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Para 34. Depo was not aware that 'SARTS' had revealed to "Marine Section".

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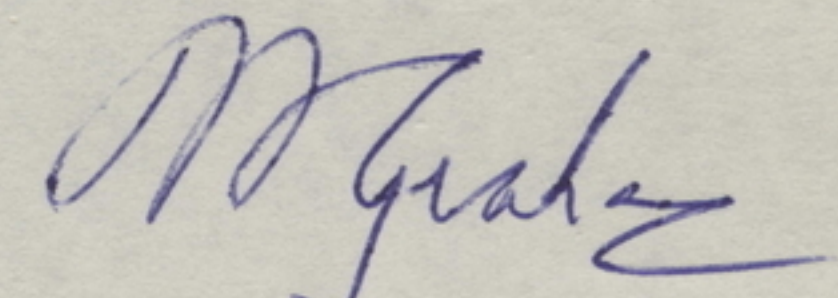
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FLAG OFFICER IN CHARGE, Commanding
EAST AUSTRALIA AREA,
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DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

15 JUN 1973

For InformationThe Commanding Officer,
HMAS CRESWELL.HMAS CRESWELL - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - TERM I 1973

1. The enclosure is forwarded for information.
2. The value of having an Engineer officer posted to the Establishment referred to in paragraph 18, is well understood and it is hoped that the billet will be filled as soon as possible.
3. With reference to paragraph 33, the Commanding Officer HMAS CRESWELL has been directed to make proposals on other papers.
4. With reference to the gas shortages referred to in paragraph 49, Board approval in principle has been given for the provision of a central LP Gas storage tank at HMAS CRESWELL and an item for this has been included in this Command's 1973/74 Design List proposals. Having regard to the time that must elapse before such a tank can be constructed, interim means of improving the situation have been investigated and proposals to this end will be forwarded shortly.


REAR-ADMIRAL.Enclosure: CRESWELL letter 1/16/4 of 20 May 1973 (4 copies)

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HMAS CRESWELL
JERVIS BAY
A.C.T. 2540

Flag Officer Commanding
EAST AUSTRALIA AREA

20 May, 1973

Sir,

I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMAS CRESWELL since assuming command on the 16th December, 1972 to 11th May, 1973.

2. The initial 5 week period, falling as it did over the Christmas leave period, was extremely quiet being punctuated mainly by a JAC meeting on the 20th December, 1972 at the University of New South Wales to consider the 1972 examination results, a "mini" Study Board on the 11th January, 1973 in Navy Office to finalise the 1973 entries and the arrival of the Summer Assembly schoolboys on 15th January. The bushfires reported in the last proceedings, flared up again on Christmas Day and by Boxing Day were threatening the bayside township of Hyams Beach. All available personnel, fire fighting and earthmoving equipment were despatched to aid the township which escaped serious damage by, in some cases, the narrowest margin.

3. 1973 marks the Diamond Jubilee of the RAN College and many activities have been organised as features of the celebrations. On the 1st March, the Cookery department produced a magnificent cake to mark the 60th Anniversary of the opening and it was duly cut, jointly by the youngest Cadet and myself. Other proposed activities are special invitation sporting events such as sailing races, dinner for the surviving members of the 1913 entry and special emphasis to be given during the 1973 Promotion Day. A contingent of press members from local newspapers, radio and television stations and from area public relations offices in Sydney spent two days (26th, 27th February) at HMAS CRESWELL collecting documentary and film material. Vice Admiral Sir John Collins, KBE, CB has been invited as a guest lecturer to talk on 'The Royal Australian Naval College - 1913 to 1916'. A Diamond Jubilee Ball is programmed for the 15th June, 1973 for the Ship's Company.

Academic Instruction

4. A full programme of academic instruction has been carried out this term. Class designations have been changed and references to classes in this report accord with the new designations, viz:

Class J1 - first year of junior course (formerly IV)
Class J2 - second year of junior course (formerly III)
Class I - first year of tertiary studies (formerly II)
Class II - second year of tertiary studies (formerly I)
and so on.

5. Class J1 comprises 33 junior entries including four

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RNZN Cadets. Class I included 29 Cadets who were at RANC last year and 37 senior entries. One of the latter left the College during the term and one each from Class J1 and Class I have tendered their resignations.

6. At the end of 1972, 31 Cadets were presented for NSW Higher School Certificate examinations, each taking five subjects. Six subject failures occurred. Three Cadets failed to reach a sufficiently high standard to justify their advancement to Class I. One of these has been transferred to the supplementary list and the other two have returned to civilian schools on leave without pay in an attempt to retrieve their positions and to qualify to join Class I in 1974. The latter arrangement is an innovation and the outcome will be observed with interest.

7. The 66 Cadets who joined Class I at the beginning of the term were allocated to courses as follows:

CRESWELL Course	35 (including 3 RNZN)
Degree Course RANC	27 (20 BE, 4 BSc, 3 BSurv)
BA Course at UNSW	4

One Cadet in the BA group who had completed the first year of a BA course before joining the RAN was granted advanced standing by UNSW and is taking the second year of BA this year.

8. Of the 12 Cadets who took first year degree examinations at RANC in 1972 only seven Cadets qualified to join the University this term for second year courses. Six other Officers were taking first year courses at UNSW of whom three (1 BA, 2 BSurv) qualified to proceed to second year this term.

9. The 1972 results of degree candidates in second and later year courses were fair. Nineteen second year candidates included six failures. Two candidates in each of third year BSc and third year BA graduated. Of ten candidates in third year BE nine were successful and of four candidates in the final year of BE two graduated and two are continuing this year in the hope of graduating in 1973.

10. Satisfactory progress has been made by Cadets on the CRESWELL course in Classes 1C and 11C. A number of Cadets now in 11C who failed 1C examinations at the end of 1972 were re-examined early this term and all were successful. In examinations this term one 11C Cadet failed in one subject. He will be re-examined at the beginning of next term.

11. All Cadets entered this term have been given a course in rapid reading. There has been some discussion on the desirability of teaching touch typing to new entry Cadets and investigations into the feasibility of a short course each year are being made.

Academic Staff

12. Advertisements aimed at recruiting a Lecturer in Charge, Science, to replace Mr. R. F. Berry who was invalided in August, 1972 have been unproductive. The post was offered to a well qualified candidate but he declined to accept. In the event Mr. H. R. Kemp was promoted to the position in February on a twelve months trial basis. So far he has performed the duties satisfactorily.

13. The recent increase in the pay of Naval Officers has resulted in a situation in which the pay of Instructor Lieutenant Commanders on the teaching staff has outstripped that of the Director of Studies by a substantial margin. This matter has been taken up on other papers.

Service Education

14. Once again, little sustained interest has been shown by sailors in availing themselves of the facilities available for SGCE study. One sailor presented for one paper at the April series of examinations.

15. The revised resettlement rights of naval personnel have been promulgated and all sailors due DEE have been appropriately counselled and assisted where necessary.

16. Since January, 1973 fourteen members have received Resettlement assistance. Thirteen have been interviewed also by a Department of Labour Resettlement Officer who has placed all in employment by date of discharge. Some delays are being experienced in obtaining the Resettlement Benefits announced last December by the new Government, as legislation is still to be passed by Parliament.

Professional Training

17. Naval training has progressed in a satisfactory manner using the course training standards produced internally by the RANC staff. At least one complete course of each subject has been completed and the course training standards have, in most cases, proved realistic. The final proof must come from the user department - the Fleet. A feedback questionnaire is currently under production by the RANC staff and should be circulated to the Fleet by the end of Term II. Answers from this should enable the course training standards to be amended to an acceptable level pending receipt of Navy Office approved standards in the light of the recent Junior Seaman Officers Job Analysis.

18. One major concern of professional training is the lack of ability to run an Engineering segment due to the posting without relief of the College Engineer Officer. It is strongly felt that this billet should always be filled, not only to fulfill the instructional role, but to 'sell' the Marine and Weapons Electrical Engineering specialisations when the RAN is so desperately short of these Officers. Active 'public relations' within the RANC has proved to be very beneficial in the past for the particular specialisations and sub-specialisations represented.

19. The matter was discussed at the recent Study Board meeting and alternative short-term arrangements for Engineering training are being investigated.

Sailing

20. This term has seen a great improvement in both the training and equipment aspects of sailing at RANC.
21. A comprehensive programme of sail training, both theoretical and practical, was undertaken with special attention being paid to the new entry, both senior and junior. As a result of this, and of the increased enthusiasm for sailing, there are now 72 holders of Open Sailing Craft Helmsman's Certificates in CRESWELL.
22. Training of Cadet Midshipmen for the Local Skipper's Certificate has progressed well and there are at present four CMIDs who hold this qualification for Endeavour yachts.
23. Many Cadets have had the experience of sailing in FRANKLIN but as yet none has progressed to the standard of an Offshore Skipper's Certificate.
24. This term saw the arrival of four new Bosun dinghies. These, together with the continuing refit programme on the old dinghies gives CRESWELL eleven dinghies in active use.
24. The Forster Cup, an interdivisional competition for Bosun dinghies, was the main fixture this term. Each of four divisions entered fourteen teams of two and many fine performances resulted. Phillip Division Cadets were the clear winners of the Forster Cup.
25. The Endeavour Class yachts, CALLALA and CURRARONG, sailed on most working days and on many weekends. After an initial training programme they were coxswained by Cadets without an Officer present on board. This experience of responsibility and acquaintance with the sea was very rewarding to the Cadets concerned. Leadership, organisational ability and seamanship all play a role in this and it would be difficult to imagine a better training aid than these yachts.
26. Under the command of Cadet Coxswains both yachts entered racing conducted by Jervis Bay Cruising Yacht Club and performed with great credit to themselves and the College.
27. It is to be hoped that the purchase and delivery of a further two Endeavour class yachts will occur as quickly as possible to enable both interdivisional competition and the effective sail training of a larger number of Cadets.
28. The upsurge in interest and activity in sailing at RANC is perhaps best demonstrated by the fact that seven of the victorious ten man Interservice sailing team was made up of CRESWELL personnel.

29. FRANKLIN has been in effective use as a sail and seamanship training platform, logging many hours both at sea and in Jervis Bay. The fitting of a diesel engine at the forthcoming refit will enable more effective use to be made of her. The College programme makes adherence to a timetable necessary, and a reliable, powerful engine is essential to meet this constraint.

Important Visitors

30. Rear Admiral E. C. THORNE, CBE, Chief of Naval Staff, Royal New Zealand Navy, accompanied by Commander C. Steward, Royal New Zealand Navy Liaison Officer, New Zealand High Commission and their wives visited HMAS CRESWELL on Wednesday, 28th February, 1973. The brief visit included briefings, luncheon, short tour and a bay trip aboard HMAS AWARE.

31. Rear Admiral A. M. SYNNOTT, CBE, Flag Officer Commanding HM Australian Fleet passed through CRESWELL on four separate occasions on his way to and from various Fleet units in the bay.

32. You, Sir, accompanied by Commander M. Rayment conducted the biannual walkaround on Wednesday, 14th March. Commodore A. N. Willis, OBE, Chief of Staff to Flag Officer Commanding HM Australian Fleet, together with 34 members of the Fleet Training group stayed overnight on the 18th April.

33. This latter visit, together with FTG visits involving similar numbers in March and April, highlights the increased demand being placed on HMAS CRESWELL particularly with regard to transit accommodation and transport requirements. At present there is no transit accommodation for Ship's Company and the shortages within the Steward category preclude a duty watch in the Wardroom of more than one Steward. In the first term of 1973, 140 transit personnel of Wardroom status were accommodated overnight or for a weekend and an additional 10 personnel were accommodated for more than a week. In many cases this accommodation was required at little or no notice. In addition, transport requirements outside working hours are continually requested of CRESWELL, notwithstanding the strictures advised in JB Port Orders 411, paragraph (d). It is hoped that the recent approval to incorporate JB Port Orders in EGO's will alleviate this matter.

Marine Section

34. The period under report has been a busy one for the section, now under its former designation; the major activity being in the support role. A total of 23 Fleet units (including HMNZS TARANAKI) visited Jervis Bay and continuous day to day support was provided for them all. Fortunately no Air Alert or Air Flash alarms occurred during the period but there were 7 active SAR incidents involving civilian craft. (See Annex A).

35. HMAS AWARE remained under my operational control in the SAR and Fleet Support role throughout the period.

36. TRV 801 has remained operational although operational speed has been reduced to 9.5 knots on two occasions due to main engine defects. The centre-line engine was extensively damaged through overheating on 22nd January (CRESWELL letter C18/13/15 of 15FEB73) and the starboard engine was found to have a cracked cylinder head on the 26th February, 1973.

37. Both engines were replaced by Ship's staff and as both changes were completed over weekends, no interruption to Fleet support duties occurred.

38. In the Fleet support role, TRV 801 took part in the following activities:

- (a) Three radar controlled surface target trials;
- (b) Two OOW manoeuvres with Patrol Boats;
- (c) Three Williams target towing for SUTF's;
- (d) Two 21B12 Submarine simulator target launchings;
- (e) Four torpedo recoveries (1 Mk 44, 4 Mk 46, 4 Mk 8);
- (f) Eleven Beecroft range clearances for NGSFX's;
- (g) One minelaying for Exercise More Deal;
- (h) One mine recovery for Exercise More Deal;
- (i) Two lay and recover GRAIDUFF target for IKARA firings;
- (j) Six searchlight target for S2E a/c;
- (k) Two safety craft for Commando/Submarine exercises.

39. In the training role, TRV 801 was used by Navigating Officers (designate) course and by the Support Craft Coxswain's course conducted by HMAS WATSON, for practical Navigation and ship handling. Cadet Class IIC has also been given practical Navigation training in the TRV. Sea Cadets were embarked in the TRV and were instructed in helmsmanship and line handling during a visit at mid-term.

40. AWL 304 has remained operational throughout the period and has been used for the following tasks:

- (a) Three diving platform for CDT2;
- (b) Four Triplane target laying and recovery;
- (c) One minelaying and recovery for Exercise More Deal;
- (d) Store and Sullage runs.

41. Refit of AWL 304 commenced on the 1st May and is expected to complete on the 31st July.

42. On the 4th January, SAR craft 6301 was escorted to Sydney by TRV 801 to commence refit. This was two weeks earlier than planned as the craft had suffered starboard propeller, shaft and rudder damage due to grounding off Plantation Pt. on Thursday, 28th December, 1972. (CRESWELL letter 16/14/1 of 2nd February, 1973). Completion of the refit of 6301 was to have been on the 30th April, but due to late supply of a reconditioned engine, it is now unlikely to be completed before the end of May, 1973.

43. Six Sydney to Hobart yachts, including TY NIRIMBA were given a 24 hour layover on their return voyage to Sydney. Four other yachts and one power boat were allowed berthing facilities for short periods as a result of inclement weather or defects.

44. The section Warrant Officer successfully completed the Warrant Officer's Management course held at HMAS CERBERUS and two Petty Officers were posted to HMAS WATSON for the Support Craft Coxswain's course. Unfortunately both failed but they have been retained in the Section and are currently undergoing training which should enable them to qualify at the next course. The Petty Officers who passed this course in November, 1972 have been awarded their Support Craft Coxswain's Certificate having reached the required standard and logging 30 hours bridge watchkeeping time. Other training has been to the WOUW and POETS at the RANTE. The WOUW received instruction on post-run routines for all types of torpedoes and he in turn instructed the Seamen Petty Officers of the Section. The POETS discussed the routines and preparations required on the 21B12 Submarine Simulator targets, following the inexplicable loss of one of these units on 1st February, 1973 (CRESWELL letter C16/5/1 of 19th February, 1973).

Engineering and Electrical

45. One of the 26 ft. Utility boats, No. 2605, remained unserviceable until 20th February, when specially manufactured spares arrived. The other Utility boat, No. 2609, suffered hull damage and a badly bent propellor shaft during Cadet boathandling training, and was returned to Sydney in April.

46. LWB 418 still has a starting problem when at operating temperatures and is, at present, being stripped down to determine the cause. On the subject of boats, the Boats Party is in the process of replacing the boat harbour's badly deteriorated can buoys with locally manufactured buoys fabricated from discarded RANF "Hercules" tyres. The new buoys have proven to be of good value in minimizing damage to boats, particularly during Cadet training. The replacement of the old buoys is 50% complete and should be finished early in Term II.

47. The Engineering department is now up to complement, allowing routine and breakdown maintenance to be kept up to schedule and, in addition, much assistance has been given in the repair and manufacture of sports and grounds equipment.

48. The recent wet weather has caused the lawn cutting equipment to be used at full capacity and only two mowers are unserviceable awaiting spares.

49. The fuel strike during January/February caused gas hot water services to the Wardroom and Cadet accommodation to be shut down for a period. Gas supplies were maintained for cooking purposes.

Motor Transport

50. The acute shortage of Class 1 drivers has eased considerably, seven now being borne which allows maintenance and repair requirements to be met satisfactorily. Weekend bus commitments for Cadet sporting fixtures necessitate drivers doing extra shifts and the buses have covered 1,467 and 2,630 miles respectively during the term.

51. Two new Holden Station Wagons arrived during the term, one to replace ZNA 951 and one additional. Outstanding replacement vehicles include one 50 seater coach, one 20 cwt van, one 5 ton tip truck and one Land Rover fire tender.

52. During the December bushfires the International fire tender overturned when the road edge collapsed. Repairs were effected by local contract and this important vehicle is now full operational.

Works and Property

53. Due mainly to the petrol strike, the completion of FARNCOMB HOUSE Cadets' accommodation has been delayed until the 22nd May, 1973. Approval for finance to carpet the passageways and cabins has recently been given. Most of the cabin furniture has arrived.

54. The sawdust extractor in the Shipwrights' workshop is now working and all machines approved on Machinery and Plant proposals have been received except the bandsaw.

55. Severe white ant damage to the Senior Sailors' accommodation and the Cinema/Assembly hall was reported by signal. Requisitions to enable repairs to proceed have been received.

Medical

56. In comparison with previous terms, this term has been a quiet one for the Sick Bay. In general the health of those serving at HMAS CRESWELL remains good.

57. There were no major injuries or diseases brought to notice but the following relatively minor problems are of note.

58. CMID Joseph was admitted to Sick Quarters RANAS and CMID Kummerow and CMID Butler were admitted to RANH PENGUIN, all for minor surgery. CMID Pajnic has been making slow recovery following a Menisectomy in Sick Quarters RANAS. He is undergoing intensive physical therapy at present.

59. CMID Purnell-Webb spent several days in Sick Quarters RANAS with bronchitis, while CMID Garnock underwent 24 hour observations following concussion sustained during a football match. CMID Goodrich suffered a blow to his R Tibia which was found to be fractured. He was admitted to Sick Quarters RANAS and can reasonably be expected to be in plaster for 10 - 12 weeks.

60. Of the Ships' Company, only CSMTH Rundell suffering

from asthma and LCK Walters, who underwent a Patellectomy in RANH PENGUIN. With the main bulk of Winter sport being played throughout Term II it might possibly be stated that we are experiencing the 'calm before the storm'. The continuing presence of a Medical Officer on instant call is essential.

Dental

61. The standard of dental health of all personnel has been notably high throughout the period. There have been no urgent cases presenting, all treatment being of a routine nature.

62. All of Class II who embark for sea training in Term II are dentally fit, as are all of the 1972 entry. Work has now started on 1973 entry Cadets. Ships' Company have constituted about 40 - 50% of appointment time.

63. The programme of preventive dentistry is continuing and is proving worthwhile in many cases. During the quarter my Dental Officer and Dental Assistant were lent to HMAS PLATYPUS from 12th March to 30th March to progress bringing Submarine crews up to the required dental standard.

Supply and Secreteriat

64. Activity in the Supply Department got off to a brisk start in Term I in catering for Class ID for a week before they joined ANZAC and then looking after the Summer Assembly schoolboys.

65. A very beneficial visit by the Supply Assistance Team was made on 15th January, 1973. In this preliminary visit a programme was organised to carry out 100% muster of the Stores Account, establish SIM levels, re-stow items in FIIN order and cull existing stock. This task was effected in their return visit on 2nd February.

66. The 1973 new-entry kit up was carried out at R.E.V.Y. on 22nd January. This was the first occasion that Cadets had been kitted up at the Yard and it proved to be successful. There were some deficiencies in several items of kit but this has been the subject of separate correspondence. It is recommended that the following kit ups be done in this way in view of the savings in manhours and paper work.

67. The fuel strike at the end of January once again lead to the rationing of L.P. gas but no undue discomfort, apart from cold showers, resulted as the galleys were still able to function.

68. A 'family service' trial was conducted in the Cadets' Mess on 31st January and 1st February, to see whether it was possible to alternate from the present cafeteria style of messing whilst a two sitting meal schedule is being used. It was found that whilst the object was achieved, it was apparent that in the interests of speed and efficiency, the cafeteria style of messing was preferable.

69. It is now intended to programme 'family service' throughout the term in the interest of training in table etiquette. The normal method of serving will remain cafeteria style for the reasons given above.
70. On 19th February, 1973, a Commonwealth Audit team carried out a week's inspection of the Supply Department.
71. The Personnel Liaison Team's visit on 27th February, 1973 to explain the Woodward re-expression of pay was most welcome and well received.
72. FOCEA's walkaround on 14th March, 1973 saw the Supply Department looking in good shape and the omissions reported in the 1972 Inspections rectified where possible.
73. Internal audit was carried out from 26th March, 1973. The observations of the auditors have been noted and errors corrected wherever possible.
74. The Commonwealth Savings Bank Auditor, Mr. R. Ferguson, called on 3rd April, 1973 to carry out his annual inspection of the Agency.
75. The Supply Officer visited the students at the University of New South Wales on 10th April, 1973 for the purpose of adjusting allotments, fielding queries and dispensing pay.
76. The Supply Officer (Designate), Lieutenant D. J. Campbell, joined on 16th April, 1973 thence took leave until commencing his takeover on 30th April, 1973.
77. ASLT G. P. Brown joined on 23rd April, 1973 to take up the billet of Deputy Supply Officer. This billet had been vacant since 8th December, 1972 and his presence will greatly assist the Supply Officer in discharging his duties.
78. It is expected that May will be a month of consolidation for the Department as no further staff changes will occur after the departure of LEUT J. S. Hill on 4th May, 1973, until June. During the period of June to August, staff changeovers will ravage the whole department except in the Victualling section. Programmed changes include:
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| S.O. | - | changes 1/8 |
| CPOCK | - | changes 26/6 |
| POSN | - | changes 18/6 |
| POSTD | - | changes JUNE |
| Canteen Manager | - | changes AUGUST |
| POWTR | - | changes JULY |
| CPOSTD | - | changes AUGUST |

Sport

79. The Term I sporting programme has been heavy, with regular representative fixtures supplementing Inter Divisional sports.
80. The annual Lifesaving examinations were held this year at the RANC pool, and in spite of the prevailing conditions and the low tidal state, the Cadets managed to gain 701 points in the competition for the Australia Shield.
81. In February the Interservice Colleges Swimming Championships were held in Melbourne. The RANC team consisting of 7 members, came second to the OTS, Portsea. As the latter's team included a Commonwealth Games Silver Medalist (who won 7 out of 8 events) the result achieved by the Cadets is highly creditable.
82. The Athletics team competed in two external competitions before the Interservice College Athletics Meeting held at Duntroon, where they were unfortunate to be beaten by one point to third position by the RAAF Academy.
83. Inter Divisional Swimming, Athletics, Cross Country, Sailing and Tug-of-War have played major roles in the award of Cook Division for Term I. In external competitions, the Australian Rules, Soccer, Hockey and Basketball teams are all entered in local district grades. The Rugby and Soccer teams have been particularly successful in Interservice sport, winning the Mons Cup (at CRESWELL's first appearance) and Nirimba Cup respectively.
84. Two new grassed volleyball courts have been established at RANC for the use of Ship's Company and Cadets, and investigations are being made into the availability and cost of a collapsible squash court for the gymnasium, to provide a sporting facility that has proved to be in great demand by a large majority of the inhabitants of CRESWELL.
85. The Australian Rules team, entered this year in a Reserve Grade due to the distinct disadvantage in experience, age and size experienced in last year's 1st Grade competition, is undefeated in competition play and looks certain to win the Reserve premiership.
86. Details of sporting results are listed in Annex B.

General

87. As the result of an Open Forum held on the 10th April to canvass the views of the community, particularly the families, a CRESWELL Village Committee was formed. It has among its aims, the fostering of community spirit and the organisation of functions for the enjoyment of all members of the community.

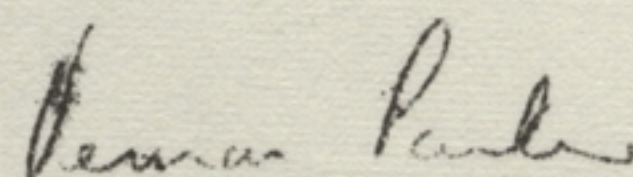
88. The first activity planned is the Diamond Jubilee Ball and this will be followed by barbeques, childrens' parties, a soapbox derby and hopefully flower shows and art exhibitions. The Committee has absorbed the current Community Chest, a non public fund that has been all but defunct for some years except for the Children's Christmas Party, and it will be administered privately by the members elected from the community but within the regulations with regard to audits and areas of jurisdiction.

89. Religious observance has been conducted regularly, and I have addressed the Ship's Company on Security and Conditions of Service during the period under review. The appearance of HMAS CRESWELL is good and the conduct and morale of the Ship's Company high. The Welfare Committees (both Ship's Company and Cadets) have also regularly met.

I have the honour to be

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,



(V. A. PARKER)
CAPTAIN

Annex 'A'

SAR Incidents

Annex 'B'

Sporting Results

Annex 'C'

Officers' Movements

ANNEX 'A' to CRESWELL
letter 1/16/4 dated
20 May, 1973.

SAR INCIDENTS

CRAFT	DATE/TIME	INCIDENT
AWB 4007	24DEC72 1500	At 1450 report received of sailing boat in difficulties off Hyams Beach. AWB 4007 sailed to investigate and found boat safely beached.
TRV 801	30DEC72 1850	At 1835 report received of 2 boats in distress in the middle of the bay. Nothing seen.
TRV 801	23JAN73 1326	At 1320 report received of a sailing boat overdue from Callala Beach. TRV recovered dismasted sailing boat and two youths off Plantation Point.
TRV 801	23JAN73 2230	At 2225 report received of suspected light A/C crash off Moruya. TRV sailed, but was recalled when it was apparent aircraft had been located.
AWB 418	28JAN73 1745	Swamped dinghy sighted off Dart Point and towed to CRESWELL.
TRV 801	27FEB73 1500	Sailed to standby fishing boat reported taking water. Boat managed to get bilge pump working and made for Huskisson.
TRV 801	4MAR73 0520	Sailed to search for swimmers off sunken fishing boat near Bowen Island. One swimmer recovered near Honeymoon Beach.
UB 2605	20APR73 1630	Small yacht in difficulty off Plantation Point. Taken in tow and moored in CRESWELL boat harbour.
TRV 801	20APR/21APR73	TRV sailed 20 2210 to search for missing fishing boat (12ft) with 3 men aboard. Continued until 211910, nothing seen.
HMAS AWARE	21APR/22APR73	During the search for the above craft, AWARE found another disabled 14ft runabout, with a family of four aboard off St. George's Head. Taken in tow and returned to CRESWELL. AWARE continued the search for the 12ft boat on Sunday 22nd.

ANNEX 'B' to CRESWELL
letter 1/16/3 dated
20 May, 1973

SPORTING RESULTS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Result</u>	<u>Score</u>
<u>CRICKET</u>			
3 Feb	Knox Grammar 1st XI	Lost	115 - 72
	" " 2nd XI	Lost	138 - 53
18 Feb	Hurlstone A.H.S. 1st XI	Lost	128 - 81
	" " " 2nd XI	Lost	110 for 4 - 30
24 Feb	Canberra Grammar 1st XI	Won	93 - 53
	" " " 2nd XI	Lost	91 - 69
<u>RUGBY UNION</u>			
7 Feb	HMAS BRISBANE 1st XV	Won	11 - 0
5 Mar	HMAS BRISBANE 1st XV	Lost	10 - 7
14 Mar	Kiama 1st XV	Lost	14 - 8
21 Mar	HMAS ALBATROSS 1st XV	Won	6 - 0
28 Mar	(Mons Cup) HMAS MELBOURNE 1st XV	Won	12 - 4
7 Apr	Hurlstone A.H.S. 1st XV	Draw	6 - 6
	" " " 2nd XV	Draw	6 - 6
14 Apr	St. Patrick's College 1st XV	Won	34 - 13
	" " " 2nd XV	Lost	37 - 0
29 Apr	Chevalier College 1st XV	Won	7 - 6
	" " " 2nd XV	Lost	17 - 0
<u>HOCKEY</u>			
21 Mar	HMAS ALBATROSS 1st XI	Lost	1 - 0
28 Mar	HMAS ALBATROSS 1st XI	Lost	1 - 0
4 Apr	HMAS ALBATROSS 1st XI	Won	5 - 1
8 Apr	Magpies 1st XI	Lost	4 - 2
	Magpies/ALBATROSS XI	Draw	0 - 0
	HMAS ALBATROSS 2nd XI	Lost	3 - 1
	Magpies 2nd XI	Lost	1 - 0
14 Apr	Bundanoon 1st XI	Won	1 - 0
	Veterans I 1st XI	Lost	2 - 0
28 Apr	Moss Vale 1st XI	Lost	6 - 3
5 May	HMAS ALBATROSS 1st XI	Lost	3 - 1
6 May	HMAS SYDNEY 1st XI	Won	3 - 0
<u>ATHLETICS</u>			
11 Mar	5 Way Athletics Meet	Fifth to Uni. Sydney C.H.S., U.N.S.W., and R.M.C.	
24 Mar	4 Way Athletics Meet	Second to R.M.C.	
31 Mar	I.S.C.A.M.	Fourth to R.M.C., O.C.S., R.A.N.F.A.	
<u>TENNIS</u>			
3 Feb	Knox Grammar 1st VIII	Lost	7 - 5
18 Feb	Hurlstone A.H.S. 1st VIII	Lost	7 - 5
24 Feb	Canberra Grammar 1st VIII	Won	9 - 3

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Result</u>	<u>Score</u>
<u>SHOOTING</u>			
23 Feb	Knox Grammar	Won	400 - 300
<u>SOCCER</u>			
14 Mar	HMAS ALBATROSS 1st XI	Lost	4 - 2
25 Mar	Bomaderry 1st XI	Won	1 - 0
	Nowra 'A' 1st XI	Lost	2 - 1
28 Mar	HMAS ALBATROSS 1st XI	Won	4 - 3
14 Apr	Shoalhaven United 1st XI	Lost	4 - 2
28 Apr	Bomaderry 1st XI	Lost	5 - 2
5 May	Nowra 1st XI	Won	4 - 0
6 May	HMAS SYDNEY 1st XI	Draw	3 - 3
<u>WIMMING</u>			
24 Feb	I.S.C.S.C.	Second to O.C.S.	
<u>AUSTRALIAN RULES</u>			
24 Mar	HMAS ALBATROSS 1st XVIII	Lost	8-21 to 4- 7
31 Mar	Nowra 1st XVIII	Won	14- 8 to 8-18
7 Apr	HMAS ALBATROSS 1st XVIII	Won	17-13 to 8-13
14 Apr	Bomaderry 1st XVIII	Won	16-18 to 11- 3
29 Apr	Wollongong 1st XVIII	Won	12-14 to 7-16
5 May	Dapto 1st XVIII	Won	17-15 to 11-14
<u>BASKETBALL</u>			
19 Feb	Midgets	Lost	37 - 11
24 Feb	Canberra Grammar	Lost	35 - 30
26 Feb	Colts	Won	27 - 25
12 Mar	Trail Blazers	Lost	28 - 20
16 Mar	Navy I	Lost	48 - 27
2 Apr	Colts	Lost	32 - 31
16 Apr	Trail Blazers	Lost	38 - 24
<u>CROSS COUNTRY</u>			
14 Apr	St. Patrick's College 1st VIII	Won	27 - 51
29 Apr	Chevalier College 1st VIII	Won	47 - 89

ANNEX 'C' to CRESWELL
letter 1/16/4 dated
20 May, 1973.

OFFICERS' MOVEMENTS

Posting Out

<u>NAME</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>WHITHER</u>
LEUT SDSH L. N. Sander, RAN	29DEC72	TARANGAU
LCDR GLEX D. N. Woods, RNZN	8JAN73	SHORE (RNZN)
LEUT GLEX (SM) R. R. H. Fayle, RAN	7JAN73	OVENS
LEUT GLSU C. R. West, RAN	7JAN73	HOBART
LEUT GLEX (SM) P. Briggs, RAN	7JAN73	OTWAY
SBLT SLEX P. J. Purnell-Webb, RAN	7JAN73	KIMBLA
LCDR MLIT K. Jordan, RAN	8JAN73	LONSDALE (PT. COOK)
SENS H. SITKEI, RANNS	19JAN73	PENGUIN
LEUT SSSG P. Ainsworth, RAN	16APR73	SHORE
LEUT GLSU J. S. Hill, RAN	3MAY73	PARRAMATTA
LCDR GLEN (ME) I. C. Watson, RAN	5MAY73	HOBART

Posting In

<u>NAME</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>WHENCE</u>
LEUT SSDN J. P. OGrady, RAN	11DEC72	ALBATROSS
LEUT SDEX E. L. Stanton, RAN	11DEC72	SUPPLY
CAPT V. A. Parker, RAN	16DEC72	SUPPLY
LEUT MLIT G. Noyes, RAN	17DEC72	CARPENTERIA
LEUT GLEX A. B. MacKinnon, RAN	02JAN73	HOBART
LCDR GLEX G. G. Elder, RNZN	03JAN73	SHORE (RNZN)
LEUT GLEX (SM) G. D. Anderson, RAN	08JAN73	OVENS
SISS P. M. Hunt, RANNS	21JAN73	PENGUIN
LEUT SDEN (ME) M. Peppernell, RAN	21JAN73	DIAMANTINA
LEUT SDSH B.L. Swan, RAN	1APR73	TARANGAU
LEUT GLSU D. J. Campbell, RAN	16APR73	SUPPLY
LEUT SSSG D. Laing, RAN	16APR73	ALBATROSS
ASLT GLSU G. P. Brown, RAN	23APR73	CERBERUS
LEUT SLEX P. J. Mayfield, RAN	3MAY73	ALBATROSS

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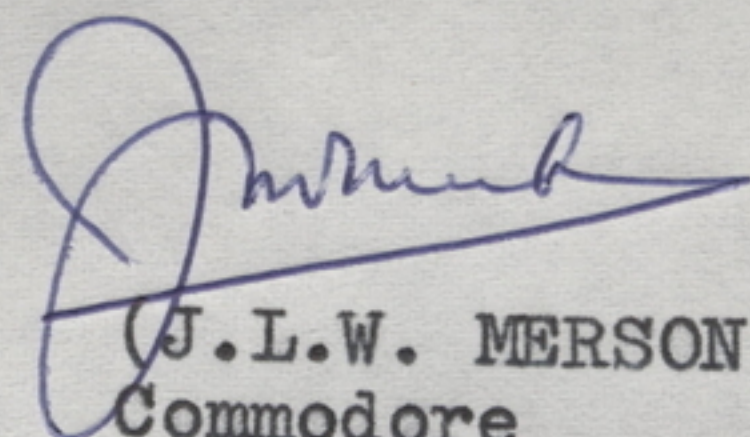
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HMAS CRESWELL
JERVIS BAY 2540

17th September, 1973

The Flag Officer Commanding,
EAST AUSTRALIA AREA

Sir,

I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMAS CRESWELL under my command from the 12th May 1973 to 24th August 1973.

2. The term has been a busy one for all departments and in all spheres. Fleet support demands are running at a high level; winter sport has included the introduction of Australian Rules and Hockey teams in civilian competitions, and the usual crowded Rugby calendar. Administration, with the change of the University year to a two semester instead of 3 term system, has necessitated an extra, half yearly Study Board. Passing Out Parade arrangements are underway. The Training Committee visited, and the visits of HRH the Duke of Edinburgh and the Japanese Training Squadron are awaited. The Supply Department has been busy with the introduction of the Woodward Committee recommendations and Academic and Training Departments with half-yearly examinations, the movement of Class II to and from the training ship, the occupation of Farncomb House, and a Headmasters' Conference.

3. The annual inspection of HMAS AWARE commenced with departmental inspections during the period 6th-8th August and I conducted harbour and sea inspection on Thursday 9th August. AWARE continues to be well run, with high morale and an efficient record in both SAR and Fleet Support roles. Having been awarded the Kelly Shield for 1972, the Ship's Company is determined to keep it during 1973.

4. The "HMAS CRESWELL Village Committee", formed during Term I, held their first activity a Diamond Jubilee Ball with great success on June 15th. Other activities have included raffles, cake stalls and jumble sales to raise funds, and forthcoming events include picnic/sports day, Tramps Ball and Childrens Christmas Party, and they have in mind the development of a playground within the married quarters and a Barbeque/Playground above Captain's Beach.

5. I had occasion to try two sailors for drug offences during Term II. The source of the drug, cannabis, was a Wollongong Hotel. Details of this source and contacts, where they could be elicited were passed to the local police. The circumstances were reported in CRESWELL letter 74/6/3 dated 18 July 73.

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Academic Instruction

6. There have been no interruptions to the studies programme this term apart from cadets having been released for a day, or part of a day, to make familiarisation visits to ships of HMA Fleet. Some members of the academic staff have made similar visits, including the Director of Studies who had a day at sea in HMAS MORESBY.

7. The mid-year progress of student officers on degree courses, both at RANC and at UNSW, was reviewed during the term. One first year mechanical engineering student at RANC was transferred at mid-term to the Creswell course. Five degree students at RANC and three others at UNSW are currently under Captain's Warning for studies. The total numbers on degree courses are 24 at RANC and 41 at UNSW.

8. As a result of the review of progress of officers taking the first year of the Creswell course (32 cadets), five are now under Captain's Warning and four are under report to the Naval Board for studies.

9. Junior cadets in the Higher School Certificate class have taken a dummy HSC examination this term. Results in general were satisfactory but up to four cadets may fail to reach an acceptable standard in the real examination next term unless they can improve quite substantially in the next few weeks.

Academic Staff

10. No changes have occurred in the academic staff during the term. One Instructor Lieutenant leaves the staff at the end of term and a relief has been posted to join before next term.

11. Reference was made in my last Report of Proceedings to the extent to which the salaries of naval officers had outstripped those of the civilian academic staff. As a result of the Campbell report the salaries of academics in universities have been substantially increased and it is hoped that there may be a flow on to the RANC staff which is aligned, as regards salary, with senior tutors at UNSW. The senior tutors have been on increased salaries from June but no flow on to RANC staff has yet occurred.

12. The RANC librarian resigned during the term and the College is once again without professional guidance in the conduct of the Library. Routine business is being handled satisfactorily by clerical staff but the absence of a trained librarian, if prolonged, will lead to a heavy backlog of cataloguing, particularly in the subject catalogue. The vacancy has been gazetted.

Service Education

13. In contrast to the extensive academic activity of the College, only one member of the Ship's Company has attempted to advance his education through SGCE this term.

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14. Sporadic interest is shown in SVETS courses and two members are currently studying under this scheme. Despite wide promulgation of the assistance available a case occurred in which a sailor enrolled for an expensive course without first consulting with the Education Officer to ensure SVETS support. One sailor completed a SVETS course during the period.

Resettlement

15. Nine members have received resettlement assistance during the term. One, a CMID, was a medical dischargee requiring both pre- and post-discharge training, while the other eight have all applied for post-discharge training.

16. Implementation of the revised resettlement procedures has progressed smoothly. All members interviewed by the resettlement officer were very well acquainted with their new entitlements and two of them were anxious to avail themselves of re-establishment loans.

Professional Training

17. Professional naval training has continued to progress satisfactorily throughout the term. A visit by the Training Committee showed that all the principles of training were being observed and also finally ensured that the course training standards used by the RANC received the official approval of Navy Office.

18. The feedback questionnaire mentioned in the last Report of Proceedings has been overtaken by events in that the progression of the Junior Officers Job analysis and course training standards produced as a result of the analysis is once again under way and, in effect, will do the job of the questionnaire. The College professional training staff are looking forward to the task of producing syllabuses and lesson plans from the new course training standards when they are approved and forwarded. The completion of these documents will finally enable officer training in the RAN to be logically dictated and controlled by user requirement.

Sailing

19. Sailing this term has not been prominent as a Cadets' activity. The time available has been profitably employed in the maintenance and repair of sailing craft. The return of two Bosun Dinghies from Garden Island Dockyard brings the RANC complement to 13 for the coming summer term when sailing is a major cadet activity.

20. Full use has been made of the two Endeavour Class yachts. When weather permitted, expeditions were conducted. It is considered that these yachts are ideal for cadets' seamanship training. FRANKLIN has been in Garden Island Dockyard undergoing her annual refit since early May. The fitting of a diesel engine has progressed very slowly and at this time the projected date of completion of refit makes entry in the Sydney-Hobart Yacht Race doubtful.

Marine Section

21. The period under report has again been a busy one for the Marine Section. A total of 20 Fleet units visited Jervis Bay and, in providing various support facilities, 257 boat trips were made. Two Air Alerts occurred during the period, the first involving a Wessex Helicopter and the second a DC3. TRV.801 was sailed for the Wessex incident and was brought to immediate notice for the DC3. Fortunately both aircraft landed safely. No civilian SAR incidents occurred, although in July an 18ft outboard cabin cruiser named MYRA, was recovered from the vicinity of Longnose Point and towed to CRESWELL. The boat had been holed, all fittings had been removed and an effort had been made to sink it with large rocks. The ACT Police have since removed the boat from CRESWELL, although they have been unable to ascertain the owners.

22. HMAS AWARE remained under my operational control in the SAR and Fleet Support role. TRV.801 has remained operational and has taken part in the following Fleet support activities:-

- a. 11 Range clearances.
- b. 5 Turana trials.
- c. 1 21B12 Submarine Simulator target trial
- d. 1 MK44 Steeraway trial.
- e. 5 Triplane target layings.
- f. 2 live bombing range safety boats
- g. 2 PR trips - Jervis Bay
- h. 2 Radio controlled surface target trials.
- i. 17 Torpedo recoveries (38-MK8, 5MK23, 9MK44, 4MK46)

23. The recently received Gemini dinghy has been a very useful addition to the Marine Section, especially in the torpedo recovery role. Using the Gemini instead of swimmers, to hook on torpedoes proved to be a much safer and faster method, enabling six MK8s to be recovered in the excellent time of 35 minutes.

24. SAR craft 6301 and AWL 304 are still refitting, and although well overdue both craft are expected to complete shortly. AWB 418 was sent to GI for refit in June. The two remaining AWBs and the one UB have, at times, been hard pressed to meet all requirements.

Visitors

25. A wide variety of personalities visited the College during term II, some on routine visits and other coming for the first time. Both the RAN and RAAF Directors of AJASS arrived for a Marine Section familiarisation tour on the 6th June and 6 Labour Party caucus members made a "flying" visit on the 13th June, disembarking from helicopters on the quarterdeck and immediately embarking by boat in HMAS VAMPIRE.

26. Captain D.G. Robertson, the Director of Naval Legal Services, arrived on 20th June and departed the same day after delivering lectures to the Cadets and the Training Committee called on the 16th July to discuss training requirements. Both the Medical Director General and his Deputy(D) visited during the term for annual tours. The former, accompanied by the Command Medical Officer Surgeon Captain B.T.Treloar, RAN and the /staff officer

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staff officer to MDG, Wardmaster LCDR M.E. Henstridge, RAN, was here on July 24th and 25th, and the latter on August 15th.

27. Six South Australian and three New South Wales headmasters visited the College between the 25th and 29th July and the following points were raised at the "wash-up":

- a. the visit continues to be well received and the indications are that the interest aroused by the Headmasters on returning to their schools should bear fruit in future intakes;
- b. the July programme should be made the basis for future visits. This programme is basically made up as follows:

Wednesday am - Visit and tour NIRIMBA
pm - Visit and tour Fleet unit in GI.
pm - Fly to Nowra, car to CRESWELL.

Thursday am - CRESWELL - tours & lectures
pm - CRESWELL - tours & lectures.
pm - Supper with Cadets

Friday am - Visit and tour ALBATROSS
pm - Optional

Saturday am - CRESWELL - observe professional training; support craft Bay tour
pm - Optional
pm - Buffet supper - Wardroom

Sunday am - Divisions, Church, washup.
pm - Depart by car for Sydney.

28. The Fleet Commander, RADM A.M. Synnot, CBE, passed through the College on the 2nd and 6th August, accompanied on the first occasion, by the Fleet training group. Transit accommodation demands have again been heavy and due to the shortage of cabins and staff, I have directed that the maximum number of transients who can be accommodated on any one night is four.

29. At the invitation of the Chaplain, the local rural deanery met and lunched at CRESWELL on August 3rd, and the Joint Advisory Committee of the RANC and UNSW consisting of myself, the Director of Studies, CMDR McKeegan, Mr. T.S. Philpott, OBE, BA, First Assistant Secretary (Establishments and General) and Professors Willis, George, Ratcliffe and Fink of the UNSW met on August 14th to discuss RANC/UNSW liaison.

30. On 18th June a NSW Headmasters Conference was held at CRESWELL. Nineteen Headmasters visited and general education matters were discussed.

Engineering, Electrical

31. 26ft Utility boat No. 2609 is still in the hands of G.I. Dockyard together with AWB 418, AWL 304 and the yacht FRANKLIN which is having a Volvo diesel engine fitted in lieu of the Ford petrol engine as part of the refit.

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32. SAR 6301 is still causing many problems for G.I.D., and its completion date is still uncertain. AWB 4003 suffered bent conrods and was re-engined and the 26ft Utility boat 2605 had to have a new "Vee" drive unit fitted due to heavy corrosion of the casing. The new unit has been coated with a fibre glass solution and no further corrosion trouble is expected.

33. There has been a steady flow of mowers through the workshop for repairs and the staff has managed to cope with the work load. One mower is unservicable, awaiting a new engine. The two "Flymo" mowers have been a continual maintenance problem, one has vibrated itself to pieces after approximately 100 hours running. This is the subject of separate correspondence.

34. A third 600 gallon capacity Liquid Petroleum Gas tank is now in service and the storage capacity for the Wardroom and Cadets galleys has been increased by one third.

Motor Transport

35. Three new vehicles were received during the term, one Holden Sedan, one Toyota Panel Van and one Kombi Bus. Maintenance of vehicles has continued at a satisfactory level despite the work load. The two Bedford Buses continue to give satisfactory service covering 1483 and 2568 miles respectively during the term. Outstanding replacement vehicles include one 50-seater bus, one 5-ton tip truck and one Land Rover fire tender. The International fire tender has been employed mainly attending false alarms, and training exercises for the fire crew.

Works and Property

36. Cadets occupied Farncomb House, the new accommodation building, on 9th July. Wall-to-wall carpeting of cabins was completed late in August. Repairs to white ant damage in the CPOs/POs accommodation and cinema/assembly hall have been made

37. External painting of the Marine Section building (Asset 147), Canteen (Asset 136), classroom buildings (Assets 108, 107, 106), and Chapel (Asset 133), was also completed during the period.

38. A bandsaw ordered on the 1971/72 Machinery and Plant proposals has arrived and is awaiting installation.

Dental Health

39. The standard of dental health of personnel at HMAS CRESWELL has remained high throughout the period. Nearly all treatment has been of a routine nature, with only a few urgent cases presenting. Of these, one was from HMAS PARRAMATTA, and two from ship's company. All the cadets presenting as urgent cases were sporting accidents.

40. Approximately 85% of the 1973 entry cadets have been made dentally fit, while about 65% of the remainder of cadets have also received treatment. Two cadets are undergoing orthodontic treatment from a specialist in Wollongong. Ship's Company treatment still occupies about half the available treatment time.

41. The programme of preventive dentistry is continuing, each cadet receiving oral hygiene instruction, oral prophylaxis and a topical acidulated phosphorylated fluoride treatment, every twelve months. This has now been underway for some time, and the benefits from it are being felt by many of the more senior cadets.

Supply & Secretariat

42. Term II has been a busy one in all sub-departments with the main areas of activity being:

- a. Writers. Implementation of the Woodward and National Wage increases, changes in pay administration for Cadet Midshipmen, investigation into RNZN Cadets' pay system;
- b. Victualling and Catering. Rations and Quarters introduction, improvements in family victualling;
- c. Naval Stores. Improvements in internal accounting such as a NAVPUB validation, and in the areas of local purchase and the loan of stores with external authorities;
- d. Non-Public Funds. Stock Review, purchase of capital equipment, and introduction of a civilian manager for the Canteen; investigation into the Junior Sailors' Club with improved accounting methods being implemented.

43. LCDR GLSU P.A. Newcomb, RAN, took over as Supply Officer from LEUT GLSU D.J. Campbell, RAN, on 3rd August, becoming CRESWELL's third Supply Officer in under four months. The Department has also had to contend with seven postings from amongst its twelve senior sailors during the period, but hopefully some stability will prevail for the remainder of the year. A complement review has been conducted and resultant recommendations have been forwarded.

44. The Supply Officer and Deputy Supply Officer continue to visit the RAN students at the UNSW at regular intervals to advise and assist with pay, allowances and allotment queries.

45. Category training has progressed satisfactorily during the period and a number of sailors successfully undertook promotion tests at HMAS ALBATROSS. The Command EDP officer visited CRESWELL in July to lecture the Department on NAVPERS and NAVSTOCK, and this was a very worthwhile exercise. Three promotions have also been made.

46. Following the modernisation of the Senior Sailors Galley in HMAS ALBATROSS, some items of galley equipment became surplus. Arrangements have been made to obtain some of these items to replace, in part, and supplement the existing galley equipment. The equipment we hope to obtain is:-

- two atmospheric electric steamers,
- one double pan deep fryer,
- two electric toasters,
- one griddle plate,
- one potato peeler.

These items should be of considerable assistance in the Main, Cadets and Wardroom galleys.

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47. At the same time as the implementation of the Woodward re-expression of pay, one of the traditions of the RANC was abolished. Instead of compulsory savings from pay through Commonwealth Savings Bank savings accounts, Cadet Midshipmen now receive all pay due every pay day, thus conforming with the normal pay system.

48. The case involving drugs previously mentioned caused the dismissal of a cook, and there have been some problems arising from alcohol. Nevertheless, morale within the department remains high with a feeling of satisfaction for the work that has been achieved during Term II. The welfare of the Cooks and Stewards especially has improved by their moving from the old block into the Temporary Accommodation Building, vacated by the Cadets who have since occupied the new accommodation building, Farncomb House.

49. In the last few weeks of term most supply arrangements from Sydney have been affected by a drivers' strike. The supply of most victualling, naval store and canteen stocks was maintained by using other departmental transport from Sydney, augmented by ALBATROSS and CRESWELL transport.

50. The advice and assistance of the legal officer has been of great value. Although no breakdown of figures for CRESWELL is available, the list of matters on which advice has been given ranging from Police, criminal and traffic prosecutions, property and injury claims for motor vehicle accidents and Wills and estates, through commercial, matrimonial and conveyancing indicates the extent to which he has been of assistance.

Public Relations

51. Naval College publicity to emphasise the Diamond Jubilee celebrations continues apace and arrangements for additional publicity have been made to cover:-

- a. The Promotion Parade and the Promotion Ball on the 6th December; the Visit of the Japanese Maritime Self Defence Force Training Squadron on 26th September and the visit of HRH the Duke of Edinburgh on the 19th of October.
- b. At selected intervals throughout the year, items concerning surviving members of the original entry of SIXTY YEARS ago - as well as members of the entry of FIFTY YEARS ago.
- c. Home-town releases about members of the graduating class as well as publicity concerning cadets at University who are expected to gain their degrees this year.

52. A new updated Welcome Aboard booklet has been produced and issued and a special edition in Japanese is now being printed for issue to the cadets of the Japanese Training Squadron.

53. A continuous feedback of press clippings concerning Cadet Midshipmen shows that hometown press releases are of continuing importance and provide excellent publicity for the Service on a personal basis.

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Guest Lectures

54. In an effort to broaden the experience of the cadets, the guest lecture programme was continued this term. There were three guest speakers in all:-

13 June	-	Mr. Leonard Long (Painter)
1 August	-	Mr. David Butcher (Sydney Stock Exchange)
21 August	-	RADM O.H. Becher, CBE, DSO, DSC & Bar

55. With such a variety of background and occupations, in the lecturers, the cadets were treated to an interesting cross-section of personalities. All three speakers contributed a great deal to the education of the cadets; the guest lecture programme will be continued in term III.

Clubs

56. Clubs have been formed by the cadets to pursue the following interests; Bridge, Folk Music, Photography, Model Building, Hi-Fi, Debating. The groups meet on an irregular basis. Interest and enthusiasm varies according to the College programme and the strength of the groups.

57. Two debates have been contested with a team from Sydney University, one at the University and the other at RANC. The College team is the current holder of the John Blount trophy which is awarded to the winning team after each debate.

58. Facilities are made available in the College Science Building for members of the Photographic club to develop and print black and white film. The more expert of the club members produce quite good results.

Sports

59. Term II has been very active in the sporting sphere with regular representative fixtures in civilian competitions for the Australian Rules, Soccer, Cross Country, Hockey teams and invitation matches from Fleet units, in addition to the heavy Cadets inter-divisional programme. Most teams had their share of wins and losses but the Australian Rules team, which went through the entire season undefeated is worthy of special mention. Boxing championships were held during the term and it was learned that the 701 points gained in lifesaving during Term I were easily sufficient to win the Australian Shield for the third consecutive year.

60. A winter sports competition was held between the officers, CPOs and POs and Junior Sailors, and was a great success. A variety of sports were played, and everyone enjoyed the enthusiastic spirit of the competition. It was eventually won by the CPOs & POs, in a close finish from the Wardroom. In view of its success, a summer sports competition is to be held.

61. The Obstacle course was completed in time for Term II. The course was well designed by the CPO PT Instructor (CPO Phillips), and proved to be a real torture run. It is used constantly, and is a great asset to the College.

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General

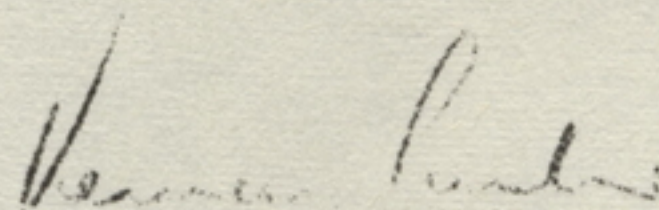
62. Following an accumulation of complaints from personnel I ordered an investigation into removals which had not gone according to promulgated plan. The result revealed an extremely high proportion of removals during which the disturbance to personnel and their families exceeded the expected inconvenience of shifting places of abode. I found that pick-ups and deliveries of furniture and effects on days later than that advised were commonplace. The matter was raised in CRESWELL letter 1/17/2 of 10th August and a sample list of examples covering a broad range of complaints was supplied. Despite this the morale of the Ship's Company in CRESWELL is good.

63. Religious observance has been conducted regularly, and I have addressed the Ship's Company on Security and conditions of service during the period under review. The Welfare Committees (both Ship's Company and Cadets) have met regularly and the appearance of the College and the health of the Ship's Company is good.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,



(V. A. PARKER)
CAPTAIN, RAN
COMMANDING OFFICER

Annexes:

- A. Sporting Results
- B. Officers Movements

SPORTING RESULTS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>OPPONENT</u>	<u>RESULT</u>	<u>SCORE</u>
<u>RUGBY UNION</u>			
30 May	Bankstown Boys High	Won	22-3
2 June	Scots School Bathurst	Won	10-7
9 June	Knox Grammar School 1st XV	Lost	12-9
	Knox Grammar School 2nd XV	Lost	40-3
16 June	RMC Duntroon U19	Won	20-0
23 June	Edmondson Zone 1st XV	Lost	27-6
	Edmondson Zone 2nd XV	Lost	18-7
	Chevalier College 16s	Lost	15-3
29 June	North Sydney Boys High	Lost	23-0
30 June	Canberra Grammar 1st XV	Lost	14-13
	Canberra Grammar 2nd XV	Lost	18-0
	Canberra Grammar 3rd XV	Lost	32-4
14 July	Wollongong Teacher's College	Lost	30-3
	Knox Grammar School 16s	Won	6-3
21 July	James Rues 1st XV	Lost	8 - 6
	James Ruse 2nd XV	Lost	17-0
	James Ruse 16s	Lost	48-0
28 July	St Josephs College 16s	Lost	17-12
5 August	Old Slobbovians	Lost	17-12
18 Aug	RANATE	Won	12-7
<u>AUSTRALIAN RULES</u>			
30 May	ALBATROSS	Won	14.22(106) 9.13(67)
2 June	Bomaderry	Won	14-13 to 6-8
9 June	Wollongong	Won	forfeit
17 June	Dapto	Won	13-15 to 6-17
23 June	Nowra	Won	14-15 to 12-14
30 June	Nowra	Won	15-11 to 12-6
14 July	Bomaderry	Won	15-16 to 4-5
18 July	ALBATROSS	Won	19-23 to 7-4
22 July	Wollongong	Won	15-22 to 9-11
28 July	Dapto	Won	14-17 to 8-4
4 Aug	Bomaderry	Won	18-8 to 6-5
19 Aug	Nowra	Won	13-15 to 7-6

Sporting Results (contd)

SOCCER

2 June	Bomaderry	Won	3-1
16 June	Nowra	Lost	5-1
17 June	Shoalhaven United	Draw	5-5
20 June	ALBATROSS	Lost	10-2
30 June	ALBATROSS	Lost	5-2
14 July	Shoalhaven United	Draw	3-3
21 July	Bomaderry	Lost	4-1
25 July	ALBATROSS	Lost	7-1
18 Aug	Shoalhaven United	Lost	4-2
19 Aug	Nowra	Lost	4-2

HOCKEY

2 June	Berrima	Won	6-2
16 June	Moss Vale	Draw	2-2
23 June	ALBATROSS	Draw	5-5
30 June	Veterans	Lost	4-2
14 July	Berrima	Won	3-2
21 July	Whyte Cup K.O. Comp	Won the PLATE event.	
5 Aug	Moss Vale	Lost	6-2
18 Aug	Veterans	Lost	6-2

BASKETBALL

30 May	Shoalhaven	Lost	43-38
13 June	Navy	Won	24-14
16 July	Under 16s	Lost	32-9
30 July	Nowra	Lost	26-15
13 Aug	Navy	Won	20-16

CROSS COUNTRY

14 July	Frank McCaffrie Shield	Won, defeated Nowra
5 Aug	5-Way Meeting	4th, to CBHS, Uni of Sydney, RMC.

OFFICERS' MOVEMENTS

<u>Posting Out</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Whither</u>
LEUT D. Laing, RAN	29 May 73	ALBATROSS
LEUT P.J. Rawlings, RAN	22 Jul 73	CERBERUS

<u>Posting In</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Whence</u>
ASLT W.R. SMITH, RAN	28 May 73	PENGUIN
ASLT S.P. Lemon, RAN	28 May 73	PENGUIN
ASLT R.T. Steward, RAN	28 May 73	PENGUIN
ASLT P.R. Corney, RAN	28 May 73	PENGUIN
ASLT J.W. Wells, RAN	28 May 73	PENGUIN
LEUT G.E. Knoblanche, RAN	28 May 73	PLATYPUS
SBLT T.J.D. Breukel, RAN	18 July 73	HOBART
LCDR P.A. Newcomb, RAN	30 July 73	CARPENTARIA

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HMAS CRESWELL - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS
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Commodore
for Flag Officer Commanding

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HMAS CRESWELL
JERVIS BAY 2540

18th December, 1973

The Flag Officer Commanding,
EAST AUSTRALIA AREA

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMAS CRESWELL under my Command from 25th August 1973 to 18th December, 1973.
2. The term has been marked by an increased tempo in all areas culminating in examinations, the promotion parade and requirements for Christmas leave. The promotion parade in particular has occupied almost everyone at HMAS CRESWELL, in one way or another. 1973, the Diamond Jubilee Year of the RAN College has been a busy one for all who served here. A wide variety of activities have been undertaken and much publicity has resulted; the impression given has been one of which the staff can be justly proud.
3. One of the highlights of the term was the visit, on 19th October of His Royal Highness, The Prince Philip. The cheerfulness with which he conducted the tour, the interest he showed in everything he saw and the ease and candour with which he spoke to everyone was most impressive. The RAN College was greatly honoured by the visit.
4. The results of the Junior Officers Job Analysis are awaited with some expectation. Proposals dealing with the feasibility of transferring the Supplementary List training to HMAS CRESWELL, Term 9 training and the overall re-appraisal of the Creswell Course will be affected and of course new course training standards are to be introduced.
5. The manpower reductions announced during the last budget session caused a searching review of manpower usage in HMAS CRESWELL to be carried out. It was found that the civilian complement could not be significantly reduced without an unacceptable decline in the standards of maintenance. A number of proposals for reduction of the uniformed complement were able to be made by transferring the workload slightly in some areas. The cancellation of the Complements Committee visit was disappointing especially since a great deal of work had been put into preparing CRESWELL's submission. A recent Navy Office letter approved a number of changes, both increases and reductions as a result of the two reviews carried out.

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Promotion Parade

6. The 1973 Promotion Parade was held on Thursday 6th December. A change in emphasis, together with the fact that this is the Diamond Jubilee Year, prompted some changes in format and the innovation proved worthwhile, with the parade being voted a most colourful and successful occasion. Excellent weather prevailed and enabled the Promotion Ball that night to be held outdoors in a picturesque setting.

7. The evening was given a splendid start by a performance of Beat Retreat by the East Australia Area Band and a guard of Senior cadets. Rarely can a band have performed more impressively than on this day and it is sad to see the HMAS ALBATROSS band numbered as a victim of the reductions in defence expenditure. It will be necessary for heavy and expensive demands to be placed on the EAA Band next year if the drill standards and spectacle seen on this day are to be maintained.

8. The assistance and support of other authorities, particularly of Naval Headquarters, contributed greatly to the success of the day.

Visitors

9. A number of distinguished people visited the College during the term and details of the visits are listed at Annex C.

Academic Instruction

10. A full programme of instruction and revision culminated in major examinations this term for all cadets. External examinations were taken by cadets in the first year of degree courses (class I) and by cadets in the second year of HSC courses (class J2). Results of the former are expected later this month and those of the latter in January.

11. Cadets of the 1973 junior entry (class J1) have taken their first major progress examinations since joining the College and results are, in general, satisfactory. Six cadets who are currently under Warning for Studies are believed to be in a position that is retrievable. The withdrawal from training of two others is under consideration and one cadet who tendered his resignation a short time ago made no serious attempt at the examinations. He scored an average mark of 15 per cent.

12. Cadets of class IC completed the first year of the Creswell course with average marks varying from a creditable 83% to a low of 35%. The latter figure relates to a cadet who has submitted his resignation and who has already left the College on leave without pay. Eight cadets who failed to reach pass standard in either one or two terminating subjects are to be re-examined in the early part of next term. It is hoped, with fair confidence, that all these will be successful.

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13. The fourth Creswell course which began in January 1971 was completed this term by a class of 26 midshipmen, including five who joined the course at a late stage on transfer from degree courses. All candidates except one secured clear passes in all subjects. The exception was conceded a pass in a single subject by the Study Board. Over the course as a whole the qualification for time gained ranged from 1½ months to 5½ months. No one qualified for the maximum of 6 months.

14. Results of examinations taken by student officers who are attending courses at the University of NSW will be known later this month.

Academic Staff

15. The position of librarian fell vacant in term 2 as reported in my last report of proceedings and has remained vacant throughout this term. One candidate for the position is currently under consideration. In the meantime Mr. J. E. Casey, lecturer in charge, mathematics, has acted as library supervisor and an additional clerical assistant, grade 1, has been employed to enable library routines to be maintained.

16. Two Instructor officers have been posted out of the College either during or at the end of term after periods of duty at RANC ranging from three to four years. Replacements have been posted to join in January.

17. Reference has been made in two previous Reports of Proceedings to the salaries of civilian academic staff. Suitable increases in salaries retrospective to January 1973 were made during the term.

18. Several civilian and uniformed members of the academic staff have been engaged in part time studies for higher degrees and have made pleasing progress.

Service Education

19. Interest in SGCE by the Ships Company continues to be minimal. Nevertheless, one sailor presented for one subject at the October examination while three others are preparing for the April series.

20. Three Instructor Officers from RANC have been involved with SGCE as members of the Examination Boards for English, Geography and Chemistry.

Resettlement

21. Eleven sailors were interviewed during the term. All received counselling from both the Resettlement Officer and the Commonwealth Employment Service. Although aware of their entitlements only three have made application for any form of post discharge training.

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Professional Training

22. Professional naval training has progressed satisfactorily and the only major task envisaged is the conversion to new course training standards to be introduced as a result of the Junior Officer Job Analysis. One particular problem area that has recently evolved is the lack of available billets in the training ship. The decision to have only one training ship now means that the current practice of a complete class undertaking their training together until commencement of Phase II training can no longer be used. The optimum class size for both ANZAC and DUCHESS is 20 cadets whilst the maximum acceptable cannot be more than 30. An increasing amount of training ship time will be required for RANC training in the foreseeable future.

Sailing

23. Sailing in HMAS CRESWELL is a major cadet activity, occupying most dog watches and weekends during Term III. The notable enthusiasm of the junior cadets has, with training, been matched with improving skill. Indeed, the RANC single-handed champion is a junior cadet. The adequate provision of 13 Bosun dinghies has enabled both sail training and recreational competition to progress favourably. An Inter-Service Colleges sailing regatta is being arranged between RANC, RAAFA and RMC. It is hoped that this will become an annual event with each College hosting in turn. The first regatta is scheduled for RANC 02-03 March 1974. The competition for the Gibson Shield, an inter-divisional dinghy sailing series for crews of two was keenly contested by 54 pairs. The Divisional winner was Phillip for the second year in succession. The Peter Sharp Trophy for single handed dinghy sailing was, this year, a most successful competition and the improvement in the level of skill was noticeable. Compulsory entry for class IC was abandoned and a volunteer field of 46 competed.

24. The Endeavour Class yachts CALLALA and CURRARONG have been in constant use. The principle of "crew maintenance" has resulted in the cadets learning worthwhile aspects of ship husbandry as well as keeping the vessels immaculate. These craft are training vessels "par excellence", being small enough to be easily handled yet large enough to be seaworthy and accommodate four crew for expedition training.

25. FRANKLIN returned to RANC in September. The fitting of a diesel engine has improved the handling and safety of the yacht. Her projected cruising programme was abandoned when it was decided to enter her in the Sydney Hobart Race. FRANKLIN is at present in Sydney being prepared for this race and will return to CRESWELL early in January 1974.

26. RANC has affiliated with the Jervis Bay Cruising Yacht Club and competes regularly in races sponsored by that Club. The three College yachts are doing very well in both the inshore and offshore point score. It is proposed to enter CALLALA and CURRARONG in the State Endeavour 24 championships to be held on Middle Harbour in January 1974.

Marine Section

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27. The period under report was initially quiet due to the closure of the NAS NOWRA airfield for leave period and the absence of several fleet units participating in RIMPAC 73. Advantage was taken of this quiet time to give all Marine Section personnel a firefighting course at the J.B. fireground and an aircraft crash and rescue course at HMAS ALBATROSS. In October the work load returned to normal and during the period support facilities were provided for nineteen Fleet units and R.I. SIBARU. No air alerts occurred and only one civilian SAR incident was reported.

28. Acting on a report received from a fishing vessel which intercepted a radio message from an unidentified boat which has supposedly stuck a log and was sinking, Marine Ops Canberra initiated a sea and air search 10 miles East of Jervis Bay on 27 August. The sea search was terminated that day and no further request or information was forthcoming from Marine Ops Canberra.

29. HMAS AWARE remained under my operational control in the SAR and Fleet support role and is currently at HMAS WATERHEN for a Base assisted maintenance and leave period.

30. TRV 801, which has been at Garden Island throughout most of the period under report for an intermediate docking, returned to CRESWELL on 6th December. Whilst TRV.801 was absent, TRV 802 on loan from HMAS WATERHEN and manned by Marine section personnel, carried out fleet support duties in the Jervis Bay area. SAR 6301 and AWL 304 completed refit and returned in company to Jervis Bay on 18th September.

31. Two 26' Harbour personnel boats were received during the period. These craft differ mechanically from the 26' Utility boats held in that they are fitted with Caterpillar diesels instead of Detroit. One 17'6" Hercules dinghy was also received during the period and three 25' motor cutters and one 45' motor boat were returned. AWB.418 has completed refit and AWB.4003 is currently in refit. A total of 248 boat trips were made in carrying out fleet support tasks.

32. All seamen Petty Officers borne for Support and SAR craft coxswains duties have now successfully completed the Senior Sailors Navigation course conducted at HMAS WATSON.

33. Details of Fleet support, SAR and training activities undertaken by HMAS CRESWELL support craft are contained at Annex B.

Engineering and Electrical

34. The consistent wet conditions have kept the lawn-mowers busy in heavy conditions with the expected increased maintenance load. However maintenance staff is able to cope and mowers are out of service for a minimum time. The two "Flymo" mowers have been returned to Garden Island Dockyard for survey. All other Engineering and Electrical activities have been of a routine nature.

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Motor Transport

35. One new vehicle was received during the term, one Hino 50-seat bus which is very popular with both drivers and passengers. One Bedford 42-seat bus was transferred to HMAS HARMAN on 12th November 1973. Outstanding vehicles are one 50Ton tip truck and one Land Rover.

36. The jury rigged Leyland truck, provided as a stop gap measure is inadequate safeguard in the light of the bush-fire danger at HMAS CRESWELL. It has now been in service for 13 months and the arrival of the firefighting tender is awaited.

Works and Property

37. No major new works or repairs and maintenance, other than MIR items, have been progressed during the period. Some furniture authorised by DV 200/72-73 has been received, the remainder is expected to arrive shortly.

38. The condition of accommodation at CRESWELL, both married and single, is of increasing concern. The sanitary facilities in the Ship's Company accommodation are inadequate and an increase in gastritis and related sicknesses, has been noted. The full circumstances and proposals were forwarded in CRESWELL letters 22/3/5 of 30 November and 5 December 1973.

Supply & Secretariat

39. The Supply and Secretariat department has continued to be fully occupied during the term. The departments' complement has remained relatively stable and it is hoped that this will apply for some time. There have been two reversions during the period necessitating postings for the POSV and a LSTD. The assistance and co-operation received from the office of DSP, despite branch shortages and other difficulties, has been most gratifying.

40. The S & S department has been very active and successful in Ship's Company sport, with the Junior Sailors of the department providing the mainstay of the Ship's Company teams in the summer sports competition, consisting of cricket, softball, tennis and volleyball. This is encouraging in the present time, and has helped to maintain @ good morale in the department.

41. A visit was programmed by the Navy Internal Audit section during October but this had to be cancelled because of the impending amalgamation of the services' auditing branches. It is hoped that this visit can be re-programmed as soon as possible.

42. Mr. N. Mowbray of the office machinery section in Navy Office paid a welcome visit to the establishment in September to conduct a successful office machinery survey and offer advice and assistance.

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43. Lieutenant Commander T.W. Vance, Machinery Spares Liaison Officer, also paid a welcome visit to CRESWELL in October.
44. The surplus galley equipment from HMAS ALBATROSS mentioned in the Term II report has been received and installed and has been of considerable benefit.
45. A "Brunch" system of eating has been successfully tried and implemented in the Main Galley (for Senior and Junior Sailors only), on weekends instead of normal breakfast and lunch meals. Breakfast dishes and small grills to order are available in the cafeterias on a running basis from 0730 to 1230. This has proved very popular with the ship's company while putting no appreciable extra load on the galley staff and incurring no extra general mess expenditure,
46. Buffet lunches of a standard suitable for the occasion have been put on for large parties of Japanese and Korean cadets visiting the RANC in September and November respectively. Apart from these, buffet lunches have also been provided approximately once a month in all cafeterias.
47. The Supply Officer, CPOSV and Clothing Store POSV paid a successful visit to REVY in November to finalise arrangements for the kitting-up in REVY of new entry cadet midshipmen in January 1974. Mr. Robinson (SVSO) himself devoted much time to the meeting and it was evident that REVY staff have put a lot of effort into planning and preparation for the event.
48. Stocktaking by Random (Statistical) Sampling (ANO 203/73) has been implemented in the Naval Stores in the last quarter. First indications are that the stocktaking of the first segment produced a discrepancy rate well within the acceptable 5%.
49. Pay Office staff are in course of implementing the latest pay rise on the eve of the main leave and Christmas and New Year holiday periods. Doubtless the writer sailors will again rise to the occasion.
50. The first civilian Canteen Manager appointed at the end of July proved unfortunately to be unsuitable for the job and was unable to cope. His resignation was accepted in mid-September and the Canteen was effectively without a Manager from late August until 29th October, when the new appointee commenced duty. The present manager is a well known retired CPOSTD living locally who served in CRESWELL only three years ago and he augurs well on present indications. Inevitably the Canteen is taking some time to recover from the period without a Manager.
51. The whole department, especially the Secretarial and Catering section, were kept extremely busy preparing for the Promotion Day on 6 Dec. HMAS ALBATROSS' Supply Department provided willing assistance in the form of staff and mess gear.

52. The standard of some Cooks and Stewards leaves a lot to be desired. Most of those currently billeted at HMAS CRESWELL are straight from the Supply School and therefore extremely inexperienced. Because of their ages they find the isolation of the establishment difficult to become accustomed to and almost invariably they constitute the majority of ship's company offenders each month. Proposals concerning the standard of sailors posted to HMAS CRESWELL were contained in my letter 1/7/9 of 16 November 1973.

53. The Legal Officer has continued to provide valued assistance and advice in all manner of cases.

Clubs

54. There has again been little interest in club activities during the term but the annual Jazz and Revue attracted the attention of a large number of cadets. With a member of the academic staff (Mr. B. NUGENT) in charge, the cadets produced an excellent evening's entertainment and displayed talents which the Wardrooms of the Fleet can be expected to enjoy in the years ahead.

Public Relations

55. As stated previously, a great deal of publicity has resulted from the Diamond Jubilee celebrations, the visits of distinguished personages and the promotion parade. In addition, a pictorial history of the RANC comprising a double page spread has been prepared and is to be released to the national press shortly and hometown stories and photographs of the promotion class were sent to all hometown papers.

56. A team from Greys Advertising Agency visited the college on Thursday 20th September to collect information for recruiting pamphlets.

Guest Lectures

57. The Guest Lecture programme was continued in the third term, with two very interesting speakers. On 27 Sept. Vice Admiral Sir John Collins addressed the cadets, giving comparisons of the RAN in 1913 and 1973. On 21st November Mr. McMurchie from the Australian Finance Corporation gave a long awaited talk on "the wise use of credit". Having such a personal application, the cadets had many delving questions, and the lecture proved most successful. Both speakers contributed greatly to the education of the cadets, in areas where they would reap some benefit.

Sport

58. Term III has had a full sporting programme. The main sports of cricket and tennis were played against other schools on a home and away basis. Other sports included sailing, surf life saving, basketball, athletics, softball and volleyball, all contributing to a keen inter-divisional competition. Most representative teams had their share of wins, and considering the size of the opposing establishments, and the small numbers at RANC, they performed very well.

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59. The Annual CRESWELL Cup was keenly contested and was eventually won in fine style, by the Junior Sailors team. The RANC Golf Championships also had strong support, as did the Tennis Championships. The Inter-Mess Summer Sports Competition was full of interest once again. This three way tussle between the Wardroom, CPOs & POs and Junior Sailors, proved to be very popular and the outcome is, as yet, undecided.

Expeditions

60. Following the HSC examinations, members of J2 class travelled to the RAN Ski Lodge, at Perisher Valley, where they were employed on excavation work around the site. Others went to HMAS CERBERUS on a sports course, while the remainder had a familiarization visit to HMAS TORRENS, in Garden Island Dockyard. All groups gained much from their visits, and similar excursions will be planned next year. Due to the heavy sporting commitment, and intense end of year study schedule, the time allotted for expeditions was limited.

General

61. The reported unsatisfactory removals situation has been further aggravated recently by the heavy Christmas commitments. Uplifts for which up to 2 months notice has been given are failing to be met until days after that requested and contractors must be chased by telephone to ensure that they arrive at a reasonable time of day.

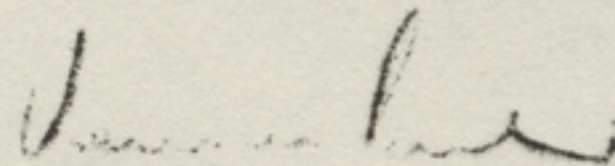
62. The medical and dental health of the Ship's Company and Cadets continues to be satisfactory although the Ship's Company health has been affected by the conditions of the sanitary facilities in their accommodation block. This too has affected the morale somewhat although it has been more than compensated for by the improvements carried out in the Junior Sailors Club, the outstanding success of the three-way sporting competition in which the Junior Sailors are leading, and the recent pay rise. The combination of CRESWELL's isolation and the standard of accommodation, which lags far behind that enjoyed in every other major establishment will continue to be a discouragement to the Ship's Company and it is hoped that a positive and favourable decision will be made to replace the existing sub-standard accommodation soon.

63. On handing over to my successor on 19th December, I am confident that the RAN College will continue to do well and meet its very important task of preparing the future officers of the Navy. Throughout my year in command, I have always been able to rely on the cheerful and loyal support of both the uniformed and civilian staff and it has been a great honour to command such a fine establishment.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,



(V.A. PARKER)
CAPTAIN, RAN
COMMANDING OFFICER

Annex

- A. Sporting Results
- B. Fleet Support details
- C. Important Visitors
- D. Officers Postings

SPORTING DETAILS

Cricket

22/9/73 RANC all out for 77 lost to Sydney Grammar 4-113
29/9/73 RANC all out 98 and 3-43 lost to Old Cranbrookians
all out 116 and 6-29.
6/10/73 RANC 7-102 drew with Cranbrook School AO-105
20/10/73 RANC AO-100 lost to The Kings School 7-101
3/11/73 RANC AO-142 defeated St. Patrick's College,
Goulburn AO-37.
24/11/73 RANC drew with Trinity College 7-120 - 4-223
8/12/73 RANC drew with Navy Office

Tennis

22/9/73 RANC defeated Sydney Grammar 6-3
20/10/73 RANC defeated The Kings School 7 - 1
3/11/73 RANC Defeated St. Patrick's College 4-2
24/11/73 RANC defeated Trinity 3 - 1

Basketball

3/11/73 RANC lost to St. Patrick's College, 58-54

Sailing

17/11/73) RANC defeated RANSA at Jervis Bay
18/11/73)

FLEET SUPPORT, SAR & TRAINING ACTIVITIES

a.	9	Beccroft range clearances
b.	7	Triplane target laying
c.	1	Submarine target simulator trial
d.	2	Williams target towing
e.	1	Distex/Isex
f.	1	MK 44 steeraway trial
g.	1	Range safety
h.	3	Supplying fresh water
j.	2	SARBE beacon trial
k.	1	Liferaft trials
l.	10	Night flying SAR vessel
m.	4	Cadet training

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IMPORTANT VISITORS : TERM III, 1973

NAME	DATE	OCCASION
VADM J. Ishimo, plus staff and 160 cadets of the JMSDF Training Squadron	26 Sept	-
VADM Sir John Collins, KBE, CB	27 Sept	Guest Lecture
Training Technology team	1-5 Oct	Workshop
8 TAS and NSW Headmasters	10-14 Oct	-
CAPT J.A. Gledhill, DSC, RAN	17 Oct	Master Planning
HRH The Prince Philip	19 Oct	-
VADM Sir Richard PEEK, KBE, CB, DSC	14 Nov	Farewell Visit
CMDR Shim plus staff and 130 cadets of ROK Navy	15 Nov	-
Mr. R.T. McMURCHIE,	21 Nov	Guest Lecture
RADM W.J. DOVERS, CBE, DSC	24-25 Nov	Dovers Cup Golf Tournament
HIS EXCELLENCY, The Governor-General The Rte Hon. Sir Paul Hasluck, GCMG, GCVO, KSt.J	6 Dec	Promotion Parade
Admiral Sir Victor Smith, KBE, CB, DEC	"	"
VADM H.D. Stevenson, CBE	"	"
Air Marshall C.F. READ, CB, CBE, DFC, AFC	"	"
RADM B.W. Mussared, CBE	"	"
RADM A.G. McFarlane, ADC	"	"
RADM G.J. Willis	"	"
RADM H.A. Showers, CBE (Retd)	"	"
Commodore J. Plunkett-Cole (Retd)	"	"

ANNEX D. to HMAS CRESWELL
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NAME

DATE

WHITHER/WHENCE

POSTING OUT

LEUT J.W.BRUCKNER, USN

3 Sep 73

SWAN

LEUT J.W.CASEY, RAN

21 Sep 73

CARPENTARIA

LEUT D.J.CAMPBELL, RAN

14 Sep 73

ANA, Washington

LEUT H.J.MURDOCH, RAN

25 Nov 73

CARPENTARIA

SISS P.M. HUNT, RANNS

13 Dec 73

PENGUIN

POSTING IN

LEUT D.P. LANCASTER, RAN

15 Sep 73

NIRIMBA

LEUT S.H. DAVIDSON, RAN

9 Oct 73

ALBATROSS

LEUT D.I. DAVIDSON, RAN

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