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HM AS STUART’S HONOURED ROLE

"ABSOLUTELY SUPERB": U.S. ADMIRAL KIDD

"Your INR performance was absolutely superb. The smartness of ships, the appearance and demeanour of crew were a matter of great personal pride to all. The enthusiasm, spirit, and total professionalism of all hands were most impressive. All hands made this observance one of those proud moments in our Navy — Marine Corps and Nation’s history. — Wall done."

CINCLANT FLT Admiral Isaac Kidd, Jr., U.S.N.

The above signal from Admiral Kidd followed the completion of participation of RAN units in the American Bicentenary celebrations earlier this month.

Admiral Isaac Atlantic Forces and Supreme Allied Commander Atlantic.

Representing the RAN in San Francisco were the fleet ailerHMAS Supply, the destroyer HMAS VampiRE, and the destroyer escort HMAS Stuart. Stuart.

In New York, the guided missile destroyer HMAS Hobart undertook what was later described as one of the "most successful visits to an overseas port".

In two days alongside New York’s pier 64, in company with such ships as the square riggers Esmerelda and Libertad, more than 15,000 Americans visited HMAS Hobart

STUART sailed for Baltimore, Maryland, on July 7 after five days officially representing Australia at the Bicentenary celebrations.

An end to the official U.S. visit came on July 10 when she left Baltimore and headed across the Atlantic Ocean to begin the run home to Australia, via the Mediterranean, Suez and the Indian Ocean.

From San Francisco, HMAS Stuart reported she was privileged to see the balloon for a parade of several thousand private yachts, boats and craft participating in a nautical salute to San Francisco and the U.S.A.

Our correspondent takes up the story:

"Thursday, July 1, saw HMAS Stuart in company with HMAS Supply and HMAS Vampire, passing beneath the famous Golden Gate bridge and entering the vast expanse of scenic San Francisco Bay.

The visit to San Francisco over the July 4 weekend marked the culmination of the RAN’s west coast participation in the Bicentennial of American Independence and what better place could one visit for the celebrations.

An additional role which Stuart played in July 4 weekend, celebrations were natural.

Our correspondent continues:

"One of the best-known cities in the world, San Francisco had everything to offer the Australian

and being July 4 weekend, celebrations were natural.

Our correspondent continues:

"A 25 cent ride in an 1892-vintage cable car took you to famous Fisherman’s Wharf for a delectable meal of fresh seafood.

Elsewhere you could visit the largest Oriental community outside Asia — Chinatown, San Francisco style, travel across the famous Golden Gate Bridge to the colourful shops of Sausalito, or cross the eight-mile-long San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge to sightsee on the eastern side of the bay.

The city abounds with nightclubs and cabarets and being July 4 weekend, celebrations were natural.

The RAN fleet under HMAS Supply leads the destroyer HMAS Vampire and the destroyer escort HMAS Stuart under way for San Francisco.

Our requested aerial front page picture of the International Naval Review and Hobart passing through the Panama Canal did not arrive.

Vampire left Seattle on July 14 for passage to Pearl Harbour, also to arrive July 21.

Supply left Vancouver on July 14 for a July 21 reunion with Stuart and Vampire in Pearl-Harbour.

International Naval Review


"This magnificent sight of the force, from midsummer to July 7th through the anchoring and backing in any harbor was enjoyed by millions of people and as was very likely the largest public event ever held," he said.

"Your excellent general visual programs have made many new friends for the nations you so well represent."

"I will long treasure the association of the past few days and wish you all smooth sailing for your return voyage," he added.

The "armada" which assembled New York on July 4 was described in one report as the "greatest of modern times".

The 152 magnificently groomed ships from 25 nations came in from a mild Atlantic and took up their stations.

HOBART REPORTS

New York and Baltimore reports from Command Public Relations Officer, Mr. Barry Smart, who is accompanying HMAS Hobart appear on p. 3.

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“JOHNNIES” HANDED BACK
Royal Australian Naval House, a Sydney landmark affectionately referred to as “Johnnies”, has been handed back to the NSW Government.

“The late Government of which Sir John Parkes was Premier, informed us that, if we could find a new home for it at an extra cost to the ratepayers, we would purchase it for the Royal Naval House,” Mr. Coates said.

“By the kind assistance of Mr. Coates and the Board of Trade and Wrench, we found this present ground, which was covered with land except for a narrow strip of water, including the buildings.”

“The Government redeemed their offer for this property, and handed it over to a body of trustees, whose members are the custodians of the property, not to be used except for the benefit of those who are in the service of the State, or in the service of the Commonwealth, or for the benefit of the community.”

The two-storey building and two cottages have been handed back to the NSW Government, and the property is now in the hands of the trustees. The building is to be used for the benefit of those who are in the service of the State, or in the service of the Commonwealth, or for the benefit of the community.

The Royal Australian Naval House is located at 76-78 George Street, Sydney, and is the former headquarters of the Royal Australian Navy until 1913. The building was designed by architect John Parkes and constructed in 1876.

The building was handed back to the NSW Government after it was vacated by the Royal Australian Navy in 1976 and has since been used for various purposes, including as a museum and a restaurant.

The Royal Australian Naval House is a significant landmark in Sydney and has been a popular tourist attraction for many years. Its history and architecture make it a valuable asset to the community.
HMAS HOBART NOW GIBRALTAR-BOUND

The guided missile destroyer HMAS HOBART, with American Bi-centenary celebrations in New York and Baltimore behind her, arrives at Porta Ponta Delgada in the Azores tomorrow on her trans-Atlantic crossing.

HOBART will have steamed some 2500 nautical miles in seven days since leaving Baltimore. Following her stopover in the Azores, she will then continue another 1000 nautical miles across the Atlantic to Gibraltar.

HOBART tomorrow will have been 62 days out of Sydney and in time will have passed the halfway mark in her circumnavigation of the world.

From all reports, the Atlantic crossing to date has been "relatively smooth".

In this issue, Command Public Relations Officer, Mr Barry Smart, who is accompanying HOBART, details highlights of the ship's visits to New York and Baltimore.

NEW YORK'S NOISY SALUTE

HMAS HOBART left New York on July 7 for Baltimore after five days officially representing Australia at America's Bi-centenary celebrations.

HOBART headed out of New York Harbour after what has been described as one of the most successful visits to an overseas port.

In two days beside New York's pier 64, in company with most ships as the square riggers ESMERELDA and LIBERTAD, more than 12,000 Americans visited HMAS HOBART.

As HMAS HOBART moved out of New York, police boats on the harbour and police cars ashore sounded a noisy farewell salute to the ship, using sirens and horns.

In reply to a signal question from a UN ship "How did you enjoy your stay?" the Commanding Officer, Captain Peter Sinclair, replied "fabulous!"

One more port to go.

HOBART virtually became "Precinct 39" of the New York Police Force during the two days alongside New York's Pier 64.

As soon as the ship came alongside, New York police assigned to controlling crowds looking at the visiting naval ships and square riggers, boarded in on HMAS HOBART.

The ship's company looked after the police officers, extending good Australian hospitality to the men who more than a year ago responded.

There were always police officers either on the pier or on board the ship assisting the ship's company.

Ashore, police officers who had been aboard assisted the touring sailors in whatever way they could to the point of giving them lifts back to the ship and advising them the best places to visit.

At one stage it was estimated that "Precinct 39" had more police officers than the normal shore precincts.

The Aussies say Australian sailors have a way of making up things as only sailors can.

In New York a group of sailors took a ride on the subway, the city's underground railway. A New Yorker asked one of the sailors how he got there.

He got a quick reply "It was great but 46 minutes on the subway is even worse than 15 years in the Navy"

HMAS HOBART's ship's company hailed the New York visit as the best ever.

They had some memorable gigs when they first arrived in New York but the reception given to them was almost overwhelming.

In some areas they were not allowed to buy a beer. New Yorkers shouted at them for a "thank you" for coming to the 300th birthday celebrations.

One sailor summed it up and was quoted by The New York Times "bloody great!"

A BUSY BALTIMORE

HMAS HOBART sailed from Baltimore, Maryland on July 10, ending its official visit to the United States for the American Bi-centenary celebrations.

The ship sailed from Baltimore after a busy two-day stopover and as the industrial city prepared for its own Operation Sail and the arrival of "the tall ships". HOBART is ready to take part in the preview weekend's spectacular New York parade.

As HMAS HOBART moved out of Baltimore's inner harbour it passed the square rigger GORICH FYCK under full sail and surrounded by a line of armed merchant craft.

They ranged from runabouts, sailing craft of all shapes and sizes to tugs and steamers and all moving towards the inner harbour.

Others of the tall ship fleet followed.

Many of the small craft in the tall ship welcoming fleet waved or sounded a farewell salute to HMAS HOBART as it moved to an anchorage to take on fuel for the transatlantic crossing and then headed out to sea.

The Baltimore visit by HMAS HOBART was somewhat of an anti-climax to New York.

New York, with the massed ships of more than 30 nations, square riggers and warships, the crowds, the ticker tape and the whole city in carnival mood, was a "happening city".

Baltimore was a markedly different city.

It was a quiet arrival before the city's Operation Sail and as Captain Sinclair put it, "almost an inconvenience".

The visit was without its problems.

The tight berthing situation caused by the narrowness of the channel, restricted water and shallow patches in the inner harbor was made worse by the preparations for the control of traffic for the tall ships," Captain Sinclair said.

"Boys were laid and a boom was laid across the only escape route from the berth," he said.

Prior to the ship's departure it was necessary for the ship to back down the approach channel for some considerable distance before it could be turned.

Despite the quiet arrival and the pre-occupation of Baltimore with Operation Sail, residents gave the ship's company a warm reception and many were invited into Baltimore homes.

People stopped in the street to talk with them and at some of the touristic spots sailors in uniform became the attractions and were often asked to pose for pictures.

The ship was twice open for inspection - the first day only 121 people visited the ship but in a three-hour period the following day 451 people visited while that night hundreds of people visited Baltimore's pier four where the ship was berthed to look at the ship.

ENGAGEMENT

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PARRAMATTA'S PROGRAM: A PICTORIAL COVER

Headed for S-E Asian deployment

The destroyer escort HMAS PARRAMATTA left Garden Island Naval Dockyard in Sydney on July 5 for a tour of duty in Southeast Asian waters.

The ship, commanded by Commander G. Furlong, sailed for a five-month deployment.

She will relieve HMAS DERWENT (a sister ship in the six-strong Third Australian Destroyer Squadron).

Relatives and friends of the ship's company arrived a little earlier than usual on July 5 to help HMAS PARRAMATTA celebrate another event.

The ship was 5 years old on July 4 and there was a birthday party in the cafeteria on board the destroyer escort before her departure.

HMAS PARRAMATTA, 2750 tonnes, is armed with twin 4.5 inch guns, four 21-inch torpedoes and two harlequin mortars.

PARRAMATTA, built at Cockatoo Island Dockyard, was laid down on 3rd January 1957, launched on 31st January 1958 and first commissioned on 6th July 1958.

She has a displacement of 2750 tonnes, length of 123.8 metres, a beam of 12.5 metres and a ship's company of 280.

She recently completed a refit in Williams and has spent her time since preparing for deployment "Up Top".

One of her many tasks was to undertake "DESTEX 76".

In response to requests from those in the back rows - not clearly visible in our earlier photo - we publish an enlarged picture of the ship's company of the destroyer escort HMAS PARRAMATTA.

15TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATED

Three of the ship's company laying the finishing touches to a birthday cake in preparation for DESTEX 1976.

The Commanding Officer of HMAS PARRAMATTA, CMDCR G. Furlong, cuts the cake to celebrate PARRAMATTA's 15th birthday. Families and girlfriends of the ship's company were invited to the main cafeteria for the special occasion. Shortly after, PARRAMATTA sailed out of Sydney bound for her South-East Asian deployment.

LOVED ONES FAREWELLED

ARRF Peter Wheelhouse being farewelled by his wife Sandy and daughter Jill (8 years).

PO2TC Mick Shepherd being farewelled by wife Christine and daughter Jessica (7 months) and sister from Waterlooville.

LSMCC Barry Hastin with wife Janis and son Warren (7 months).

LSFRC Tony and Jeanie Gibson of Redfern together just before PARRAMATTA's departure.

HMAS PARRAMATTA STARTS OUT ON A FIVE-MONTH DEPLOYMENT

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WAL LINNEY RETIRES

"a master of modern torpedo techniques"

Walter Harmer Linney, a master of the intricacies of modern torpedo techniques, has retired after 43 years service in the RN, RAN and Navy Office.

The final two years of his service were in HMS FORTUNE and HMA Submarine Depot, both berthed at Purnell, Rockstone, Scotland. He served 15 years’ service and LINNEY, as he was known, said that he would “never go to sea again”.

He was described as “someone who could become a builder but couldn’t see the necessity to go back to sea as a concession of an annuity granting boat out of Purnell, Brookfield Haven, Wales. In 1960, he sold on that Sunny lads in the Antipodes, he joined the RAN and took passage on HMAS SYDNEY.

He landed on Cloud Point, Flinders Naval Depot, to be further drafted just Christine 1960 to that “Pilot of the Pacific”.

The ward staff’s patient list, however, was not rejected to that critical mass and the new writer of his elevated Rand and usiness as an assistant manager of modern torpedo technology.

His reputation as "the man to contact" grew. He was the last of a lost generation who, with no prejudices, gave his all to his adopted country.

LEUT P. D. Gunston RAN has been presented with a Flag Officer's commendation for his role as the Project Co-ordinator for the recently completed rebuild of HMAS PARRAMATTA.

The presentation in the General Officer's Office was witnessed by all the Dockyard Superintendents including the Works Manager and Secretary. The General Manager expressed his own top management support of the award and observed that it reflected credit on the entire Dockyard.

The following is the text of the commendation:

"LEUTANT P. D. C. GUNSTON Reports: the commendation from the Navy Office was presented to Lt. Commander P. D. Gunston, RAN, for his outstanding work on the rebuild of HMAS PARRAMATTA.

Lt. Commander Gunston was the Lead Engineer on the project and was responsible for the overall management and co-ordinating effort stemming from Lieutenant Gunston’s leadership. His tireless efforts ensured that HMAS PARRAMATTA completed her refit on schedule and within cost estimates.

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Maisy 34 years a 'temporarily'

On July 21, Mrs Maisie Morrissey leaves the Department of the Navy after 34 years of service, all of which were spent at Sydney’s Garden Island.

It was during the war years in 1941, when female clerks were in great demand at Garden Island, that young Mrs Morrissey Montgomery came to work as a staff clerk in Naval Stores under SNOCS.

She began her work as a temporary at the age of 14, a still temporary position.

Her vivid memories of those war years at Garden Island is the return of HMAS AUSTRALIA from her battle in Longuya Gulf, where she suffered many casualties and heavy super.

Another vivid memory was the opening of the Captain Cook Dock. This event in 1941 meant the return of many men to jobs in Garden Island.

Maisy Montgomery, like so many other women, worked without a break, in every department.

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PASSING OUT PARADES

and HMAS NIRIMBA

A total of 40 apprentices and mechanics passed out at the RN Apprentice Establishment, HMAS HILHRIMA, on 13 June.

The Reviewing Officer was Commodore J. A. Scouring, Director General Dockyard and Maintenance. He inspected the sport and presented prizes.

The Passing Out Turn included 16 in the ETS category, 7 in EBF, eight aircraft mechanics and five Royal Malaysian Navy mechanics.

OUT PARADES

PRIZEWINNERS

The Commanding Officer of the Naval Communications Station HMAS E.M. Barlow in Western Australia, Captain W. W. Ayres, RN, was the Reviewing Officer at the 52nd Passing Out Parade of Junior Recruits at HMAS LEEUWIN last month. The ceremony, after being delayed by training changes, was preceded by instructions by Captain Ayres to the Guard, the Passing Out classes and the Band before he presented prizes to those recruits who topped their subjects.

LEADING JUNIOR RECRUIT

Sgt. S. H. Gledhill of HMAS LEEUWIN was presented with the Leading Junior Recruit trophy and the Guard's Lead for good citizenship.

RODDIE CITIZENSHIP

Junior Recruit F. J. L. Gledhill of HMAS LEEUWIN was presented with the RODDIE CITIZENSHIP trophy by the Reviewing Officer, Captain Ayres.

JUNIOR RECRUIT 1976

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Gov.-General reviewed Naval College Parade

The Governor-General, Sir John Kerr, on July 8 reviewed a ceremonial passing-out parade at the RAN College, HMAS CRESWELL, Jervis Bay.

The parade marked the completion of the major stage of 40 Midshipmen's training, which will culminate in their promotion at the end of this year to the rank of Acting Sub-Lieutenant.

Among this year's Passing Out Class were three New Zealand NAVY Ensigns, who underwent their training at the College.

Members of the Passing Out Class have spent from two-and-a-half to four years afloat and at sea training to join the ranks of more than 100 RAN officers who have passed through the College since it was set up 63 years ago.

As well as reviewing the passing-out parade, Sir John presented the College's major prizes.

The Queen's Gold Medal, awarded annually to the member of the Passing Out Class showing the most exemplary conduct, performance of duty and good influence among his fellows was presented to Midshipman Keith Milne of Townsville, Qld.

The Otto Albert Memorial Prize for seamanship was presented to Midshipman Keith Milne of Townsville, Qld.

The Governor-General's Cup for the best individual performance in all sports at the College was won by Cadet Midshipman Ralph Marshall, of Townsville, Qld.

Sir John also presented members of the Passing Out Class, with Passing Out Certificate to mark the end of their college training.

The parade was watched by the staff of the Australian Armed Forces, senior naval officers, diplomats, parliamentarians, and the parents and friends of the Midshipmen who came from as far as Western Australia, Papua New Guinea and New Zealand.

Special guests at the parade were members of the RAN College classes of 1965 and 1966, with the day marking the classes' 10th Anniversary reunion.

The completion of the parade saw an impressive display by aircraft from the Naval Air Station at Nowra.

The parade also marked the first public appearance of "Joe" the Bulldog, since his posting from HMAS WATSON to the RAN.

"Joe," or more correctly LAC(D) Joden Carras Laddi chopped his copposhy by calling a halt to the parade as his handler passed the Governor General for the second time.

Joe's handler, CMDR Philip Waring, responded quickly to the dog's "go slow" tactic and escorted him from the parade.

The blemish was not a major one when it's taken into account that Joe must have circled the College Quarter Deck at least 16 times during rehearsals.

Also it would be very difficult to take any disciplinary action against Joe following a plea from the Governor General that the RAA not be "batted down through the ranks for his action."

Sir John's address to the parade was in a light-hearted vein obviously brought on by the fine weather and a picturesque setting.

He emphasized the need to continue with such traditions as the Passing Out Parade and the vital part played in the Australian democratic way of life by the Armed Forces.

After the parade the official guests adjourned to a buffet lunch and drinks on the lawn in front of the wardrobe.

The Passing Out Ball held that night at the Bernadette RSA Club was a resounding success, despite the efforts of one Midshipman's brother to turn it into a Highland gathering.

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Sir John Kerr Inspects the Passing Out Guard at RAN.

"Price winner past and present." Sir John Kerr talks with CMDR Marshall and LCDR Carr RAN (Retd); CMDR Marshall was presented with the 1976 Governor-General's Cup, while LCDR Carr was presented with the same prize in 1970.

Fly the Friendly Way
Families witness "operational day" at HMAS ALBATROSS

A family day at the Naval Air Station, Nowra, recently enabled families to see just what happens at the station on a day-to-day basis.

The displays included an impressive exhibition by Skyhawk aircraft and the Iroquois and Kiowa helicopters. Visitors also witnessed normal day-to-day flying operations by other station squadrons.

Navy wives were shown what NOT to do if a fire should occur in the home. They also received sound advice from the station "firemen" on general household fire fighting and prevention.

Not to be outdone by the "birdies", the chefs showed just how well the NAVY cooks.

Many eager wives bombarded them for helpful hints on how to improve on "bangers and mash".

A special treat for the visitors was an aerobatic display by Mr. Jim Scott, one of four pilots who were to represent Australia at the World Aerobatic Championships at Kiev, in the USSR.

Jim performed his impressive displays of aerobatics in a "Pit Special".

ALBATROSS Wardroom also held their Winter Ball recently and a very pleasant time was enjoyed by all. The official guests were Commodore and Mrs G. Jervis.

The Station Executive Officer, Commander W. Rothwell, RAN, addresses the board of the photographic section, accompanied by his wife Jennie, and sons Peter, 12, Michael, 9, and daughter Nicola, 7.

"Of course I can drive this here thing" says Shaw Collinson, son of CPD Collinson, as ABATW Leonard looks on appraisingly.

Commander Jervis inspecting the guard of divisions, AB Lieutenants G. E. Jervis, RAN, AB Michael, AB Coventry, AB Pocock, AB Marr, and AB Macey.

Four A-4 Skyhawks in a formation flypast on Family Day recently at the Naval Air Station, HMAS ALBATROSS.

Midwinter Ball

Commander and Mrs W. Rothwell officially welcome Commodore and Mrs G. Jervis to the recent Wardroom Ball.

LEUT Frank Wyrill and wife, Edna with Mohelshman Dick Green at the Ball.

Sub-Lieutenant and Mrs C. Tomlinson certainly seemed to agree with the "CLOSE" atmosphere that was to be found in the DISCO.

Two of the more attractive stalwarts of the Ball, looking "bustling the ball".

After completing six rugged weeks of aircrew training, Leading Seaman Ray Colley, Able Seaman Terry Ellis and Able Seaman John Howarth received their wings from the Commanding Officer of the Naval Air Station, Commodore G. E. Jervis, RAN.

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NAVY NEWS, July 16, 1976 (161)
For the past 26 of his 48 years in the NAVY, Mr J. F. R. ("Jimmy") James spread the word of the RAN.

Jimmy, who retired this month on medical grounds, held many senior Navy FR positions and was an original founder of Navy News. He joined Navy Office in Melbourne in 1929 as a clerk in the Intelligence Office.

He took a course in Japanese and French on leave and joined Sydney's Garden Island in 1938 in the District Naval Intelligence Office.

He was based in Fremantle on intelligence duties during World War II.

He returned to Sydney and published the MELBOURNE-VANUATUcollisions, the TAMARAN disaster and played a leading role in the "birth" of Navy News.

He took up duties in the dockyard in 1940 and became a familiar figure.

As a fireman at South Sydney Leagues Club on 10 June, Jimmy was present when the fire broke out.

Ianny told the gathering of well-wishers: "It was 1940 at 147 years ago in Melbourne, Victoria, when I got a telegram telling me to report to the Department of Defence, Melbourne, as soon as possible."

Ianny remained in Melbourne in that city's coldest winter for almost 40 years. I will never know.

"I was eight years in Melbourne, first with the Naval Secretariat, then promoted to Naval Intelligence.

"During this period I studied accounting and did three years at the Melbourne University learning the Japanese language.

"In 1958 I married and my wife, Jillian, visited Singapore, Java, New Guinea, Fiji, New Caenards and New Zealand.

"When I got back to Melbourne I was told not to upack as I was going to Sydney for six months and then on to Fremantle."

"Sydney was an eyepopeter."

"Two things I found were that the NAVY consisted of warships and a tremendous amount of paperwork, as well as paper.

"This was my first time on the Island, which then was Naval Headquarters, Naval Stores, Hydrographic as well as the Dockyard.

"It was also really an island."

"In March 1959 we went to the West and the passenger cargo ship "DUNTRUNDA".

"It was quite unfortunate except that the ship had to stop under the Bridge, lower a boat and take our overBradford and passengers aboard."

"A few months later War was declared and I really had to work.

"Fremantle had to play a very important part in Australia's war effort."

"It was the only port where an enemy ship, the Italian ship, BEMO, was captured."

"The sound of gunfire here from the German raider KOHINOOR, which sank the SYDNEY, were landed.

"I was one of the teams that had to interrogate them.

"When Japan entered the war they faded away.

"Since it looked like a possible invasion it was decided to take out all the mining equipment, etc.

"I was present with the story coming from the East came to Fremantle the war had started.

"One night two men walked into the Fremantle War Office with tales showing that they were staff of one of the big American banks working in Hong Kong.

"I told them how to get abroad, got the story and followed them around and asked for priority, and then as they were leaving they asked if they could leave their suitcases in my office.

"I agreed and then thought to ask if the contents were very valuable and were about six million dollars was the ironic reply."

"This was the night we learned the Fremantle Commonwealth Bank in the NAVY."

"There are hundreds of incidents that I recall - "TAJIMA, RAN, WOODERA and VOYAGER destroyers, the glidercraft, the launching of the PONDEROUS, VOYAGER, VAN RIESE PARRAMATTA and TORRENTE, the Royal visits, all of which had a particular angle for the press or of personal interest."

"I found two things which I consider to be my best efforts - our first Navy Day which was then called Trafalgar Day and we stopped in the dockyard and had a big "RAN" and "Naval" Day, "How I had to fight to keep that pill chest open for 13 months."

"I was then in charge."

"Since 1958, I have been working for Greenock in Scotland where the Ocean class submarines HMS OYSTER was being built for the Australian fleet.

"I served in HMS OYSTER until 1970 when I joined the staff of the Flag Officer Commanding the Australian fleet."

"By successfully completing my two studies this year, Lieutenant Commander Hanson becomes the first submariner in the RAN to be admitted to the Bar.

He is married, with one child.

CHIEF BELL'S 29 YEARS IN THE RAN

Flag Officer Commanding the Australian Fleet, RADM G. V. Gladstone, recently promoted CPOMTP W. R. Bell with a long service and good conduct medal, during a visit to HMS SWAN.

CPO Bell joined the Navy before completion of hostilities in 1945 at the age of 17 years and served as a Stoker 2nd Class.

He served in the commissioning of HMS SYDNEY and served aboard in that ship during the Korean War and tour of duty in Hong Kong and, as a Leading Stoker, he commissioned the aircraft carrier HMAS VENGEANCE and commissioned HMS MELBOURNE in Hong Kong.

In 1957, CPO Bell was discharged from the NAVY and after two years on the "Brindabella Training WOs" he returned in 1959.

He was promoted PO in 1961 and since that time has served in all the River Class DECs, with the exception of EPERNON.

While serving in HMS PERTH in 1967 he was promoted to CPO. Chief Bell has served in the RN for a total of 28 years and presently has a post in the Maritime Engineering Branch.

WRAN officer made "honorary gentleman"

When asked "What is a girl like you doing in a place like this?" WRAN Third Officer Elizabeth (Liz) Wardle (pictured below) invariably answers "Adapting".

WRAN officer made "honorary gentleman"

On a recent visit to the East Side RAAC Base studying to be an Air Traffic Controller, Liz is the only female on what has been almost traditionally an all-male crew. She was the first WRAN officer and second servicewoman ever to undergo an Air Traffic Control course in Australia.

"I think things have changed a bit since the WRAC was the first."

Like Angela, Liz has made an "honorary gentleman" for the duration of the course.

Before joining the NAVY, Liz had never done any sailing, boating or sailing as might be expected.

Instead, she studied at Flinders' University in South Australia where she gained her BA in majoring in drama. In fact, her first venture into practical sailing ended badly.

"I was an STCW sailor" she said from Marley Point and, after only a brief space of time, she returned homesick and sank in the placid, chartered waters of Lake Wendouree. Who was at fault has not been established, but the recriminations did not subside as quickly as the boat. However, one point is clear: two thirds of the crew are willing to voach for the effectiveness of Liz's studies in drama.

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"Andy Capp" is new EAA golf handicapper

"Genial Julius" has now departed our fair shores for the green pastures of "sunny" Bandiana and in his place as EAA Golf Club handicapper is POSY Harry ("Andy Capp") James of KUTTABUL.

Harry jumped at the chance to become one of our committee members and, of course, will now be responsible for shaping the future growth of our cricket golfing.

His first stroke of the pen will be against STALwart's John Hughes (13) who had 41 points and KUTTABUL's Bob Simpson (also of 13) 41 points at Massey Park on July 7.

"Big Shots" Port and Starboard played each other and the "left wing" came out easy winners 25 to 19.

KUTTABUL, a close win over DESTROYERS 25-22, also at Massey Park, with Destroyers' Ray Sear and Jim Bruce (18) playing again without a trace of the former decorator. A win at WATERRHEN/PLATS proved too strong for Watson at Chatwood, winning 217 to 196 but evidently the scores were terribly low from both sides.

CMBR-Mal Jacks (Watson) wins the only player of mention with 35 points.

For WATERHIN/PLATS.

HUGHES' VIEW

The new golf club for Big Shooters: Training and Cricket, All 'B'.

DEMPSTER CUP SHOWDOWN NEAR

Miss ("BIG SHIPS"), stirred by the vigour of forwards Greg Bulger and hooked Mick Jarrett, continue as the "form" team in the Dempster Cup Rugby competition.

They approach the end of the first round undefeated and have conceded a score only in their impressive "run".

An indication as to the likely premiers this year will come from the opening of the second round when they will meet what promise to be a near-strong ALBATROS at ALBATROS on July 11.

"Troos" had very few of their regulars when they went down to a determined "Ships" at Handel in the first round.

"Troos" Bulger, who withdrew from the ARSU side, is playing at his best and putts the biggest threat to the ALBATROS campaign to retain the Dempster Cup for 1966.

In an ARSU re-shuffle, KUTTABUL'S Bob Burgess has been added to the squad.

In the July 7 round of matches:

- All the wits of Bulger, Jarrett and Ca were needed to defeat the improving DGO's side 7-6
- "Roves" Sutton and Eddie Barton each scored two tries, "Passamus" Broughton scored one of the best tries of the season and Chris Halton landed seven goals in PENGUIN'S 48-6 defeat of NIMHDA.

- WHEN PLATS/Stayed within reach of M.S.R. with a 14-0 win over KUTTABUL.
- DESTROYERS/Escorts defeated to ALBATROS while WATARRIN had the boys.
- The latest competition ladder: MBS 10, WATERRHEN/PLATS and PENGUIN 4, ALBATROS 6, KUTTABUL 1, DESTROYERS/Escorts 4, NIMHDA 3, DGO's 2 and WATSLN 1.

- On the sporting front, Harry Carter re-calls the success of his Aussie Rules club following its formation.
- "Went down in the A grade grand final in our first year," he said.
- "The following year we won the A grade premiers in the Second Division."
- "1970 saw me in premiers in both A and B grades."

OUTDOOR GIRL

"A pioneer in two fields"

Lieutenant Harry Watson, a pioneer of computerisation in the RAN and a stalwart of Services, Australian rules football in the Sydney area, this month left the service.

Attractive Diane Andrews enjoys the outdoor life. Photographer Vincent Hayes found her backing in warm Sydney sunshine.

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"ROLL UP AT ZETLAND"

"RORS Hains won the Snow Medal" while Doug Woodward won the McFarlane Medal.

"In 1972 the B grade went down in the Grand Final while Greg Bulger won the "Snow Medal," he added.

Harry plans to return to Adelaide to join private enterprise in computers and data communications,

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“New Zealand drops out to South Africa” was one of the descriptions of the brilliant OTAGO Rugby side which recently overwhelmed the Australian Fleet 38-6 in Sydney to retain the Lou Smith Cup.

The Kiwis, fresh from a victory over Sydney Grade Club Randwick and a draw with Sydney’s Western Suburbs, found little opposition in their RAN opponents. By halftime, they had run up a 26-lead and counted home (still adding another 11 points) to seal the match.

Their off-field organisation matched their playing efforts. All available ship company, sporting blue and gold bunting, chanted their support from the stands.

Progress scores and highlights were sent back to the duty watch by the Rancherfield Fox by two-way radio.

The ship’s captain summed up on the radio after the match and all speeches at the presentation were broadcast back in the OTAGO.

This last clash was the second between the two Navies for the Lou Smith Cup. OTAGO’s STALWART, representing Australia, went down to New Zealand 13-6 in Auckland.

For the most recent match, STALWART was unable to send a full team, a selection from MELBOURNE, PERTH and SYDNEY accepting the challenge.

The Australian side played like the team of a lifetime were.

So many ships away and established players tightest, the Australian band gags up the middle in the later stages of the match, but support was missing.

Ralph & Omi” Ormrod, who took a battering from the heavily-footed Kiwis, deserves congratulations for a gallant effort.

And coach “Buck” Rogers right.

RAN and NZ Fleets in Rugby and Soccer Trophy Matches

“Machine-like Kiwis take Lou Smith Cup

As our RAN Fleet recently defeated New Zealand Fleet 38-6 at Sydney 114 on September 15, the Auckland Football Association Trophy Match was played.

The Fleet had won the once-only match in 1972, when the Fleet beat the by a 26-lead and counted home, still adding another 11 points, to seal the match.

It was all stop for this occasion.

On July 8, the fringe OTAGO acceptance Speech was delivered by Bill Rogers, challenge and played a team selected by RAN’s halfback Pat Lyall, a well-known identity in NAVY Soccer.

Lou, who was sidelined through injury, handed the captaincy to “Tony” Lemon, known as a strong footy player.

The team exceptionally well together, though they had not had a training run and some line movements in attack and defence gave the few spectators a great deal of enjoyment.

CMDE R. C. Swan, Chief of Staff, to FOAC and presented the shield to RAN Fleet Captain Kerry Ross and congratulated on both their performance.

The game was evenly contested by the teams, RAN taking a 26-lead and counted home, still adding another 11 points, to seal the match.

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Goal scorers for RAN were Cotton & Peter Downes (two), Pedrinich 3 and Ned Kelly (FOCAL). The Kiwis were 26-11 ahead at half-time.

On the radio after the match and all speeches at the presentation were broadcast back in the OTAGO.

The Navy’s men and women’s hockey teams went down to ARMY in the “deciders” at the recent EAA Inter-Service hockey series at Sydney’s Victoria Barracks.

The Navy’s men’s side had gone into the final confident of winning, having defeated RAAF 38-6. ARMY had managed to beat RAAF by only 26-11 in the series opener.

The NAVY-ARMY match was played at a fast pace, with the NAVY side having the better of the match early, both territorially and in possession.

However, at half-time, ARMY led 1-0 from conversion of a penalty corner.

Center-half Wayne Stone scored a short corner early in the second half to equalise.

With a draw imminent, ARMY scored a late goal from a penalty corner, scoring 2-1 and matching winning goal — a few minutes intो injury time to take the trophy.

The Navy’s women’s team went into the match confident of victory, having drawn 2-2 with RAAF, who gained their second goal from an unmarked penalty on RAAF goalkeeper Belinda Mitchell.

NAVY played cautiously but went down 2-1 to ARMY. Our correspondent said a week’s training for the men, under coach Doug James, and the women (Capt. D. Mcstep) contributed to NAVY’s good performance during the series.

However, the women’s side had bowed out quite unexpectedly from the series against ARMY and the men’s side had bowed out quite unexpectedly from the “deciders” against ARMY.

While the team tried hard it was evident from the satellite that the match was a lot harder than was expected from both teams, with the young ARMY team having the edge.

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