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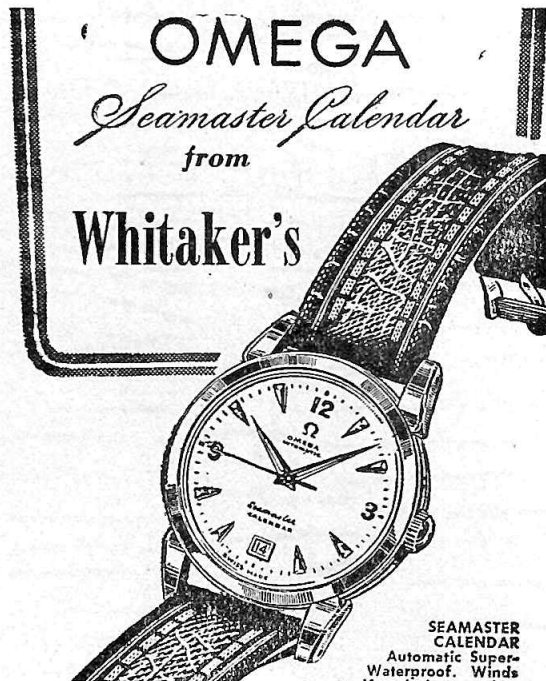


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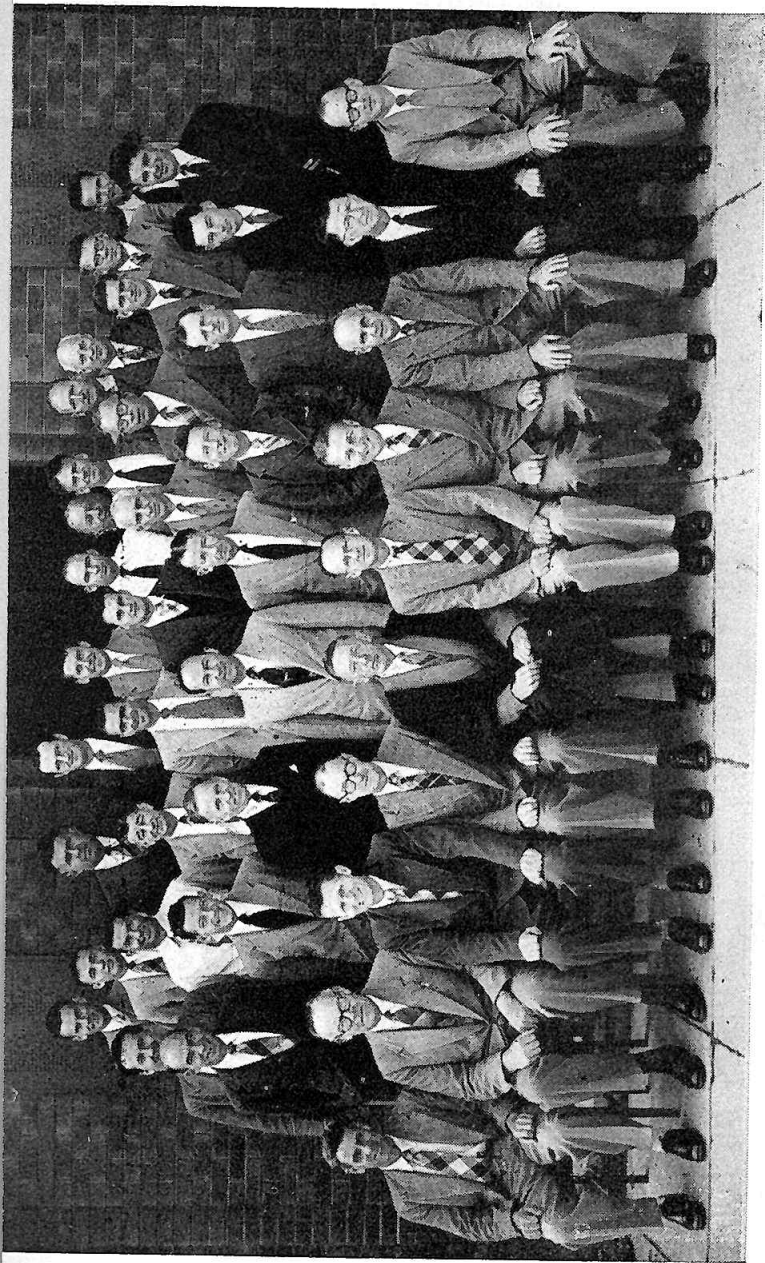
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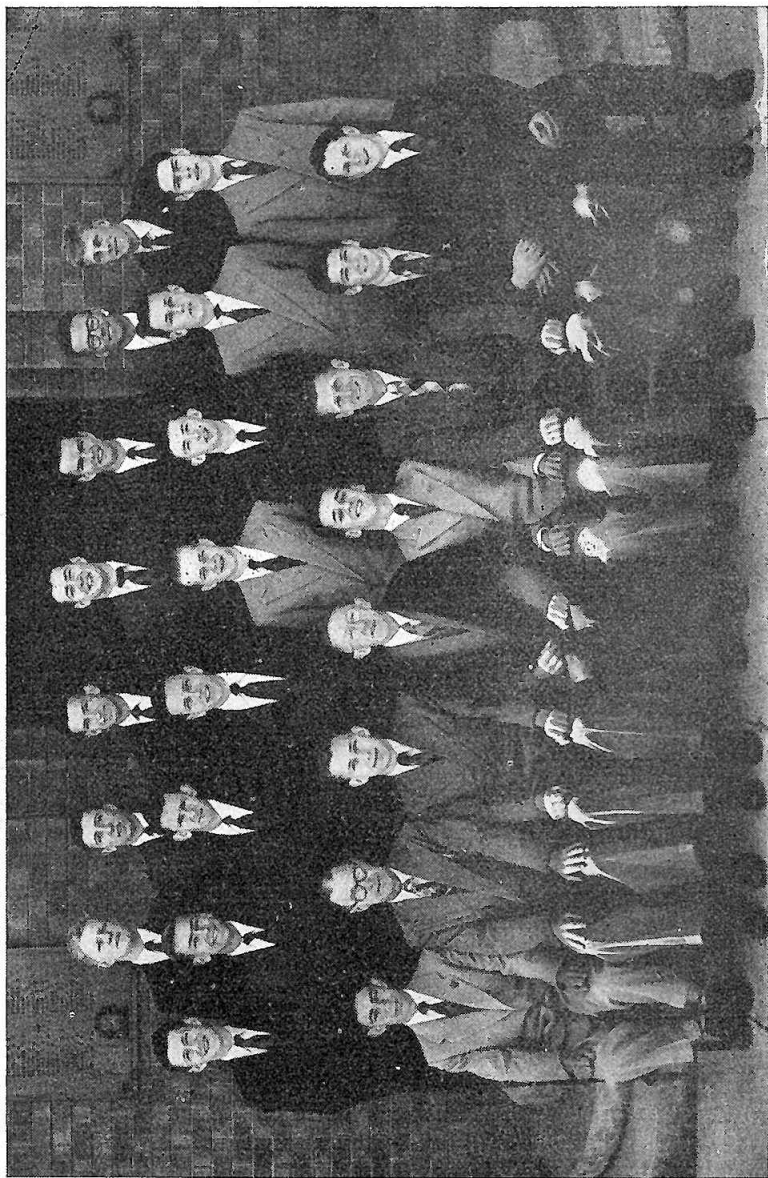
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The School Pledge

I promise to be loyal to my Queen, my country, and the wider commonwealth of mankind; to do all in my power to uphold the good name of my school; and to strive to be just and honourable in all that I do."



THE PREFECTS, 1955

BACK: K. Davies, R. Parsons, R. Chadban, D. Park, G. Sutcliffe, R. Morrison, D. Geddes, K. Marjoribanks.
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 master), G. Stefanoff, Mr. R. Cochrane (Deputy Headmaster), T. Dunn (School Captain), B. Chapman, B. Nevill,
 FRONTR: G. Jones (Vice Captain), Mr. T. Plummer (Master in Charge of Prefects), & Co., Tobacco Merchant)
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Headmaster's Message

I want to talk to you this year about discipline. Much has been said about this subject lately in Parliament, and in the newspapers. Many people have said that young people are not so well-behaved today as they used to be. I believe that the great majority of you boys conduct yourselves well, and I am very proud when I hear you praised for your behaviour outside the school. But there are exceptions, of course, and one boy can do a great deal to spoil a reputation that thousands of others have helped to build up.

Remember that discipline is not something imposed on you from above. It is just part of life itself. An engine without a governor would soon thresh itself to pieces. Traffic that was not controlled would soon not be able to move at all. So it is with human beings. We live in an orderly universe and an ordered society. One of the basic needs of our natures is a sense of security. If things don't proceed according to some orderly pattern, we can not be happy. You wouldn't really enjoy being a pupil at St. Trinian's—or whatever its equivalent is for boys!

But I want you to realise that true discipline is self-discipline. There are three levels of control on our actions: rewards and punishments; praise and blame; conscience or self-control. The first rules by fear, the second by pride and shame, but the third gives a lasting satisfaction and a sense of security.

There was a time when schools were controlled almost entirely by fear. Pupils were kept quite literally "under the rod". The result was that, as soon as the teacher went out of the room, reaction set in. Pandemonium reigned. You have read all about this set-up in schoolboy stories. The trouble is that some of you don't realise how schools have changed since those day. They are now comparatively happy and free places, where your teachers are helping you to develop your powers and get the best out of life. The attitude of the old-fashioned school story is as out of date now as the bow and arrow.

There is no war between you and authority. The school is on your side. If you are frivolous or lazy, you are your own enemy. You are throwing away chances that tens of millions of children in other parts of the world would give almost anything to get.

That brings me to the last point I want to impress on you. It is that discipline is not just refraining from doing the wrong things. It involves doing the right things. Every one of us has

a responsibility to make the most of himself and so make a worthy contribution to the community of which we form part. Unless you throw yourself into every aspect of school life and really live up to the motto, "Remis Velisque", no matter how docile you are in class, you can not be said to be well disciplined.

The Captain's Message

What does the name "Newcastle Boys' High School" mean to us? More important still, what could it mean to us? I believe that our school is not just a building, nor a body of boys supervised by teachers. It is certainly composed of these things, but these components are bound together by indefinable and often inconspicuous friendships and loyalty. Our school, Newcastle Boys' High School, is one of the great and respected schools of this State, and its reputation rests on the attitude of its vital components—you boys. If your loyalty seems to be lacking and your friendships are few, then my advice is to overcome your reluctance and, as it were, "lose" yourselves in school activity—there is an abundance of it. Then you will find your underlying loyalty blossoming forth, and friendships with your mates will be a handsome reward. And most important of all, your school must become the major part of your life. If it does, your life at school cannot be happier.

A word to fourth year. Yours is probably the hardest year in the school, not only scholastically, but in the development of your character and the fitting of yourselves fully into the senior school. A great deal of constructive work is done by fourth year, but do not think that this places you above all rules and authority. In fact, your year is one where you should be developing your loyalty and co-operation, so that in fifth year you, as leaders of the school, will be the leaders that this school demands. Each year more and more boys are entering fourth year from Intermediate Schools. Help them to fit into the school and show them what is expected of them by doing what is expected of you.

This year Boys' High has reached great heights in many fields. In almost every way boys have striven to their utmost for the school. That is as it should always be. Keep it up.

We, the departing fifth year, thank sincerely all our masters for their invaluable friendship and guidance. I thank Gordon Doyle, Graham Jones and the team of Prefects and Mr. Plummer for their co-operation and the wonderful job they have done. I offer the school my congratulations and wish you the greatest success in your Jubilee Year.

TREVOR DUNN.

Speech Night

Speech Night on May 30th at the City Hall drew a large audience for the speeches, the presentation of prizes, and the musical items rendered by the senior and junior choirs and the school orchestra.

Prizes were presented by Mrs. Sanderson, Mrs. Beard, Mrs. Cochrane, Mrs. Cleary, Mrs. Murree Allen, Mrs. McDougall, Mrs. Warland and the Headmaster.

Speakers included Dr. H. Wyndham (Director-General of Education), the Chairman, Alderman D. G. McDougall (Deputy Lord Mayor of Newcastle), the Headmaster, Mr. L. Warland (President of the P. and C.), Mr. A. Hannaford (President of the Old Boys' Union), Mr. F. Astle (Inspector of Schools), and Trevor Dunn (School Captain).

Dr. Wyndham told our students that they should fight for their convictions and be prepared to undergo steady discipline for the sake of their future. For this purpose they should become their own most severe critics. His message was that they should face with fortitude whatever tasks they chose.

The Headmaster, after reviewing the year's achievements and paying tribute to all who had helped the school to reach its present high standard, pointed out that, although the school was approaching its jubilee year, it still had many needs, two major ones being an adequate library and an assembly hall to accommodate all of the students. He referred to the school's pride in the part some of its old boys were taking in the University of New England and expressed the hope that present successes would not dim the vision of future university development in Newcastle. The movement for the establishing of a university at Newcastle had been led by the late Norman Ross Mearns, headmaster of the school twenty years ago. Newcastle was an old city with a great tradition in many fields, but it had not yet had the opportunity to start to build a tradition in its own university. Some of our most brilliant students left us each year for Sydney or Armidale. They should be kept here in the interest of the city. There was a beautiful site at Shortland, where there were possibilities of building up one of the loveliest and greatest universities in Australia. The achievements of students from our own and other schools in the district over the years showed that we could provide the students and some of the future staff. Without wishing to detract from the University of Technology in any way, he concluded, he could not help feeling that the Newcastle University offered development that was thrilling in its possibilities.

The Parents & Citizens' Association

You will be pleased to learn that the year just completed has again been a successful one for the Association.

Membership now stands at approximately 1,150 and, at the date of preparation of this report, our bank balance amounted to £745/8/0. Our financial position is better than that shown for previous years, but this is largely because this year, we have not expended as much on school amenities as we have in previous years. We held a large sum in reserve in the hopes that the Minister for Education would approve of the erection of our new assembly hall, in which case the money would have been used for the purpose of equipping the new hall. Unfortunately, the Minister, whilst recognising the urgent necessity for the provision of an enlarged assembly hall, informs us that owing to lack of funds he cannot grant the necessary approval at the present time.

At this stage I would like to pay tribute to the Lord Mayor who, as a member of the deputation to the Minister for Education, forcibly pleaded the case of the school on the question of this assembly hall.

The inability of the Minister for Education to accede to our request at the present time has released funds hitherto held in reserve and additional amounts are at present being expended on further improvements in school facilities. As an instance, we are financing to the extent of £150 the provision of a new sick bay at the school, which will prove a very real advantage. Apart from expenditure under this heading, the Association has also during the year, provided the school with additional amenities such as a new notice board, a daylight screen, a canvas map of the world and new science equipment.

It is most pleasing to report that, as a result of our sustained representations to the Minister for Education, we have been successful in obtaining approval for the erection of a new tuck shop and shelter shed. This building is rapidly nearing completion and will be officially opened at the joint staff and P. and C. social on Tuesday evening, 29th November.

The school now receives from the authorities an annual maintenance grant of £100, and up to the 30th June of this year, the whole of the money had been expended on improvements to the school buildings and particularly to the school grounds.

Our meetings, which are held on the third Tuesday in every month in the school assembly hall at 7.30 p.m., have been reasonably well attended. At the conclusion of many of the meetings, educational films have been shown and, in addition, we conducted a highly successful, internal Secondary School Education

Survey. The first panel was under the Chairmanship of Mr. S. Alley, whilst the second was chaired by Mr. R. Harland. These surveys provided members with an opportunity of expressing their views on secondary school education, and the matters discussed were both interesting and informative.

The two Ladies' Auxiliaries have again proved most active and helpful. They invariably work exceptionally hard at our annual fete, and this year was no exception. Notwithstanding the inclement weather, we raised the magnificent sum of £441/9/5, which net profit was approximately £56 higher than that obtained in the previous year, and a large proportion of the credit for the success of this fete must be given to the ladies. Their assistance in raising funds throughout the year, in the control of catering, and in the most useful work they do in repairing school books is very greatly appreciated.

Next year will be the school's Jubilee Year, and among other projects we intend to celebrate the occasion by the publication of a worthwhile commemorative book. We are also determined to continue to press for the provision of a new assembly hall, which the Association regards as essential for the well-being of the school. We would like as many parents as possible to come along to our meetings and help us to achieve our aims.

On behalf of the President, I convey grateful thanks to Mr. Beard and his staff, to the Ladies' Auxiliaries, and to the members of the Association, all of whom have given us loyal support throughout the year.

R. C. BOYD, Secretary.

E. V. CAMPBELL

CHEMIST



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Waratah Ladies' Auxiliary

Our Auxiliary, although "under new management" this year, has continued its very good work. It was with deep regret that we were obliged to accept the resignation of both Mrs. Hannaford and Mrs. Marquet, and our thanks go to them for the years of such excellent service to this Auxiliary and the School.

We commenced the year with our welcome to mothers of new pupils, and we were fortunate in gaining many very willing workers to strengthen our existing group of amiable helpers.

All functions held were socially and financially successful, and we also combined with Bar Beach Ladies for the School Fete, Dad and Lad Nights, our greatest combined effort being Lintott Cup.

The Book Repair Group, this year under the leadership of Mrs. M. Mathews, continued the good work of former years. Both Auxiliaries helped in this worthy effort, and new recruits are always welcome.

May I close by extending the thanks of the executive of the Auxiliary to all who have so ably assisted us on all occasions.

MRS. P. TAYLOR, Hon. Secretary.

Bar Beach Auxiliary

The Bar Beach Ladies' Auxiliary is now in its eighth year of existence, and great praise is due to the members, whose willing and untiring efforts have made the past year both socially and financially a successful one.

Our programme has been arranged to provide for one function each month, and this has been adhered to.

The present membership is 72, 37 new mothers enrolling at the beginning of the year.

We have had a varied programme of activities this year, such as Cake Stalls, Jumble Sales, Card and Tennis Parties, as well as "Dad and Lad" Night for 3rd and 4th Year students and the Annual Speech Night in May.

Bar Beach Auxiliary also combined with the Waratah Ladies to make such an outstanding success of the Annual School Fete in April. The amount of money raised was most gratifying.

At each of our functions, ready and willing support was given by the public, whose generosity not only ensured the monetary success of these affairs, but greatly contributed towards the mutual understanding so necessary in conducting an important auxiliary such as ours.

The home of Mrs. F. L. Griffiths, 158 Parkway Avenue, Hamilton, continues to be the headquarters for our meetings held 1st Thursday of each month at 10.30, and we cordially invite all those who genuinely have their sons' welfare at heart, to attend and help to provide the amenities necessary for the well-being of our student sons, the future citizens and leaders of our community.

E. McGARRY, Hon. Sec.

S.W.A.S.S.C. Report

The year 1955 has been an excellent one for S.W.A.S.S.C. The weekly donations have increased. Some weeks they have exceeded £10. This shows that more boys are contributing.

We began the year with a credit balance of £42. Our donations have been £120 to the Lord Mayor's Flood Relief Appeal, £12 to school pupils, £10 to the Benevolent Society, £40 to Stewart House, £10/10/- to the Spastic Centre, £10/10/- to U.N.I.C.E.F., £10/10/- to Legacy, £10/10/- to Crippled Children, and £10 to Sub-normal Children.

On behalf of the committee I wish to thank Mr. Beard for his active interest and co-operation throughout the year, and fellow-students for their increasing interest and financial support.

In conclusion I wish to add that it would be a grand idea if other schools emulated the high ideals set by S.W.A.S.S.C.

J. BRUTON, Secretary.

No. 21 Flight, A.T.C.

The strength of No. 21 Flight A.T.C. has increased this year and has now reached its full complement.

In the August vacation L.A.C. McKie attended camp and attained his Junior N.C.O. stripes. At Christmas, various camps were attended, and Cpl. Oswald did well in passing his Senior N.C.O. course. L.A.C. J. Williams came second in his junior course.

The Flight did extremely well during May. Cpl. Williams, repeating his good Christmas effort, topped the Senior N.C.O. course and Cpl. Moore came a very close second. At all camps our cadets set a high standard and brought back with them very favourable reports.

Part of the A.T.C.'s duties during the last year has entailed attending public functions. At the Newcastle Show the Flight gained the first prize pennant for marching. We participated in the flag

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dedication ceremony of the cadets and gave a particularly good display at Tech. High fete, when a guard of picked boys changed the guard with Tech. High's cadets. During the year we attended various other marches such as the one on Anzac Day and the one during Health Week celebrations.

A number of cadets visited Williamtown R.A.A.F. Station and spent quite a pleasant time, enjoying both the R.A.A.F. hospitality and the inspection of jet planes.

Special attention has been given to the care of rifles. Volunteer squads have sanded and French-polished all our rifles, so that they now look very fine.

W.O. Sherriff has been extremely competent as drill instructor, and C.P.O.'s L and R. Geddes, W.O. Steele, Sgts. Moore, Williams and Oswald and Corporal McKie have been extremely good in various branches of A.T.C. work.

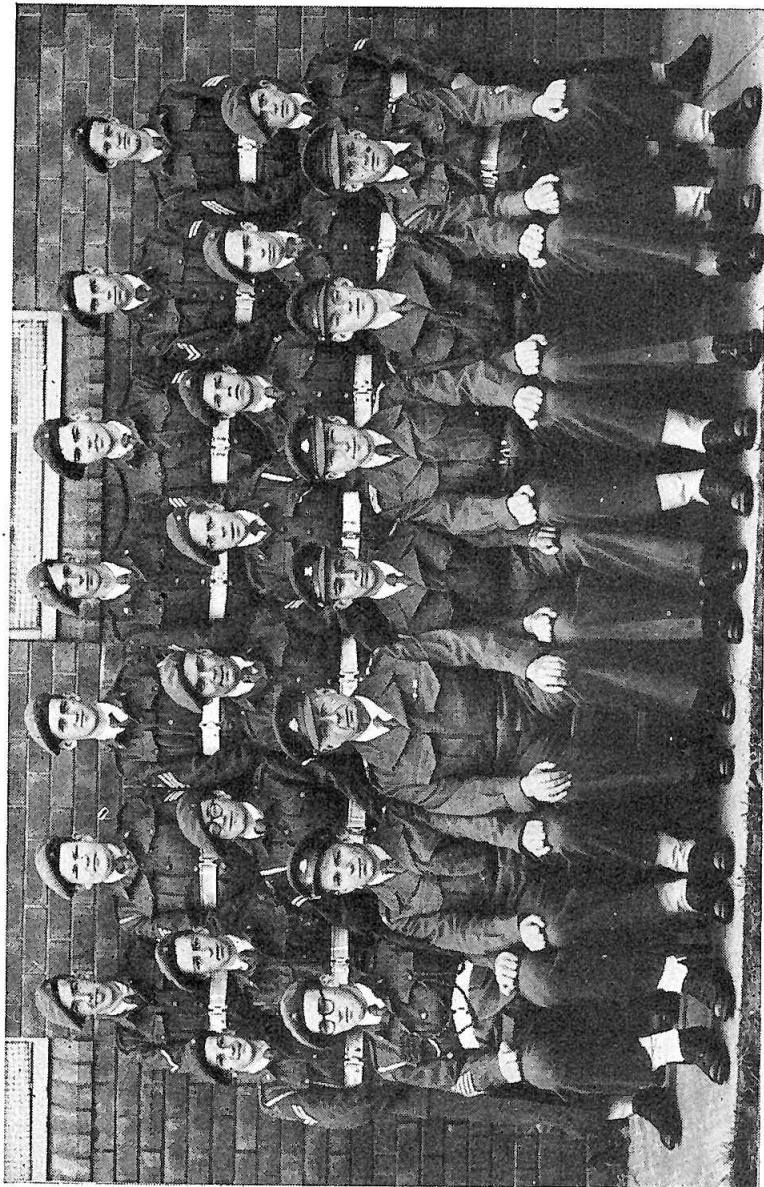
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N.B.H.S. Senior Cadet Unit

Professional competence is more than a display of book knowledge or of the results of military schooling. It requires the display of qualities of character which reflect inner strength and justified confidence in one's self.—Lieut.-General M. D. Taylor, U.S. Army.

Contrary to the general opinion that one joins the cadets solely for the purpose of having a good time are these reasons put forward by some cadets for joining the unit:—"To learn something of life, arms and other weapons" or "to gain a taste of military life in preparation for National Service Training." The Australian Cadet Corps' objective is not merely to train the youth of Australia in military matters but to shape the character of the cadets who will be the potential leaders of our armed forces as well as our potential civic leaders. This organisation strives to teach us true discipline so that we may enjoy life's short span to the full. Is it not common knowledge that a disciplined life is the best life?

Cadet life promotes self-confidence in a youth; after a short time the cadets: he finds he is sure of himself, his drill, his weapons and his comrades. To ask a youth to stand in front of a group of people and command their attention by a talk or a lecture generally means failure, but to ask a cadet to give a lesson on the rifle, or some such weapon, is a welcome invitation for the cadet, who immediately takes charge of the situation and gives the lesson without any sign of nervousness, but with a self-confidence which only training develops.



OFFICERS AND N.C.O.'S. OF THE CADET DETACHMENT, 1955
 BACK: L./Cpl. Curry, S/Sgt. Harden, Sgts. Cairns, Cohen, Cpl. Evans, Sgt. Watkins.
 MIDDLE: Cpls. Prosser, Major, L/Cpl. Oakley, Sgt. Scott, Cpls. Sellers, Horsefield, Sgt. Lee, Cpl. Williams.
 FRONT: D/Mjr. Hancock, C.U.O. Hicks, Capt. Fountain (O.C.), C.U.O.s. Stefanoff, Edwards, Sexton, W.O.II. Fielding.
 ABSENT: C.U.O. A. Lester.

Our school unit, numbering about eighty-five, has led an eventful life this year. It commenced the year by participating in the Annual Show, where it was placed second in the marching competition. The unit also took part in an Empire Day march through the city to Civic Park.

Glenrock Lagoon was the site for a manoeuvre which we held as a combined instructional period and field exercise. The morning was devoted to instruction in various types of field signals, fieldcraft, movement with arms, etc., whilst in the afternoon a third of our number "dug in" on a ridge, and, making full use of our communications equipment, established what was, I felt, a very good defensive position with all sides of the ridge protected. The attacking party, consisting of the remaining troops, had to locate the so-called "enemy" and attack them. The "enemy" were in the country surrounded by the sea, the lagoon, the Scenic Highway and McCreweher. The manoeuvre was a success owing to the efficiency of the officers commanding the different parties and the whole-hearted co-operation of the troops. As a neutral observer I had to watch for mistakes made by either party and to decide who were the victors. Shortly after the start of the mock battle I began to scan the country for signs of the attackers, who should have been well on their way. Half an hour passed, but still there was no sign. I walked to the top of a high mound and looked long

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and hard but it was to no avail. Two hours passed, and by this time I was worried with the fear that the "foes" had retreated home. The air was shattered by a crescendo of rifle-fire and blood-curdling yells that would have put Sitting Bull's crowd to shame. Swiftly and deadly they struck, and swiftly they swept through the defensive position, and I breathed a sigh of relief. The day ended with the "summing up" of the exercise by Captain Marquet and myself. The troops then left for home very tired but wiser.

The Annual Camp, the most important event in the Cadets' schedule, was held at Singleton Army Camp. The boys were hesitant about eating the army food, but after the first meal found that it was good. By the end of the camp the cook was very popular. Camp life is extraordinary and most educational. The boys live together, eat together, and crawl around the scrub together—a very efficient method of fostering comradeship and learning respect for your pals. Because of the huge number of cadets in Australia (something like thirty five thousand), the Army has to let the cadets sleep on palliasses filled with straw. After the first night at camp the old gag, "Have you heard about the straw that broke the camel's back? Well, I slept on it last night," came into pre-eminence. Training advanced smoothly with the N.C.O.'s as well as the officers instructing. A field-firing exhibition was held at the field-firing range, and our boys were only a few of the many who had their eyes wide with a mixture of awe and admiration for the effectiveness of the weapons displayed. A "Staghound" armoured vehicle with automatic gear-change and top cross-country speed of sixty-five m.p.h. held the older cadets' interest. Training films were seen and appreciated by the troops, who were amazed at the skill required to be a good and a live soldier in the field of battle—a task even for the brilliant. Freddy Boswell, the "I know" man, added that extra touch of hilarity which makes a camp complete. I'm sure, Freddy, without your undaunted humour the camp would not have been the same. Doris Day was welcomed by the troops in that ever-green film, "On Moonlight Bay," as a means of relaxation after a hard day's training. On Sunday afternoon our unit succeeded in winning the tabloid sports and thus showed that the school's fine sporting qualities are displayed by our Cadet Unit. The other units in camp recognised our school as one of high qualities and one with an unsurpassed reputation. We were surprised and very glad to see Mr. and Mrs. Beard arrive at the camp on Monday. Thus they showed their keen interest in the unit.

We regret the coming transfer of Captain G. K. Dellow, our Battalion C.O., to Darwin, as he has been a friendly and competent commander of our Cadet Battalion.

On behalf of the unit I would like to express gratitude to Captain Fountain and Captain Marquet, to Sergeant Ballantyne, to Mr. Beard and the P. and C. Association for their interest and generous contributions, and to the Cadet Under-Officers Lester, Stefanoff, Sexton and Edwards for their fine work throughout the year.

May the unit continue to graduate such big, bronzed and manly Aussies as it has in the past years.

CDT./LT. A. HICKS.

I.S.C.F. Report

The Inter-School Christian Fellowship meets every Thursday in the Physics Demonstration Room. Our special thanks go to the Headmaster and the Science staff for their co-operation. Throughout this year many varied types of meetings have been held. Some of the lads have given really excellent talks, and debates and discussions have proved very interesting, with practically all the boys participating. Visiting evangelists, clergymen, business men and missionaries have all contributed to the meetings, the last named being particularly interesting with their stories of missionary work in many foreign countries. The most outstanding features of this year's activities were the screening of some trip films of the Maitland flood and the showing of a complete, coloured moving picture, which approximately 100 boys came along to see.

The boys from our I.S.C.F. group have had an excellent opportunity to mix with Christian boys and girls from other schools in various combined school outings. Such as picnics, hikes, dinners and games nights, and all who have attended agree that these experiences should not be missed.

I.S.C.F. Committee.

The Cadet Band

This year the band attended six functions. Our most important parade was the Anzac Day March, which we had the honour of leading. The Band assisted in the Changing of the Guard at the School Fete and in the Sports Carnivals of our school and Girls' High. Other outside engagements were the Wattle Day ceremony and the Empire Day celebration. One of our buglers was chosen to sound the Retreat at the Beating of the Retreat ceremony performed by the 15th Northern River Lancers. The Band is proud of the privilege of representing the School at public gatherings and hopes that it has helped to enhance the School's reputation.

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Anzac Day

The School thanks Mr. Ray Perkins for sounding The Last Post and The Reveille at the Anzac Day ceremony on April 22nd.

Public Speaking

The School congratulates the following students on their success in this year's Royal Empire Society Public Speaking Competition in Newcastle: D. Mills (second in senior section), T. Dunn (third in senior section), J. Cox (first in junior section) and R. Le Marchant (third in junior section).

Prize List

1955

SPECIALS

James Meikle Memorial Prize: Alan Findlay.
Kenneth Sanderson Memorial Prize: John Marquet.
Finlay Donald McLeod Memorial Prize: David Beach.
Waratah Auxiliary Prize for Special Proficiency: Alan Finlay, John Marquet.
Ross Mearns Prize: David Beach.
Basil Helmore Prize: Bruce Abrahams.
Captain John Cleary Memorial

Prizes—L.C. English: Michael Nichols; L.C. History: Michael Nichols.
W. V. Cochrane Memorial Prize—L.C. Chemistry: Gregory Williams.
Allan J. Way Prizes—L.C. Physics: Lloyd Williams; 4th Year Physics: Douglas Mills; 4th Year Chemistry: John Llewellyn.
Jean Mackie Prize for French: Lloyd Gledhill.
Current Affairs Prizes—4th Year: John Cohen; 3rd Year:

Thomas Akre; 2nd Year: John Lumsden; 1st Year: Lindsay White.

BEST PASSES AT LEAVING

1st: Alan Findlay; 2nd, John Marquet; 3rd, Michael Nichols; 4th, Bruce Hobbs; 5th, Lloyd Williams; 6th, Colyn Whitehead.

SUBJECT PRIZES

English: Michael Nichols.
Latin: Colyn Whitehead.
French: Lloyd Gledhill.
German: Lloyd Gledhill.
Maths I: Alan Findlay.
General Maths: Michael Nichols.
Maths II: Alan Findlay.
Modern History: Michael Nichols.
Combined Physics and Chemistry: Ian Twemlow.
Physics: Lloyd Williams.
Chemistry: Gregory Williams.
Geography: Bruce Proudfoot.
Economics: Kevin Osborne.
Descriptive Geometry and Drawing: David Hilliard, Brian James.

YEAR PRIZES.

FOURTH YEAR.

Dux: Grahame Jones.
2nd: Philip Schofield.
3rd: John Llewellyn.
4th: Colin Gibbs.
5th: John Hinde.
6th: Robert Chadban.

P & C. Prizes for First In—English: Philip Schofield; Latin: Grahame Jones; French: Grahame Jones; German: Grahame Jones; Maths I: Kevin Herd; Maths II: Grahame Jones; General Maths: Richard Geddes; Modern History: Daryl Cham-

berlain, John Atherton; Combined Physics and Chemistry: Gordon De Cean; Physics: Douglas Mills; Chemistry: John Llewellyn; Geography: Kevin Marjoribanks; Economics: John Cardenzana; Descriptive Geometry and Drawing: Robert Chadban; History of Music: Gordon Cocking.

THIRD YEAR.

Dux: John Cox.
2nd: Bruce Abrahams.
3rd: David Harland.
4th: Douglas Miles.
5th: Ford Topham, Robert Hubbuck.

First In—English: Peter Hardie, David Harland; Latin: John Cox; French: John Cox; German: Douglas Miles; Maths I: Bruce Abrahams, Ross Elliot, Peter Pappas; Maths II: Wayne Murray, Peter Pappas; Modern History: Robert Burns, Frank Firkin; Elementary Science: Frank Firkin; Geography: Howard Swinford; Social Studies: Ross Elliot. Business Principles: Robert Hubbuck. Descriptive Geometry and Drawing: Ray Brock.

P. & C. Prizes for First in—3A: John Cox. 3B: Michael Cadell. 3C: Brian Jones, Allen Andrews; 3D: Robert Hubbuck; 3E: Aivarus Udris.

SECOND YEAR.

Dux: Lance Evans.
2nd: Maurice Brookes.
3rd: Alfred Lewis.
4th: Keith Morton.
5th: Michael Batley.
6th: Malcolm Gledhill.

Special Improvement Prize:
Ian Poyner.

First In—English: Alfred Lewis; Latin: Lance Evans; Keith Morton; French: Lance Evans; German: Lance Evans (2A), Neville Burns (2D) Maths I: Michael Batley; Maths II: Maurice Brookes; Modern History: Kenneth Longworth; Elementary Science: Maurice Brookes; Geography: Neville Burns; Social Studies: Robert Leeman; Business Principles: Neville Burns; Descriptive Geometry and Drawing: Ross Adam.

Waratah Auxiliary Prizes for First in—2A: Lance Evans; 2B: Barry Sherringham; 2C: John Eltis; 2D: Neville Burns; 2E: Robert Harborne.

FIRST YEAR.

Dux: Richard Temple.

2nd: Clive Hughes,
3rd: Lindsay White.
4th: Michael O'Neill.
5th: Paul Hannan.
6th: Garry Chadban.

P. & C. Prizes for First in—English: Garry Chadban; Latin: Allan Elliot; French: Robert Allan, Gerald Fehlberg; German: Stuart McMaster; Maths I: Garry Chadban; Maths II: Richard Temple; History: Barry Howarth, Gerald Fehlberg; Elementary Science: Robert Allan; Geography: Peter Matthews; Social Studies: Graham Symes; Descriptive Geometry and Drawing: (1A and 1B): Peter Tonkin; (1C, 1D, 1E): John Shipway.

Waratah Auxiliary Prizes for First in—1A: Richard Temple; 1B: Clive Hughes; 1C: Garry Chadban; 1D: Stuart McMaster; 1E: Robert Wines.

Leaving Certificate Results, 1954

1, English; 2, Latin; 3, French; 4, German; 5, Mathematics I; 6, Mathematics II; 7, General Mathematics; 9, Modern History; 11, Combined Physics and Chemistry; 12, Physics; 13, Chemistry; 17, Geography; 18, Economics; 19, Music; 24, Russian; 35, Descriptive Geometry and Drawing.

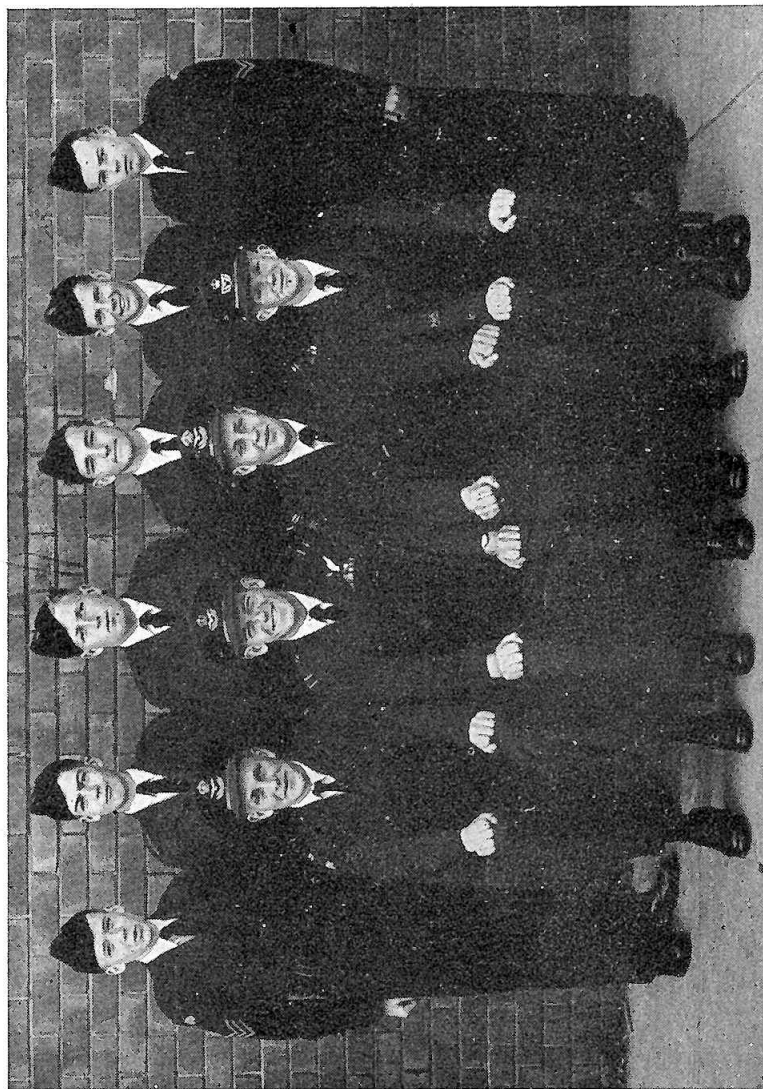
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Adcock, Bernard: 1B 5A 6A
12A 13A 17B.
Ambler, Allan R.: 1B 5B 6B
12A 13B 35A.
Apitz, Michael N.: 1B 12B 13B
17B.
Bailey, Malcolm L.: 1B 3A(o)
4B 5B 6H(2) 12A

Baker, David S.: 1B 5B 6B
12B, 13B.
Beach, David W.: 1B 3A(o)
5A 6A 12A 13A.
Bisson, Carl J.: 1B 3B(o) 5B
6A 12A 13B.
Boadle, Mervyn E.: 1B 5B 6B
12A 13B.

Bow, Gary: 1B 3B(o) 7B 9B
11B 18B.
Braggett, Edwin J.: 1A 7B 9A
11B 17A 18A.
Brown Grahame F.: 1B 3B 5A
6B 12A 13A.
Buie, William B. B.: 1B 7B 9B
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Burns, Malcolm J.: 1B 3B
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Carroll, Victor A.: 1B 3A(o)
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Coates, Allan H.: 1B 5A, 6B
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Collins: Howard I.: 1B 5A 6A
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Davis, Tony: 1B 3B 9B 18A.
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Ferguson, Gordon A.: 1B 5B
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Findlay, Alan W.: 1A, 5H(1)
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Gledhill, Lloyd R.: 1B
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Gorton, Ian J.: 1A 7B 9B 18B.
Gray, John W.: 1B 7B 9B 17B
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Griffiths, Neville C.: 1B 7A
9B 17B 18B.
Harborne, Francis J.: 1B 3A
5B 6B 12A 13A.
Harrison, Neville J.: 1A 3A(o)
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Hawkins, James K.: 1B 6B 12B
13B.

Hay, Graeme C.: 1B 5B 6B
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Hearn, John Arthur N.: 1B 3B
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Hilliard, David V.: 1B 5B 6A
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Hobbs, Bruce E.: 1B 5H(1)
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Holmes, Leslie G.: 1B 3B 6B
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Jones, William G.: 1B 3B(o)
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Lewis, Alan: 1B 3B 5B 6B 12B
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Lloyd, John S.: 1B 3A(o) 7B
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Lobb, Vernon A.: 1B 5H(2)
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McFarlane, Ian C.: 1B 5B 6B
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Marquet, John W.: 1A 5H(1)
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Melville, Collin J.: 1B 5B 6B
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Morley, Graham B.: 1B 5B 6B
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Muldoon, Robert J.: 1A 7B 9B
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 Nichols, Michael D. S.: 1H(2)
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Abrahams, Bruce S.; Adcock, Geoffrey H.; Akre, Thomas; Allen, John M.; Anderson, John A. F.; Andrews, Allen F.; Arthur,

Ronald W.; Atkins, Kerry N.

Bates, Robert E.; Berghofer, Ross L.; Bishop, Frederick G. H.; Blakemore, John S.; Bourke, Sidney F.; Bradbury, John; Brock, David E.; Brock, Raymond O.; Burns, Noel G.; Burns, Robert B.

Cadell, Michael F.; Cairns, Colin J.; Cameron, Ronald J.; Carling, Ian K.; Carpenter, Kevin J.; Cave, Leon S.; Challinor, Richard B.; Charlton, Geoffrey; Cogan, Bruce V.; Cook, Roger C.; Cox, John F.; Curry, Keith.

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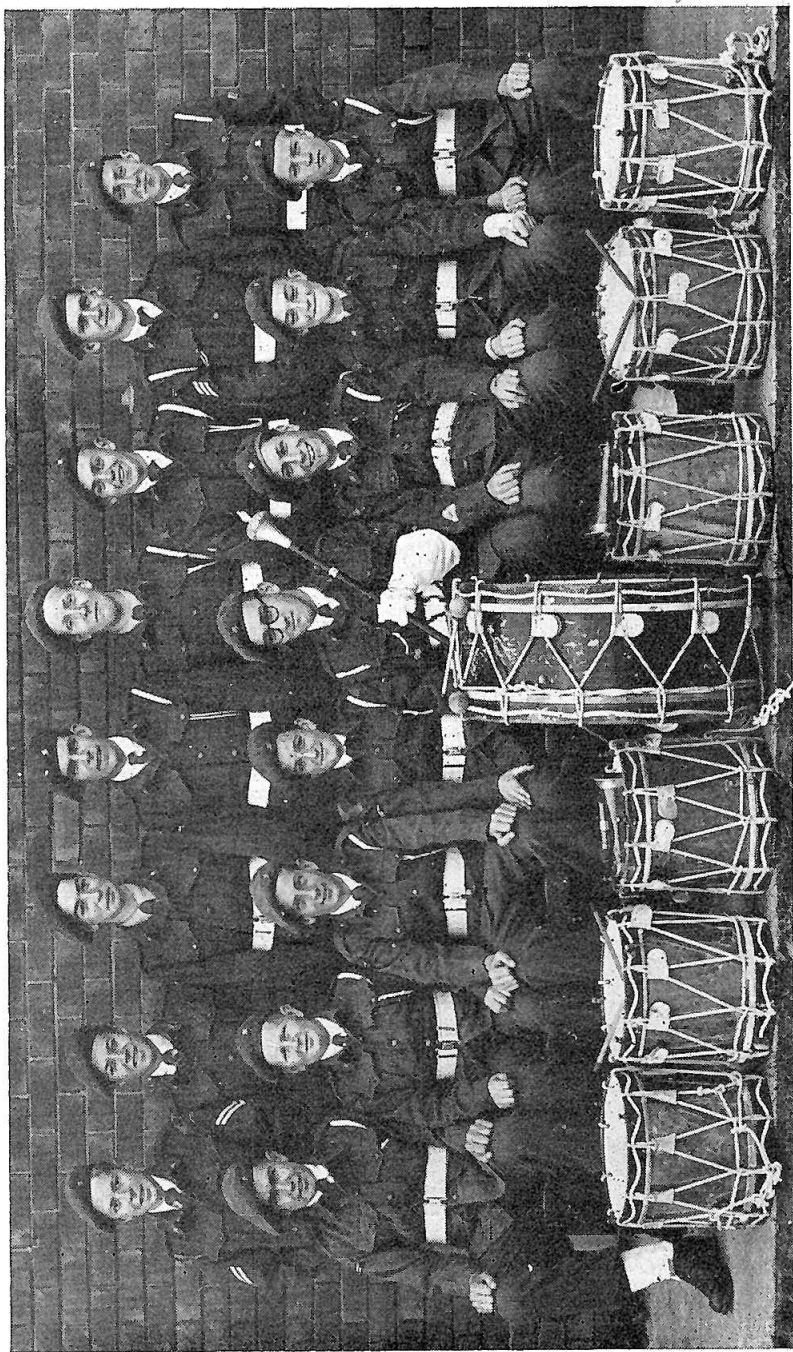
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Garrard, Denbeigh C. E.; Garry, Malcolm L.; Glass, John G.; Gray, Frederick I.; Greer, Leon M.; Griffin, Alan J.

Hall, Russell J.; Hann, Robert C.; Harden, Philip R.; Hardie, Peter A.; Harland, David J.; Harman, Raymond; Harper, John C.; Harvey, John M.; Heggart, Peter W.; Helman, John B.; Hincks, Neil; Hitchin, Robert W.; Hodgson, Robert W.; Holdsworth, Phillip E.; Hubbuck, Robert G.; Hughes, Phillip W.; Hutchinson, George W.; Huxley, Otte H.; Hynes, Ross A.

Jackson, William A.; James, Peter L.; James, Robert N.; Jenkins, Raymond P. Johansen, Barrie; Jones, Brian I.; Jones,



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Scott, Edwin J.; Seale, Gra-

hame R.; Sellers, Neil E.; Sexton, James B.; Silcock, James; Simpson, John W.; Sommers, Brian J.; Stansfield, John; Steinbeck, Robert G.; Stocker, Paul A.; Sutherland, Robert H.; Swinford, Howard.

Taylor, David G.; Taylor, Peter L.; Taylor, Ronald F.; Thomas, Philip E.; Topham, Francis F.

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Walker, Brian M.; Watson, Ian R.; White, Barry J.; Wilkinson, James; Wilkinson, Wilfred D.; Williams, John R.; Williams, Peter; Wilson, Geoffrey J.; Wilson, Trevor N.; Witherdin, Edward G.; Wolfenden, Paul B.; Wynne, Anthony J.; Yarrington, Karl G.

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Swimming: David Beach, Michael Nichols, Ross Williams, Anthony Winn.

Rugby League

FIRST GRADE: The 1st XIII played splendid football this year and finished the season undefeated premiers, thus winning the Evans Shield.

The competition was not without disappointment. We were defeated by Tamworth (5-2) in the semi-final of the "knock-out" competition for the University Shield. This was our hardest game of the season. Everyone played magnificently, and, although we had more than our share of the ball in the scrums and general play, our fast backline just couldn't find a loophole in Tamworth's defence. Doyle was missed in this match because his speed and his ability in penetrating would have proved a good asset.

Throughout the season the Firsts played good, clean football, and the low tackling and hard running became a characteristic of the team. The team spirit was prevalent the whole time, and individualism did not rear its ugly head on any occasion. In the local competition we played 10 games, winning eight and drawing two, thus finishing the season with 18 points from a possible 20. Maitland High were just behind us with 15 points, and it was the two encounters with them that decided the fate of the Evans Shield. We won the first match by defeating them 3-0 on a rain-soaked ground. The second encounter, being the last game of the season and the decisive game, drew a large "gate." The game was hard, and we just managed to hold a slender lead throughout the second half to win 5-3. The team scored 151 points and had 24 points scored against it. This was quite good because during the second half of the competition we were virtually without a goal-kicker.

Our backline, alleged to be the fastest in the competition, was ably led by Brian Chapman, whose ability in both attack and defence was outstanding. Sutcliffe and Doyle, the two centres, played grand football and provided the two wingers, Dunn and Wood, with opportunities during every game. Terry Wood played extremely well in his first season in 1st Grade, and his speed and determination won us many valuable points. Barry Nevin, our full-back, always played well and could be relied on at any crucial moment. Brian Evans, who played five-eighth in the later stages of the season, ran hard and soon became famous for his side-step and "dummy." Kenny Hamilton showed his versatility at both out-centre and second row. Toni Hicks played determined football at half-back and gave the backs a reliable service from both scrums and rucks; and so did Warren when Hicks was injured. After some indecision at the beginning of the season about the lock position, Holcombe eventually became the permanent lock. He played most constructive football, and his backing up was remarkable. The two second rowers, Hardie and Martin, and prop Hynes were tireless in the scrums and rucks. Both Neil Chapman and Geddes played typical forward games as props, and Hodgins, a reserve hooker, played well against Cessnock.

The team would like to thank Mr. Hunter for his splendid coaching and understanding, and his patience with us at practices,

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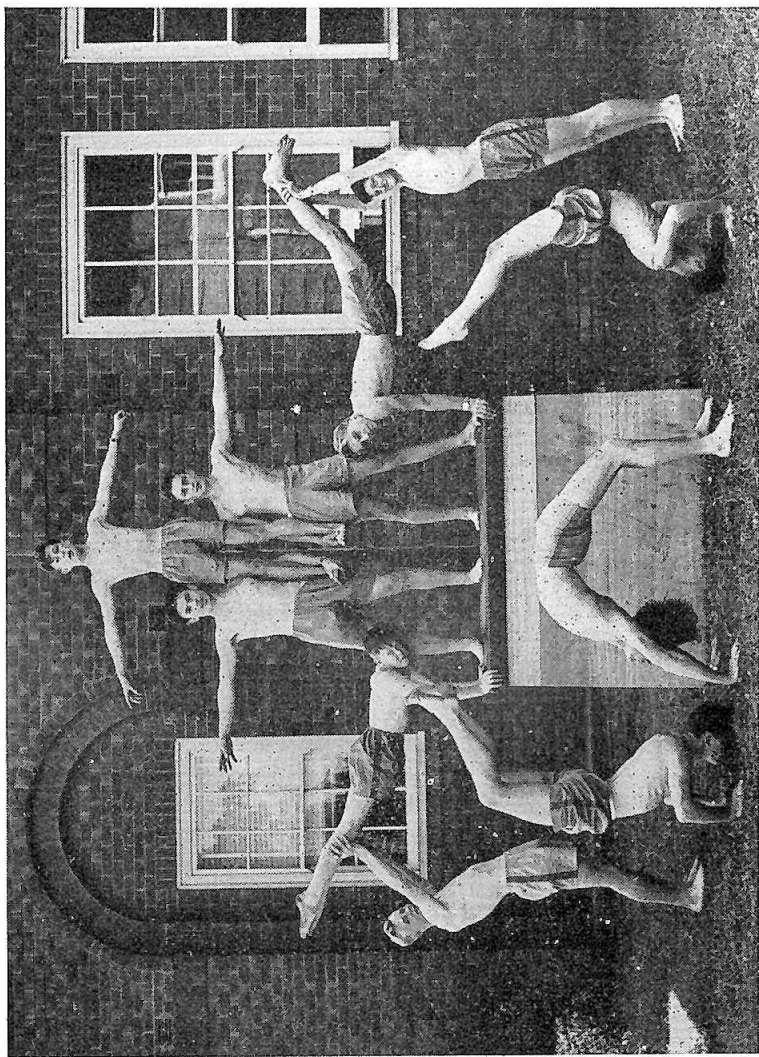
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of which we had two every week. Finally we wish him good luck with the 1st XIII in 1956.

(P. SNELSON)

Modesty prevented Phillip Snelson, the team's hooker, from mentioning the important part he played in the team's success. He showed this season that he had benefited greatly from the experience he had with the First Grade team in 1954. It was his reliable service of the ball, both from the scrums and the rucks, that helped the team to win the Evans Shield from Gosford, the winners in 1954.

—(B. CHAPMAN, Capt.)

SECOND GRADE: This year the second grade had a very successful season. Although we did not win the competition, we finished only one point behind the premiers and succeeded in defeating every team in the competition. Unfortunately one of our games was washed out; an extra point would have placed us among the premiers.

At numerous times during the season the team was disrupted by members' being taken for the first grade. This resulted in a general reshuffling of the team positions and hence a certain lack of co-ordination until the later part of the season. It is hard to pick out any really outstanding players in the team as everybody did so well, but I think R. Hubbuck in the centre, B. Evans at five-eighth and J. Whittaker at full-back the best of a formidable backline, and R. Wood and L. Roberts the best of a really solid pack of forwards, N. Chapman also excelled in the forwards until he was promoted to First Grade, where he continued his good work.

Our thanks go to Mr. R. Judge for his able coaching and advice throughout the season. We wish him the best of luck with his teams in future seasons.

—(R. WARREN, 5C)

THIRD GRADE: For 3rd Grade the past season was most successful. We were undefeated premiers, having our line crossed only once and finishing at the head of the competition table by five points. We scored an aggregate of 200 points for 9 against.

Our backline had both speed and penetration. Carling, Llewellyn and Duffell proved themselves to be among the fastest wingers of the competition. Wallace at outside centre was both speedy and deceptive, a prolific scorer (10 tries), and a most reliable defender. Gibbs at inside centre was most reliable, seldom dropping a pass. Our five-eighth Robinson showed great thrust because of his clever sidestep. Hyles at half-back serviced his backline remarkably well and was courageous in defence. The forwards were tireless and rugged. Hancock at lock was probably the most improved player of the team, his defence being very sound. Digby and Sheehy were consistent and reliable. The hookers Lonsdale

and Hodgins always won a good share of the ball and were both excellent goalkickers. McIntyre and Marjoribanks were the hardest ruckers of the side. Both made many long runs from the rucks (McIntyre scoring 9 tries).

However, our success was brought about more by teamwork than by individual effort. This was mainly due to the keenness and hard work of our coach, Mr. Storer, whom the team sincerely thanks. —(GRAHAME JONES, 5A)

Modesty caused full-back Grahame Jones to fail to draw attention to his efficiency as the last line of defence. This resulted in only one try's being scored against his team. His inspiration as captain contributed largely to the team's success. —(W. STORER)

FOURTH GRADE: This year the 4th Grade, after many hard games, finished undefeated premiers, beating Maitland by one point. The team as a whole played very good football and improved immensely as the season advanced. This was due to the efforts of Mr. C. McFarlane, our coach.

Our two hardest games were against Maitland, the results being a scoreless draw each match. We clashed first at Maitland, where both teams played excellent and very hard football. The sides were evenly matched, but we had the advantage in the scrums and the

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rucks and so were able to keep our opponents at bay in an exciting last ten minutes on our line. Maitland was a good side. The inside centre was very dangerous and nearly scored several times, but Andrews, our reliable five-eighth, stopped him short of the line whenever he broke through. We met them again in the last game of the season. As we were leading by one point, it was virtually a final. It was a grand game. I think we were unlucky not to win, but I was satisfied with a draw, as it made us competition leaders. Half way through the second round we lost our half, Ivan Leggett, whom we could ill afford to lose. We were fortunate in getting a very good substitute in Maurice Wrightson.

We had a fine side, and I am naturally proud to have been captain. I shall not attempt to pick out the best players. It would not be fair as all players did their part very well. The forwards were grand. They rucked with determination. They opened up the game by getting the ball smartly out to the backs, who did their work well by straight, hard running. Sufficient to say that we scored 100 points in ten games and that owing to the solid defence of the team our line was crossed only twice.

—(K. DUNCAN, Capt.)

FIFTH GRADE: The 5th Grade this year had a rather unlucky season, as it was unable to reach the standard of co-ordination necessary for a winning combination. There were frequent changes owing to injuries. The resulting lack of balance caused our defeats. The team was very narrowly beaten on a few occasions. The main players in the team were the forwards G. Roach and H. Orton and the backs G. Williams, M. Wrightson and G. Byrnes. Our thanks go to our coach, Mr. Davis, for his help and encouragement.

—(M. WRIGHTSON, Capt.)

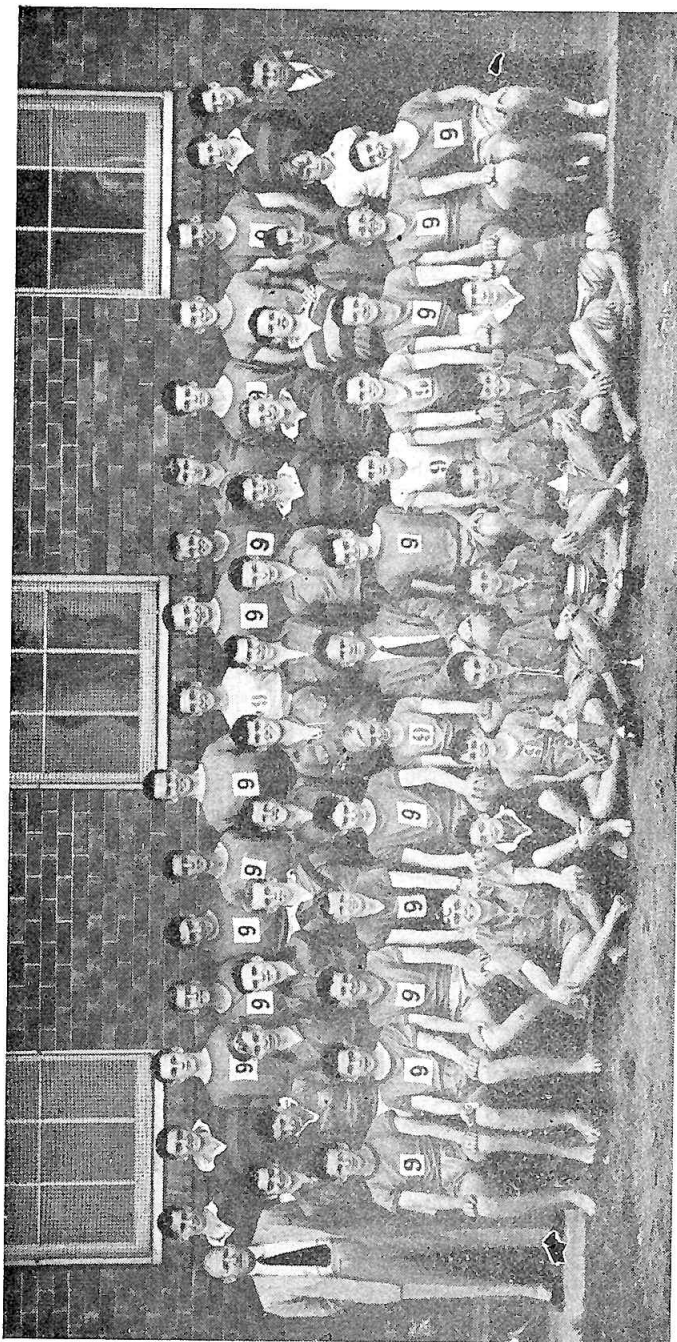
SIXTH GRADE: This team played well throughout the season and came second in the competition. We were defeated by Marist Brothers twice but won every other game. Half-way through the season a new player, Parrot, greatly improved our backline. He combined well with our half-back, Walz. On behalf of the team I would like to thank our coach, Mr. Kerr, for the time he devoted to training us.

—(B. CASEY, Capt.)

SEVENTH GRADE: This team did well throughout the season and finished third in the competition with Hamilton Marist first and Maitland runners-up. We were very fortunate in having Mr. Barbour as our coach, as he took keen interest in us. The most outstanding player was Harry Davidson, who scored consistently. Our State hooker, "Mick" Hawkins, also played well.

—(RON McGUIRE, 2D)

EIGHTH GRADE: We finished second in the competition to Hamilton Marish Brothers, who did not lose a game, and one point



ATHLETICS TEAM, 1955. WINNERS OF KERR CUP, LINTOTT CUP, SENIOR AND JUNIOR CUPS (C.N.H.S.)
FRONT: L. Newham, C. Youngberry, E. Wynne, D. Shard, J. Gray, D. Engel, D. Cederblad, B. Middleby.
2nd ROW: D. Cunningham, J. Ellis, K. Burgess, A. Elliott, P. Dalton, A. Welsh, Mr. C. Goffet, I. Anderson,
 R. Fellows, A. Blundell, I. Carling, B. Picher, W. Hall.
3rd ROW: Mr. L. McRae, K. Longworth, D. Magin, R. Jones, M. Lewis, A. Abraham, L. French, R. Hynes, J. Anderson, F. Topham, C. Cairns, I. Johnson, R. Orton, A. Johnson, D. Curran, Mr. L. Hunter.
BACK: M. Batley, R. Hines, T. Wood, R. Griffiths, J. Per Y. T. Davies, G. Sutcliffe, G. Brown, T. Dunn, G. Fielding, K. Hamilton, R. Barnes, T. Duffell, J. Harner, R. Brownsmith, V. Bell.

ahead of Technical High. The team played well throughout the season. The best game was the last, against Maitland High at Maitland Showground. This was a very even game. A short kick from a scrum favoured Maitland, and their try won the game for them. G Ralph played well at centre, O. Kilpatrick at five-eighth, and K. Jonas in the forwards. The team thanks Mr. J. Burraston for his coaching and for his growls before the matches and at half-time.
 —(V. KIBBLE, Capt.)

NINTH GRADE: We finished third in the competition. We had very bad luck when our full-back, McRae, broke his arm at the beginning of the season. The team played well, but occasionally we all made mistakes. Our best game was the second game in the last round against Hamilton Marist. We played under very muddy conditions at District Park, Broadmeadow. The game ended in a win for Marist (6-0), with us pressing hard on their line throughout the match. Outstanding players of the season were lock J. Hopwood and outside centre Swartz.—(R. THRELFO, Capt.)

Soccer

A GRADE: The A Grade was unfortunate this year in that we were runners-up to Plattsburg, whom we defeated 3-0 on the second encounter. This year is only the second in which the under 16 years age limit has applied to the A Grade, and this fact limited the number of boys eligible for the team. With only two games to play we were level on points with Plattsburg, but we lost the vital game against Junior High when, because of injuries, some of our regular players could not play. Throughout the season we scored a total of 62 goals and conceded 17. W. Henderson, our centre forward, was top scorer, with B. Sommers (inside forward) a close second. Many of our regular under 16 grade players were in the matches against Teachers' College (1-all draw) and against the Old Boys (3-1 in our favour). R. Penn, W. Henderson, G. Paterson and R. Phillips were selected for the Under 16 Newcastle team, which played in Sydney against Combined Illawarra and Combined Sydney teams. We thank Mr. Grierson, our coach, for the interest he took in the team.
 —(R. PHILLIPS, Capt.)

UNDER 15: This year the Under 15 team was undefeated and won the competition quite comfortably by five points. Eight of this team are of the original Under 13 team coached by Mr. McKenzie for the last three years. During these years the team has scored 52 goals to 5 against. This year Tech. High was our closest rival, being followed by Cessnock. Maitland, although the weaker team, scored the only goal against us.

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The team gained quite a few representatives in Newcastle and State teams. Winsor, Watts, Kyle, Dugan and Thomson played in the Newcastle P.S.A.A.A. team, and Kyle and Thomson in the Under 14 N.S.W. team at the recent carnival held in Sydney.

All the forwards played well at the beginning of the season, but relaxed a little later, and we were lucky to record wins of 1-0 three times. The defence was strong, allowing only one goal, mainly because Kyle, Winsor and Perry were always outstanding.

The conduct of the players was very good. They usually did what was wanted on the field.

We heartily thank Mr. McKenzie for his fine effort and keen interest, particularly as we have won the Under 13, 14, 15 Competitions in three consecutive years.

—(IAN WATTS, 3A).

B1: This team which finished second in the competition on equal points with Tech. High, was weak at the beginning of the season, but settled down and played very good football.

R. Watson was picked to play with Newcastle in Sydney in a recent carnival. Moore and Watson were picked to play against Queensland in Newcastle.

The goalkeeper and the backs played well. When we were defeated, they kept the score down to a low level. The halves played well, and the forwards always managed to score a few goals. The reserves deserve credit for always attending the games.

Our best games were both against Tech. High. The first match we played we won by two goals to one. The second time we met, it was a two-all draw. Moore scored our two goals each time.

We thank Mr. Quill very much for coaching us.

—(R. WATSON, Capt.)

C1: This team had a very successful season, defeating Cessnock by one point for the premiership. Our outstanding players were Ross, McGrath and Chadban. Ross was the top goal scorer. We had three players picked in the Newcastle team to play Sydney at Sydney during the season. Our thanks go to Mr. Watchorn, who gave us great encouragement and showed his enthusiasm throughout the season.

—(G. CHADBAN, 2C)

C2: This team played 13 games, of which it won three, drew 2, and lost 8. The other game could not be played because the ground was under water. Its victories were against Belmont (1-0), and Tighe's Hill (6-0 and 3-1). The best game was played against Central, with whom we drew 0-0. The team's best players were G. Warren, R. Morgan, Jarvis, G. Dyason, and goal-keeper T. Huntley.

—(G. DYASON, 1B, Capt.)

B2: Our team was not very successful and we came low in our competition. However, in an exciting match at Islington, we managed to defeat Tighe's Hill. In the first half, I put the ball