STUART GETS THE GOOD OIL

LONG TRIP OVER FOR HMAS STUART; PARRAMATTA BACK

HMAS STUART returned to Sydney on January 27 after eight months absence overseas.

During this period the ship was at sea for 154 days and steamed a total distance of 44,000 miles.

A variety of countries and cities were visited ranging from places as far apart as Honolulu and Singapore, to Tokyo and Bangkok.

On arrival in Sydney, STUART's C.O. Commander P. Goldrick, R.A.N., who has been in command for two years, will be relieved by Commander H. G. Lowitt, R.A.N.

Another ship to return on January 27 was HMASS PARRAMATTA, from Strategic Reserve Service.

Vieitnam gesture 

Sailors "shout" Soldiers

The considerers that has long existed between sailors and soldiers was generously demonstrated last month when the HMAS HARMAN Junior Sailors' Social Club donated $200 to D Company, 6th Royal Australian Regiment, currently serving in South Vietnam.

In his letter to Major H.A. Smith, Commander of D Company, Club President, Leading Writer Roy Norton said the donation was for the purpose of...

- allowing them (D Company) to enjoy a Christmas "Smoke-O" on a Navy "Shout" and providing them with a practical demonstration of the Navy's esteem.

"We hope that this will provide a sufficient number of "Cheers" to make Christmas away from home that little bit merrier for you and your men."

On behalf of D Company, Major Smith replied:

"I would like to thank you for your "Xmas Cheer."

"We are completely overwhelmed by the generous gift and the thought behind it.

"Although we will be operational on Christmas Day, we are hoping to celebrate the festive season on Boxing Day.

"I can assure you that there will be a special toast to the RAN and in particular, HMAS HARMAN."

"Again we thank you and wish you all the compliments of the season."

It is hoped that, on D Company's return to Australia, some of its members may be able to visit HMAS HARMAN.
Some Australians 
"all-at-sea" 
on credit 

When the company's agent called for the car, the upholstery was ripped off. It was not possible to sell this car, it was boxed, boarded over and camouflaged with earth. In the end it fell into junk because he could not use the car - and put that junk on the company's account.

OWNERSHIP POINT

Incidentally, it is not always understood that goods obtained under hire purchase agreements remain the property of the finance company until you make the last payment.

The man who allowed his dog to fouling the road actually lost his own money.

Had he handed the car back when he had done with it, with no social difficulty, the car would have been worth at least its available price and he would have had to meet only the arrears in which the financial house he borrowed the money he owned the company.

Make yourself familiar with these forms of instalment credit before setting up a home, buying a car, etc.

HIRE PURCHASE, which amounts to almost a quarter of the instalment credit advanced annually, in the case of buying goods before you have purchased them by making all payments due under the agreement.

CREDIT SALES AGREEMENTS, used mainly by self-financing retailers, also involve repayments by instalments, but the goods become your property from the start but you do not own them until return contributions have been made.

BILLS OF SALE enable you to buy goods against the security of the goods themselves or other personal possessions.

All forms of instalment credit are provided by finance companies to creditworthy people for virtually any worthwhile purpose, including education, home improvements, medical and dental expenses. 

RETAIL STORE CREDIT includes monthly charge accounts, involving payment in 30 days; optional terms accounts which carry interest for those who want longer to pay back advances, giving continuous credit up to a fixed amount with regular repayment per month and, finally, credit accounts which reserve goods until they are paid off.

ONTAINEMENT BENEFIT

Members of all families can obtain the full benefit of modern living which consumers are entitled to without having to follow these simple rules:

Set your budget so that you are able to meet your needs.

Study the instalment credit contract in detail and understand its every clause.

Be sure to leave a receipt of your instalment payments before you sign.

Consider yourself, third party and comprehensive loan insurance.

Don't depend on "uncertainties" such as overtime or a wife's wages.

Don't expect any rise or low instalments. Pay the full amount and you can afford to gain a worthwhile equity and to reduce the period of repayment and the amount of the instalments.

Avoid overlapping repayment periods.

Don't buy at all if you have to borrow the deposit - and buy only one item at a time.

Don't hesitate to contact your finance company if you have trouble in meeting repayments.

It is not unusual for 10 per cent of all new cars, 70 per cent of used cars and 75 per cent of household appliances are obtained through hire purchase or one of the other forms of instalment credit.

Instalment credit has a major place in our modern-day society. To use it wisely is to live well.

OLDEST V.C.

Oldest V.C. Wimper - According to "Revelle", official magazine of the N.C.R.C., the oldest member of the A.I.F. to win the Victoria Cross was A. C. Borelli of the 26th Australian Infantry Battalion. Now 85 he was almost 37 when he won the award in 1918, prior to winning the V.C. he had been mentioned in Despatches. Also in 1917 he was awarded the Military Medal - but as a sergeant.

Lt. Borrelli was born at Borung, Victoria on August 7, 1881, and after discharge from the army became a farmer in the Hamilton (Victoria) district. He also served in World War I.

RESERVIST PROMOTED TO CAPTAIN

A Sydney reservist has become the first R.A.N. Reserve Officer to be promoted to the rank of Captain in the Supply Branch of the Naval Reserves.

He is Captain Robert Thom Gump, 45, of Bellevue Avenue, Doncaster East, who joined the RAN in 1959.

He was promoted paymaster Sub-Lieutenant in 1944. Captain Gump, who was commissioned in the Royal Australian Navy in 1954, was appointed Captain, A.D.C. to the Queen in 1965.

Three Reserve Lieutenant Commanders, the Adelaide doctor, a Perth housewife and a Hobart accountant — have been promoted to the rank of Commander.

These were Commander Colin Grahame Alder, 45, of Westleigh Road, Lang Bay, S.A., Commander Gordon Gemmell, 45, of Waverley Park, Waverley, and Commander Alan C. B. Wetherill, 45, Sandy Bay, Tasmania.

Senator McKellar addressed the RAN in 1944 as a Surgeon Lieutenant and Commanders Chambery and Wetherill, both commissioned in 1945 and 1942 respectively.

SENIOR OFFICERS ON NAVAL MATTERS

Senator CORMACK asked the Minister representing the Minister for the Navy whether, in the view of the Government, the following were the principal naval matters:

1. The Commonwealth Statistician has advised that the total value of H.M.A.S. "Hobart" is $44.8 million, of which $35 million has been included in the value of imports recorded as entering Australia in the period September 1966 to August 1968, because H.M.A.S. "Hobart" first entered Australian waters in that month.

2. Total recorded imports in September exceeded recorded exports by $48.8 million.

The statistician has mentioned that the difference between recorded imports and recorded exports is not the same thing as the final amounts made in the United States of America for H.M.A.S. "Hobart".

1. The many more Australian ships are to be built or equipped in the United States of America are valued at final amounts made in the United States of America for H.M.A.S. "Hobart".

2. What, if any, are the reasons for the substantial increase in recorded imports in September compared with recorded exports by $48.8 million.
A change of scenery for 'chopper men

FROM THIS

TO THIS

817 "BACK O' BOURKE"

The spirit of adventure has been the driving force behind man, the pioneer, since civilisation began, so it is not surprising that the "likely lads" of 817 were galvanised into a state bordering jubilant hysteria at the prospect of a navigational training exercise into the interior.

At 0900, they forged skywards with a symmetrical grace which must have convinced onlookers that the technical crews, that all systems were indeed "go!"
The first "points" of call was Mildura, a distance of 470 miles to the West.
The journey (a flight) was divided into two legs of 200 miles each, the refuelling point for both A/C and personnel being at Narrandera which was halfway approximately.
The weather was changeable and to give the "likely lad" man his due, a few scattered ed thunderstorms were encountered over the Cambewarra Mountains, fortunately the severer ones were easily avoided.
The gargantuan cumulus which eventually confronted the stalwarts, proved to be too active and extensive to side-step and reluctantly, refuge was sought at the nearby airfield of Wagga.
The welcome break provided the maintenance crew with the opportunity to investigate a battery defect in one of the aircraft, the aroma from which6d the surrounding area in the all too familiar stretch of cotton fields.
The complaint rectified and with the prospect of brighter weather ahead, it was decided unanimously to press on to Narrandera to refuel and par-take of lunch at which the files, as always, proved to be the unwelcome guests.
At half hour, four aircraft were enroute for Mildura, the terrain became more and more featureless and the visibility, type of navigation progressively more difficult.
The unfamiliar noise of low-flying aircraft surprised Kan-garoo and emu by the score, and the sight of the plentiful duck over the marshy wastes, brought a nervous twitch to the trigger fingers of the gun-happy among the crew of 17.
At approximately 1700, the aircraft reached Mildura and carried out an orbital fly-over of the town which probably roused all the bar-keepers into fits of delightful frenzy and possibly brought dismay to the proud parents of pretty daughters (even at that thought the word NAVY was all too clear to the onlookers below).
On touchdown the squadron was met by members of the local B.S.L. Club and the usual greetings were exchanged.
Ably led by one Commander and one C.O., our "likely lads" feeling like the T.V. cast of "12 O'Clock High!"

were ushered into the sanctuary of the R.S.L. Club where they were entertained in a most hospitable manner by enthusiastic members.
Hours later, full to over capacity on "singer's" crop", one noble Commander and C.O., played the Pied Piper back to the motel where it was decided that by naval standards, the night was still as young and so ... thereby hangs another of the locals! The following morning, with the echoing invitation of "Come again please", still ringing in their ears, the Wessex combined with a little less hasty than usual, climbed into a beautiful sky of blue and set course for Broken Hill, a mere 140 miles to the North.
It is worth mentioning here (since the subject is dear to the hearts of so many of "Navy News" readers) that Mildura claims to have the longest bar in the world having an overall length of 278.32, polluting points and 19 tills - 3 separate refrigeration units and cellsars completely filled.
If the local residents had any question as to why they would have no difficulty in drowning them here!
A less enthusiastic welcome was encountered at Broken Hill and once again the members of the R.S.L. kindly offered the use of their cars for transport and the amenities of their club.
One FOOC took full advantage of the latter and was still suffering from the affects of their generosity 24 hours later, but on the whole, the squadron were left to their own devices and being charged with enough initiative decided that they hardly hang about without a good time.
It was at Broken Hill that a curious situation was observed (not necessary not by an observer), endeavouring to prove that the legacy poker machine - with a bent poker handle. A bent poker handle. A bent poker handle.
A personal meeting with the Mayor of Broken Hill on the following day filled the group with relief - at least the natives were still friendly, and a hurried car-pour around one of the mines, reasserted the confidence a little more, in Shakespeare so aptly puts it "parting in such sweet sorrow" and farewell were exchanged.
Later, the squadron's transport was received into the background of sand and scrub from whence it had appeared the day before.
The onset of a relatively strong headwind precluded any possibility of making Bourke (the next stop in go), so it was decided to carry out a dog-leg to Cabar and refuel there.
Although the terrain again produced few features as an aid to the navigational problem, experience was beginning to show results and Dead-Reckoning Nav was used more sensibly.
Leaving Cabar in a cloud of red dust, four non-stop gliding Wessexes pointed North and headed off for Bourke.
About 45 minutes later, the town was roused from its afternoon slumber by the tur- bulent concert of the aircraft in box formation overhead, the time being approximately 1500, Wednesday, December 5.
It must be mentioned again that the "likely lads" of the R.S.L. impressed the visitors with their customary warmth and hospitality and in a short space of time, the dust of Cabar was being swilled down by ice-cold beer (much to the disgust of the newly arrived "Pomme" on the squadron), in their attractive air-conditioned club.
Midnight being most mercifully, the remaining few not so ably led by one Commander and one C.O., tromped back to the Royal Hotel to find more re- creation of unspeakable nature taking place in the bar.
I'll end on a bulwark call it what you will, as not too many intelligent guesses can produce a very good answer as to what happened next.
The hotel, although not up to the standards of the models of Mildura and Broken Hill, proved to be the most entertaining - even the persistent stings of the winged predators were dulled by the anesthetic effects of Bacardi. Beer, as were the visions of those who swear they observed the boss in a such hat, dancing on the bar! ...
Bourke was the last place to be visited, the following day the return flight to Norawla was made taken via Dubbo, to the relief of most although having enjoyed the variety of an experience, were looking forward to a quiet evening ... 1907, thereby hangs one more tale!
NEW ENGLISH ON MARCH 1

It has been decided to advance the date of introduction of the Aus- tralian White Ensign to March 1, 1967.

Ceremonial parades will be held at LEMAN, LAVAL, LECONTE, and LEEUWEN to mark the historic occasion.

Queen's Official Birthday

It was announced in May, 1966, by the Prime Minister, that, in future, Commonwealth Day will not be observed on 24th May, as in previous years, but instead will be observed on the day on which Her Majesty The Queen's Official Birthday is celebrated.

In 1967, the birthday of Her Majesty The Queen and Commonwealth Day will be officially observed on Saturday, 10th June. This is also the date of the birthday of HH the Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh.

Herbert Lott Naval Trust

The following allotors, as top qualified in their particular courses, have been awarded prizes of 10 pounds sterling each from the Herbert Lott Naval Trust Fund.

In the AMECAHE Course, there were two equal top qualified, who were awarded equal prizes of 10 pounds.

The allotors in these cases are to be shared equally.


60-mile walk

In 1965 two civilians who have hiked in many countries, completed a 60 mile walk round the coast of Malta in Malta, in 23 hours 48 minutes. On completion they issued a challenge to anyone to better their time.

The challenge was accepted by 3 WRNS, Brenda Wright, Leading Wren Norma Bailey and Leading Wren Lyn Stebbins.

The story goes on to say:

'The girls set out from 'Witan' at the Northern most point of the Island. They completed the first 30 miles in 10 1/2 hours and most of the time, three Maltese boys went ahead of them in a car to show the route and give them hot coffee and chocolate at the resting point.'

On the journey a dog joined and the girls had to stop and compass them for ten hours before succumbing to fatigue. The girls completed every two hours for about 15 miles, then took a longer rest of three quarters of an hour.

A lot of the time the girls sang to keep their spirits up; they changed from walking shoes to plimsolls to give their feet lighter wear, for the smoother surfaces.'

'Twenty-two hours 40 minutes after setting out, they thankfully collapsed into a heap mobile canteen at 'Lusignan' Chapel, feeling terribly weary. All the party and all blistered feet, but very very happy and proud to have completed their task in a time not the original.'

'The Wrens' time is not, however, a record, except for girls, as a pair of young men completed the walk in about 20 1/2 hours.'

Miss Australia Quest Letter

Dear Admiral T. K. Morrison, F.O.I.C.E.A., has received the following letter from Mr. C. S. McNish, Public Relations Officer, Miss Australia Quest:

"We are writing to say how sincerely grateful we are for the support we received from the 'Naval Star' in relation to the 'Miss Australia' Quest.

'The participation of the Navy is appreciated very much by the 'Miss Australia' Quest, and through the Quest to our Spastic children and young adults, not only in financial terms, but by the wonderful example it sets to other large organisations, for we know that where the Senior Service Leads many others will follow.'

'May we take this opportunity of thanking your personnel for your sympathetic co-operation throughout the Quest and ask you to convey to any members of your staff who were concerned our sincerest gratitude for the help of our children.'

Mr. McNish wrote the letter on behalf of the Honorary Superintendent of the Quest, which was conducted by the Australian Cerebral Palsy Association.

Proceeds of the Quest were donated to the Spastic Centre, Kent, Admiral Morrison forwarded the letter to the Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. PINGUIN, the Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. PERUN, the General Manager, Garden Island Dockyard, and the Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. KUT- TABUL.

RN assault ship

H.M.S. FEARLESS, the Royal Navy's latest Landing ship, which carries own landing craft that "swim" in and out from a floating dock and has a flight deck large enough for four helicopters, has arrived at Singapore Naval Base. The RN assault ship laid down since W.W.II.

FARNESS was commissioned on 1st August 1945.

She is armed with four Se- can 40mm anti-aircraft guided missile systems.

She displaces 12,000 tons, has a length of 520 feet and a beam of 80 feet.

The helicopter's flight deck is connected by ramps to the tank, vehicle and half decks, and the ship's own dock can be quickly flooded to swim in or out of the Floating Dock over a lowered stern gate.

Besides the ship's company of 525 ratings, the ship, H.M.S. FEARLESS can carry about 400 troops within the ship's hulls, tanks, vehicles and heavy equipment, and is designed for night operations, being equipped for day and night flying, and is designed to operate a flot of two-carrying heli- copters, although the ship does not carry her own machines. One of her officers des- cribed H.M.S. FEARLESS as a "Can Do" ship - so far in her young life she has been used as a headquarters ship, a hospital ship, pipe-line-con- struction site, and a "we never told how we would come away." H.M.S. FEARLESS is commanded by Captain H. A. Corbett, Royal Navy.

Well-known

Kempe throughout the year the R.A.N., Jenny and her side party girls are a welcome sight for the personnel of the long- side Hong Kong Naval Base. Jenny, who has been looking after naval ships since before the war tradition was founded by her sister and her mother.

Use of Jenny's prowess projection for the R.A.N. to promote the R.A.N. Service Certificates for young women in the world of business and the R.A.N. career with H.M.A. ships during their stay in Hong Kong.

Throughout the year the Naval Dental Branch has been raising duplicate dental cards for the Melbourne R.A.N. Service Certificates to give "proof of dental health" follows them from ship to ship, thus providing dental and medical officers with readily available information concerning their in these care.

The system also provides a valuable identification aid should the need ever arise. Surg. Lt. (D. M) D. Dowsett, R.A.N. (Ret), DR. A. F. Potter who form the Flet Dental Senior in the Strategic Re- serve took the opportunity of bringing the dental card documents up to date when STUART visited Hong Kong recently.

INTER SERVICE SPORTS

The Inter-Service Lawn Bowls will take place at Parremmitee - Bowling Club on the 5th and 6th June. All Service Bowlers who are interested in representing the R.A.N. in the Bowls should contact Mr. L. H. Tooth to enter the Inter- Club. Cdr. F. P. Moore at Naval Base. The Inter-Services Lawn Bowls on the Sea- side, Gor- don Island. (Est. 335).
ADMIRALS' CHANGE

REAR ADMIRAL E. I. PEEK, inspects the Guard at a "change-over" ceremony in Garden Island on January 20. Rear Admiral Peak, also now a guest of Rear Admiral V. A. T. Smith, assumed his appointment as Flag-Officer-in-Charge, Australian Naval Establishments. The appointment had been vacated by Rear Admiral Smith, who was sent to New Guinea, over the past four weeks, and the announcement was made by Rear Admiral Peak.

VENDETTA VOGUE

Jarvis Bay is always looked upon by sailors as a bit of a chore, and many and varied are the ideas thought up by them to relieve the boredom of a weekend at anchor here.

VENDETTA's crew are no exception to the rule, and among our many interests, fishing would rate as the first and foremost.

"Secure" would be the signal for a mass exodus to the quarterdeck by all off-duty sailors, heavily armed with lines, buckets, bait and optimism.

Over the last weekend, extremely good catches included a large number of whiting, fladhead, mackerel and the old stingray and small shark.

The ships' chefs were kept busy cooking the catches, and I'm sure they must have had a thankful sigh of relief on Monday morning, when VENDETTA lolled anchor and followed SYDNEY out of harbour.

Our new canteen manager, COA Dave Eagles, who is nursing his brochures in an effort to make ours the most popular and well-stocked canteen in the Fleet, sold out completely of his large supply of books, lines and strikers.

Once these were used up, the boys began to improvise... the Chief Shipwright stripped him of his mess on Saturday morning, spluttering that he had located the set of brass hinges which had gone "walkabout" from his workshop.

An ingenious sailor was using them to carry his bail to the bottom of the bay, (he was catching fish too...). An assortment of nets and bolts were also brought into use as weights, and it was dangerous to approach within boleto range of the quarter patch.

Fishing parties also went away in the ship's whaler, and returned with some fine catches of the larger varieties of fish.

On Sunday, the whaler took a party of divers and gum-pier fishermen away, and they managed to bring back a nice bag of pipefish and ludericks.

Their hair-raising account of their rough ride back to the ship after a sudden change in the weather made one wonder whether it was all worth the effort.

We may goodbye to a few "stalwarts" when we arrive in Sydney. The mighty "Zephyr" (EA Wulff) joins STALWART, and the "Talbot" (CPO John T. Craven) goes back to RUSCUTTER, Chief Writer Leon Higgin left us in Jarvis Bay, and our favourite Buffer, CPO Eric Williams, has departed for civil service, after fifty (would you believe thirty?) years faithful service.

PO Cook Rushton, carried away with the heat and his beer, said some mighty unkind things about the seaman garner branch down in HMAS PO's mess the other night.

He reckoned that the gunners today was not a patch on what it used to be in the "old days" and stated that he was no good with a Bofors himself that he could shoot the war off a gnat's noserap at one thousand yards.

During the surface throw-off, shots the following day, a white-faced figure was observed being held firmly in the "hot seat" of the M4 mounting.

A clue to his identity came from the muffled cries floating down on the wind... "Let me go, I have to bacl some bread"... "The dinner may be burning"... "Uncle Sid will hear about this lot"... His pleas fell upon deaf ears, and finally someone managed to get off one round from the mounting.

At the sound of the shot, our budding "Have Gun" suffered a nervous breakdown and was carried twitching from the gun.

Just as well it wasn't the 4.4" he was slinging off about...!!!

Sports News... Several sporting events took place and VENDETTA won five events out of seven.

Individual results: TENNIES VENDETTA d, SYDNEY 47.; VOLLEYBALL ... VENDETTA d, GOLF ... VENDETTA d, SYDNEY 1st.; CRICKET ... Wardroom and CPO's d, Ship's Company, CRICKET ... SYDNEY d, VENDETTA by 9 wickets, BASKETBALL ... SYDNEY d, VENDETTA 96-47, CROSS COUNTRY ... VENDETTA d, SYDNEY 1st, 2nd, 3rd.; YASSING ... SAILING d, SYDNEY 171-235.

The Minister chats with A/P Ouw John Cleary during his visit to HMAS WATSON.

NAVAL HEALTH BENEFITS SOCIETY

Navy Office, St. Kilda Road, Melbourne

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**SUBSCRIBER:** All married Naval Personnel and all civilians employed in the Department of the Navy.

On discharge single Naval Personnel may join the Society under civilian conditions.

**INQUIRIES:** Address the address given above.

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**MINISTER'S AUST. DAY MESSAGE**

The Minister for the Navy, Mr. Don Cripps, sent the following signal on Australian Day:

"Australia Day this year holds additional significance for the Royal Australian Navy because it is during this year that the Navy will fly its own Australian White Ensign.

"In two world wars and in Korea earlier, ships manned by the RAN served with a common distinction as did our Navy during the confrontation of Malaysia. "I know the Navy will perform just as creditably in Vietnam."

"Your Government has undertaken these commitments away from our shores confident that the Navy and its sister services will not let it down."

"As Minister for the Navy, I am grateful to you all."

"On this Australian Day, I publicly thank you, particularly those of you who are serving away from home, for your unselfish service."

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**MINISTER VISITS NAVAL ESTABLISHMENTS**

The newly-appointed Minister for the Navy, Mr. Don Cripps, made his first official visit to Naval Establishments in Victoria and NSW last month.
PARRAMATTA RETURNS

Steady rain did not dampen the spirits of relatives and friends when PARRAMATTA came alongside at Garden Island on January 27 after her tour of duty "up-top."

In the above picture, Leading Seaman Dan McKenzie, of Mt. Kuringai, Sydney, was snapped with his wife Betsie, a former WRAN at KURRAWA.

PARRAMATTA's "Number One" George Hallley and the "Buffer", Jim Hughes, photographed with Susie's Side Forty girls before the frigate left Hong Kong.

"To what the curiosity of those who haven't been and to refresh the memories of those who have, I'll just add that it's still the greatest run ashore in the Far East.

"A bargain hunters paradise, it has affected PARRAMATTA so much that most of us are broke from saving money!

"The "bits" are the same as ever, the view from the peak still magnificient, and the restaurants a gourment delight - who could ask for better than that? Not us, that's for sure! In fact I've a sneaking suspicion that most of us were glad to get back to sea so that we could have a rest. People are looking healthier these days anyways!"

Cook Anderson nurses his son Darren as his wife Petricho sits by the pair with an umbrella.

"RELAXING" AT CHRISTMAS

"Christmas away from home is never good, but we made the most of what we had and I suppose the best adjectile would be, 'relaxing'."

"The Royal Navy were well represented in Hong Kong too, with several units of the Far East Fleet in harbour for the festivities."

"The Backyard basin looked like a scene from a child's picture - there were so many lights and stars, all fashioned to form intricate designs."

Some had gone to a lot of trouble with decorations but the end justified the means, without doubt.

"On the personality front, the happiest man in the ship at Christmas was our CO, Wally - he had his wife in Hong Kong!

"Leutnant Officer King and Callaway had some celebrating additions to the family and new arrivals have also come to CEL Wilson and LS "Chooka" Howell.

"New Petty Officers include Dennis Coke, Frank Moore (WM) and Paul McEwan (QM).

"We've managed a batch of leading hands as well as PARRAMATTA's have faced pretty well in the promotion stakes.

"The only trouble is that almost an hour as we go into refit at the end of our trip most of the crew change round. Good back to them all in their new jobs!

OTRANNO SHIELD

"The highlight of the recent few weeks was undoubtedly the award of the Otranno Shield for Gunner's for the second successive year.

"We are all as pleased as punch about it but none more so than 'Cuna' and 'L1' who have had to put up with some pretty solid ribbing over the compensation."

Dixi Cola

Swing to Dixi Cola — the smoother, fresher, nicer cola. Always sparkling fresh in its gold-tinted can. Dixi fast,. Dixi cool.
AT CRESWELL

Naval personnel, their wives and friends always enjoy themselves at a “do” and when a “Navy News” cameraman arrived unexpectedly at Creswell recently he found the Chief’s Mess full of revellers. It could have been a pre-Christmas party, maybe the gathering was to usher in the New Year ... it really doesn’t matter . . . everyone was oblige, happy, and the photographer recalls it was a night to remember.


30 ENTER RAN COLLEGE

Thirty new entry Cadet Midshipmen joined the Royal Australian Naval College, HMAS CRESWELL, Jervis Bay, late last month.

Eight are from N.S.W., 7 from Victoria, 4 from S.A., 3 from Qld, 6 from Queensland, 1 from Tasmania and one from Rabaul, New Guinea.

After training at CRESEL, the cadets will specialise as seamen or engineering officers.

All will attend Royal Naval Colleges in England for further professional training.

JUNIOR ENTRY

NEW SOUTH WALES
Stephen J. Barnes, 79 Queen St, Revesby — Sir Joseph Banks High School, Revesby; Gary C, Martin, 410 Hay Rd, Denniston — Cadward Grammar, East St, Kilda, VIC; Peter P. St. Vincent Welch, 31 Grovesor Rd, Waboonea — Knox Grammar, Sydney; Mark A.V. Town, College 50 W/H Station, Belconnen — Lyneham High School, A.C.T.; Geoffrey P. Brooks, 53/9A Wylde St, Potts Point — Cranbrook School; Andrew R. Robbins, 53 Stanbrook St, Fairfield — Fairfield Boys High School, Stuart L. Kibble, 55 Macquarie St, Fairfield — Sydney Church of England Grammar; Russell E, Swinnerton, 32 Benong, Seaforth, Mosman High School.

VICTORIA

QUEENSLAND
Robert J. Landon, 84 Long St, Graceville — Corinda State High School; Colin G. Jansen, 29 Bramston Tce, Herston — Brisbane Grammar; Peter R. Witham, 43 Ardmente St, Maryborough — Maryborough Boys High School; Robert J. Willis, 15 Kordick St, Cairns — St. Laurence’s Christian Brothers College, 5th Brisbane; Ian A. Donald, 135 Ross River Rd, Mundilingburra, Townsville — Pimlico State High School, Townsville; John Young, 35 Tyrell St, Goonellabah — Pimlico State High School, Townsville; Adrian J. Burns, 36 R.S.L. Club, P.O. Box 5, Rabaul, N.G. — Rabaul High School, New Guinea.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA
Matthaeus H. Valeri, 35 Crawford Cres, Mawson — Mawson Area School; Robert S. Pearson, 51 French St, Netherby — St. Peter’s College; Robert G. Cook, 35 Wangan Tce, Semaphore Downs — Semaphore High School.

SENIOR ENTRY

VICTORIA
Erik M. Askem, 667 The Esplanade, Mornung — Morningside High School; Dennis G. Bell, 12 Carroll Ave, Nth. Clayton — Christian Brothers College, East Melbourne.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

WESTERN AUSTRALIA
Geoffrey B. Gray, 100 La- bourcheer Rd, South Perth — Hale School, Perth; Michael C. Mcgaw, 7 Pitt St, Sth. Perth — Trinity College; Graham B. Asimow, 3 Drew Rd, Applecross — Trinity College.

TASMANIA
Timothy J. Scott, 75 Wend- sor St, Glenorchy — Robert High School.

CONGRATULATIONS

a Ex-Medical Store Officer, Mr. W. "Bill" Jones is still receiving congratulations from his friends ... he became a grandfather on December 3, 1966 when daughter Jennifer, wife of Lieutenant Paul Homan, added a son to the family. Lieutenant Homan is serving in HMAS Smerwick, and according to Mrs. Jones, a family reunion is anticipated towards the end of this year in Sydney.

Mr. Jones, who lives in 6/86 Botany Street, Randwick, recently retired from the RAN Medic Store, Randwick.

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“STUART VISITS AUSTRALIA”
HELLO DERE! PHROM STUART

Just as we feared home we learned someone on board who is not illtired, or illtired, or well anyway, someone who can right as well as read. Pararatta Pratilla has forced us to break our 3-year silence, and for the first time in Navy History, R.M.S. STUART has exploded onto the immortal pages of the Honolulu Advertiser.

Pride had almost persuaded us to remain the Silent Ship of the Senior Service UNTIL Navy Office received a signal from the U.S.N. stating that a warship, claiming to hail from the land of Kangaroos, had been seen in the vicinity of the suspiciously Scott name of “STUART,” had sailed into Pearl Harbour and last Hawaii under seige to the extent that not one drop of consumable alcohol remained.

It was feared that at last the counter to Eliza Ness had come, and the so-called “crew” of the ship were using a loophole in the law to force the local populace into purchasing liquor through the black market.

Navy Office came back with the reply that, after searching through the official records, it was discovered that no ship of any nation had ever submitted an article to the Nautilus, Hughes under the name of STUART.

Therefore such a ship could not be Australian, in spite of the fact that the action taken by her crew seemed indicative that they had been rearmed on the Big Ben pegs and Clakton tires. This in turn caused a fracas in the Labour Office, for it was realised that 250 able-bodied men could not be spared from the Garden Island mines.

So neither signal was immediately drafted and given world-wide distribution. It pleaded the assistance of all nations to help in identifying such a fearsome warship.

H.M.A.S. PARRAMATTA was hastily dispatched so that she could claim salvage rights for Australia should all replies be in the negative.

As things turned out, replies did not come in the negative; there were negative replies - evidently no one can understand English.

Anxiety was mounting as this unknown warship began exercising with the American fleet, but this situation was short-lived for she was exiled to the P.E.S. for using her secret weapon.

Now, at long last, we were identified - by the Dockyard, which had remembered fitting on KARA to two Australian ships, but had only heard of one before.

So, we were tagged at last, but it was fun playing the phantom for so long.

We’ll be on our way home soon, so don’t be surprised if on some dark night, you see a sleek warship (flying a tartan flag with the STUART rose in the centre), looming out of the darkness.

ONE ESCAPADES IN F.F.E.

For those of you who do not already know, (ahem) STUART has spent the last eight months taking care of the Far East Station - here’s a log of a ship on her escapade.

After leaving Sydney in May, STUART sailed for Pearl Harbour via Suva and Pago Pago.

On route, we crossed the line for the first time since commissioning. As is normal, Neptune’s Reel had underexposed a heavy toll, both on new and old sailors alike.

On arrival in Pearl Harbour, we joined in with ASWGRU 5’s Organic (Operational Readiness Evaluation), a two-week concentrated exercise period in Hawaiian waters, followed by two weeks alongside in Pearl Harbour - resting!

While in Pearl the ship’s sports teams were active although not all that successful, playing Softball, Rugby and even Cricket against U.S. Navy and local teams.

American hospitality proved to be excellent and sightseeing tours plentiful, although the choice of sights was somewhat varied.

Honolulu itself was incredibly expensive. For example, coke was 20 cents a glass - for those who drank it neat. As a consequence the Naval Base shops and clubs were used to the full.


After Pearl Harbour, STUART once again crossed the equator, this time heading south, bound for Pago Pago, Suva, Muma and then up to Singapore.

Time in the ports on passage was necessarily brief and we arrived in Singapore on August 6 to begin a six-week tour of duty in the Strategic Reserve.

By the time we arrived confrontation was virtually over, so an ad hoc "reinforcement" period at the Fleet Club was hard at work training for Exercises Millilitus which was conducted by FO2 PEF on the way across to the Philippines and off Subic Bay after leaving Hong Kong.

After Millilitus came exercise Stormcloud when the large British and Australian force joined up with ASWGRU 5, our old friends from Pearl Harbour and combined in a high power exercise in which two Carrières, three DDD’s and over ten Destroyers took part.

After the exercise everyone was invited to visit which everyone had been waiting for.

STUART to Kagoshima, PARRAMATTA to Beppu, then both ships to Tokyo for four days.

Kagoshima is a renowned Japanese tourist centre on the southern end of Kyushu at the head of Kagoshima Bay. Only 2 miles across the bay is Mount Sakurajima, a large smoking volcano, believed to have been as volcanoes go, but nevertheless a sight not many of us had seen closely before.

In the city, bars were in position and after two blocks there were 200 bars - one for each liberyman.

The local population were
GLAD TO BE BACK!

EM Michael Hoskins from Burwood, Melbourne, nurses his son Darren for the first time as wife Anne looks on.

Hong Kong once again, and being not only the only Aussie ship present, but the only Commonwealth member as well, we left a lasting impression on this, the "last remaining Bastion of British Imperiality."

As usual, we sent out challenges and managed to meet all comers, in the sporting field - the outcome of course is classified and therefore in only told on a need to know basis.

With bank books touching rock bottom and pay-day weeks away, we sailed for Bangkok.

After rather an uneventful many never-to-be-forgotten memories, we put to sea (to recuperate) bound for S.E.A.

Exercise after exercise confronted us, followed by "Davy Destroyer" over the Christmas period but we were determined to make the most of it.

Christmas Day was spent on board at Pulau Timom (the old faithful) where a pleasant day was had by all.

Four bonzo dagbies had been embarked in S.N.B. and these were sailed from dawn 'till dusk by novices and experts alike.

As is fitting, the engineer

AB PAUL TURNER, PO John McGrath and LT Don Reardon prepare ex- plosives for demolishing a barge.

MIDSHIPMAN MICHAEL STOCK, Lt. Cdr. George Tilley, ME Max De Launay, and ME Maryn Bennett photographed while engaged refueling at sea.

AB ROBERT STOREY, Ord (ERM) Helmut Isker and AB Robert Harvey were happy enough as they clean ship before STUART entered Kagoshima.

The two short days were soon over and we sailed for Tokyo, arriving two days later with PARRAMATTA and berthing at Harumi Pier which is an near to the City of Tokyo as one can get.

The ships arrived at a music played by a Band of the Japanese Maritime Self Defence Force, and the Captains (Commander P. Goldrick) were presented with flowers by Miss Tokyo.

During the four day visit there were numerous bus tours and visits to local, and not so local sights.

"KEY OF THE CITY!"

A special demonstration by the Self Defence Forces PT school at Yokohama was one of the highlights of the visit.

The demonstration included judo, karate, gym and music played by a Band of the Japanese Maritime Self Defence Force, and the Cap- tain (Commander P. God- rich) was presented with flowers by Miss Tokyo.

While in Tokyo, STUART was visited by representatives of the Mayor of Ikeda. Ikeda is a large town on the outskirts of Osaka, some 300 miles from Tokyo.

In 1963 Ikeda became sister city to Launceston and it was for this reason that the representatives visited STUART to present a large doll and inflam- mation on their city.

BARGE ADRIFF

After four extremely busy and very enjoyable days STUART and PARRAMATTA left Tokyo for Singapore.

The passage back became interesting when in the China Sea a large barge was report- ed adrift not far from STUART.

Finding the barge proved no problem and at 2100 one night a demolition team consisting of Lieutenant Don Reardon, Petty Officer Tug William, and 5 LW sailors boarded the barge with the inten- tion of sinking it so it presented a danger to navigation.

After a close inspection of the barge which measured 120 m x 50 m it was decided to take it in tow for Singapore.

Later in the night, in fact early morning, an American tug arrived and after some negotiation the large barge was handed over for return to the U.S.A.F. in Vietnam.

A total of 3 tugs had been searching for the barge for over two weeks; it took us 3 hours.

TO HONG KONG AGAIN

Two days later STUART and PARRAMATTA arrived in Singapore for a short stop before continuing exercises, this time in the Malacca Strait.

On completion of Operation Rebel Maid, STUART slipped quietly into Port Swettenham to spend 3 most delightful days "away from it all."

The "all" was Kuala Lumpur - known only as KL - which proved itself to be hectic for some, entertaining for others and just too far for most.

Just as serenely as she came, STUART left the Malacca Strait on her way to Hong Kong. It was a long journey - over 4,000 miles, through the Singapore Strait (at night) to rendezvous with another warship for a brief exercise period between turning north once more.

STUART exploded upon

ful 3 days at sea we began our long trek up the Mae Nam Chao Phraya.

Two hours it was, of muddy winding river, ornately carved buildings, gold adorned temples, speed boats, colourful river traffic, and the Fleet of the Royal Thai Navy, before STUART finally secured to a head buoy in mid stream about four miles from the heart of Bangkok itself.

The two 'sweepers' HAWK and GULL came alongside almost immediately and the trip looking remarkably like a trammor, dressed ship to meet the occasion.

Any description of Thai- land's capital would be an understatement, so I won't commit myself by trying.

PLENTY OF WORK

It was an expensive four days visit but one which left

Retired Chief of Naval Staff Sir Henry Hurrell, Lady Bur- rell and family were at Garden Island to welcome back the family, Stuart, a Midshipman.

(LL Cdr. G. Tilly) put the seas- em to shame in capturing the ship's sailing honours.

STUART arrived safely from her Yoletide sojourn, and is now preparing to tackle Hong Kong, yet again, despite Typhoon "Fanus" moving up in the China Sea.

To date, that's our story but what may happen between here and home is anybody's guess - he assured though, we won't be late.

BY EDITOR - To enable all STUART readers to ap- preciate the literary talent of the unknown scribbler, the Editor withheld publication of the story for one edition of Navy News.

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BAND NOTES
FROM MELBOURNE: With little time to use the starship, the flagband ship has again rejoined the ship. We have lost two members and gained seven.

CPO Merv Keefe has returned to Melbourne, where he successfully passed his P.O. Musician course. Our first concert was on January 9 where we provided music for a wardrobe dinner for the Chief of Staff, A.C. Wells. The band group then had the pleasure of providing concert music for Lord Admiral Smith, on the Quarterdeck on January 11.

On January 18, we again provided light entertainment music for the Wardroom dinner for Rear Admiral Smith. January 20 saw the combined bands of MELBOURNE and PENGUIN parade for the ceremonial changover of P.O.C.A.F.

This day arrived with a number of good years, and that was followed by the concerts of the New Year. With Coogee and Reg Howden D.D.L engaged, it was a real pleasure to have congratulated and bided you farewell.

Now that we are settled down into what looks like another busy year, this would be the time to wish all the other "Bandies" a happy and musical 1967.

FAGGOTT,
G.I. NAVAL ASSOCIATION

The following office bearers were elected for the current year 1967:

President: D. Power; Vice President: F. Ashton, B.F. McGhee, S.A. Anderson; Hon. Secretary: J. Easter; J. Glass (Assistant Secretary and Public Relations Officer); Hon. Treasurer: T. Llincrap.

The SOE Committee Notice Board which became US because of a folding mechanism, has been restored to its old position in Store's Lane. Keep an eye on it for future information.

Membership for WRANS is available during this Sub Section, All enquiries are to be addressed to the following: Naval Association, G.I. Sub Section, P.O. Box 3, Garden Island or you can telephone the Assistant Secretary after hours on 693 4006.

The inaugural meeting of the sub branch will be held on February 21 @ 7.30 p.m. at the Navy Police Citizens' Boys' Club, Cnr. Riley Street and High Street, Mooroolin, commencing at 7.30 hours.

AT SEA WITH VAMPIRE

VAMPIRE's newspaper "Australus" was soon available after the RAN's hardest working ship left Sydney.

It recounts that enroute to the Far East Station, VAMPIRE called at Darwin where everyone had a good time, and 300 inspected the ship when she docked there for a week. The sporting types found Darwin's weather just hot but the report in the paper of the activities, states "sport at Darwin- was a complete success. The first half had to be cancelled as Australian Rules is in season. This could have been a blessing in disguise as the surface of the available ground no doubt would have given the Doctor much practice in pitching up injuries.

The Indian trial went well off with a 14-4 win for VAMPIRE against DUCHESSES. Ormsby and Sim on long ward played particularly well.

LSTD Wate, L.ME, O'Ffoe. SA Pringle, SE Williams and received equal amounts of air-conditioned burst, but the tender ship's players found the court surface so hole that sure feet seem more and no more than a set was possible.

AB Ross reported later with some extra heat.

The boat also affected the fraternizing. AB Flower was keen for a round, but wisely accepted the advice of some DUCHESSES who sent her away with a bunch of flowers to go out after a few hours.

Before leaving Darwin, Midshipman Gibson, Griffiths, Harrington and Holliday joined.

When we return to Sydney, VAMPIRE will be showing off a splendid library case, the pride and joy of the ship's library and your thanks.

The new sheet carries reference to POWR "Silly," Ecky, sending us the ship's best wishes for a speedy recovery from his serious motor accident.

VAMPIRE has a batch of shipmates in the Australian team in absolute physical fitness being maintained and most are to be found in the Mess.

The report says that living in this mess is like living inside a dog house, every first day.

The officer-crew knock-out quiz was brilliantly won by W.O. Wilson, S.A. Hogg and P.F. Llincrap.

3rd Petty Officer's Mess party January 7 was a momentous day in the life of POSRA "Silly." He had been given the ship's company's first choker injection when news was received that he had become the father of a boy. Owner's "WAMPERS" left Darwin, P.O. Ck George.

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A blow-out at low speed is fairly easy to deal with. A blow-out at high speed is a different matter: it can also be dealt with effectively if the driver does not break the car's speed by any violent manner.

A front tire blow-out can throw a car into a swerve in the direction of the blown tire so quickly that an accident may be prevented by instant reaction and proper action.

The first rule for dealing with a high speed blow-out is to grip the steering wheel hard and concentrate on correcting the car's "drift" by keeping the wheels going straight.

Remove your foot from the accelerator pedal.

Correct — gently but firmly — skids that may occur: don't make sudden moves in steering, as over-correction of a skid in one direction can throw the car into a worse skid in the opposite direction.

Don't depress the clutch.

When the car is under control apply brakes very gently.

The very worst thing you can do when a blow-out occurs is to use the brakes, which will cause swerving and skidding.

FOOTNOTE: It is your habit to drive with only one hand while steering speeds, you will be unable to control the car in the event of a blow-out, a skid or a skid in the opposite direction. Use both hands on the wheel in the approved "ten minutes to two" safety position which gives the best possible control.

SyrDen's ORGAN

With the coming of the New Year we find OXLEY awaiting her finishing touches and the crew, fresh from two weeks leave, eager to get her sea.

We will be home this year, providing the weather does not finish us off first, with temperatures hovering around zero during the day and plunged at night.

The days are longer giving us little more daylight than the five hours or so we have been used to over the past months, with the promise of there being more.

Before Christmas, the senior rates Mess held their first Mess Dinner with our Captain and his wife as guests of honour.

We may have been able to present photographs, but unfortunately the photograph (who shall remain nameless) did not have much success with the flash bulbs, but despite that it was a thoroughly enjoyable evening.

At this time of year there is a good deal of snow about, to which the engineer (S. New) and Lt. Richard-Dell have been making good use of in the form of skiing; good "make and mend" material that, which could come in handy for the work-up period, some having already departed for the "beloved" shores. This heating up of the snow for a few long faces to be seen, this could be due to lack of fire or bad weather. After having lived the "soft" life for the past year, unfortunately, we are unable to give a clear indication of just when we shall arrive at our destination at the moment, but you may be able to smell us before you see us.

The Australian Rugby Team scored quite a victory against England at Twickenham on January 7, much to the relief of all on board OXLEY (Australians that is), but it was a very good game and a well deserved win.

Speaking of Rugby, it is intended to hold a "seven-a-side" competition between departments on Australia Day, the results of which will be rusted to the press.

We being sea trials at the end of this month and the crew are together for the first time and we can see just what the OXLEY can do without an after-building.

Until the next issue of "Navy News" I leave you with an icy farewell.

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DEATH OF CPO CK HARTMAN

Mrs. Bruce Hartman, wishes to express on behalf of her daughter and her family their appreciation of the many kind messages shown them in the past. She is also very grateful to all members of the Service for their kindness and sympathy shown them since the loss of CPO CK A. R. Hartman.

CPO CK Hartman collapsed and died while on duty at HMAS KUTTABIL, on January 6. Naval honours were accorded the late CPO CK Hartman at Services conducted in the H.M.A.S. KUTTABIL Chapel and Woomera Cemetery, Sutherland, on January 10.

Chaplain L. W. Long officiated, and there were also representatives of the Late CPO CK Hartman by all sections of the Service. CPO CK Hartman, aged 45, spent most of his life in the Navy. He was widely respected and in Naval sport, starred as a swimmer and water polo player.


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COONAWARRA CAPERS

Over the Christmas period the WRAS at COONAWARRA certainly had a very happy experience when a number of mothers and other family members took the opportunity to visit Darwin.

PAYS OFF — MARRIED


The occasion was when L./Wt. L. Hancock "paid off" to prepare for her marriage to cigarette company representative David Gay.

The marriage took place at the Presbyterian Church, Box Hill, on January 21, and the couple, after their honeymoon in Hawaii, where they will live, L./Wt. W. Hancock joined the WRAS in January, 1964, became a L./Wt. in November, 1966, and was married on January 1, 1967.

The presentation was made on behalf of the WRAS Committee, in Navy Office, Melbourne.

AUSLANIA SEA CADET REPORT

Lieutenant Commander F. P. Page, RAN (Retd), Administrative Officer, NSW Division, forwarded the following short report of the activities of the Division for the quarter ended September 30.

He wrote: "Concurrent with the transfer of the Sydney Port Division from H.M.A.S. RUSCUTTER the Senior Officer and Staff now have their headquarters in H.M.A.S. WATSON.

"There has been considerably more activity this quarter than in the preceding one, for instance, Sea Training was made available in both MELBOURNE and for instance for approximately 10 days.

"There was of course great competition to receive this posting and because numbers had to be restricted many Cadets who volunteered were not fortunate enough to be selected, This year the Annual Athletics Meeting was held at Mount St. Nicholas, near The Entrance.

"This is a most desirable spot for this event situated as it is next to T/S SIRUS.

"Competitors and other personnel from T/S SIRUS (Newcastle) were accommodated for the weekend in H.M.A.S. WATSON.

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"Officers, Instructors and Cadets from T/S ALBATROSS (Wellington) came up for the day with families and friends in a hired coach.

"The day was carried by T/S SIRUS, with T/S ALBATROSS second and T/S SIRUS third. "Mention must be here of the great assistance and invaluable guidance given on the day by CPO CK J. Sevitt on behalf of the Command P.T.I. Staff.

"During this same weekend, Cadets from T/S SIRUS formed a Guard of Honour for Rear Admiral T. C. W. Hirston, who, accompanied by His Excellency the United States Ambassador, performed the Opening Day Ceremony for the Season at Rose Bay Motor Yacht Club.

"This year T/S ALBATROSS has been adjudged the most efficient unit in New South Wales and is a credit to the Naval Service, as well as the unit in the top unit in the whole of the Service with a view to selecting that unit judged to be the most efficient in Australia.

"On September 1, as guests of the R.A.A.F., and Air Training Corps, two officers, one PO Instructor and 19 Sea Cadets drawn from the Metropolitan Units spent the day at the A.A.A.F. Station, Richmond.

"The morning was spent with the Migration Squad where the Cadets showed they were eager to learn as much about a Neptune and its operation as they possibly can.

"In the afternoon the party was given 2 1/2 hours air experience in flights both during and after the flights the Cadets were allowed the privilege of inspecting the cockpit.

"Unfortunately a few of the personnel (not only Cadets!) became victims of the air conditioners' delight, according to reports, were not by a long way as calm as they might have been.

"The party was extended by all concerned at Richmond was much appreciated.

"During the quarter under review eleven meetings were held at both establishments and ships in harbour.

"It was at the last of these that a party of 10 Cadets from T/S SIRUS DAMINE (Manly) unexpectedly found themselves at sea for the day in H.M.A.S. VENDETTA for "Family Day."

"Bev. Brian has been sporting quite a number of bruises of late. It appears that her scooter had an argument with a passing car. However, Bev managed to come out second best. Try picking on push bikes, Bev.

"The other Cadets have been busy patronising the ladies. If it's not the Melbouronesque the other end of town is a far more formidable target — a party is in the making, we think.

"It appears to be an interesting year to know that the Junior Rangers Club has had a complete face lift. Coffee tables, comfortable chairs and curtains have been added, giving the club a certain amount of atmosphere.

"Over the Christmas and New Year period the club was the scene of much gaiety, frivolity, and fun. Bevis have it that a certain B. D. Bamford is to "suffer" and we don't mean her marriage in the very near future.

"It seems to be a constant theme to prevent the opposing hockey team out of action during competition. Better let her have time, it's practised on her own team at training too.

"On the subject of hockey, boys and girls teams are continuing to have a considerable amount of success. Both teams remain in the top four and "B" grade have had a successful season and won games decisively. Cheer's Jan. Both teams are looking forward hopefully to the finals.

"Boating has become popular here with the Senior Officer's purchase of a new boat prior to the start of the season. Much later she was found gazing at a number of motorbikes and boats on the foreshore, "THINKING, Yes, it's certainly a future hobby."

"On this note we close next time with the STUBLEE TRIBUNE.

CODE FOR DRIVERS

You watch the fellow behind you.

You watch the fellow in front of you.

You watch the fellow you lead.

You watch the fellow you look at.

You look to the right and look to the left.

And do not so Kurds, for your life.

But the fellow you really have to watch is the fellow behind you, you will find. Is the fellow behind the fellow ahead, and Ahead of the fellow behind your life?"
NEW HOME FOR WRANS
FROM WATSON...

Wrens work at WATSON as Motor Transport Drivers, as Writers and Dressmakers as well as Radar Operators in the MD and TAS Schools. For years, they've patiently
waited the building of WATSON and their quarters at PENGUIN, but have
rescued the building between WATSON and their quarters at PENGUIN, but have
across the harbour in converted accommodation on the upper
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home of the CO's black. The CO's of WATSON is Third
room is completed in the centre of her 20 girls by FOV, the able
while, who is asphalted in the centre of her 20 girls by FOV, the able
Building, who is asphalted in the centre of her 20 girls by FOV, the able

SCRAIN FROM A MAN is a new experi-
ience for the girls who were used to an all
women world in their old barracks at
PENGUIN. Lining up and taking their turn
with the fellers are Christine Olsen and
MTD Thureaua Bevers from Callaway
Platoon.

WATSON IS DISTANT from some of Syd-
ney's best spots, but a scooter can give
some independence in leisure hours to
some types like Ann Von Wissen and
Rosemary Hoy, who apply a little gell
and polish before they rear spouse.

CHORES CAN BE BORES but not for our
smiler Beth Neville, as she pags out her
nightlife on the Hills bust at the Wren's
Quarters.

CHATTER! CHATTER! Notice! Notice! Can't
you just imagine how much of this goes
on when Wrens get together in their
liaisons. Our merrymakers pictured here are
Sandra Usher (19) from Southport, Qld.,
Rosemary Hoy and Christine Olsen (30),
from Adelaide.

LIFE'S NOT ALL FUN outside of working
hours but if you have to do laundry then
you couldn't get a more ritty set up than
the automatic machine and stainless steel
tubs, etc. that they've fitted for the
Wrens at WATSON. Having a clean in the
machine, and a rub in the tub are our
RP's Beth Neville (18) from Broken Hill
and Heather Hibblett.

YOU CAN frisk to a disc, look at a book
or 'phone home in the "yes" space set
aside for the girls. Doing just those things
are Rosemary Hoy from Wingham, NSW,
Sandra Usher, Ann Von Wissen, Robyn
Thomas and Barbara Krown.

SYDNEY'S THE GREATEST! Plenty of things
to do and plenty of places to go. And
WATSON is well situated to take advan-
tage of all it has to offer. Stepping ashore
for some Go-Go at a disco are two of our
"with it" gals Kay Jackson and Barbara
Krown.

WATSON's just up the hill from Camp
Cove beach and now our Wrens have
joined the beauties who disport them-
selves on this famous strip of sand.
Stepping out for a round round the caves
and some fun in the sun are Wren RP's
Lesley Collins (21), from Ryde, and
Ann Smith from Christie Beach, In
Adelaide.

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MADE TO MEASURE UNIFORMS

Waite Navy Order No 361 of 1946 set out details of arrange- ments made to enable R.A.N. personnel in Sydney and Brisbane to obtain made-to-measure uniforms from the Commonwealth Govt. Clothing Factory. It is considered that further rationalisation of those arrangements is warranted.

The factory has representatives at Dynocks Building, 429 George St., Sydney, and Ampol House, 44 Herchel St., Brisbane, where members can be measured for and try on completed uniforms.

Where completed uniforms are found acceptable, purchasers can make payment on the spot and take immediate delivery of their garments.

Where customers are not satisfied, the garments will be returned to the factory for necessary alterations without any extra charge to the purchaser.

An assurance has been given by the factory that final delivery of most garments should be made within 30-40 days of the date of order.

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NEW CATCH FOR SYDNEY NAVAL CLUB

A meeting of the Sydney Naval Australian Rules football club last week elected Ray Houston as coach for the coming season.

Houston ... a much-travelled player, traveled for St. Kilda first over 42 occasions during his three years with the club between 1952 and 1955.

While with the Saints, he was chosen in the second Victorian team.

Before playing with St. Kilda, Houston was a member of the Eastern Suburbs team in Sydney.

From St. Kilda he moved to Moorabbin and played for Association football then spent several seasons with the Carlton Stars in the Sunday League competition.

In this 1957-59 period, he captained the Combined Sunday League 18.

In 1962, he coached the Mayne Club in Brisbane, represented Queensland the same year then transferred to Sandgate where he had been coach for three seasons.

Moorabbin met the players for the first time at the club's first training run at Trumper Park on February 23.

OUTRIGHT WIN TO SYDNEY XI

VENDETTA 1st INNINGS 445 (Burnett b Robertson; Cameron b Robertson 8; Coats b Roe 6; Pride b Roe 7; Weir b Roe 8; Arthur b Robertson 2; Hinks b Bryce 9; McPherson b Roe 4; Thomas Not Out; Robinson b Robertson 1; Chamberlain b Robertson 0; Sandries 10 (Robertson 5-20, Roe 5-129); and 2nd INNINGS 130 (Burnett b Roe 25; Cameron b Hughes 14; Coats b Bryce 4; Pride b Roe 22; Weir b Johnston 8; Arthur by Bryce 4; Hinks by Bryce 7; McPherson by Bryce 1; Thomas by Bryce 1; Robinson Not Out 4; Chamberlain 9; Row 0; Sandries 6 (Burnett 5-29, Roe 3-25, Hughes 1-31; Johnston 1-12) lost to SYDNEY 1st INNINGS 445 (Burnett b Cameron 1; Burns b Cameron 4; Hughes b Devitt 50; Burns b Thomas 12; Treebell b Thomas 0; Strevens b Coats 45; Robertson b Cameron 20; Roe Not Out 5; Johnston b Cameron 7; Ross b Burns 7; Smart b Pride 0; Sandries 8 (Cameron 4-33, Thomas 2-23, Devitt 1-17, Coats 1-12; Burnett 1-3, Pride 1-1); and 2nd INNINGS 1-43 (Burnett Not Out 15; Hughes 3; Thomas 20; Strevens Not Out 7); Sandries 1 (Arthur 1-5).

JOINTS FROM "JOHNIES"

This time of the year is good to outline aims and objectives for the coming year.

At "Johnies" the pattern for the coming year was set before the old year had died, so the first hurdle had been cleared.

There are many more obstacles to take during the next months. The main one is to build up encouragement and support here is every reason to make a winning forecast.

At a recent meeting, the Representatives of Ships Welfare Committee heard of the plans to convert the existing 50's Lounge into a Mixed Club Lounge; of the proposed all round improvement in bar services and of the proposed Ven Only bar in the space now occupied by the Junior Sailors Bar.

It is hoped that financial support will be forthcoming from the respective ships and establishments when the matter is raised for discussion at the next Welfare Committee meetings.

The most urgent need is for the formation of a committee to take an active part in the running of the social side of R.N.H.

A remark overheard recently was that for races could no more run a club than fly in the air.

It was said quite as politely as that but that was the essence of the statement.

True or not true, there is one way to blow the infrequency sky high — by being successful in one's own place. Why not do just that?

The programme also includes the establishment of an R.S.L. Ex-R.N.H. Sub Branch Club with Royal Naval House.

The cost of conversion of this club will be born entirely by the membership of the club and the R.N.H. Sub Branch and the complete profits will be returned to R.N.H.

There are probably many small groups in the R.A.N. Judo clubs, Fishing clubs, Photographic clubs, Record clubs and many more which meet at places inconvenient to all members.

There is space available at R.N.H. for these types of activities and as the premises are here for your use why not use them to the fullest advantage, all you have to do is telephone or call in and discuss your requirements.

In the forthcoming football season we look forward to assisting as host to players of all codes — showers, a bar of your own, a piano, a sing song — what more could a football team want.

A pleasant room on the first floor has been re-decorated and as soon as it is furnished it will be available as a lounge and writing room for male members.

There has been a long needed requirement for a quiet room and it is anticipated that this room will fulfill this need.

The first 1967 meeting of Navy Wives and Mothers Club will be held at Royal Naval House at 12 noon on Wed., 8th February and a VISIT BY FRENCH SHIP

More than 180 Frenchman arrived in Sydney last Monday on board the French naval ship, ENSIGNE DE VAISSEAU HENRY (painted). The ship, under the command of Commander Herbert, will be in Sydney until February 7, during which time she will spend two days exercising with DEWDWORTH off the Coast. The ship also sailed on guard vessel during the French atomic tests in the Pacific recently.

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RUGBY MEETING

The annual meeting of the Australian Rugby Union will be held at NMQ on February 7 at 1000.

Election of office bearers and committee will be held and the 1967 fixture list discussed.

All ships and establishments are requested to provide a representative.

Representatives are to produce a list of qualified referees who will be available throughout part of the full 1967 season.

Names of officers and sailors wishing to qualify as Rugby Union Referees are also required.

Navy XI to play Journalists

A Navy XI will play a return match against the Journalists' Cricket Club at Pengun on Sunday, February 19.

The match will commence at 1100.

Any Navy cricketer interested in playing should contact P0 LPI Las Davis on G0 ext 414, cordial invitation is extended to all ladies.

Meetings are held once monthly and children are welcome, this is a good opportunity to meet other wives — do come along and make this an active group during the coming year.

Incidently don't forget to make use of the Women's Room.

Thought is being given to a fashion display/abry party prior to the winter season so look out for further information on this subject.

To refresh your memories after the leave period:

DANCES are held on the Sunday of each Pay Week.

TOMORROW is held on the Sunday of Off Pay Week.
Cousins meet for the first time

The above picture shows the old and the new... two men engaged in the same task... Public Relations Officers... "veteran" Jimmy James (centre) and on the right, Gordon Lee, who has succeeded the popular "Jimmy" as Public Relations Officer for the RAN in the EAA.

"Jimmy", a few days later went to a dig in Garden Island, and the odds are that when he has settled in he'll be up to G.L, the same type of first class publicity that he secured for the Navy.

It can be said without fear of contradiction that "Jimmy" knew everyone in Sydney who was associated with the publishing field, newspapers, magazines, TV, and radio.

He never seemed "stuck" for a story when an appeal was made to him, and they came daily; he had the ability to "sell" a picture that was never staged.

These things came naturally to "Jimmy" because he had a long association with the Navy and he knew how to handle it. He started his working life in 1928 as a telegraph messenger, but a few months later joined the naval intelligence section.

A keen student, he learned to speak Japanese, and this was of great assistance to him when he was an intelligence officer in Western Australia during the war years.

He continued in the intelligence branch until 1958 when he transferred to HQ as PRO for the EAA.

Navy News owes much to "Jimmy" who was one of the far sighted personalities associated with its introduction.

We extend our thanks to him for his co-operation and promise we won't write about the many experiences we know he had in the Service, but we will be content to watch for the publication of his book of memoirs, which we feel is certain to entertain.

Mr. Leed also knows much about the Navy... He served in it for years, when he went to "civvy street" he became associated with television in Victoria.

Over the years he has retained his interest in the Service and now takes a regular run to HMAS Watson where he keeps himself abreast of Navy life as a Librarian in the Reserve.

"Jimmy", in his first edition as Editor of the G.Island P.R. Bulletin on January 26, had this to say: "First may I congratulate...

Mr. Lind, on a magnificent job. His hard work he's made my task very easy.

"It was a nostalgic moment for me on Monday when I stepped aboard the Ferry at Circular Quay for Garden Island. The last time was back in January 1939.

"What a change in the skyline in skyscrapers, the Opera House, but what struck me most, was the youth (and beauty) of most of my fellow passengers. It was very different from 1939."

"As I approached the Island the difference of the years was again apparent. New Cranes, Docks, but perhaps best of all the whole clean, fresh painted look of the equipment.

"When I stepped ashore I immediately noticed the difference of the years - My old Garden was gone for the Island has grown into one of the most modern engineering complexes in Australia".

A VISITOR FROM VIETNAM

DURING THEIR RECENT VISIT TO AUSTRALIA, South Vietnamese Prime Minister, Air Vice Marshal Ky and Mrs. Ky, visited HMAS HOBART at Garden Island. Here he is welcomed aboard the DDG by Captain Guy Griffiths.