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PERTH TO RETURN TO CRETE

HMAS PERTH (CAPT T. H. Cox) has left Sydney for what the crew considers is undoubtedly the best deployment of any ship for 1991.

During the next four months PERTH will travel to the Mediterranean to take part in memorial services marking the 50th anniversary of the Battle of Crete where the original PERTH served with distinction.

The first HMAS PERTH, a light cruiser, took part in both the withdrawal from Crete by Allied Forces and the defence and eventual evacuation of Crete in May 1941.

During the battle, PERTH was involved in the successful evacuation of 17,000 Australian and Allied troops from Crete.

On one particular trip from Sphakia in Crete to Alexandria in Egypt the cruiser carried 1,200 British and New Zealand troops to safety.

In fighting around Crete, PERTH fired off every round of her ammunition and towards the end sailors resorted to firing rifles from the upper deck positions at flying German bombers.

The current deployment will certainly not be as dramatic but will be no less significant to the many families and friends who gathered on the Cruiser Wharf to farewell their loved ones.

The popular “Today” show featured in the departure activities with interviews of PERTH’s Commanding Officer, Captain Cox, and two veterans of the original PERTH: Mr Alan Bishop and Mr John McQuade.

On departing Sydney the Fleet Sea Training Group conducted a rigorous sea check to assure PERTH’s operational readiness to deploy overseas and with that completed the deployment began.

Onward to Greece!
The commitment of Australian naval forces to the war in Iraq highlighted the vitally important role of the medical branch in the Defence Force.

When exercises become reality and the management of casualties becomes a practical rather than a theoretical problem, the deficiencies in our capacity to provide advanced management to seriously injured sailors on our warships becomes evident.

To this end, medical teams comprising doctors, nurses and medically trained enlisted personnel from the three services, both permanent and reserve embarked on the US Hospital Ship COMFORT to ensure our ships in the Gulf had access to first-class medical and surgical care.

Under the command of Surgeon Captain Mike Flynn, the 40-member medical team joined USNS COMFORT prior to the January 15 deadline to replace the first 20-member team which was dispatched in September 1990.

Comprising two orthopaedic surgeons, two general surgeons, four anaesthetists and two general duty medical officers supported by 11 nursing officers, one medical administration officer and 17 enlisted medical personnel, this team integrated well into the medical facility on COMFORT.

With a 50-bed casualty receiving bay below the flight deck capable of landing two large Chinook helicopters, COMFORT was well-prepared to handle mass casualty scenarios that were envisaged during the land phase of implementing the United Nations Security Council Resolution that required the withdrawal of Iraqi forces from Kuwait.

The 12 operating rooms and 80 bed intensive care unit on the main deck, provided facilities almost equal to the ninth largest hospital in the United States.

In company with her sister ship USNS MERCY, COMFORT provided advanced surgical facilities within 30 minutes flying time of the battlefront.

The close operational involvement with such a facility provided excellent experience for the embarked Australian personnel who should provide the nucleus for the development of a Service coordinated surgical support teams capable of rapid response to future emergencies faced by our forces.

The medical teams demonstrated how the permanent and reserve personnel from all three services were able to respond quickly, and integrate to form a cohesive unit capable of complementing medical personnel and facilities in the Persian Gulf.

The multinational nature of the allied forces in the Gulf was highlighted on February 7 when yours truly, with LSMED "Wombat" Wünsper in scrubs nurse, removed the appendix of an Argentinian sailor who had been medevaced to COMFORT earlier in the day.

Operating room supervisor Lieutenant Louise Fishley was overseeing theatre sister on what became quite an active theatre day.

SQUADEX drew five ships

Five naval ships came to Fremantle from all over Australia to undertake a major amphibious exercise in Moreton Bay.

HMAS LURGAN (LCDR Pross), HMAS BRITANO (LCDR B. Morrison), HMAS BALIKPAPAN (LCDR B. Russell), HMAS BRUNELI (LEUT &. McCurdy), and HMAS TARA KAN (LEUT R. McDonald), all heavy landing craft, had been based at HMAS MORETON from 1971 to 1985 as part of the Amphibious Squadron.

They rendezved to exercise in the Moreton Bay area as part of Exercise SQUADEX, the first major amphibious exercise for six years.

The exercise was held in two phases, with the first phase involving NBCD exercises, VERITUPS, gunnery practice, a shakedown exercise involving beach landings and amphibious manoeuvring procedures in company, CMDR Regan said.

During the second phase, the ships were involved in landing equipment, armed personnel, vehicles and heavy trucks from the Army's 6th Brigade in conjunction with two medium-sized landing craft from the Army's 34th Water Transport Squadron at a number of locations on Moreton Island and Bribie Island, he said.

Each location was different in regard to the geographical features which needed to be taken into consideration in order to execute a successful landing.

LANDINGS

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**REVIEW**

HMAS BRUNELI won the proficiency shield for SQUADEX to add to her reputation as a winning ship gained during the time of the Amphibious Squadron when she was awarded the LCH proficiency award equal to the ninth largest hospital in the United States.

During the exercise, the ships participated in an amphibious Review view on the Brisbane River in port of RAN Veterans Corpses Association members at the Dockside Centre.

RAN Veterans Port Division's band provided entertainment to a large crowd during proceedings.

Despite the fact that the ships are no longer together in Queensland, they are on their way back to their ports HMAS LURGAN is based at HMAS MORETON and is operated by the Brisbane Port Division in the Royal Australian Naval Reserve.

HMAS TARA KAN is based at HMAS CABBILIN and is operated by permanent naval staff from HMAS RAMILLIES, and HMAS RAMILLIES is operated by the Fremantle Port Division.

The other ships are now based at Sydney.
Gulf contingent in Anzac Day march

The Maritime Commander, Rear Admiral Ken Doolan, will lead the RAN column in the 1991 Anzac Day march in Sydney.

Captain Geoff Cole, commanding officer of HMAS Nirimba, will lead the naval party and AWE party drawn from Nirimba.

Captain Graham Sloper, commanding officer of the replenishment ship HMAS Success during the recent Gulf conflict, will lead the Gulf Task Force contingent which will follow the naval party.

The RAN Marshal, Warrant Officer QMG "Swampy" Marsh, advised that the Gulf Task Force contingent will form up in Port Street Mall behind the NSW Police contingent.

"As the Gulf Task Force contingent will be restricted to 100 — with the final breakdown to be confirmed — other personnel from Gulf Task Force units are invited to march with their respective ship or unit associations," he adds.

The Armed Merchant Cruisers and Lading Ships Infantry Association has extended a special invitation to current or ex-serving crew members of HMA Ships Jervis Bay, Westralia, Toohruk and LCHs to march with the association.

The AMC and LSI Association will form up in Castlereagh Street between King and Market Streets.

WO5 McGlynn will be on the corner of Pitt and King Streets from 0800 to handle last minute inquiries.

The combined RAN band, consisting of the Naval Support Command, RANR (SPD) and HMAS Nirimba bands, will head the RAN column.

Following the Anzac Day march, a Thanksgiving Service will be held in Hyde Park at the War Memorial commencing at 1230.

The Naval Support Commander, Rear Admiral David Holtthouse, will give the prayer of thanksgiving during the service.

As RAN Drum Corps, AWE party and bugler will be paraded for the service.

All uniformed personnel are encouraged to participate in the march and thanksgiving service.

Praise heaped on diving team

The Navy's 23-man clearance diving team, in the Gulf until May, has not only made a valuable contribution to both the war effort and to Kuwait's post-war recovery, according to the Maritime Commander—Australia, Rear Admiral Ken Doolan.

"Reports about the activities of RAN Clearance Diving Team Three (CDT3) including a substantial effort to reopen a Kuwait port, suggest that clearance diving is one of the really challenging careers in our Navy," he said.

Admiral Doolan said he was now in a position to outline some of the activities of the Australian team.

"CDT3 established base in Bahrain on February 3. "From then until March 1 the 23 divers conducted an area familiarisation, training and equipment preparation as well as carrying out minor diving tasks with US Navy explosive ordnance disposal units and laid out a portable de-gaussing range to ensure equipment was calibrated to the local environment."

RADM Doolan explained that de-gaussing ranges were used to enable an adjustment of the magnetic signature of ships, a procedure which renders them likely to de-magnetize magnetic influence mines.

"Two members of the team carried out reconnaissance on March 2 to assist planning to stage forward to two ports — Ash Shuyahah in Kuwait and Ras Al Minah in Saudi Arabia," he said.

"In the course of this they detained an Iraqi prisoner of war, he surrendered to our divers and was handed over to the Kuwaiti security authorities."

Admiral Doolan added that the Australian diving team had done a considerable proportion of the clearance of Ash Shuyahah Harbour, announced by the Minister for Trade Negotiations, Dr Beckett, while visiting the Middle East.

The Maritime Commander said the main tasks of the Australian clearance diving team were:

- Disposal of sea mines
- Demining of other ground mines
- Laying of boom around beaches
- Demarking of magnetic danger zones
- Clearing of clear water areas to allow ships to berth.

"These tasks were carried out by CDT3 working with US Navy and Royal Navy units in the period March 3 to 12," the Admiral said.

"The going was made difficult by oil and debris in the water and by adverse weather conditions which were actually bad enough, at one stage, to stop diving for a short period."

"Fortunately the wind blew the oil and debris to one corner of the port where it could be retained with booms. This eased diving conditions."

The efforts of the team had been rewarded with the port opening ceremonies on March 12.

RADM Doolan said CDT3 had been raised with personnel from the Navy's three permanent clearance diving teams for work in the Gulf.

"CDT3 has done excellent work in the past and I am pleased to say, has so far more than lived up to our expectations in the Gulf," he said.

"They have a hard job — dirty, difficult and at times, dangerous — but have done their country proud.

DFRDB changes help widows and children

Following the passage of the Defence Legislation Amendment Act (No 2) 1990 through Parliament, enhancement of DFRDB benefits available to widows, children and orphans are now in place.

Effective from February 5, 1991, the spouse of a deceased serving member has the option to compute the equivalent of two years of the former spouse's military salary at the time of death and thus have access to both a lump sum and pension if desired.

Following commutation the widow's pension (before commutation) would be reduced by 1/25 of the commuted amount, regardless of the spouse's age.

The following examples illustrate the revised arrangements:

- Rank PO
- Basic Salary $33,937
- Rels Pension Commutation $6,394
- Spouse pension before commutation (A) $15,988
- Spouse pension after commutation (B) $702

Relocation (B) $6,394 divided by 25 $255.76 x 2 $511.52
Residual Pension (A-B) $10,988

As a result of a recommendation contained in the Cross Report, significant improvements have been introduced to orphan's benefits.

At the same time, benefits payable to children of deceased serving members have also been improved.

Previously orphan's and children's benefits contained a fixed amount of $762 and $312 per annum respectively.

The fixed amount for orphans has now been increased to $5,000 per annum.

Additionally, effective from July 1990, both these fixed elements together with pension payable to children and orphan will be indexed annually in line with movements in the Consumer Price Index (CPI).

JOANNE'S AN ASSET

On his first visit to Brisbane as Director General of Defence Force Recruiting, Brigadier Ian Bryant encountered one of the Sunshine State's natural assets — Leading Wran Joanne Jensen, currently Miss Queensland.

The brigadier, who took over as Director General in January, is visiting recruiting offices throughout Australia.

Leading Wran Jensen, who became Miss Queensland last December, is a careers adviser in the Brisbane Recruiting Centre and was on duty as Miss Queensland when she met with Miss Australia Helenah Waythl, visiting Brisbane.

Story: Brian Noonan, Brisbane.

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Super News is a regular column that will keep you up to date on all the latest developments in the new Military Superannuation and Benefits Scheme (MSBS).

Super News will cover important features of the scheme and explain what's involved in sticking with DFRDB or switching to the MSBS.

To help each ADP member decide which scheme is the best option, a number of educational services, including pamphlets, user-friendly computer disks and counselling will be available over the next few months. Super News will tell you when and where these services are available.

Super News will clear up any doubts and tackle any major issues of concern that arise among ADP members.

To keep pace with the latest super action—stay tuned to Super News.

LEGAL PLATFORM

Legislation to set up the MSBS was introduced to Parliament last month.

The Bill covers the essential principles of the MSBS, including transfer arrangements for members changing from the existing DFRDB Scheme to the MSBS.

The Minister for Defence Science and Personnel, Mr Gordon Bilney said the legislation to establish the MSBS, was very similar to the Act covering the DFRDB Scheme.

"Most of the day to day operations of the MSBS will be governed by rules which can be readily changed to meet changing circumstances," he said. "The DFRDB Scheme could only be changed by amending the DFRDB Act and this option involved long delays."

Mr Bilney said that the updated Bill provided a member from your unit's office to be a liaison officer for the MSBS.

Y ou may not be aware that Your Service has nominated a Liaison Officer for the MSBS. It is headed by Mr Norm Chipps, a civilian lawyer.

LIAISON OFFICER

Your Service has nominated a member from your unit's office to be a liaison officer for the MSBS. Your liaison officer will help you obtain information on the MSBS.

The Bill covers the essential principles of the MSBS along with a display stand to house them. The first pamphlets deal with commonly asked questions about the MSBS, the benefits of the scheme and the Retention Benefit.

REMEMBER

If you have any queries about the MSBS, dial the MSBS telephone hotline—0800 205 555—For personal advice, The hotline operates Monday-Friday between 9.00 am and 16.00 hours.

For a copy of the MSBS brochure in PDF format, go to www.defence.gov.au/msbs and complete the online form.

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What about—

HEALTH INSURANCE

Families of naval personnel can have the best possible health care at the lowest possible cost.

Naval Health Benefits Society is your private health fund, responsible to ensure you family has the best cover available. NHS recognises the needs of naval personnel.

Check out the cost of NIBs and benefits and compare them with civilian funds. You will find we look after your family better.

Brochures and application forms are available from your pay office or the Australian Defence Credit Union. Or call NHS toll free (0800) 33 3156; DNSAT 8 320 5068 or (03) 262 5068.

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The RAN's double-crewed submarine, HMAS OTWAY, has hosted the annual RAN Submarine Executive Officer course, which includes officers from both the Australian and Canadian submarine squadrons.

Students commence at the Submarine Warfare Systems Centre, HMAS WATSON, before proceeding to sea onboard an RAN submarine to consolidate their training. The sea phase is a demanding 13-day period where the students perform the roles of both the submarine's Commanding Officer and Executive Officer. Each student must also plan and conduct a variety of submarine operations, including inshore navigation exercises, surveillance operations, and torpedo engagements.

This year's course consisted of Exercise TASMANEX 91, providing more than the usual amount of surface and air units in the East Australian Exercise Area to operate with, and against, during the SMXO course.

In particular, HMA Ships PORTHER and SWAN provided sterile service with their high speed runs towards OTWAY, accurately manoeuvring around and sometimes over the submarine, testing the resolve of the SMXO students to maintain close range periscope safety on both ships with a minimum of periscope exposure.

Successful RAN graduates of the course, LEUT Peter Sinclair, LEUT Stephen Smi th, LEUT Peter Chatterton are now taking up positions as Executive Officers within the Australian Submarine Squadron.

HMAS OTWAY (Starboard Crew), meanwhile, continued with operations in the Tasman Sea, including a port visit to New Zealand, prior to handing over the ignition keys of the submarine to the Port Crew.

The Principal Warfare Officers' Faculty HMAS WATSON has entered the new year in full flight with PWO 13 well underway.

Eleven students are currently in the initial stage (Phase 1) of what is considered the RAN's pre-eminent course for naval officers.

Only officers of the highest calibre are selected to complete this extremely demanding and rewarding course.

Phase One is conducted over a 12-week program and upon successful completion and award of the PWO qualification is followed by a Phase Two specialist component.

Included in the training is a four-week advanced Tactical Training package in the USA (RANATT) after successful completion of the CST assessment, which sees one of the courses' highlights.

Contingencies such as the Gulf Crisis highlighted the value of the PWO.

PWO faculty in full flight

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A "Project Mainstay" team, tasked with studying the role of the Senior Sailor in the RAN, has brought down three major recommendations.

The team was appointed by ACTPS's N in June 1990. The study team comprised four Warrant Officers, WO/WTR P. Harsell (team leader), WO/C EO. Hays, WO/WTR C. Pinto, and WO/WTR G. Rogers. The study was conducted on board the HMAS Sydney, with the team attending three conferences on the topic of the "senior rank".

The study gathered information from various sources, including interviews and surveys of members of the Senior Rank category, documentation, and policy and procedure manuals.

The team conducted their work from November 1990 to June 1991 and made the following recommendations:

1. **RANK NAME**: Accept that the rank name currently in use be changed to "Senior Sailor" or something similar. This change will enable clearer communication and avoid the need for rank names to be explained.

2. **RANK STRUCTURE**: Accept the existing structure of the RAN's Senior Rank category. This structure provides for a clear hierarchy and allows for the recognition of the different roles and responsibilities within the category.

3. **MISSION AND OBJECTIVES**: Recommend that the Mission and Objectives of the RAN be reviewed to ensure that they are relevant and align with the role of the Senior Sailor. This review should be conducted by the Senior Rank Advisory Committee (SRAC) and the Standing Technical Committee (STC) to ensure that the Mission and Objectives are adequately reflected in the day-to-day activities of the RAN.

4. **COMMUNICATION AND TRAINING**: Recommend that communication and training programs be conducted by the Senior Rank Advisory Committee (SRAC) and the Standing Technical Committee (STC) to ensure that the Senior Sailors are adequately trained and informed about their roles and responsibilities.

5. **PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT**: Recommend that a Personal Development Program be established to enable Senior Sailors to enhance their skills and knowledge. This program should be conducted by the Senior Rank Advisory Committee (SRAC) and the Standing Technical Committee (STC) to ensure that it meets the needs of the Senior Sailors.

6. **PROCEDURE AND POLICY**: Recommend that the current procedure and policy manuals be reviewed to ensure that they are up-to-date and relevant. This review should be conducted by the Senior Rank Advisory Committee (SRAC) and the Standing Technical Committee (STC) to ensure that the manuals meet the needs of the Senior Sailors.

7. **EQUIPMENT AND FACILITIES**: Recommend that equipment and facilities be upgraded and maintained to ensure that they meet the needs of the Senior Sailors. This review should be conducted by the Senior Rank Advisory Committee (SRAC) and the Standing Technical Committee (STC) to ensure that the equipment and facilities meet the needs of the Senior Sailors.

8. **RECOGNITION AND AWARDS**: Recommend that a recognition and awards program be established to recognize the contributions of the Senior Sailors. This program should be conducted by the Senior Rank Advisory Committee (SRAC) and the Standing Technical Committee (STC) to ensure that it meets the needs of the Senior Sailors.

9. **COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS**: Recommend that compensation and benefits be reviewed to ensure that they are competitive and meet the needs of the Senior Sailors. This review should be conducted by the Senior Rank Advisory Committee (SRAC) and the Standing Technical Committee (STC) to ensure that the compensation and benefits meet the needs of the Senior Sailors.

10. **SUPPORT AND RESOURCES**: Recommend that support and resources be provided to enable the Senior Sailors to carry out their duties effectively. This review should be conducted by the Senior Rank Advisory Committee (SRAC) and the Standing Technical Committee (STC) to ensure that the support and resources meet the needs of the Senior Sailors.

These recommendations, if implemented, will ensure that the mission and objectives of the RAN are adequately reflected in the day-to-day activities of the RAN and that the Senior Sailors are adequately trained and informed about their roles and responsibilities.

**NIRIMBA hosts major conference**

Mr Alan Chalmers, Federal Member for Mitchell, with NEEC representatives and members from Defence Force Training Providers.

**AMBLIN CARAVAN PARK**

This Centre consists of 10 New Caravans, 8 Park Home Vans, 4 De-Site Day-Vans and 16 Caravan sites available for hire. Caravans and Day-Vans have full cooking and bathroom facilities. Call us for more details or book in person.

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**RAN ‘first’ for Caroline**

Leading WRAN NP Caroline Buckingham is one of the Navy’s recent recruits into the Naval Police Dog Handler’s section and is our first female to complete the dog handler’s course.

She is pictured (right) with her police dog (Iake) at the beginning of her posting to HMAS ALBATROS. Originally from Hobart, Caroline joined the Navy in 1980 as an Artisan Communication, transitioning four years into the Naval Police Branch dog section.

Leading WRAN Buckingham said that she enjoyed the 30-week handler’s course which was intensive and demanding on both handler and dog.

There were 10 on the course, ran by the Royal Austra- lain Air Force — RAAF and fine Navy dog handlers.

Caroline says that she did not encounter any problems being the first — and only (so far) — female on course.

She was donated to the RAAF, as are all the dogs, and experienced his first obedience training with LWR Buckingham.

In just 10 weeks he has learned to “sit”, “down”, “heel” and “stay” in the yard and down positions.

He will also accept commands given at a distance and can complete an obstacle course which requires him to jump through hoops, walk along planks or up ladders and crawl through narrow pipes.

Ike is also becoming adept at “intruder detection” — an aspect of his training he seems to particularly enjoy.

**SUSAN SIGNS OVER THE CASH**

LCDR Tony Pearce leads a small but cabi-NHS supply team who look after 415 personnel operating and supporting 11 tender vessels.

Between cycles and floods they manage to fulfil their objectives — and sometimes have a bit of fun.

**CANBERRA: Something different has been thought up for the next planned gathering of members of this group. This year instead of a car rally and treasure hunt, there will be a gathering of decorated vehicles — cars, bicycles, prams, skateboards and wheels, dressed to match.

Choose your own theme, serious, historical, nursery rhyme: original idea, whatever. These are the words for entry:

Children and families.

Gangplanks (or any other prop) help the size of the party.

After the fun of helping them get to the dock, they may be taken by dinghy to the signs in Watson Park.

If you wish to know more, contact the lady by ringing 285 2771 for further details.

**Service salutes Navy**

Sydney’s St Stephen’s Anglican Church in Mowbray Road, Wil- loughby has a tradition of conducting an Anzac Day service on a Sunday each year.

The 1991 service will be on April 21 commencing at 10 a.m.

With the Royal Australian Navy’s splendid participation as members of the Coalition forces in the Persian Gulf, the church has decided that the theme will be the NAVY.

The presider will be the Reverend John Jones, A.M., former Principal Chaplains and Archdeacon to the RAN.

The Naval Support Band will accompany the hymns which this year will not only be sung by a full choir, but also a brass section.

The service will be one of appreciation for the role of the Navy in the Gulf, and also thanksgiving for the safe return of ships and personnel.

All are invited to join in, and it would be a help if they brought their families; full models should be worn.

This year one of the St Stephen’s parishioners will be wearing a 1940s medal for the first time.

Within the last year, Mr Ian Mitchell, RNVR (Ret) has been presented with a service medal by the Russian government in appreciation for participating in two...
A new era for Top End sport has begun with Series One of 1991 Inter-Service sports at RAAF Base TINDAL, before a crowd of over 200 competitors and spectators.

On his arrival at HMAS COOKWARRA, Capt (Tally) Evans, noted that the past three years inter-Service had been hampered by exercises, service commitments and manpower restrictions. His aim was to develop a program that minimised time from work, while maintaining a viable competition.

The end result came after much discussion with HMAS COOKWARRA and various commands of the three Services. The final product was a variation of a "Fixed Date Format" in which over the 12-month period 27 sports will be contested in three "Series". Take for example a competitor who represents his Service in four sports.

With the old system the competitor may be required to participate up to 12 days off a year to participate in away games.

Under the new system a competitor may play the same sports, and only require two days off from work.

Series One - sports contested were tennis, squash, basketball (male and female teams), water polo, pistol shooting, lawn bowls and rugby.

The program of events allowed three days free, firstly for personnel to compete in more than one sport, secondly to provide competitors the opportunity to spectate at other sports and thirdly a major factor in the north, that outdoor sports such as tennis and rugby could be contained at a time more comfortable to participate.

Transport for the 30km trip used to TINDAL was bad (two 42 seater buses and one 22 seat bus).

CAMP

On arrival at TINDAL, all visiting NAVY, ARMY and AIR FORCE personnel were billeted at the Teal camp (as it is more commonly known, the STRIM Camp).

The camp is a mass of demographics and personal accommodation, occupied by workers during TINDAL's construction.

Each cabin was air conditioned and fitted with a refrigerator (to keep the waiters busy during the firing range speeches), pool and recreation area with access for the RAAF SGT PTI Paul Ramsden, who "bought the city of all PTIs from any service, in any hemisphere in the world". A description not too wrong.

The gym and accompanying weights complex are certainly an asset in the standard of the local bush. But due to its remoteness, the venue is used and although I am sure it is open to it, I personally would not be too keen to bend them.

SQUASH

Squash was the first contest with NAVY and RAAF doing battle. Despite a valiant effort, NAVY's men's team were defeated.

Most outstanding player was PIRKIN (Porter Dokkeleski).

A brief interruption resulted in the number of yellow cards on the game book. But even then with problems winning its match.

The women's squash teams were picked after an arduous competition of training, but unfortunately due to a last minute change over in the coaching staff, could not be too keen to bend them.

LADIES TENNIS

No less able, the NAVY girls seized their third consecutive victory in the ISL team event.

WATER POLO

First of the water polo series was contested in the RAAF's Sheed, water polo pool. The NAVY compensated for the RAAF's "lack" of some three months by winning the first encounter, and then much higher if not for the brilliant play of KEEPING of POITUS.

In the return match, a much closer game, RAAF proved too strong winning 6-3.

PISTOL SHOOTING

Another event in close competition is Ahead of the other two activities, sport shooting.

After the presentation and barbecue lunch it was time for farewell new friends, at least 48 May when the three Services of the Top End will line up to contest Series Two of this very early and much anticipated inter-Service sports series.

"LEATHER-QUICK" -- is the new raincoat.

BOWLERS STARED off the rails!

NT Inter-Service 1991 lawn bowls has been held at Nightcliff Bowls Club with the RAAF as hosts - and winners!

RAAF had their usual complement with the ARMY and NAVY both submitting keen energetic teams.

The competition was held over three consecutive days giving each team playing three games against each other and playing the second team before playing the third team.

Day one saw ARMY vs NAVY with Ross Adams' team giving the Army side a lesson with the other team wearing tracks in the ring chasing lanes foul!

Day two was NAVY vs RAAF with the RAAF playing for that illustrious sea station in the sky, the overall correspondent.

Day three was ARMY vs RAAF with an ARMY team downing the RAAF "head" team.

Overall the competition was won by RAAF 17, ARMY 10, NAVY 3, on the day but NAVY was the winner in the after-play social gathering.

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CRICKET CHAIRMAN'S PLEA:
Hone your skills at grade level!

Service cricketers have been urged to raise their performance at grade level with a 1993 tour of England a prize for the successful campaign.

The four-week UK tour will follow a national carnival which will include a visit to the New Zealand Combined Services side. The plea to UK tour hopefuls to "hone your skills" at weekend grade level came from president of the Australian Services Cricket Association, Colonel D.L. Byrne.

He was speaking following presentations of the Australian Defence Credit Union national trophy and again to NAVY who had finished in a three-way tie at the recent 1991 carnival in Melbourne.

He was concerned at the availability of only 15 of the 45 players at the carnival for the ADF team's 1991 domestic tour.

"Of the 15 chosen only 12 eventually toured - a sorry state of affairs," he added.

He said the future, however, looked brighter.

"All State Inter-Service Sports Committees have been requested to conduct the state competitions in November/December each year, leaving the February/March period free for the national activity. "

The duration of this event is only two weeks and COCOC and senior officers will be encouraged to grant players with the ability to compete at national level the time to participate.

MATCHES

The annual tour will include matches against the ACT on the Bradman Oval at Bownral, the Primary Club at Adelaide, City and Suburban at Victoria Barracks and the NSW Aboriginal XI at Drummoyne or North Sydney.

Although no approach has yet been made, the ACT XI may become the Defence Ministry XI.

In the past five years the ASCA has hosted a tour by the NZ Defence Force, played against a touring UK Defence team and toured NZ.

The following is planned for the future:

- 1991/92 national carnival and tour (17 Feb-2 Mar);
- 1992/93 national carnival to include the NZ team and tour;
- 1993 a four-week tour to UK.

Colonel Byrne said some Service players had already shown some ability and were aware that they needed to continue their commitment to weekend cricket to "hone their skills and continue their improvement".

Already a committee had been formed to begin the fund raising for the UK trip.

"The tour has received agreement in principle from the three Services and the Australian Defence Force Sports Council," he added.

If there are players out there who have not competed at inter-Service and are already involved in club cricket, please send a letter to:

Colonel D.L. Byrne, DOAG, "R" Block Victoria Barracks, Melbourne Vic. 3004 OR LCDR N. Coole, RAN, Defence Force Recruiting Centre, 130 Adelaide Tce, Perth WA 6000.

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5 good reasons you should stay with the DSH/Westpac scheme

Between 1 March and 31 August 1991 you have to decide if you want to retain your entitlement to the DSH/Westpac scheme or want to go into the new ADFHLAS/National Australia Bank scheme.

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