CORAL SEA 92 PARADE ... The streets of Sydney once again reverberated to the sound of marching feet as 4,000 Australian and American serving personnel and veterans took part in the official Combined Services march to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Battle of the Coral Sea.

(The picture above: by Able Seaman Photographer Steve Garnett, RAN.)

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Thousands turn out for fleet entry

A combined fleet of 12 Australian and American warships, led by the 80,000-tonne Aircraft Carrier, USS INDEPENDENCE, sailed into Sydney Harbour on Friday, May 1, to mark the beginning of the 50th anniversary of the Battle of the Coral Sea.

Crowded by more than 5,200 with Rear Admiral Brett Bennett, Commander Carrier Group Five embarked, the 135-meter long, 77-metre wide carrier passed between the heads at about 1.30pm and berthed at the Fleet Base.

The Governor General, His Excellency the Honourable W. Hayden, U.S. Secretary of Defence Mr R. Cheney and other VIPs were embarked in HMAS PROTECTOR to review the entry of the fleet.

The first group of ships for the official review included the US Seventh Fleet Flagship USS BLUE RIDGE, with Seventh Fleet Commander Vice Admiral Stan Arthur embarked.

The RAN fleet offer HMAS SUCCESS and the guided missile cruiser USS MOBILE BAY rounded out the group which passed Bradley's Head around 10.00am.

Then followed group two, led by HMAS HOBART and included HMAS Ships BRISBANE, ADELAIDE, and CANBERRA, with the US ships FLETCHER, BANTAM, VIKING, and REUBEN JAMES.

Following the fleet review, all ships except CANBERRA rounded Fort Denison and proceeded immediately to sea and thence to visits in Hobart, Newcastle, Melbourne, and Brisbane.

The following day the Sydney Town Hall was the major focal point for a Coral Sea March which was attended by Mr. Cheney, representing the US President, Mr. Bush, and other dignitaries.

Mr. Cheney, along with a number of other VIPs, including the Prime Minister Mr Keating, NSW Premier Mr Green and The Lord Mayor of Sydney Frank Sartor, viewed the march from the Town Hall steps.

In addition, His Excellency the Governor of New South Wales, Rear Admiral Peter Sinclair, took the salute from the steps.

The streets of Sydney resonated with the sound of marching feet as around 4000 Australian and American serving personnel and veterans took part in the official Combined Services March.

The parade which started at 11.00am formed in Art Gallery Road and proceeded past the northern lip of Hyde Park, into Market Street, then left into George Street.

Participants then turned right at Liverpool Street for Darling Harbour, where an outdoor reception was held.

Prior to the parade the "rope" and spectators were entertained in the Domain by the "Andrew Sisters" Sisters.

Sixty-one groups took part in the parade, including 14 bands.

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Combined commemoration

The Australian American Association conducted a 50th anniversary commemorative service to mark the Battle of the Coral Sea at the Centenary Park in Sydney on Monday.

The service began at 1100 with a combined RAN-USN contingent present along with veterans from the USS INDEPENDENCE.

HMAS AUSTRALIA and HMAS HOBART Associations, the American Legion, an official guard and bands from both the RAN and USN.

Wreaths were laid at 1100, followed by the Last Post, a minute's silence and Reveille.

The parade marched off at 1150.

Snag fit...some of the aircraft which form the main battery strike power of USS INDEPENDENCE. The Carrier Air Wing is composed of nine squadrons, including the F-14 Tomcats and FA-18 Hornets.

Combined remembrance...Mr Ted McPherson, formerly of Houston, Texas, and now of Sydney, ABR Mark Reserve (WATERHEN) and GMGSN Tracey McGhee (BLUERIDGE) attended the special commemorative service at the Centenapt. Pictures: RAN Photographic Unit.
Seahawk 873 in action during FCP 1/92. (Picture by POFH Mal Ricketts)

On April 23, 1992, Seahawk 873 (Rob) embarked in HMAS CANBERRA, completing 1,000 flight hours.

This makes 873 the second highest flight-time Seahawk aircraft in the Fleet, after having been embarked in HMAS SYDNEY during Operation Danakur.

The flight was performed and embarked in the ship in late 1991. Since then it has been actively involved with the ship in conducting workshops, operational tests and evaluations.

It has also been extensively used for long-range search and rescue in the East Australian Exercise Area.

The flight has become fully integrated with the ship's company as they prepare for HMAS CANBERRA's ORE on May 1 and 2.

The flight was actively involved in FCP 1/92 and participated in such diverse activities as CASEX. Night Encounter Exercises, not control on HMAS CRESWELL's wharf during the recent Fleet City Awkward Exercise and coverage for the Fleet Entry Photos pictured above.

HMAS CANBERRA's workout continues with the ship's involvement in Coral Sea.

This has provided a number of opportunities for the flight to exercise with US aircraft, including with the visiting American Task Group such as S3 Vikings, F14 Tomcat, SH2 Seasprites and SH60 Seahawks.

This has proved to be a useful prelude for the ship's deployment in May to the United States for RIMPAC 92.

Anzac Day 1992

Thousands of retired and serving Defence personnel, watched by thousands more, have commemorated Anzac Day 1992 at home and abroad.

In Brisbane Queenland's military paraded through the streets for two hours applauded by an estimated crowd of 60,000.

Blue skies added to the enthusiasm of the Brisbane crowd as the diggers, past and present, trooped past the saluting dais at Kings George Square. (Picture by Mal Lancaster)

LCDR Stuart Weyland-Smith leading the tri-Service guard on Anzac Day in Port Moresby.

RAN in Pt Moresby

Anzac Day service

LCDR Stuart Weyland-Smith of HMAS KUTTARUL led a 100-strong tri-Service guard past the large crowd of locals who turned out at Ela Beach in Port Moresby on Anzac Day.

The Navy contingent, drawn from WATSON, PENRUN and KUTTARUL joined with soldiers from the Moorebank Logistic Group and airmen and women from 802 Stores Depot.

They provided the ceremonial support for the 50th Anniversary of the WWII battles in PNG attended by the Prime Minister, Mr Paul Keating. A morning parade followed the Dawn Service in Port Moresby.

ADF Activities Survey

The ADF Activities survey will collect information on how work is performed in the ADF. The survey commences in February 1992 and will finish in March 1993, involving approximately one third of all ADF personnel.

If you are selected to participate in the survey, you will be required to record your activities over a twenty-four hour period (That's all - one single day).

The information provided by the survey will assist in planning and making decisions about future defence structures, pay and working conditions.

A successful survey will benefit all ADF personnel, but we need your help to make it work.

It's only A Day for Tomorrow.
With little more than a trusting face and a copy of the "Yellow Pages", Lieutenant Commander Adrian Cass set out to cause a month-long headache for up to 6,000 Australian and United States military personnel.

As one of the planners for Exercise Kanganoo 92, Adrian Cass's job was to hire secretly a fleet of commercial fishing boats and a pleasure craft for the enemy "Kamarian" forces to use during the exercise. With a background in naval aviation, amphibious warfare, special forces operations and second in command postings to naval boat and a destroyer escort, LDCR Cass was chosen to undertake 12 months of planning to obtain suitable craft for use during the exercise.

"We wanted to find a realistic way to test the Australian Defence Force and insert special forces personnel into remote parts of Northern Australia during the exercise," he said.

"We decided to hire boats for use as Kamarian troublemakers in a cost-effective means of achieving that objective and to make the defending force's job of detecting the enemy much more realistic."

"I set up a mailing list and contacted businesses around Australia to inquire about the availability of boats to hire, then followed up likely prospects with a personal visit to talk about chartering fishing trips for a group of mates from a fellow mariner's perspective."

"It wasn't difficult to convince them, it didn't matter who I was, I was a bloke from the south who wanted to support their livelihood and hire a boat." Cass, a former LDCR, used the services of an Australian communications company to set up a radio net for the Kamarian vessels.

Throughout the negotiations only one person asked for some form of identification from LDCR Cass.

Just days before exercise Kanganoo 92 began, he finally took the owners and owner-skippers of the craft into his confidence.

The crews were not told of the purpose of their charter until they were at sea.

"The vessels were used clandestinely in the waters off Northern Australia, from Wyndham in Western Australia to the Arnhem Land Coast east of Darwin."

They put special forces soldiers ashore at night, picked up Kamarians who were parachuted into the set and secretly transported groups of armed men to vessels that Kamarian patrol boats and submarines.

"One of the aims of the exercise was to test our tactical surveillance plan and we were more than satisfied that the employment of these vessels has helped us to achieve the exercise objectives," he said.

"We created a particularly difficult task during this exercise for the Navy as far as and for surveillance of the northern coastline of Australia."

"It has been a superb test of the Australian Defence Force's air and maritime infrastructure in the north."

LDCR Cass was impressed with the way the civilian sailors responded to the challenge of being part of the enemy. "Some of these boats are worth millions of dollars and while the captains retained responsibility for vessel safety at all times there was no hesitation by them to undertake tasks in treacherous areas under trying conditions."

"They have had to take on us and trust and they have done an excellent job which is a credit to the professional military attitude of people in the north of Australia." After successfully completing the ship's first unreported single watch leave period (SWLP) in three years and achieving a satisfactory result in her following Operational Training Programme (OTP) at sea, systems go for HMAS BENDIGO (LCDR A.W. Pearson RAN), as she sailed for Kanganoo 92 (K92).

As commander of the Orange Maritime Patrol Boat Force, BENDIGO effectively "dosed" the Kamarian forces, creating constant headaches for the "enemy" Australias Naval and Airforce assets. Person extraction and insertion of Commandos and Special Air Service Regiments (SASR) played a major role in the sinking of BENDIGO and other Orange units throughout K92.

This required the ship to operate several people appearing at different locations in either BENDIGO, TOWNSVILLE or GELINGO.

With long periods spent at sea between fishing stops (23 days in total for the month) two separate visits to Gove although short, proved to be excellent for recharging battle weary Kamarian batteries.

The local community, indeed seemed very sympathetic to the Orange cause, allowing the first ever Kamarian operation in the local community, indeed seemed very sympathetic to the Orange cause, allowing the first ever Kamarian operation in the local area. LS "Gum" Cumpie and AB "General" Grant emerged.

It was with renewed vigor that the Orange task force sailed with the mission of locating and destroying the Australian Amphibious Task Group (ATG) before it could reinforce the thinning land assets.

In the course of operations against Australia, BENDIGO in company with her Kamarian sister HMAS LAUCUNEST (LCDR N. Little R.N.) successfully engaged both Australian Destroyers Escort corvettes (DEs) on separate occasions with several surprising engagements.

CYCLONE Retiring to Darwin at war's end, BENDIGO re-positioned, refuelled and sailed for a patrol at the out Australian Fishing Zone (AFZ).

Shortly after sailing the ship was forced to seek shelter in Port Essington on the Cobourg Peninsula, as the local community in the area would only accept a "flight" and in case of a severe storm the ship was taken ill with apparent severe appendicitis.

As winds from the near cyclone approached 40 knots and visibility reduced to zero it was decided to make an evasive course to Darwin by air for treatment.

In scenes taken straight from a "Flying Doctor" script the evacuation was performed by the "Airforce" team flying a twin engined Beachcraft Mariner, in appalling high winds and marginal visual conditions.

Once the sailors safety had been assured BENDIGO quickly put to sea to evade the cyclone now bearing down on the remote station at Black Point having behind her XO, LEUT Rod Mathers and COON PONP Bob Meckeson (who was on his last patrol prior to paying off).

Her watchkeeping complement now reduced by half, Navigator Officer LEUT Tony Johnson plotted a course to avoid Cyclone Travis, which by now was assuming dimensions larger than the infamous Cyclone Tracey.

Happily after a couple of days "sailing" by the cyclone BENDIGO returned to Darwin without damage to find her XO and COON PONP waiting with news that All Kamarian had been successfully operated on and was resting comfortably.

It was learnt that any delay in his operation may have had serious consequences and so their thanks went to the courageous air crew who flew the medivac mission in such trying conditions.

BENDIGO has a busy schedule ahead with visits to Port Moresby, Mackay, Hobart and Adelaide planned in the next three months.

With only nine weeks in home port Cairns for the year and close on 10,000 miles steamed since departing on February 26 it is certainly going to be a year where the ship's mascot BENDIGO will be seen far and wide.
Along with thousands of Australian and US Servicemen, the Defence Science and Technology Organisation (DSTO) "went to war" in Exercise Kangaroo 92.

Dozens of scientists worked alongside members of the Army, RAN and BAAB during the Exercise. Back in DSTO's laboratories more scientists are now assessing the data which was collected.

Some of the research projects carried out during K92 are described on these pages. While they are diverse in nature, they share one common theme - they are designed to help the ADF do its job better.

More nutritious food means fitter soldiers who can fight better. Research in the hot wet environment of the Top End will result in modifications to equipment or how it is used to ensure it performs better next time. Other fundamental research has the potential to produce "new" materials or influence the development of doctrine.

DSTO is the research and development arm of Australian Defence. It is the second largest R & D organisation in Australia, employing about 3400 people. Over the years it has developed such outstanding and diverse equipment as the Skana anti-submarine missile, the Jadineh communica-
tion radar, and the Army's distinctive pattern camouflage uniforms.

Life in the field may not have been very comfortable for the scientists who participated in K92, but it was worth it. A better ADF means a safer Australia.

The RAN's plan to use civilian vessels to carry out intelligence gathering to war time was given a major boost by DSTO scientists during K92. The scientists set up a portable range in Devon Harbour to degauss fishing vessels which had been "called up" from the civilian fleet to supplement the "Grey Funtel Line".

After the vessels passed over the range, DSTO scientists adjusted their magnetic signature using permanent magnets - unlike warships, trawlers are not fitted with degaussing coils.

DSTO's Dr Jim Saul said the tests was a complete success.

"K92 showed that it is possible to deploy a portable range which will allow the RAN's support ships and aircraft to be effective against warships."

"The results of the test are so promising that we are now discussing the possibility of expending the concept to the entire northern waters area."

"This is a major advance. You only have to look at the experience in the Gulf to see what a massive change this can be."  

K92 also saw the successful first trial of a Mine Clearance Planning computer software package modified by DSTO. The package was used by the Mine Warfare Operations staff on board HMAS Jersey Bay and played a major role in helping the Navy neutralise possible sweeping tactics, to calculate clearance levels and the effort required to achieve satisfactory clearance.

STO went flying high with the F/A-18 Hornet during K92 so watch how it the APG-60 radar system performs in tropical conditions.

Scientists collected valuable research data by actually putting small recorders inside the Hornet to help them understand the radar.

"We want to ensure the F/A-18 radar is right on target in all possible situations," said DSTO's Dr Sue Fai Lam.

K92 also gave the RAAF's PC-100C Orion the chance to zoom on an airborne "mudstruck" camera. DSTO scientists set up video cameras and recorders inside the Orions to record crew workload and sensor performance.

"By recording the crew's activities on video we got an onboard view of what happens in the thick of a combat mission," said DSTO's Dr Jenny Martin.  

Scientists are now analysing the video tapes and the data collected during K92. The information they obtain will contribute greatly to the design of the replacement long-range maritime patrol aircraft which will be needed to meet Australia's defence requirements beyond the year 2000.

STO scientists have declared an unconditional war on mosquitoes, sandflies and all other forms of biting, stinging, airborne nasties.

Their secret weapon in this "battle of the bugs" is the Pentagene-released combat uniform.

When issued based on the treated uniforms they are killed rather than simply frightened away.

Wellcome Australia developed Perigee in a month-long process but it now research by scientists from DSTO that saw the chemical successfully used on the Army's cotton polyester combat uniform.

The Perigee uniforms are already being used by Australian soldiers serving in UN peacekeeping forces in Cambodia. They play an important role in protecting Australian servicemen and women from the dangers of catching malaria and other diseases spread by insect bites.

Tucker time is important to the soldier in the field and, as every general since Napoleon has known, an Army marches on its stomach.

The Australian Army's CRH9 rations pack has undergone little change since the Vietnam War. So food scientists from the DSTO decided to take advantage of Exercise Kangaroo 92 to do some consumer research.

From the scientific viewpoint, the CRH9 is due for an update. It is bulky and still requires a separate issue of bread and cereals. New methods of food processing can make rations packs lighter and more nutritious - and possibly even better tasting.

"But technology hasn't got all the answers," said DSTO's Dr Graham Dyer, "tast from the soldiers is vital. After all, they are the men who have to live on the stuff."

"We need to know what they want. The most nutritious food in the world is no use if the diggers throw it away and eat Mac's bars. Who knows? Perhaps we will see chinese cheese in the next generation of ration packs."

DSTO food technologists are putting the technology of soldiers to the test during K92 when they trialled a new drink base.

The powder comes in a range of flavours including lemon, lime and passionfruit and is sweetened with sorbitol to make drink more suitable to prevent dehydration. The drink has been found to give small nocturnal properties which make it a good alternative to water to drink. It is likely to be included in a revamped ration pack.
Twelve personnel from HMS CERBERUS have taken part in "The 1992 Olympic Dream Run. Team Run" to raise much-needed funds for the Australian Olympians in their quest for Olympic Gold in Barcelona.

The run was in the form of a relay, 100 teams of 10 runners and two managers were tasked to complete the 308km run around Melbourne's Port Phillip Bay over the two day period. The average distance covered by each runner was 18km with most runners completing up to 20km over the weekend.

Some runners had to complete two runs in one day and therefore completing up to 30km over the two day period.

The relay commenced with a break 10km over the West Gate Bridge (past the thing to start the day).

After a long day running, the team arrived at sea and were greeted by their families for a fun night out.

Peter "Monk" Gatti got the team underway. Although a slow starter (actually last across the finish line), he claims that there were 99 other runners who jumped the gun.

Pete was able to reel in quite a few and by the end of stage one the team was in a strong position for the remainder of the day.

Day one saw the teams running from Melbourne to Geelong to Queenscliff a total distance of 109.3km.

On completion of the first days running the Navy team held 9th position overall with LCDR Julie Mitchell putting in one of the best efforts of the day by running a personal best (PB) over her leg of 7.8km, ending up extremely hilly terrain.

**DAY TWO**

On completion of day one, some team members finally got some rest and after some minor issues on the bay to Portsea and an over night stay at the Lord Mayor's Camp.

Day two saw the runners cover a total distance of 108.6km from Portsea to Frankston to Melbourne finishing at the Melbourne Olympic Stadium.

COPO Geoff Kenley started the first leg in bitterly cold wind and rain across the finish line. The last "leg" saw Dave CERBERUS runners (backrow- l-r) Cte Dave Adams, POPT Gasti, POMED Dalton (team member) CPOWK Kenley, LCDR Mitchell, POSS Savon, EGSC Halloway, LEUT Brunswick. Front: POPT De Boon, LEUT Bacon, POPSN Peel, LEUT Loeky.

"Roozer" Adams run onto the athletic track in the Olympic Stadium in front of a very large and enthusiastic crowd.

After a month-long past of all participating teams, each team member was presented with a commemorative medal.

CERBERUS personnel received their medals from Olympic champion Debbie Flintoff-King.

Navy finished a very credible 31st overall.

The teams average pace per km was 4:64m including which put the team up amongst the best.

FORTY SIXTH

The CERBERUS runners were joined by Constable Lee Cottrell and John Mcnamara from the Victorian Police.

**ENCOUNTER'S EFFICIENT**

Following the successful completion of Exercise Expanded Sea 92, the recently integrated PNF and Reserve Personnel (pictured above) of HMS EN COUNTER had further cause to celebrate with winning the Chief of Naval Staff Efficiency Shield.

Naval Commander of Ship- ping, LCDR Phil Hammond, was efficiently supported by an enthusiastic and dedicated team of Reserve and PNP Personnel.

HMS ENCOUNTER, under the command of CPO floral, CMEDR R. Goggins, won the shield for the first time, demonstrating the effectiveness of the "One Navy" concept.

According to CPO floral, Vice Admiral Ian MacDougall, ENCOUNTER's "win was especially rewarding in view of the high standards achieved by all NCS organisations Australian wide.

The scores achieved by all port headquarters indicate the professional manner in which the Exercise was carried out," he said.

The shield will be officially presented to the NCS Team of HMS ENCOUNTER by NCSA, Commander R.G. Goggin, ADC, RAN.
Recruit School defends walk title ...

Recruit School has done it again, successfully defending its 1991 title in the annual Ballarat Two Day Walk.
The team of 11 recruits was led by LCDR Christopher Dodd and WO2TO Graham Thomas and competed against over 200 civilian and military walkers.
The event fosters walking, fitness, teamwork, discipline and esprit de corps.
Recruit School won the Brett Wilson Memorial Trophy for the best military squad and the coveted Major-General K.J. Green perpetual trophy for the best overall team.
The recruits training and enthusiasm proved the winning edge and helped overcome slams of blistered, cramps and dehydration.
The success would not have been achieved without the professional support from HMAS CERBERUS Cookery Training School, Wardroom and Transport sections.

Surprise for April 19, 1992.
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SAVL Mitchelle Jones arriving at the Creche.

SBT Mitchelle Jones typifies the opportunities that females are offered in the RAN of the 90s.
NOTW OF THE 90s

The Command Target Services Group, Lieutenant Commander Peter Naughton, has presented two awards to TSG personnel.
The first was a Maritime Commander's presentation to LSMTP Darren Harkins, chief engineer in SPWFL WARRIGAL.
The commendation was due to LS Harkins' outstanding performance while WARRIGAL was in refit in 1991.
LS Harkins is soon to commence his phase 3 course at HMAS NIRIMBA.
The second award was to POUC Greg Dennis, OIC of the boats party at the Fleet Support Section.
He received his Defence Force Service Medal for 15 years service in the RAN.

Surprise for Simon

ABMTT Simon Greenwood will have a four-month-old surprise to greet him on his return from the Red Sea in HMAS DARWIN in August.
He is the proud father of Make Simon Andrew Greenwood who was born at Bankstown Hospital at 3.24pm on Tuesday April 19, 1992.

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A Dinner Dance will be held that night.
All ex-pupils and parents are invited to attend.
Enquiries can be made by contacting: The Chairperson, 125th Anniversary, Nowra Hill Public School.
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COTTAGE ‘OPENED’

Commanding Officer of HMAS CERBERUS, Captain Mike Donaldson, has officially opened CERBERUS COTTAGE.

Situated at 16 Cook Road, HMAS CERBERUS, the cottage is being leased from DHA by the RNWAS Association (CERBERUS) to be used for meetings, playgroup three times per week, craft afternoons and various other activities.

It has also been registered as a Class 2 Childcare Centre to enable the children of ladies attending “Navy Wives” social functions at Club CERBERUS, to be cared for.

When handed over to “Navy Wives” the house was run-down and state of disrepair after being empty for many years.

DHA attended to major faults such as repainting, new gutters and agreed to pay for the paint.

Then it was up to the “Navy Wives” to totally re-paint and transform an old run-down house into a beautiful little cottage.

Extra land was given to expand the back playing area and the Family Support Funding Program grant enabled purchase of new children’s chairs and outside playing and climbing equipment.

Dusted heating will also be installed very soon.

“There will always be the need for ‘Navy Wives’ and playgroups at CERBERUS as the base is expanding, and CERBERUS COTTAGE is there for them” adds president of the RNWAS Association (CERBERUS), Mrs Lesley Starr.

ADDITIONS MOBILITY AND DISLOCATION STUDY

Child care facilities, schooling and employment for ADF spouses will be the focus of a new study flowing from the 1991 Families Census.

The ADF Families Mobility and Dislocation Study (FMDSS) was recommended in a Senate Final report and adopted by the Defence Force Personnel Policy Committee (DFPPC).

The study will be conducted in two phases.

The first phase will assist in developing a questionnaire to be used in Phase 2 when some 1200 Service families will be interviewed to determine the effects of ADF mobility and dislocation on significant aspects of family life including child care, schooling and spouse employment.

The Melbourne-based Australian Institute of Family Studies, which undertook the 1991 Families Census, will carry out Phase 1 during June this year involving a total of 18 focus groups in Sydney, Townsville, Perth and the Northern Territory.

Each focus group will comprise families with parents with dependent children.

Specific matters to be addressed by each Focus Group include:

• the availability of adequate, suitable and convenient child care arrangements with their needs and abilities;

• the opportunities for the children of ADF members to gain education reflecting their needs and abilities;

• the opportunities available in the number of partners of ADF members to find suitable and satisfying work situations, their needs, desires and qualifications.

Discussions with the various Focus Groups will be held in an informal atmosphere and all discussions will remain strictly confidential as will details of Focus Group members.

The final phase of the study, to be held in 1993, will be for face to face interviews with a representative sample of about 1200 Service families, using the questionnaire developed during Phase 1.

Each Service will appoint a coordinator for the study at each of the four locations to arrange interview venues and answer queries.

ANZAC frigates: MM cables contract

MM Cables has been awarded a major contract by Australian Marine Engineering Consolidated Ltd (AMECON), to supply electric cables for the ANZAC Frigate Project.

Secured against worldwide competition, the contract means that MM Cables will be supplying over 1000 km of halogen free power and communication cables for eight Blom and Voss AG designed MEKO frigates to be built for the Royal Australian Navy and two for the Royal New Zealand Navy at AMECON’s facility in Williamstown, Victoria.

Initially 18 different types of cables will be installed, all of which are halogen free to prevent toxic fumes in the event of fire, and in addition have electromagnetic screens to reduce interference.

The cables will be supplied over a 10 year period commencing in 1993.

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FREEMANTLE: On Wednesday, June 3 this branch will be holding the Submarine Escape Training Facility followed by lunch, at a destination to be decided on...

Final details depend on numbers, so you should ring Kerry if you would like to attend.

Phone 528 1501, the usual babysitting is available.

Nowra: At the next meeting on Wednesday, May 25 at 2.30pm in the group's rooms, PSO and DHA representatives will be attending.

You will be able to find out everything you have ever wanted to know and have been afraid to ask!

Bob Brown and Terry Bird are the representatives.

So try and make it along, Babysitting will be at hand.

For more information please ring Pam on 218 2790, or Carol on 217 677.

The Shop being run here is helping with goodies, so if you are in need of anything at all pop along to the meeting to have a look.

If you have anything you wish to sell, then bring it along.

CERBERUS: The next function will be a theme day, to be held on Tues-

day, May 12.

If you would like to find out more details of what will be coming up, then ring Lesley on 83 9396.

Canberra: The Annual Information Coffee Morning will be held on Thursday, May 21 at the date of the RAMA/WA Meeting morning at Hyam-\n
issen at the RSL Head- quarters once more.

This group has a number of functions on throughout the year, and also produce a monthly newsletter - if you wish to find out more about their activities, then ring Helen on 205 2104 or Kerry on 372 5160.

Past approaching is the annual Quiz Night, which always proves very popular.

If you are in NSW it is to be held on Sunday, June 13 at Le-\n
ge ants in the state, to make a note in your diary to keep it free, more details later.
Navy trio takes aerobics silver

Navy has had a successful entry in the Navy Teams and Corporate Cup Aerobics competition for the state of Victoria at the World Corporate Centre.

HMAS CERBERUS' team drew on talent from full-time serving members with CERBERUS' staff.

Team members were: Lieutenant Raymond David, Chief Petty Officer ETC Margot Shelley and Seaman ETP Mandi Holman.

After only five weeks of practice of three hours training each day, including weekends, and the coaching from CPOPT Nick Duryea, the team came SECOND overall in the Corporate Cup category, just behind the Melbourne Metropolitan Fire Brigade.

Ray, Margot and Mandi display their aerobics skills.

Navy has performed strongly to regain the WA inter-Service sailing title from RAAF in the 1992 series of IMSIL STIRLING.

A new format of six one-hour races over two days was adopted.

Teams consisted of two boats per Service in each race, but up to four crews per Service could be used during the competition.

On day one, Navy started with 1-3, 2-3, 1-2 results from the first three races; two more 1-2 results in races 4 and 5 put the result beyond doubt; and 2-3 in the final race sealed the victory.

Best individual performance was by Able Seaman Glen Farrell with four limits and a third from five starts.

"Old Greybeard", Commander Peter Johnstone-Hall deserted the committee vessel to sail in with two seconds from two starts, as did Chief Petty Officer Spike Jones.

Commander Brian Warner produced a second and third from two starts to complete the Navy's dominance.

Overall result: 1 Navy, 22, 2nd Army 47% and 3 RAAF 53%.

Meanwhile in the largest gathering of Teams for a long time in WA, Navy entered the local Tassie Boat from Mounts Bay Sailing Club on the Swan River to participate in "joint exercises" in Carrying Boy off HMAS STIRLING.

The result was a most successful day's sailing with a total of 14 boats (seven Navy and seven civilians) participating.

Three shorter races were held in a moderate breeze, concluding with a BBQ at Camp Markham.

LEUT Paul Keen and his brother Damien took out the handicap places from Mike Murphy and Geoff Suter of Mounts Bay Sailing Club and C003 Peter Briggs (NOCWA).

In other events the Navy S111 FRIENDSHIP of LEEUWIN has continued to make her mark in Class A of the WA Offshore racing fleet.

Before Christmas she showed potential with a third in the opening race of the season and followed this with a second (by a more 90 seconds) in the 220 mile Fremantle to Geraldton race in October.

The New Year has seen her participating most weekends and Wednesday evenings.

Her persistence has been rewarded with three wins so far in 1992.

The first came in the return race from Yanchep Sun City to Fremantle in January, the second during the Royal Perth Yacht Club's BP West Coast series in February and the third in the Perth Flying Squadron Yacht Club's Stan West Ocean Race.

Materially FRIENDSHIP is in excellent condition.

The main problem is finding crew regularly against the opposition of postings, ship deployments, K02 etc., adds our correspondent.

FRIENDSHIP OF LEEUWIN - the Navy yacht making her mark in 1992 WA offshore.

ASRU U/21s begin '92 nationals carnival

The Junior Australian Services Rugby Union (ASRU) team today begins an eight-day stay in the National Combined States U/21 carnival in Darwin. ASRU U/21s will play in Pool A against WA, NT and NSW Country.

The final will be held on Sunday, May 16 between the two pool winners.

ASRU fielded the National Combined States Carnival in 1990 and was placed fifth out of the eight teams.

The team management, consisting of MAJ Mick Martin (Army), SGT Ray Scott (Army) and PO Mark Heath (Navy), believes that the final squad will be more competitive due to previous experience.

"There are a number of U/21 players who have represented their respective services and one who has represented ASRU seniors since the ASRU U/21 team last competed in the National Carnival in 1990," said MAJ Martin.

"This enables ASRU U/21 to select a far more experienced team than was available then.

"The main difficulty will be to select a team from the list of players.

"Fortunately a number of players who participated in the 1990 U/20 developmental squad are unavailable, particularly from the RAAF.

"Navy looks like gaining the majority of selections in the team with perhaps six from Army and one or two from Air Force," he added.

The squad began its preparation in Canberra.

The touring team was selected after a trial against the ACT U/21 team on May 3 at RMJC.

The team then played ACT U/21 on May 5 at ADFA.

This was an excellent opportunity for Canberra and was for the first time to view the ASRU players of the future.

The team left for Darwin on May 6 and the matches in Darwin are against NT May 10 at 1600, v NSW Country May 12 at 1230, v WA May 14 at 1600 and final Semi May 16 time TBA.

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