

## ***Sailors Freed On Rape Charge***

Woman's cries brought members of the RAN Shore Patrol rushing to Weld Square one night recently. On the grass beneath a Moreton Bay fig-tree, they found Dorothy May Day, and English Petty Officers Alexander Lang Meldrum and Archibald Blyth McLellan.

Meldrum was misconducting himself with the woman, McLellan was kneeling nearby. Result: the sailors found themselves before Mr. Commissioner Boylson and a jury of 6 this week, accused of rape. Jury, however, after a 40-minute deliberation, acquitted them.

Petty Officers told the court that Day had been a willing party; that McLellan never laid a hand on her. Day, they said, had only kicked up a fuss when they prevented her from taking one of their bottles of wine. Both were represented by lawyer Fred Curran.