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Girl Members Of Games Team

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

OUTSTANDING good looks and bountiful good nature are the first noticed characteristics of the women members of the South African and Rhodesian Empire Games team, who passed through Melbourne today in the Ascanius, en route to Sydney.

Wearing their bottle-green blazers with springboks embroidered on the pockets, white skirts, shoes, and shirt blouses, with ties and no hats, they made a gay picture on deck as they gave their blood-curdling Zulu war cry.

They are all on their first visit to Australia, Miss A. ("Tonf") Robertson, who holds the South African record of 120 feet for the javelin throw, celebrated her twenty-first birthday at sea. Unlike the rest of the team, she does no dieting. She weighs 9st. 2lb., and the heavier she is the better, she says.

DAZZLING BLONDE

Eighteen-year-old Miss Molly Ryde, the swimming star of the team, is a dazzling blonde. She is a stenographer in Pretoria, and is quite a veteran swimmer, who first represented South Africa in the Empire Games when 14. She now holds the British Empire free-style records for 220 and 440 yards.

Miss Hazel Holmes, nineteen-year-old backstroke representative for South Africa, has been swimming since eight years old, and she is also a leading hockey player in Natal. She holds the South African record for 150 yards backstroke, and visited Berlin for the Olympiad in 1936, then went to London for coaching by the famous Ed. Brickett.

Eton-cropped Miss Carla Gerke, South African breast-stroke champion, was born in Amsterdam, and has only lived in Pretoria ten years. She also likes

hockey as well as swimming.
Only two girl swimmers will represent Rhodesia in the women's events at the Games—sixteen-year-old Miss Rita Baker and fourteen-year-old Miss Valerie Aitken, who does not like being called the baby of the team. Both are still school-girls.

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