, asking to see the Wren who was in charge of the EAA, Miss Mary Cross and CPQB, asking her to call upon FOCAP.

WRANS REACH THE CENTURY

Since the re-forming of the WRANS in 1952, 100 recruit intakes, totalling approximately 275 girls have passed through the gates of the RAN Training Establishment at CERESUS, Class 100, which entered on February 20, consisted of 26 girls.

This class in itself is not large, but compared to the first WRANS intake of only four, consisting of a Regular Wren, a Cook, and two Stewards, it could be considered quite a large class.

During the last two years, the frequent call ups have increased to one every six weeks. The largest class, consisting of 54 girls entered in 1959.

Joining the WRANS was a childhood ambition of at least half the girls in Class 100. There are 17 RO’s, 5 RPs, 2 MTO’s and 2 WNB.

While many have the ambition of going overseas, RWRMAD Butler has achieved her aim by travelling to the United Kingdom. A representative for the State Championship Swimming Team was RWR Brown from New South Wales.

If any Wren wishes to learn Gymnastics, RWR Thomson was delighted to demonstrate.

The WRANS has developed a great deal since 1952. One wonders what the thoughts of Class 200 will be, when they enter their new and unpredictable life in the Women’s Royal Australian Naval Service.

CLASS 100 – Left to right: Book row, RWR Thomson, RWR Medwin, RWR Wilson, RWR Longmore, RWR Easte, RWR Anderson, RWR Mackenney, RWR Cawey, RWR HOY; Centre row, RWR Butler, RWR Hawley, RWR Jensen, RWR Turner, RWR Ross, RWR James, RWR Lowe, RWR Lindsay, RWR Brown, RWR Clifton; Front row, RWR Deen, RWR Kennedy, RWR Wulfers, RWR Paul, POWR Beeching, JDO Common, LWR Raban, RWR Cullen, RWR Tisdale, RWR Smith.

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NEW MINISTER MEETS THE NAVY — The new Minister for the Navy, Mr. C. B. Kelly, recently made his first visit to an RAN ship as Minister. He led a party of Parliamentarians and journalists who spent March 8 aboard the guided missile destroyer HMAS HOBART while the ship was working up before leaving for Vietnam on March 22. HOBART replaces her sister ship PERTH in the US Seventh Fleet, and will be making her second tour of duty off Vietnam. The picture shows Mr. Kelly wearing a flying helmet, being strapped into his seat in a Navy Tracker anti-submarine aircraft at Canberra Airport by LCDR R. H. Lee before leaving for Jervis Bay where the group joined HOBART.

ADMIRAL INSPECTS NAVAL COLLEGE — The Flag Officer-in-Charge Eastern Area, Rear Admiral D. C. Wells, visited the Royal Australian Naval College, Jervis Bay, on March 20, to inspect Cadet Midshipmen attending the College and sailors attached to the establishment. The Captain of the College, Captain L. E. Purvis, RAN, accompanied the Admiral on his inspection. Cadets provided a Guard of Honour with Cadet Midshipman K. A. Stag of Canberra as Officer of the Guard. After the inspection Admiral Wells walked around the Establishment looking at the Cadet quarters and classrooms at the College.

A new science block was opened at the RAN College, Jervis Bay, by the Vice Chancellor of the University of NSW, Professor Sir Phillip Baxter. The RAN College is affiliated with the university which will grant degrees in science or engineering to cadet midshipmen after a year of initial study at the college and further two or three years study at the university. In second and subsequent years cadets will live on campus at the university. Naval instructors and civilian teaching staff have been accredited with university lecturer status by the university. The science block is designed as a centre for teaching chemistry, physics and mathematics. The building contains chemistry and physics laboratories, a lecture room with projection facilities and studies for academic staff. The first sixteen cadet midshipmen to undertake the university studies have been chosen from senior cadets this year.

PERTH’S 13,000th ROUND — During operational duties with the US 7th Fleet in Vietnam, the guided missile destroyer HMAS PERTH has fired more than 12,000 rounds of ammunition at targets in South and North Vietnam. Picture shows WTR Robert Saunders of Orange, SA, placing the 10,000th shell into the loader drum in PERTH’s magazine.

NOWRA PRESENTATIONS — During his recent visit to HMAS ALBATROSS, the retiring Chief of Naval Staff, Sir Alan McEwen presented Long Service Medals to members of the ship’s company. He is shown congratulating CPO STD Gorman while WPOW Hanley, RS Chester and POAC Clark await their turn to meet Sir Alan.

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“SALTY” ON SPORT

With Graham Offerd, the driving force and well backed-up by Keith Harris Walker, Jan Cameron and John Kerjvall, to mention a few, QUEENBEE’s scull to be hard to beat against all-comers, and selector Ken Railton, former interstate second-reeve, will see in that.

Before ending the Rugby section of the column, I must mention that a letter from Kid Gulliver in the UK, warns of big things from OTWAY when she reaches Australia.

He writes that OTWAY have a handy side and if Mike White is in confident of many victories once home.

The Navy squad for the inter-Service sevens series will be coached by well known professionals, Hayden Davis, an official and certificated coach from the NSW Squash Association.

The Navy sound is: CDRI, Williams, LCDR, Matthews, PO2V COOPER, PO2V Ebel, LDM Rxy, NAVeitch and A/J Hudson.

“NO MATTER WHAT SHARE YOUR STOMACHS IN – a punch into the solar plexus hurts as the sailor found out during the recent Navy boxing night at Sydney Stadium.

BOSUNS AT PENGUIN

Bosuns dignified sailing from HMAS PENGUIN is becoming possible.

The emphasis has generally been on training and giving experience to sailors and WRANS but there also has been plenty of racing.

Every Sunday morning theoretical and practical instruction is given to any officers, sailors and WRANS who turn to at the jetty.

After a lecture, which included blackboard demonstrations on the theory of sailing, students rigging the dinghies with experienced ensigns and sailing in Middle Harbour.

On most Wednesdays, PENGUIN organises sailing races in which crews from the Fleet and Establishment take part.

Some of these races are held in Middle Harbour, and some in the main basin.

Two highlights of the racing this summer have been on February 22 and March 13.

On the former date a team race was held against the visiting RN Squadron.

Ten dinghies, five from each club started, and after a fine race, variable winds, the result was as follows: LCDR Calder (Hydro RAN), LCDR Berger (MELBOURNE 2), LCDR Varley (TRUMP), 3, LCDR Lennett (WATSON) 4, LCDR Lennett (WATSON) 5, LCDR Lennett (WATSON) 6 and LCDR HOPP 7.

March 13 results: AB Delier (PLATYPUS), LCDR Berger (MELBOURNE), LCDR Livscombe (COSFORD), LCDR HOPP (MELBOURNE) 4, LCDR HOPP (MELBOURNE) 5, LCDR HOPP (MELBOURNE) 6, LCDR HOPP (MELBOURNE) 7, LCDR HOPP (MELBOURNE) 8, LCDR HOPP (MELBOURNE) 9.

WRANS AND JS CLUB AT PENGUIN

Penguin junior sailors and WRANS have formed a Junior Sailing Club, which is situated in the Corner.

The club is run by volunteer committee.

To start the social programme rolling the club ran a most successful psychodelic night on March 22.

Further news of the club activities will be included in future contributions.

FULL MARKS FOR REFEREES

Not enough praise can be heaped on the five Navy referees who controlled almost all 200 sailors during the very successful 20-match knockout Rugby competition played at Centennial Park, Sydney, on March 27.

The five referees, John Silver (STAWELL), Ken Detiv (FIRST NQ), Brian Colet (STAWELL), MIKE DOWSEY (PENGUIN), and "Salty" Ebel (WATSON), handled the six hours of non-stop football, magnificently.

John Silver and Ken Detiv each officiated in six matches and Brian Colet was only behind them ... quite a fast, indeed.

However, the 180 minutes Detiv spent on the field, took toll and showed a weakness in an old footie injury to one of Ken's knees.

After the final match, his knee blew up like a balloon ... poor reward for a job well done.

Mike Detiv showed his versatility by refereeing a rugby match before officiating at the Water Polo final in which ALABROSS beat Newport.

The KO competition, which went like clockwork, was highly successful, and the first day was over the head of the first day.

Everyone is looking forward to the next day.

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They did their best for Navy

The Navy should feel proud of the tiny band of sportsmen and women who acquitted themselves so splendidly during the recent SAA inter-Service water polo and swimming series. They didn't win but they went very close. There were no champions in the Navy teams but their performances, of times, against more illustrious opponents, were superb. Looking back it seemed that the competition against such top-liners, extracted an above-average performance from most of the other competitors. Some of the highlights of the sports are recorded pictorially on this page.

Waterman, Gladhill and Dean.


Melanie Waterman... winner of the breaststroke, leaves the blocks.

Bill Tynan... takes to the air. Billie finished third.

Chris Pratt... a close second in the freestyle, pictured in action during the backstroke.

Liz Dean... outright diving champ.

Presentations... (left) Captain Cuthbert pictured with the Army swimming team captain and Olympian, John Byam, after the presentation ceremony. (Right) Commander Goffard presents the water polo trophy to RAAF's team captain, Alf Tyer.

Chips away... Navy's Brazer goes in to prevent a threatening RAAF goal.


GOAL COMING UP... a Navy player positions himself for a shot at goal.

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THEIR STYLE OF RUGBY WILL DELIGHT

SPECIAL SERVICES PREPARE FOR MATCH AGAINST FIJIANs

The reputations of a number of Navy league grade players trailing with service representative teams meant very little to a "hardened old band" of Rugby Union selectors when they determined their initial squad of 20 players to represent NSW Combined Services against the Fijian club, Lautoka, at Manly Oval on April 17.

Quite a number of League players turned out for the trial at Victoria Barracks on April 3, and only 18 were picked in the final squad of 30. These were four forwards, a scrum-half, captain and five-eighth Bobby Fulton, now a National Serviceman and Football hooker, Ron Workman, of RAFF. Fulton, although keen to gain honours in the amateur code, found the difference in rules hard to grasp at first. As a result he was the last man chosen when the first 20 names were announced for the second series of trials which were held at St Peters College last Wednesday.

Whalley, a League hooker, was chosen as prop. For these trials, Navy's representation totalled nine.

Poor sailors, 1st Ian Rugby (STALWART) fullback, 2nd Bruce Walker (DUCHESSE) inside-centre, 3rd John Jones (DUCHESSE) half, and Jack Winkle (HARMAN) hooker; made the first 20. Five others were told on trial.

Jim Simpson (ALBATROSS) winger, L W Greig (HARMAN) fullback, L Southwell (HARMAN) breakaway, ERA TV Williams (ERA) wing, NA Greenfield (ALBATROSS) second-row, and S J Whaley (NIRIMBA) prop.

Rugby was the Australian Service's best sport in 1967, 33 matches and Spain, the first year in representative football. James, a star halfback for Navy over the past few seasons, was reserve half for the Australian Services in their win over City of Sydney last year.

Hooker Jack Heald, undoubtedly Navy's best hooker, was away in HOBART during the last football season and his return to HARMAN will greatly boost Navy's chances this year in the Service Sport season.

The new place in Navy representative Rugby in Sydney is to Bobby Eagles, the strong running centre, played for Combined Services in Victoria last year. Of the others, who were told on trial, Robinson and Greenfield were considered unlucky in not making the "20" following their performances in the initial trial.

The squad was told on trial, Robinson and Greenfield who were considered unlucky in not making the "20" following their performances in the initial trial. Now along with Simpson, TV Williams and apprentice Whalley, they could very easily force their way into the final squad of "20" for the big match against the Fijians the following Wednesday.

Two young apprentices from NIRIMBA, Whalley and RAA Hacketh, impressed selectors.

Whalley, not yet 18 and a six-footer, "made the grade" after a sturdy display as prop but young Hacketh, a pint-sized 17-year-old halfback, missed out only through his immaturity.

His defensive running and backing-up were features of his trial as half and later fullback.

Both are players with great potential.

In the squad are such names as, Hamill, WILBER, Badger, Hakeman, Pearce and Pitt, all players with first grade Union experience.

This experience blended with the enthusiasm of others, could give Combined Services a great start to what should be another big year for Services football.

HIGH-SCORING IN DEMPSTHER CUP

High scoring highlighted the opening of the DEMPSTHER Cup Rugby competition.

The big surprise was NERIN- bo's "cricket score" against STALWART winning 49-3 at NIRIMBA.

It is thought that STALW- THIRD WOULD be a force to con- tend with this year's com- petition, but...

Destroyers and Frigates, re- presented by DUCHESSE, were whopped KURTOULI-MELBOURNE 52:11 after being down 3:11, ten minutes before halftime. K/M but five players in the second half, and at times only two men packed into the scrum.

Stir of the match was D and F's halfback, CTU, Down south, ALBATROSS and HAMAN figured in a high-scoring match with RNZAF, running out winners 30:21.

It was HAMAN's first match in Dempster Cup competition. In the other match, WATSON-RUSHER proved too good for PENRITH-WATERS- HEAD, winning 11:0.

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