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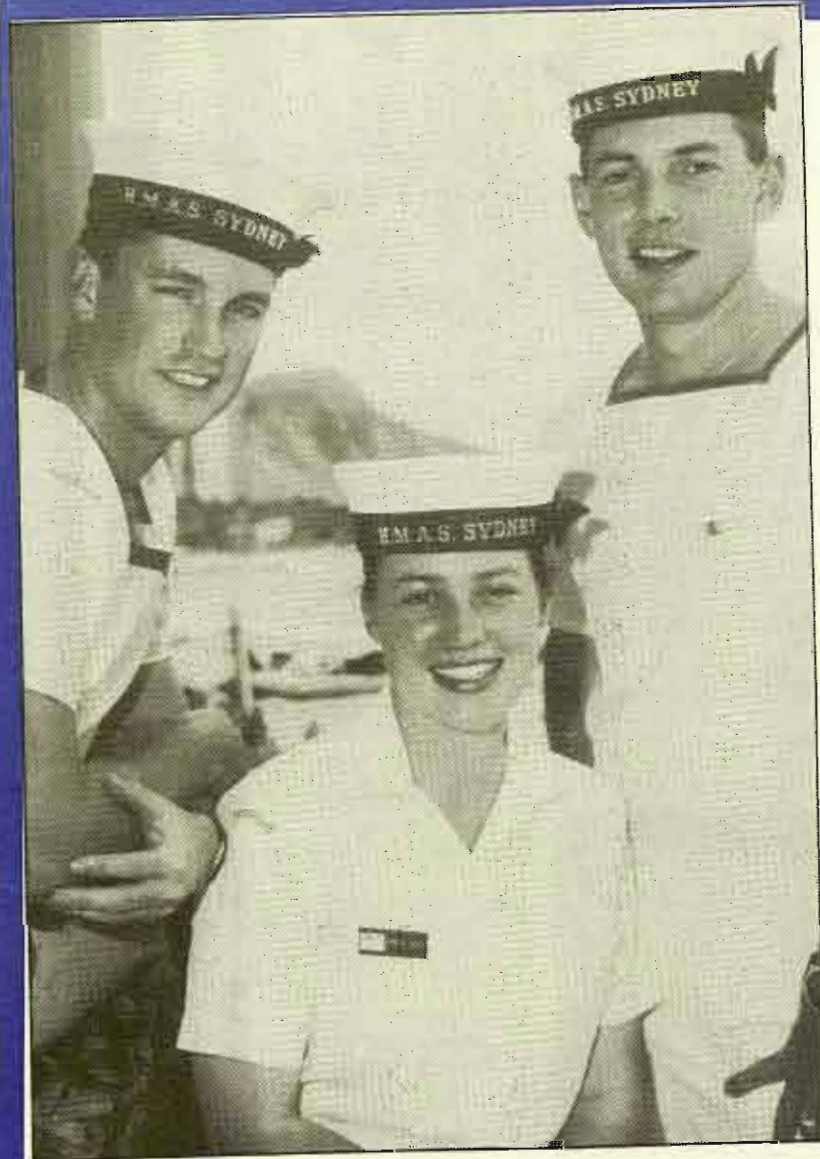


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Enjoying the warm weather of Hawaii during RIMPAC '94, are (l-r) LSCSO John Tribe, ABCSO Kirstie Hicks and ABETS Jason Auger from HMAS SYDNEY.
Picture: ABPH Andrew Bott.

RIMPAC off and running

By Commander Tim Bloomfield in Hawaii

Four Australian ships, HMA Ships HOBART, SUCCESS, DARWIN and SYDNEY, the submarine HMAS OVENS, three P3 Orion aircraft from 92 Wing, South Australia, a detachment from the Special Air Services (SAS), RAN clearance divers and a small contingent of headquarters staff and public affairs officers make up the Australian contingent in the largest maritime exercise for a number of years - RIMPAC 94.

The exercise began in the Pacific off Hawaii on May 23 and will run for a month. Navies participating besides Australia are the United States, South Korea, Japan and Canada.

RIMPAC 94 is the 14th in a series of biennial exercises which began in 1971.

Following a very heavy exercise schedule, both on the way across to Hawaii and during the lead up to the commencement of RIMPAC 94, the ships sailed from Pearl Harbour on Tuesday to start the sea phase of the exercise.

The Pacific Missile Range has been heavily utilised by DARWIN and SYDNEY with a Harpoon firing by DARWIN a great success.

The Seahawks have also undertaken some successful torpedo attacks.

And the ship's companies of all units are making good use of their free time, participating in numerous leisure activities available on Aloha Island.

Mustang convertibles are easily the most popular hire cars with our ships' car parks dotted with these sleek machines.

Hawaii has really opened up for the 25,000 Service personnel participating in the exercise.



HMAS DARWIN fires a Harpoon missile at the Pacific Missile Range Facility (PMRF) off the Island of Kauai. Picture: ABPH Andrew Bott.

Back to school for TORRENS



Crew members, school staff and student Vincent Smith (12) after a hard day's work.

During a visit to Adelaide the crew of HMAS TORRENS has visited the ship's charity - St Ann's School.

St Ann's is a small school which caters specifically for children with special needs.

TORRENS has been assisting the school for 18 years and each visit to Adelaide allows the crew to show its support. This deployment was no exception.

The wide-eyed school children were treated to a tour of the ship and then members of the ship's company dirtied their hands and overalls at a working bee at the school.

The Commanding Officer CMDR Gately also presented the school with a cheque for \$800 which had been raised since the last visit, along with a few more photos to go on the TORRENS wall in the school gym.



HMAS GASCOYNE ... had something of a pioneering job ahead of it.

FRIGATES OF FORTUNE

When Mort's Dock at Balmain built the first of them half a century ago this year people generally opened and closed their mouths at mere mention of the word "frigate".

All they could picture in their minds were the multi-gunned frigates of yesterday - "The Wooden Walls of England" as they were known in the Nelson era.

For frigates had been part and parcel of the Sydney Harbour scene since the early days of colonisation with frigates of the French, Russian and later American and other navies in our waters mingling with the great frigates of Britain's Royal Navy stationed out here in the early days.

Fifty years ago, back in 1943, Mort's Dock spawned the first of a whole new breed of frigates as we now know them.

When HMAS GASCOYNE commissioned its ship's company of some 160 officers and men had something of a pioneering job ahead of it to popularise re-introduction of the term frigate into our maritime scene.

As early as 1941 the Australian government recognised the need for a new class of warship with a sea endurance of some 5000 miles for long-range convoy escort work. Ships that would be well-armed and with excellent anti-submarine capabilities.

Mort's Dock and Cockatoo Island were the two shipyards which, with Walker's and Evans Deakin in Queensland plus Williamstown in Victoria, were allocated the task of building the new frigates.

Despite the drabness of

By
Max Thomson

war there was a degree of pomp and ceremony when HMAS GASCOYNE commissioned at Mort's Dock after a construction period of about a year and four months.

Six were built to take their place in the wartime Navy - HMA Ships GASCOYNE, BARCOO, BURDEKIN, HAWKESBURY, LACHLAN and DIAMANTINA.

Operating mainly with Task forces of the US 7th Fleet they became involved in an exciting array of wartime assignments and in

which was to destroy the frigate purposely in the tests, watched by warships of the British and Australian navies that formed the special squadron gathered for the complex atomic tests.

Sydney then became home-base for the next generation of frigates - the US-built guided missile frigates HMAS ADELAIDE, HMAS CANBERRA, HMAS SYDNEY and HMAS PERTH - joined now by HMAS MELBOURNE and, soon, HMAS NEWCASTLE.

But it will be the exciting new ANZAC class frigates which will help take our naval defences into the 2000s.

As leader of the new class of frigates HMAS ANZAC will be the first to be built by AMECON at Williamstown, followed for our Navy by HMA Ships ARRERENTE, WARUMUNGA, STUART, PARRAMATTA, BALLARAT, TOOWOOMBA and PERTH.

Amid this construction program two other frigates of the ANZAC class will be built for the Royal New Zealand Navy.

Of some 3500 tonnes and 114 meters long the new ANZAC ships will feature twin cruise diesels with a single gas turbine for high speed, with two controllable-pitch propellers.

Their potency will consist of a 127mm (5-inch) gun, missiles in a vertical launcher, sonar and electronic sophistication plus accommodation for a helicopter.

It's all a far cry from the frigate HMS IRIS of Britain's Royal Navy which, in 1859 was stationed in Sydney as the first flagship of the Australian Squadron of the Royal Navy, long before the RAN was established in its own right in 1911.

A parkland now dominates the tranquillity of the scene where Mort's Dock once produced frigates, corvettes and many other fine ships; and Cockatoo Island no longer resounds to the clang of steel and the din of riveting and welding.

But frigates will be the keynote when men who served in HMAS GASCOYNE, as the first of our modern-day frigates - hold a special 50-year commemorative national reunion in Sydney from November 17-19.

For the story behind the author see page 15.



HMAS DIAMANTINA.

Study of Supply Officer role

A study is to be undertaken into the role of the RAN Supply Officer to the year 2003.

A DEFNAV statement says the 1990 ROCS Report could not have envisaged the range and depth of change which has since taken place in the support areas of Navy, defence and industry.

The next decade will also present Navy with a broad range of logistics issues to be resolved as it moves towards the goals set in the Navy Vision 2003, it adds.

In view of this change and acknowledging that logistics involves specialisations other than supply, CMDR B.C. Robinson has been commissioned to conduct a study into the role of the Supply Officer to the year 2003.

The study is to encompass:

- The role, requirement and duties of the Supply Officer at sea.
- The role, requirement and duties of the Supply Officer in operational and non-operational shore establishments.
- Whether the structure of the Supply Officer specialisation will support the identified role and contribute to realising the

Navy Vision 2003.

• Whether the training of Supply Officers is appropriate for the roles identified to 2003.

• The continued relevance of sea charge in the career progression of Supply Officers.

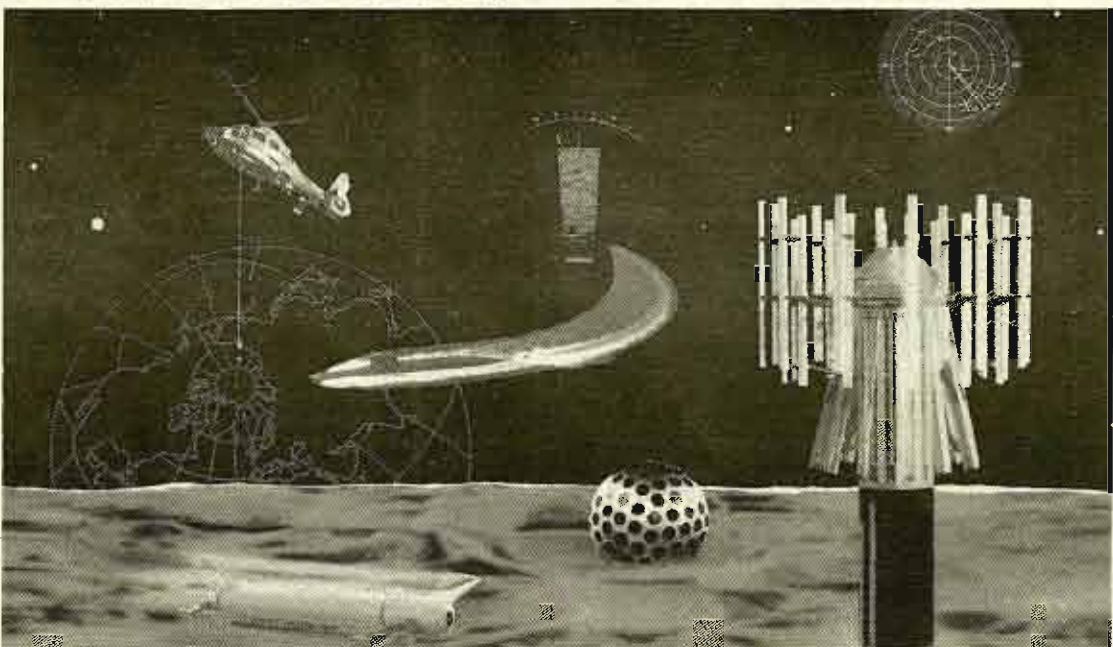
• The identification of appropriate functional area billets, as prescribed by ROCS, and the development of Supply Officers to fill them.

• Any effects upon other supply branch ranks and non-supply specialisations of proposed changes to the role of the Supply Officer.

The study will also extend beyond the tasks currently performed by Supply Officers.

CMDR Robinson will commence the study in July 18, 1994 and present his report on October 30, 1994. He will be assisted by LEUT J.V. Craig.

Personnel and groups who wish to forward submissions should do so to: Director Logistic Services - Navy, Campbell Park Offices, CP3-1-02, facsimile (06) 266 2388.



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BRISBANE REDEDICATED

The Navy's guided missile destroyer HMAS BRISBANE, affectionately known as the "Steel Cat", returned to the Fleet late in May following an extensive 10-month refit.

To mark the occasion, a rededication ceremony, similar to a ship's commissioning service, was held at the Fleet Base, Woolloomooloo Bay, attended by both the Maritime Commander Australia, RADM Don Chalmers and the Flag Officer Naval Support Command, RADM Tony Hunt.

A feature of the ceremony was the presentation of a "Three Star" safety award from the National Safety Council of Australia acknowledging the high standards of occupational health and safety maintained by BRISBANE throughout the refit.

During the refit, considerable work was under-

taken to improve the ship's habitability, including additional accommodation for BRISBANE's company of 333, a new recreational space and new equipment in the main galley.

Ten months in refit

In accordance with the Navy's commitment to environmental protection a new sewage treatment plant was also fitted, while a good deal of work was done to upgrade and renew existing systems.

New communications equipment was fitted, the

ship's boilers were dismantled and fully refurbished and extensive hull preservation has been completed.

All weapon systems and related sensors were carefully overhauled and renewed, including the fitting of new barrels to both five-inch guns.

As a result of the refit, the Steel Cat returns to the Fleet as one of the most capable ships in the Royal Australian Navy.

HMAS BRISBANE is one of three guided missile destroyers (DDGs) in the RAN. She was commissioned on December 16, 1967, and has seen active service in two wars.

In Vietnam the ship served two tours "on the gun line" between 1969 and 1971 and 20 years later she earned a Meritorious Unit Citation for distinguished service in the Gulf.



HMAS BRISBANE's ship's company snapped during the rededication ceremony in Sydney. Picture: ABPH Stuart Farrow.

Service allowance decision reserved

The ADF case for an increase in Service Allowance has been completed before the Defence Force Remuneration Tribunal (DFRT).

The case included a total of six days evidence before the DFRT.

The ADF case used the working hours survey to demonstrate that the liability to work long hours had increased in recent years.

Other evidence introduced a number of adverse affects on members' families which the ADF claimed had not been considered when the amount of the allowance was last set.

Further evidence was presented to indicate that the disabilities had not decreased in the other areas of Service discipline and working conditions.

The ADF asked for an increase in the allowance of at least 20 percent.

Both RSL and ArFFA presented strong cases in support of the ADF case.

The DFRT has reserved its decision.

While there can be no guarantee of the outcome of the case either as to the amount of any increase or timing, ADF members can be assured that a great deal of effort was put into the preparation and presentation of the case and that their interests were well represented.

LWOP and your Super

As periods of Leave Without Pay (LWOP) can ultimately affect when you receive your retirement benefit, or how much your benefit will be on leaving the Defence Force, it is important that you understand your scheme's LWOP provisions.

If you go on LWOP for 21 days or less you must continue to make superannuation contributions, irrespective of whether you are in the DFRDB Scheme or the MSBS.

Generally, if your period of LWOP exceeds 21 days you cannot continue to make contributions, and the period is not counted as service. Again, this applies to mem-

bers of both the Defence Force superannuation schemes.

As a member of the DFRDB Scheme there are no circumstances where you can continue superannuation contributions when you have been on LWOP for more than 21 days.

Contributions

But, if you are in the MSBS Scheme there are certain situations when you may choose whether or not to contribute when your LWOP exceeds 21 days.

These cases are when you take LWOP:

- as part of maternity leave; and
- to accompany your

Defence Force spouse on a posting; or

- for study or work purposes where the MSB Board of Trustees approves the continuation of your contributions.

If you are thinking of taking LWOP you should contact your pay office, or ComSuper, to check the effect it will have on your benefits and the options that are available to you.

As part of the drive to improve its service to clients, ComSuper recently introduced a new Post Office box for correspondence from members of the military superannuation schemes.

This box is only for use by members of the DFRDB

scheme or the MSBS, by pay offices on behalf of serving Defence Force members, or by post-exit clients from any of the superannuation schemes that ComSuper administers.

Correspondence

Correspondence sent to the new PO box will go directly to the Retirement, Preservation and Military Member Services Section.

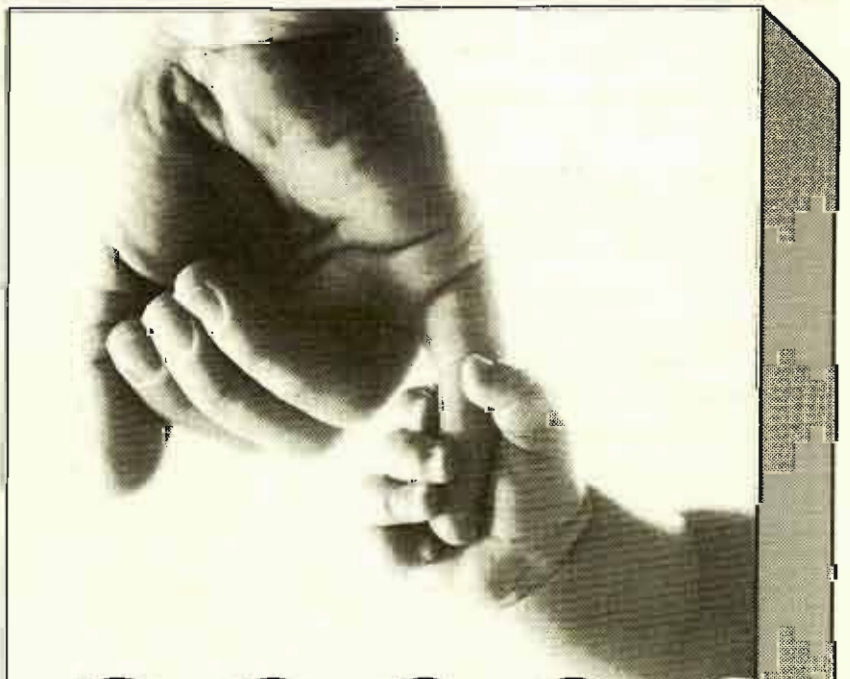
As a result of these changes it is anticipated that there will be an improvement in the time it takes ComSuper to process your request.

The new postal address is: ComSuper, PO box 443, Belconnen ACT 2616.

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Personal cheer squad for TORRENS

HMAS TORRENS (CMDR W.M. Gately) has some unlikely friends in the form of the grade four class at the primary school in the Canberra suburb of Torrens.

The 49 students and staff have made the pilgrimage from Canberra to greet the ship on its arrival in Port Kembla, forming a bright red cheer squad on the end of the breakwater.

The enthusiastic kids were then given a tour of the ship

including the gun turret, bridge, small arms display, fire fighting gear display, a ride in the ship's boat and a meal in the main canteen.

This friendship was formed soon after the ship commissioned and has been a tradition with the grade four class since.

Above: the grade four class of Torrens Primary onboard HMAS TORRENS.

On the seventeenth, as LCDR Norman lined up for a short putt...

... his car, video camera, CD player and uniform went for a "long drive".



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Navy energy management: it's YOUR responsibility

Energy Management is a key environmental issue as the Commonwealth Government, including Defence, attempts to meet its obligations under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (FCCC), which came into force on March 21, 1994.

Navy, as a major energy user (approximately \$58 million pa. in energy costs), has a responsibility to ensure the effective and efficient use of energy and the initiation of greenhouse response strategies, aimed at protecting the environment.

The Assistant Chief of the Defence Force for Logistics (ACLOG), AVM D.A. Tidd, MBE, AM, is the designated Defence Energy Manager.

The Defence Energy Management Program is a broad-based strategy, comprising elements of the National Energy Management Program, which aims to focus on Defence responsibilities for Energy Management.

Energy Management forms part of Navy's "Blueprint for a Green Navy" environmental strategy.

The Prime Minister Mr Paul Keating announced, in late 1992, that the Government would target energy reductions of 25 per cent over 10 years (using 1992-93 as a base year) for all Commonwealth-occupied buildings.

Defence reaffirmed its commitment to the energy efficiency process by endorsing an annual Defence energy savings target of 5 per cent in 1992 and 1993.

The target applies to all Navy buildings, fixed plant and equipment and is strongly supported by the Chief of Naval Staff, VADM R.G. Taylor.

Defence, including Navy, has chosen a corporate direction which meets the requirements of broader Government policy. It is expected that Defence will issue its own energy management policies in the near future.

MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

The Defence Energy Management Program comprises energy audits, implementation of energy savings technology in facilities and major equipment projects, commercial vehicle fleet programs and staff training and awareness activities.

Key result areas for Navy include:

- The identification of \$0.414 million pa. in energy savings from Navy's participation in the Commonwealth Government Buildings Energy Audit Program (HMAS STIRLING and Endeavour House);

- Installation of Building Management Systems at HMAS STIRLING and HMAS ALBATROSS rendering \$0.260 million pa. in energy savings; and,

- The training of over 50 Navy personnel in facilities energy management.

While the program has gained substantial momentum since 1990, considerable work and achievement lay ahead.

TRAINING AND AWARENESS

This article marks the launch of another staff awareness initiative.

Energy Management stickers and posters will be distributed to all Navy units to assist in making personnel mindful of the need to concentrate on the efficient use of fuel and power, particularly in relation to training activities and combat platform and equipment operations.

The poster shows the refuelling of surface combatants by HMAS SUCCESS.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF MANAGEMENT

Navy Management has a role to play in ensuring that all personnel and contractors follow efficient energy use procedures.

This includes the responsible use of motor transport vehicles, turning off all unrequired equipment and lighting, and maintaining sensible air conditioned work areas (consistent with good Occupational Health and Safety [OH&S] practice).

Management should also encourage staff, where possible, to use the Defence Energy Conservation Checklist for procedural guidance.

CONCLUSION

If Defence is to meet its international obligations, use energy effectively and protect the environment, then all Navy personnel must recognise the contribution they can make to energy management.

The responsibility for effective and efficient energy use remains with each member of the Navy.

The Government has brought down broad policy guidance and sets targets for energy reduction. It is up to Navy to meet the challenge.

Navy Energy Management is your responsibility.

For more information contact Nigel Martin, Assistant Energy Director Energy Management, telephone 06 266 2473 (DNATS 866 2473) or facsimile 06 266 2383, or CMDR Chris Oyston, Director of Environmental Management, Navy telephone 06 265 4877 (DNATS 896 4877) or facsimile 06 265 5050.



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Challenging 1994 for ADELAIDE



ADELAIDE's CO CAPT Bell judges a beard-growing competition. Among the competitors are (from left) ABMTP Morrie Morris, LEUT Will Martin, CPOETS Andy Thomson and ABETS Ottway.



An ADELAIDE sports afternoon in the South China Sea.

Much has occurred since ADELAIDE began 1994 alongside at Fleet Base West conducting an Intermediate Maintenance Availability period which included the fitting of the new big RIB and a Christmas leave period.

ADELAIDE also changed hands at the top with CAPT Marty Bell assuming command on January 7.

With the ship's company rejuvenated after leave, ADELAIDE, in company with DERWENT, TORRENS and WESTRALIA headed for the bright lights of Sydney.

During the transit the ships participated in Ex Eastern Adventure.

After a busy period alongside FBE which included phase one of the FCP 94-1, ADELAIDE sailed for FCP. Among the highlights were two successful SM1 firings against the Jindivik target.

Departing the EAXA in early March ADELAIDE conducted the next phase of Eastern Adventure, this time with MELBOURNE, DERWENT, TORRENS and WESTRALIA.

A testing Fleet AAW period in the Southern WAXA was completed prior to returning to FBW.

Both the NZ A4 SQN and the Learjets from NAS NOWRA were deployed to provide excellent AAW support throughout the period.

TG 627.3, consisting of ADELAIDE (CTG), DERWENT, MELBOURNE and WESTRALIA, departed

FBW on March 22 to tackle three days of concentrated ASW.

Operating against ORION with P3C assets from 92WG and under the close scrutiny of STG, ADELAIDE successfully fired two MK44 practice torpedoes and covered the entire gambit of ASW procedures and practices available in this short period.

Once the ASW period was completed TG 627.3 shaped course for the warmer climes of SE Asia.

The Easter weekend was conducted in the Indonesian port of Surabaya.

On sailing on April 5 the

trainers outside the Australian Station.

It was not all work, however, with most of the ship's company spending their hard earned on a myriad of "rabbits" and social activities.

The ship sailed on April 20 into yet another international exercise, this time with the Royal Singaporean Navy for SEA GRIFFIN 94-1.

RSS VALOUR, SEA DRAGON and SEA SCORPION participated in a good exercise with ADELAIDE and DERWENT with a number of personnel cross-decked to give both Singa-

remainder of TG 627.3.

Three days of intense anti-air exercises were conducted with aircraft from Singapore, Malaysia and Australia participating.

ADELAIDE, WESTRALIA and DERWENT departed the IADS operating area on April 30 and transited the Straits of Singapore and Malacca with WESTRALIA departing for Penang while ADELAIDE and DERWENT proceeded to the excellent facilities of the Royal Malaysian Navy port of Lumut for LUMUTEX 3.

The visit to Lumut ran smoothly and the hospitality of the Malaysian hosts was outstanding.

Complementing this was the opportunity to contest many sports on the fine facilities of the naval base.

The ships departed on May 5 in company with KD HANDALAN and KD SERANG.

The sea phase was conducted without a hitch and as this report was filed TG 727.3 was making its way to the next ports of call - for WESTRALIA it was off to Phuket and for ADELAIDE and DERWENT to Port Blair in the Andaman Islands of India.

After India ADELAIDE will make passage to Davao in the Philippines before returning home this month.

Testing Up Top deployment

TG conducted EX AUSINA 94-1 with the Indonesian ships KRI AHMAD YANI and KRI KAREL SAT-SUITUBUN.

A number of warfare and general seamanship evolutions were conducted over the two-day period with STG embarked to conduct seachecks during the exercise and passage to Singapore.

ADELAIDE was sea-checked prior to entry and received a "good" assessment.

ADELAIDE conducted ongoing maintenance while alongside Singapore, including the refurbishment of the loading system in the 76mm gun - a first for the main-

porean and Australian personnel a chance to experience life from "the other side".

ADELAIDE then sailed for the work-up and exercise proper of IADS ADEX 94-2.

After spending ANZAC Day eve at anchor at Pulau Tioman, the ship was joined by other members of the Five Power Defence Agreement in the form of HMS EXETER, KD KASTURI, KD MARIKH and RSS VIGOUR as well as the

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Christine celebrates 1000 hours

HMAS SYDNEY's Seahawk helicopter, affectionately known as Christine, celebrated her passing of 1000 hours flying time with a birthday celebration on May 6.

Christine was traversed out onto the flight deck where a host of the ship's company (pictured) raised their voices to sing happy birthday to her.

Live entertainment was provided by SBLT D. Robinson and LEUT M. Taylor who wrote and sang a song dedicated to the fine lady.

Refreshments were provided, including flying rations and the Navy's finest selection of Limers cordial.



RUSHCUTTER's close ties with Port

The ship's company of HMAS RUSHCUTTER (LEUT M.D. Hill) renewed friendships in Port Macquarie during a visit to the ship's host city over the ANZAC Day weekend.

As has become customary, RUSHCUTTER participated in the Dawn Service as well as leading the ANZAC Day march later in the forenoon. This was followed by lunch in the "Rushcutter Room" at the new - and well appointed - RSL Club where, as guests of the RSL, the ship's company swapped stories with the assembled ex-servicemen and women until late into the evening.

During the stay RUSHCUTTER also participated in the ANZAC Day lawn bowls competition and made another donation to the ship's adopted environmental cause while visiting Kingfisher Park Wildlife Sanctuary.

The ANZAC weekend visit confirmed the unique relationship RUSHCUTTER maintains with the people of Port Macquarie.

The visit culminated in the presentation of a wooden model of RUSHCUTTER to the Mayor, Alderman Ray Cooper, in appreciation of the close ties the RAN enjoys with the city.

The model is to be on permanent display in the civic centre.



Ald. Ray Cooper examines a model of RUSHCUTTER presented by Commanding Officer, LEUT Hill.

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- Administration and Personal Development Training Programs:** BRISBANE: Conflict Resolution, Stress Management, Induction Training (On Demand). TOWNSVILLE: Job Application Process.
- Keyboard and Computer Literacy Programs:** BRISBANE: Courses as per Apr except Spreadsheets Concept. TOWNSVILLE: Courses conducted from 30 May 94 to 10 Jun 94.
- Finance Training Programs:** BRISBANE: Australian Government Credit Card, Legal and Administrative Framework, Certifying Officers, Advanced Personal Claims, Financial Administration, You're Responsible, You're Accountable.

Chief leads Singapore gig

Under naval direction a band of Queenslanders has just completed an 11-day musical mission to Singapore.

Naval Chief Petty Officer Jeff McIlroy is pictured below with some of the 26 members of brass bands - from as far north as Cairns, west to Toowoomba and south to Brisbane - who combined to represent Australia at a biennial arts festival.

Jeff, with the job of running the

Queensland Naval Band comprising Reserve members, was asked by the Queensland Concert Brass Band, made up of similar enthusiasts, to take the helm for the big blowout in Singapore.

Under sponsorship of the Singapore National Arts Council and Singapore Airlines the players, aged from 16 to 63 and including schoolboys, a doctor, a dentist, a marine engineer and a retired clearance diver, presented an hour-long concert in the

Singapore Botanical Gardens then played in a street parade and other concerts.

They also gave lunchtime and evening concerts at venues including a shopping centre, playing "show-band" and traditional brass band pieces.

Brisbane-based Chief Petty Officer McIlroy, as well as being conductor for the tour, selected the program and rehearsed the band for four days in the Queensland Naval Band headquarters at Bulimba prior to leaving.

Picture: Mal Lancaster.



MORETON's former CO, CDR Derek Caton, proudly displays the plaque presented to him on the occasion of the base's closure.

Discovery unfurled

A clean-up discovery dating back to the beginning of Brisbane's naval base HMAS MORETON has been displayed at a gathering marking the closure of the base.

MORETON closed on May 4 and from behind a filing cabinet emerged a furred dust-covered banner denoting MORETON soon after it opened 34 years ago.

So the dusted-off, brightly-painted banner (below) was paraded proudly on the wharf in front of the base by, from left, Chief Petty Officer Naval Police Coxswain Bill Sheather, Warrant Officer Writer Sue McQuade, Chief Petty Officer Musician Jeff McIlroy and Leading Seaman Bosun's Mate Robert (Gabby) Hayes.

MORETON was first commissioned as a shore establishment of the Royal Australian Navy in October 1942 in Alice Street, the Domain, and recommissioned in its present location in 1960.

The naval presence which has existed in South East Queensland since 1926 will continue in a new Navy Support Office at Bulimba.



Chief Petty Officer McIlroy and members of the brass band who have just completed an 11-day musical mission to Singapore.

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Endeavour on display in the ACT

The Chief of the Defence Force, Admiral A.L. Beaumont, has officially opened an exhibition of a silver scale model of YOUNG ENDEAVOUR, on display for the next six months at Parliament House.

Admiral Beaumont also announced the participation of YOUNG ENDEAVOUR as Australia's representative in Sail Indonesia '95.

YOUNG ENDEAVOUR, Australia's national sail training ship, will sail from Darwin in July 1995 to join a gathering of tall ships to race from Bali to Jakarta to mark the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Republic of Indonesia.

YOUNG ENDEAVOUR will represent Australia at Indonesia's premier event on August 19, 1995, a gathering of sailing vessels in a magnificent parade of sail on Jakarta Harbour.

Following the celebrations the ship will sail around the archipelago to return to Darwin in mid-September 1995.

Applications

Applications are now invited from young Australians between the ages of 16 and 23 to join YOUNG ENDEAVOUR in 1995 for the experience of a lifetime on a sail training voyage off the Australian coast and for the first time sailing "Across the Top" visiting Thursday Island, Gove and Darwin.

On each sail training voyage there are berths for 24 young Australians, 12 men and 12 women.

While applicants do not need previous sailing experience they should be in good health and able to swim at least 50 metres.

The sail training program onboard YOUNG ENDEAVOUR, administered by the Young Endeavour Youth Scheme, aims to provide for young Australians to develop personal skills, initiative, teamwork and leadership qualities as well as providing a unique sailing experience.

YOUNG ENDEAVOUR, a 44-metre brigantine, was Britain's gift to Australia for our Bicentenary.

Since her handover in January 1988 under the guidance of a permanent Royal Australian Navy crew, more than 3,000 young people from each state and territory, from city and country areas, employed and unemployed and from diverse occupations and backgrounds, have undertaken sail training voyages off the coasts of Queensland, New South Wales, Victoria, Tasmania and South Australia.

They have also participated in national and international events.



Admiral Beaumont and the captain of Young Endeavour LCDR Chris Curtis with the display model of the ship.

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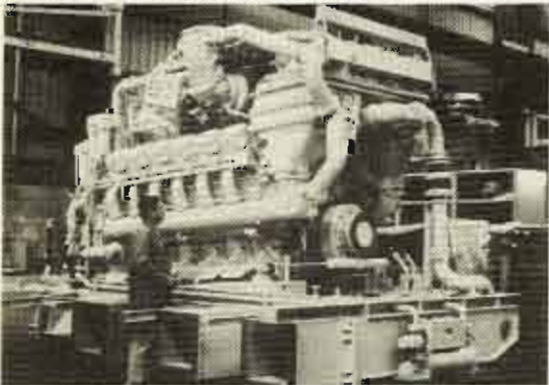
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One of the 3,600 kw (4,800 hp) MTU diesel engines which will power Australia's new ANZAC frigates now under construction at Williamstown, Victoria. The 12 cylinder, 140 litre cubic capacity diesels weigh-in at seven tonnes and are almost four metres long and three metres high.

Engine frigates' driving force

The massive 3600kw (4,800 horsepower) MTU diesel engine which the Premier of NSW, Mr John Fahey, has officially started at MTU's Kings Park factory in Sydney, is the first of 20 state-of-the-art engines being specially built to power Australia and New Zealand's fleet of new ANZAC frigates now under construction in Williamstown, Victoria.

They are scheduled for progressive delivery during the building phase of the frigates from 1994 to 2002.

Each of the 10 frigates has two MTU 12 cylinder 1163 series diesels developing a total of 7200 kw (9,600 hp).

Each has a cubic capacity of 140 litres and weighs seven tonnes.

MTU Australia is also supplying four 690 kw

diesel gen-sets for each vessel to provide onboard electric power.

The ANZAC's engines are the most technically advanced available in the world today, offering unique high power to low weight ratios, fuel economy, long life expectancy and less maintenance than competitive diesels.

The ANZAC frigate contract follows a long association between MTU and Australia's Defence Forces, reflecting the company's world-wide leadership in this field.

MTU diesels in various configurations power the RAN's Fremantle class patrol boats, the Australian Army's Leopard tanks and the RAN's new fleet of dive boats.

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TAX GUIDE 1993/94



This guide has been prepared by the Director General Service Conditions to assist members in the preparation of the 1993-94 Income Tax Returns. The Guide has been technically cleared by the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) as a guide only, it is published without alteration, and should not be cited as an authority to the ATO in support of claims or for contesting ATO decisions. For members to complete their Returns it is essential that they have access to a TAX PACK which is being produced by the ATO. The TAX PACK is being letter box dropped to all households in Australia, while separate arrangements have been made by the ATO and Unit Commanders to ensure that live-in and overseas members receive copies. Copies will also be available at newsagencies.

INTRODUCTION

1. The Australian Taxation Office (ATO) will again be distributing a TAX PACK to assist in preparation of Income Tax Returns.

Consequently, the ADF 1993/94 Tax Guide will concentrate on those items that relate generally to ADF conditions, and will complement the TAX PACK.

2. The ADF Tax Guide is meant to assist members with the preparation of their Tax Return.

It makes no attempt to, nor can it, replace ATO specific rules or professional industry advice.

The information contained in the Guide is based largely on correspondence between HQADF and the ATO National Office.

Nevertheless, the ADF Tax Guide has no legal standing in any dispute that may occur between a taxpayer and the ATO.

YOUR TAX RETURN

3. All members of the ADF who receive income during the year 1 July 1993 to 30 June 1994 are required to lodge an Income Tax Return.

The TAX PACK should be reviewed and instructions followed to enable your Return to be correctly completed.

In view of the present self assessment system it may be appropriate to consider seeking advice and engage a Registered Tax Agent to prepare and lodge your Return.

This is particularly recommended where income other than salary and allowances as a member of the ADF has been received.

4. A copy of your Income Tax Return should be retained, to enable checking when an assessment is received.

5. Tax Returns should be lodged by 31 October 1994, unless you use a Registered Tax Agent to prepare and submit your Return in which case different submission dates may apply.

The TAX PACK will explain where you should lodge your Return.

INCOME TAX RETURN FORMS

6. The Return forms for individuals contained in the TAX PACK will remain the appropriate document for submission of your Return.

7. Schedule L (for Eligible Termination Payments) is the only schedule required to be forwarded with a Return, should you be in receipt of one of these payments.

8. The work sheets that are included in the TAX PACK are not to be lodged with the Income Tax Return when it is forwarded to the ATO, but should be retained in case the Return is queried or audited at some later date.

INCOME

9. Income may consist of earnings, salaries, wages, commissions, fees, interest, dividends, bonuses, pensions, unemployment and sickness benefits and income from a business, trust or partnership.

This list is not exhaustive. Remember, your group certificate includes only your ADF income. Income from other sources will need to be included in your Return.

Note: MSBS Retention Benefit is taxable income. Service Allowance is neither exempt income nor an allowable deduction.

10. The one allowance that will be shown in Column 2 on the ADF Group Certificates for the 1993/94 year is for Uniform Maintenance.

This is to be included as income at Item 7 on the Income Tax Return, however, a deduction for expenditure in this area may be claimed at Item 23 on the Income Tax Return.

All other taxable allowances will have been included in gross earnings in Column 1 of the Group Certificate.

11. Language Proficiency Allowance is included in gross earnings in Column 1 of the Group Certificate.

A deduction may be allowed for expenditure incurred in the maintenance of language proficiency, for example: language books, tapes, etc.

12. If you have been employed on a casual basis by a Service Canteen, Club or Mess, or had other secondary employment from which income was derived, that income is taxable and must be declared.

You should obtain from your employer a group certificate or tax stamp sheet as appropriate.

NON TAXABLE INCOME

13. Examples of income which is generally not taxable include:

- a. windfall gains such as lottery, art union and lotto prizes;
- b. quiz and sport prizes received on an amateur basis;
- c. proceeds of a non-business hobby or pastime;
- d. gambling and betting wins unless you are a book-maker or professional gambler;
- e. housekeeping money from a spouse;
- f. refund of DFRDB contributions which have not been claimed as a tax deduction previously;
- g. medical and dental services provided or paid for by the ADF;
- h. payments and allowances designed to reimburse you for out of pocket expenses such as:

- Home Purchases or Sale Expense Allowance;
- In Port Allowance;
- Pet Relocation Expense Allowance;
- Retention of Lodgings Allowance;
- Temporary Accommodation Allowance;
- Temporary Rental Allowance; and
- Travelling and Meal Allowances.

Should you be able to seek additional reimbursement from within the ADF for any excess expenditure then such expenses are not deductible.

However, where you are unable to receive any additional reimbursement then excess expenditure may be deductible under general provisions of the Income Tax Assessment Act (ITAA).

These payments do not appear on your group certificate. The above list is not exhaustive. If you are in doubt, either check with the ATO or consult a Tax Adviser.

TAX EXEMPT INCOME

14. Regulations made under the ITAA exempt the following from taxation:

- a. Separation Allowance;
- b. Living Out and Living Out Away From Home Allowances;
- c. Education Assistance Overseas;
- d. Scholarship Allowance;
- e. Education Allowance;
- f. Child Education Allowance;
- g. Re-engagement Bounty;
- h. Disturbance Allowance;
- i. Transfer Allowance; and
- j. Rations and Quarters supplied without charge. Pay and allowances for part-time Ready Reserve or Reserve service is also exempt.

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SPECIFIC ADF ISSUES OVERSEAS FORCES REBATE

15. Section 79B of the ITAA provides that if you serve in a specified overseas locality for more than half a year and you are not an accredited member of an Australian legation, you are entitled to claim a rebate equivalent to the Australian Zone A rebate being \$338 plus 50% of other dependant rebates to which a taxpayer is entitled.

The following localities are current for the ADF Overseas Forces Rebate:

- a. Malaysia;
- b. Middle East (UNTSO);
- c. Iran-Iraq CFL (UNIIMOG);
- d. Iraq-Turkey (Operation HABITAT);
- e. Iraq, Kuwait, Bahrain, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and adjacent waters (Operations DAMASK and BLAZER);
- f. Western Sahara (MINURSO);
- g. Afghanistan and the North West Frontier Province of Pakistan (UNMCTT);
- h. Sinai (MNFO); and
- i. Cambodia.

Service in a locality for less than half the income year attracts a portion of the rebate.

NOTE that Papua New Guinea is not a prescribed locality for the purpose of this rebate.

If, during the same income year, you serve both in a Zone area of Australia and in a specified overseas locality, both periods are taken into account in determining eligibility for the rebate.

If you qualify for both a Zone rebate and an Overseas Forces rebate you can only claim for one of them. You should claim the higher amount of the two rebates.

New situations during 1993-94

16. Service in Sinai:

Members of the ADF who are and were attached to the Multi National Force and Observers (MNFO) are entitled to the Section 79B rebate.

The effective date for entitlement to the rebate is 28 October 1992. Members who served in the area during the 1992-93 financial year should claim the rebate by applying to the ATO where their Tax Returns were lodged for an amended assessment in respect to the applicable year.

17. Service in Cambodia:

Members of the ADF serving in Cambodia after the conclusion of operational service on 8 October 1993 are entitled to the Section 79B rebate.

OPERATIONAL SERVICE

18. Service in CAMBODIA:

Until the conclusion of operational service on 8 October 1993 an exemption from income tax applied to the pay and allowances earned by ADF members who were allotted to the operational area and formed part of the United Nations (UN) operations UNAMIC and UNTAC.

The tax exemption applied from the date of leaving Australia and ceased at the earlier of either return to Australia or 8 October 1993. Following the ceasefire members of the ADF serving in Cambodia became entitled to the Overseas Forces rebate (Section 79B).

19. Service in the former YUGOSLAVIA:

An exemption from income tax applies to the pay and allowances earned by ADF members who are allotted to the UN peacekeeping force in the area formerly known as Yugoslavia after 12 January 1992.

The tax exemption applies from the time when the member arrives in the area and ceases at the earlier of either when the member leaves the area or until such time as the UN has recognised a stable ceasefire in the area.

Following a ceasefire in the region members of the ADF serving in Yugoslavia will become entitled to the Overseas Forces rebate.

20. Service in SOMALIA:

An exemption from income tax applies to the pay and allowances earned by ADF members who are allotted to the operational area after 20 October 1992 and form part of either operation RESTORE HOPE or serve with the UN operation UNOSOM.

The tax exemption applies from the time the member arrives in the area and ceases at the earlier of when the member leaves the area or until such time as either operation RESTORE HOPE concluded or UNOSOM is terminated.

Following the termination of operational service members of the ADF serving in Somalia will become entitled to the Overseas Forces rebate.

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HAVE CHANGED SINCE HIGH
SCHOOL - BEHOLD MY SWORD!



21. For periods of Operational Service:-
War Service Leave is tax exempt even if taken as pay in lieu after return to Australia.

Pay related to Recreation Leave accrued while serving in an operational area is also tax exempt.

Overseas Allowances

22. Members posted overseas will be regarded as living away from their usual place of residence, and will be required to complete a statement to enable the ADF to claim a fringe benefit deduction.

Overseas Living Allowances are non-taxable income under the ITAA. Post Allowance is taxable and no deductions can be claimed.

Medicare Levy

23. Medicare Levy arrangements effecting ADF members are as follows:

- Single members without dependants are exempt from the levy.
- Married member's liability is as follows:
 - a. Working Spouse - No Children. If the spouse earns sufficient income to be liable for the levy, the ADF member can claim an exemption, otherwise subject to half levy.

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- b. Non-working Spouse. If the spouse is not subject to the levy, the ADF member will be subject to a half levy.
- c. Member with Children and a Working Spouse. If the spouse is liable for the levy and contributes to the maintenance of the children, the ADF member is exempt from the levy.
- However, if the spouse did not contribute to the upkeep of a child, the ADF member will be liable for a half levy in respect of that child.
- d. Married ADF Couples Without Children. These members continue to be exempt from the levy.
- e. Married ADF Couples with Children. If both members contribute to the maintenance of their children, only one member is liable for the half levy. The couple decide who is to pay.

Where only one member is maintaining a child, the election is not available. The member maintaining the child will be liable for the half levy.

Capital Gains Tax (CGT)

24. As a general rule, gains from the sale of assets acquired on or after 20 September 1985 are subject to CGT. The real capital gain is calculated by subtracting the cost base, adjusted for inflation, (where held for more than 12 months) from the consideration.

A taxpayer's principal residence is generally exempt from CGT and a person can only have one principal residence at any time.

The exemption is retained when a taxpayer lives in another home and the period of temporary absence during which a taxpayer may retain the principal residence exemption (PRE) is as follows:

- a. an unlimited period of exemption is to be allowed when the dwelling is not used to produce income and the residence continues as the person's nominated principal residence, and
- b. a taxpayer maintains the PRE for up to six years (in aggregate) in which the dwelling produces income. If after those six years the taxpayer continues to be absent and continues to derive income from the dwelling the PRE will be lost but only in respect to the period exceeding six years.

To obtain the PRE for a period of temporary absence, it is not necessary for a taxpayer to re-occupy the dwelling after a period of temporary absence, nor is it necessary to notify the ATO when you return to live in the residence.

Where the above exemption does not apply, tax is payable on any real capital gain apportioned to the period of absence should the house be subsequently sold.

ADF members who own homes are subject to the CGT provisions. Members should be aware of the implications when considering whether or not to sell when posted.

The CGT does not apply to cars or motor cycles. Neither does it apply to most personal use assets (such as refrigerators and washing machines) sold for \$5,000 or less.

Further details on CGT are provided in the TAX PACK and the ATO also produces a number of booklets on CGT:-

- *Capital Gains Tax - How it affects you*
- *Capital Gains Tax - What records you need to keep*
- *Capital Gains Tax - How do you work it out*
- *Capital Gains Tax and your Home* (particularly the paragraph dealing with electing to continue principal residence status, pages 9 & 10)
- *Capital Gains Tax and the assets of a deceased estate*
- *Capital Gains Tax and investments in shares and units*
- *Capital Gains Tax after divorce or involuntary disposal of assets.*

Isolated Establishment Allowance (IEA)

25. IEA has been taxable income from 1 July 1989 and when received through the pay system the value of this allowance has been included in gross earnings in Column 1 of the group certificate.

Members who have continued to receive IEA through their cash accounts after 1 July 1993 should have maintained records of amounts received for inclusion in their Income Tax Return at Item 7.

The ATO does not allow a deduction for travel to and from work except in some clearly defined circumstances not normally applicable to members of the ADF.

Members who believe they have a genuine case for claiming a deduction for travel to/from work should

seek advice from their local ATO.

Vehicle Allowance

26. Vehicle Allowance received for duty travel and removals is not taxable income and need not be shown on Returns.

However, where an allowance is paid on a regular basis for use of a personal car, it should be declared and appropriate deductions claimed in accordance with procedures outlined in the TAX PACK.

Uniform Maintenance Allowance (UMA)

27. Members are reminded that UMA must be declared as income (it appears at Column 2 of the group certificate).

A deduction can be claimed for the cost of replacement and/or repair of items of approved uniform. Note that UMA does not cover replacement of personal items such as towels, brushes, pyjamas and underwear (INDMAN 0601). The rules of substantiation (paragraph 36) apply to this deduction.

Laundering and Dry Cleaning Expenditure

28. These expenses are not covered by UMA and accordingly deductions are allowable for the cost of laundering and dry cleaning of uniforms.

Members should refer to the TAX PACK and Income Tax Ruling TD93/232 for details of how to claim home laundering expenditure.

Expenses of Keeping Fit

29. The established practice of the ATO is to disallow expenses of keeping fit as they are expenses of a private nature.

These would include the cost of membership fees associated with a health club or fitness centre, exercise bicycles and other equipment, jogging shoes etc. No deduction will be allowable for these items.

Termination Payments

30. Lump sums paid on termination of ADF service up until 17 August 1993 are shown separately on group certificates and are subject to tax as follows:

- a. Pay in Lieu of Annual Leave. The maximum tax payable on pay in lieu of leave and leave bonus is 30% plus medicare levy, if applicable.
- b. Pay in Lieu of Long Service Leave. Normal tax is payable on 5% of leave accrued before 15 August 1978. Payments in respect of leave accrued after that date are treated the same as pay in lieu of annual leave.

For annual and long service leave accrued after 17 August 1993 taxation is applied at the marginal rate and any payments made are included in gross earnings in column 1 of the Group Certificate.

However, should the termination of service be the result of redundancy the conditions applicable prior to 17 August 1993 apply.

- c. Redundancy Payments. Bona fide redundancy payments are taxed concessionaly. Tax is payable on 5% of the payment plus medicare levy, if applicable. Unlike leave payments, bona fide redundancy payments are eligible termination payments and thus can be converted to superannuation by "rolling over".

Eligible Termination Payments (ETP)

31. These are lump sum payments, usually superannuation, received on termination of service. DFRDB commutation is an ETP as is a bona fide redundancy payment.

Tax relating to ETP is a complicated area. Members can defer tax by "rolling over" into an approved superannuation fund. It is strongly recommended that members who have received an ETP should seek professional advice. Further information is contained in the TAX PACK and the booklet *Superannuation & other Termination Payments*.

Housing Bond Interest

32. In some States, Bond Boards are required to pay interest on bond money. Interest received on bond money is required to be paid to the Commonwealth where the bond money has been advanced by the Commonwealth.

Interest required to be paid to the Commonwealth is not assessable income however interest that is kept by an individual is assessable to the individual.

Work Related Expenses

33. A reminder that any work related expenses that have been reimbursed cannot be claimed as a personal tax deduction (INDMAN 2905, paragraph 21).

Computers

34. A deduction will be allowed for depreciation of computers that are used to carry out the duties of an ADF position.

TAX PACK contains guidelines on the calculation methods available. If a computer was purchased with software as a package deal, then both the computer and the software are depreciated.

However where the software is separately identifiable such as off the shelf software it is deductible and any subsequent software purchased is allowable as a deduction and is not depreciated.

Note that if the computer is also used for private purposes an apportionment between business and private use is necessary.

Documentary evidence would need to be retained to support any depreciation claims in the event of a tax audit.

Contributions to DFRDB and MSBS

35. Members' contributions are NOT an allowable deduction under provisions of the ITAA.

SUBSTANTIATION

36. Since 1 July 1986 the general rule has been that no deduction is allowed for "employment-related expenses" unless documentary evidence is available (eg. a receipt or invoice). There are three types of expenses that substantiation provisions cover:-

- certain employment related expenses.
- motor vehicle expenses, and
- extended domestic and overseas travel.

In relation to employment related expenses a receipt or similar document must be obtained at the time of purchase.

The requirement to obtain a receipt or a similar document does not apply where each expense does not exceed \$10, and the total does not exceed \$200, in such case a diary entry, signed by the person making the entry, is deemed sufficient.

Remember at the time of purchase, ensure that the essential details are included on a receipt or invoice.

These details are:

- date of purchase,
- description of the item,
- name of the supplier, and
- cost of the goods or services.

The documentary evidence must be retained for a period of 3 years and 6 months from the date of lodgement of the Return, for salary and wage earners, and is to be made available to the ATO on request.

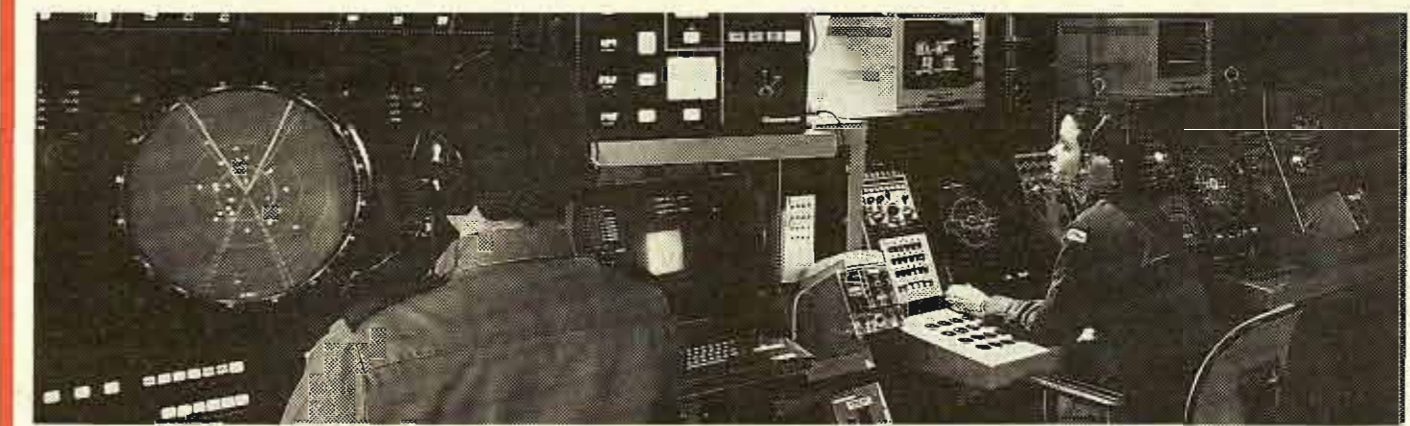
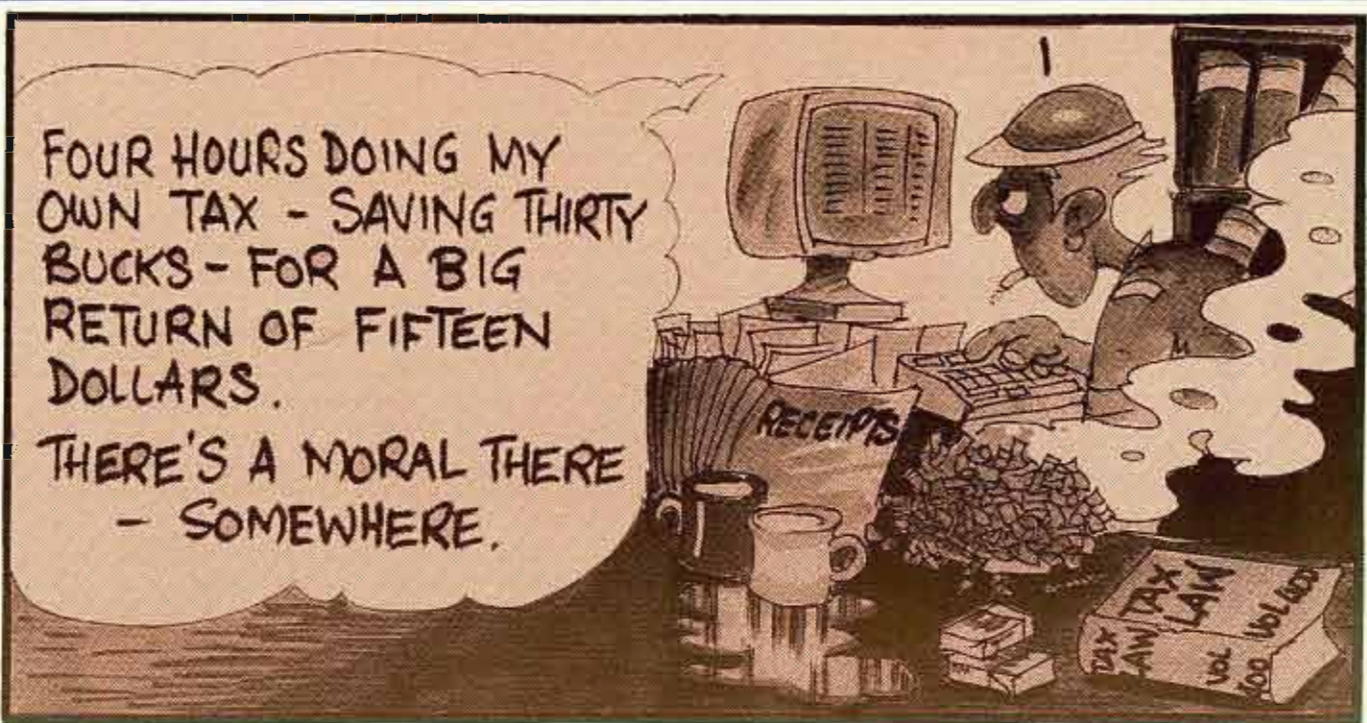
Substantiation rules do not apply where the total claims for employment-related expenses, car expenses, expenses of overseas or extended travel do not exceed \$300 in any one year.

DEDUCTIBLE ITEMS

37. Provided it is not of a capital, private or domestic nature expenditure incurred for the purpose of earning your income, other than entertainment expenses, may be claimed as allowable deductions. The following examples are not exhaustive:

- a. Expenditure incurred by taxpayers in connection with the management or administration of their income tax affairs;
- b. Annual subscriptions to the ArFFA, the RDFWA and the United Services Institute (USI);
- c. Mess subscriptions and compulsory subscriptions to a mess fund, but no deduction is allowed for mess entrance fees;
- d. Charges for compulsory attendance to mess functions are allowable deductions. These apply to Officers' and NCOs' messes, and cover occasions where members are required to attend;
- e. Financial Institutions Duty charged on amounts paid into or credited to an account, at a Bank or Building Society, where these amounts form part of a taxpayer's assessable income (eg. salary, wages, interest, dividends, etc) and Debits Tax charged on amounts withdrawn from such accounts, where these amounts are used for purposes for which a deduction is allowable;

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- f. The cost of a briefcase or kitbag where this item is used in connection with employment, however items costing over \$ 300 or have a life expectancy greater than 3 years are to be depreciated;
 - g. Subscriptions to trade, business or professional associations. Note that subscriptions to sporting and social clubs are not allowable deductions;
 - h. Technical and trade books, journals and reference books that are relevant to your ADF service;
 - i. The cost of replacement of service issue sports uniform is an allowable deduction, as part of UMA;
 - j. Membership subscriptions to the Flight Deck and Golden Wing Clubs, to the extent that they are used in connection with business travel;
 - k. Expenditure in replacing and repairing tools of trade and equipment used in connection with your ADF service;
 - l. Telephone rental (part) and the cost of business calls should you be required to be on call outside normal working hours;
 - m. Depreciation of books forming part of a professional library;
 - n. Self education expenses that are not reimbursed by the ADF may be deductible - examples include tuition fees, text books, travel and living expenses incurred in attending conferences, seminars or educational institutions.
- Expense of self-education is defined as all expenses - other than the higher education contribution (HECS) - necessarily incurred by a taxpayer in connection with a course of education provided by a school, college, university or other place of education and undertaken by a taxpayer to gain qualifications for use in your employment.
- Note** that if the course is conducted by a school, college, university or other place of education, you cannot claim the first \$ 250 that is spent.
- p. Donations to registered political parties of \$2 or more but not exceeding a total of \$100.
 - q. Interest paid on money which was borrowed before 19 August 1992 for the purpose of making contributions to a superannuation fund to provide benefits to the member and his or her dependants, even though the superannuation contributions themselves are not an allowable deduction. Paragraphs 27 and 28 amplify the deductibility of costs in connection with Uniform Replacement and Laundering and Dry Cleaning of Uniforms.

NON-DEDUCTIBLE ITEMS

- 38. Expenses of a capital, private or domestic nature, and those not incurred in gaining assessable income, are not allowable deductions. This is the case even where the expenses have been incurred at the direction of your Unit Commander. Examples include:
 - a. child minding expenses;
 - b. entertainment expenses;
 - c. purchase, laundry, dry cleaning and maintenance of civilian clothing worn to work;
 - d. commuting to and from work (whether an allowance is provided or not);
 - e. fines for breaches of ADF or civilian law;
 - f. domestic servants;
 - g. food, personal or family living expenses;
 - h. rates and taxes on non-income producing property;
 - i. haircuts;
 - j. membership fees for sporting and social clubs;
 - k. expenses which have been reimbursed by the ADF;
 - l. contributions to DFRDB and/or MSBS;
 - m. watch repairs;
 - n. weight reduction expenses;
 - o. expenses of keeping fit, including expenditure on sporting equipment, clothing and footwear.
 - p. "Top Up" superannuation contributions - Some ADF members contribute to "top up" superannuation funds run by Insurance Companies/Banks. No deduction may be claimed for these contributions.

However, contributors to such funds should be aware of the requirement to inform their fund manager that no deduction is being claimed to ensure that the 15% contributions tax is not deducted from the contributions.

Income Tax Ruling 2678 issued on 14 May 1992 provides that a deduction can be claimed for interest paid on money borrowed for the purpose of making contributions to a superannuation fund to provide benefits to the member and his or her dependants, even though the superannuation contributions themselves are not an allowable deduction.

This ruling was effectively overruled by an amendment to the ITAA denying such deduction for borrowings made after 18 August 1992.

- q. **IMPORTANT:** No deduction is allowable for expenses in relation to personal items such as glasses, makeup, shaving equipment, hair products, clips, bobby pins, or underclothing.

REBATABLE ITEMS

General

39. Members may be entitled to claim rebates for dependants, housekeeper and sole parent. Other rebates cover medical expenses and certain social security payments. Details of these rebates are provided in the TAX PACK and pamphlets available from the ATO.

Zone Rebate

40. Members living in certain parts of Australia are eligible to claim a Zone A or Zone B rebate, including the Special Zone Rebates where applicable. Details are contained in the TAX PACK.

NOTE: If, during the same income year, you serve both in a Zone area of Australia and in a specified overseas locality, both periods are taken into account in determining eligibility for the rebate.

If you qualify for both a Zone rebate and an overseas forces rebate you can only claim for one of them. You should claim the higher amount of the two rebates.

Income Arrears

41. Should you receive a lump sum payment containing an amount that accrued or was due in earlier years you may be entitled to a rebate of tax. Details of this rebate are to be found in the TAX PACK.

Superannuation Contributions Rebate

42. From 1 July 1992, contributors to DFRDB or MSBS may be eligible to claim a rebate of tax for their contributions. The rebate will apply to members whose assessable income (total income before deductions - TAX PACK label 20) is less than \$ 31,000.

The rebate amount will be 10% of contributions up to a maximum rebate of \$100 for members whose assessable income is less than \$27,000.

For members whose assessable income is between \$27,000 and \$31,000, the rebate will be 10% of contributions up to a maximum of: (assessable income less \$ 27,000) divided by 4.

RESERVES

43. Pay and allowances of part-time members of the Defence Force Ready Reserve and Reserve are exempt from tax. The exemption applies only to pay and allowances for part-time service. It would cover pay for part-time training, including training at annual camp.

It does not apply where a member of the Reserves has volunteered or has been called up for full-time duty.

A limited medicare levy exemption is available for members of the Reserves rendering part-time service.

With regard to continuous training, an exemption is granted for the number of days involved, and for home training the following applies:

- a. where a member attends a home training parade for a period of six hours or more in one day, the member is entitled to one day's exemption; and
- b. where a member attends a home training parade for a period of less than six hours, the member is entitled to a proportion of one day's exemption, viz three hours attendance equates to a half day's exemption.

Cash prizes under the Military Skills Awards program to members of the Army Reserve are also exempt from tax.

SELF-ASSESSMENT

44. Under self assessment Returns are not generally subjected to technical scrutiny by the ATO before an assessment is made. The main emphasis is on post-assessment checking, such as:

- a. Specific matching of income items;
- b. Correspondence reviews, whereby you may be asked to forward documentary evidence to support a deduction claimed;
- c. Audits, whereby an auditor from the ATO will verify the accuracy of your Return, and examine all documentary evidence that supports your claims.

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In view of the above procedures it is strongly recommended that you retain all your documentary evidence - receipts and/or invoices - in a safe location. Details concerning the retention of records are contained in the TAX PACK.

45. If you lose your original Group Certificate, you should contact Defence Force Pay Accounting Centre (DEFPAC) direct regarding a copy and any other documentation which will need to be supplied to the ATO.

46. Should you consider there to be either an error on or an omission from your Group Certificate, you should contact DEFPAC and request a pro-forma to be issued to correct the appropriate information.

REQUESTS FOR RULINGS FROM THE ATO

47. From 1993 you can no longer include a "request for ruling" with your Return. If you are uncertain as to the tax treatment of a particular transaction you should in the first instance see if the answer can be found in TAX PACK or possibly in other reputable taxation publications.

If the answer is still not available you should contact the "Enquiries" section of your local ATO and seek their advice. If, as a consequence of these enquiries you are still uncertain you may seek a Private Ruling from the ATO.

An "Application for a Private Ruling" form is available from the ATO and this should be completed and submitted to the ATO at which you normally lodge your Return.

It is not essential that the application be made on the official form but if it is not you must supply all the information relating to the transaction so that the ATO can form an opinion as to the correct taxation treatment. Applications for Private Rulings are **NOT** to be included with your Income Tax Return.

If the completion of your Income Tax Return depends upon the outcome of the Private Ruling request you should assume that the ATO will provide a ruling which is favourable to you. For example, if you are unsure about whether an expense of \$ 200 is an allowable deduction you should claim the \$ 200 as a deduction in your Return.

Your assessment notice will be processed and issued on that basis. If, subsequently the ATO provides an answer to your ruling request that is not favourable to you, (that is the \$ 200 is not an allowable deduction), your assessment will be amended by the ATO. You will receive an amended assessment notice that may require you to pay an additional amount of tax so as to reflect the correct treatment of the \$ 200 expense.

There will NOT be any penalty tax applied by the ATO in these situations but you may be required to pay an amount of interest for the period that you have had the benefit of the extra tax refund (if, in fact, a refund had been received) as a consequence of claiming the \$ 200 deduction.

This interest payment can be claimed as an income tax deduction in the following year. (Note that this only applies to 1993 and future Income Tax Returns).

The ATO has stressed that Applications for Private Rulings should only be made where you are uncertain as to the correct taxation treatment of a transaction. For example, you might incur a \$ 200 expense for purchasing a civilian sports jacket and initially believe that this should be an allowable deduction because the ADF requires its members to be well dressed when proceeding on leave.

Your subsequent enquiries in such a case will enable you to conclude that this is a private expense and therefore is not an allowable deduction.

In such a situation there is no uncertainty and you should not claim the \$ 200 as a deduction in your Return and nor should you make application for a Private Ruling.

OBJECTIONS/DISPUTE RESOLUTIONS

48. A taxpayer dissatisfied with any assessment may, and indeed should, immediately object against it. For assessments relating to 1992-1993 and future years, you have a period of four years in which to object to an assessment.

For earlier years the objection period is only 60 days.

When an assessment notice is received the tax assessed should be checked carefully.

An adjustment sheet will generally accompany the notice if any adjustment has been made to the taxable income shown on a Return.

In any case of doubt as to the basis of the assessment, and particularly where it is dependent on the formation of an opinion by the Commissioner, it is prudent for the taxpayer to request in writing as soon as possible that this be clarified.

Objections may be taken against an amended assessment but the objection can only relate to matters connected with the particular item that has been amended.

Do not submit your objection through Service channels. The handling of objections is a matter between you, the taxpayer, and the Commissioner.

To avoid paying penalties members should pay tax by the due date while negotiating with the Commissioner.

49. A Problem Resolution Program has been set up in the ATO to handle complaints which have not been resolved through normal channels.

The Program provides help with problems about long delays by the ATO in processing Returns, answering letters or in handling of amendment requests or objections.

Cases are not accepted into the Program until normal channels have been exhausted or where the tax law already provides formal rights of review, eg. objections or appeals against an assessment.

PREPARING FOR NEXT YEAR

50. To make the preparation of your next Taxation Return easier, especially if you have a Tax Agent complete it for you, you should file all accounts, receipts or other documents relevant to the kind of expense involved.

Cheque stubs are not acceptable as documentary evidence under the substantiation rules. Do not destroy receipts or other documents. When you receive your assessment keep this with the copy of your Income Tax Return as the ATO is allowed to re-open an assessment generally within four years, if it so desires, with longer periods permitted in specified circumstances.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

51. The Australian Taxation Office is presently developing an Income Tax Ruling covering allowable deductions for members of the ADF.

It is expected that the Ruling will operate from commencement of the 1994-1995 year.

To the extent that this Ruling is inconsistent with any previous advice or administrative practice, it will override that previous advice or practice on and from the date of issue.

Furthermore the Ruling does not apply to taxpayers to the extent that it conflicts with the terms of a settlement of a dispute agreed to before the date of issue of the Ruling.

Members will receive advice on the application of the Ruling following its promulgation in final form. Pay and Conditions Branch, HQADF May 1994.

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Family's record service?

LSETP Dave Gardiner believes his family's service in the ADF may interest personnel and record-keepers.

He says: "I am currently serving onboard HMAS MORESBY, based at HMAS STIRLING.

"ABSN Mal Gardiner, my brother, is a member of ship's company at HMAS STIRLING (Building 6), as is my wife ABETC Kristen Gardiner (COMCEN).

"Not to be left out, my father Owen Gardiner is a member of the cleaning/maintenance staff at STIRLING, while my sister Kate Gardiner is on the personnel/registry staff at STIRLING.

"To cap it all off, my mother, Val Gardiner, is CDRE Partington's Personal Assistant, which rounds off our entire family's employment on the same island. (GARDINER ISLAND??)"

But it doesn't end there. Dave says his wife's brother, ABETW Grant Kenny, is onboard HMAS HOBART, her parents Gary and Margaret Kenny are EXPORP and LWRRO respectively.

"My father Owen is an EXPOCK. My cousin Mal McQueen is an EXLSMTPSM, his wife Irma is an ex-LWRMED.

"In WWII, we had my uncle Clive Grant LSA, my uncle Bill Bauer LSERA and my uncle Jack Bauer LSCK.

"NEED I GO ON?? The list continues right back to a RADM Frederick Gardiner in 1838.

"So I am wondering, does this set some kind of record for one family serving in the same area?" asks Dave.



Aye Aye Ma'am! Lieutenant Judith Myles, NRC, Commanding Officer T.S. VENDETTA, pictured with Cadet Petty Officer daughters Fiona (L) and Jenine (R).

For T.S. VENDETTA, the Naval Reserve Cadet Unit at Coffs Harbour in NSW, success has followed success in recent years.

Having been judged best unit in NSW in 1991, VENDETTA was selected in 1993 as the best unit in Australia, and in November last year was presented, by CNS, with the Navy League of Australia Trophy for Efficiency.

The City of Coffs Harbour was so impressed with the achievements of VENDETTA that the unit was awarded the Freedom of the City, becoming one of a very few cadet units to be so hon-

A family affair at TS VENDETTA

oured.

Having reached this pinnacle of achievement VENDETTA has just become unique in another way: Lieutenant Judith Myles, NRC, has assumed command of the unit in which her twin daughters, Fiona and Jenine, are cadet

petty officers!

Judith, who first became involved in Cadets as a member of the parents committee, was then enticed into the unit as a volunteer instructor and later was selected as an officer.

She was the unit's training officer when VENDETTA

was selected as best unit in Australia.

With Ma'am at the helm, and Fiona and Jenine in support, VENDETTA looks sure to continue its winning ways.

□ Story: LCDR Don Sewell, RAN, National Manager, Naval Reserve Cadets.

SURVIVAL SKILLS COMMENDED

The dedicated and professional manner in which WOMTH Chris Ryrie, the Officer-In-Charge of the RAN's School of Survivability and Ships Safety (WA), has carried out his duties has been acknowledged with the awarding of a Naval Training Command Commendation.

Warrant Officer Ryrie was commended for his efforts in developing the school into a highly-professional opera-

tional training facility.

Accreditation of the school, known as HMAS SURVIVAL and located at HMAS STIRLING, to deliver the full range of NBCD courses in WA home-ported ships has been an outstanding achievement.

The general acclaim WO Ryrie drew from his involvement with the Royal Malaysian Navy units in Exercise Kakadu '93 reflected great credit on himself and the Royal Australian Navy.



WO Ryrie presented with his well-deserved commendation by the Flag Officer, Naval Training Command, RADM Peter Briggs.

30 YEARS' DEDICATED SERVICE

The Commanding Officer of HMAS ALBATROSS, Commodore Morton, has presented Mr Bernard Bradley with the 30 year long service award for recognition of his dedicated service to the Public Service, namely the Department of Defence and HMAS ALBATROSS.

Bernie, as he is known to all his friends, joined the Navy in 1959 as an Air Electrical sailor.

In his nine years of service Bernie was employed at ALBATROSS.

In 1968 he left the Navy, however he was back working at ALBATROSS in 1971 as a full-time Navy Reservist.

In 1972, he joined the Public Service as a



Bernie receiving his award from CDRE MORTON.

Technical Assistant working in Avionics, and transferred to his current position, as a Customer Service Officer in the Defective Equipment

Sorting Section (DESS) in 1982.

Bernie resides in Nowra with his wife and two grown-up children.

EXCHANGE POSTINGS

Personnel requesting their names to be noted in the Navy News for Exchange Postings should make their application in accordance with Defence Instruction PERS 50-1 using 'WHF' in conjunction with those listed in the DJ(N). Signals or letters should be addressed to DEFNAV Canberra attention SO-COORD.

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'Well done, Chief'

CPO M.W. Lee has received a commendation from the former Commanding Officer HMAS CAIRNS, Commander B.D. Hunt.

CPO Lee, who was HMAS BENDIGO's senior technical officer during the 1993 refit was commended for particularly high standards of job performance.

During this extremely busy and important period of the ship's maintenance cycle he demonstrated a most professional approach to his duties, exercised a firm sense of responsibility and demonstrated an unflagging com-

mitment to the task at hand.

His personal drive, cheerfulness, co-operation and leadership were a major contributing factor to the refit completing on time and within budget, with all defects completed to a high standard according to the commendation.

The commendation was presented by the new Commanding Officer HMAS CAIRNS, Commander M. Skopal.



CPO Lee receiving his commendation from the new CO of HMAS CAIRNS, CMDR M. Skopal.

Letters of commendation for O'Neills

CPOETP Barry O'Neill, his wife Liz, daughter Jessica and son Christopher have received a letter of appreciation and commendation from the Commissioner of Police, Republic of the Marshall Islands, and presented by the Commanding Officer HMAS CAIRNS, Commander M. Skopal.

CPO O'Neill, as the Pacific Patrol Boat Project Technical Adviser to the Marshall Islands from September 1991 to February 1994, was commended for his dedication, loyalty and devotion to duty, and for unselfishly sharing his superior technical knowledge and extensive patrol boat experience while serving in the Marshall Islands.

Mrs O'Neill, Jessica and

Christopher were commended for their tireless support and affection given to CPO O'Neill, resulting in an exemplary, highly respected family unit.

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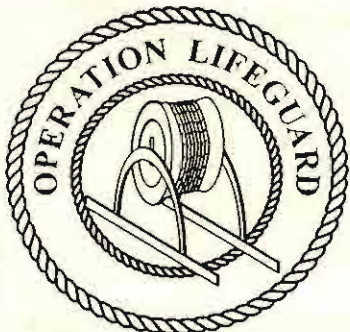
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Prowler in Northern Australia

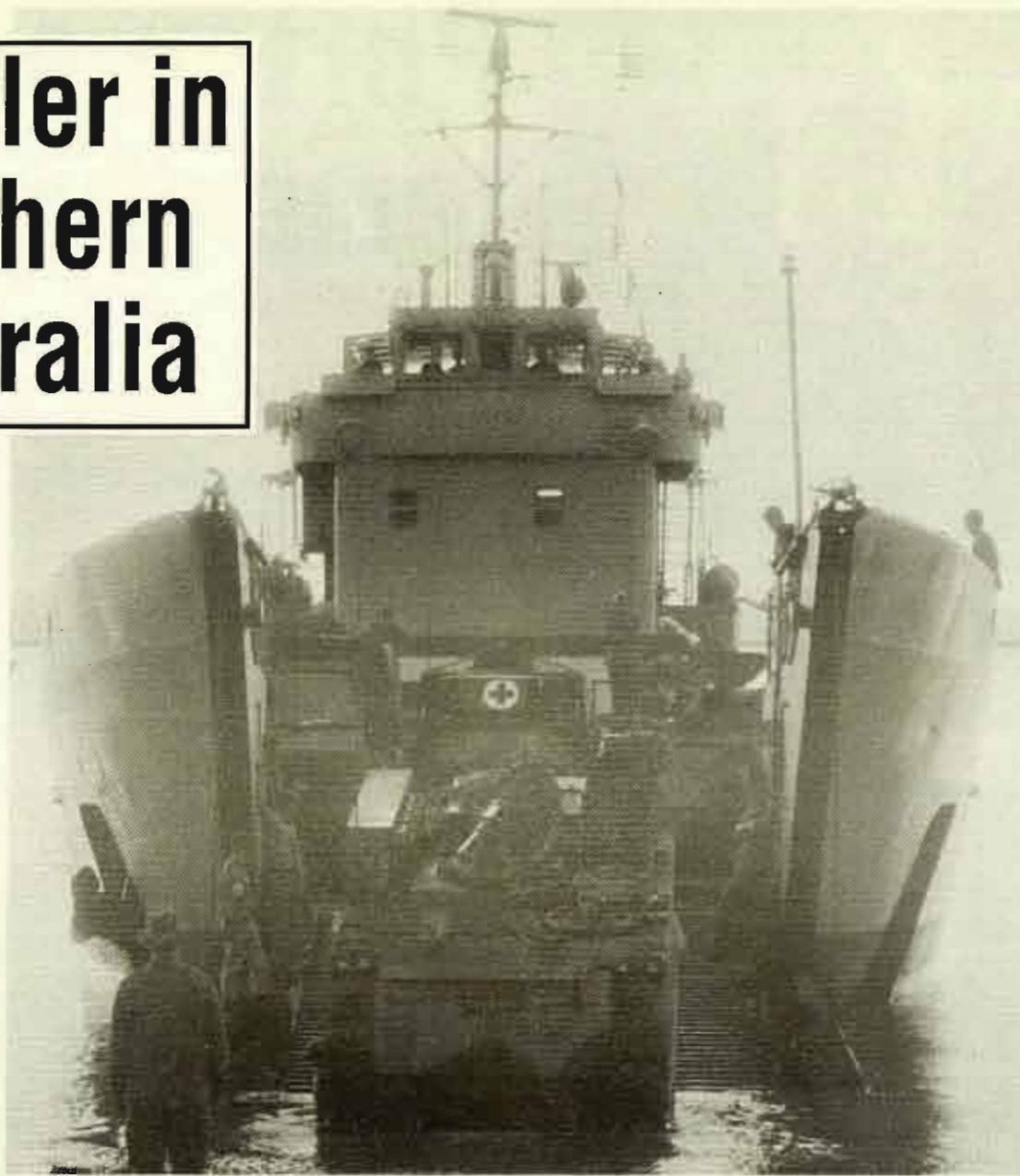
Australian Defence Force units have conducted joint training in the Kimberley region of Western Australia.

Known as PROWLER ONE, the training gave the men and women – mostly, of the Darwin based Northern Command elements of the Navy, Army and Air Force – the opportunity to practise working together in air landings, maritime landings, patrol operations and logistic support by air, land and sea in some of the remotest parts of the continent.

Northern Command, the Australian Defence Force's Joint Force Headquarters located in Darwin, was established in 1988 to plan, and if necessary, conduct the Defence of Northern Australia.

PROWLER involved more than 200 men and women from the Navy Landing Craft HMAS BALIKPAPAN, the Army's NORFORCE, 2nd Cavalry Regiment, 7th Intelligence Company, 1 Brigade Administrative Support Battalion, and Air Force Hercules and Caribou transport aircraft.

Air Commodore Peter Nicholson, the Commander



A 2CAV Regt APC(F) rolls off HMAS BALIKPAPAN at Wyndham WA.

of Northern Command said: "Australia's defence policy focuses on the north and northwest of the continent and it is important our Defence Force is familiar

with the special requirements of operating in this region. This exercise is part of the continuing development of Australia's defence commitment to the north."

As well as providing valuable training for Regular and Army Reserve soldiers based in the north, the exercise gave the Navy, Army and Air Force the opportunity to

practise working together vast distances away from their usual supply lines.

□ Story by: SBLT Mark Croxford. Photograph by: LSPH Gary Whiting.

Submariners: the way ahead

A one and a half day Submarine Symposium with the theme "Towards 2000" will be held at the Conference Centre, Randwick (ARMY) over the period June 8-9.

The symposium is jointly sponsored by the Commander Australian Submarine Squadron (CASS) and the Director of Submarine Policy and Warfare (DSMPW).

The theme of the symposium "Towards 2000" reflects the significant changes about to affect the submarine community.

The introduction of the Collins class submarine, the associated training and the relocation to the West Coast are but a few of the major events that will have a significant impact on the submarine community over the new few years.

While the target audience is primarily submariners an open invitation is extended to all non-submarine naval personnel who may wish to become appraised of these significant issues.

An all-ranks reception will be held in the function centre at BASC Randwick on the evening of June 8 at a cost of \$5 per person approximately.

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The story behind our heritage features

Navy News rang the changes the other day! We interviewed one of our own correspondents, journalist Max Thomson, whose feature stories have appeared in our pages over a decade and more, especially in our "Naval Heritage" series.

Hearing that some 400 Navy-backgrounded stories had appeared under his name in newspapers and magazines of all sorts all over Australia, we reckoned The Story Behind His Stories was worth tracking down in itself.

It all yielded some fascinating background to many of Max's feature stories.

"In my letterbox one day I found a most unique package," Max told us. "It contained a salt-stained US Navy brass torch that had rested on the seabed for 45 years.

"It was from the torpedoed American cruiser USS NEW ORLEANS, whose shattered bow section had been cut off in harbour after the cruiser had its bow almost blown off in the Battle of Tassafaronga on November 30, 1942.

KAMIKAZE

"The torch was sent to me, complete with details, from an Australian living in Honiara who frequently dived on wartime wrecks around The Solomons and who had found the cut-adrift bow section of USS NEW ORLEANS.

"He had read a story I had written for a national magazine about the naval battle and so felt I would be interested in having the torch," added Max.

"It is now in a service museum along with the stories I wrote about it all," he added.

Recalling another story,

Max said he had answered a knock on his door one day.

"I was confronted with a guy holding a remarkable piece of jagged metal under his arm.

"Believe it or not, it was an actual piece of a Japanese kamikaze bomber. The plane had self-destructed onto the fighting top of HMAS AUSTRALIA in one of The Philippines battles.

"In one of those incredible reactions, the Navy man had afterwards grabbed this piece of jagged metal and shoved it into his kitbag.

"It even had on it part of the red roundel of the Imperial Japanese Air Force," said Max.

One of his stories that really seemed to hit the jackpot was "Hissing In The Snakepit" telling about the wartime hey-day years of historic Royal Naval House in Grosvenor Street, long before it was transformed into today's Sydney Futures Exchange.

"Navy clubs and RSL establishments all over the place seemed to want copies of that story to frame and hang on clubroom walls," he said.

Thanks to the enterprise of the Singapore Tourist Development Authority, one of Max's full-page feature stories from Navy News is now mounted and displayed in the final sequence of the prisoner of war saga at the Prisoner-of War Museum at Changi.

It tells of the RAN frigate,



Max Thomson was a young journalist doing his cadetship when he joined the Navy as a signalman during World War II.

HMAS HAWKESBURY, which represented our Navy on the day Admiral Mountbatten accepted the formal Japanese surrender; of how the warship hosted hundreds of the Changi men onboard during its stay in Singapore, then of the two trips it made giving Navy escort to the transports that returned them back home to Australia.

SHORTHAND

HMAS PERTH survivors were among them, Max added.

"The Superintendent of Changi Prison had some special frames made in the prison workshop to frame the Navy News and another big story from a newspaper describing it all."

Pitman Shorthand College sent Max a nice letter and a package of interesting material after it sighted a feature story he had written telling how a shorthand writer on

one of our warships had been called to the ship's radio room to take down hastily the medical instructions from a base hundreds of miles away to assist the ship's sick berth attendant in caring for an injured seaman.

Ex-servicemen who have read Max Thomson stories while waiting in barber shops, dentist waiting rooms and the like so often wrote with extensions of the stories in the form of their own personal involvement or of similar high drama they had experienced.

NEWSPAPERS

Many indeed are the Navy men who have sent or loaned Max old, historic photographs of dramatic incidents.

Usually taken with simple box cameras grabbed hastily on the spur of the moment, they have featured gun actions, torpedoings, ship sinkings, towing epics and survivors being rescued from liferafts, seaboats or the ocean itself.

"Hefty parcels sometimes still turn up in my mail," said Max. "Personal diaries kept by old navalmen or even sent to me by their families suggesting the contents would make good feature stories."

A feature on "Guinea Gold", "Table Tops" and other old wartime service newspapers led to a flow of old copies of them from as far away as Western Australia, he added.

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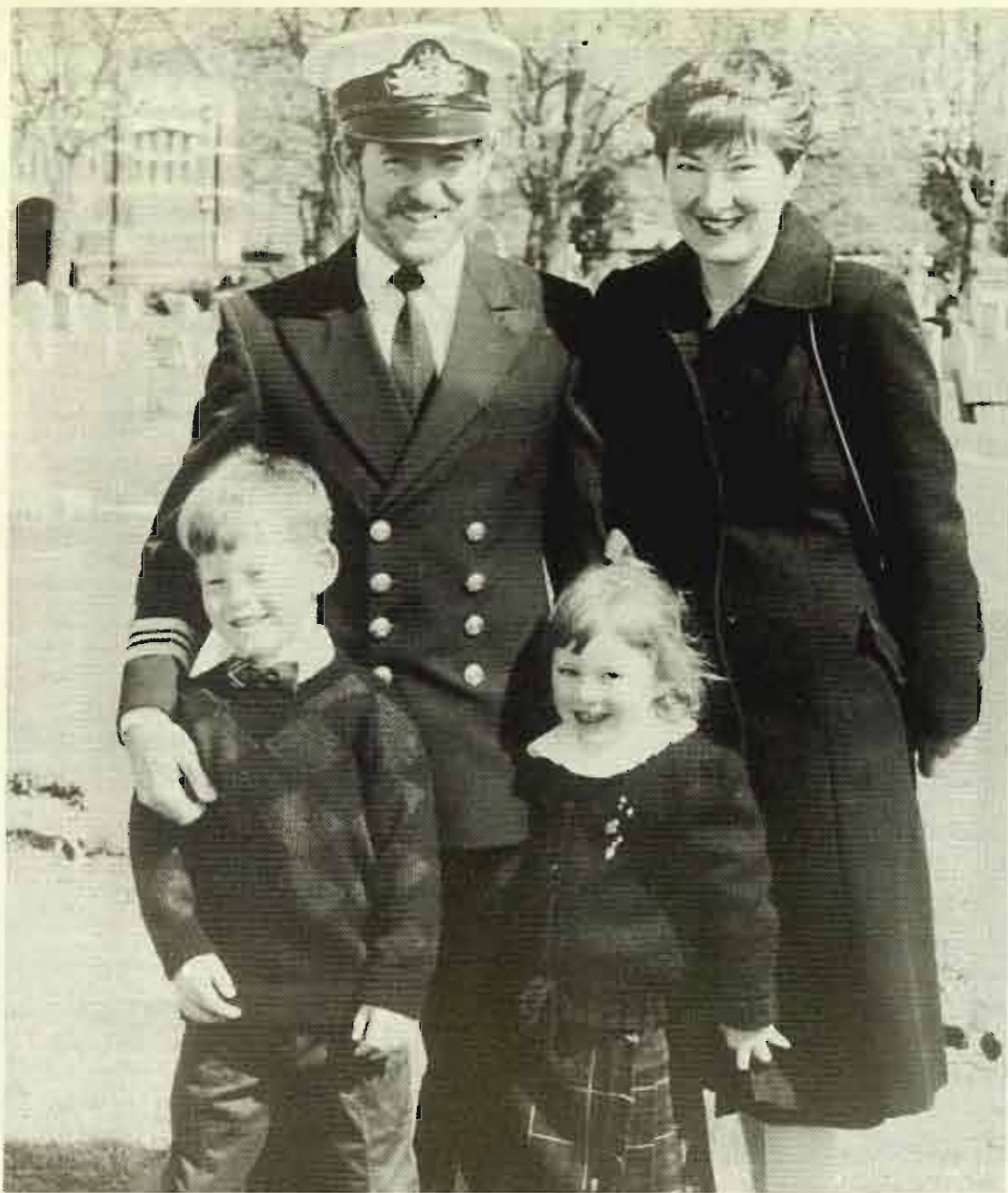
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Portsmouth remembrance

Soldiers who lost their lives at the battle of Gallipoli in 1915 have been remembered in a service in an English cemetery.

Thousands of servicemen, including many ranks from Australia and New Zealand, lost their lives in what was one of the worst battles of World War I.

Portsmouth South Branch of the Royal British Legion held a service of Remembrance at the graves of 15 Australian servicemen who are buried in the Milton cemetery in Portsmouth.

The ANZAC service has been held in Portsmouth for the last 29 years since the presence of these graves was brought to the attention of the local branch of the legion in 1965.

Since that year the legion has Paraded with Colours and Standards at the graveside on the

Sunday closest to ANZAC Day.

This year Australia was represented by two Royal Australian Navy Officers, LCDR Graeme Eldridge, who is on an exchange posting to HMS NELSON in Portsmouth, and LCDR Rod Harrod, who is at HMS COLLINGWOOD, also near Portsmouth.

Graeme, who comes from Melbourne, and Rod from Sydney were accompanied to the service by their families, who are also in the United Kingdom with them.

Following the service they returned to the legion clubhouse where they were presented with a legion plaque to commemorate the occasion by the Branch President Mr Bernie Gray.

Bernie and his wife Marion, who is also chairperson of the branch, are planning a trip to Sydney to visit their son who is a teacher.

The family has close associations with the Royal Australian Navy.



LCDR Harrod with wife Margaret and their two children Jason and Nicola at the Portsmouth service. RIGHT: Standing from l-r are Mr Bernie Gray, President of the Royal British Legion in Portsmouth, Lord Mayor Alex Bently and the Lady Mayoress Mrs Bently, Portsmouth RBL Branch Chairman Mrs Marion Gray, and Portsmouth M.P. Mr David Martin. Front row: LCDR Eldridge and LCDR Harrod.



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Far from home, but the ANZAC spirit still strong

While the numbers attending the ANZAC Day Dawn Service at St Christopher's Cathedral, Manama, Bahrain, were nowhere near the large turnouts in Australian capital cities, it was just as significant in spirit.

Appropriately, St Christopher is the patron saint of travellers and those absent from home.

The Very Reverend Derek Taylor, an ex-British Army Chaplain, conducted the service at which the New Zealand Consular Agent Mr Bill Joyce gave the reading and LCDR Harry Lok, (RANLO Bahrain), recited the Ode of Remembrance.

"Canned music" had been provided by Naval Support Command for the ceremony and the service concluded after the national anthems of Australia and New Zealand.

The dawn service was attended by the British Ambassador and his wife, Mr Peter

Wynne (Honorary Australian Consular Warden), CAPT G. Crandall, USN (COMUSNAVCENT), and about 45 expatriate Australians, New Zealanders and British.

That evening, a reception hosted at the RAN House was attended by as many nationalities as belongs to the United Nations (the United Nations itself was even represented!).

A large Australian flag flew over the entrance to assist in identifying the "RAN Bahrain Headquarters".

A two-up school, complete with pit, was held as is the custom on ANZAC Day and many of the guests participated in this "easy" game of chance (it helped that not many knew the rules of the game).

The occasion was also used to promote the RAN and free advertising material was provided for those interested.

The evening concluded "late" with most guests a little more informed about the RAN and ANZAC Day - and a lot wiser about two-up.



LCDR H. Lok recites the Ode of Remembrance during the Dawn Service at St Christopher's Cathedral. He is flanked by the Very Reverend Derek Taylor.

HUON TEAM ON THE MOVE

The Navy has maintained a presence in Tasmania since 1913 and today that presence is still strong.

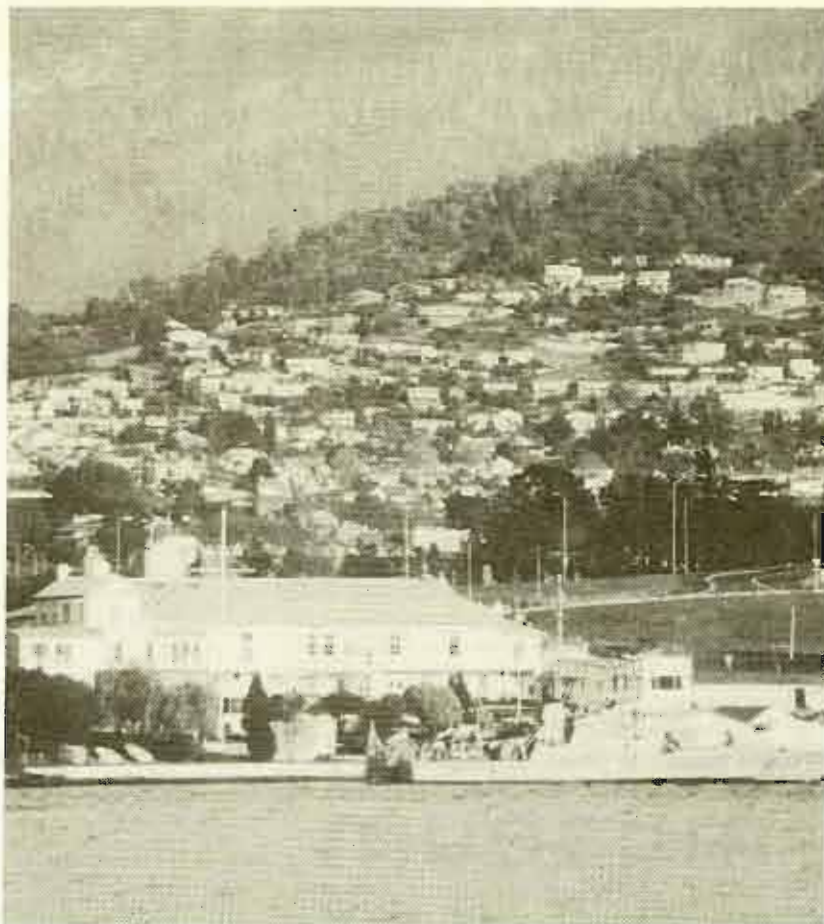
Navy's activities throughout the state of Tasmania range across a number of areas including Australian Naval Reserves, Recruiting, representational duties of the Senior Naval Officer, next of kin matters of serving personnel, administration of Naval Reserve Cadets and undergraduates at the Australian Maritime College and University.

Until now these functions have all been conducted from HMAS HUON but since the decision to close the base alternative arrangements have had to be made.

The result is that a slightly reduced PNF and ANR contingent is being relocated to form the Navy Support Office - Tasmania which will be located in renovated premises in Anglesea Barracks, near the centre of Hobart.

As the decommissioning approaches, HUON personnel have been busy preparing to move to the new accommodation at Anglesea Barracks.

The builder was due to complete extensive renovations of Derwent Hall (for-



HMAS HUON... decommissions on June 17.

merly the Anglesea gymnasium) on May 27.

NSO-TAS will then serve as the focus of Navy, Navy Reserves, and NRC business in Tasmania.

Diving Team 10 will move into the renovated HUON boatshed and will operate from there.

SBLT Bass, HUON's mascot, will have his kennel removed to Anglesea and might be trained not to bark at green uniforms.

Bass has been with the Navy for 11 years now, and has reached the rank of sub-lieutenant.

The 11 year-old Labrador-cross with a liking for pizza and chocolate was just five when he attained the rank of petty officer in 1988.

During his colourful career with the Navy, Bass has been fined more than \$400 for being AWOL, faced the Court Marshal Board for leaving his place of duty aboard HMAS ARDENT and jumped ship near Sandy Bay in 1991 when the gun was fired to start the King of the Derwent Sailing race.

Preparations are also underway to decommission

HMAS HUON on Friday, June 17.

Navy intends to exercise its right of freedom of entry to the city of Hobart and will march through the city to Anglesea Barracks, en masse, on June 17, 1994.

The Lord Mayor of Hobart, the Right Honourable Alderman Doone Kennedy, AO, will officially open NSO-TAS at a ceremony which will let everyone know Navy has arrived.

Thanks to Libby Sutherland (*Hobart Mercury*) for details on the colourful career of Bass, the sailing dog.

Honour boards ideal for families

While countless people either marched in, or cheered alongside the ANZAC Day parades, many others have been honouring ex-service people individually with the help of a unique Australian organisation called Medals of Service.

The organisation, which produces replica sets of medals, custom makes family honour boards featuring service people's history, photo, and copies of the medals that they received.

"ANZAC and Remembrance Days are great for recognising the efforts of service people as a whole," says managing director Jeff Brooks.

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Medals of Service helps keep Australia's service history alive with custom-made Family Honour Boards.

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Commodore Geoff Morton presents Mr Brian Rowe with a model of a Sea Fury as a token of appreciation for General Electric Aircraft Engines sponsorship of the Australian Naval Aviation Museum. The company will also be listed on the honour board of sponsors.

The Australian Naval Aviation Museum has received a huge boost from General Electric Aircraft Engines.
Mr Brian Rowe, Chairman of General Electric Engines, has pledged \$20,000 to the museum.
GE Aircraft Engines have already donated \$30,000.
The new pledge would increase sponsorship of the museum to a total of \$50,000.

GE revs up museum

Commodore Geoff Morton, Chairman of the Museum Board said, "It is hard work getting corporate sponsorship and this is an occasion to celebrate.
"Without sponsorship the museum wouldn't be what it is today," he added.
Mr Rowe was visiting Australia with Mr Frank Byrd, Vice President North America and Australasia Sales.



TS Magna SE sedan.

MAGNA'S WIDE COVER

The 1994 Mitsubishi Magna and Verada range now comprise 12 four cylinder and 9 V6 models providing comprehensive market coverage of their respective segments.
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All air conditioning units fitted to the TS Magna and KS Verada model range have the advantage of the environmentally safer

R134A air conditioning refrigerant.
The GLX is price leader of the new range at \$22,982 with the top-of-the-line Magna SE V6 wagon, four speed automatic, at \$34,320.
Option pricing for the ABS brakes and the SRS airbag available on Magna V6 is \$990 for each item.
Mitsubishi has specified the KS Verada even higher on the safety and luxury scale with ABS braking and SRS driver airbag systems fitted as standard on the KS Verada V6Xi.
Pricing for the Verada begins with the V6Ei sedan at \$36,583, the wagon at \$39,105 and the flagship V6Xi including ABS braking and SRS driver airbag at \$44,308.

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 - concerning; flowing gown; undermine, short sleep.
 - wanderer; channel for air; African animal.
 - top; rout out; that is; doubtful.
 - heavenly body; near the North Pole; funeral tune.
 - domestic animal; fever; pace; sea-bird.
 - grow old; opera by Puccini; coagulate; came across.
 - pouling grimace; trim; water; eggs.
 - half printers' measure; beam; trick; wing.
 - Greek letter; deed; obtains; signal (abbr.).
 - part of a turbine; fortified town; small.
 - different; stage whisper; doll; the Queen.
 - heath; make amends; North (abbr.); 14th of 26; shrewd.
 - Gaelic; longing; grind teeth, stove.
- DOWN:**
- Expensive; adverb; relief carving on gemstone; European capital.
 - Flow back; eight-sided figure; engine.
 - also; non-professional; disposition.
 - specify; past; before.
 - provide food; intense suffering; place in proper order.
 - intense fear; consumer; grow less.
 - bring into being; a political committee; preposition.
 - strong; posed; cord.
 - expell; irritation of the skin; ovum; study.
 - type of resin for sealing; run away; river in Siberia.
 - astounded; places in position.
 - strip of material; type of gloves; buckle (archaic).
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SPOUSES OF SUB-MARINERS: These ladies meet every Monday fortnight with the

next meeting on June 13 in the senior sailors mess at HMAS PLATYPUS at 9.15am until 11.30am. Babysitting is available. For more information, contact Hazel on 909 8359 or Debbie on 411 6958. Plans for a self defence course, first aid course and bus trips are on the drawing board. I will keep you updated as more information becomes available.

CANBERRA: The Canberra Service Wives Craft Group meets fortnightly on a Thursday at 10am to 12.30pm at the Ginninderra Community Hall. Cost is \$1.50 members and \$2.50 non-members.
Bookings are essential. Child care is provided. For more information, contact Kaeren on 258 8473, Christina on 259 1274 or

Judie on 241 6949.

The 1994 Stitches and Craft Show bus trip is on Saturday, August 20, departing 6.30am at the Tuggeranong Markets or 7.00am at the Canberra Labour Club. Cost is \$25 and bookings close mid July. Only 56 seats available, bookings open June 1. Book early with Kaeren on 258 8473.

A limited number of tickets are available for the Old Time Music Hall on Saturday, June 4. Prices are \$20 for members, spouses and children and \$25 for non-members.

EXMOUTH: The Harold E. Holt Craft Group Inc. meets every Tuesday from 9am to midday at the chapel on the base. Babysitting is provided. Contact Shelley booth on 49 1983 or Gail Tingey on 49 2217 for more information.
Please feel free to call me, a letter is not always necessary. Until next time, I look forward to receiving your updated articles at 16 St Michael's Court, Coolongup WA 6168 or call me on (09) 527 4373. JULIE DAWSON.

Luck missing in water polo

Luck did not go hand in hand with the men's and women's ADF teams in this year's Australian Country Waterpolo Championships.

The championships were held in Albury-Wodonga.

Both teams acquitted themselves well throughout the tournament against some well drilled sides from New South Wales, Victoria, ACT, Northern Territory and Tasmania.

Unfortunately the ADF teams were unsuccessful in the finals.

The women's side came the closest to winning a final in a match against Victoria.

It was an extremely close game with the lead alternating throughout the match.

With a minute to go the scores were equal when Victoria scored robbing the ADF team of victory.

NAVY SPORTS SECTION NEWS

Both teams proved they could be forces to be reckoned with at the next Arafura Australian Games to be held in Darwin in May 1995.

Next year's aim is to have a greater pool of players from which representatives can be chosen.

Organisers are wondering where all the ADFA-trained water polo players are hiding as there were only three rep-

resentatives at the championships.

Reservists are also reminded they are eligible to play for the ADF (it would not constitute paid Reserve days).

Any players who are interested in ADF water polo should contact either MAJ Natalee White (06) 265 5440 or LEUT Roz Astfalek (09) 417 7249 (A.H.).

Strong showing by NEWCASTLE in soccer

Army 3RAR has taken out the 1994 ALBATROSS/NIRIMBA Cup soccer knockout with a convincing win over an impressive HMAS NEWCASTLE team.

The 1994 cup was held at the Navy Sports Complex Randwick and 13 teams participated in the competition.

It was a good response as most of the ships had sailed for RIMPAC.

Also, it was pleasing to see teams travelling from Melbourne, Canberra and the South Coast to play.

NEWCASTLE played exceptional football to make it through to the final of the cup by beating KUTTABUL, PLATYPUS and ALBATROSS.

However, Army showed it was in a class of its own as it dominated the final beating NEWCASTLE 5-0.

The NIRIMBA Plate was contested by arch rivals KUTTABUL and WATSON who, ironically, were the grand finalists in the mid-week competition last month.

Unfortunately for KUTTABUL the result was the same with another win for WATSON.

Trailing 0-2 at half time KUTTABUL had every chance in the second half but WATSON's defence stood strong and it ran out easy winners 4-0.

One of the most exciting games of the day was between two of the favoured teams, CERBERUS and ALBATROSS. After a penalty shootout scores were still tied until the sudden death kick-off saw ALBATROSS victors 5-4.

The Commanding Officer of HMAS KUTTABUL, CDR Bruekel not only presented the trophies, but was also seen running water and urging his team along from the sideline.



NEWCASTLE's Nick Buckmaster, left, keeps a close watch on an Army opponent during the soccer final.

Sailors assist in MP win

A Defence Force Corrective Establishment (DFCE) has finished on top of the ladder in the 1994 Military Police Corps Sports Day.

The sports day is conducted on the final weekend of Corps Conference and members from various MP units, local and interstate, compete for the Director of Military Police, Provost Marshal - Army Trophy (Directors Trophy).

The director's trophy was introduced in

1991 by the Director of Military Police (DMP) and was first won by the MP School.

Joint Service personnel from the Defence Force Corrective Establishment competed in all events which included volleyball, touch football, tug-of-war and a gruelling 7.5km cross-country.

The overall scores were: DFCE 25 points, 1; MP School 13, 2; IMP/AMP 11, 3; BASC 08, 4; DMP 06, 5; 2MP 02, 6.

Included in the winning team were LSCSO A. Rowe and LSCK C. Williams.



The victorious DFCE team, back l-r: CPL S. Moloney, CPL M. Clacherty, LSCSO A. Rowe, SGT M. Gaschk (RAAFPOL), SGT S. Ritchie, CPL G. Kubea, CPL B. Moffatt (RAAFPOL), WO1 V. White; centre: CPL S. Callister; front: SGT M. Formston, CPL G. Mold, CAPT T. Miller (team captain), CPL P. King, LSCK C. Williams, CPL S. Spriggs.

The national women's soccer carnival will be held at RAAF Williamtown from September 5-10. Nominations for coach, manager and assistant manager are to be submitted in writing, including qualifications, to The Secretary, RAN-WSA, AB Dickson, SBRS, HMAS COONAWARRA. Nominations close on July 29. All women interested in playing are to contact AB Vanessa Dickson (089) 471 850. Any other information can be obtained from your sports office.

HMAS PENGUIN's Project Duwan Ropes Course has provided an educational and enjoyable day by 15 facilitators of high ropes courses from around Australia. Facilitators from the Duwan course at PENGUIN, as well as facilitators from the CERBERUS, STIRLING and CRESWELL courses attended exchanging ideas and experiences on all facets of the course. On completion of the day



By Marty Karow

LEUT Kathy Mitchell said a few words on behalf of fellow facilitators congratulating POPT Tony Cocks and CMDR George as the driving force behind getting the first course up and running. For people who don't know, a high ropes course is a one day communication, confidence and team building activity with a high priority on just having fun. If you would like to participate in this enjoyable activity contact your friendly PT staff who can help you get involved.

Twenty personnel from HMAS KUTTABUL will soon be leaving on a

seven day adventure training activity to a small town 30km north west of Mackay, Queensland, called Kuttabul. The local community of Kuttabul has scheduled a busy itinerary for HMAS KUTTABUL personnel utilising the magnificent natural bushlands of the area. It appears there is no connection between Kuttabul and the Sydney Harbour Ferry KUTTABUL after which HMAS KUTTABUL was named.

The Navy Indoor Sports Centre in Sydney has farewelled CPOPT Scotty

Roberts and welcomed CPOPT Bones Sutton. Scotty enjoyed the busy and challenging work at the NISC and is now looking forward to the change of environment in his new posting to the YOUNG ENDEAVOUR. Smooth sailing Scotty.

One of the biggest community sports events in the southern hemisphere will be held in August. It's the annual 14km City to Surf fun run from William Street to Bondi Beach, Sydney. Last year this event attracted about 40,000 runners and walkers of all ages and abilities. For more details and enquiries on getting into a team contact your PT staff.

If you have any articles for Av-A-Go don't hesitate to mail them to me. My address: POPT Marty Karow, Sports Office, HMAS KUTTABUL, Garden Island NSW 2000.

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Late try swings rugby to ASRU

A late try by Navy half-back Brett Quinn (CRESWELL) has helped Australian Services Rugby Union (ASRU) to a hard-fought 14-8 victory over a Sydney Suburban XV at Victoria Barracks, Sydney.

Quinn was rewarded for a strong all-round performance when he crashed over beside the posts after a powerful run by centre Jason Whitfield (Army) and quick clearing by the forwards had Sydney back-peddalling.

As all good half-backs should Quinn kept his pack rolling for the full 80 minutes and also provided steady service to the ASRU backline.

Navy's four remaining representatives - prop Andy Bray (PERTH), second-rower John Cunningham (CST), break-away Michael Vidulich (PALUMA) and centre Bob Plath (WATERHEN) - made solid contributions as did Army winger Mark Goodwin.

Plath combined well with Whitfield, splitting the line on numerous occasions and stretching Sydney's backline defence to the limit.

ASRU showed plenty of commitment to fight back after being headed in the second half, but the winning margin could have been far greater had it been able to capitalise on a series of promising raids.

After leading 7-3 at the break, ASRU came out firing but points proved elusive and when Sydney scored in the corner to take an 8-7 lead the stage was set for an exciting finish.

With the match up for grabs it was left to Quinn to snatch the try which sealed ASRU's victory.

Its other five-pointer came courtesy of breakaway Peter Collier (RAAF) 15 minutes into the first half.

Collier worked tirelessly in both attack and defence as did the entire ASRU pack, defying the hot conditions to lay the foundations for success.

At the same venue on Sunday ASRU made it two from two with an easy 31-8 victory over NSW country.

ASRU now faces two matches against the visiting US Combined Services team - at the Sydney Football Stadium on Saturday, June 11 (curtain raiser to Australia v Ireland), and Canberra's Manuka Oval on Monday, June 13.



An ASRU player is well held in the match against the Sydney Suburban XV.



World champ ... CDR Ric Longbottom, the Tasar world champion, receives the RANSA Tasar trophy from RADM Hunt. Ric is competing in the 1994 world championships in Brixham, UK, in August.

RANSA helping with Olympics

The annual RANSA prizegiving night has been held in HMAS KUTTABUL with prizes presented by FONSC, Rear Admiral Hnnt.

Also attending were the Maritime Commander, Australia, Rear Admiral Chalmers and Mrs Gillian Chalmers and the Commodore of Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron and Royal Prince Edward Yacht Club.

Sydney Squadron Commodore, LEUT Max Kean, welcomed the guests and prizewinners and announced RANSA's involvement in

the fore-running international regattas prior to the year 2000 Olympic Games.

RANSA has joined with the Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, also in Rushcutters Bay, to host the keel boat divisions which may be included in the Olympic Games in Sydney.

Sydney International Regatta in September (SIRS) will be the first of six events to train judges and officials and teams for Australia's yachting in the year 2000.

If you wish to be in the organising body for these regattas and the Olympics

please contact RANSA on 363 9939.

RANSA is also sponsoring in part the RAN personnel of the ADF Sailing Team competing in the 1994 Tasar World Championship to be conducted in UK in August.

For those sailors fortunate to have a sports afternoon on Wednesdays there are several permanent billets open in top boats racing out of RANSA in the current winter point score.

For information call Janet Doyle at RANSA on 363 9939.

Narrow loss for ADFGA

The Australian Defence Force Golf Association has narrowly lost its annual match with the Victorian Golf Association.

The annual fixture was sponsored by NEC Australia.

Once again Services opened up in the four-ball with a 3 1/2 - 2 1/2 victory in some tight matches with four of the six games going to the

18th green.

The foursomes on the second morning once again proved the "Achilles Heel" of the Defence team which could manage only 1 1/2 points from the six available.

Lunching with an overall deficit of two points the singles had to be won 9-3 to take the match.

A tough task against such

experienced and worthy opponents which included Chris Tatt, a former Australian amateur champion.

The Victorians proved too strong and won the singles 7-5 for an overall victory of 14-10.

The highlight of the singles was an outstanding victory for Peter Gilbert (RAN) over Chris Tatt.

Meanwhile, Ian Rodgers (RAAF) has been appointed secretary manager of Royal Canberra Golf Club and marked his departure from the ADFGA by being unbeaten in his last match.

Farewells also to Peter Simpson who pays off from the RAN after 20 years this month and John Weber, who leaves the RAAF soon to work for Ansett in Sydney.

The Defence team comprised Peter Gilbert (RAN), Peter Chambers (Army), Peter Simpson (RAN), Ian Rodgers (RAAF), Craig Corrigan (Army), John Weher (RAAF), Rob Moule (Army captain), Mike Swainhouse (RAAF), Cliff Smith (Army), Daryl Bell (RAAF), Geoff Skinner (Army), Bob Baldwin (RAAF).

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