THEY'RE HOME ... Sydney turned on one of her best winter mornings to welcome home heavy landing ship HMAS TOBRUK and training ship HMAS JERVIS BAY from Somalia where they were part of Navy's support role in Operation Restore Hope. (More on page 3). Our photograph is by ABPH Greg Downs-Woolley.
CAR WIN A CLASSIC

AB Jason Carter (HMAS BRISBANE), has won the Oak "Classic Street Machine" competition, which attracted over 100,000 entries from the Hunter Valley, Sydney and the NSW South Coast, where Oak flavoured milk is distributed.

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The Commonwealth Government announced on 27 May 1993 the establishment of a Committee to examine issues relating to Australian honours and awards in recognition of service in Defence and Defence-related areas. The Committee is chaired by General Peter Gration AC OBE.

The terms of reference for the Committee are:
1. Examine claims for recognition of categories of service;
2. Identify any categories of service, including those which involved non-Defence personnel in operational areas, which you consider should be recognised by an Australian award.
3. Examine the appropriateness of extending the eligibility of existing awards for such purposes;
4. Consider the need, if any, to introduce additional awards to recognise service in past defence-related activities of either a warlike or non-warlike nature;
5. Consider any other relevant matters in relation to defence-related awards; and
6. Make appropriate recommendations.

The Committee will not be inquiring into honours and awards of gallerity or meritorious or distinct isolated nature, for individuals, or units, for which appropriate award procedures existed or now exist, nor will it be concerned with entitlements under the Veterans' Entitlements Act.

The Committee recommends that Corporations or organisations to forward written submissions relating to the terms of reference by 8 August 1993. The Committee will consider all submissions and may invite individuals or organisations to give supporting evidence. Submissions and inquiries should be directed to:

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A civic reception has been held in Sydney for the officers and sailors of HMAS TOBRUK and JERVIS BAY following their return from deployment to Somalia.

HMAS TOBRUK left Australia on Boxing Day, 1992 as part of the Navy's supporting role in Operation Restore Hope. The 360-tonne ship carried Army equipment, including Land Rovers, water and fuel, trucks and general supplies for Australian troops on the ground.

The ship's role in the UN operation was to operate in direct support of the African forces ashore. This involved transporting 800 tonnes of vehicles and equipment and 76 troops from Townsville to Somalia and then remaining in the operational area to provide logistic support to the HQ group and battalion.

Finally TOBRUK transported the vehicles and equipment along with 28 Army troops into company with JERVIS BAY in December.

HMAS JERVIS BAY (CMRD E.D. Curran) deployed for Somalia for the second time on April 10, 1993. TOBRUK's role in the UN operation was to operate in direct support of the Australian forces ashore.

In case of casualties, TOBRUK's medical capabilities were upgraded for the operation. During the logistics support period TOBRUK carried a variety of tasks, including transporting stores from Mogadishu to both the Australian forces and Coalition forces; participating in the embargo on arms-smuggling; conducting naval exercises with the multi-national naval force and providing a rest and relaxation ship for members of the Australian and other Coalition contingents.

Upon departure Sydney TOBRUK spent 177 days away, arriving at Townsville on February 10. In addition they received $25 per day Somalia allowance and a full tax allowance.

For their participation in the operation the ships' company received the Australian Service Medal for more than 30 days service in the operational area. At the Medal parade, more than 600 personnel were adorned with the Australian Service Medal, for service in Somalia.

ABRMP Michael McCudden's special gift from his baby daughter.

Note: For each day in the operational area.

During the six-month deployment the ships' company had babies. Five of the DSG-Ps were "firsts" for the new fathers. HSM17 Squadron personnel have returned from deployment after six months away from Australia.

The detachment embarked one HOS17 Squadron SK50 and equipment in HMAS TOBRUK for deployment to Somalia.

The Sea King flight was used to conduct passengers and load transfers ashore and to multi-national ships in the area.

The guided missile frigate (FFG-85), HMAS SYDNEY has sailed from the Fleet Base in Sydney to join the Maritime Interception Force (MIF) in the north of the Red Sea in July.

She will police sanctions against the Khobar by the United Nations.

HMAS SYDNEY will now join more countries in the MIF in involved in checking the cargoes of ships travelling to and from Iraq from mid-July.

Captained by Commander Mark Brown, SYDNEY is sailing via Townsville, Fremantle and Diego Garcia.

SYDNEY was involved with the MIF when the Gulf War broke out. She is expected to return to Australia in early December.

RAN ships have carried out self-defence patrols of foreign vessels in the Middle East since the Australian commitment began with the departure of HMAS SHARKS ADELAIDE, DARWIN and SUCCESS in August 1990, before the Gulf War.

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KAKADU brought out "devil" in TORRENS

(By Peter La Franchi)

She might be an old girl, but the destroyer escort HMAS TORRENS is still proficient in "Devilish Entertainment".

For the first time in quite a while, TORRENS had the pleasure of having a journalistic type onboard during EXERCISE KAKADU 1. This bloke was willing to stick his nose into anything.

After he volunteered for a jacky toss, and then let on that he didn't know what a jackstake transfer was, TORRENS was fully aware they had a right one onboard. And they knew just how to handle it.

Three days into the exercise, Thai Airforce F-5s were scheduled to conduct live firing sorties involving the deployment of a Splash Target.

In a simple enough task to interest the journalist. A short call for volunteers on the PA system, the journalist safely in the wandroom with a few officers on in the deal.

A quiet suggestion and the journalist was on his way to the Quarterdeck looking for "Shotty" Hammond in the bowser's stateroom.

Shotty was easy to find. His explanation of the mission even simpler. "The target goes up about 600 metres on a line and the F-5s come and shoot rocks.

"Why does the target need a coaxwall?" asks the journalist.

"Simple," says Shotty. "Someone has to be able to let us know if the F-5s are shooting onto the mark or not."

"Oh, it's dangerous?"

"Yeah, but it's alright. We've got a boat in the water behind you just in case you fall off."

"Fine," says the journalist.

So Shotty hands him a wet suit and the bloke gets into it. Then Shotty hands him a diver knife. The journalist says "What for?"

"Shotty says 'Which hand are you?'

"EH?" asks the journalist.

"Are you left handed or right handed?"

"Right."

"Then put it on your right leg."

"But what's it for?"

"Cut yourself loose if the target flips," says Shotty.

"Oh. Are there sharks out there?"

"Yeah, you can use the knife on them too."

"HAMMERHEAD"

Around the same time, the lifeboat safety noticed a hammerhead cruising along the edge of the wake. This was dubbed for a few minutes without landing on to the journalist, then one bright spark decided that the journalist should be told, and offered a pistol.

"Hey Shotty?"

"Yeah?"

"Maybe we should give him a pistol, against the sharks?" asks the journalist.

"Aw, Shotty, he's got the knife."

"I know how to use a goes."

The journalist looted a bit disappointed then. The Splash Target was killed off with a stabilised seating mechanism popularly known as a Milk Crate Mark One - Plastic. A boat was rigged and the journalist clipped in, tried for movement, then given the thumbs up.

"Are you comfortable?" asks Shotty.

"Yes."

"Right. Put this fak mask on."

"SIGNALS"

The journalist pulled it down, a smirking wince next to his ear. "And this helmet?"

The journalist put on too. "Now take these," says Shotty, handing the journalist a red emergency light wand, a green wand, and then stuck a yellow one down the harness belted around the journalist's waist. "What are these for?"

"Ask Shotty."

"These are the signals, this is the most important part to pay attention. If the missile lands, take the water on your left, raise the red wand." says Shotty.

The journalist raised his right arm.

"Good. Now if the missile lands on your right side, raise the green one."

The journalist raised his right arm.

"Now," says Shotty, "what do you think you do if it's a direct hit?"

"Raise the yellow flare?"

"No, says Shotty. You grab your hat and stick your head between your legs."

"Oh," says the journalist. "I thought it had to be the yellow flare."

"SMUG"

Shotty, biting his tongue to stop himself from going into fits, looks at him and says as straightforward as possible, "Yeah, you're right."

"Thought so" says the journalist, looking rather smug and trying to work out why there was a video camera filming the briefing.

"So you got all the signals?" says Shotty.

"Yep," says the journalist.

So Shotty goes through them all again, just to be sure.

"Got it all together now?" asks Shotty.

"Yeah." says the journalist.

"Alright, unhook yourself."

"Alright and get on." says Shotty.

The journalist stood up, fully expecting to be put over the side with the target anywhere. The video camera is brought up and Shotty takes the right side of the point, and

"Well thanks for being a good sport," says Shotty.

"Strange to say, the journalist looked quietly confused and didn't show his head too much around the shop after that at least not until someone told him about the Great Sammarin Tiger Hunt.

The splash target coach

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'An Angel in deed'

In January 1959 Mrs Carleen Angel took a position with the RAN as a temporary typist for a period of six months.

However, the six months evolved into something a tad longer.

Last month Mrs Angel retired after serving the Navy for 34 years.

"I was temporary for 17 or 18 years," Mrs Angel said. "I served in a temporary capacity until they changed the laws which enabled married women to be employed permanently."

During her time working with the RAN, Mrs Angel was Personal Assistant to 14 Chiefs of Staff, including the current NSW Governor, Rear Admiral Peter Sinclair, whom she held that position.

Currently, Carleen together with her husband, Ted, were farewelled at a lunch in the HMAS KUTTABUL Wardroom by the present Chief of Staff, Commodore Murray Forrest, Admiral St Clair and seven other of those Chiefs of Staff.

They were Captains L M Hinchiffe and R C. Savage and Commanders J. W. Morrison, B. L. Clarry, L J. McIverney, D. H. Thompson and L M. Sinclair.

Mrs Angel will also be fondly remembered by Navy theatre-goers.

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SENIOR COOKS' reunion

The Senior Cooks' reunion will be held at HMAS NIRMBA on Saturday, August 28, beginning at 1900.

All past and serving members are invited to attend the last reunion to be held at HMAS NIRMBA.

For any information please contact WOCK Monica Callen 02 6264122 or POCK Steve Clarke 02 626482.

Bookings close 02-8-93.

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SWAN leads the way

IMAS SWAN (ICNDR) (p.19) has played a prominent role in the Integrated Kalmar FCP in Darwin and a flotilla with the RNDBF led by the RNDAF ICNDR took part in the exercise. A mainstay of the operation was the RNDAF ICNDR's support role.

Cessnock to sail under a new CO

IMAS BRISBANE (p.20) has successfully participated in the inaugural Port Kembla barrowboat '93. After a popular festive day at sea, the ships returned to dock at the end of the day. The ships were returned to dock at the end of the day.

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RAN's new barrister

Commander Richard Carruthers has been admitted to the NSW Bar as a barrister during a ceremony in the NSW Bank Court.

He is currently posted as the assistant director Naval Legal Services (Administrativa).

Born in India in 1945, he emigrated to the West Indies in 1946.

He decided at age 9 to join the Navy, and after an active career in the Royal Navy, joined the Royal Naval College at Dartmouth as an engineer in September 1963.

He resigned from the RN and joined the RAN in 1976, serving as the OIC West Head Gannetry range during 1976 and 1977, before being posted to Port Melbourne in command of PNSG BUNA.

During 1978 he acted as the Australian Officer PIBL Lombok, Manus Island, PNG.

Carruthers outside the NSW Bank Court.

On return to Australia in 1979 he was at the OIC Recruit School HMAS CERBERUS, before posting as the OIC HMAS TOREENS in 1983.

Various Canberra postings followed including time with Director Naval Plans and Director General Service Conditions, HQADF.

MUM WELCOMES SONS

G'day Mum! It was a real homecoming for the Ackfeld family when the guided missile destroyer (DDG) HMAS BRISBANE paid a visit to Brisbane.

Mrs Barbara Ackfeld was among the first visitors to board the ship as it came down the Brisbane River to meet her two sons.

Both have been serving on the ship for the past 18 months.

Mrs Ackfeld is pictured with Able Seaman Troy Ackfeld, a radar plotter (left) and Leading Seaman Brad Ackfeld, and electrician (right).

COMBAT SYSTEMS TRAINER

The Combat Systems Trainer Van (CSTV), located at Fleet Base Sydney has undergone the second phase of its Weapons Interface Upgrade (WIU).

Host ship for the evaluation of the upgrade was HMAS CANBERRA on her return from the gulf.

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Allan enjoys home cooking

Home cooking was the order of the day when guided-missile destroyer HMAS BRISBANE docked in Brisbane city.

Brisbane girl Cynthia Bye, 23, took a hamper of scenes, blackberry jam and cream for her boyfriend, Chief Petty Officer Allan Sharpe, 30 — pictured with her on the ship — to share with his shipmates who work for him in HMAS BRISBANE's surface weapons systems section.

It was a sweet repeat mission for Cynthia who travelled south with her own special cargo of lamingtons for Allan when HMAS BRISBANE visited Sydney six weeks earlier.

HMAS BRISBANE — only current RAN ship to have served in two Gulf Wars.

Vietnam and The Gulf — had berthed at Hamilton Wharf with sister ship HMAS PERTH (for a five-day visit).

Another cookout from naval base HMAS MORETON at Maroochydore was attended by the ship's crew, with the cookout being put on by the ship's company for the crew of each ship.

The crew's men greeted the new arrivals with a banquet under the morning sun, which was a surprise to the visitors from the Gulf War.

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New Minister's lofty welcome

(By Kathryn Harris)

The new federal Minister for Defence Science and Personnel, Senator Faulkner, has taken his mandate of "best familiarisation" to new heights with a visit to the tall ship YOUNG ENDEAVOUR.

Climbing the brigandine's 31m main mast is a daunting task for even the most sea-sessed sailor. When you're dressed in an impeccable, but constraining, business suit and wearing wooden socks that have as much grip as banana skins, the long, slow haul to the top can be as terrifying as it is exhilarating.

But this did not deter the sprightly parliamentarian who kicked off his shoes and climbed to the course yarded by trainer Lisa Wells.

Climbing to the ratlines, Senator Faulkner agreed it was a moment to savour but not until later when he reached the safety of the deck below.

"It was a bit more blowy up there than it is down here," he said with dramatic understatement.

"Even with my excellent coaches I couldn't figure out how on earth I was supposed to get around the first few cross-reef wires!"

"I must admit that I wasn't unhappy when I was told I had to go up," he said as he saw some of his ministerial colleagues up there.

Lisa, who was part of the crew on the squarerigger's 1992 voyage, joined 14 other olds salts who had volunteered to haul-in and check-away and give the minister a taste of life on a tall ship.

In overcast and windy conditions, they sailed the ship from its berth at Garden Island to Darling Harbour.

YOUNG ENDEAVOUR is the only tall ship in the world which is operated by the Navy and crewed by civilians.

Senator Faulkner said it was a unique scheme.

WIFELINE

By Julie Davis

NORWALK: Coffee mornings are held on the third Wednesday of the month, commencing at 10.30am. All coffee mornings are held at the church hall. Please call the Parish Office if you require more information. 428-4281.

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Mr Faulkner (left) onboard with CO, LCDR Chris Curtis, chairman of the Young Endeavour Youth Scheme Board, Mr Malcolm Kinnaird and the scheme's executive director, Julie Molloy.

CMDR Hardy earns a rest

After 28 years service, CMDR Phil Hardy has retired.

He had transferred to the RANEM on March 31, 1963 and undertook fulltime service to continue with, and complete the writing of the Review of the Australian Navy Reserve.

The review was successfully presented to CNSAC on June 11, 1993 and CMDR Hardy can now put his feet up for a well-earned rest.

Born in Leicester UK, he had joined the Royal Australian Navy as a Supplementary List Midshipman on March 1, 1963 and graduated from the University of New South Wales as the RAN's first Bachelor of Science in 1976. CMDR Hardy had been Navy's Director of Reserves (DRES-N) for the past two years.

He sees DRES-N as a "VIP" - very important position - especially as Navy's structure changes and we progress on the self-reliant journey.

He has served in many HMA Ships and Establishments and was Commanding Officer of MORESBY, FLINDERS and ENCOUNTER.

Top-shot Jess for overseas

For the first time, the RAN is sending a woman shooter to compete overseas in an international competition.

Abbe Seaman Jess Webber is the only female in the eight-member RAN shooting team bound for Bisley in the United Kingdom.

Warrant Officer Pat Marsh said "Jess began shooting in 1992 and was placed 1-4th in the 1993 Champion Shot of the Navy. Her achievements are extraordinary."

In her first Championship competition she was one of five of 120 competitors to shoot a possible.

"Selection in the shooting team is quite a feat for a 20-year-old woman."

"Bisley is the ultimate shooting event of the world. It is to shooters what Wimbledon is to tennis players," WO March said.

While away for one month the group will compete against teams from the British armed forces and other international contingents.

Other members of the RAN shooting team are David Baker, Wayne Richards, Dave Buckley, Bob Harvey, Greg Ceenmage, Bob Mixie and Peter Edwards.

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At the announcement of Project Marketing Australia and QBE's sponsorship of the ADF tour were (2nd from left) CDF Denis Byrne, ASCA President, team captain LCDR Mark Campbell (2nd from right), QBE Claim Manager, Mr Jim Waniborne (left), Mr Barry Johnston, Project Marketing Chairman (centre) and Mr Russell Parkes, Project Marketing Director.

The first Australian Combined Services cricket team since 1945 to play in England leaves Melbourne on July 8. The 20-man squad, including six RAN "reps", will play 17 games during its five-week tour.

'Challenging venture', says CDF
Chief of the Defence Force, Admiral A.L. Beament, says that taking on our oldest cricketing opponents is always a daunting prospect, more so on their home ground, but this tour should prove a challenging venture.

"The first tour to England by servicemen since the conclusion of World War II is an historic event and one which will revive memories in the minds of the late Lindsay Hassert's surviving team mates."

England - the 1919 first AIF and the 1945 side - the last Lindsay Hassert had the honour of being the 12th man in perpetuity of the Australian Services Cricket Association (ASCA)’s Lindsay Hassert passed away last month. However, other members of that team in SIGNOR Stan Scimmy and FLGOFF Keith Miller intend watching Combined Services in action while visiting England.

Starting with a match in Singapore on July 9, the team travels to England for the remainder of its tour. The tour ends on August 13. RAN "reps" are Lieutenant Commanders Mark Campbell (captain), Nealie Coulth and Mark Harling, LEUT Mal Heine (umpires/selector), LS Barry Movle and LS Rod Thiel.

The tour is the culmination of three year's planning by ASCA President, Colonel Dennis Byrne, a tri-service committee and sponsors, including Carlton and United Breweries, Armed Forces Overseas Fund, County cricket equipment and others featured on this page.
ALBATROSS bowlers, back l-r: Cliff Edwards, Peter Davis, Tony James, Moosa Paiik, Wes Russell, Andrew Ellis, front: Peter McCarthy, Robyn Munier, Bill Johnson, Dick Whittington.

Legacy support

Fifteen bowlers from the ALBATROSS Bowling Club have competed in the Sussex Inlet RSL Legacy Day bowls' carnival.

The draw for playing partners and teams was a novel event in itself, with all bowlers drawing an icy pole stick to see which role, position and team they were to represent for the day.

The day was a resounding success, with all on and off the greens, raising $740 from fines, raffles and donations with many of the fines coming from the more experienced bowlers and not the four first-time bowlers.

The following Wednesday the Sussex Inlet RSL Bowling Club raffles off the most sought after bottle of swine port and engraved glass, donated by the ALBATROSS Bowling Club raising $290 to be added to the previous amount thus resulting in a total of $1100 being forwarded to the Legacy organisation.

Phil Hardy shows the style that brought him to much success during the ADGF vs NVGA match at Surrevics.

The representative career of prominent Navy CMDR Phil Hardy, concluded at the annual golf match between the ADGF Combined Services and a Victorian Golf Association selection.

The event, this year generously sponsored by NEC, was conducted at Sorrento Golf Club on Mornington Peninsula.

It was the third time the match had been held and it again proved a challenging event for the ADGF's best.

The matches were composed in a Ryder Cup style format of (12-12) team matchplay in football, foursomes and singles' competitions.

Unfortunately, this time the VQA team was too good on the day and it managed to recapture the series trophy held by ADGF.

The final scoreline was 16 1/2 to 7 1/2.

Navy representatives in the team were Paul Adams (PENGUIN), Peter Gilbert (ALBATROSS), CMDR Hardy (Navy Officer) and Peter Simpson (ALBATROSS).

Phil, who has been playing captain of the ADGF team since 1990, made his 23rd appearance at Sorrento.

He has had a playing record unmatched in the Services with 17 wins from 23 matches.

This total becomes all the more impressive when it is considered Phil's opponents have come from scratch handicap players from the US and NZ armed forces, to former Australian amateur champions and Eisenhower Cup representatives in the challenging matches against the VQA and NVGA teams.

He has also finished highly in the ADGF national championships, never placing outside the top 10. CMDR Hardy will not only be missed for his golfing ability but also for his organisational skills and quick humour.

The committee of the ADGF and all service golfers would like to wish Phil good luck and good grief at his endeavours outside the Navy.


Inter-Service: AGT (Mooloolaba Golf Club) vs the VQA, CPO L. Randall (06) 265 1372; NVGA - (Naval National) VQA vs the Nov, WOFF M. Cunningham (02) 535 2410; VIC - (CERBERUS) Nov 5-10, WOFF M. Sellers (09) 83 7265; NT - (Woombye) Match, LT Meyer (08) 40 4362; NSW - (Townsville Golf Club) vs the PNG, PO Egglan (07) 50 3311.
**Boost in team sailing**

The national status and prestige of the RAN's Invitation Team Sailing Championship (ITMC) grew this year.

Eleven teams representing all states and the ACT were selected to enter, with members including numerous Olympic representatives, world, regional and national champions.

All were impressed with the style and organisation of the event.

Following the routine set a fortnight earlier for the ITMC NSW selection series, the Command Sailing Centre at Sydney's Rushcutters Bay provided boats and organisation for the 30-tune championship.

Race Officer CMDR Colin Jones, assisted by CPO Rob Ollifer and volunteers set good courses in the light and shifting winds.

At the championship base, located on moored lighters, CMDR David Cunningham supervised the program and both the races committee provided by the Yachting Association of NSW.

Virtuosi were provided by volunteers from FIMA, while the staff of the centre, led by LEUT Richard Catt and PO Marty Lang, underpinned the event.

The Navy's representative team consisted of Martin Linsley/Sam Heath, Sean Anderson/Sean Craig and Simon Sillimark/Mark Lubbock.

For the first day's racing the 12 teams were divided into two divisions for a round-robin series.

The Navy's performance was mediocrel, but winning against the West Australian team and a South Australian team advanced the sailors to the championship's quarter-finals.

The Navy then raced YMCA and sailed in a narrow tactical win to fourth place.

**TOUCH STARS GO NATIONAL**

(From CAPT Mike Billington, President ADF Touch Association)

Navy players have performed well in the 1993 National Touch Football Championships conducted in Sydney with NSW ADF teams participating in four divisions.

Navy was well represented with Karen Roberts (PLAYTUS) playing strongly in the women's Open team and Dave Garden (KUTTABUL) standing out in a competitive ADF men's over 30's team.

The latter ADF team took the field against Queensland in the second semi-final and was able to become the first ADF team to compete in a national championship final.

ADF went 1-nil down early due to a length of the field error.

However, the team rallied almost immediately to level the score.

The remainder of the game was played at a fine pace with Garden proving dangerous in attack, continually threatening to break the well-dilled Queensland defence.

At fulltime the game was deadlocked at 1-nil and had to be settled by "drop off".

In the "drop-off" a player from each side is removed from the field every two minutes until a team scores.

By this time a large crowd had gathered and the Dean lass minutes saw some of the most intense touch seen at a national championship.

Unfortunately for ADF, down to four players, a player slipped and provided Queensland captain enough room to send his winger through a gap and beat the game 2-nil.

The efforts of ADF were rewarded by three ADF players being selected in the Australian over 30's merit side.

Navy's Karen Roberts (PLAYTUS) initiates the touch during a quick settle against a NSW opponent.

Thanks goes to all unit COs who made personnel available and to all affiliated ADF touch players whose contributions allow the ADF to participate at this level.

**Orienteers needed for IS series**

The sport of orienteering is alive and well in the ADF but is in need of some fresh blood (or, new, old) in the RAN.

During Easter weekend ADF members travelled to Perth to compete in the Australian (civilian) 3-Day Easter Orienteering Championships.

Of these a team of three (one Navy and two Army) was won division of the "Masters" category and so established the ADF as a potent force in the civilian competition.

During the Queen's Birthday weekend another contingent travelled to Armidale, NSW, to compete in the second major civilian orienteering carnival of the year.

Navy has been well represented in both these events and competitors have performed at least equally to their Service counterparts.

Unfortunately, the situation for the forthcoming ADF (inter-Service) championships on July 17-21 does not look so bright.

Due to work commitments and interests many of the Navy sailors from previous years will not be available.

If you are a "retired" RAN orienteer or have any experience with the sport at all - the sport needs you.

Last year two absolute "newcomers" attended and both did well.

If you are in any way interested and can be spared for the period please contact LCDR Woolon on 06/313088.