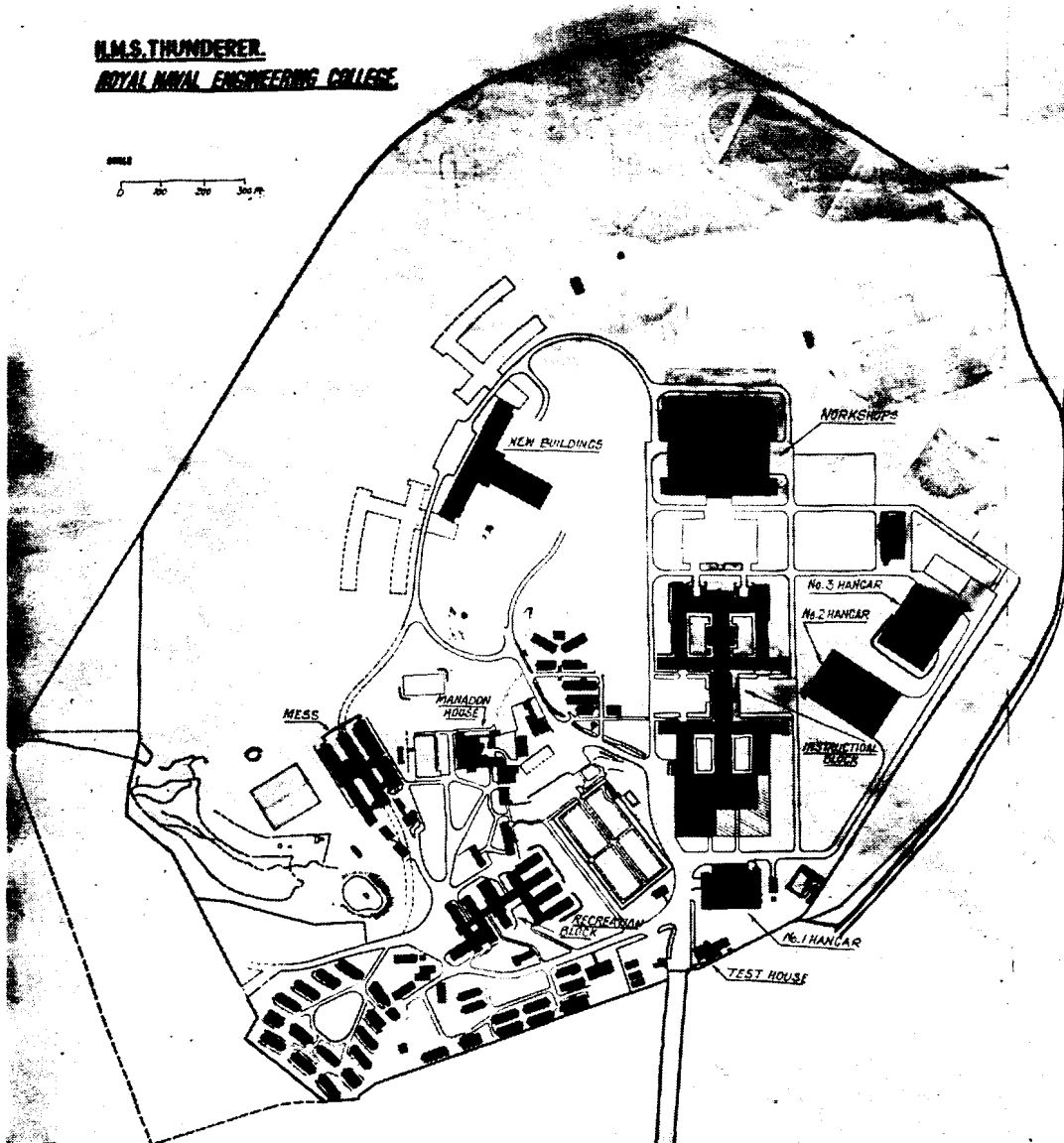


## SHRUBS FOR MANADON

Opinions vary regarding the time it takes to produce an Engineering Specialist, but there can be no doubt about the length of time it takes to produce a reasonable tree—half a century.



THE GROUND PLAN

The grounds at Manadon need a great many more trees, both specimen trees, and trees for screening the College and playing fields from the surrounding housing estates.

Shrubs, especially rhododendron and azaleas which do well, are also required in large numbers so that the most can be made of the undoubted possibilities of the grounds.

A large number of both trees and shrubs have been planted and Staff Officers and other Officers on leaving, have been encouraged to present this form of gift rather than the more traditional articles, but many more are needed.

A rough estimate is a thousand trees and two hundred shrubs. Rhododendron and azaleas are required in the largest numbers because it is intended to mass them among the trees. In the copses, and for screening, the common woodland trees are ideal, but there are many places, especially round the new buildings, where specimens would look more attractive.

The aerial photographs and the plan of the grounds show the blank spaces which still exist and the necessity of tree-screens to hide the housing estates.

The meagre mess funds have been taxed almost to the limit, the Port Amenities Fund has made a welcome contribution and the Ministry of Works may be able to help to a very limited extent, but there is still a very large gap to be filled.

Any assistance, either in money or kind, would be most welcome and Ken Dinham, the Head Gardener, will be ready, spade in hand, from November to March, to plant anything which arrives.

A plaque, suitably inscribed, will indicate the benefactor !