

The Prime Minister, the Right Honourable R.G. Menzies, made history when he, accompanied by Sir John Collins, Rear Admiral Eaton, and other high ranking officers paid a visit to Palm Island Last Friday - Anzac Day. This is the first time that any Prime Minister has set foot on Palm Island and the residents were very jubilant over this visit.

Late on Thursday afternoon H.M.A.S. 'Australia' and the H.M.A.S. 'Anzac' steamed quietly into Chl Challenger Bay and dropped anchor. Shortly afterwards a boat put out from the 'Australia' and brought Lieutenant Commander Black ashore to meet the Superintendent, and announced to him that the Prime Minister, Mr. Menzies, Vice Admiral Sir John Collins and Rear Admiral Eaton were on board the 'Australia', and expressed a desire to come ashore next morning.

Thereupon the Superintendent, Mr. Sturges, extended a cordial invitation to Mr. Menzies and party to have a look at this establishment and at the same time invited other officers and men on board to come ashore also. Two football matches were arranged for the men of the 'Australia' and the 'Anzac'.

Arrangements were also made by Mr. Sturges for staff and children to pay a visit to the 'Australia' as she lay at anchor and where they were shown over the warship by guides.

On arrival of the official party, Mr. Menzies, Sir John Collins and Rear Admiral Eaton and party were introduced to the members of the Staff, after which they were taken by the Superintendent on a tour of inspection of the Hospital, Baby Welfare Centre, the Dormitories, the School, and the Welfare Association rooms.

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