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His Excellency the Governor-General Sir Paul Hasluck, GCMG, KStJ, presenting the Queen's Medal to Cpl P. J. McAmara, at Graduation Parade, December 9, 1969.

Editorial . . .



RMC — UNSW



Nineteen sixty-nine heralds not only the end of another decade in the history of the Royal Military College, Duntroon, but also the beginning of a period of change for the College.

Events at the College this year and the investigation of the concept of a Tri-Services College suggest that the 'Seventies may see considerable development and change within the College itself as well as in the life of the Staff Cadet.

Many graduates will no doubt shake their heads at this thought and adopt the philosophy of "what was good enough for us . . ." Be that as it may, Australia is changing and Duntroon must change with it or become an anachronism.

The new-style Duntroon should produce a graduate who is able to hold his own, intellectually and technically, with his civilian counterparts. In other words he will have the qualifications required by the times but otherwise he will be no different from past graduates. He will still possess those qualities that have been exhibited by graduates since the inception of the College.

1969 NOTES

Visitors

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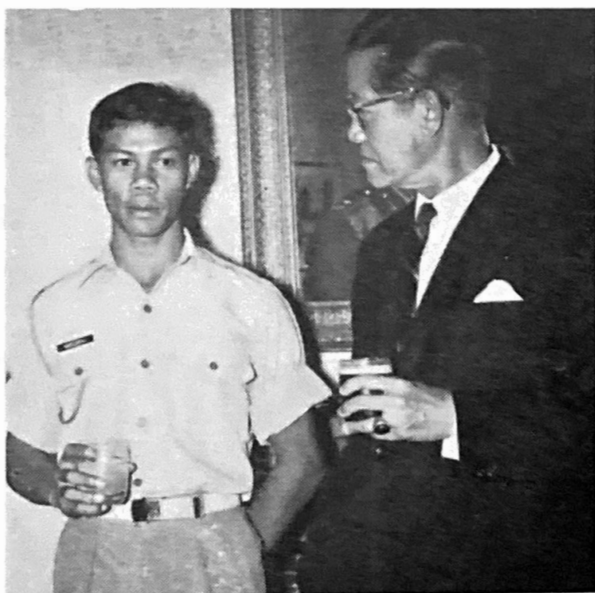
His Excellency Mr. Prasong Buncheom, the Thai Ambassador to Australia.

Lieutenant-General Prasarn Amatayakul, Commandant, Air Vice Marshal Chumsai Ekachant, Deputy Commandant and sixty students and staff of the Thai Armed Forces Staff College.

Lieutenant-Colonel Mohamed Ariff Bin Yahya, the Malaysian Services Adviser in Australia.

Major-General Chantrakupt Sirisuth, Deputy Superintendent and twenty-one members of the Thai National Defence College.

General Ralph E. Haines Jnr., Commander in Chief, United States Army Pacific Area Command.



His Excellency Mr. Prasong Buncheon, the Thai Ambassador, talking to Staff Cadet N. Hamcumpai.

Lieutenant-Colonel James E. Crow, Commandant designate West Point Preparatory School, U.S.A.

Lieutenant-General Sir Peter Hunt, KCB, DSO, OBE, Commander Far East Land Forces.

Major-General R. B. Dawson, CB, CBE, DSO, Chief of the General Staff, New Zealand Army.

Colonel Richard R. Wyrrough, Infantry Senior

Adviser at The Vietnamese National Military Academy.

Major-General P. T. Tower, CB, DSO, MBE, Commandant Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst United Kingdom.

Ceremonial

IN honour of Anzac Day, parades were held on the parade ground, and at the grave of Major-General Sir William Throsby Bridges, KCB, CMG, first Commandant of RMC. A detachment of Second Class cadets paraded at the Australian War Memorial as part of the composite Service Guard and Catafalque Party.

In honour of Her Majesty the Queen's Birthday the Corps of Staff Cadets trooped the Queen's Colour. The reviewing officer was His Excellency the Governor-General, The Right Honourable Sir Paul Hasluck, GCMG, K St J.

The corps of Staff Cadets paraded on 28th June on the occasion of the inauguration of Founder's Day. The reviewing officer was the Chief of the General Staff, Lieutenant-General Sir Thomas Daly, KBE, CB, DSO.

First Class provided members for the catafalque party and the unarmed guard at the Remembrance Day ceremony at the Australian War Memorial.

The Corps of Staff Cadets trooped Queen Elizabeth the Second's Banner.

The graduation church service and the graduation mass were held at the Anzac Memorial Chapel of St. Paul, Duntroon.

The Corps of Staff Cadets paraded on the occasion of the graduation of the Senior Class. The reviewing officer was His Excellency the Governor-General Sir Paul Hasluck, GCMG, K St J.

Visiting Lecturers

A NUMBER of lecturers from both within and without the Services accepted invitations to assist with instruction and address the Corps of Staff Cadets.

Those who addressed the Corps during the year were:

11th April: Lieutenant-General Sir Sydney Rowell, KBE, CB, "The Place of the Royal Military College in Australian Military History".

4th July: Sir James Plimpsoll, CBE, Secretary of the Department of External Affairs.

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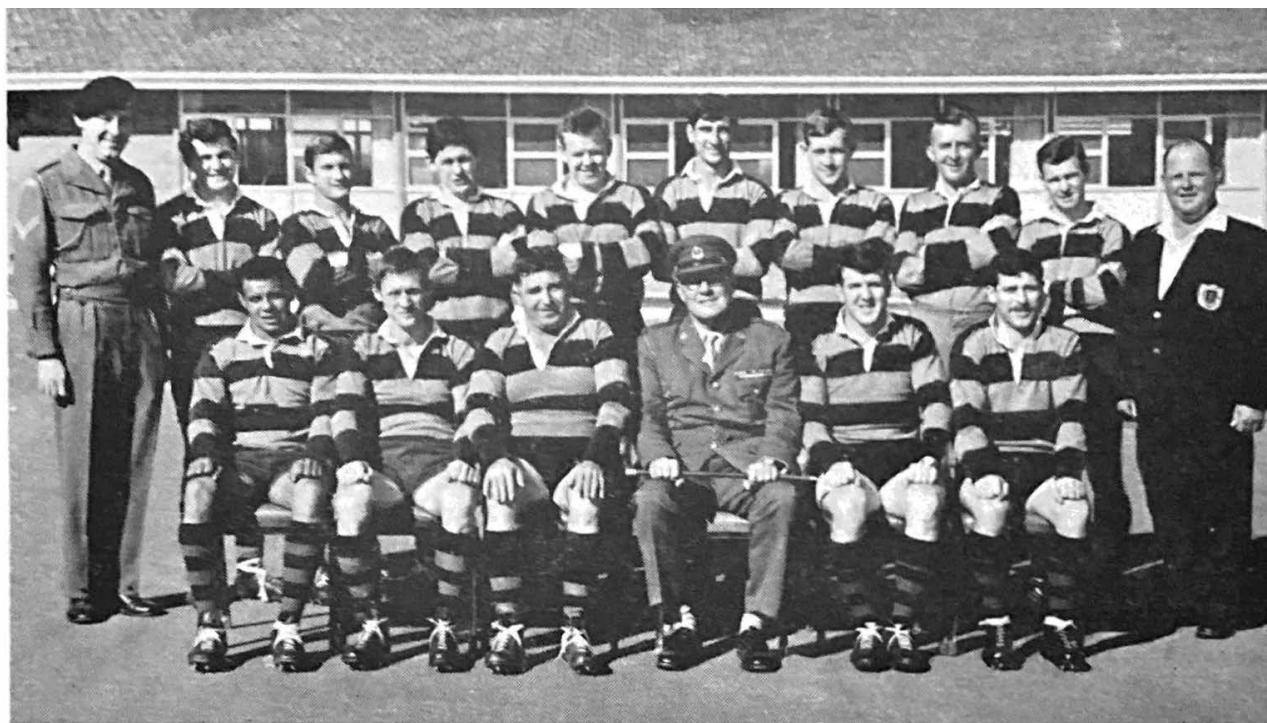
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Headquarter Company



RMC Staff XV

Back Row, Left to Right: Cpl T. Kelly, Cpl W. Holmes, Cfn J. King, Pte P. Robinson, Cpl R. Stevenson, Pte X. Chircop, Pte R. Hawke, Cpl G. Willey, Pte G. Daniels, Cpl T. Claven.

Front Row, Left to Right: Spr T. Slockie, Cpl J. Baron, Cpl W. Lavis, Maj J. B. Godwin, MBE, Capt N. Jans, Pte C. Kollias.

Rugby Union

THE RMC Staff XV had its most successful season for some years. This year the team played in the Fourth Grade Canberra Rugby Union Competition as the Sub-District Competition lapsed with the introduction of the Fourth Grade Competition.

The team played consistently well throughout the season and reached the final four, having won sixteen matches out of eighteen. Staff was narrowly defeated, nine points to eight, in the second semi-final by Daramalan Black but reached the Grand Final by defeating Forestry by twelve points to eight in the preliminary final the following Saturday.

Staff took their revenge on Daramalan Black

in an exciting Grand Final by winning by nine points to three, a most fitting conclusion to a good season of rugby.

All members of the team shone at various times but some impressed more than others by their contributions to the team effort. Outstanding among these were:—

Cfn John King—our half-back who won the teams Best and Fairest Award.

Lcpl Phil Kirby—our hooker who won the Best Forward Award.

Cpl Bill Holmes—breakaway who won the award for the Most Improved Forward.

Spr Tom Slockie—who won the Best Back Award.

Presentations

On 6th November, 1969, a parade was held on the Headquarter Company parade ground at which the Commandant presented the following awards:—

AUSTRALIAN MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL

WO 2 L. B. G. Green, RAAC

MEDAL FOR LONG SERVICE AND GOOD CONDUCT

WO 2 H. Kirkman, RAE

Cpl M. J. McIntosh, RAASC

SAFE DRIVING AWARDS

Cpl M. J. McIntosh	200,000 miles
Cpl P. E. Welch	20,000 miles
Pte I. R. McDonald	10,000 miles
Pte C. W. Saunders	10,000 miles
Pte W. R. Gumm	5,000 miles
Pte G. D. Hurrell	5,000 miles
Pte B. N. Heaslip	5,000 miles
Pte P. L. Jarman	5,000 miles
Pte W. H. Lockett	5,000 miles
Lcpl F. J. Schoof	5,000 miles
Pte G. M. Simm	5,000 miles
Pte D. A. Furlonger	5,000 miles

Congratulations from HQ Coy to all concerned. This parade was followed by a Beating of Retreat Ceremony, both of which were watched by a large number of appreciative spectators. The Buffet Dinner, for those attending and their families, was also a great success.

RMC Band

The RMC Band has been fortunate, that, with the turnover of National Servicemen musicians, we have been able to maintain a posted strength of 40. During the year two of our regular musicians returned to civvy street. Musician Spencer transferred to RAEME and Musician Price to the Aust. Force Band in Singapore.

Graduation Day will be the last parade for WO2 Norm Sheedy as a Drum Major. In January, 1970, he will take up a posting at the Directorate of Music's Office at AHQ. His successor will be WO2 Max Jarrett from the RAAC Band, Puckapunyal.

The Band has had the usual calendar of engagements, the highlights being: the now-annual presentation of the "1812 Overture", Anzac Day, Queen's Birthday and Founders' Day Parades, Massed Band "Beating of Retreat Ceremony" at Victoria Barracks, Sydney, and the Graduation Parade; plus numerous Guards of Honour from the Navy, Army and RAAF for arrivals and departures of VIP's from Fairbairn RAAF Base and Presentations of Credentials to the Governor-General at Government House by new Ambassadors from various overseas countries.

RMC Workshop

During the year 1969, the RMC Workshops RAEME again successfully carried out its many varied roles. The nature of these roles ranged from vehicle recovery and repair, and general engineering, to the provision of Regimental Police for traffic duty at the many ceremonial occasions which are held annually at the College.

These tasks have not been made any easier by the departure of several of the "old hands" and their subsequent and often delayed replacement by newcomers. The Establishment of the Workshop is one Officer and 27 ORs, and during the year 60 per cent. of the Workshop personnel have changed. As at 30 Dec '69, 10 of this total were National Servicemen, most of whom were qualified civilian tradesmen, and who have been able to carry on their trade during their Army Service. The Regular soldiers and the National Servicemen have combined very well and formed themselves into a very well-knit team.

The Old Corps Director, Brigadier H. Martins, paid a farewell visit to the Unit upon his retirement, and commented very favourably on the standard achieved by the Workshop.

At the conclusion of the year, the Workshop farewelled the outgoing OC, Captain J. Lobb, who was greatly respected by the Workshop personnel, and welcomed the new OC, Captain L. Foley. Corporal D. Clark left after many years of Army service, to the ranks of civilian life.

For the members of the Workshop, the year concluded with a sense of achievement and satisfaction, brought about by the knowledge of a job well done.

Honours and Awards 1969

CONGRATULATIONS to the following members of the staff who received awards in 1969:

Member of the Order of the British Empire—
Chap J. M. Hoare, ED.

Long Service and Good Conduct Medal—
WO2 H. Kirkman, (RAE).
Cpl M. J. McIntosh (RAASC).

Australian Meritorious Service Medal—
WO2 L. B. G. Green (RAAC).

AROUND THE COMPANIES

The Sovereign's Company

Alamein Company

ONE point the difference and the Obstacle Course still to go. Determined and confident, THE MAIN company once again showed its worth, and defeated THE OTHER company to retain the Lee Shield for another year.

The year has been a good one—although it did not look this way in Term One, with all too frequent wins in THE LOTTERY. This probably did a lot for our rooms, but had a shattering effect on our morale. Adequate compensation came, however, with the abolition of Reveille Parades and the introduction of a new phenomenon—the legal “sleep in”, and breakfast became a thing of the past. Company parties, again shared with our other military half, proved great successes, especially the Company barbecue where Fourth Class joined in the spirit of the occasion and decided to regrow a certain sergeant's hair with an egg shampoo.

Responsibility for the successes this year must undoubtedly go to our thirteen representatives of the “SIXTY-NINERS”. With TUCK and TREVVERS displaying fine inspirational leadership from Company HQ (whenever they were awake) the company ran smoothly. There were, of course, a few problems to overcome, such as the Battle of the Sounds, where DUMBO beat VIV in the final, CHALKY'S habit of smashing billiard balls through the windows of the Rec

Room while the rest of the company was on the Square, and all the other activities of MOE, SHARKEY, BROMS, GAZZER, BEAK, MAC (and spouse) and the AUSTRIAN LOVER which kept us suitably entertained throughout the year and produced the basis for our tremendous Company spirit.

This carried over to the Sporting Field where we won the RUGBY, HOCKEY, SOCCER and CRICKET, and also performed the outstanding feat of scoring our first goal in STRULES for ten years. After careful deliberation, we decided that in all honesty we were the best Company at drill, and we won the competition for yet another year.

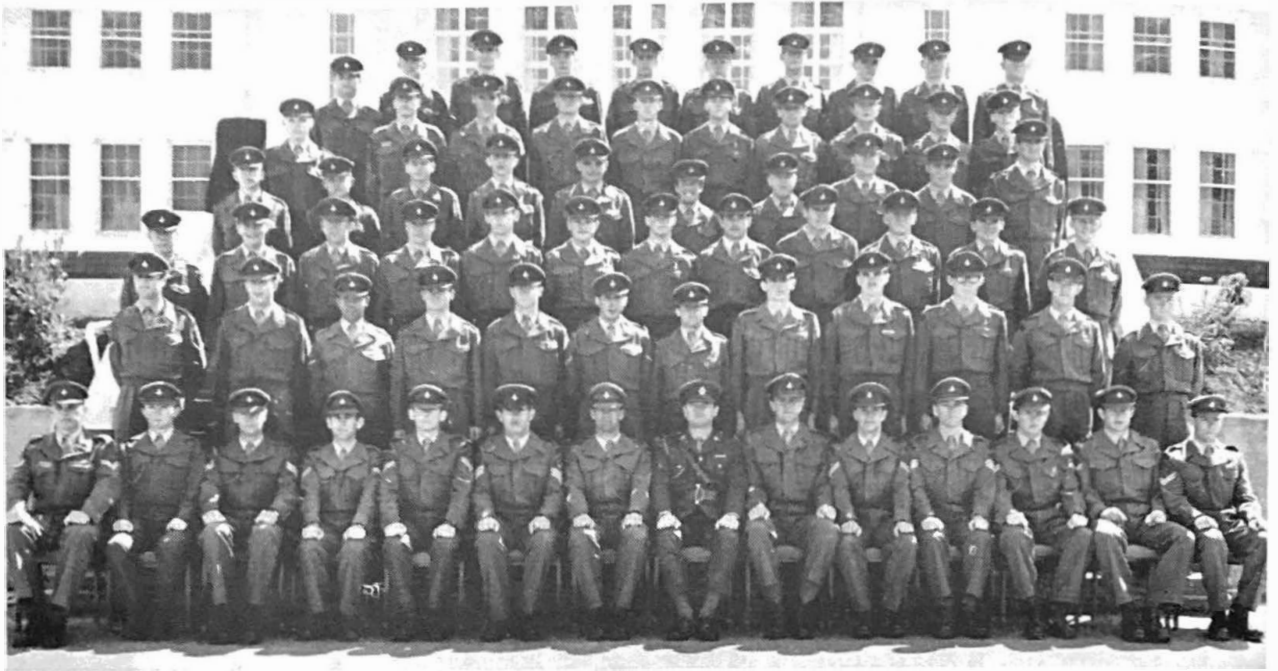
At this stage we should like to congratulate RUDI on his history-making feat of winning the Silver Boomerang for the fourth year in succession.

Our thanks go to Maj K. R. Schlyder who gave us considerable support and assistance throughout the year, and played no small part in our final victory.

We wish First Class all the best for the future outside CLINK, and sincerely hope there will still be an Army after 1970. We would also like to add further best wishes to Mr Nice Guy, BILL BARNES. Sorry you won't be with us this Grad.



Kapyong Company



A STRONG, fighting company spirit characterised Kapyong company this year. After being in a strong challenging position all year, a third place in the Obstacle Course competition resulted in Kapyong finishing second, four points behind Alamein, a very fine result.

In sporting events the company fielded strong teams in swimming and Water Polo (traditional), and Australian Rules which all won their respective competitions impressively. In Swimming, both John Poiner and Mick Johnston swam well, both for the Company and for the College with John setting new college breaststroke records. In cricket, basketball, hockey and soccer Kapyong fought hard and gained second place. Teamwork and determination supported our individual stars, with Andy Grecian in the cricket being, perhaps, the most impressive. On paper the Rugby team was doomed to last place, but against Gallipoli, sustained tackling and hard play earned a victory which pulled the Company to within one point of Alamein. Gary Bryant led his team by setting a splendid example. A dearth of tennis players and athletes led to third and fourth place in these competitions. However it was the overall strength, consistency and teamwork, rather than individual skills which retained the Lord Forster Cup for Kapyong.

In the company events we started off well. A highly organised training programme lifted Kapyong from its customary last to second place

in the Cross Country. Bad luck foiled a similar plan for drill, and despite a lot of hard work the Company finished last. The Small Arms Competition, however, was a triumph, when a consistently high standard by our marksmen gained us a narrow win. The Obstacle Course was next, with a mere point separating Kapyong and Alamein. On the day, the competition was very close and hard fought. Kapyong did well, but Alamein tipped us into third place for the Obstacle Course and second place in the Lee Shield. We congratulate Alamein on their success after a close interesting struggle, and intend to reverse the result next year.

Certainly the cause of this successful year is the example in Company spirit and efficient organisation set by Maj B. R. Fegan and Capt J. W. Lobb. The efforts of first class led by BRUNO set the example for a happy, efficient and spirited company. Of this class we remember: BRUNO's Hot 1100; BOB's beer; HOPPY's international affair; JACK's mashing; PUG's sunny smile; WAL's organisation; CHOOMY's wife; WHEEL's wheels; PRETTY BOY's borrowed footy boots; FD's bitching; HEMPY's blind date; I.A.N.'s B; GAZZA and the one-armed bandit; and ANDY's lip. We extend all our best wishes to you, first class, and ask you to remember one thing wherever you go.

BLACK POWER!

Gallipoli Company

"We'll let them have it one more year—
just so they know what it feels like to lose it."

From: Quotations of Chairman Troon.

THE new entry: no sooner arrived than gone—hardly gone but back again, and Gallipoli Company took up its position on the inspection line, albeit somewhat left of centre, but bent on better things.

Hopes rose with the early Athletics Competition where dark horses and guesswork were the order of the day. Falling short by an unlucky margin in the aquatic pursuits we looked to our now traditional forte—and won the cross country. 1969 was again a year when the blue tee-shirts were well to the fore in that epitome of masochism.

Since this victory was linked with a win in the tennis, hopes were raised, and eyes lifted to red lanyards and all that.

Quite obviously it was written in the stars that 1969 was not to be the year that our able UO TONY MILLAR was to lead us out of the wilderness and back to that more accustomed niche in front of Ack Block. This celestial edict unfolded itself with a series of unfortunate placings that seriously eroded our hopes for Sovs 69. As a mark of our intentions for next year, we again took out the Polo Cup after a one year slump.

For this year—our congratulations to Alamein for their second win in fine style. It has been customary for the graduating class to be mentioned in the Company Notes—so "Ili First

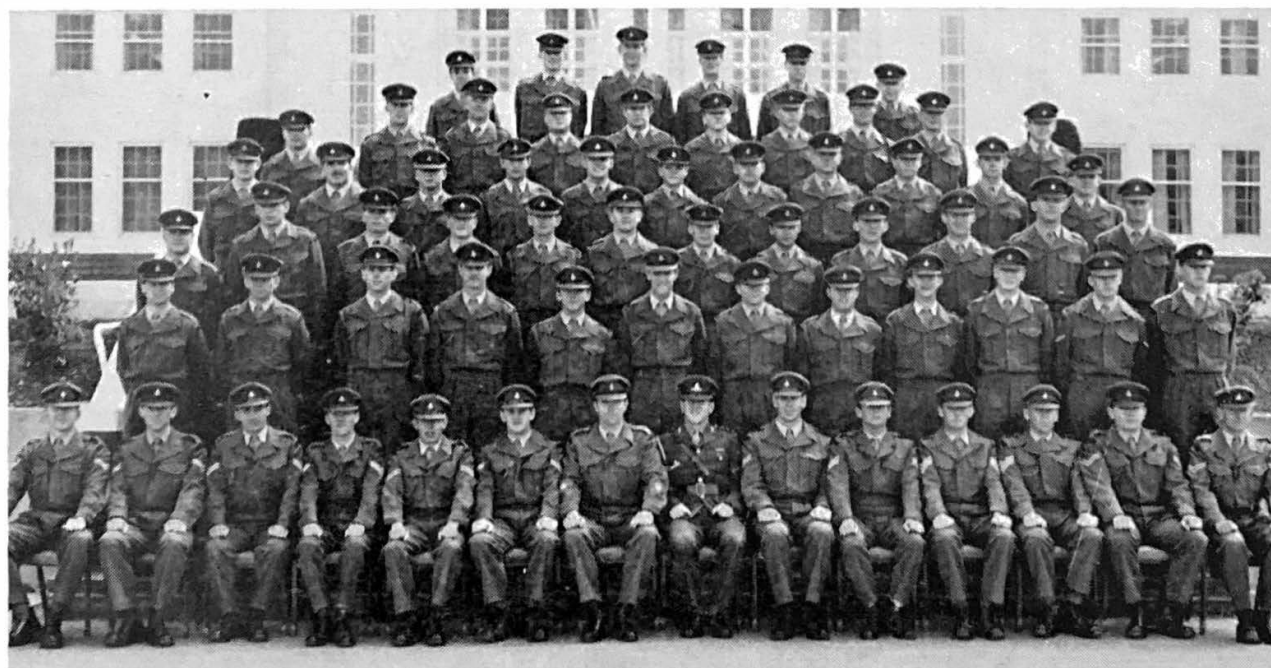
Class!" Prominent definitely, individuals of prominent nomenclature they also were—RALPH Q. LOUDMOUTH, CRUSADE, MAXIE, and ROCKET being names perhaps more in line with Buck Rogers. Certainly when it is remembered that they were well versed in the characteristics of ROCKETS and their propellant CHARGES! Despite any doubts on the subject, we are all sincerely grateful to you for your leadership and are proud to have been associated with you. Best wishes for the future.

Our Buchanalian pursuits for '69 were conducted with Sovs, our partners in the baser pursuits. Again, thanks are due to the individuals concerned for their active financial support of these company parties.

Finally, but far from minor in importance, is the credit due to Captain Jans who so ably took over from Captain Pfitzner. Captain Jans' active support of, and continued interest in the Company's well-being is very much appreciated (despite comments to the contrary by Divvy 4 mashers!)

In conclusion these words from the Blamey Oration would seem apt.

"... I commend those familiar Army words in which was so often combined all that was best of exhortation and encouragement, 'Carry on'."



Kokoda Company

"NEVER kick a sleeping Dog . . ." once again became the motto of the Company. Snug and safely set-up in its three sleepy hollows, Anzac Hall, Cork Block and Bottom floor Sov's Block, Kokoda slept out its days. Cork Block was led by CAMA and proceeded to become "flippant and casual" while Sov's Block was ruled under the iron (?) fist of Mick Castle. Anzac Hall was never awake long enough to be described as anything.

At the beginning of the year we proceeded to break-in both a new OC and Fourth Class. Fourth Class were for most of the year an object of controversy but they settled down and became well fitted into the system that made this an enjoyable year.

The movement to make the DOGS SOVS ground to an early halt and did not really get going again. Being split into three groups did not really give us much chance of winning the Lee Shield. In the Company Events we came last in all except Drill, where we came third. If truth be known, the company did not enter the competitions really wholeheartedly. Everyone started wondering why POLLY got upset when we suggested that the Obstacle Course teams be made up in Alphabetical order!

In the sporting events we did not fare much better. The only inter-company sport we were to win was Basketball where the skill of Brian Stevens and Lionel Haynes was too great for the other company teams. The true DOGS spirit was shown in the Rugby Competition. Led by Ray Cameron, Brian Stevens, Steve Yates and Terry Boyce we came second, and were unlucky not to win it. We also gained second places in swimming and athletics.

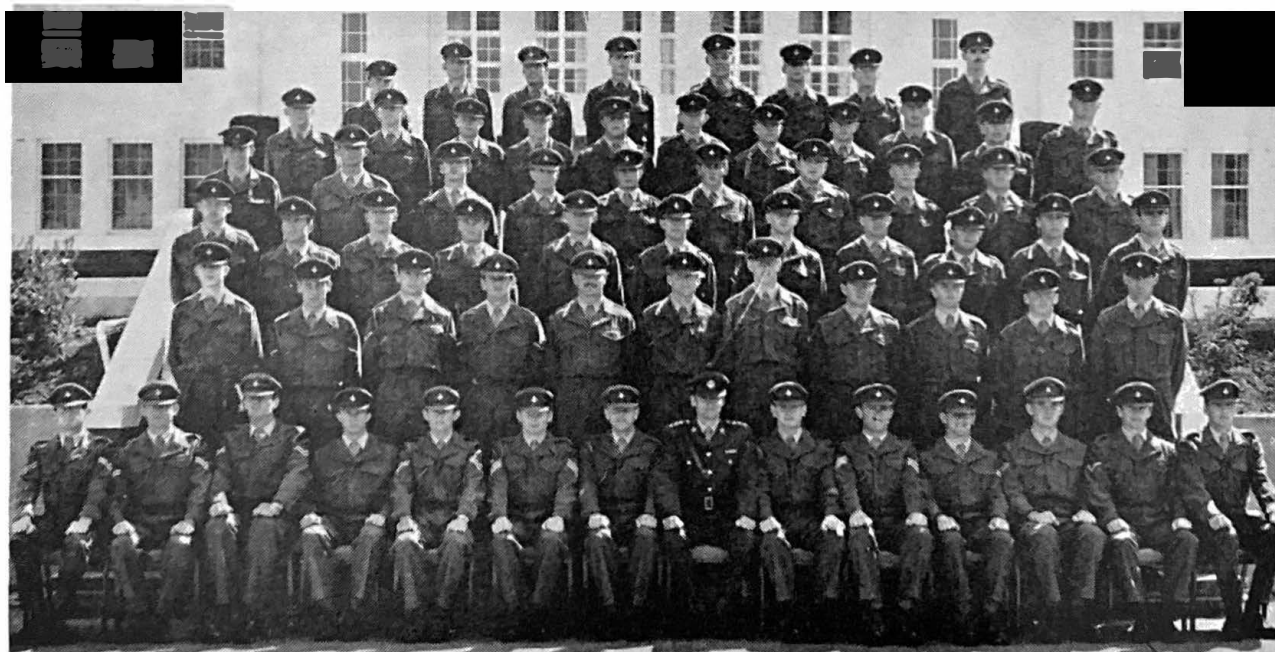
First Class in true DOG tradition were "bogged-on" and "DS" (?). The highlights of the year came when DENZIL tried to find the Square, AVA was found not bogged-on, PHIL MAC was caught with a button undone, STEVO was in his room while on stoppage and SPOOK was not in Sydney or Wollongong.

Company parties were once again instant successes, due mainly to enthusiastic Second Class and Artistic Third Class.

We would like to wish First Class all the best in their future careers and to thank them for a good year. We would also like to thank Capt. Thornley for his guidance and active interest in the Company's affairs. Next year the DOGS seem destined to be split again, but with the maintenance of our Company spirit we cannot help but be "TOP DOGS".

Would you believe:—

"DOGS FOR SOVS 1970"



CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

CSC Underwater Club

THE CSC Underwater Club was formed this year after a very successful Easter Recreation Camp at Narooma. With S/C Hawkin's competent help quite a few fourth class became extremely interested in spearfishing and skindiving in general.

After the Recreation Camp a club was formed within the College. Since the club has been formed it has grown enormously. With two full sets of equipment in the beginning, the club now possesses enough equipment to outfit eleven divers completely, including wet suits.

Throughout the winter season the club has dived every weekend at various places along the coast. The areas that have been dived lie within a 50 mile radius of Bateman's Bay. The scope presented by these areas has enabled club members to gain experience in nearly all diving conditions.

The experience gained is now showing up at this later stage of the year with club members bringing in better fish every time they dive.

The club has also created an interest in scuba diving and for this, the club now has four scuba tanks.

From the rate at which the club is growing at the moment all club members are looking forward to an even better year next year.

Photography Club

NINETEEN SIXTY-NINE started out as a year of promise for the Photography Club with a large amount of interest shown at the beginning of the year. It soon became evident that interests were many and varied. Some of the new members wished to start a motion picture section but were unsuccessful. Few of the new members have cameras which resulted in the maximum use of the club's equipment.

Unfortunately activities in the darkroom were restricted by rebuilding operations within hut A55, halfway through the year. This did not stop a large coverage of sports and other activities within the College.

Most of the club's funds were put into buying small but necessary items for the darkroom. The club thanks Captain Tonks for his guidance and help. If it had not been for him lending his equipment to the club the success seen this year would not have been possible.

Nineteen seventy promises to be a more successful year with the recent acquisition of a Nilson 200 mm lens. There should now be no excuse for poor sports coverage as this is the ideal lens. When the new darkroom is in full operation there will be much more working room. L/cpl A. B. Jones, who succeeded Cpl G. J. Downs as president for 1970, will work under the guidance of Captain Ellis replacing Capt Tonks who has been reposted.

Ski Club

UNLIKE last year, this season has been the poorest since we began ski-ing in the Snowy Mountains. Undaunted however, many attended the very successful Sunday trips which were made, earlier in the season to the Perisher Valley and later to Thredbo.

A group of six cadets from Third and Fourth Classes were chosen for ski-ing lessons on a Rothmans Foundation Grant. These cadets were instructed at Thredbo and quickly attained a reasonable state of proficiency. The aim of these lessons is that these cadets will be able to teach other cadets the skills of ski-ing in the next two or three years.

With the addition of five new pairs of skis and other equipment, there were no shortages as had been experienced in previous years. Also with the renovation of Hut A55, more urgently required space was made available for working and issuing skis.

Our thanks go to Maj Magnusson and Maj Fegan for their valuable assistance throughout the season. With the present rate of increasing interest in ski-ing, 1970 should, and we hope prove, to be even better.

Outdoors Club

THE formation of new clubs to cater for activities, once branches of the Outdoors Club, has taken much of the support once enjoyed by the club.

Contact with a similar organisation at ANU resulted in an invitation to join in their activities. This proved to be a splendid opportunity to meet their members and to broaden the range of possible trips.

The club this year served as a store from which the other groups could draw equipment. It was able to participate in shooting trips to the Clyde River, Mt. Corrie and the Budawang Ranges.

No new items of equipment were purchased this year, but the club provided the ammunition for the Fourth Class Recreation Camp.

Once again, time has restricted activities which may have created greater interest in the Club.

Radio Club

HAVING stagnated for a number of years the club has now organised itself into a working unit.

It comprises scientists and engineers as well as artists and next year will have an even distribution among the classes.

In 1970 we look forward to a number of projects such as training of members for their operator's licence and the installation of a public address system in the CSC Mess.

Equipment and working areas have been supplied by the signals wing of the RMC and the continued assistance of Maj J. Gordon and WO2 H. Hutton is appreciated.

Skydiving

NINETEEN SIXTY-NINE saw the start of this new activity within the RMC. Though not recognised as an official club it was at the start sanctioned in RO's as a survival technique. Facing many problems of finance, time and equipment 14 cadets had by August become airborne and totalled 80 jumps. Working within the Canberra Skydivers we generally used a Cessna 182 as our jumpship and operated at the Hoskintown Dropping Zone, 20 miles from Duntroon.

Jumping slowed down somewhat at the start of third term with the succession of very windy weekends. However with the spring, prospects were again on the up and up and we roped in WO2 Donnelly to be our participating supervising officer. A grad week spectacular is planned with our participation in a jumpathon to raise money for the Australian overseas team. Here three cadets will make ten to fifteen jumps each in one day and be sponsored in the same way as is a walkathon entrant.

Next year this sport can hardly fail to advance due to the enthusiasm within the Corps and due in part to our prodigious infiltration of the Regimental funds committee.

Judo Club



Left to Right: W. M. Richardson, T. M. Boyce, R. W. Martens, P. J. Hickey, WO2 T. Donnelly, D. A. K. Urquhart, J. R. Hunter, J. A. Brandon, I. A. Newey.

Fencing Club

THE RMC Fencing Club again showed a great leap forward in 1969 as it did in 1968. Many new entries showed great promise as fencers of the future. Membership almost doubled this year, but nothing was lost of the finer arts of this sport. We would like to thank Sqn-Ldr Warren for his time and instruction, his loss will be deeply felt amongst many of the senior fencers. His successor, John Douglas (Olympic representative), has also proved invaluable in the short time we have had him. We thank him for his help.

Second Term saw the Canberra Fencing Clubs meet at Duntroon for our Annual Competition. This year we managed to gain the first four places in foils, of which we are proud. With the

introduction as a summer sport we can expect even greater achievements in the future.

Highlights of the year were, Chris Pugsley's selection in the ACT team at the Australian Championships, and our own (Stirring) competition at Duntroon. We are sure the Corps and visitors enjoyed the competition, despite valuable time given up so close to examinations.

Results were:

Parramatta Cup for Foil: Sgt C. J. Pugsley.

Warren Cup for Epee: S/C G. J. Hull.

Swords Club Trophy for Sabre: Sgt M. Hoskin.

With this year's achievements in mind we can look forward to bigger and brighter achievements next year.



CSC Modern Music Club

THE modern music club got off the ground at the beginning of this year with a great deal of enthusiasm which has prevailed, despite minor setbacks during the year, and kept us together.

Being a new group way back in January we decided to break away from what had been the old standards played by the previous band. We started out on a concentrated campaign to search for new material, with the emphasis on new sounds and techniques. Our own arrangements of current hits were tried, and some proved to be a great success. This led to great fame.

Our having to turn down numerous recording contracts because of our full time job as cadets led us to do a series of successful taping sessions.

Copies of these tapes can be purchased through our second class agent at rock bottom prices.

The band this year consisted of Johnny Walsh on drums, Paul Burrell on six and twelve string guitars, Kerry Boyce on organ with Bob Bradford on vocal harmony and Greg Park (who plays a forty piece orchestra) doing most of the lead vocal.

This combination should remain unchanged for next year (with the possible exception of the forty piece orchestra).

We've all had a great time playing together this year, and all your support has made it worthwhile.

"The Shard Born"

Rugby

First XV

THE 1969 season has been and gone leaving memories of stirring games and disappointments but most of all a feeling that rugby in the college has emerged as a winner.

In the competition the firsts won twelve of their eighteen games finishing third overall. After a well earned win over Goulburn in the first semi we were knocked out of a grand final berth by an unfortunate draw with Ainslie in the preliminary final.

In somewhat typical fashion the season began with a series of dismal defeats but by the beginning of the second round the team had settled down sufficiently to allow combinations to cement. With growing confidence Ainslie, Wests and Royals were beaten to finish the competition as one of the most enterprising, attacking teams in the competition.

Unfortunately, the annual joust with H.A.C. could not be held. However, those of us who are anticipating another year in the firsts look

forward to this game in 1970. We must congratulate C.H.S. for their good win over RMC. Numerous excuses have been found for this loss but we must admit that they played good footie and certainly ran fast and hard with the ball. Next year we will be wiser and this game in 1970 will be a feature of our season.

It is difficult to single out particular players for mention and in many regards unfair as the basis of our success was teamwork. However without fear of criticism I would like to mention "Strats" our hooker who won us ample scrum ball and always was on the "Maori track" for the centre kick. Likewise Dick Goodmanson, Gary Bryant and Paddy Ryan were dependable in the lineouts. The team relied heavily on the experience of Dick, Ian Ballantyne and Graeme Kells. In the backs Noel Trevor, Brian Stevens and Graeme Kells were always prepared to have a go on their own, and always tackled and backed up well.



First XV

Back Row, Left to Right: A. H. Rankine, G. D. Bryant, G. C. Hay, P. J. Ryan, C. J. Johnson, G. A. Cartan, P. J. Stratton.

Front Row, Left to Right: I. J. Ballantyne, B. G. Stevens, J. N. Trevor, R. L. Scott, Maj P. C. Jones, G. J. Kells, R. R. Goodmanson, P. J. Hickey, G. Howell.

Next year we will miss the eight first classmen of this year's team but their positions will be adequately filled from the ranks of the seconds, thirds and U19's. However these positions must be won by genuine effort because in 1970 RMC Rugby is taking another step forward and any team that's going to toss us will have to play good Rugby.

What have we learnt from this season? We have learnt the benefit of hard training, dedication and the importance of each individual to create, sustain and build team spirit and co-operation.

On behalf of the team I wish to congratulate Graeme Kells for winning this year's Best and Fairest award. Also to thank Maj Jones, our coach, for his dedication, obvious concern and the sheer hours he has spent pushing us around the training paddock and fretting over our performances. And finally, but by no means least, to our Captain, Lindsay Scott, who not only represented the ACT, but also captained the NSW Country seconds. Lindsay's leadership and energy led us through many difficult moments, and his splendid play throughout the season warranted his receipt of the trophy for the ACT First Grade Best and Fairest. A major part of our successes can be attributed to Lindsay, and our thanks and congratulations go to him.

Second XV

Despite several adversities the "Seconds" finished in fifth place on the competition ladder. This was a fair result considering that the 2nd XV was unable to field the same team two weeks running, because of promotion to First Grade and injuries.

The team played enterprising and enjoyable football throughout the season. To this end we must thank the members of "Gentlemen's XV" who volunteered to assist us in the final matches of the season.

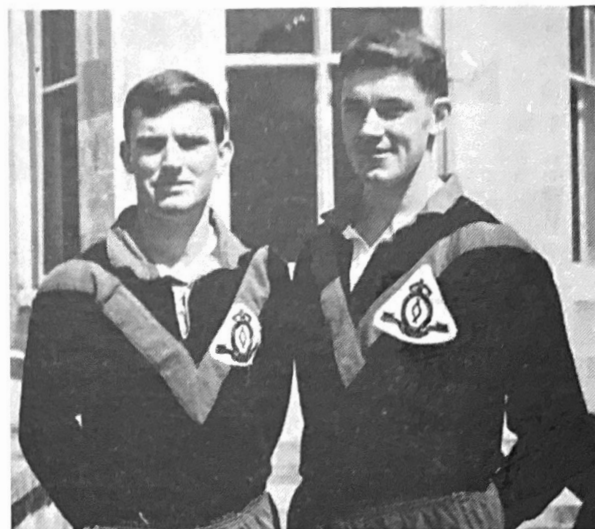
Our thanks to Capt Taylor for the work he put into coaching us and for the grand team spirit he developed. Thanks also to Maj Hall and Capt Jans for their assistance in the coaching department.

Third XV

Despite numerous losses to higher grades, and losses due to injuries the 3rd XV became minor premiers. The final, however, proved that we weren't a team of mud runners, when we lost to Queanbeyan 8-3. There was a slump in play in each round, and consequently we lost four games in the two rounds, followed by the loss of the semi final and final. The team played 21 games in all, with one draw.

Peter Reggars was way out front to win the 'Best and Fairest' Award, and Urquhart, Macintyre, and Stuart led with the scoring.

Overall we had a good season, which ended, unfortunately, in a shattering manner. At times the team provided enjoyable and professional



Rugby Honour Caps—G. J. Kells and R. L. Scott.

spectator football, with the team working as a tight unit at these times.

The team would like to extend its thanks to our coach, Mr. Linnett.

Fourth XV

Nineteen sixty-nine was the year of the "gentleman's fifteen". The team played in an organised fourth grade competition, and actually succeeded in defeating quite a few teams—mostly by forfeit.

Finding players was not such a problem for the team this season, as there was always a pool of about twenty-five eager players who turned up to each game.

The team played well in every game until about the last fifteen minutes, when it appeared that most players just "ran out of steam". This was probably due to the fact that nobody really over-exerted themselves on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons.

The whole team wishes to express its thanks to Maj Cooke and Sgt Balance, two "Kiwi's" with a great deal of patience and perseverance.

U19A XV

After several weeks of sporadic football, a successful game against OTU Scheyville showed the team that they could do well in the ACT competition. WO Foster's dedication and energy paid dividends, and the team moved up the ladder and into the grand final, where we faced our old enemy, Daramalan. Unfortunately Daramalan again proved the better team, and we were defeated 6-9.

The U19B's did not play competition this year, but proved invaluable by providing reserves and replacements for the U19A's and fourth XV. Many of the players gained valuable experience with these teams.

Our thanks go to the coaches, Maj Cooke (U19B) and WOII Foster (U19A), whose untiring interest and efforts made the year an enjoyable and successful one.

Australian Football

1st XVIII

NINETEEN SIXTY-NINE was to be the big year for RMC football. All channels were to lead to the Grand Final, and then the win on that big day. And reach the Grand Final we did, after playing two good victories in the first semi-final against Manuka and in the preliminary final against Eastlake. (That team which has beaten RMC in three previous years' preliminary finals.) All looked set to take home the pennant, but it was a faster and more experienced Ainslie side that ended our hopes.

The season began well with many successive wins and losses were only by very small margins. In fact, four games were lost by a total of six points—two games by two points and two by one point. Just prior to August leave RMC were "sitting pretty" near the top of the ladder. We did not play a competition game for three weeks and the other teams caught up leaving RMC in third position on the ladder.

The RMC best and fairest player competition was very exciting throughout the season. In the end Graham Smith, who never turns in a bad

game, won the award with twenty votes, a good margin ahead of Bob Shaw, closely followed by our Captain, Peter Abigail. Peter was runner-up for the President's trophy for best and fairest player in the ACT second division, only losing by four votes. Because of a knee injury he missed four games, spoiling his excellent chances of taking out the big award, which would have made it five years in a row that an RMC player had been named best and fairest.

Not only was it these players who turned in good games—there was Andy Grecian taking the big marks, Bruno Wallace, as rough and tough as ever, Sally Polfanders, dodging and turning around the packs, John Black, with the ball sticking to his fingers and Webby holding up the post at full back. As well, Andre Dupont, Phil McNamara, Dick Webber, and Roger Powell consistently played good games.

Again RMC played games against schoolboy teams starting with the game against Mentone Grammar School which we won. Another game, against Combined High Schools from Sydney.



First XVIII

Back Row, Left to Right: A. J. Molan, W. Traynor, R. D. R. Tracey.

Second Row, Left to Right: R. L. Shaw, R. W. Weber, J. R. Hunter, B. J. Chalmers, J. L. King, G. C. Park, P. J. Howe, G. R. Thomas, R. A. Powell, V. J. Gibbons, C. Crawford.

Front Row, Left to Right: J. A. Barwick, J. J. Black, J. I. Polfanders, A. C. Grecian, P. J. Abigail, Capt. R. A. Thornley, B. G. Wallis, P. J. McNamara, G. R. Webb, A. A. Dupont, G. F. Smith.

gave RMC a good win. The annual fixture for the Comben Cup against Melbourne High Schools proved exciting with RMC retaining the cup in Melbourne and ready to face them in the return match on our home ground. This game showed just what RMC Football can expect in the future, when without first class members of the team, we played a decisive win. Although we will lose a lot of talented players when first class graduates, we have received a good intake this year with such players as Bob Shaw, John Black, John Barwick, Royan Tracey, and Brian Chalmers as a basis on which to build a good side in 1970.

Nineteen sixty-nine again proved the support and spirit of first class men in the team. They will be a great loss to the side next year, so

let's hope that we gain some good footballers in the new intake to replace them. Best wishes and many thanks are extended to Peter Abigail, for his great leadership in the position of Captain, Bruno Wallace, Vice-Captain, Andy Grecian, Phil McNamara (quiet football parties next year without OCKA), Graham Webb and Polflanders.

Many thanks are also extended to the officers who helped the team to reach the grand finals. It was unfortunate we couldn't take it out for them. Many thanks to Captain Thornley, who was a big inspiration to the team both on the field and the training track. All players wish him well for the future. Thanks also to Maj Bayles for his inspiring pep talks every Saturday afternoon and also to Maj Pfitzner and Captain Lobb for their support.

2nd XVIII

Nineteen sixty-nine had promised to be a good year for Australian Rules and especially for the Second XVIII. Capitalizing on both First XVIII Reserve players and every blossoming talent from the Thirds, the team was soon to be shaken out into a well balanced side. The opening of the season saw Jack Horner as team captain and a notable first rower. However Jack was unfortunately lost to us through injury and vice-captain Paul Haddad took over leadership of the team.

Achieving great initial successes over Ainslie and Eastlake the team was flushed with optimism. However, our good spirits were dulled when Manuka established itself as a chronic bugbear and contests with Goulburn were always hard. Ultimately it could be said that the Second XVIII did well, but was consistent only in its mistakes and thus can never be called brilliant.

A healthy fourth class intake had meant wider support to the Great Australian Game and that class's contribution was especially noticeable in Joey Bishop—our best and fairest winner. Again, vice-captain Simon Willis was a valuable asset in the team's training as well as to its backline. A promising player was to be found in Marty O'Hare playing 'Rules for the first time in eight years. Praise must also go to those members we borrowed from the Firsts—in particular Vic Gibbons, Jim Molan and Greg Thomas served the cause well.

The margin between victory and our final position had not been favourably altered from that of '68. Nevertheless, we had bred a fine team spirit. Both at training and at the numerous victory celebrations, our coach, Capt Cahill, was unfailing in his exhortations. We all appreciate his keenness and his obvious pride in the Corps.

3rd XVIII

The 1969 season, though not successful in the number of victories gained, once again developed the team spirit which has always been characteristic of the "Gentlemen's XVIII". Many rather tragic defensives failed to dull the keen spirit which the whole team displayed, especially newcomers to the sport, of which we had claim to many. However our lack of experience was our only setback, and so enjoyment became our goal. We were never out of reach of victory and usually fell to more experienced teams in the final stages of the games.

We gained three victories during the season, which resulted from co-ordinated team efforts,

upon which the "Gentlemen" relied. New players who achieved improvement worthy of note during the season were Peter McCann and Mick Hetherington, both of whom were playing good football at the end of the season. Along with these players our better players were Greg Hull (Best and Fairest), Bruce Jones and Dave Cran.

Sincere appreciation must be conveyed to the coaches, Capt Lobb and Sgt Berson, and also to our Captain, Jim Longworth, who set fine standards during the year.

Next year's "Brumbies" can look forward to a fine season with very few first class members leaving the team.

Athletics



Athletics Team, ISCAM

Back Row, Left to Right: R. C. Wallace, L. R. Jenkins, P. H. Teys, G. C. Hay, G. F. Smith, M. W. Meecham, R. L. Shaw, P. J. Tonkin.

Front Row, Left to Right: J. C. Kirkwood, M. J. Lohmeyer, V. J. Gibbons, M. J. Castle, Capt J. W. Lobb, P. J. McNamara, R. L. Irgang, C. J. Johnson, K. S. Stokes.

THE 1969 athletics season for RMC was very successful. The beginning of the season saw RMC competing in the local athletic carnivals in Canberra. This gave us good competition experience and aided in the selection of the team for ISCAM. The season began by watching the new 4th class for talent. It proved fruitful because 4th class provided S/C R. Wallace and S/C L. Jenkins who were later to go on and break ISCAM and college records. Other revelations were S/C R. Shaw 440 yds, and S/C P. Tonkin 100 yds and 220 yds.

The Inter Company Athletics were held on the 15th of February under good conditions and saw Gallipoli put in a fine effort to win the RAAOC trophy closely followed by Kokoda, Sovereigns and Kapyong. Two records were broken during the competition by Cpl Irgang and S/C Jenkins. They were the discus and steeplechase respectively. The Tug of War Trophy was won by Gallipoli.

The Cross Country was held in April with the usual hard training during the previous months. A good performance from Gallipoli gained them the Silver Baton. Their strength was shown by the fact that they filled the first three positions. S/C R. Wallace won the event in 31 mins 14.4 secs followed by S/C Jenkins and S/C McPherson. For his win in the Cross Country S/C D. Wallace was awarded the McCartney Cup.

The Decathlon was resumed in 1969 to give the athletic squad a chance to show their hidden talent! Cpl R. L. Irgang won the event despite strong competition from other members of the squad. S/C Shaw was placed second with S/C Johnson taking out third place.

On March the First an Invitation Athletic Meeting was held at the RMC Oval. Sydney University, University of NSW, Combined High Schools of NSW, Canberra Branch of NSWAAA and the Throwers Club of NSW visited the college for the meeting. A fine day and a good track provided the setting for a good day's competition. Although RMC found themselves competing against some of the best Athletes in the state they put up a good performance. Sydney University won the team competition followed by Canberra, CHS, UNSW and RMC.

The RMC Championships were held on March 15th. Cpl R. L. Irgang, by winning his fourth Silver Boomerang became the first cadet in College history to accomplish this feat. He won the 100 yds High Jump, Javelin and Long Jump. Second place went to S/C Gibbons who won the Triple Jump and gained minor places in other events. S/C Johnson won the 1 mile and 880 yds in good time and was placed third in the Championships.

The Inter-Service College Athletics Meeting was held on 29 March in far-from-good conditions at Jervis Bay. The hosts, RANC, had

prepared the track extremely well but unfortunately bad weather dampened the day but not the spirits! RMC put up strong competition to retain the Chiefs of Staff Trophy—Winning Team, High Commissioner for New Zealand Trophy—Winning Relay Team, and the Duntroon Cup—Winner of Field Events. RMC won 8 events and scored 67 points for the Chiefs of Staff Trophy. A fine effort by S/C Wallace saw him break the ISCAM and RMC record for the 3 mile event. His record time was 15 mins 14.5 secs. Cpl Irgang put in a good effort to win the Discus and take second place in the Javelin and Long Jump.

The field events were dominated by RMC with wins in the Triple Jump, High Jump, Discus and Shot Put. Our victory in the Chiefs of Staff Trophy was not sealed until the final event of the day which was the relay. The relay team of Cpl Irgang, S/C Tonkin, S/C Smith and Sgt Castle ran extremely well to win the event in 44.6 Sec.

The team was:

Sgt M. Castle (Captain)—Relay 1st.

Cpl R. L. Irgang—Discus 1st, Long Jump 2nd, Javelin 2nd, Relay 1st.

SUO P. J. McNamara—Pole Vault 4th.
S/C M. Lohmeyer—Shot Put 1st.
S/C G. Smith—Relay.
S/C J. C. Kirkwood—120 yds Hurdles 1st.
S/C V. J. Gibbons—Triple Jump 1st.
S/C J. Johnson—880 yds 1st.
S/C R. Wallace—3 miles 1st (Record Time).
S/C P. Tonkin—220 yds, 3rd, 100 yds 4th.
S/C R. Shaw—440 yds 3rd.
S/C L. Jenkins—1 mile 2nd.
S/C G. Hay—High Jump 1st.

Reserves.

S/C M. Meecham.

S/C P. Teys.

S/C K. Stokes.

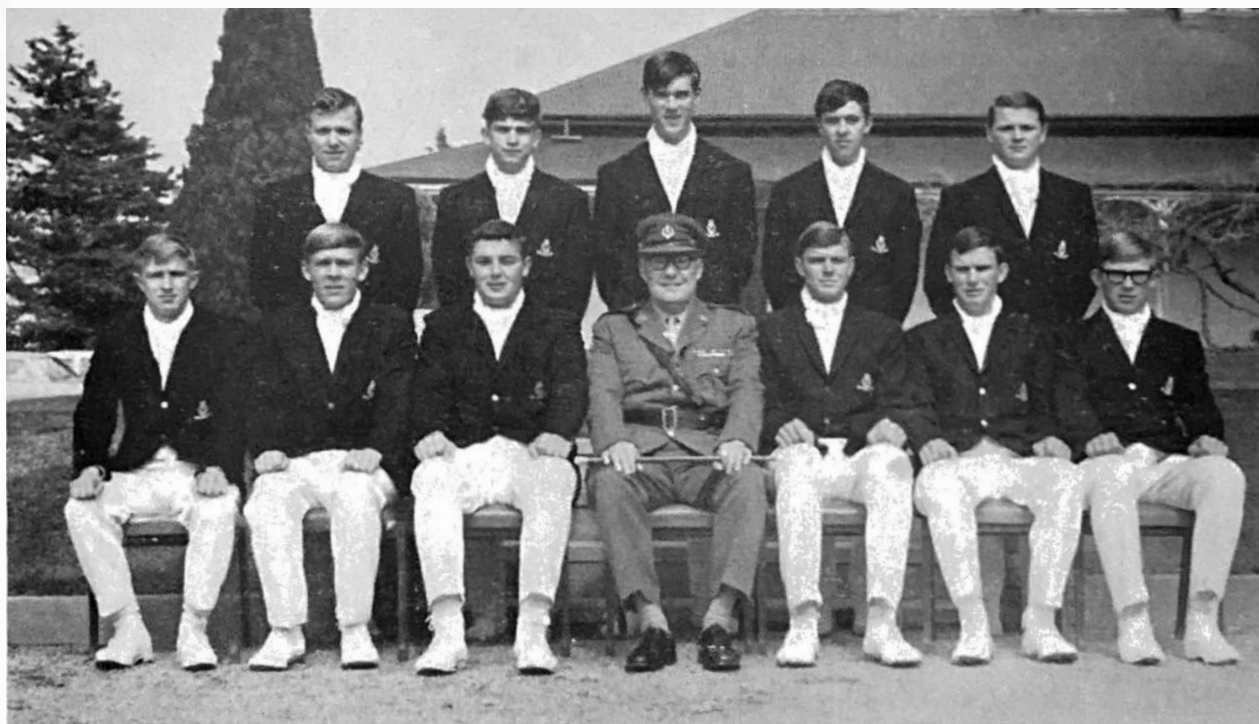
Coaches:

Maj E. J. O'Donnell: Field Events.

Capt J.W. Lobb: Track Events.

Finally the athletic team of 1969 wish to thank the coaches, Maj E. J. O'Donnell and Capt J. W. Lobb for their interest and hard work without which the 1969 team could not have been as successful as it was.

Cricket



Cricket First XI

Back Row, Left to Right: G. D. Williams, C. J. Johnson, R. D. Tracey, A. A. Dupont, M. R. Price.
Front Row, Left to Right: P. Overstead, R. A. Powell, P. J. Abigail, Maj J. B. Godwin, MBE, A. C. Grecian, G. J. Kells, M. D. Stuart.

With a number of last year's players returning from the 1968 team a successful season of competitive social cricket appeared imminent. These included Pete Abigail as captain, Andy Grecian as vice-captain, Graham Kells, Roger Powell and Joff Johnson. Several newcomers were welcomed, Pete Overstead, Rowan Tracey and Peter Schmitt showed the most promise. After several vigorous training sessions under the keen eye of Major J. Godwin and Harry Hooker the team struck immediate early season form. We enjoyed victories over Molonglo, CHS, Point Cook, Treasury and Old Cranbrookians, and retained the coveted Penshurst Tray in Sydney under adverse conditions. In the two remaining games the result was in doubt until the teams at twilight, left

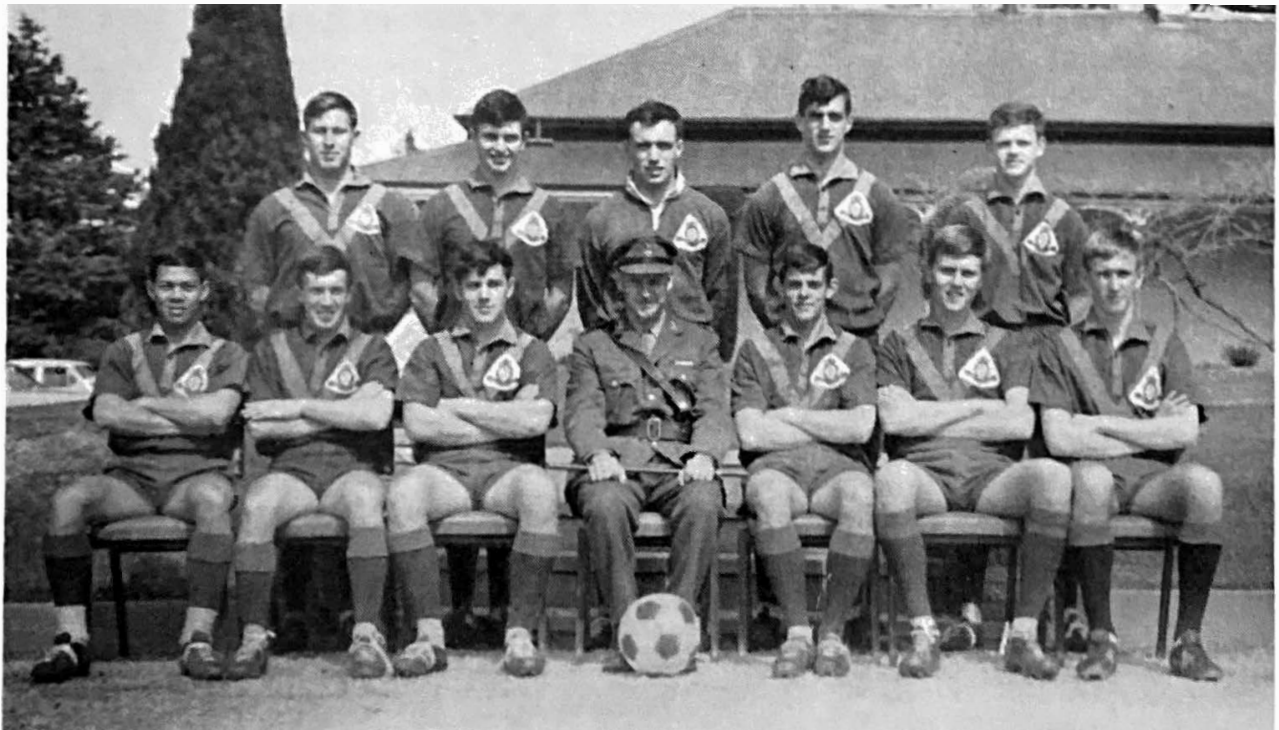
the field for post-match drinks. Grecian, Abigail and Johnson starred while Abigail, Kells, Grecian and Stuart wrought havoc in the opposition camps with the ball. Others to impress were Powell, Williams and Overstead.

Unfortunately when our three veterans bowed out the team lost much of its balance. Powell stepped into Abigail's size 10 boots, taking over the task of captaining the side. This period also witnessed the dramatic return of the Major to our group and he demonstrated his unlost guile in dismissing several batsmen from his old school team. This inspired the team to greater heights and after a dashing win in the final match for 1969 the shape of things to come was apparent for next season.

Soccer

THE Grand Final Winners of 1968 began the new season with hopes of an enjoyable, successful and competitive winter ahead. Transfused with new talent in the 1969 Intake, the First XI had a good start to the games ahead. Blue, Gibson and Leyshon demonstrated their right to their positions throughout the season, removing worries as to who would fill the positions of goalie, left

half and left wing respectively. Three other timely acquisitions at the beginning of the season, Major Gordon at right fullback, and two Rugby converts in McClelland at inside right and Grubb at right wing gave us the vital links weakened at the termination of the previous season. Pugsley at left fullback and Hamcumpai at right halfback, played their second successful season for the First



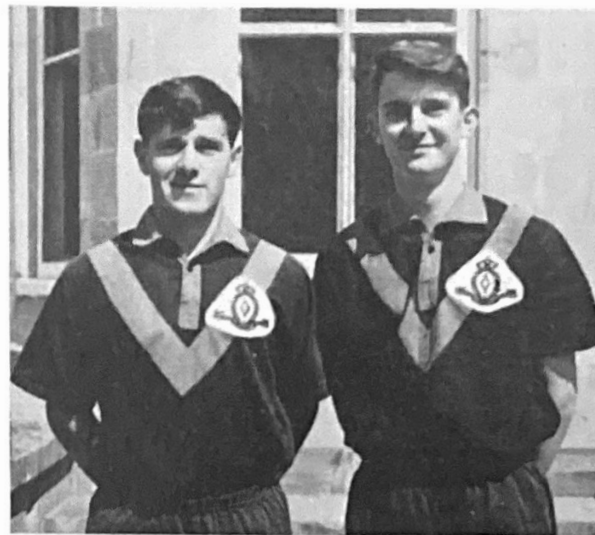
Soccer First XI

*Back Row, Left to Right: R. J. Blue, A. L. McClelland, D. Leyshon, R. Bradford, C. Gibson.
Front Row, Left to Right: N. Hamcumpai, C. J. Pugsley, M. Bromet, Maj J. Gordon, T. L. Sanders,
I. R. Grubb, P. F. Burrell.*

XI. Bromet, captain and centre half was admirably supported by Sanders, vice-captain and our jack-of-all-trades, who played successfully at left fullback, goalie, left half and inside left at different stages of the season. Bradford at centre forward and Burrell at inside left combined with McClelland and the wings to become the hard hitting forward line we saw in the latter half of the season. Greenham, Baguley, and Campbell, conscripted from the Seconds to cope with our injuries and absentees, played well and justified their selection in the few games they played. Congratulations to Bromet and Hamcumpai on their selection for the ACT Second Division side, a well deserved honour.

It was an unfortunate season for injuries, ankles and knees appearing particularly vulnerable, especially in the forward line. Competitively—a good season—we finished the season runners-up in the Minor Premiership, and lost 2-1 in the hard fought Grand Final of the Knockout. One loss and a draw was an impressive record of our season's play, placing us behind the eventual winners Red Hill by one point.

To our supporters who consistently braved the elements to boost our confidence and offer side-line snippets from "Smile . . ." to solidly delivered advice—our thanks and hopeful anticipation of seeing you again next year. Our ad-



ACT Soccer Representatives—M. Bromet and D. Baguley.

ministrative staff—Burrell, Cooper and all others who helped in any way to make the season a success, all efforts are gratefully acknowledged.

And so we look to 1970 with hopes of new talent, a good competition, and more success. Maybe next year it's Premiers again . . .

Basketball

NINETEEN SIXTY-NINE has not been a good year for basketball at RMC. Owing to a lack of regular competition, the standard of play has dropped considerably. This is illustrated by the results of the following matches played this year:

CHS defeated RMC 68-34.

University of NSW defeated RMC 46-36.

RAAF defeated RMC 53-52.

In order to gain more match experience it was decided to continue playing basketball on a social basis during the winter season. This extra training proved quite valuable as we had significant victories over Mormons, ANU, EDP and AHQ.

As shown by S/C Haynes' selection in the University of NSW team to play in the Australian Universities Basketball Championships, it is evident that in the near future RMC could field an Inter-Varsity team of its own. RMC was

narrowly defeated by the same University of NSW team that won the Championship in 1968 and which came fifth out of 13 universities in 1969.

The highlight of the season was the Inter-Company basketball competition. The keenness which all Companies exhibited is clearly shown by the closeness of the scores and the large number of spectators at all games. Once again Kokoda emerged the victor over Kapyong, Sovereigns and Gallipoli.

Next year promises to be a very bright one for basketball at Duntroon. There is a possibility that RMC will compete in the regular competition in Canberra and that basketball will become an all-year-round sport. If these two conditions eventuate, RMC could once again reach the grand final of the A Grade Competition in Canberra as they often did in the mid-fifties.

Squash

NINETEEN SIXTY-NINE saw Squash develop from an extra-curricular activity into a full-time summer sport. Throughout the year interest steadily increased and this was reflected by the large number of entries in the Pratt Cup. Noel Trevor eventually ran out the winner for the second year in succession.

The Maori Warrior competition was won again by the Officers' Mess. The standard in the Corps is certain to increase because of the interest shown

by the junior classes and more time available in the future for both practice and competition. New racquets were purchased by the committee and players so this will undoubtedly help contribute towards increased standards in 1970.

Finally the committee members and players would like to thank Maj Fegan for his interest and support over the year and the Management of the Manuka Squash Courts for their considerable help.

Swimming

THE 1969 season saw quite an improvement in the general standard of swimming mainly brought about by the intensive training of the RMC squad by Maj A. G. Roberts.

RMC was host to a carnival against the CHS and Dickson swimming teams which CHS won with RMC and Dickson coming second and third respectively. CHS produced a very strong swimming team with seven members of the NSW Swimming Team in it. Despite this, RMC put up a valiant effort, never far behind CHS times, and managed to capture one first place (S/C Poiner in the 50 metres breaststroke) and many second and third places.

It was good experience for the RMC swimming team and we look forward to more open swimming like this next year. Our thanks to Maj Roberts who, early each morning, made the trip to the ice packed Dickson pool where he gleefully enticed the squad to plunge in and continuously lap it in preparation for the forementioned carnival.

In the Inter-Company competition Kapyong Company proved their superiority over Sovereigns and Kokoda Company who tied for second, with Gallipoli Company fourth.

Once again a fourth class, S/C R. Johnston, was awarded the 1918 Cup at the RMC Championships with S/C P. Newman runner-up.

Results of these Championships were:

440 yds Freestyle: S/C R. Johnston (1), S/C P. Newman (2), Sgt K. Donnelly (3).

200 yds Freestyle: S/C R. Johnston (1), S/C P. Newman (2), Sgt K. Donnelly (3).

100 yds Freestyle: S/C R. Johnston (1), S/C S. Hawkins (2), S/C G. Cartan (3).

66-2/3 yds Freestyle: S/C R. Johnston, Sgt I. Ballantyre (2), S/C P. Newman (3).

33-1/3 yds Freestyle: L/cpl L. R. Wilson (1), Sgt I. Ballantyre (2), S/C P. Newman (3).

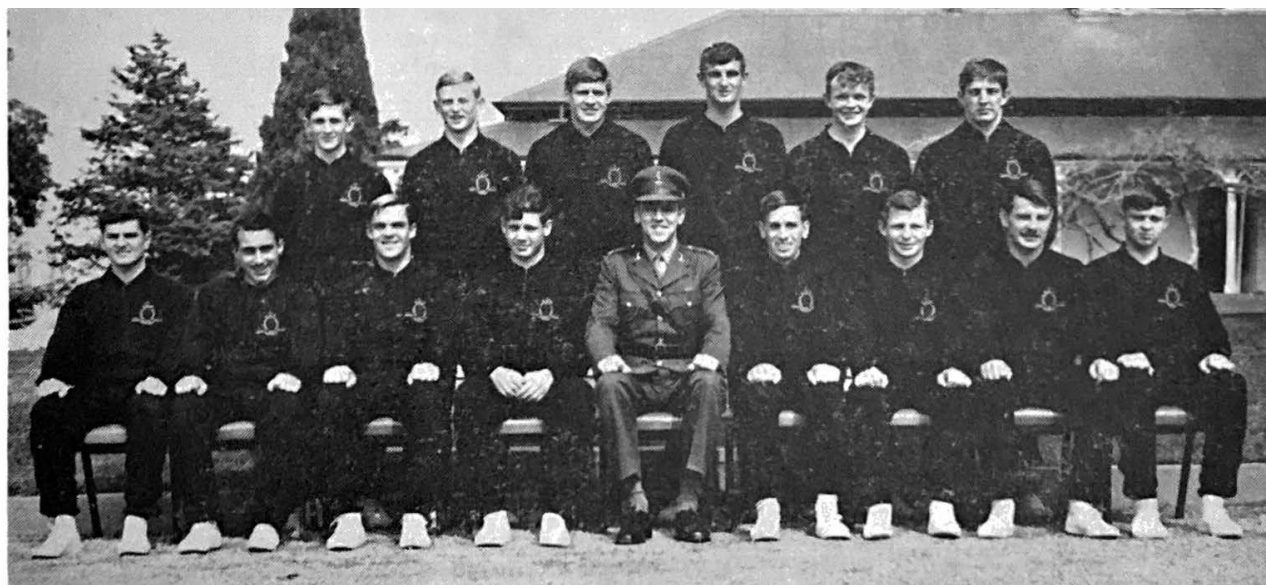
100 yds Breaststroke: S/C J. R. Poiner (1), Sgt D. Shea (2), S/C D. McInnes (3).

66-2/3 yds Butterfly: S/C G. Cartan (1), S/C R. Johnston (2), Sgt K. Donnelly (3).

66-2/3 yds Backstroke: S/C G. Huggins (1), S/C P. Newman, S/C S. Garner (3).

Individual Medley: S/C R. Johnston (1), Sgt K. Donnelly (2), S/C J. Poiner (3).

Third Class won the APF Main Shield relay race with Second Class second, First Class third and Fourth Class fourth, the Officers and Sergeants fifth and sixth respectively.



Swimming Team

Back Row, Left to Right: G. M. Huggins, R. Allan, J. R. Poiner, R. M. S. Johnston, G. J. Hull, G. A. Cartan.

Front Row, Left to Right: S. M. Garner, L. R. Wilson, B. G. Wallis, D. K. Shea, Maj A. G. Roberts, K. W. Donnelly, A. J. Stewart, G. S. Hawkins, P. M. Newman.

Hockey



Hockey First XI

*Back Row, Left to Right: I. L. Cleaver, V. P. Donovan, N. A. Bowman, G. D. Williams, P. L. Schmitt.
Front Row, Left to Right: R. M. Beer, V. R. Colleran, A. C. G. Welburn, Maj R. B. Owen, M. J. Cochrane, J. A. Brandon, G. R. Hill.*

NINETEEN SIXTY NINE was a mixed year for the RMC 1st XI. A reasonable start at the Kenna Cup promised a good season for the team. Initial success however, was upset by a depressingly bad patch of form in the middle of the season. Hopes for even the "final four" seemed dim before a number of team changes re-kindled the will to win. Third place in the SCANND Inter-University competition over QB weekend (despite the excesses of the week-ends celebrations) marked the re-birth of the "tiger" in the team. Repeated success led to the semi-finals and a very close defeat by ANU in the Preliminary Finals. The team expresses its appreciation for the unprecedented corps support given to this match.

In addition, a special vote of thanks goes to WO2 Stone and to Maj Owen for their spirited support and their generosity in giving up their time to umpire when called upon to do so.

The 2nd XI, playing in the new A3 grade, fared somewhat better than in previous years, though successes were infrequent enough to warrant an appropriate celebration whenever they scored a win. Somewhat lacking in finesse, certain team members were not averse to using a little illegal stick work when skill was lacking.

Generally speaking, the 2nd's games were marked by great enthusiasm, with useful experience being gained by all.

Preferring to remain aloof from the hard work and sweat of the higher grades, the gentlemen of the 3rd XI (variously known as the 3rd "8" "9" etc) showing commendable sportsmanship and generosity, conceded the victor's two points to every team they played. We hope that the experience the players gained, many of them new to the game, will be of use to them in 1970.

All time was not spent playing hockey though. Four cadets, S/C Donovan, S/C Teir, S/C Cleaver and S/C Hanson were successful in their ACT Theory examinations and will be field tested in the 1970 season. S/C G. R. Hill with a State B grade badge, umpired club games throughout the season, officiating too at the Kenna Cup and the SCANND competition. Col Sgt Beer, Sgt Castle and Cpl Colleran also helped throughout the year.

Altogether it was quite a rewarding year for Hockey at RMC. The reservoir of skill we lose with the departure of the extremely capable Captain of the 1st XI—Cpl Colleran, and of Col Sgt Beer and Cpl Welburn will be sadly missed. We look however, for suitable re-placement from the 1970 intake.

Water Polo

RMC once again fielded two teams in the Canberra competition. Unfortunately this season did not prove as successful as 1968. Firsts managed to win only one of its competition matches while Seconds lost the final to Queanbeyan five goals to three.

Nevertheless, it was a worthwhile season. Our Sydney visit proved the highlight, and much experience and enthusiasm was gained. RMC did well to draw with the Bronte third grade side and had close games with Bondi teams who fielded State players against us.

Against visiting teams the Firsts fared well, beating both West Fairfield High and Jervis Bay and drawing against the strong CHS side.

As usual Inter-Company Water Polo was as entertaining as ever. Kapyong, with the majority of First and Second's players again proved too strong for the other three Companies. The teams would like to thank Squadron-Leader Smith for the active interest he showed during the season. Also, thanks must go to Mr. N. J. de Mestre who once again organised the season well and arranged for Mr. Alex Kosegi, NSW State coach to give us a few hints on Water Polo strategy.

With the arrival of Capt Neesham at the College it is hoped that Water Polo 1970 will gain a new lease of life and far more enthusiasm from the players.

Boxing

WITH the aim in mind of improving the confidence of the new entry cadets in their first months at the College, the course of instruction in the "noble art of self defence" was continued under the supervision of the PT staff in preparation for the annual boxing championships.

To avoid continuing the bouts into second term the preliminary rounds were concluded by early March.

The finals attended by the Commandant, members of the staff and cadets were vigorously contested. Although there was more "slugging" exhibited than science and despite the fact that not many bouts went the full three rounds all contestants put up creditable performances.

Medallions were awarded to the winners of each division by the Commandant and congratulations go to S/C Simmons who won the Thomson Cup for the best performance during the championships and to all those others who gave such good showing.

Results of the competition finals were:
Light-weight division: S/C Stokes.
Light welter-weight: S/C Bagot.
Welter-weight: S/C Thomas.
Light Middle-weight: S/C Simmons.
Middle-weight: S/C Brennan.
Light Heavy-weight: S/C Elphinston.
Heavy-weight: S/C Muirhead.

Tennis

THE tennis team this year met with mixed success against three visiting teams. The first was against University of NSW where we were beaten quite convincingly by 11 rubbers to 1. Spectators will remember the memorable battle between Noel Trevor and his talented opponent.

The team had more success against RAAFA defeating them 15 sets to 14—an exceedingly close contest.

We were outclassed by a Sydney CHS team, 10 matches to 2, which wound up, if not a very successful season, a most enjoyable one.

Prospects for next year are quite bright with three or four up-and-coming Fourth Class members proving themselves quite talented and with more practise under the guidance of Maj R. Hall, our performance should improve greatly in 1970.

Finally, thanks must go to Maj K. Cooke and Maj R. Hall for their interest this season and also to the Tennis Committee for the energetic behind-the-scenes help.

Golf

THIS year saw a significant change in the position of golf as a sport at RMC. For the first time golf was offered as a full-time summer sport, as well as an extra-curricular activity. RMC also played in the ACT Junior Pennants competition. The team comprised cadets and local junior members and despite its inexperience and handicap disadvantage, put up several fine performances, capped off by a great win against Queanbeyan in the final game of the series. Bill Richardson, Mark Stuart, Jim Campbell and Dave Leyshon were regular members of the side whilst Bill Kearney, Bob Hill and Bob Shaw also played.

The Stoker Cup was won by S/C Richardson for the third time.

No report would be complete without reference to Mr. D. K. Fowler and other staff members who, through their untiring efforts and continual encouragement, have given golf the status it now enjoys at RMC.

"Here they come!"—Andy Rankine.



ACT Rugby Union First Grade Semi-final — First XV v Goulburn



"OK, Gaz, I've got his head."—Paddy Ryan.

SPORTING HONOURS 1969

Inter-Company Events

The Lord Forster Cup — Sport		Kapyong Company
The RAAOC Trophy — Athletics		Gallipoli Company
The Tug of War Cup — Tug of War		Gallipoli Company
The Silver Baton — Cross Country Run		Gallipoli Company
The Reynolds Gymkhana Cup — Australian Rules		Kapyong Company
The Australian Shield — Basketball		Kokoda Company
The Glynn (Bushfire) Cup — Cricket		Alamein Company
The Pitt Cup — Rugby Union		Alamein Company
The John L. Davies Cup — Swimming/Water Polo		Kapyong Company
The Tennis Cup — Tennis		Gallipoli Company
The 1919 Cup — Hockey		Alamein Company
The Duntroon Cup — Drill		Alamein Company
The Polo Cup — Obstacle Course		Gallipoli Company
The John O'Keefe Shield — Water Polo		Kapyong Company

Individual Trophies

The Silver Boomerang	Champion Athlete	R. L. Irgang
The T. M. Clowes Cup	440 yds. Champion	R. Shaw
The Thompson Cup	Best Novice Boxer	R. Simmons
The NSW Graduates Cup	Best All Round Cricketer	P. J. Abigail
The Stoker Cup	Golf Champion	W. M. Richardson
The Macartney Cup	Cross Country Champion	R. C. Wallace
The Parramatta Fencing Trophy	Foil Champion	C. J. Pugsley
The Lord Novar Cup	Physical Training 1st Class	R. L. Irgang
The Swords Club Sabre Trophy	Sabre Champion	M. Hoskin
The Warren Cup	Epee Champion	G. J. D. Hull
The 1918 Cup	Swimming Champion	R. M. S. Johnston
The Heritage Cup	Tennis Champion	R. A. Powell
The Smith Shield	Weapon Training	G. C. Hay
The Pratt Cup	Squash Champion	J. N. Trevor
The Lansell Shield	Weapon Practices	K. E. Boyle
The Brendalbane Cup	Best and Fairest Award 1st XV	G. J. Kells
The Royal Thai Army Sports Trophy	Best and Fairest in Soccer	M. Bromet

Social Competitions

The Rajput Cup — Fourth Class Inter-Company Relay	No competition
The A.P.F. Main Shield — Swimming Relay	Third Class
The Wooden Cup — Sport with SME	SME
The Duntroon-Hawkesbury Cup — Rugby with H'bury Agric. College	No competition
The ASCO Trophy — Sport with RANC and RAAFA	RMC
The Rugby Challenge Cup — Rugby with 1st Division	No competition
The Maori Warricr — Sport with Officers' Mess	Officers' Mess
The Chapman Trophy — Golf with Officers' Mess	No competition
The Penshurst Tray — Cricket with Penshurst RSL	RMC
The Comben Cup — Australian Rules with MHSSA	RMC

Inter-Service College Athletic Meeting

The Duntroon Cup — Field Events	RMC
The ASCO/OCS Trophy — Track Events	RANC
The High Commissioner for NZ Shield — Relay	RMC
The Chiefs of Staff Trophy — Overall Winner	RMC

Competitors: RANC, RMC, OCS, RAAFA, BFTS.

Rugby Honour Caps

G. J. Kells

R. L. Scott

Full Colours

Athletics — R. L. Irgang, C. J. Johnson, R. C. Wallace, L. J. Jenkins

Australian Rules — P. J. Abigail, A. C. Grecian, G. F. Smith, G. R. Webb

Hockey — V. R. Colleran, R. M. Beer, A. C. Welburn

Cricket — P. J. Abigail, A. C. Grecian, G. J. Kells

Golf — W. M. Richardson

Tennis — R. A. Powell

Rugby Union — G. J. Kells, L. R. Scott, I. J. Ballantyne, R. R. Goodmanson

Soccer — M. Bromet, N. Hamcumpai

Half Colours

Athletics — J. C. Kirkwood

Australian Rules — J. R. Hunter, A. A. Dupont, R. A. Powell, J. J. Black, R. L. Shaw, R. Webber, J. L. Polfanders, B. G. Wallis, P. J. McNamara

Hockey — M. J. Cochrane, G. R. Hill

Cricket — R. A. Powell, C. J. Johnson

Tennis — J. N. Trevor

Rugby Union — G. Howell, B. G. Stevens, J. N. Trevor, G. A. Cartan, P. Stratton, A. H. Rankine, G. D. Bryant, P. Hickey

Soccer — P. A. Burrell, R. J. Blue, T. Saunders

Swimming — J. R. Poiner, G. A. Cartan

Water Polo — B. G. Wallis, M. G. Smith

Silver Medallions

R. B. Simmons — Best Novice Boxer

P. J. Abigail — Best Cricketer

R. C. Wallace — Cross Country Champion

R. M. S. Johnston — Swimming Champion

R. A. Powell — Tennis Champion

K. E. Boyle — Weapon Practices

G. J. Kells — Best and Fairest in 1st Rugby XV

R. L. Irgang — Winner of Decathlon

L. J. Jenkins — Breaking a college record in 3,000 metres steeple chase

R. L. Irgang — Breaking a college record in the Discus Throw

R. C. Wallace — Setting an ISCAM record in the 3 Miles

Bronze Medallions

W. M. Richardson — Golf Champion

C. J. Pugsley — Foil Champion

M. Hoskin — Sabre Champion

G. J. Hull — Epee Champion

G. C. Hay — Weapon Training

J. N. Trevor — Squash Champion

R. A. Powell — RMC Tennis Champion

P. H. Teys — Discuss Throw

R. L. Irgang — 100 yards

R. L. Irgang — High Jump

R. L. Irgang — Long Jump

R. L. Irgang — Javelin Throw

P. J. Tonkin — 220 yards

R. L. Shaw — 440 yards

C. J. Johnson — 880 yards

C. J. Johnson — 1 mile

R. C. Wallace — 3 miles

L. J. Jenkins — Steeple Chase

L. J. Jenkins — 2nd Place in Cross Country

M. J. Lohmeyer — Shot Putt

J. C. Kirkwood — 120 yards Hurdles

V. J. Gibbons — Triple Jump

P. J. McNamara — Pole Vault

G. A. McPherson — 3rd Place in Cross Country

L. R. Wilson — 33½ yards Freestyle

L. R. Wilson — 66-2/3 yards Freestyle

J. R. Poiner — 66-2/3 yards Breastroke

J. R. Poiner — 100 yards Breastroke

G. A. Cartan — 33½ yards Butterfly

G. A. Cartan — 66-2/3 yards Butterfly

G. M. Huggins — 66-2/3 yards Backstroke

R. M. S. Johnston — 100 yards Freestyle

R. M. S. Johnston — 200 yards Freestyle

R. M. S. Johnston — 440 yards Freestyle

R. M. S. Johnston — Individual Medley

S. M. Garner — 100 yards Backstroke

P. M. Newman — Runner Up 1918 Cup

B. R. Cameron — Best and Fairest 2nd XV

P. J. Reggars — Best and Fairest 3rd XV

R. B. McCormack — Best and Fairest 4th XV

D. R. Muirhead — Best and Fairest U19A XV

G. F. Smith — Best and Fairest 1st XVIII

C. A. Bishop — Best and Fairest 2nd XVIII

G. J. Hull — Best and Fairest 3rd XVIII

V. R. Colleran — Best and Fairest 1st Hockey XI

L. J. Mitchell — Best and Fairest 2nd Hockey XI

M. Bromet — Best and Fairest 1st Soccer XI

D. S. Baguley — Best and Fairest 2nd Soccer XI

M. G. Smith — Best and Fairest 1st Water Polo

G. S. Hawkins — Best and Fairest 2nd Water Polo

D. R. Muirhead — Heavyweight Boxing

S. C. Elphinston — Light Heavyweight Boxing

D. E. Brennan — Middleweight Boxing

R. B. Simmons — Light Middleweight Boxing

G. R. Thomas — Welterweight Boxing

K. J. Bagot — Light Welterweight Boxing

K. S. Stokes — Lightweight Boxing

Lee Shield Competition 1969

For the second year in a row there was an extremely close battle for the right to wear the red lanyard and hold the Lee Shield. Once again the final outcome depended on the final event, the obstacle course.

Alamein Company, for the second year in a

row, came through to win by a narrow margin from Kapyong. Gallipoli handed over the coveted "left of the line" position to Kokoda.

Our heartiest congratulations to Alamein Company on winning the Lee Shield and to Kapyong for taking out the Lord Forster Cup.

SCOREBOARD

The results of the 1969 competition are shown below:

	Ala Sov	Kap	Kok	Gal
LORD FORSTER CUP				
(Points 8, 6, 4, 2)				
Swimming	5	8	5	2
Cricket	8	6	4	2
Basketball	4	6	8	2
Rugby	8	4	6	2
Australian Rules	2	8	4	6
Hockey	8	6	2	4
Tennis	6	4	2	8
Water Polo	2	8	6	4
Athletics	4	2	6	8
Soccer	8	6	4	2
TOTAL POINTS	55	58	47	40
COMPANY EVENTS				
(Points 12, 9, 6, 3)				
Obstacle Course	9	6	3	12
Drill Competition	12	3	6	9
Cross Country	6	9	3	12
TOTAL POINTS	27	18	12	33
SMALL ARMS COMPETITION	6	8	2	4
(Points 8, 6, 4, 2)				
TOTAL LEE SHIELD POINTS	88	84	61	77

The Editor

If he prints serious work he is accused of lacking a sense of humour.

If he prints humorous work he is accused of being frivolous.

If he prints "outside" work he is failing to recognise local talent,

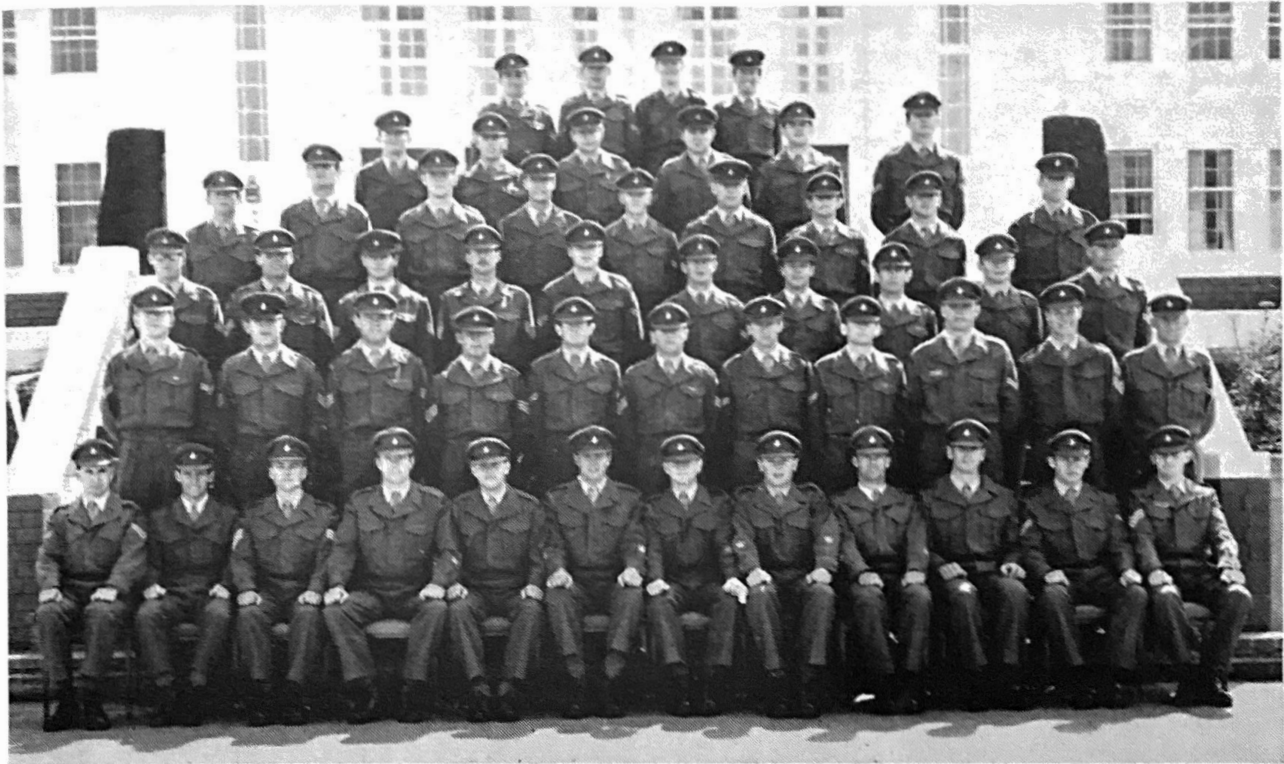
If he prints local contributions his magazine is sub-standard.

If he uses large words he is too intellectual.

If he writes so everyone can understand, his magazine is too shallow.

Now, like as not, some person will accuse him of pinching this from some other magazine—he did!

First Class



"They may not frighten the enemy but by God they frighten me."

SO the 69 arrive at Graduation after an eventful year climaxing our stay at the College.

Despite the ups and downs we recall:

The past four years.

The QB which lived up to, and bolstered up, our hopes.

The worker's clubs, if not a cadets union, at least enjoyable substitutes.

The model room, that haven of military delights, and WAL reading the history of Torres Vedres.

The ambushes in the snow on IMT.

The sound of CLEO's bell coming up the back stairs.

"Ditto."

The Diploma of Military Arts with Merit.

The wonderful weather at Canungra, and the beauty of Flora instilled to us at "Levers".

The institution of the 69 or DPJF's, and the Camp Training Lectures.

The Defeat of 1 YLI during the CRW phase.

Our high marriage rate where even the mysogonists fell, with apologies to GREYS.

BILL BARNES, the original "69". Untimely plucked from our midst, we wish he and his family the best for the future. When we march off on December 9, he too will be graduating.

The leadership of PHIL MAC and ANDY GRECIAN who we were proud to follow.

We as a class this year were buffeted by the "winds of change". Yet we look back on the past four years with much pleasure and few regrets. It is the wish of this class to extend our hopes to the Corps for a successful and united future.

Second Class

In 1969 the new Second Class returned from leave, rested and revived, eager to accept the challenge of the new year. Three days later the new Second Class were wondering how they could possibly survive until year's end. After four weeks of military and moral guidance the solution to end-of-year survival became obvious—sleep interspersed with essays. For most members of the class this academic system worked well, however the end-of-year marks showed that some placed too much emphasis on the sleep factor, whilst others, much to everyone's annoyance, seemed to place too much emphasis on actual research, tutorial reading, note-taking and the like. These people also were exposed by their final marks.

That was the year academically; socially and military there was some activity. The Second Class Dance was a swinging success, so successful in fact that our class surfing representative wiped out behind the chairs in the rec room and was not found until next morning.

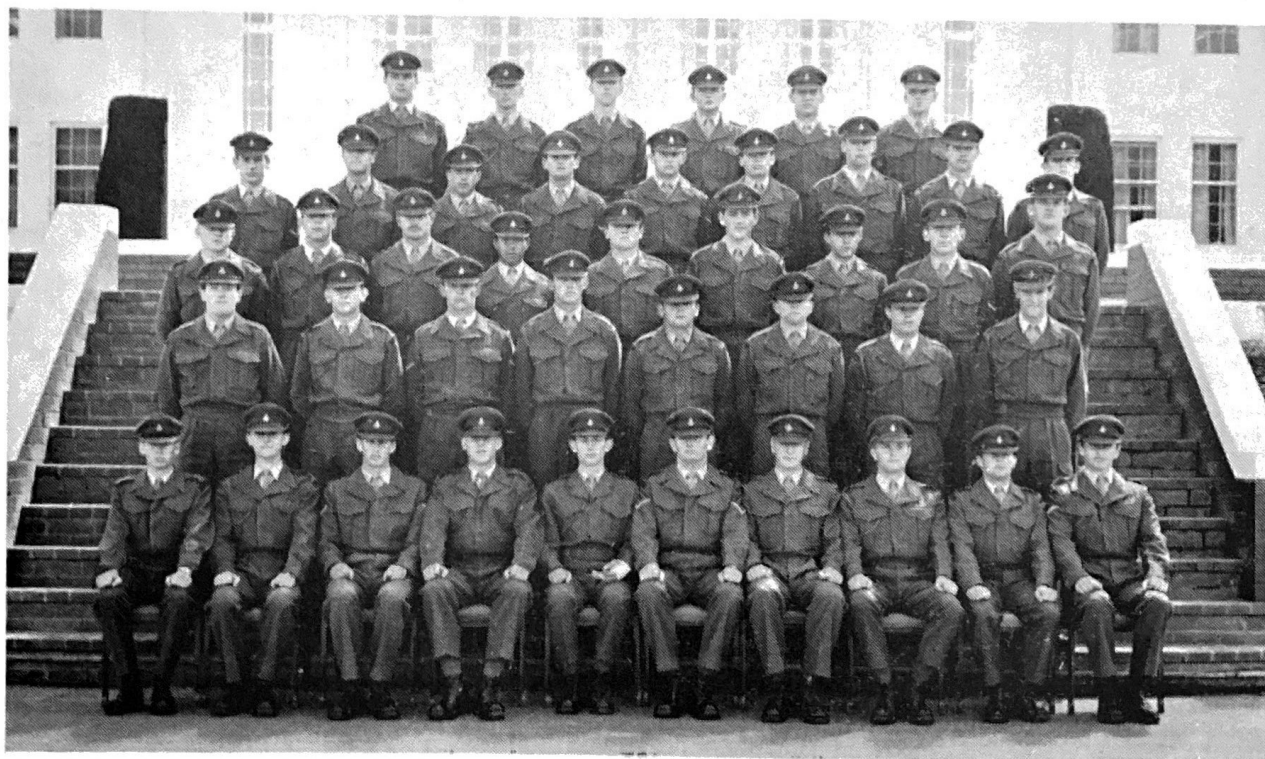
Other social activities of a minor scale did take place throughout the year, however owing to the large ball and chain detachment in the class these functions were usually patronised by a hard core of even harder drinkers.

In the military field the Puckapunyal visit proved to be the highlight. From "Pucka" straight to camp training proved a dramatic experience—the less said the better on this topic.

All-in-all an enjoyable year, despite some minor disturbances and deviations from what we had thought would be a perfectly straightforward year.

The only other worry during the year was that someone in the Palace of Panic would take an interest in the large number of NRMA magazines arriving at the College addressed to various members of the class.

In summary, '69 the year of sleep imbibing and banned 13-letter words.



Third Class

AS 1969 got away to a flying start, the new third class took up the struggle where the old third class had left off, and continued to fight the good fight.

We were welcomed in the traditional manner

by the instructors of the Adv Trg Wing, and exchanged our birds, beer, and beaches, for radios, runs, and ropes. When our friends returned from the holiday camp at Point Hut, we set a shining example for them to follow, and as the tennis party

arrived we were generous enough to give them the names and phone numbers of our own tennis party partners. Our unselfish attitude made them realise what good blokes we were.

One dampener to the year was the obvious tampering with our mail. All our incoming letters were intercepted, and the only ones allowed through were Dear John's, bills, Reader's Digests, and Record Club summonses.

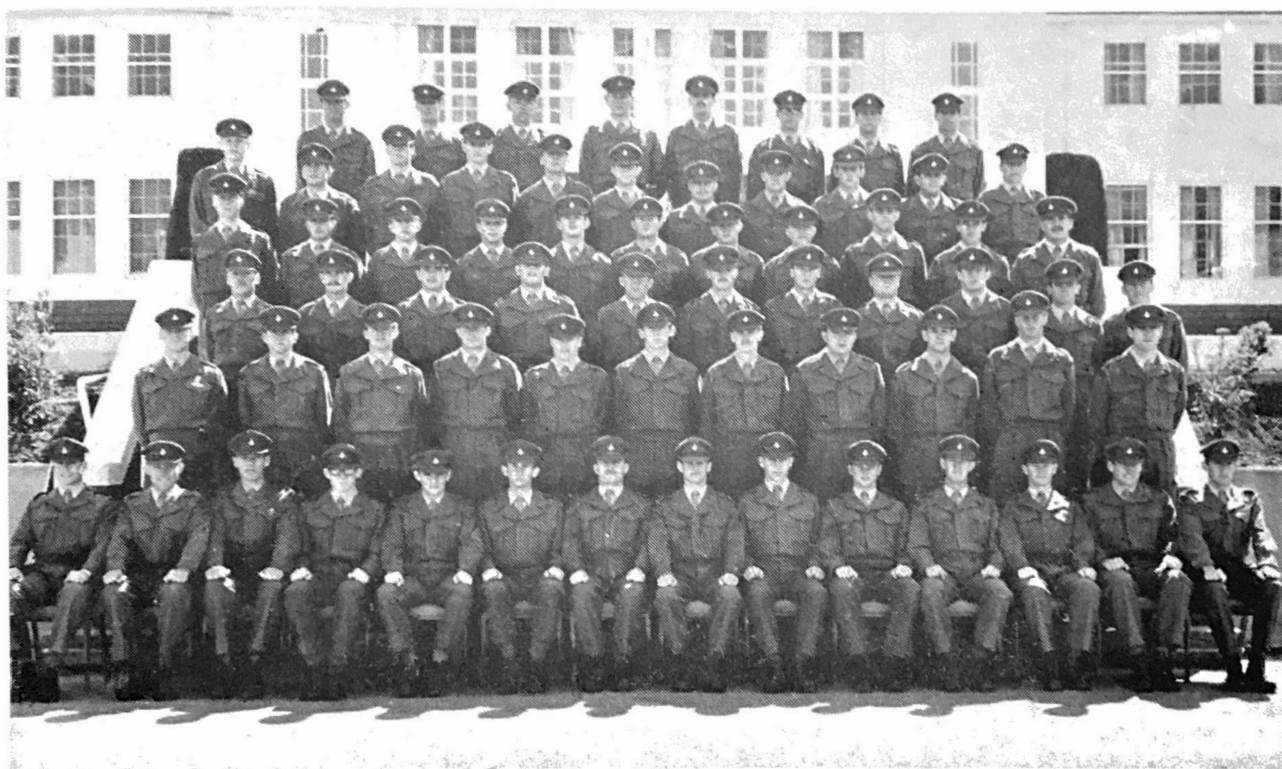
Easter leave saw us heading for the bright lights again, to get in plenty of practise for May leave. One thousand days to go was solemnly celebrated, as were Anzac Day, the Queen's Birthday and anyone else's birthday. Our extra \$2 per fortnight widened our social horizon con-

siderably, not to mention waistlines.

The RSM and the drillies continued to show their interest in our welfare, and made sure we did not lose touch with Defaulter's Parades, and other extra curricular gatherings. After all, someone had to show fourth class what to do.

Academically we shone. Never has there been a class which has received so few "com tocs". Whoever said that third class aren't receiving tocs anymore must be in second class.

As 1969 draws to a close, most of us look back with some regret at the passing of what has been a most enjoyable year. With two down and two to go, it is now a matter of "roll on December '71".



Fourth Class

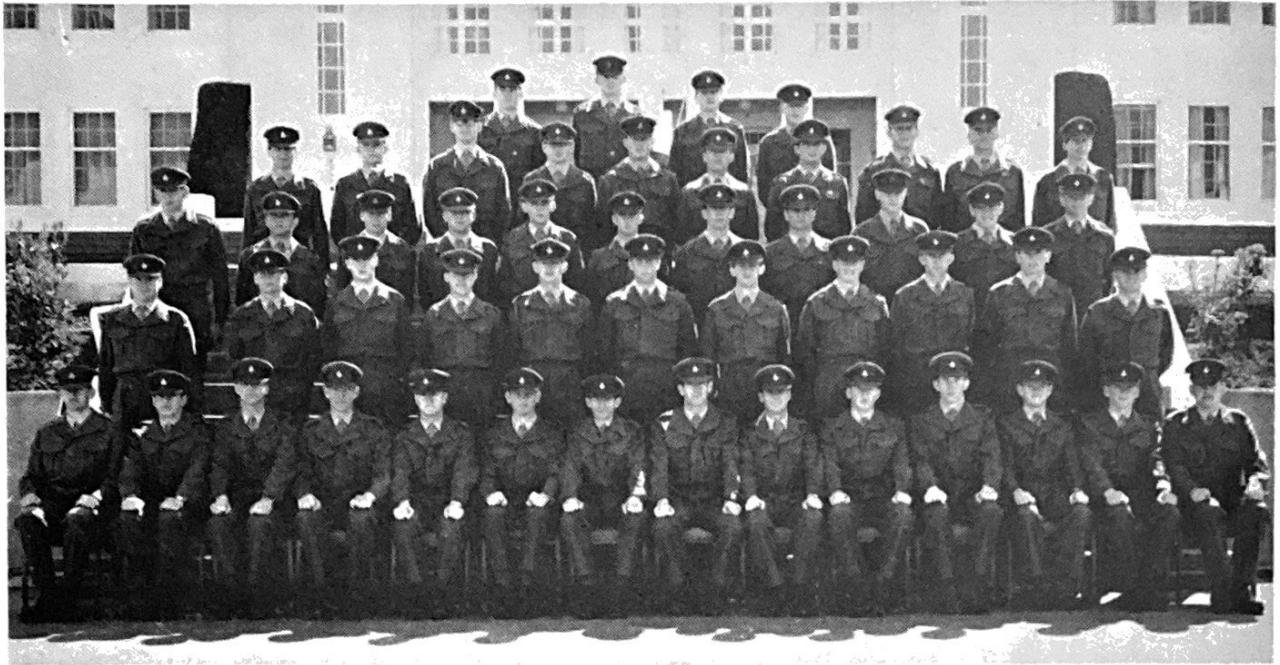
"You don't need a haircut, you need a hair net! Get in there!"

AND so it came to pass that goldilocks number one emerged from under the regimental shears to continue his Point Hut role as apprentice Fierce Bronzer Anzac. Those whose best efforts failed to create a shiny boot or make a 7.62 mm round hit a figure eleven target managed to release their Freedom hostilities in the highly successful annual Point Hut concert, or what you will.

If you emerged from under the canvas with a "personal problem", everyone on the hallowed 370 RMC acres hastened to assure you that you

had better forget such luxuries and get, —in step-down to the working party; —fit; —a haircut; —150 in the screed test; —hanging undergrasp; —a new name tag; —an L and D in; —a better turn out, —two extra drills; —your essay in on time; —doubling; —head up, shoulders back hands behind the seam of the trouser or—three extra drills.

Then it was "anyone for tennis", and the playboys of the Western Fourth Class swung into the infamous Tennis Party where everything was in evidence except fair play and Slazenger



rackets. The score was approximately forty love.

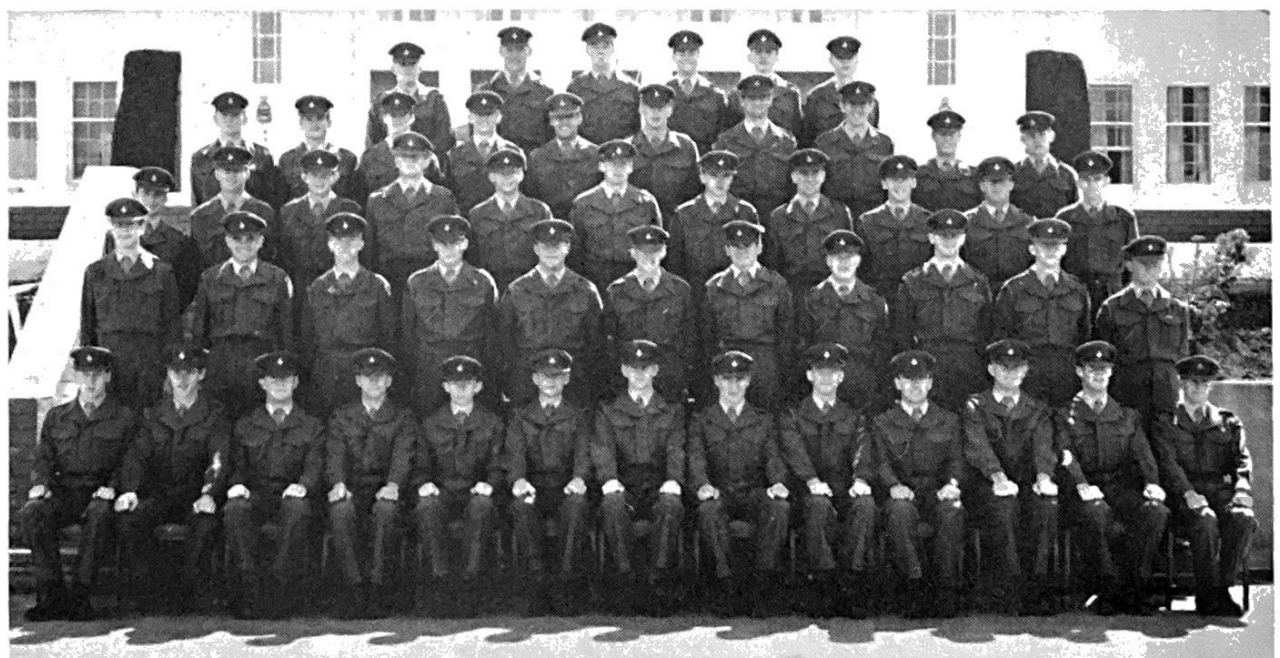
Came Easter, and we were all found either surfing, diving, skiing, hiking, climbing, falling, singing, eating, missing or sleeping at Narooma on our recreation Camp. Time marched on, and so did we: on Defaulters' and everywhere else until May. Then we went to Sydney to inspect Eastern Command installations by day, and to "do our own thing" by night. The week in Sydney was very interesting from the military point of view, and very refreshing from the profligate point of view.

After numerous rehearsals, several sore-throated

Drillies and last-minute extra curricular polishing, we marched with the corps on the Queen's Birthday Parade at last integrated, we received our lanyards and thoroughly enjoyed the QB Ball and sundry delights of the long weekend.

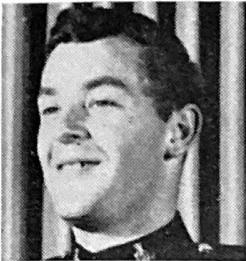
The long-awaited August leave gave most of us the chance to return to home, hearth and a well earned respite from the first hectic eight months with the Old Firm.

That leaves us now looking forward to exams, camp training and Grad Week. Hence, we hope respectively to pass well, pass muster and pass out.



GRADUATION 1969

The Graduating Class



Peter John ABIGAIL

Puckapunyal, Vic.

Port Lincoln High

Alphabetically unbeatable, Tuck has led everything from dental checkups to the Graduation Waltz. Maintained his social isolation until he hit the Campbell social scene in a debt-ridden Holden and a reclining chair. Has been heard to say. "Seems like a Q matter". Cricket 1st XV 1966-69 (Captain 1969), Cricket Committee 1967-69, Full Colours 1967-69, NSW Graduate's Trophy 1969, Aust Rules 1st XVIII 1966-69 (Captain 1969), Aust Rules Committee 1966, Half Colour 1966, Full Colour 1969, TV Watchers' Club, Sovereign's Company W Club (President 1969). UO, CSM Sov Coy **RA Inf.**

Paul Sutherland ANDREWS

Redcliffe, Qld.

University of Qld.

Snared early in life, Drews is eagerly awaiting graduation. Having traded in his faithful pre-first class vehicle, he had a nasty encounter on Cork Block corner with the Spook. Was often seen mixing with the Dickson Social Set. Rugby 3rd, 4th XV 1968-69. Sgt **RA Inf.**



Ian James BALLANTYNE

Newcastle, NSW

Newcastle Technical High

Overcame a serious lack of hair to come from behind in Oct./Nov. to win the "Socet Prize 69". Has often been found supporting a wall in his own reserved corner of the QB. Known to stun innocent bystanders at 0750 with his morning-after look. Often says "... !!" (censored).

Rugby U19 1966-67 (Vice-Captain 1967), 1st XV 1968-69, Rugby Committee 1966-68, Water Polo 1967, Swimming Committee 1967, President QB 1969. Sgt **RA Inf.**

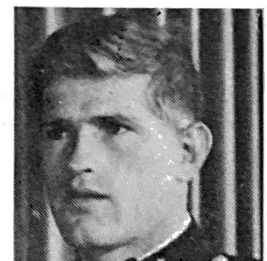
Robert McKenzie BEER

Southport, Qld.

Southport High

An active member of the Five Year Plan, Bob was spoken for early but fortunately escaped to lead a more sober (?) restrained life in the Duntroon area. A hard player both on the hockey field and in the QB, he won many a heart in the local area with a big grin and his mug.

Hockey 2nd XI 1965-67, 1st XI 1968-69, Squash Committee 1965-69, Secretary 1968, President 1969. Col Sgt, CQMS Kap Coy **RAASC.**





John Geoffrey BITCON

Melbourne, Vic.

Wesley College

Barney never quite got over the fact that he came from Melbourne. He was our Diners' Club representative and President of the RMC Chapter of the Percy Cerrutti Fan Club. Grappled with solutions for hours before he finally came up with the problem. Noted for his ardent mashing, musical and athletic abilities, he could always be relied upon for the latest "furph".

Aust Rules 2nd XVIII 1966-67, 1969, 1st XVIII 1968, Athletics Committee 1966-67, Rowing 1st VIII 1968, Rowing Committee 1968. Cpl **RAE**.

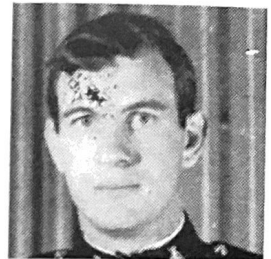
Danzil Hunter Ronald BOURNE

Canberra, ACT

St. Edmunds College

Double dealing, deuces high, diamonds Benz of Dickson, alias Bubbles, split his time equally between the Aero Club and physio. Noted for his prowess in the field and on the parade ground he was Stall's number one sleeping companion in the model room. Never reconciled his conflict between sports cars and the fair sex especially when he got his mag-wheeled Datsun.

Rugby U19B 1966, 3rd XV and 2nd XV 1967-69, Cricket 2nd XI 1966-67, Mess Committee 1968, Aero Club 1969. Cpl **RAAC**.



Geoff Edward BRADD

Young, NSW

Young High

"I've had the strawb" was often heard in Anzac Hall. The only First Class to get May leave, and a bit more. Must have been good therapy for the QB record, which still stands. A good member of the TV Watchers' Club. Nevertheless Limey got through. Rugby 2nd XV 1969. Cpl **RA Inf**.

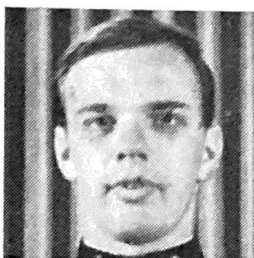
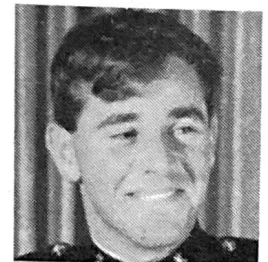
Marcus BROMET

Manly, Qld.

Wynnum State High

The "Wog in Clogs" could usually be found in his room missing 0800, or co-ordinating when he wasn't away delegating responsibility, or seeing Jerry about missing 0800 or Fegs about the lack of co-ordination. A successful entrepreneur who, despite the nationalisation of his emporium in Third Class, has managed to acquire two of everything.

Soccer 1st XI 1966-69, Half Colour 1966-67, Full Colour 1968-69, Best and Fairest 1969, Soccer Committee 1966-69, TV Watchers' Club 1969, Sov Coy W Club. Sgt **RAAOC**.



Gary Desmond BRYANT

Brisbane, Qld.

Camp Hill State High

The only member of Kapyong Company First Class who got his priorities right from the word go. Didn't like 0800—felt he needed his beauty sleep. A strong outside interest had to compete with a natural love for the "Rugby Boot". In general Gaz did not show much energy anywhere except for rugby where "the RMC 16 stone forward sprinted" now and again—usually for the QB after the final whistle.

Rugby U19 1966, 2nd XV 1967, 1st XV 1968-69, Water Polo 1968-69, Mess Committee 1969, QB Committee 1969. Cpl **RA Inf**.



John Charles BURNS

Morangarell, NSW

North Sydney Boys' High

Ralph was never at a loss for words. His impersonations often added entertainment to an evening. Never been known to knock back a brown lemonade, and often mixed with the "fairer" (?) sex. An avid crunchy, was often heard to say "... ! !" (censored). Rugby U19 1966, 4th XV 1967-69, Social Committee 1966-69. Cpl RA Inf.

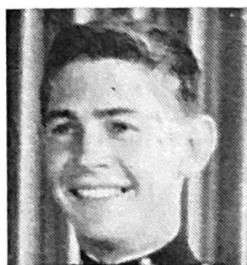
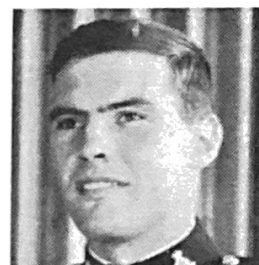
Bruce Raymond CAMERON

Dapto, NSW

Dapto High

Stubby, Dapto's answer to Bob Hope without laughs, was initially a masher of some note but surrendered to the better side of life in First Class. Was dubbed Pirahna after eating his way through a rugby scrum. Often experimented with his car and proved beyond doubt that VWs travel better on wheels and when steered.

Rugby U19A 1966, 2nd XV 1967-68, 1st XV 1969. Sgt RAE.



Michael John CASTLE

Oatley, NSW

Marist Bros. Kogarah

Trapped from way back, Mick was either seen "over the hill" or bogging in his room—dog collar on! Seldom drank but between softies found he could apply himself to athletics and choral activities. A Five Year Plan man.

Water Polo 1st 1965-66, Athletics ISCAM 1967-69, President Athletics Committee 1969, Hockey 2nd XI 1965-69, Radio Club Committee 1965-69 (President 1969), Secretary QB Committee 1969. Sgt RA Sigs.

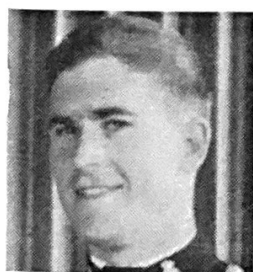
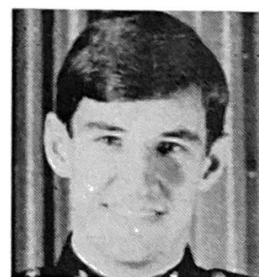
Geffrey William CHURCHER

Melbourne, Vic.

Carey Baptist Grammar

Believed to be a descendant of a higher being, "Beak" kept the class entertained with his thoughts on tactical theory. Known to be an ardent fan of Robin Hood. Had his finest hour on Commonwealth Bridge when, at 95 mph with nothing on the clock but the maker's name, these two policemen . . .

Hockey 1st XI 1966, 1968, 2nd XI 1967, Ski Club Secretary 1969, Treasurer CSC Mess Committee 1969. Cpl Avn Corps.



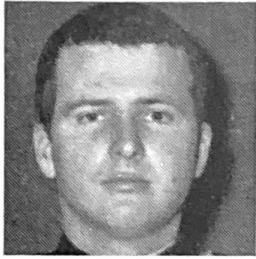
Vivian Richard COLLERAN

Albany, WA

Albany Senior High

One of our quieter members who could nonetheless be relied upon to display a penetrating observation unretarded by three inches of optical glass. A steady worker and almost our sole representative on church parades, Viv scored something of a coup in Grad Week by producing the class's most desirable automobile.

Hockey 1st XI 1966-69 (Captain 1969). Cpl RA Sigs.



Robert John COLLINS

Chatswood, NSW

St. Aloysius Sydney

Disillusioned that the bull he found at RMC was not the fighting kind, Bob turned to bigger things and found solace in Lyneham. Emerging from 15 months with a club arm, he displayed a globular physique and a truly astounding ignorance of PT, the square, Reveille, church parades and the System in general. Gave vent to numerous suggestions, obscene and otherwise, usually prefixed by "Hey, listen . . ."

Rugby U19 1966, 2nd XV 1967, 1st XV 1968, Athletics 1966, Publicity Officer Rugby Committee 1969. Cpl **RAA**.

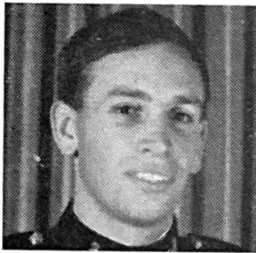
Michael Thomas CULLEN

Panania, NSW

East Hills Boys' High

"Baby Face", "Pretty Boy", "Boy Wonder"—our juvenile representative from Bankstown. A long stayer with a local female but of late has been seen more in the QB than on the social scene.

Rugby U19 1966-67, 2nd XV 1968, 1st, 2nd, 3rd XV 1969, Athletics 1966-69, LTS Club 1968-69, Thompson Cup Winner 1966, Boxing Committee 1966-69. Cpl **RAASC**



Kevin William DONNELLY

Pennant Hills, NSW

Asquith Boys' High

Faced with a galloping hair line, Kev more than made up for his lack of a crowning glory with a monumental set of choppers. Domesticated in early life, he exchanged his capitalistic vehicle for an even later model, in a display of classic oneupmanship.

Swimming 1966-69, Rugby U19 1966, 4th XV 1967-69. Sgt **RAAOC**.

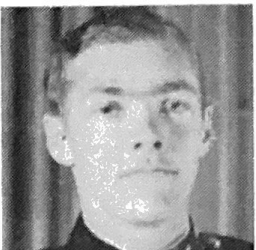
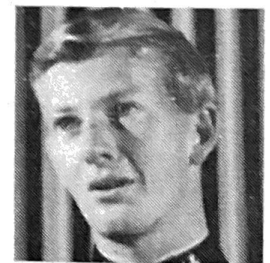
Gary John DOWNS

Lismore, NSW

Lismore High

This haunting figure found his niche as the grey eminence behind photography in the Corps. Reputedly incapable of casting a shadow, Gaz nevertheless got carried away on the soccer field and spent most of his time deciding which ankle hurt more. Joined the "1500 Smashers Club" early on and is still wondering how to pay for his crystal white membership card. Always ready to shoot down the stock model room questions with decisive replies such as "?"

Soccer 2nd XI 1966-67, 1969, 1st XI 1968, Photography Club Committee 1967-69, President 1969. Cpl **RAAOC**.



Ian Gregory FERGUSON

North Sydney, NSW

St. Pius X, Chatswood

"Fergy" had dreams of owning a super-car to make up for his lack of stature and thus ensure him a place of honour in the Canberra social scene. Spent much of his four years protecting his sisters from the rest of the class, but seems to be fighting a losing battle. Rugby U19 1966, 4th XV 1967-69. Cpl **Int Corps**.



Richard Roy GOODMANSON

Manly, NSW

Christian Bros. College, Manly

Second only to "Balls" for the Soc Et prize, Dick was noted for his gentle and understanding attitude towards the junior classes. Believed in a diplomatic solution to all disputes, especially on the Rugby field.

Rugby 1965-66, 2nd XV 1966, 1st XV 1967-68, UO CSM Gal Coy RAE.

Andrew Colin GRECIAN

Epping, NSW

Epping Boys' High

Mr. Football, Cricket and Drill, Andy was recently promoted to corporal when "They" realised his true potential. Made vain attempts to organise the CSC Mess but failed because no one could understand his Grecianisms. An ardent member of the Five Year Plan Movement. Cricket 1st XI 1965-69 (Vice-Captain 1969), President Cricket Club 1969, Aust Rules 1st XVIII 1965-69, President CSC Mess 1969, Treasurer Strippers' Club 1969. Cpl RA Inf.



Paul Raymond HADDAD

Syndal, Vic.

Ashwood High

A masher to the end, Ho was not quite converted to the true corporal system. He found the lures of the fair sex too much early in the piece and despite a few stumbles is still in the race.

Aust Rules 2nd XVIII 1966-69 (Captain 1969), Swimming, Tennis, Weightlifting, Library Committee 1967. Cpl RAAOC.

Ross John HARVEY

Terrigal, NSW

Gosford High

Our Mediterranean playboy, Benzino Gasolini, was a late entry to RMC and this set the pattern for the duration of his stay. When all others used an alarm clock, Ross had the band at 0800 daily.

Rugby U19 1966, 2nd XV 1967-69, 1st XV 1969. Cpl RAAOC.



John Paul HEMPENSTALL

North Sydney, NSW

North Sydney Tech. High

Known by all as Stall, he made quite a name for himself in the model room. Despite his love of the prone position he managed to run a thriving enterprise in Third Class. Is rumoured to be still short of cash, even after the sale of his classic English sports saloon. A regular traveller to the Nurses' Home and could always provide birds for parties. Tennis 1966-69, Rugby U19 1966-67, Referee 1967-69, Hockey 3rd XI 1968-69, President Strippers' Club 1969. Staff Cadet RAEME.



Iain Lachlan HESPE

Yamba, NSW

Yamba High

A country boy at heart, "Village" never stepped up to the pace of life at Duntroon. Bought a luxurious limousine to equal his social standing, but never quite cracked a mention in "Who's Who".

Rugby U19 1966, 4th XV 1967-69. Cpl Int Corps.

Peter HICKEY

Auckland, NZ

Lindfield High

Owned the only room in the College with wall to wall money. A bloated capitalist who descended from his palatial sports car to show the Aussies how to play rugby. ACT Mafia delegate. Could always be relied upon to have the courage of his convictions. Once said—"New Zealand has bigger, better, brighter, faster, cleaner, cheaper, . . ."

Rugby 1st VX 1966-69. Cpl RNZ Inf.



Michael Anthony HILL

Beaudesert, Qld.

Salisbury High

Having withdrawn, lost or written off everything in Fred's Block, Mick is off—to fix the whole army. His TV disturbed pre-exam rain dances which led to him getting the masher's star with oak leaves. Never panicked until something went wrong. Peddled the newest oldset Vee Wee and a plane for sport—the plane is still going and is cheaper to run.

Rugby U19 1966, Golf 1967-69, Tennis 1966-69, Aero Club 1969. Col Sgt CQMS Gal Coy RAAOC.

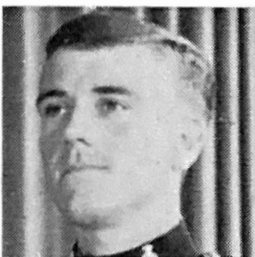
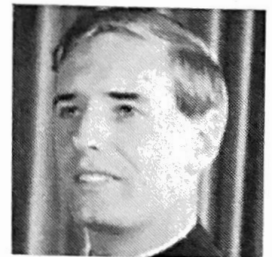
Geoffrey Raymond HOPKINS

Sydney, NSW

Chatswood High

Hoppy is the only airframe fitter in the College and recently has attempted to fly to Russia. The original Boris of "Boris and Natasha", he divided his time between the QB and Canberra Hospital. His dream of a car at public expense in First Class was never fulfilled.

Aust Rules 2nd XVIII 1966-1969, Basketball 1st Team 1966-69. Sgt RAE.



David Murray HORNER

Adelaide, SA

Prince Alfred College

Jack has at last seen the light and has changed his attentions from history books to the more enjoyable pleasures of life. A masher of note (his car is now a library) but he did find spare time for many a QB session. A regular hitch hiker to Adelaide, he will find things a little more difficult operating from Ingleburn.

Cricket 2nd XI 1966-68, Aust Rules 2nd XVIII 1966-69, Journal Committee 1966-68. Sgt RA Inf.



Marc HOSKIN

Tara, Qld.

Ipswich Grammar

"Mo", a man whose face destined him for success, cultivated a moustache in Fourth Class and forthwith acquired a "Montgomery" complex. Suffers from failing eyesight in viewing all corps, except his beloved armour, yet was prepared to suffer the model room in his quest for greater military heights. Developed his wit on par with his sabre thrust. Played a multitude of sports and lived to the rule "Dabbler in all but master of none, yet in everything a gentleman".

Rugby U19B 1966, Soccer 1969. Sgt **RAAC**.

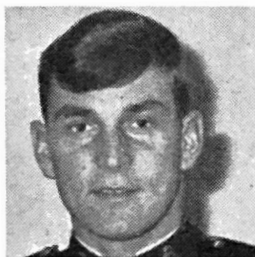
Graham HOWELL

Bathurst, NSW

Bathurst High

A road runner of some note, Buddha has been slowed down by the recent acquisition of a beer gut. A gentle giant but a demon on the rugby field. Was crowned "Mr. Prestressed 1969". Buddha was always noted for his poetic vernacular and is not likely to be forgotten for his shattering comments about a recently pregnant women in the model room.

Athletics 1966-68, ISCAM 1967-68, Rugby U19 1966, 2nd XV 1967-68, 1st XV 1969, Athletics Committee 1966-68. Sgt **RAE**.



Rudolf Leonhard IRGANG

Liverpool, NSW

Liverpool Boys' High

Our answer to the Red Baron, Rudi is the best endowed foreign member of the Playboy Club. Spent much of his time winning boomerangs, skiing, winning boomerangs, flying, winning boomerangs, looking for an engine for that car, winning . . . An ardent exponent of the Five Year Plan he was rarely seen around College until the Ghia finally gave up the ghost. Heard to say "We would not have lost the war but for the Germans".

Rugby U19 1965, 3rd XV 1966, 1st XV 1967, Athletics 1965-69 (won Silver Boomerang four times), Skiing 1965-69, Aust Rules 1968-69, Fencing 1967-69. Cpl **Avn Corps**.

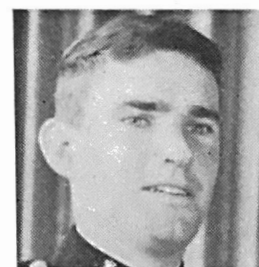
Graham John KELLS

Belrose, NSW

Manly Boys' High

"Grayer" began in his later years to groom himself to act and look like "Andy Capp". His opinion of Winston Churchill as a statesman took a considerable turn for the worse when he discovered that Winnie wasn't in fact related to Clive. Heard to say "But Clive Churchill would've . . ."

Rugby 1st XV 1968-69. Sgt **RA Inf**.



Ross Barker McCORMACK

Sydney, NSW

Ryde High

Rocket McCook, alias Freddie the Freeloader, stood apart from the system and adjusted his halo while all else was in turmoil. A frustrated pilot he is now looking for a supercharged GT with high lift cam and four on the floor. Wandered around muttering "The curse of Moby Dick" and "I'll fix this little green cart". Quote—"Moral decadence is OK but you have to be suave about it".

U19 1966, 4th and 3rd XV 1967-69. Cpl **RAAC**.



Ian Kenneth McDONALD

Milperra, NSW

Port Hacking High

"Ike", surrounded by smoke, was often found at his desk burning the candle at both ends. His lack of success was not matched in the marriage field—now heard to say "This is it!" Sometimes emerged from his cloud to bog his spit-polished, cut-down, souped-up GT 1100 and drive it back to the car park. Could be relied upon to break up any group with "Ssssth, ssssth . . ."
Rugby 2nd XV 1969. Cpl RAA.

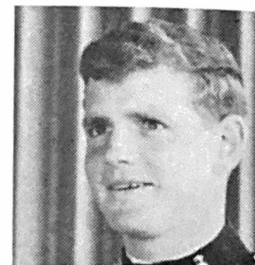
Phillip John McNAMARA

Canberra, ACT

Townsville State High

"Ocker" was a grunt but had an aversion to living in the field. A physical lad of some endurance. Swapped a good Australian sun-tan for the delights of a British winter. Heard to say in 1969 "Et tu, Brutus". Always a masher and reaped the rewards by taking almost all the prizes.

Aust Rules 2nd XVIII 1966, 1st XVIII 1967-69, Athletics ISCAM 1966-69, Cricket 2nd XI 1966-68, Social Committee 1966-67. Cpl RA Inf.



John McWHINNEY

Sydney, NSW

Marist Brothers High

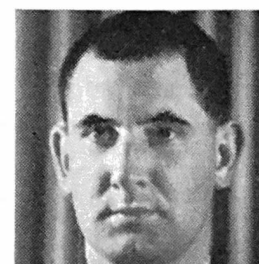
"Spook" gained his name from his ghastly appearance and absence from the scene at weekends which he spent either in Sydney or Wollongong. His little green car would carry him far but he had problems with Cork Block Corner. Rugby interfered with his weekends so he joined the "there in spirit" team.
Cpl RAE.

John Joseph MARANE

Potts Point, NSW

St. Joseph's College

Dumbo, despite chronic glue fingers, managed to crown his elevation to First Class by installing a million dollars worth of instant earache into a room that just never had enough shelves. His knowledge of the programmes Over the Hill saved many an Orderly Sgt from embarrassment. Not a masher of note, he proved himself to be a mean hand with an M-1.
Rugby 4th XV 1966-69. Cpl RAASC.



Leslie James MITCHELL

Lakemba, NSW

North Sydney Tech.

Wal divided his time equally between typing memoranda to himself and the billiard room. A regular one-pint screamer, he was the tyrant of First Class. He has some rather peculiar interests even after he discovered girls. His attempt at slalom through Manuka Park in his FJ ended in disaster.

Rugby U19 1966, Cricket 2nd XI 1966-67, Golf 1967, Hockey 2nd XV 1968-69 (Captain 1969), Billiards Committee 1967-69 (President 1969). Cpl RAASC.



Neville Russell MURRAY

Brisbane, Qld.

Balmoral High

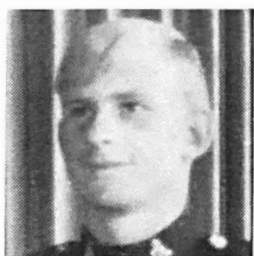
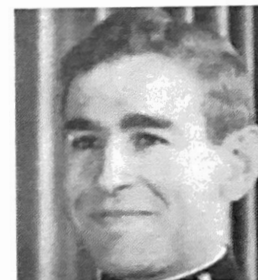
FID, after three years of ignorance, has recently been claimed by a local bird. His real character has been revealed at many a QB session. His keen interest in Signals in the model room has been overshadowed by his urge to be a grunt. Rugby U19 1966-67, 3rd XV 1968-69, Library Committee 1968, QB Committee 1969. Cpl RA Inf.

Ian Arthur NEWHEY

Lithgow, NSW

Lithgow High

Ian had the distinction of being the shortest man in the class for five years. He was very popular with the Military Staff and knows the Commandant well. Contrary to popular opinion there **was** a Comdt Toc in First Class he did **not** have to attend. Gave up all ideas of graduating in artillery after being wounded by a toy cannon. Hockey 2nd XI 1966, 1969, 3rd XI 1969 (Cap'tain), Rugby 4th XV 1967, Athletics 1966-69. Cpl RA Sigs.



Daryl Francis PATCH

Lismore, NSW

Lismore High

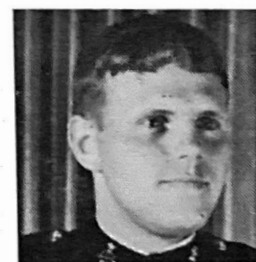
He emerged from "the industrial hub of Summerland" four years ago to become the demon lover of Fred's Block with the Midge Farrelly look and hairdo. Max will be remembered as the guy who blew a mean smoke ring; his vivid imagination and Russo-Turkish fables should take the Gunner mess by storm next year. Quote—"This is what I feel Max". Rugby U19 1966-67, 4th XV 1969, Swimming 1966-69, Billiards Committee 1966-67, Social Committee 1966-8, Golf Committee 1966-67. Cpl RAA.

Janus Ivars POLFANDERS

Unley, SA

Unley State High

Poly was a quiet lad in early years but later blossomed into the social circles of Canberra. Although a Bavarian Burgomaster, he showed some prowess in our National Football. Was Top Dog of 1969 and seemed a strong runner, but square eyes hindered his academic finish, much to the disgust of Field Marshal Blamey. Aust Rule 1st XVIII 1966-69. UO CSM Kok Coy RAE.

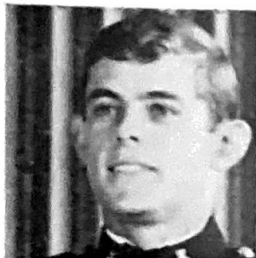


Christopher John PUGSLEY

Christchurch, NZ

Xavier College

Five feet of sunburn and three feet of grin, our Wall Street representative with close contacts in the PM's department. Was always available with a ready grin and biting sarcasm. Scored well with local birds especially those with cars. Has shown a recent aversion to sports cars. Rugby U19 1966, 4th XV 1967, Soccer 1st XI 1968-69, Tennis 1966-67, Fencing 1966-67, President Fencing Club 1969, Journal Committee 1966-69, Professional Member of "Learn to Swim Class" 1966-69. Sgt RNZ Inf.



Terence SANDERS

Sydney, NSW

Birrong Boys' High

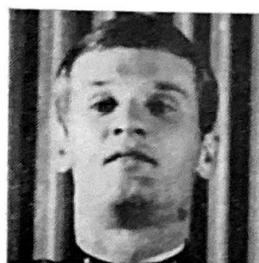
"Tiny"—the bird in the hand is worth two in the bush man—was renowned for having items of his clothing in the oddest places. Loved drinking but could rarely handle the mornings-after. Of questionable repute due to his combination of super-Holdens, artillery and soccer. Soccer 1st XI 1966-69, President Soccer Committee 1969, Water Polo 1st Team 1968-69, 2nd 1966-67, President Sailing Club 1969, President EK Club. Cpl **RAA**.

Donald Kenneth SHEA

Sydney, NSW

Goulburn High

Sharky had a rare affinity for philosophy and spent so much time analysing The System that he never really managed to make contact with it. Considerably disillusioned by the fair sex he turned his attention to almost everything except work. Could be relied upon to disagree with almost any suggestion. Despite aquatic tendencies denies having webbed feet. Sometimes says "Oh come on now . . ."
Rugby U19 1966-67, 3rd XV 1968, 2nd XV 1969 (Captain), Water Polo 1966-69, Swimming 1969. Sgt **RA Inf.**



Brian Gordon STEVENS

Canberra, ACT

Dickson High

The Teenage Pullthrough, fond of his ale and weekends. Adopted the air of a young cavalier after purchasing his green "flyer". He found a place in the 1st XV in 1968 and somehow managed to retain it in 1969. His social life was climaxed when he found that the nursing profession was not a bed of roses and so obtained a meal ticket elsewhere. Often heard to say, "Hey, you . . ."
Rugby U19 1966, 1st XV 1968-69, Golf 1967, Basketball 1968-69, Athletics 1966-67, QB Committee 1969, Basketball Committee 1968-69 (President 1969). Cpl **RAA**.

Alan James STEWART

Sydney, NSW

Marist Bros., Kogarah

Ava could explain anything in the world—his only problem was that there were only 24 hours in the day. Although dogged with sickness, he stuck to it like a good regular recruit. Always snowed under with bump but this should improve now that he has acquired a new business partner.
Swimming 1966-69, Aust Rules 2nd XVIII 1966-69, Music Club, Sailing Club Committee 1969. Col Sgt CQMS Kok Coy **RA Sigs.**

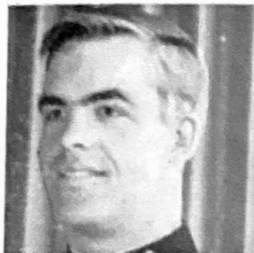


John Noel TREVOR

Manly, NSW

Sydney Grammar

A dedicated "grunt", Noel was admirably suited to pursue such a pedestrian career. Only his forays in the fields of romance received more attention from his class than those feet. Owner of the only GT Fastback Morris Major in the class, he unloaded it upon some hapless civilian. In his capacity as CQMS more than once resorted to SD (Aust) to prove that "this" was indeed an A matter. As his organisation fell to pieces he could be heard to scream "Come on now Fellas!"
Rugby U19 1966-67, 2nd XV 1968, 1st XV 1969, Squash, Pratt Cup 1968-69, Tennis 1st Team 1967-69 (Captain 1969), TV Watchers' Club, Vice-President Sov Coy W Club. Col Sgt CQMS Sov Coy **RA Inf.**



Bruce George WALLIS

Swan View, WA

Governor Stirling Senior High

Bruce always managed to make many friends on the football field where he was RMC's "Mr. Fixit". Spent many weekends working on his 1100 and then sold it to someone who knew nothing about cars. A great friend of the academics, he thought a degree might hinder his future in infantry.

Hockey 1st XI 1965, Full Colour, Aust Rules 1st XVIII 1966-69 (Vice-Captain 1969), Water Polo 1966-69 (Captain 1969), President Aust Rules Committee 1969, President Water Polo Committee 1969, Flying Club 1969, Member QB Committee. UO CSM Kap Coy RA Inf.

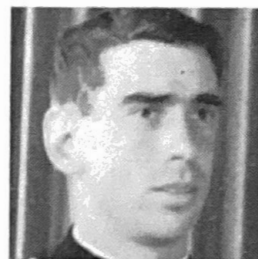
Graeme Robert WEBB

Melbourne, Vic.

Caulfield Technical

Webley worked at RMC and lived at Narrabundah—the last of the day boys in the old tradition. He will always be remembered for his willingness to allow others to use his telephone. Attended an O gp at 1200 hours daily. He believed in peaceful co-existence with The System until they clashed. Thence he returned to peaceful co-existence with a headache. Quote "No, no, I won't b—— well do it!"

Aust Rules 1st XVIII 1966-69. Cpl RAE.



Alan Christopher Garnet WELBURN

Podraka, SA

Enfield High

After overcoming a language barrier, we managed to get Chummy to wash. Thereafter he decided he no longer enjoyed our company. Known for long expositions in the model room and for an almost paranoid desire to mash. The original "ring through the nose", he ensured that class member 52A had a complete dossier on the remainder of the Corps.

Hockey 2nd XI 1966-67, 1st XI 1968-69, Cricket 2nd XI 1966-67, Rec Rooms Committee 1966-68, IVC 1967-68. Cpl RAASC.

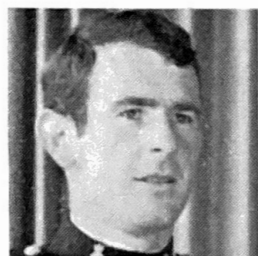
John William WHEELER

Canberra, ACT

Lyneham High

John rated many a nickname at RMC—Cuddles, Teddy, just to mention two. He let The System pass him by completely and relied heavily on the comforts of home. Held the class record for resignations but these rarely caused a ruffle in Panic Palace.

Rugby U19 1966-67, 3rd XV 1968-69, 1st Basketball 1968-69. Cpl RA Inf.



Steven YATES

Elenora Heights, NSW

Christian Bros. College, Manly

Known affectionately as "Freddie", he was THE born loser whose drive, attention and aptitude for work and discipline were only surpassed by his success with his car. Began his career well at Canungra by "hooking in" to the hierarchy to become the class representative in Sam Browne.

Rugby U19 1966-67, 3rd XV 1968, 2nd XV 1969, Mess Committee 1968. Cpl RAA.

Graduation Week

WITH almost sixty years of tradition, honour and heritage under close scrutiny, the Corps of Staff Cadets entered Graduation week with a real purpose, and a determined attitude rarely exhibited before. Morale at its highest, and loyalty unwavering, the corps stuck to its task and produced one of the best Graduation Parades seen for many a long year. Sir Paul Hasluck's speech on the Parade contained words of great wisdom and, more important, reassurance that the CSC remained one of the most hallowed institutions in this land.

The serious part aside, the week was also one of much gaiety and revellry. Although the Sovereign's Banner had failed to change hands, the Corps celebrated a most successful year with

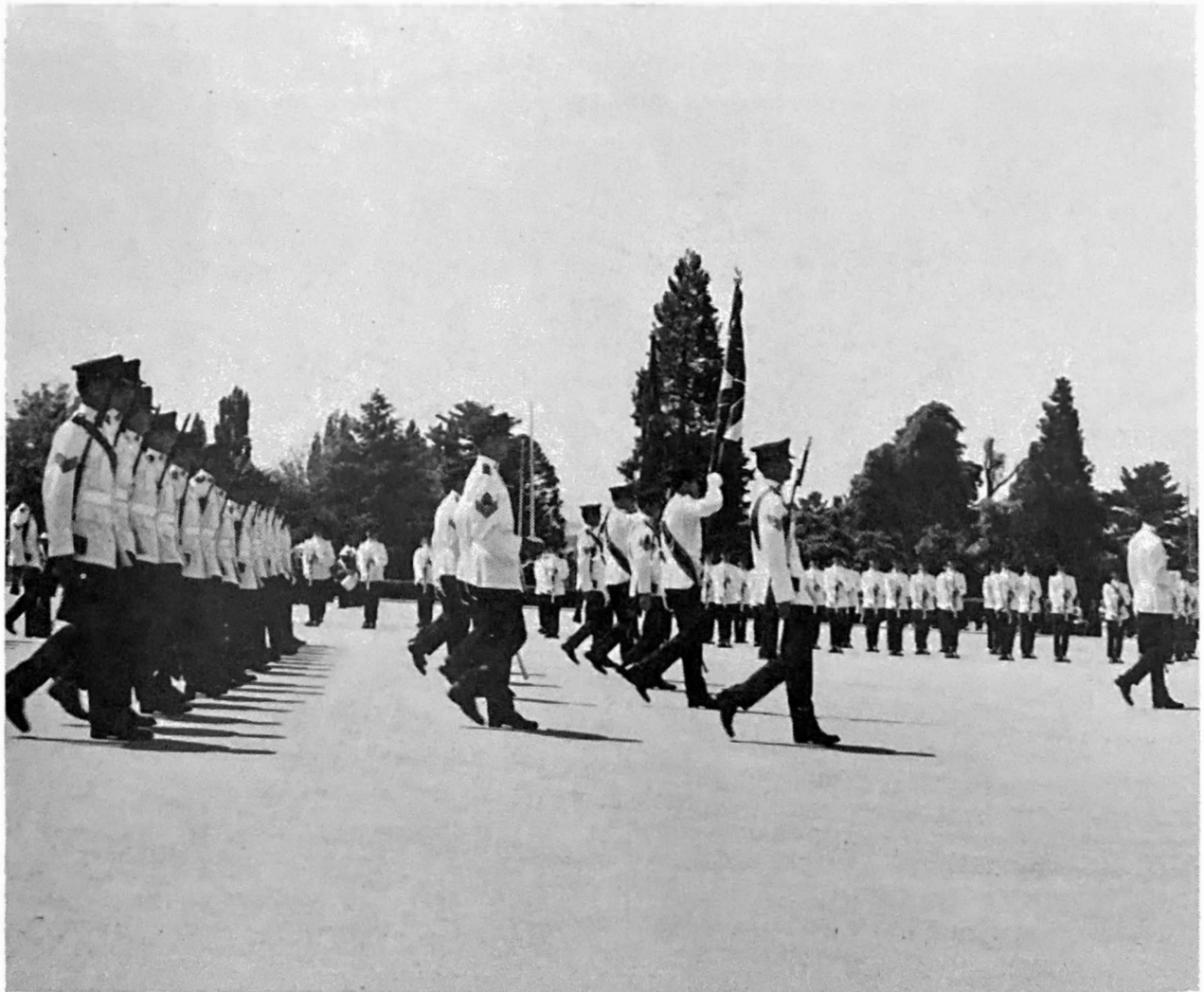
the usual run of section, platoon, company and Corps functions. Notable there was the Graduation Dinner which was of a different, but most satisfactory nature, despite many post-dinner headaches both to cadets and staff. The Company Parties were again roaring successes with cadets and officers all having a "ball".

As far as the Graduating Class was concerned, a difficult, but most satisfying four years had been completed and events such as the Father and Sons Picnic (?) and the cocktail party well illustrated the pleasure of these latest graduates.

All in all, the week was a great success, capped off by a most enjoyable Graduation Ball, showing interested parties the Corps head was still very high.

Graduation Parade

9th December, 1969



First Class march off for the last time.

**Address at the
Graduation Parade,
Royal Military College,
Duntroon
Tuesday, 9th December,
1969
by His Excellency
The Governor-General
Sir Paul Hasluck,
GCMG, KStJ.**

MAJOR-GENERAL FRASER, Your Excellencies, the Chiefs of Staff of the Navy, Army and Air Force, the Chief of the General Staff New Zealand, Major-General Beavis, members of the Corps of Staff Cadets and their families and friends.

It is a pleasure and a privilege to attend this graduation parade of the Royal Military College and to present the prizes and diplomas. May I compliment you on your bearing and on the impressive parade today: and thank Major-General Beavis for the oration he has given recalling the career and the service of Field-Marshal Sir Thomas Blamey.

Those of you who have graduated are now entering on a new stage of duty in the service to which you have dedicated yourself, moved by loyalty to your Queen and country.

The training you are receiving does not cease with graduation. As you move upwards in the Army you will be called upon to take higher duty and bear more responsibility. To serve well you need to extend your knowledge and prepare yourself by training to do more and to do better.

The changes by which a broader academic base is being given to the training of officers are necessary by reason of the demand for new kinds of expertness and wider range of capacity in the armed services. The professional soldier of the future will require a higher education than was

thought necessary in the past while still having the military quality of a good fighter.

Your Commandant referred to "recent adverse publicity". Let me say this to you: Don't blame others for the publicity, and don't get worried about gossip. All you need worry about is whether there is any truth in what people say. You are in a position to know the truth about your own conduct. Face the truth squarely, whatever it is; test it for yourself; and according to what you find, you will come out of it a better man, either knowing that your conduct has been honourable, or, if not, that you yourself have overcome a fault. "To thine own self be true", and do not let either the gossip of bystanders or the soft words of friends take the place of your own conscience or your own standard of honour.

To all of you on this parade, I would add this. Duntroon, for most Australians, is a word that spells duty, manhood, courage, leadership, self-discipline and sacrifice. It is still being spelt the same way.

When you march off this ground keep your heads high—not in vanity, but in honour. No Duntroon man has to satisfy me that he is a good soldier so long as he can satisfy himself that he is worthy to march with those who went before. Carry on. You have our confidence.

In conclusion, may I express my good wishes and seasonal greetings to you and your loved ones.



His Excellency, the Governor-General, inspecting the Graduation Parade.

Prize Winners

THE GRADUATING CLASS

The Queen's Medal

For the Cadet graduating first in his class

Cpl P. J. McNamara

Blamey Scholars for 1968

Cpl P. J. McNamara

Sgt D. M. Horner

UO J. Polfanders

The Lee Shield

For the Champion Company

Alamein Company

The New Zealand Army Board Prize

For the best performance in Advanced Training

Cpl P. J. McNamara

The Major-General C. H. Finlay Award

For the graduate with the highest aggregate marks in the Military Arts

Cpl P. J. McNamara

The Major-General J. S. Whitelaw Memorial Artillery Prize

For the Artillery Graduate with the highest aggregate marks in Artillery, Signals and Topography

Cpl B. G. Stevens

The Sydney Morning Herald Award

For the Cadet writing the best essay on an Armoured subject

UO P. J. Abigail

The Oswald Watt Essay Prize

For the Cadet writing the best essay on a Military Aviation subject

Sgt D. M. Horner

Top of the Arts Course

Sgt D. M. Horner

Top of the Applied Science Course

Cpl P. J. McNamara

Top of the Engineering Course

No award

History in the Arts Course—

The C. E. W. Bean Prize

Sgt D. M. Horner

Tactics—First Place

Cpl P. J. McNamara

—Second Place

Col Sgt M. A. Hill

Staff Duties Training and Intelligence

Sgt D. M. Horner

War Administration and Army Aviation

Col Sgt M. A. Hill

Australian Military Law

Col Sgt M. A. Hill

New Zealand Military Law

Sgt P. Hickey

Australian Peace Administration

Sgt M. J. Castle

New Zealand Peace Administration

Sgt C. J. Pugsley

Armour

Cpl P. J. McNamara

Artillery

Cpl P. R. Haddad

Military Engineering

Sgt C. J. Pugsley

Signals

Col Sgt M. A. Hill

Infantry Minor Tactics—

The Staffordshire Regiment Cup

UO B. G. Wallis

Drill

Cpl A. C. Grecian

Physical Training

Cpl R. L. Irgang

Weapon Training

Cpl P. J. McNamara

Topography

Sgt M. J. Castle

The R. F. Oakes Trophy

Cpl R. L. Irgang

The Hutchison Trophy

Cpl V. R. Colleran

SECOND CLASS

Combined Military Subjects
Government in the Arts Course
Physics in the Applied Science Course
Chemistry in the Applied Science Course
The R. J. A. Barnard Memorial Prize for Mathematics
Civil Combined Subjects in the Engineering Course
Electrical Combined Subjects in the Engineering Course
Mechanical Combined Subjects in the Engineering Course

Lcpl R. L. Scott
Lcpl P. J. Kahler
No award
No award
No award
Lcpl T. M. Boyce
S/C J. L. King
No award

THIRD CLASS

Combined Military Subjects
English in the Arts Course
Economics in the Arts Course
Combined Subjects in the Applied Science Course
Combined Subjects in the Engineering Course

S/C M. G. Smith
S/C A. A. Dupont and
S/C M. S. Hetherington
S/C A. G. McLennan
No award
S/C J. Hartman

FOURTH CLASS

Combined Military Subjects
Combined Subjects in the Arts Course
Combined Subjects in the Applied Science Course
Combined Subjects in the Engineering Course

S/C G. G. Hay
S/C K. J. Hindle
S/C R. C. Wallace
S/C D. G. Poole



Kapyong Company march past in slow time.

ARTICLES BY GRADUATES

The Duntroon Tradition

GRADUATES of the College have a lasting affection for the institution which trained and prepared them for service in the Regular Army. This feeling has strengthened with the years and mention of the name of Duntroon always kindles strong emotion, particularly amongst the more elderly. Any adverse criticism of their Alma Mater stirs them deeply.

We of the fifth entry joined the college in 1915. Well do we remember the drive in the chill morning air across the Molonglo Plains, in horse drawn drags, with Ainslie looming straight before us.

We had some suspicion that strange things might happen to us after our arrival. We had heard a whisper on the grapevine; but the same winds that had heralded a dramatic change in our mode of living also brought us the comforting knowledge that it would all be over in a week.

We were dumped on the square, the hallowed square, and on the verandahs of the temporary blocks strange figures viewed us, speculating perhaps, and dressed in white pyjamas and with white hats and black bands. But they were not pyjamas at all, we later discovered. They were canvas working dress with which we were soon to become very familiar. How naive can one be.

We were greeted by an immaculate one, Captain Tristram Bernard Wordsworth James, the College Adjutant, an officer of the Royal Australian Garrison Artillery no less, and the officer who for the next four weeks was to be our personal mentor. Later we were horrified to learn that such an exalted one could be referred to by such an unflattering insectivorous name.

The senior class listed such names as Berryman, Vasey, Wackett, Milford, Bridgford and Beavis, graduates who later distinguished themselves in World War I and who became outstanding leaders in World War II. To us, however, at that immediate point of time, they were of the senior class to be respected, not to be familiar with, and to be regarded with a feeling of awe; but this with a vague reservation—for one week only.

That first week was habit shattering. If one could remember the events, the changing emotions that came with orders, mostly correct and official, but now and again an order that one vaguely suspected. If one could remember! So much happened in that week when one was transformed from a gauche school boy into a gentleman cadet. One who was addressed as

Mr. How status defining and satisfactory was that Mr.

My main recollection is that I was instructed to leave a card on Miss Parnell—Heavens should I have brought cards? Miss Parnell later turned out to be the Commandant's infant daughter. The fact that one can remember so little would indicate that nothing terrible happened, nothing that made an indelible impression.

The end of the week came. The great event arrived, the initiation. We welcomed this as an aboriginal boy would welcome the "man" ritual. It was in the evening, the area the verandah of F block, or was it C block? We were required to disrobe. We were led blindfold to the sacred corroborree grounds. Females were forbidden to the area, although rumour had it that female eyes sparkled on the slopes of Pleasant.

Questions were asked but answers were gagged. Songs had to be sung, but oiled waste plugged the notes. Finally, one had to slide down the symbolic slippery dip. A condies bath at the bottom consummated our declining status. And all punctuated with wet and knotted towels on our naked torsos.

Then it was over. How wonderful, we were now gentlemen cadets of the Royal Military College "de facto" and "de jure". Around us were the exalted ones, shaking hands, telling us we were now of the order; assuring us that that was the end of the funny business; we were now, each of us, one of them. And so it was.

We lived four in a corridor. Seniors in the back two rooms, juniors in the front two rooms. Each took his turn to sweep the corridor in the morning. Except the end corridor where the block commander was quartered. He was usually a sergeant. On account of his great seniority and heavy responsibilities he did not sweep the corridor. The other three, by virtue of the honour of propinquity, gladly shouldered the additional chore.

There were three areas where seniority could have been a problem, the mess room, the canteen, and the bathroom, particularly the bathroom. In the sporting area favour was determined by prowess alone.

In the mess room the ritual was strictly equalitarian. Occasionally, the orderly officer dined in the mess and made remarks about toast and nutcrackers at which we dutifully laughed. We tried repeatedly, without much success, to take a rise out of Archer a sharp tongued cockney steward. In those days there was no

processed food. Our meals were good, wholesome, but demanded a lot of attention and effort in the mastication. We enjoyed our meals and had no time for strange rituals.

At the canteen there was a general milling with everyone trying to get the attention of Dick Dunn, a good looking gunner who, we thought, should have been at the war. There was no problem about shopping. Each cadet, including the BSM, bought his own purchases; but anyway there was not a wide range of articles.

The morning bath was a very friendly type of muck in. There were two baths for ten cadets, as far as I remember. We bathed two together in each bath, which made $2\frac{1}{2}$ reliefs. Seniority was not the determinant but laziness. The more lazy took second relief and did a "nick back" (to bed) while waiting their turn. Two to a bath was not particularly hygienic, because some shaved in the bath and then there was, in our first year, an epidemic of boils. The bathroom was the great equaliser.

When we went camping at the Cotter we had to walk out and back. Kits were carried in a horsed lorry. Camping groups were usually arranged by classes. There was nothing sinister about this. Ones close friends were naturally in ones own class. When I was in the senior class, and camping at the Cotter, I was reprimanded by a sergeant for rigging my own tent before seeing that the fourth class were all properly bedded down. I knew he was right but it was a wet night and I was tired.

Memory persuades me that our classes were well integrated. Of course there was the occasional "fasten", which always aroused an immediate and vociferous response. There was the occasional fight which was usually transferred to the gym to be refereed by "Snakey", for which he required a "considerairtion". We did not endeavour to make extroverts out of introverts. We certainly did sit on extroverts, as groups do in all societies, but with muted emphasis.

There was very little baiting within the corps itself. I cannot recall any, unless it was the persuading of Athol Chapman on, sundry occasions, to recite "Gray's Elegy". We saved all our baiting for the civil staff. Dear old "Smiler"—Professor Barnard—the senior maths lecturer was the prime target. Stars in their dressing rooms, Copper Knickers, and Chumleigh's E stands fast were the favourite topics. We considered the baiting effort a flop if the perpetration did not collect two extra drills. It was worth it from a point of view of status, like catching a large trout.

The obvious question arises and demands an answer. Did these attitudes and circumstances produce good leaders? I think a survey of World War II will show that graduates from the first five classes did sufficiently well to give a more than satisfactory answer.

Of course there was another factor which

made some impact in our time. Three months after our initiation we were thrilled with the events taking place on Gallipoli. We were thrilled when there was mention of a graduate. We were elated when the press, at the request of General Bridges, reported his words "I think it is worth mentioning, upon its own merits, that each of the three artillery officers who have been chosen to observe for the naval guns when we land is a Duntroon boy".

Although we did not think of it as such, the great Duntroon tradition was being born. We saw it happening. We were in the midst of it. It would be impossible adequately to express our feelings when the cables arrived announcing, first the severe wounding, and then the death of the strong, silent, perhaps moody, founder of the college. General Bridges had become a legend already in cadet circles. Now he was apotheosized.

We marched behind his body from St. John's Church—then isolated in open fields—via Ainslie Post Office to the burial site. We gave him of the best at our command in ceremonial. His consecrated grave is a Mecca to all graduates and to countless others. The words on his burial slab must be an inspiration to all cadets and will remain so far into the future. This area must be held as sacrosanct and each cadet must be its custodian.

When we think of tradition we must be careful to distinguish between tradition and custom. In tradition there is a spiritual content. Customs may be created on the whim and be forgotten in the moment. Tradition by its spiritual nature survives. Tennyson said "The old order changeth yielding place to new . . . lest some good custom might corrupt the world". The customs of the Round Table disappeared. The tradition of knightly chivalry survives.

Then too, we must be careful that any custom which may be adopted bears strict relation to the object of the college, which is the training of leaders on lines laid down and guided by accepted principles.

The names on the memorial tablets adjacent to the square point to places in every theatre of operations where Australians have fought. There, in every place, are sacred spots that are forever Duntroon.

"And so they gave their bodies to the Commonwealth and earned each for himself praise that will never die, and with it the most glorious sepulchres, not that in which their mortal bones are laid, but a house in the minds of men. Where their glory remains fresh to stir to speech, or to action as occasion arises."

These words define for us, and indeed express, the great Duntroon tradition. It becomes axiomatic than any custom which may emerge in the College activities must be wholly and unquestionably compatible.

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