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## EDITORIAL

Well this will be my first and last effort as editor of PATAKA, yes folks, I've got the sack from the job and the edition hasn't even got to print yet. Some people just can't hold down a job for more than a few months.

Three TPM's, and two ex-editors in the depots has ensured that this edition has a full compliment of articles, but as most of these arrived in early January, a christmas edition of PATAKA was not possible. But I'm sure that it was worth the wait.

My thanks to all those who contributed, and in particular to the RNZAOC School, from whom we will see a contribution for PATAKA from each course that goes through, so if you're due for a course at the School, warm up the writing hand and the brain, you may be volunteered for the job.

Poor old PATAKA was in the doldrums from about December 76 until now, and it was certainly not the fault of the editors during that period. I believe they did a great job with the few contributions they had to work with, but now that there's a bit of enthusiasm for contributions, let's keep it up and make my successors job as easy as mine has been.

I hope you all had a pleasant christmas, and are now ready to take on all comers in 79. Best wishes for the new year.

*P.M. Cunningham*  
(P.M. CUNNINGHAME)  
Captain  
Editor

## THE ROYAL WORD

The following message was sent to our Colonel in Chief on the 14th of December 1978.

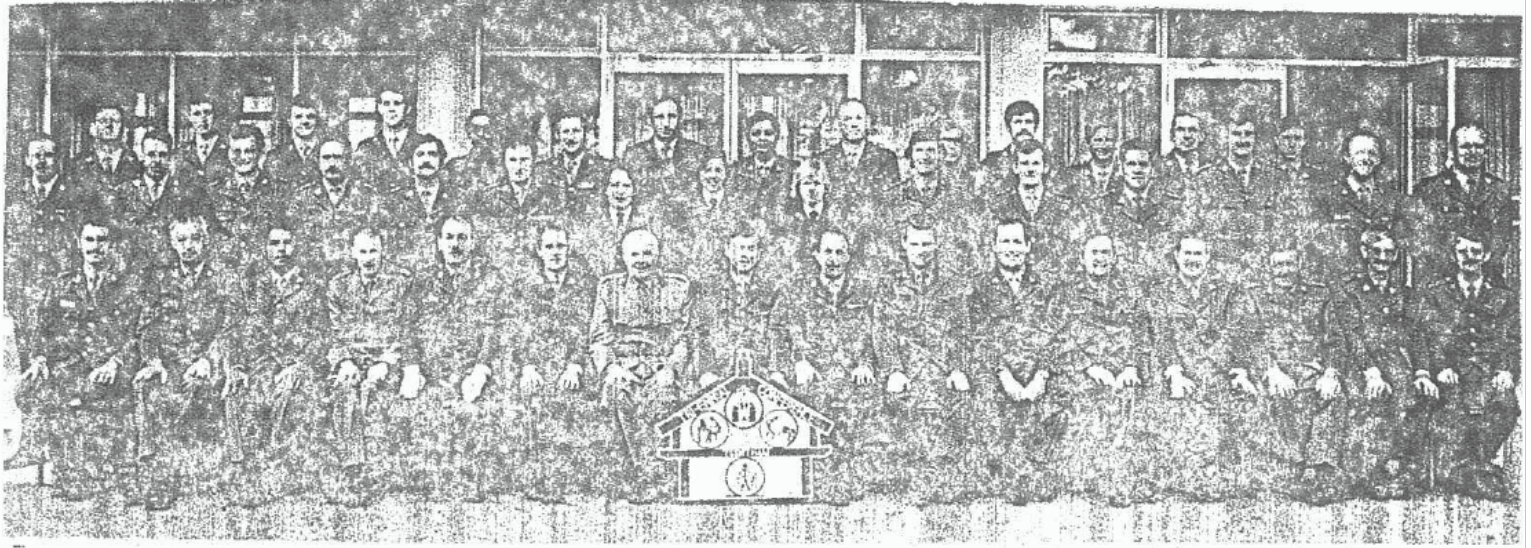
"The Colonel Commandant Officers and All Ranks Royal New Zealand Army Ordnance Corps wish to convey to you loyal Christmas Greetings. At this time of festivities you and your family are very much in our thoughts and it is with deep pride that we raise our glasses to the health of our Colonel in Chief."

Below is the reply received;

"I send my sincere thanks to you, the Officers and All Ranks of the Royal New Zealand Army Ordnance Corps for your kind and loyal message of greetings for Christmas and the New Year. As Colonel in Chief, I received this message with great pleasure.



THE OFFICERS AND CONDUCTORS  
OF THE  
ROYAL NEW ZEALAND ARMY ORDNANCE CORPS



Left to Right

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LT I.J. JUNO, LT P.M. CUNNINGHAME, LT G.D. CAIN,  
LT F.A. STREETER, WO1 G.T. DIRMCK.

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Letter to the Editor

CORPS TRACKSUITS

It was mentioned that RNZAOC tracksuits were to be purchased from Singapore

I would like to suggest that the Corps approaches a prominent tracksuit manufacturer, say Adidas, and select from their range an appropriate pattern and colour that would suit the RNZAOC. Then advertise in the Pataka either commercially or privately the make, model, style, etc so that individuals and, or, units could then purchase the tracksuits from their agents throughout the country. By commercially advertising the manufacturers name on the suits and in Pataka a greater discount might be achieved.

The use of the AGI could aid the marketing and sales of the tracksuit although the cost could be greater due to the AGI putting their costs onto the suits.

This suggestion would also cut out the time consuming trials, use of samples, and lengthy specifications

(W.B. MYERS)  
Staff Sergeant

Staff Meyers,

Thanks for the suggestion which looks like a good one. At the moment we are investigating the possibility of manufacturing Corps jerseys, tracksuits and football jumpers, and if we can get them at a reasonable price from an NZ firm then we will do so. We hope to sell them from within the Corps to minimise the overheads and thereby reduce the cost so we will probably bypass the AGI. We hope to have them available by late 1979.

In fact a request for orders for Corps jerseys is at present at all units, and these will be available as soon as the manufacturer can complete the order for us.

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# DEPOT NEWS

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## 1 SUPPLY COY

### 1 Supply Company "Snippets" from our Roving Reporters

During the build up to Ex Hunua Pass a Stm/Clk was attached to the Butchers Shop at the Papakura Supply Depot to assist whilst both regular butchers were sick. Sgt 'Kojak' McKay, a sharp cookie and former butcher, stated afterwards that he enjoyed "wielding the knives again".

1 Supply Company provided both personnel, stores and rations support for the World Rowing Championships at Karapiro. A big thanks to other Coys, especially 4 Sup Coy, for helping to meet those "last minute" requests.

Ex Hunua Pass proved to be more of a logistic exercise in mounting and maintaining with incorrect ration forecast last minute stores requirements, actual and threatened strikes and the short period between the WRC and the exercise, than for logistic staff participating on the Exercise. As well as mounting and supporting the exercise 1 Sup Coy provided 13 participants.

Maj Roy Larsen retired from the unit and Army on 7 Oct 78. Official farewells were arranged at Sylvia Park, Ngaruawahia and the Triennial Corps Conference. There is no need to repeat the many laudatory statements that have been made but he will be missed and we all wish him luck. Roy returned to 1 Supply Coy several weeks later to present the Coy with a Maori statuette or "Teko Teko" representing the Goddess of Peace, Happiness and Plenty.

Maj Roy Larsen (retd) has been selected to represent NZ in outdoor shooting in Australia in early 1979.

A military pageant was held at Rugby Park Hamilton 9 - 10 Dec with the Coy providing stores support and personnel in unusual roles.



THE END OF A NAME

Corps Days can produce some weird and wild ideas when it comes to tomfoolery, but what do you do to bury a unit.

Well, Qty 8 1 COD pers acting under the supervision of the Depot funeral director buried the unit with all the ceremony that is accorded such occasions at 2130 hrs on 15 Oct last. The following pers lined up in the Depot Social Room to see out the old and bring in the new:

Maj John F. Hyde  
WO1 Eric & Mrs Betty Ray  
Ssgt Arther Evans  
Sgt Murray & Mrs Coleen Walters  
WO2 Kevin (TF) Cryer  
Sgt Mike Iwikau  
Cpl Mike Kiddie  
Pte Paul Allen

The "Ray" had organised the new flay, signs, sound effects and a gas bar-b-que for those that wanted a sausage sizzle.

The Maj turned up with a pot of hot sausages and chips which were devoured along with the rest.

The weather had a doubtful look so to ensure that we were insulated against the elements a few "wets" were broken out.

At 2335 hrs the now insulated ones (just as well because it started to drizzle) moved into position and whilst the sombre notes of "The Last Post" sounded out Maj John lowered the "Old Red Ball" and to taps raised the new "L/WT Shalt End" 1 Sup Coy ensign.

After the appropriate volley a suitable RIP headstone was erected followed by a new unit sign.

The moon decided to join in on the action and a little damp we adjourned back to the social room to polish off the leftovers.

At 0030 hrs 16 Oct we dispersed feeling we had done "our thing" crazy - we don't know but it was good fun.

L/ours  
X-Ray

SUPPLY DEPOT PAPA KURA

As one of the newer additions to the Ord network the Supply Depot were pleased to receive a "welcome aboard" signal within 30 minutes of official joining time. With the majority of our staff eagerly looking forward to it, the changeover

went very smoothly. Our new cohorts at DSG and Sylvia Park are roping us in to their business and social activities already. Over the next three months Supply are committed to eight Annual Camps over the Northern half of NZ and also 2½ months with Engrs in Tonga. We hope to include several Ord people in our activities during this period. To Ord thanks for the welcome and the efforts on our behalf. But "WHERE ARE OUR NEW BADGES"?

### 1 SUPPLY COMPANY

#### Strength Increase

With effect from 16 Oct 78, 1 Sup Coy took under its wing, for command purposes only at this stage, the Supply Depot of North Coy RNZASC which has given us a strength increase of 11 other ranks.

The Supply (or is it to be known as "The Rat") Element of 1 Sup Coy consists of WO1 Bob Painter, supported by: Ssgt Dan Bernie, Ssgt Tip Tippet, Cpl Allan Glockling, Cpl John Wells, Cpl Ron White, Lcpl Terry Kururangi (no - not the All Black) Dvr Andy Anderson, Lcpl(W) Bugs Papuni, Dvr Barry Edmonds and Dvr(W) Joeann Wilson.

To all of you mentioned above, welcome aboard Sua Tela Tonanti Whoops!!

### 12 OFF

#### Reorganisation

The Corps Reorganisation finally hit 12 OFF on 16 Oct, after innumerable false starts. The unit, now named 12 OFF is in the transition stage. Disestablishment of the unit will take effect next year when 12 OFF will become a small RF cadre supporting the TF. The unit is now under operational control of 1 Supply Company and its new OC, Maj John Hyde.

Maj Ian McDonald still holds the reigns in 12 OFF as the TF Officer Commanding.

#### Unit Activities

The unit is conducting TF training weekends on an average of about one every six weeks. Attendance has been poor throughout the winter months, however, now the good weather has come the numbers turning out have improved. The last three weekends have been highly successful. They were:

2/3 September NCO promotion trg at Nga

7/8 October Combined Units soldier trg at Whangaparaoa. The other units were HQ 1 Bde LAD, 1 Fd Amb, and 1 AASO. The trg weekend has become an annual fixture.



11/12

An escape and evasion exercise conducted in the Matira - Waingaro area. The rain stopped seven minutes before the exercise finished.

On the RF side unit activities have included:

- a. The shower section participating in most major exercises.
- b. Hunua Pass.
- c. Preparing for and surviving a success of inspections (ie 880 RNZEME Inspection, Command Inspection, Auditors Inspection, Commander Field Force etc).
- d. Relocation of 12 OFF Tech Maint Spares stock to the Depot sheds and the assimilation of the OFF PC and A into the Depot PC and A.

### Personnel

12 OFF now has the following RF personnel who form the trg cadre:

Capt Mike Johnston	2IC
WO2 Barry Stuart	Senior Trg NCO
Sgt Joe Clarke	Admin NCO
Sgt Merv Bird	PQMS
Sgt Garry McKay	Tpt NCO

The key TF personnel are:

Maj Ian McDonald	OC
Capt Alf Holst	Admin Officer
WO2 Kevin Cryer	Park Sergeant Major
Ssgt Dick Hooper	
Ssgt Bob Kiddie	
Sgt Gary Baty	
Sgt Peter Finnerty	

### History

It is now appropriate to record a concise history of 1 Bde OFF. We were fortunate to have Maj C.J. Hodson RNZIR, an ex OC visit the unit. He gave me a start on compiling a roll of OCs, 2ICs and PSMs. The following is what I have gleaned from local knowledge. I would like any further contribution/alterations/suggestion to be directed to the Trg Officer 1 Sup Coy. All ranks stated in the next few paras are the ranks held during the app. of those mentioned at 1 OFF.

#### A Brief History

1 Inf Bde Gp Ord Field Park was formerly known as 4 Div OFF, located at Trentham. I assume it was all RF. The last OC of 4 OFF was Maj John Glasson. His Park Sergeant Major was WO2 Brian Gush.

In 1963 1 Bde OFP was established as a mixed RF and TF unit. The integration of RF and TF in one unit was a new concept in those days. The first Annual Camp was on the Tangiwai airstrip. The unit was located in the Brigade Maintenance Area and Maj French was OC.

In 1968 1 OFP moved from Trentham to Ngaruawahia where it has remained as an independent unit until the present reorganisation.

### Roll

The following is a very general roll of key appointments:

<u>OC</u>	<u>2IC</u>	<u>PSM</u>
1963 Maj Colin French		WO2 Ted Paterson
	Capt Mick Hunt	WO2 Red Sweet
1966 Maj C.J.C. Marchant	Capt Max Newnham	WO2 Bob Plumber
1969 Capt C.J. Hodson	Capt Jim Finnerty	
	Capt Pat Puohotaua	WO2 Rex Pennell
1972 Maj Ian McDonald	Capt M.D. Stuart	WO2 Mike Behague
1975	Capt P.E. Dangerfield	WO2 Nig Taurua
1976-78	Capt T.M.S. Johnston	WO2 Barry Stuart

The foregoing has taken some time to compile and is intended as a starting point for a unit history which will emphasise an "as you remember it" approach. Dates, names, ranks initials, events, type of training, old stories, a history of the "Boot", in fact anything interesting concerning 1 OFP would be appreciated.

### 1 SUP COY VSD

### Contribution

The Vehicle Depot of 1 Inf Coy would like to take the opportunity of formally welcoming two new recruits to RNZAOC and to the Depot, Ptes John Dunbar and John Robinson. Also a warm welcome is issued to Sgt Marty Hodgkinson who has also joined us on his terminal posting.

Our civilian numbers have also increased with the addition of a tall blonde bombshell Miss Pam Henderson who certainly adds a bit of charm and decorm to the Depot. The staff of the Depot knew she would get the job as soon as they saw her entering the OC's office for an interview.

With the advent of summer, the Sylvia Park recreation facilities are being tuned to their fullest especially the fine swimming pool which has been added to the establishment with the help of the Garrison Club and eager workers in WO1 Kukutai, John Cockcroft and their helpers. At this stage no thought has been given to completely enclosing the pool so that it becomes a year round facility.

Finally, a phenomenon which deserves a mention in this short brief on Depots news is the incredible weight reducing performance Sgt Frank Hohepa has achieved. Told a month ago



that he required to lose weight, he tackled the task with such enthusiasm that he lost 2 stone in a month. However due to this rapid loss he forced his blood pressure to go up and now he has been instructed to slow down again - such is life.

## 2 SUP COY

The first hint of the Corps reorganisation came to 2 Sup Coy when a section of the Main Store was vacated by RSDG and prepared for occupation by 22 Ordnance Field Park.

The second hint was WO1 D.J. Keen going round the Depot, paint brush in hand changing the signs from CODs to Sup Coys.

The Corps reorganisation has since been and gone from 2 Sup Coy and left in its wake a new increased establishment, two additional sub units (22 Ord Field Park and Linton Supply Section) and a new title, 2 Supply Company.

### 22 Ordnance Field Park

This Unit consists of:

- a. The Headquarters - accommodating Capt Max Telfer (TF) the OC, Sgt Bob Hodgetts the Admin Sgt/PQMS/ Recruiting NCO/TF Administrator of Part Time Soldiers, and 2Lt Linstrom, when he arrives from OCTU to take up the appointments of SCO/Trg Officer.
- b. PC & A - managed, stocked and controlled by Ssgt K.J. Moore (MSC) and his work force. K.J. is currently the leader of the 22 OFP pack.
- c. Gen and Bath Section - according to the establishment this section will be manned by part time soldiers (TF).
- d. Tech Stores Section - is commanded by Sgt (Peewee) Haerewa and a faction of young up and coming soldiers who will assist in the smooth operation of the OFP 'Pataka'.

At this stage work has been centred around raising inscaling demands and preparing the storehouse for the future.

To you and your crew K.J., welcome to 2 Supply.

### Linton Supply Section

Though we do not completely take over the Ltn Sup Section until 1979, we have in fact become their administrative and disciplinary Headquarters.

Linton Supply Section is commanded and controlled by WO2 R.A. (Ross) Bird with a staff of five soldiers and a civilian.

Looking into the not too distant future, this unit may one day boast the first ever female Supply Depot Commander.

To you and your unit Ross, welcome to 2 Supply.

### 2 Sup Coy

Except for the new establishment, there has been little change to 2 COD/2 Sup Coy in itself. The events of the Corps reorganisation were fed into the system and absorbed into the normal daily routine.

### Command Element

Capt D.A. (Debbie) D'Ath arrived from Home Command to take up the reins of SCO 2 Sup Coy, that is when she's not on course in Waiouru or on an excursion in Australia. WO2 K.A. (Keith) Parker took over the AIU Store and account and Ssgt B.C. Smith controls RSDS as it is known now.

A change within the Company itself, WO1 (John) Sayers become Stores WO, vice WO1 (Dick) Keen, and vice versa.

### 2 Supply Social Calendar

With WO1 John Sayers at the helm 2 Sup Coy enjoyed an interesting social calendar. The functions began in May with a Disco Evening, Black Velvet and coloured lights giving it a touch of class.

The Corps Day celebrations commenced with the black coffee and rum in the morning, followed by the Necker Trophy sports challenge in the afternoon and a formal dinner in the evening with Disco music to wind up the day's events in positive Dine and Dance fashion.

The culmination of the social calendar was the Christmas Draw function held in Palmerston North.

The highlight of the evening was the winning of a Christmas Hamper by the OC followed closely by the first prize of a hundred dollar bill going to Mr Mac Hei Hei (Civvy).

To end the social year it is intended to hold a sports afternoon with the emphasis on games and refreshments for the children.

### Civilian Point of View

The location of the toilet leaves a lot to be desired:

Its a helluva way away from work - the trip tends to make one tired. Its Not that the staff is lazy, or that they want to shirk. Its a helluva long way there and back one gets too tired to work.

Its alright in the summer a nice walk in the sun,  
Across the lawns, under the trees - no hurry to  
get done

But in the winter blizzards when its wet and very  
cold

The bladder strains - it even pains - more so as  
one gets old.

When you gotta go - you gotta go - so you move at  
a rapid rate

But before you get halfway there you find its too  
ruddy late!!!

J.P. BARRETT

OC's comment - "These Woolworths bladders must be  
worse than Gout"!!

### General Comments

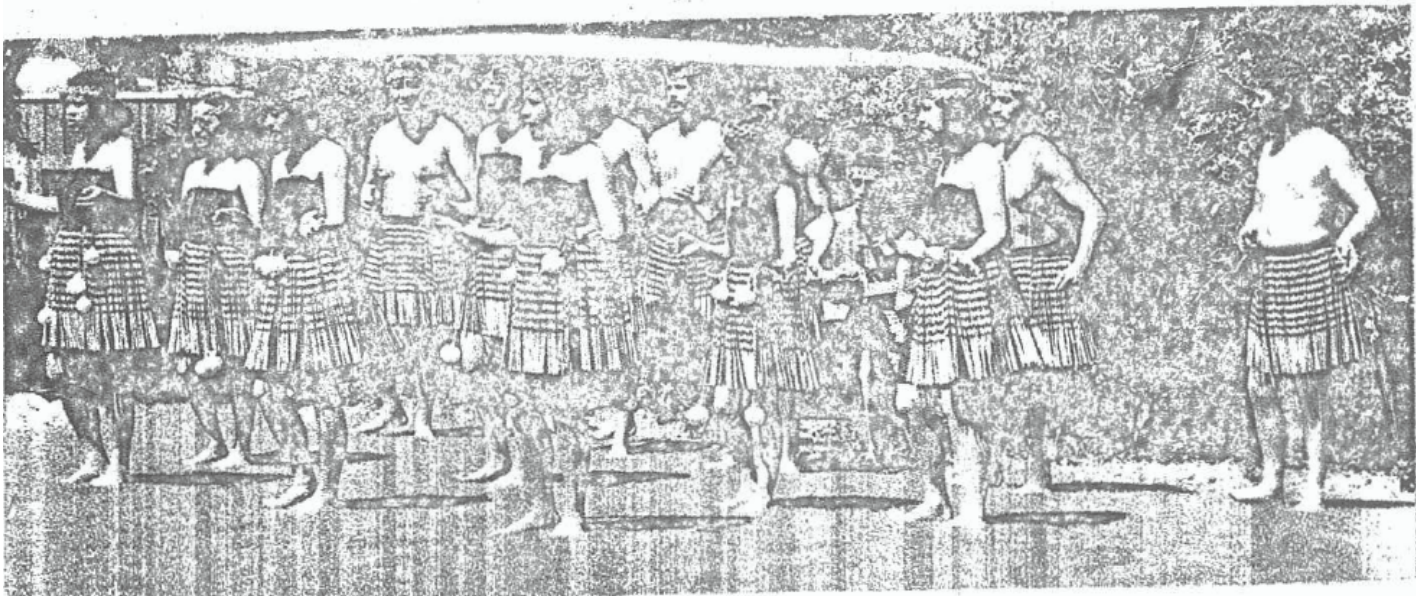
Congratulations to WO1 B.J. Quinn on the award of Conductor  
RNZAOC.

Congratulations also to WO1 D.J. Keen and Staff Sergeants  
B.C. Smith and W.B. Myers from the Central Regions Bowls Team, for  
the winning of the first Inter-Regional Bowls Tournament as well  
as being selected for the Inaugural Army Team.

The Bowling Green at 2 Sup Coy is undergoing a massive  
overhaul. With the amount of work going into it, the green should  
look and play like a billiard table. Challenges will be issued in  
the near future.

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Base Supply Bn's Maori Cultural Group who put on a  
magnificent performance for the guests and Officers during  
the Triennial Conference



3 SUP COY

Editors Corner

A big Hi you all from the Magnolia states: A new way of life is upon us, with the introduction of technical spares and field force contingents in our establishment. The diggers in our midst know, however, that its gone a full circle. So we, the friendly depot, wish you all the best in this venture.

Gripe Corner

Recently I was posted from the union to the confederacy, where I had to learn an almost different language, with such colloquialisms as crib in lieu of batch, Belgium in lieu of Luncheon Meat. Apart from this type of strange terminology, one must contend with these damn 'rebs' rolling their R's.

I'm afraid some boredom weary northerner told me fibs; while I admit they do have a sheriff in Christchurch, they don't have possies; I haven't seen a single hitching rail or any Maori war parties. I would like the gentleman who sold me the passport, the work permit and the 5 year ticket on Cobb & Co stagelines to kindly refund my money.

On my arrival, I was met with Corps Day and the ever popular sporting spectacular featuring Puohotaua's packers and Thambugala's thieves, a great day.

Dirty Washing Corner

Also on my arrival here, yours truly was undemocratically nominated unopposed (except by yours truly of course) to the post of Editor by the OC guess who. However as a reciprocal gesture it has been arranged, but to be confirmed that the aforementioned is to be posted to commander liaison staff White Island, for two years and thence to Antarctica, where he shall undertake a mission of supreme national importance insofar as he shall take command of an iceberg, for a scientific ever decreasing voyage from the Weddle Sea to the central Pacific during which radio silence must be maintained..... gripe over.

The RNZAOC Re-Org

To give a breif run down and situtation report 3 Sup Coys tech spare group is running smoothly, initial insvaling has been completed and everthing has been brought to account and we are ready to go. As group holder there is Ssgt Tony Thorn and a skeleton staff of Sgt Laurie Ferry and Cpl Stewart McIntosh.

At this point I would like to thank the staff at 1 BOD for all the help given us on our recent TOD to select the stores for initial scaling.

As I mentioned before from us to the other Supply Companies, best of luck.

P.S. Got any spare bin packs anyone? What about an operational bin truck of trucks?

P.P.S. I'd even consider shook bin packs.

P.P.P.S. Have already started on plans to make the section man portable (how many truck loads of stores can 20 TF carry?).

### Arrivals

Firstly we would like to extend a belated welcome to Lts "Matt" Helms and David Watmuff and wife. Equally warmly we welcome (not belatedly) Sgt Mike Ray ex Singapore, Cpl Stu McIntosh ex 10 FP, Lcpl Pierre Lee ex 1 Gen Tps Wksp SS, Pte Ross Williams ex Comp Ord, Pte Anne Mills ex Basic, Pte Ken Wilson ex Waiouru back to the mainland, the island of his birth.

### Disarrivals

We lost Capt Brain Crafts to the college of knowledge, so Captain 'C' best wishes to you and yours. I loved that Canadian Club, but it should be with shaved ice not coke.

We also bid sad/happy (delete as required) farewell to Cpl Graham Moore our very own resident Womblor. Graham, best wishes and lots of luck to you and yours in Singapore. (It may not be the sin capital of the world now, but with Graham there .....).

## RNZAOC SCHOOL

### Exercise Buster Allen

The report from the School for this issue of PATAKA is all about exercise "Buster Allen". This exercise was an IED course outing, in the sun, at Linton Camp.

The exercise was so named as a tribute to WO2 Buster Allen who died earlier this year from illness. Buster was a widely known and respected Ammunition Technician who will long be remembered by we old folks of the Ammunition world's (CATO being the eldest).

The Ammunition Wing runs four IED refresher courses a year and each course must be different to ensure that all operators get as wide an experience as possible. The Wellington and Hutt Valley area has been literally 'bombed out' so we were faced initially with the overwhelming problem of where to go. It is not an easy task to find a place which you can use the Wheelbarrow on its buildings, booby trap its entrances, evacuate its people, scream around its streets and still remain firendly with the inhabitants.



The first reconnaissance proved very successful and it was decided to use Linton Camp, Mako Mako ammunition area, HQ LSG and Ohakea Air Base. These military establishments were very helpful and bent over backwards to ensure we achieved the objectives of the exercise.

A special thanks must go to Major Watson and the men of 2 Supply Coy who assisted us throughout the exercise. The dates were determined for the 7-10 Nov and a month was required beforehand to prepare exercise instructions, pester the School RSM with stores requirements, plead with Base Workshops for our vans, charge batteries, demand for explosives, clean shotguns, cancel Sgt Rogers leave, humour the CATO, drag Cpl Robinson from his girlfriend and rally the students.

Whilst doing that we were also able to run a Band Two Ammunition Technician Course and attend the Triennial Conference. That aside the advance party left Linton on 5 Nov and the move was uneventful, except for one puncture and somebody's unseemly suggestive talk on the radio. Oh dear, how sad, never mind.

Sunday and Monday were spent doing the normal advance party duties erecting tents out of line, clearing sump holes with explosives, putting up a urinal in ground that wouldn't drain and stacking empty beer cans in the mess tent. (It was noted that most cans had the fingerprints of John Rogers and Dave Orr).

However during Monday and Tuesday morning the students began to drift in and the exercise got under way after lunch on the Tuesday.

The general idea of the exercise was that the military establishments around Falmerston North were being subject to a bombing campaign by a politically active group based in Feilding. Their primary reason for taking action against these areas was because the Defence Department had refused to stop nuclear testing in the Pacific. Probably an unlikely situation but sufficient reason for us to go there.

The students RNZAF and RNZAOC set up a control centre, put two teams in the field and kept a team in reserve on trg. The directing staff had a similar control organisation to monitor the students and ensure the "terrorists" were one step ahead of them placing bombs and generally being bad boys.

Although the subject of IED is a serious business, and it was very pleasing to see the students applying themselves well, the course certainly had its lighter side, which in most of these trg situations makes the whole damn thing bearable. The daily routine ran from 0730 to 2100 hours so that as many incidents could be undertaken as possible in the available time space.

No doubt everybody is aware of what happens in a bombing situation and Linton Camp provided some good tricky areas for the students. Only one wheelbarrow was tipped over and now Sgt Ray Morrison has the nickname of 'Acid' because one the barrow tips battery acid pours through the beast which must be stripped and cleaned to prevent corrosion. It happens to the best of us.

Photo one shows quite a varied crew which comprised directing staff, students, terrorists and Q staff. The walking sticks were issued to those aged gentlemen who were unable to cope with the rugged field conditions.

We did have time during the exercise to demonstrate the equipment to certain units around Linton and one such demonstration was given to 2 Fd Wksp. At the completion of the demonstration, out of the RNZAOC Stores Section came Lintson answer to the Wheelbarrow MK7. See photograph 2 for a sneak preview of this new secret weapon. It was embarrassing to see a new machine which moved faster, crossed rougher terrain, was cheaper, and had the only disadvantage of high wages for the operators. We believe Wayne Meyers and his team are applying for a patent.

Photographs 3 and 4 self explanatory and no correspondence is requested from readers. Actually, without too much activity one becomes very hot in a bomb suit and after an hour at the most it becomes unbearable.

The IED team which attends an IED incident is only one part of the operation and many agencies are involved. We endeavoured to have as many agencies as possible in Linton and these personnel made up about half the course numbers. We had with the IED teams.

- a. RNZ Provost cordon and search personnel,
- b. RNZAMC staff with an ambulance,
- c. a RNZE fire engine and driver,
- d. a police constable and explosive dog,
- e. RNZEME repair man, and
- f. RNZAF photographers.

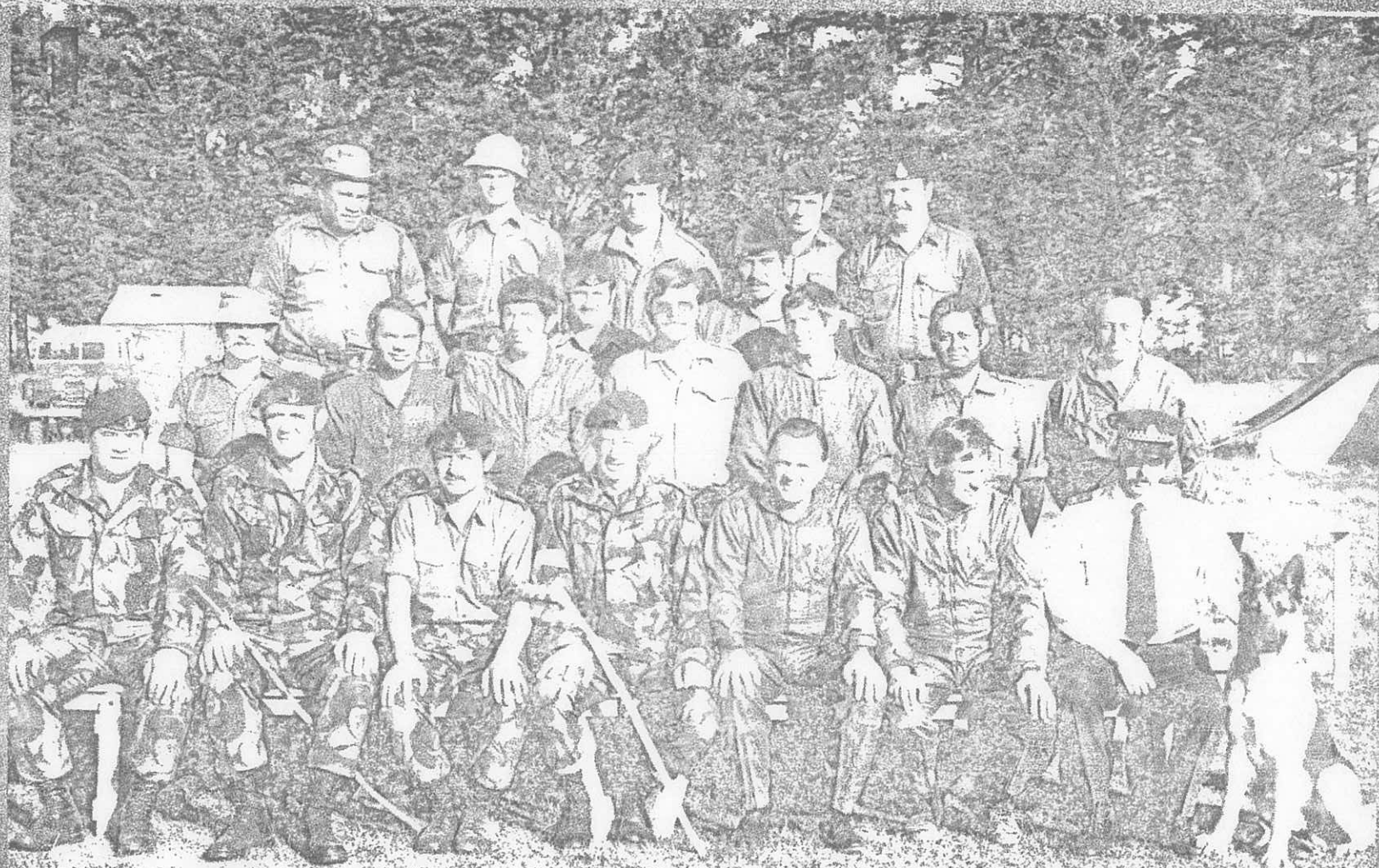
After the third day the exercise was halted and everybody gathered their gear and headed for home. During each of these exercises the students are assessed and must pass these courses without any major faults to stay an IED Operator. It often amazes me why one would want to be an operator in the first place. They say there is a touch of madness in all of us.

In addition to the course reports, one Humphrey Award is allocated and that goes to Sgt John Francis Rogers.

His citation reads:

Sgt Rogers, with bloodshot eye and trembling hand, whilst in charge of the course boozers, did allow the said drinking establishment to run out of ale of any kind on two out of the five nights that the bar was open.

AMEN



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THE BEAST MK 8

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Who said IED Operators are a "strange breed"

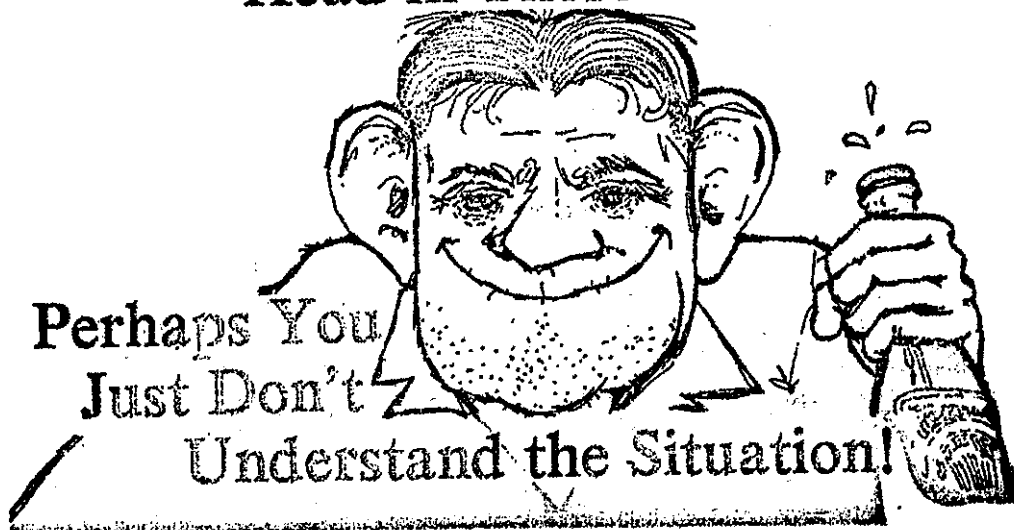


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Be careful with me dear

# If You Can Keep a Cool Head in These Times



## REVIEW 78

### THE CONTINUING STORY OF HUMAN CONFLICT AT 4 SUP COY

Although this depot has not submitted an article for PATAKA for some time, this can be directly attributed to the immense workload in this area, as opposed to our 'rival' depots.

Much has been happening in 1978 in WAIOURU, what with romances, marriages, and exercises, all taking their toll.

Firstly we have the arrivals for 1978:

Sgt B. Prescott	Jan 78	ex OFF
Sgt W. Scobie	Jan 78	ex QA IAD
Pte L. Flannigan	Jan 78	ex 1 SUP COY
SsgtLV Martin	May 78	ex NZ AOD
Cpl Aussie Mason	May 78	ex NZ AOD
Pte C. Noble	May 78	ex Basic
Capt P.A. Streeter	May 78	ex 1 Base Sup Bn
Sgt J. McIntyre	June 78	ex Intelligence
Cpl B. McAvenue	June 78	ex 5 WNCT
Cpl G. Walker	July 78	ex RNZAOC Sch
Cpl P. Armstrong	Aug 78	ex 1 OFF
WO11 Mac Hollick	Aug 78	ex RAOC
WO11 R. Cox	Sept 78	ex NZAOD
Pte P. Hape	Oct 78	ex Basic
Pte R. Cotter	Nov 78	ex Basic
Sgt R. McDowell	Nov 78	ex NZ AOD
Cpl Davidson	Dec 78	ex NZ AOD
Capt I. Juno	Dec 78	ex ATO Cse Aust
Pte W. Boustridge	Jan 79	ex RF Cadet Sch
Pte E. Jack	Jan 79	ex RF Cadet Sch
Pte C. Thomas	Jan 79	ex RF Cadet Sch

The departures for 1978 are almost as numerous:

Pte R. Stewardson	to 16 Pd Regt
Cpl B. Salter	to 1 Sup Coy
Ssgt L. Warwood	to RNZAOC Sch
Cpl T. Barrington	Discharge
Pte L. Flannigan	Discharge
Lcpl G. Scott	Discharge

/Capt Luigi Edwards

Capt	Luigi	Edwards	to HQ Home Command
Sgt	Marty	Hodgkinson	to 1 Sup Coy
Cpl	M.V.	Robinson	to RNZAOC School
Capt	E.	Thomson	to UK on Course
WO1	A.	Thain	to NZAOD
Lcpl	M.	McLean	to Museum
Cpl	D.	Simms	to APCA
WO2	H.	Docherty	to NZAOD
Ssgt	R.	Turner	to Makomako
Cpl	W.	Davis	to 1 Base Sup Bn
Cpl	B.	McAvenue	to 2 Sup Coy
Lcpl	K.	Wilson	to 3 Sup Coy

Then came the more pleasing happenings of promotions in the Depot:

Lcpl	W.	Waitere	-	Cpl
Lcpl	W.	Thomas	-	Cpl
Lcpl	M.	Robinson	-	Cpl
Lcpl	W.	Davis	-	Cpl
Pte	Blue	Lawrence	-	Lcpl
Pte	Joe '90	Parkes	-	Lcpl
Sgt	L.V.	Martin	-	Ssgt
Pte	K.	Lyes	-	Lcpl
Pte	L.	Riddell	-	Lcpl
Pte	M.	Tooman	-	Lcpl
Lt	P.A.	Streeter	-	Capt
Lt	I.	Juno	-	Capt

Now to the news and views of the past 12 months in the frozen north.

Lt R.D. "Luigi" Edwards departed to join the Home Command and his place was taken by Lt P.A. Streeter. Although the job of Accounting Officer was of importance to him, his mind was not really with us until after his marriage to ex Cpl Margie Harwood from 1 Sup Coy. The staff of 4 Sup Coy wish Margie and Paul all the best for their future together.

4 Sup Coy also had its budding romance between Cpl "Tomo" Thomas and Lcpl "Letty" Riddell. Their marriage is planned for 27 Jan 79 and the Depot wish them a long and happy life together.

### Exercises

Exercise "First Endeavour" was conducted in April 78 at Tihoi. Lt Luigi Edwards was the coordinator and baffled us all with radio procedures and map reading for the first two days. The exercise was held in fine weather on rolling ground, and was mainly concerned with getting a static unit used to moving at night, map reading, navigation and basic bushcraft. First Endeavour was thoroughly enjoyed by all concerned and generally it was felt that all of the personnel involved either learnt new skills or recalled lost ones. It was on this exercise that we

all met our new AO, Lt Streeter, who conducted the next exercise in September. The exercise was finished off with a range shoot in Taupo which revealed many outstanding shots in the unit. As usual some of us were not quite as skilled.

### Exercise "Minor Tac"

Lt Paul Streeter took the unit to the Six Cross area of ATG and we were all instructed in basic bushcraft, contact drills etc, with a live enemy consisting of Ssgt Bill Manaia, Sgt Bill Paki, Cpl Dennis Campbell, Pte Rebel Newton.

Although the weather was poor and only the experienced soldiers seemed to remain dry, the spirit was raised considerably when we attacked and 'over-ran' the kitchens at Six Cross Camp. This allowed an opportunity to dry out. The following day we all dug in overlooking the Desert Road. After a day and a night of continual harrassment from the enemy party we feel sure that the people passing the area that night will never quite be the same. With rifle fire on both sides of the road many motorists were observed speeding up considerably after leaving the 'War Zone'. The unit withdrew back to 4 Sup Coy HQ a lot more skilled in Minor Tac procedures and all looking forward to a beer and a bath.

### ASC Reorganisation

4 Sup Coy welcomed the Supply Depot people who joined us in October 78 and after several social functions together and working closely together the Units morale and standing in ATG appears to have increased considerably.

The staff that have joined us are:

Cpl	Barry Boyes
Dvr	Peter Callaby
Sgt	Snow Campbell
Cpl (W)	Chris Dagg
Ssgt	Blue Forrest
Sgt	Don Hawkins
Dvr (W)	Diane Jones
Lcpl	Kevin McIntyre
Ssgt	Chuck Midford
Dvr	Kevin Prosser
Ssgt	Harry Haitana
Lcpl	Graham Robinson
WO1	John Smith
Cpl	"Cody" Takarangi
Cpl	Adrian Weston

While one of the above staff, Harry Haitana, has already changed his badge and belt, yet another, Snow Campbell, is undergoing intensive training in the DSS.

A training weekend was organised with 21 Sup Coy to demonstrate to the TF of that unit what Ordnance has to offer. This weekend was well attended with two girls from 1 Comp Ord Coy there to show the flag. The DOS also attended to answer any policy queries that may have arisen.

### Overseas Exercises

4 Sup Coy had one NCO, Cpl G. Walker, attached to the US Navy at McMurdo Sound this summer. We hope he learns many things that will help him when he returns from the Ice. No doubt the trip will provide many memories and experiences for him.

### Camp Equipment Renovations

For those people who are at all familiar with 4 Sup Coy Camp Equipment and Vehicle Group would notice a drastic change in the stores from July 78. New roofing and new walls now provide better lighting and security. No longer will the Camp Equipment staff be seen trudging to work with their Swandris and over trousers.

### Museum

Although many Ordnance units were involved in the NZ Army Memorial Museum, none more than 4 Sup Coy. Every item that was required for the Museum seemed to have its own priority. Many other projects were put back to enable the opening to be on time. However now that it is open and a going concern, all personnel in Waiouru seem to have a feeling of pride in 'our' Museum.

### Desert Fair

For all those who are familiar with ATG, the annual Desert Fair is somewhat of a highlight of the years activities. This year 4 Sup Coy got into the act and provided our own Carnival Queen, Miss Julie Shirley, our Clerk Typist. Julie put a lot of effort into raising money for the contest and emerged the eventual winner after raising \$918.00. A very commendable effort. Under the ruling of the contest the Sunrise Club, or Social Club, was given \$983.00 by the Fair's Organising Committee.

Also at the Carnival were 4 Sup Coy 'Top Town' team consisting of Sgt Roy Tapuni, Sgt Wayne Little, Lcpl Warren Parkes, Lcpl Dave Lyes, Cpl Missie Waitere, Lcpl George Tuapara, Pte Kathy Noble, Miss Julie Shirley, Lcpl Diane Jones.

With such a formidable team we couldn't help but win. Congratulations for a well done effort.

Such are the events from the 'Tussock Country' and we hope that in the future more will be submitted to Pataka to remind the remainder of units that we still exist and provide a service.

### QUOTE OF THE YEAR

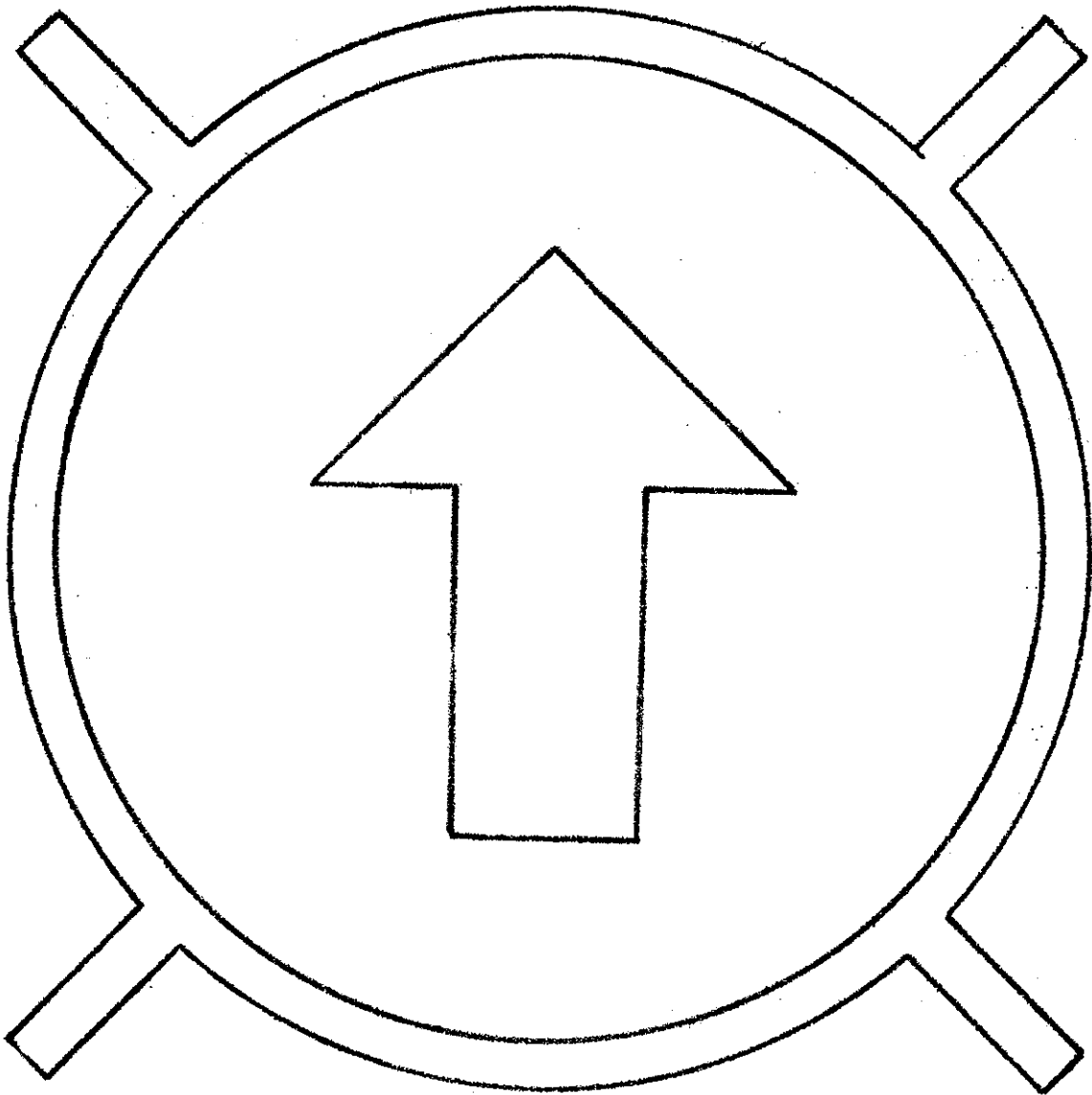
WE TEND TO MEET ANY NEW SITUATION  
BY REORGANISING; AND A WONDERFUL  
METHOD IT CAN BE FOR CREATING THE ILLUSION  
OF PROGRESS WHILE PRODUCING CONFUSION,  
INEFFICIENCY AND DEMORALISATION.

Petronius Arbiter (circa AD 60).

(K.M. THOMPSON)  
Sergeant  
Storeman Clerk



1<sup>ST</sup> GENERAL TROOPS WORKSHOPS  
STORES SECTION



'SERVICE TO THE LINE'

## 1 GENERAL TROOPS WORKSHOP STORES SECTION

Motto: 'Service to the Line'

Symbol: Red arrow surrounded by the Ordnance Symbol.

Note: The motto and symbol were borrowed without permission by WO1 J. Sayers from the 725th Maintenance Battalion, US Army, Hawaii.

We endeavour to live up to our motto but make no excuse if we do not. (Or at least not many).

### Staff Matters

Ssgt K.A. (Pinky) Joyce. He is off to attend the Staff to WO's course at Waiouru and then to attend a four star course at the school. So we probably won't see him until the Stores Section's Christmas party at his place. (Which he doesn't know about yet). Unfortunately he will miss Annual Camp which is being held at Awapaoanui, north of Napier, which will consist of a combat training camp to test our soldier skills.

Ssgt W.B. Myers. I hear tell Wayne just loves that B.....y paper-war that goes with purchasing and payments. Wayne took a five man recruiting team to Foxton to recruit TFVs for the Workshops in August. I hear the trip was very successful. Wayne who was Zanbuk for the RNZAOC rugby team unfortunately failed to get accepted on the sports medicine seminar held at the RNZAMC School in Burnham, but will get his trip to Burnham with the Central Bowling Team to compete in the Army Tournament in October.

Cpl Bill Emmens. Bill is away at the moment attending the districts, and then most probably the Army, Soccer Tournament Bill should have no trouble retaining his position in the Army Team.

### Lcpl Doug Keown:

- a. We must firstly congratulate Doug and Robynne on the occasion of their marriage, and wish them all the best for the future. Robynne was previously Cpl Cooper with the Provost Directorate.
- b. Due to a back injury Doug was unable to play for RNZAOC rugby team but with luck he will be back fighting fit for next year.
- c. It is just as well he married a servicewoman as his diary since being married reads:

19 August	Wedding Day
19-27 August	Honeymoon
28 August - 1 September	Recruiting trip to Foxton
5-7 September	Sports Medicine Seminar, Burnham

Lcpl Pierre Lee. He is away attending a maths course for his two star at Linton. Pierre also went on Exercise Tropic Kiwi in Fiji in August where he enjoyed himself both in the field and out of it. He has also taken up diving and hopes to get a posting down South which no doubt will improve his diving.

Pte Tony Orchard. Tony is away attending a LSG exercise on Great Barrier Island. He feels that he has the luck of the devil as far as courses and indoor basketball are concerned. Every time he gets selected to play basketball he also finds out that he is on a course or exercise. Never mind Tony one day you will have done all your courses and be able to play as much basketball as you like, and have the rank and stars as well.

Col Reddish. Although he has been posted into the unit we have not seen him as he's on sick leave.

Well that is six out of an establishment of eight.

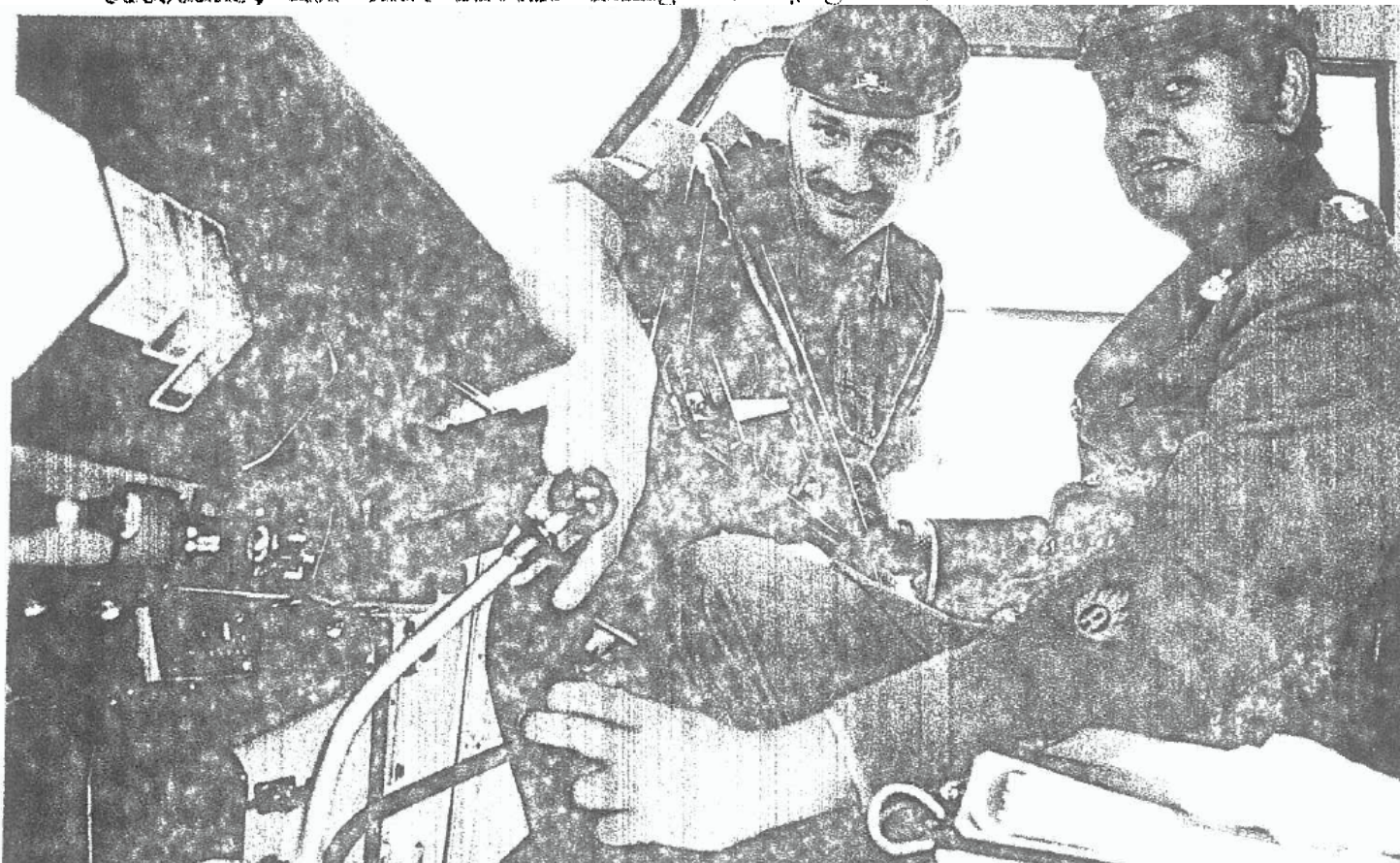
Our Corps motto is 'TO THE WARRIOR HIS ARMS'

Maybe we should add to it, LEGS, HEADS, and BODIES, or change it altogether, maybe

'TO THE STORES MANAGER - HIS STOREMEN'.

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"The best feature of this vehicle is that its manproof, with only 16 dash button controls, 3 gear sticks, 14 what-ya-ma-callits, 6doodahs, and that little thing-a-me-jig down there on the floor"



THE VOICE OF THE GODS

OR

WHATS HAPPENING IN THE HALLS OF POWER

OR

NEWS FROM THE DIRECTORATE

Well life here is like a game of musical chairs, with four Staff Captain O & T's in as many months and another one due in about three months, However, the real changes won't really get under way till March when we pack up and depart for the warmer climes of Auckland.

Last year was a particularly busy one for the Directorate with the Corps Reorg, the Triennial Conference, two Senior Officers Conferences and the finalisation of the Corps Association (which will be fully functional by mid 79), and with the Army Reorg in April, no doubt this year will be just as hectic, so the in word for all of us is consolidation.

People often ask us, "What do you actually do in the Directorate?", which is in itself a very good question, and we are all hoping that someday someone here will be able to answer it.

One thing we do here, and make a real job of its the good old Christmas function. This year, armed with several crates of beer, the odd bottle of wine, and a bumper pack of Homestead chicken, the crew from the Directorate set out for the sights at Scorching Bay, to indulge in the good old joys of drinking, eating, swimming, sunbathing, and for CATO, watching the sunbathing, which in itself provided many happy memories for all the males who attended (nothing wrong with the sunbathing set at SScco-%"8&%RCH?1+ing.BBBBBAAAAAYYYY)!

The only setback caused by the sunbathers was some pretty inattentive fielding in the outfield, and some mild arguments over who was going to field in the sand (between CATO and DOS).

However a good day was had by all and the cricket was a draw between the boots and socks and the ammo wing (after some protests about the accuracy of some of the scoring). So with the ammo wing winning the cricket last year the series is now one all (I was the scorer at the game as well).

Well with very few of us here going to HQ NZLF in Auckland the Directorate will be full of new faces so we sincerely hope that you will all give them the same great support that you have given us while we have been here.

The Department of Shell Justice  
New Zealand Oystermans Association  
BLUFF COVE

8 May 78

Mr Brazil Wyn Jones  
Returned Servicemens Destruction Group  
BURNHAM CAMP

DISCRIMINATION AGAINST MAORIS

Reference: A. The Treaty of Waitangi, para 246 sub para sub para (a). 1 1840.

1. It has been brought to the notice of the department that a gentleman of European extraction is having an adverse effect on the emotional stability of the indigenous human species in that he did erroneously and with malice aforethought lead the said Maori Elder to partake of a vessel of oysters last Friday afternoon.

2. Now some may say that the said Maori gentleman had no right to these shellfish in that another gentleman of European descent did, it is said, win the subject in contention, in a game of chance. However it is policy of the above department that being the indigenous specimen of Homo Sapiens, the Maori gentleman had a prior right and claim by way of occupation of this land and no payment of any type or restoration of the consumed items is deemed necessary.

3. It is regretted that the second European gentleman has no payment from his game of chance but then that is what he was involved in; a game of chance which, while controlled by the Department of Internal Affairs, must at all times take second precedence to the Department of Shell Justice.

4. It is decreed that henceforth any shellfish or species of local origin are fair game and in order that the indigenous people may at all times rest secure in the knowledge of their prior right, REGULAR DONATIONS OF THE SAME ARE REQUESTED.

(T. KINAHEAD)  
Director NZ Oystermans Assn



## CATO'S KINGDOM

Hello there from the workface.....

Firstly may I, on behalf of all who work in the ammunition areas, wish you a happy and prosperous 1979.

1979 will be a significant year with many changes about to take place.

By the time this paper goes to print Maj Boyd Squires will be taking over as CATO. Maj Squires recently arrived from the UK. He commences his service in the New Zealand Army with the very best wishes, to him and his wife from us all.

Retiring CATO, Maj Sweet will complete his handover by February 1979. Maj Sweet will be employed at Trentham prior to his posting to Singapore on the 4th May 1979. We all wish Maj Sweet and his wife a happy stay in Singapore.

Capt Ian Thomson has left our shores for the UK. Capt Thomson and his wife will be spending two years attached to the Army School of Ammunition, Kineton. Ian's attachment to the School will give him and insight to the British Army's approach to ammunition. Ian and his wife will be well looked after in Kineton; tons of hospitality. Ian's address:

C/- Army School of Ammunition  
CAD Kineton  
Temple Herdewyke  
Near Leamington Spa  
Warwickshire, England

WO1 Alec Mann will be well settled in Singapore by now. While Alec enjoys the heat in Singapore, WO1 Brian Colbourne is acclimatizing to New Zealand's weather. Brian is CAT of CATO's Section at Home Comd.

Just arrived successfully from the ATO's course in Australia are Captains Juno and Cain. By all accounts they enjoyed their stay in Australia learning much K & K. Capt Juno is now the ATO 4 Sup Coy, Waiouru and Capt Cain, ATO 1 Sup Coy, Ngaruawahia.

After many years at HQ Home Comd, WOII Ian Russell has moved to the Ordnance School, Trentham. It is now safe to sit in Ian's chair in the smoko room. We wish Ian all the best. Considering the number of years at Home Comd it is a great wrench for Ian to move away to another position.

Ssgt Robbie Turner and family will be settled into Makomako by now. Robbie's children will most probably be attending Ballance School. A nice country school where learning is on a personal level. Hopefully many friends will be made in the farming community surrounding Makomako.

Welcome back to Lynsey Davidson after his 2 year stay in Singapore. Lynsey is now with 4 Sup Coy, Waiouru - quite a change eh?

Capt Joe Bolton and Cpl Robbie Robinson are still plugging away at the RNZAOC School, working in close liaison with WO1 Dave Orr. Recently an IED exercise was held at Linton Camp.

Three EOD vans with wheelbarrows were put through their paces.

The exercise was valuable from the point of view of cooperation between Army and Air Force IED operators. The Air Force photographers gave excellent service to the exercise and from comments made by the photo team, they too picked up much experience in working with IED operators. Base camp functioned well with the help of WO1 ORR and Sgt Rogers providing meals etc. A well run exercise.

The AT world has gained 3 ex cadets in the ammunition wing at Waiouru. They are: WP Boustridge, ED Jack, CJ Thomas. Welcome to the fold, no doubt we will be hearing from the 3 Musketeers as time goes by.

Also a welcome goes out to WO11 Richardson who is working at 1 Sup Coy. WO11 Doug Richardson has recently arrived from Australia to take up his position as CAT, Ngaruawahia. Good to see a bit of Australian expertise coming our way instead of the other way round.

Briefly, that covers the movements of people within our sphere, the year is but a pup so plenty of time for things to happen.

CATO CONFERENCE 1979



TOP ROW: WO2 I.M. RUSSELL, WO2 M.J. HOLLYCK, WO2 D. RICHARDSON,  
WO1 B.M. COLBURN, WO1 G.T. DIMMOCK, SSGT R.N. TURNER.

BOTTOM ROW: CAPT J.S. BOLSON, CAPT I.J. JUNO, MAJ E.V. SWEET,  
THE HEAD OF THE CORPS, MAJ B. SQUIRES, CAPT A.T.  
TRAMBUGALA, CAPT G.D. CAIN.

# SPORTS NEWS

## INTER CORPS QUADRANGULAR RUGBY TOURNAMENT SATURDAY 19TH AUGUST 1978

Hopefully we wanted the team to assemble in Linton Camp by 9 a.m. Sunday 20 Aug, but unfortunately this didn't occur. I believe that the Administration Instruction dated 8 Aug 78 didn't get to some of the players, consequently we were short of 11 players at our first practice run.

Game 1. Monday 21 Aug 78 versus RNZEME.

The following team was picked for the first game:

Maj Puohotaua	Sgt Simonsen	Sgt Morrison	
Sgt Tuhi	Lcpl Armstrong	Lcpl Bellard	Sgt Steed
		Capt Gardiner	
		* Cpl Thorby	
		* Sgt Iwikau	
		Sgt Eden	
		Sgt Poka	
	Pte Rutledge	Cpl Phillips	
		* Ssgt Dellabarca	

- \* Sgt Simonsen replaced by Lcpl Heemi
- Cpl Thorby replaced by Sgt Haerewa
- Sgt Iwikau replaced by Lcpl Jackson

### Comments

A vital mistake and loss of concentration for 5 minutes allowed the opposition to score two converted tries, to race away 16 points to 3. Up until then with the score at 4 - 3 and pressure being firmly applied by us, it was only a matter of time before we would score, but alas it didn't happen.

A rugby game is played for 80 minutes, or even 90 minutes, therefore all players must have the 'staying' power and deep concentration for 100 minutes.

The forward pace proved adequate in winning their own ball, but improvement on giving the backs good control ball is essential. Back is back tackling and good ball passing is an area that they must improve on.

Man of the Match: Sgt Mike Iwikau  
Point of Scorer: Drop kick by Sgt Mike Iwikau  
Final Score: Lost 3 - 16

Game 2. Tuesday 22 Aug 78 versus RNZASC.

The following team was picked for the second game:

Lcpl Kearney Cpl Roche Sgt Morrison  
Sgt Tuhi Lcpl Armstrong \*Lcpl Lewis Sgt Steed  
Capt Gardiner  
\*Lcpl Thompson  
Sgt Haerewa  
Sgt Iwikau  
Sgt Eden  
Lcpl Jackson Lcpl Rutledge  
Ssgt Dellabarca

\*Lcpl Lewis replaced by Lcpl Bellard

Sgt Steed replaced by Maj Puohotaua

Lcpl Thompson replaced by Lcpl Heemi

Ssgt Dellabarca replaced by Cpl Phillips

#### Comments

What a tremendous 'fight back' spirit and team effort. Down 11 - 20 and with the time slipping away, full pressure was exerted to the opposition. The backs ran the ball at every opportunity, trying hard to keep the ball in front of the forwards. The forwards found their 'second wind' and realizing that they still had a chance to win the game, they hung in there like a professional 'soldier'!

A penalty goal followed by a penalty try which was converted had suddenly changed the score to 20 - 20. Then to the amazement of the RNZAOC supporters and to the bewilderment of the RNZASC supporters the referee had awarded a penalty kick to us. Lcpl Mark Heemi came forward to take the kick from halfway and what a mighty kick it was. From the moment the ball was placed and Mark went through the normal procedures of kicking there was no doubt that the ball would sail through the uprights, and so from 7 - 7 all at half time, to 23 - 20, we could surely say to ourselves, Well Done.

Man of the Match: Lcpl Mark Heemi  
Point Scorers: Try - Sgt Pewi Haerewa  
Sgt Dick Eden  
Lcpl Paul Rutledge  
: Conversion - Lcpl Jacko Jackson  
: Penalty - Ssgt Peter Dellabarca  
Lcpl Mark Heemi (2)  
Final Score: Win 23 - 20.

Game 3. Thursday 24 Aug 78 versus RNZE.

The following players were selected to play in this final game:

Maj Puohotaua	Ssgt Simonsen	Lcpl Kearney
Sgt Tuhi	*Lcpl Armstrong	Sgt Poka
	Capt Gardiner	Sgt Steed
	Sgt Haerewa	
	Sgt Iwikau	
	Sgt Eden	
	Lcpl Heemi	
	Pte Rutledge	Cpl Phillips
	Lcpl Jackson	
Reserves:	Cpl Roche, Lcpl Bellard, Sgt Morrison	
	Cpl Thorby, Lcpl Thompson	

\*Lcpl Armstrong replaced by Sgt Morrison

Comments

There is a saying which I feel is very appropriate to this game - quote The fittest will survive unquote. We didn't lose this game because we played bad rugby but we lost it because we just didn't have the extra ounce of energy to carry us over that last 5 minutes, because it was during this period of time when RNZE scored with a good penalty drop goal, that we launched a full scale attack into their territory and through lack of mutual support we lost out on a golden opportunity score. Then the final whistle blew, indicating a win for RNZE 10 - 9.

Man of the Match: Lcpl Mark Heemi

Point Scorer: Three penalty goals by Lcpl Mark Heemi

Final Score: Lost 9 - 10

<u>Point Scorers</u>	<u>Tries</u>	<u>Con</u>	<u>Pen</u>	<u>DG</u>	<u>Total</u>
Lcpl Mark Heemi	1		5		15
Sgt Pee Wee Haerewa	1				4
Sgt Dick Eden	1				4
Lcpl Paul Rutledge	1				4
Sgt Mike Iwikau				1	3
Ssgt Peter Dellabarca			1		3
Lcpl Jacko Jackson		1			2
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Game Results

versus RNZEME	Lost 3 - 16
versus RNZASC	Won 23 - 20
versus RNZE	Lost 9 - 10



Recommendations

I would like to make the following recommendations

- a. That Inter-Company Games be played three months before the tournament ie. 1 Ord Coy etc. This will then allow the Corps Selectors to travel around and have a closer look on what is available in the Corps.
- b. They will then call a full Corps trials on the list of names that they have collected and from this a Corps Rugby Squad is assembled.
- c. Two if possible or three build up games are played.

Calendar

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| 1. | Inter-Company Games | May - June   |
| 2. | 1st Build up Game   | Late June    |
| 3. | 2nd Build up Game   | Middle July  |
| 4. | 3rd Build up Game   | Early August |

Name	Rank	Age	Height	Weight	Position	Unit
Puhotaua	Maj	34	5.9½	14.0	Prop	3 COD
Morrison	Sgt	23	5.11¾	15.3	Prop	RNZAOC School
Kearney	Lcpl				Prop	2 COD
Simonsen	Sgt	31	5.7	11.6	Hooker	3 COD
Roche	Cpl	21	5.7½	13.4	Hooker	1 COD
Tuhi	Sgt	26	5.9	13.6	Loose Fwd	1 BOD
Steed	Sgt	29	6.1	13.4	Loose Fwd	1 BOD
Gardiner	Capt				Loose Fwd	1 COD
Armstrong	Lcpl	26	6.1	13.7	Lock	1 COD
Lewis	Lcpl	23	6.1	14.0	Lock	1 BOD
Bellard	Lcpl	18	6.1	12.0	Lock	1 Inf Wksp
Thompson	Lcpl	24	5.7½	12.4	Half Back	1 BOD
Haerewa	Sgt	28	5.4	11.6	Half Back	2 COD
Thorby	Cpl	27	5.4	10.9	Utility	1 COC
Iwikau	Sgt	26	5.7¾	12.7	Five-Eight	1 OFF
Eden	Sgt				Five-Eight	2 COD
Poka	Sgt	24	5.11¾	13.0	Three-Quarter	1 BOD
Heemi	Lcpl	22	6.1	15.0	Three-Quarter	1 Inf Wksp
Jackson	Lcpl				Wing	1 Gen Tp
Phillips	Cpl	25	6.0	13.6	Wing	1 COC
Rutledge	Pte	24	6.1	13.1	Wing	3 COD
Dellabarca	Ssgt	39	5.10	12.7	Full Back	2 COD

'A ZANBUK'S VIEW'  
RNZE, RNZASC, RNZAOC, RNZEME RUGBY TOURNAMENT AUGUST 1978

The pros and cons of Corps Rugby and Districts Rugby will be discussed and argued by Sports Councils, Corps Directorates, Sports Clubs, and in Messes throughout the Army for years to come. Whether Corps rugby supersedes districts rugby or not we will just have to wait and see, although I am sure this tournament will continue.

In general the tournament went well but started with a little controversy with one referee not arriving and another arriving late. On both of these occasions the RNZAOC team was due to play. I thank the administrators for a job well done.

The aspect of play that I noted the greatest was the way the teams raised themselves and their games due to the fact that they were playing for their Corps.

'ESPIRIT DE CORPS'

The other aspect I noticed was the lack of 'Dirt' or as the rule book puts it:

'LAW 26(j). It is illegal for any player to commit any misconduct on the field-of-play, which is prejudicial to the spirit of good sportsmanship'.

Barring one incident where an Ordnance player was punched in open play, right in front of the referee, and for no reason at all. The fact that the referee did not order the offending player off the field still astounds me.

Fitness, or lack of it, showed up in the latter games but this is expected with a programme of three games in four days, although players should have foreseen this and trained according. On the aspect of fitness I quote from:

'RUGBY AND SPORTS MEDICINE' by Peter G. Stokes.

Alister Taylor Publications Ltd, Wellington, 1973

'A most important aspect of any sport is fitness preparation. Development of cardio-respiratory fitness, agility, stamina, and strength requires an understanding of the subject from administrators, coaches, and sportsmen alike. Good preparation means fewer injuries. Prevention is always better than cure'.

Therefore the rubbing of linament on your skin or the unnecessary wearing of ankle, knee, or thigh bandages does not help the physical aspect of your game, although it might give you a psychological boost or make you look like a seasoned player.

The player of the tournament as far as Ordnance are concerned must be 'Lcpl Heemi - the Boot', and the 'SNAFU' prize. Well Peter, we won't talk about that. We must remember that it takes more than one or two players to win or even to play the game, so to all players and administrators, Well Done.

To the RNZEME Team, congratulations on your clean sweep of the Tournament.

I will finish off with this quotation:

'IF ALL THE YEAR WERE PLAYING HOLIDAYS,  
TO SPORT WOULD BE AS TEDIOUS AS TO WORK!'

Shakespeare

Henry IV Pt I. Sc 2.

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Somewhere in this photograph we have hidden a soldier. Can you find him? If you can, write your answer on a blank sheet of the Dominion, wrap it up in a large stone and throw it in the nearest convenient river.

THE JUDGES DECISION IS FINAL





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 DURING THE REGIMENTAL DINNER HELD AT TRENTHAM CAMP ON  
 SAT 28 OCT 1978 THE DOS ON BEHALF OF ALL RANKS RNZAOC  
 PRESENTED THE RETIRING CHIEF OF THE GENERAL STAFF WITH  
 A SCALE MODEL REPLICA OF AN ARTILLERY FIELD PIECE.\*\*\*\*\*  
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 THE FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF THE SPEECH GIVEN BY THE DOS  
 ON THAT OCCASION:-

*"It is now my great honour to pay  
 homage on behalf of the RNZAOC  
 to our principle and very distinguished  
 guest our C G S Maj Gen Hassett.*

*The Corps system within the Army has often come  
 under attack. Ill informed protagonists frequently  
 refer to it as tribalism of the worst form. I do  
 not intend to defend the Corps system tonight. It  
 needs no defence.*

*However Sir, this is a blatant tribal farewell.  
 It is the RNZAOC's opportunity to farewell you  
 at a Corps Regimental Dinner. It is our oppor-  
 tunity to express the regard and respect that  
 we as a Corps have for you.*

*Your career achievements are well known and  
 will be lauded at many other forums. I wish to  
 direct my comments tonight to you from your  
 Ordnance Corps.*

*If I should be so bold I would refer to you as  
 a friend of the Corps. During your tenure as  
 C G S your door has always been open. You  
 have been approachable and sympathetic to*

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the lot of the RNZAOC. You have also taken major and far reaching decisions concerning the organisational and procedural structure of the Ordnance Corps. Above all you have been understanding of our role and our difficulties.

Before your term of office ends we will see a considerably reorganised Ordnance Corps, a rationalisation of supply responsibilities and an altered system of supply.

To my officers let me say that the General's first question to any of my proposals was "Will it make it easier for your customers." The RNZAOC and the CGS were of one mind in this respect - the customer comes first.

On the Regimental and traditional front you approved the dissolution of the languid, infirm RNZAOC Corps Fund and the establishment of the stronger all embracing RNZAOC Corps Assn. And you allowed us to re-introduce the historic and traditional appointment of Conductor.

We like any other Corps with history behind us take great pride in our traditions and their meaning.

It was in the year 1414 a year before Agincourt

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that Henry V appointed Nicholas Merbury as the 1<sup>st</sup> Master of Ordnance. In the early days the appt of Master of Ord was a personal one, an act of patronage by the king. In 1456 Henry VI appointed poor John Lude to be M of O for life. Master Lude only lived another 5 yrs, even in those days the heat was considerable.

In 1461 Phillip Hervey was apptd M of O. One imagines that that crusty old fox Edward VI had a shrewd assesment of his DOS as there is a record of a pardon to P Hervey Esq- uice, late M of Kings Ord, from all offences committed by him and all debts and arrears due from him to the king. I should point out that a Master of Ordnance in those days received some 6s a day and all other accustomed profits. Some things have changed others have not.

Whenever you delve into Ordnance history there are 3 words, Artillery, Ordnance and Gun which embody the history of the development of the Ordnance Corps as we know it now. And asso- ciated with these words is the title and appt of Conductor, "March in the Conductors".

(AT THIS POINT WO1(CONDUCTOR) JACKSON AND WO1 (CONDUCTOR) ORR MARCHED IN BEARING THE PRESENTATION CANNON AND PASSED IT TO THE CGS.)

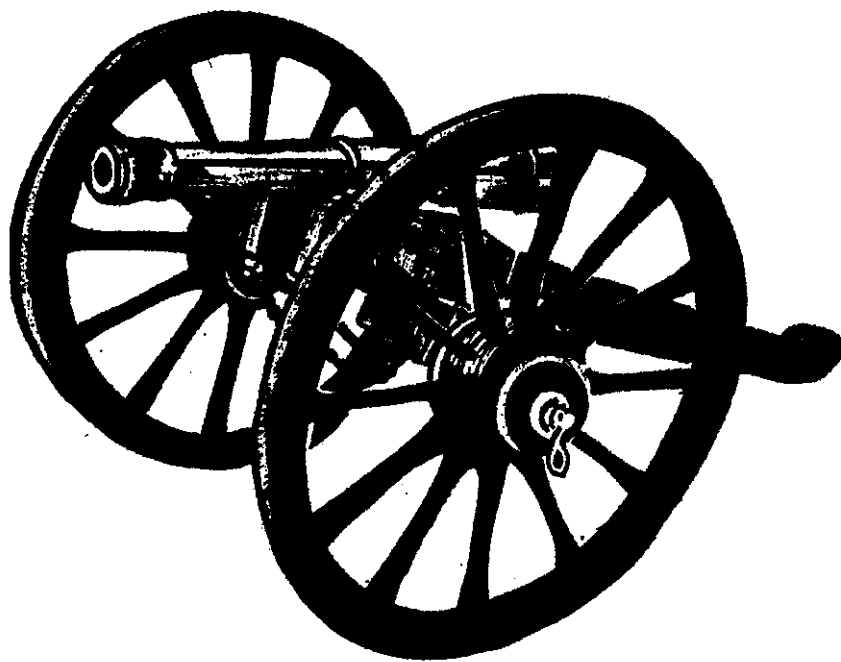
"Sir, on behalf of all ranks RNZAOE I would

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like you to accept this token of our esteem.  
Our Corps motto is "Sua Tela Tonanti" - "To  
the Warrior his Arms."

From the Corps that tended the gun, through  
the Conductors that organized the Artillery train  
and under the patronage of the seas patron  
Saint, we pass to you, a Gunner, a symbol of  
our Corps badge and heritage.

The RNZADC will indeed miss you Sir,  
Esto Perpetua

Hail all hail - may your shadow never be  
less.



## THE RNZAOC TRI - ENNIAL CONFERENCE

During the period 26-29 October 1978 1 Base Supply Battalion played host to all Delegates and visitors who attended the RNZAOC Tri-Enniel Conference held at Trentham Camp.

In terms of organisation, Administration and presentation the conference was a great success and this was due in no small part to the early initial planning and co-ordinating meetings that took place. Apart from one or two minor problems which seem to be present at any undertaking of this nature, the presentation of material and adherence to a tight time schedule flowed very smoothly.

The Corps was most fortunate to be honoured by the attendance of the Director General of Supply (Aust) Brigadier P.W. Morris who was present for the duration of the conference.



Brigadier Morris accepting the Maori Challenge  
on arrival at Burnham Lodge

Other distinguished visitors who attended and addressed the conference at various stages were:-

The retiring OGS Major General P.D.P. Hassett.

The DCGS Brigadier B.M. Poananga.

The ACDS (Sup) Brigadier J.W. Mawson.

Commander FF Comd Brigadier R.G. Williams.

The Colonel Commandant Lieutenant Colonel J. Harvey



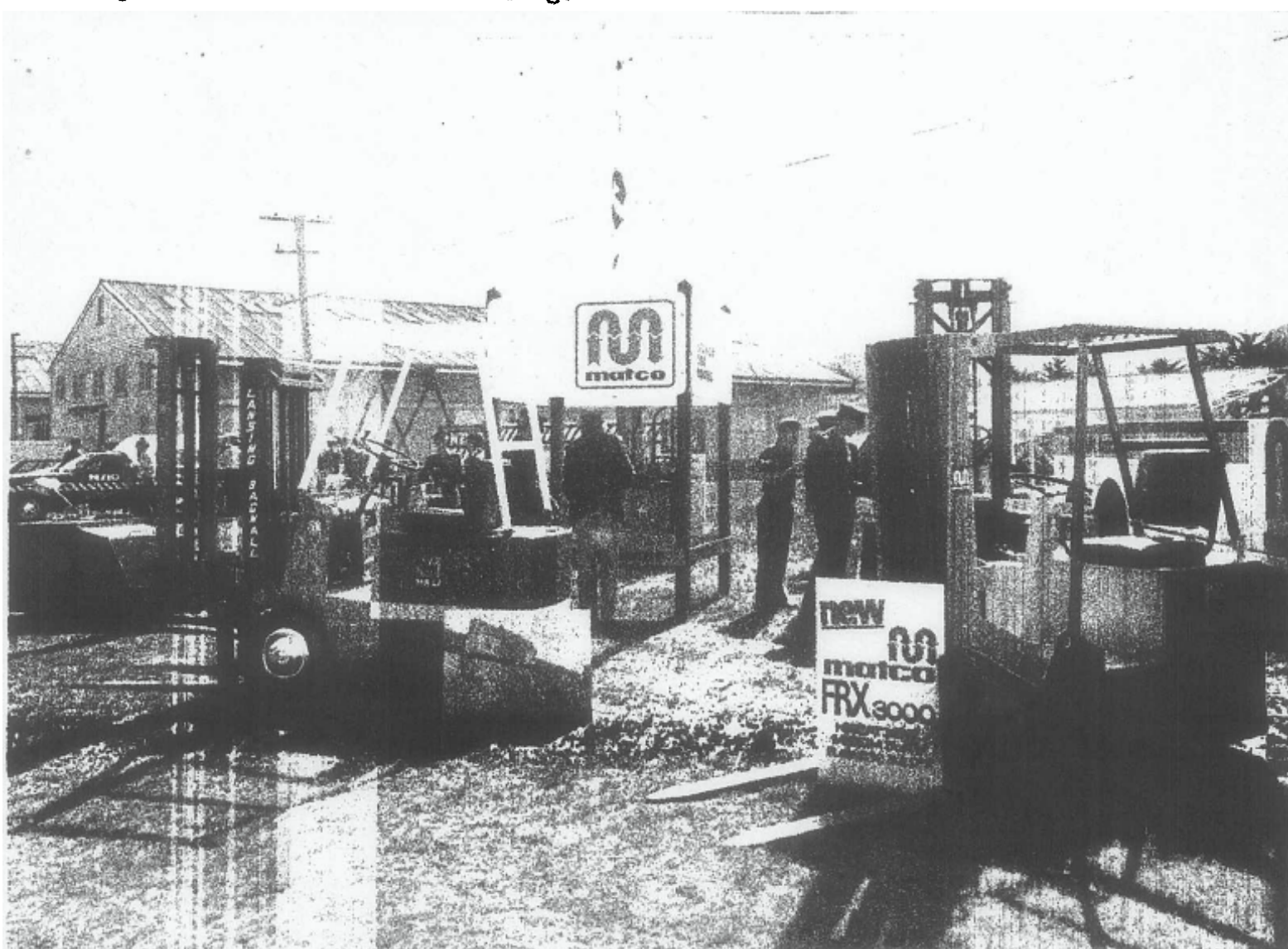
One area that posed problems early in the planning stages was that of accommodation as the Officers quarters in Trentham did not have sufficient room to take the numbers attending. Fortunately the Wellington Racing Club allowed the Corps to hire it's Burnham Lodge premises. This is the hostl used by Jockeys and Trainers during race meetings. It is an excellent building providing first rate conference room, accomodation, administration and catering facilities. Due to these advantages most phases of the conference were able to be undertaken at this venue thereby decreasing the need for elaborate transport arrangements.

Probably the biggest single event as far as time, organisation, co-ordination and civilian co-operation was concerned was the static display of civil and military equipment. Although the display occupied only one afternoon of the conference, it was the culmination of weeks of preparation and Liaison. In fact the display began to take on some aspects of a "Frankensteins Monster" and started to grow and grow as more and more civilian firms expressed interest in displaying their goods.

Eventually exhibitors were stabilised with nine civilian firms and five military stands displaying equipment. No doubt many other firms would have liked to be present but the limited area and lack of alternative wet weather accomodation precluded this.

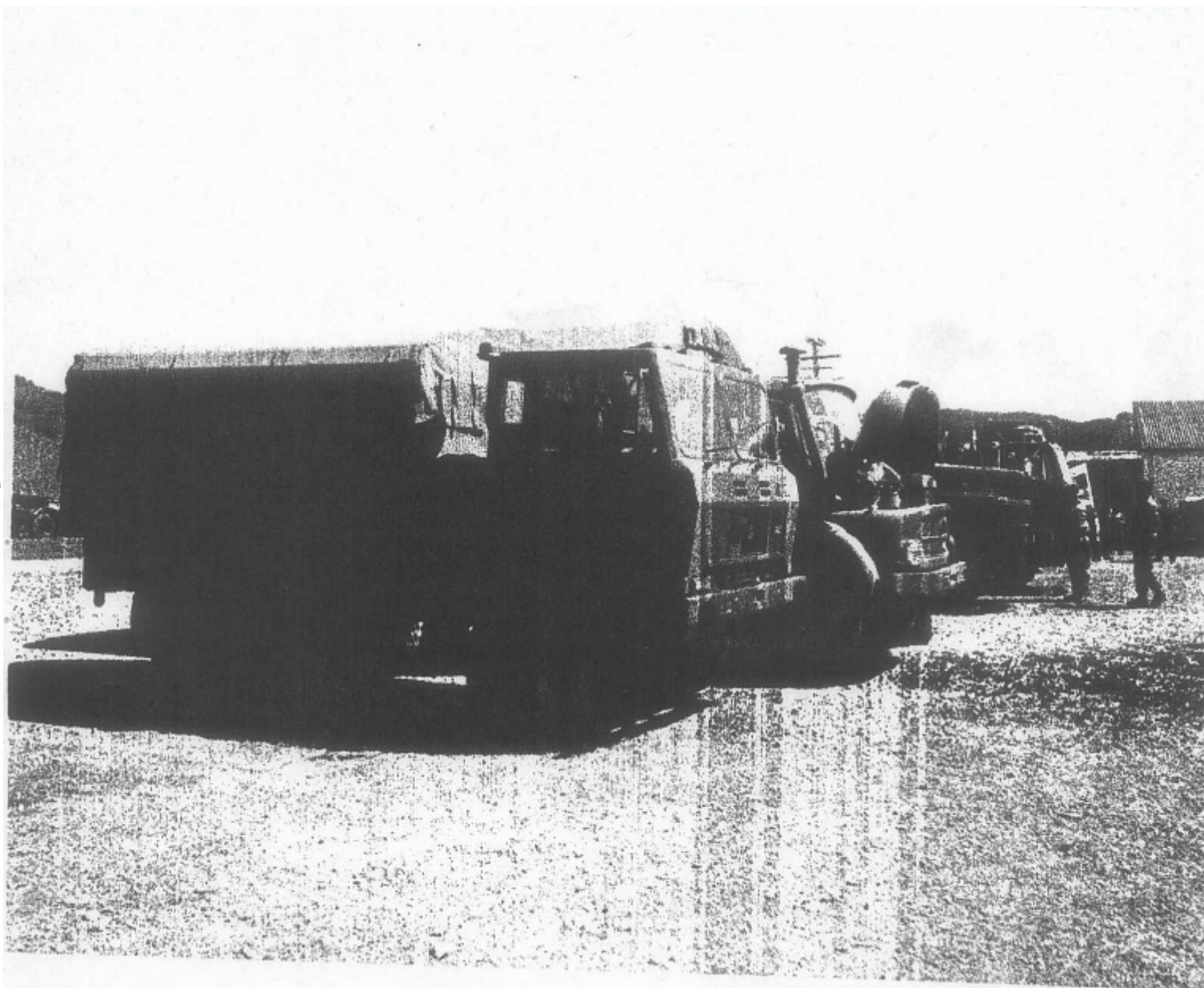
The setting up of the display got under way at 0800 hrs on Fri 27 October when the first civilian firm rolled through the compound gates of 1 Base Supply Battalion. From then on until mid-day organised chaos reigned as heavy duty rigs, trucks, trailers, cars and vans from the various firms roared into the display area.

The display was established in the large open grass and gravel area straddling the railway tracks in front of the MT Spares building and it wasnt long before it was transformed into a mini 'Trades Fair' with only the pop corn fairy floss and side shows missing.



Perhaps the most impressive stand in respect to size and number of exhibits was the 'B' vehicle display, with something like thirty evaluation vehicles on show they presented quite a spectacular sight. This display took nothing away from the other stands however all of which exhibited many interesting items of equipment.

It had been realised in the planning stages that a display of such a size merited a larger audience than could be provided by just the conference delegates alone, to this end the decision was made to allow all military and civilian staff in the Trentham area access to the display. Fortunately the weather was perfect and with the large number of personnel who took the opportunity to inspect the exhibits quite a carnival atmosphere was created.



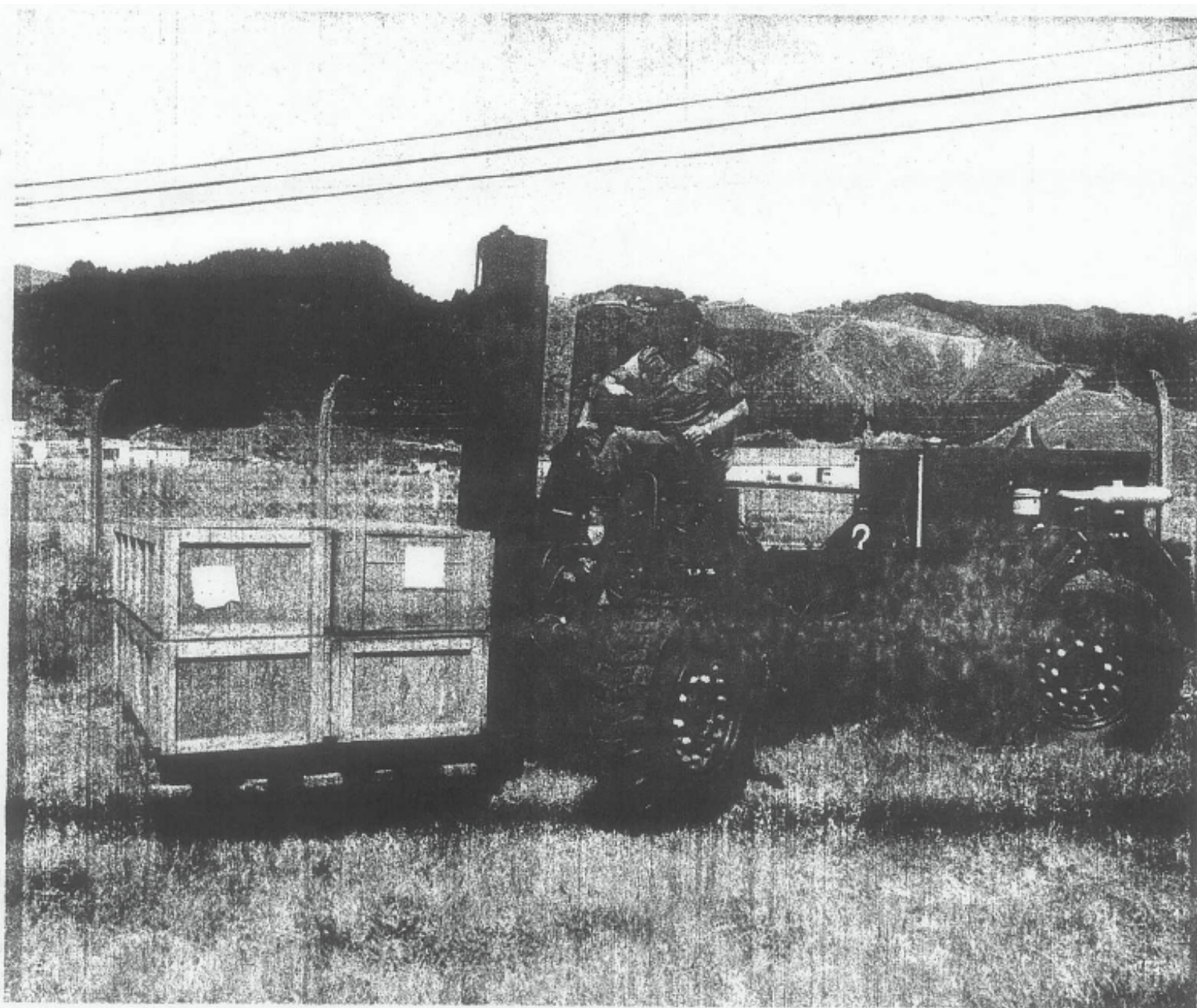
A view of some of the 'B' vehicles on display

Most of those who attended the display appeared to be suitably impressed with what they had seen and seemed to enjoy the opportunity to chat with the sales reps of the various firms. Some delegates also expressed their pleasure in a welcome break from the conference room.

For the interested reader a diagrammatic layout of the display area together with a legend detailing the exhibits is included with this article.

All in all the display was a great success and credit is due to all those personnel who assisted in making it so.





'Eager Beaver' is put through its paces.

The conference had many high points and the standard of presentation was exceptionally good with many humorous moments adding light relief to some of the more serious subject matter. Other events which were particularly noteworthy were :-

The cocktail evening on Thur 26 October.

The Regimental dinner and farewell presentation to Major General Hassett on Sat 28 October.

The entertainment provided by the Maori Concert Party at the farewell luncheon on Sun 29 October.

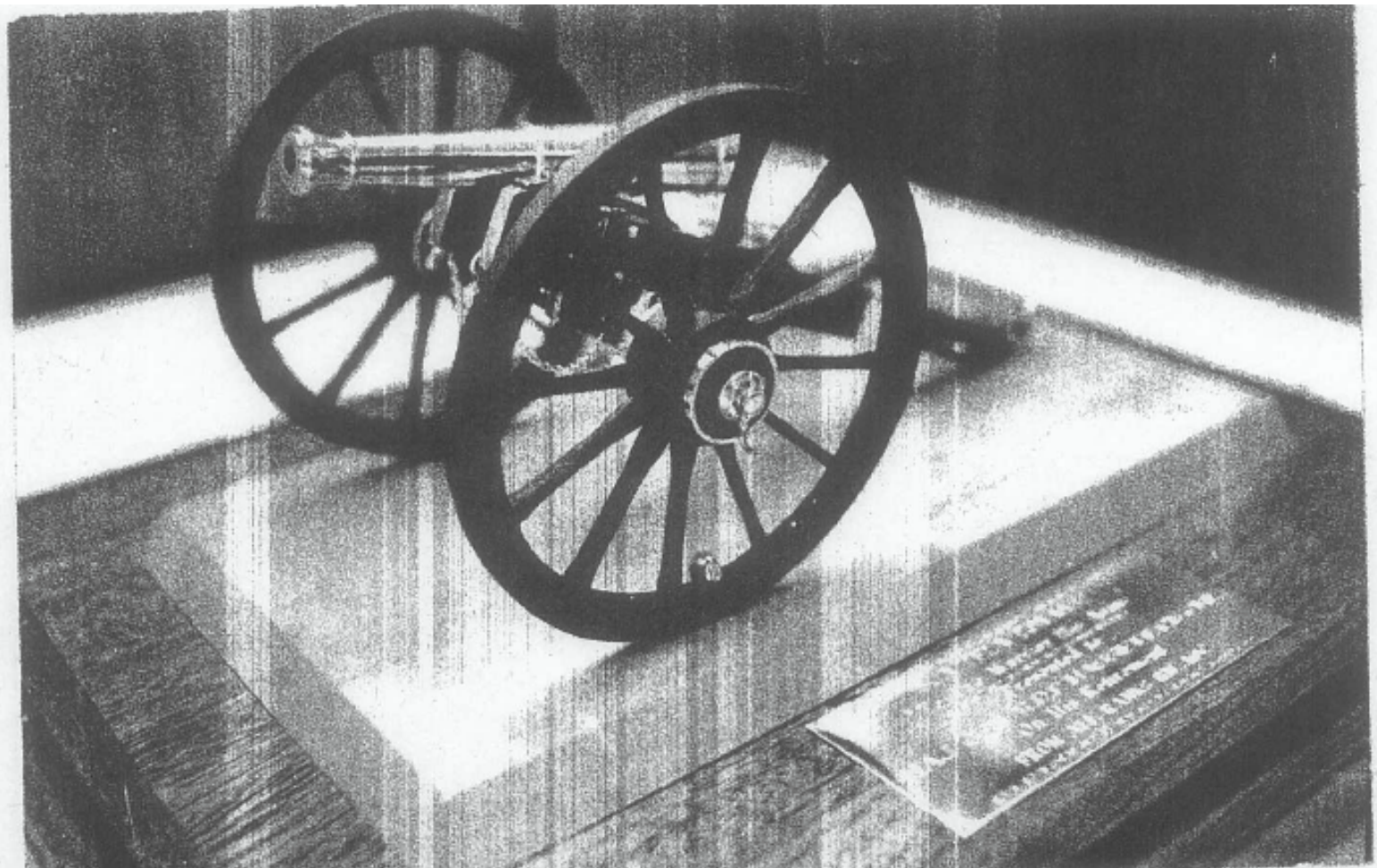
The Director of Ordnance Services has already thanked those who were responsible for the overall success of the conference but it is felt that mention should be made to those personnel and their teams who contributed in large measure to that success, they are:-

1. Maj Keith Hansen, the staff of the RNZAOC School and the girls from the Directorate who were responsible for the setting up of the conference room and the stage management of the presentations.
2. WO2 Ron Henderson and his team for the administrative side and the handling of fast balls.
3. WO1 Roy Stanniford and his team of workers for the setting up of the static display area.
4. The Maori Concert Party for the excellence of their performances at both the welcoming and closing ceremonies.
5. Capt J Gruber RNZASC and the catering staff of Trentham Camp for excellent meals and long hours.
6. The supplementary personnel provided by 1, 2, 3 and 4 Supply Companies for their willing assistance as and when it was needed.

In conclusion it can be said that the conference, its main purpose aside, provided a unique opportunity to farewell not only the CGS but also those officers who have recently departed and those who are due to leave us in the near future. For the remainder it was an ideal time to meet old friends re-new acquaintances and get to know those who have recently joined the Corps.

Without doubt all those who attended this years conference enjoyed themselves, let us hope then, that in three years time, the next conference may be as successful and happy as this one certainly was.

B.N.Lichtwark  
Captain  
1 Base Sup Bn





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THE STAYERS

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As we launch into yet another year it is fitting that the Corps pays its tribute to its longest serving members. Although not all of these people have spent their entire careers with the RNZAOC, their service has been, and will continue to be invaluable to the Corps.

Lt Col J.B. Glasson	31	on	16 Dec 78
Capt B. Stewart	30	on	15 Aug 78
Maj K.A. Watson	30	on	1 Feb 79
WO1 R.H. Staniford	29	on	14 Mar 78
Maj E.V. Sweet	29	on	16 Jan 79
WO1 R.J. Sontjen	28	on	15 Aug 78
WO1 E.H. Ray	27	on	30 Aug 78
WO1 S.T. Dimmock	27	on	16 Mar 78
Capt B.A. Gush	26	on	16 May 78
WO1 R.J. Plummer	26	on	16 Aug 78
Maj D.W. Stewart	26	on	26 Nov 78
Lt Col M.J. Ross	26	on	4 Feb 79
Ssgt N.J. Bellamy	25	on	11 May 78
WO2 L.T. Conlon	25	on	16 Jun 78
WO2 K.A. Parker	25	on	17 Jul 78
WO1 J. Gunn	25	on	21 Sep 78
Sgt M.J. Hodgkinson	25	on	19 Nov 78

GENTLEMEN WE SALUTE YOU

## AWAY FROM WELLINGTON

By

Major E.R. Adams

1. At a time when the logistic centre of our Army (HQ Home Command) is moving away from Wellington and our Army continues to treat logistics as something which is bothersome and **not** fundamental to the well-being of the Army; I would like to recall a thought or two from the maxims of the Iron Duke after whom our capital was named; since then and even now, I believe he was right and proved successful in battle.

2. About 1953, using OMAN'S Wellington's Army as a guide (he was not referring to those in Khaki in Wellington NZ); Major S.M.F. Johnston M.A., Lecturer in History at the University of Wales in his book "British Soldiers" stated:

"Throughout his military life as we find Wellington preoccupied with questions of supply and transport. The disastrous campaign of 1794 must have taught him this lesson at least; "I learned what one ought not to do, and that is always something". A good deal of his success in India was due to his talent for realistic administration. His despatches are full of detail about bullocks and wicker boats and in a very early memorandum he hit on the truth that "it is impossible to carry on a war in India without bullocks". The same care about supply is to be found throughout his Peninsular campaigns. While his troops are disembarking at Mondego Bay in the first days of August 1808, we find him on board HMS Donegal writing memoranda for his commissary general and laying down the exact number of mules and carts that will be needed for the supply of his army".

3. The Duke's early career obviously taught him the truth about logistics which he successfully applied without lessening his command stature. He did not say fix it, but stated in good time and after forethought exactly which he required, where and when; having previously ascertained that what he was requesting was feasible. I hope that the move away from Wellington in a physical sense does not extend to a further move away from Wellington in the command sense and that the new combined HQ Land Force will realise, the worth, necessity and useful of all the logisticians; by applying those principles which Wellington so amply demonstrated: economy, accuracy, foresight (advance warning), simplicity, co-operation and speed of communications.

4. Major Johnson also tells of Wellington's great military predecessor as a Duke and a logisticians; the Duke of Marlborough who, having lost some generals in battle, sorely felt the loss of only one: Cadogan, his Quartermaster General at Oudenarde. I again hope that the return of the 'QMG' to HQ LF as Colonel logistics will have the same effect of revitalising our Corps yet again to show that given a "Wellington lead" and a 'Marlbarian consideration' we can and will live up to our motto - Sua Tela Tonanti, or does history tell us nothing?

These thoughts of soldiering entered my head in the year 1914 in the State of Colorado, USA.

By stages I duly reached London, England, in the month of December at the tender age for the job of twenty.

Someone once wrote that the life of a soldier in war time consisted of "months of boredom, punctuated by moments of intense fright". Descriptions of months, even years, of boredom are not going to be of much interest to anybody. Books abound of grim conditions on active service during the years 1914 to 1918 so readers will doubtless accept some more lighthearted interludes. Does one, I wonder, have to bear in mind the British Official Secrets Act, if it is still valid?

In recollection, perhaps the most lighthearted indiscretion of one's life might be the interview with a recruiting sergeant at Great Scotland Yard in Whitehall, having blithely told him one wished to join the 'Irish Guards', his immediate reply being "I should think so too"! In brief the Brigade of Guards Depot at Caterham, Surrey, was a revelation. The attitude, in retrospect, appeared to be the more brutally rigorous the treatment the less one would likely be affected by the hardships of active service. No Kiwi or Aussie would have endured it for any length of time. Picture the deplorable sight of a roomful of recruits sadly surveying the bones and gravy on their dinner plates awaiting the arrival of the Orderly Officer of the Day accompanied by his Orderly Sergeant, who when he entered the room duly asked the assembled victims "Any Complaints"? At this stage the 'drill' was every recruit slammed his knife and fork down alongside his plate and shouted out "No Sir". The day came when two 'valiants for truth' shouted "Yes Sir" immediately after the general chorus had subsided. After the Orderly Officer had departed the Sergeant returned and ordered "Fall in two men". Which meant one in front of the culprits and one behind who were all then marched off to the Guard Room, the escort returning.

Subsequently the culprits were duly convicted of the charge of "Creating a disturbance" and suffered 'Pack Drill' for several days. The rest of us made a Bee-line for the canteen usually for a heaped plate of sausage and mashed before the next parade.

My more personal victimisation was perhaps the occasion when my name and number was called out for attendance at Company Orders (this being the daily Court Room parade of delinquents). It appeared a laggard who returned to barracks the night previously after hours gave my name and number, which when you come to think of it was quite an astute move. When questioned by the Court as to what I had to say for myself, I was immediately squashed



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course we used to get deloused occasionally, with clean underclothing, but on  
the next spell 'up the line' one was usually as lousy as ever.

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All this was terminated by being invalid back to England leading to  
six months hospital, Alder Hey, Liverpool, and sick leave.

The year 1916 saw transfer to the Machine Gun Corps, with training  
at the Cust family mansion, Grantham. Finding myself now a mounted officer,  
off I was sent to Cavalry Training School for a three weeks 'crash' course of  
training. Here one learned starting bare backed, with an without reins, to  
cling erect by gripping with one's knees and thighs; progressing to more  
advanced drill.

Subsequent posting to 24th Battalion, Machine Gun Corps, overseas  
led again to trench warfare under rather more favourable conditions as most  
of our work was indirect firing from rear positions over the heads of our  
advanced infantry.

The time came, when in March 1917, the enemy attacked our thinly  
held line in great strength; this being the time of great shortage of  
manpower. This retreat went on for some weeks and became known as 'The  
March Handicap' only halted by the Australians at a place called Villers  
Brettenough. I don't think that ever got full credit for this feat.

The tide having turned we found ourselves in full pursuit of the  
enemy in 1918, winding up after the 11th November Armistice in billets in  
Tournais, Belgium, where we relaxed in the shambles of demobilisation,  
eventually making out our own documents and setting off for home in February  
1919.

On the outbreak of war again (World War II) I was then resident  
in the Republic of Ireland, so decided to await recall, after offering for  
re-engagement - in Northern Ireland. After some months residence, there  
came the call for re-appointment to the Royal Army Ordnance Corps in  
Kinnegar Camp, near Belfast. Before long came transfer to Headquarters of  
the British Troops in Northern Ireland in Thiepval Barracks, Lisburn. This  
staff appointment was an utter 'washout' because the entrenched 'base-  
wallahs' rather resented the intrusion of upsetting new blood. Here all I  
had to interest myself was to read 'The Manual of Military Law' from cover  
to cover. This led to application for overseas service, which brought  
forth a posting to the Army in India. Report to Aldershot for formation of  
draft and shipping facilities. Several weeks spent there where it was made  
evident our disturbing influence was resented by the entrenched authorities.

The summons came for entraining to Liverpool, boarding the M.V. 'Capetown Castle' of the Union Castle line. This was still under peacetime conditions with stewards, first class fare, etc., so our voyage, first under escort of several Corvettes guarding the several ships of our convoy and then the Battleship 'Royal Sovereign'. First stop Freetown, after several months en route; thence to Durban, South Africa, where we spent several days. Here the convoy split up; those ships going on to Singapore arriving in time to be immersed in the debacle there. The 'Capetown Castle' duly proceeded on to Bombay.

Here the Ordnance personnel were sorted out and posted to various depots, mine being Drigh Road, Karachi, where we stayed in tents for several weeks until it was decided where we were to go. Mine proved to be Dehu Road a huge Depot near Poona, consisting of Four Sub-Depots, A, B, C and D spread over considerable distances. Here stores purchased were received and listed. Hundreds of Indians were employed at each Depot on very low wages; about 14 annas a day, if I remember rightly, this being say one shilling and six pence.

Trouble arose for me here, when I was in charge of one of the Depots, because I took steps to ameliorate the living conditions of the native staff, this being resented and disapproved of by the 'higher ups'. Consequently the Colonel in charge had me 'slung out' and posted to a Depot in the North West Frontier Province. Strange to relate on alighting from the train on first arrival, who should I run into but a GHQ inspecting Staff Officer who asked me where I had come from. My reply was to the effect that I had come from the Depot where the Officers were so miserable they were not talking to each other. I learned subsequently that the Colonel who 'shot me out' was demoted in rank and transferred elsewhere so his harsh treatment of me did him no good.

Boredom eventually set in here again, so a posting was arranged to where a new Ordnance Depot was being built consisting of about six huge sheds destined to receive stores arriving in the Port of Karachi from overseas. This posting arose from the fact that the only Ordnance Corps Liaison Officer 'on the strength' thought he should indent for an assistant. This did me no good because there was no 'Establishment' for a 'Keeping Company Officer'. The work on the sheds by a local native contractor, seemed to be rather at a standstill apparently because additional heat resistant material had been called for on the roofs but the Indian Engineer Officer told me the roofs would not stand any additional weight because the Belfast Trusses had been made from scrap materials!! It seemed venality was rife in the Military Engineering Services and that any junior officer who stirred up agitation about this was promptly posted to active service in Burma, to get him out of the way. All my CO and I were doing was seeking out any available shad to be had. Needless to say this could not be endured indefinitely so I obtained a posting for the active service theatre in Burma, first reporting to HQ in Calcutta. From there to advanced base in the Chin Hills was by train to Manipur Road, detraining into the transit camp there known commonly as Penis Park because of the many phallic symbols about. By road from there to advanced Corps HQ in Imphal and tented accommodation. The only vivid recollection of that place was the sight of a brother officer carrying on conversation while picking industriously at a slice of bread held in his hand. The CO realised I was curious so informed me that all he was doing was picking out the weevils!

To my delight I was required to proceed from there to a forward site hastily contrived on the road behind the advance post of the 17th Indian Infantry Division, this location being known just as milestone 109. The idea was to keep this Division supplied with ammunition and such few stores as we could obtain but in its primitive state the only personnel I had to work with was a detachment of sixteen Ghurkas on loan from a pioneer

Battalion; rather a meagre Establishment for the nucleus of the 52nd Ordnance Field Depot as we were officially called.

After some months of this, age and stress got the better of me and I was invalided out by ambulance thereby escaping the crucial battle with an estimated Japanese force of 100,000 strong leading to the seige of Imphal and fierce fighting around Kohima. By this time I had been sent on posting to GHQ staff appointment in New Delhi. This was a similar situation to the Northern Ireland HQ where it transpired the 'Base-wallahs' resented the intrusion of wartime disrupters. This was March 1944, when the fierce heat of New Delhi was building up. Offices were draped from floor to ceiling with 'kus kus tatties' being reed screens to be drenched with buckets of cold water from time to time by a native sweeper detailed for the job. What with the heat and friction with the established personnel the day came when I decided not to go to work. This brought an Ordnance Brigadier to my 'digs' to investigate whereupon I showed him some commendations I had had from the Infantry Div Commander and told him the sooner he got rid of me the better. This he did promptly by a posting to Ordnance Depot, Baluchistan.

Arriving at Quetta after a long and dirty rail journey and on reporting to the Commanding Officer, his immediate greeting was "You are suffering from the same complaint as I am - old age". He immediately got on the phone to HQ New Delhi and got me a prompt order to proceed to Embarkation HQ Karachi forthwith. This proved to be a sinecure and haven for misfits such as myself; our duties being to receive and chronicle the dockside importation of material from overseas. Here I shared a "chummy" with some other officers, which was a vacant furnished house; our wants being attended to by native servants of various duties.

I could willingly have stayed there indefinitely but, being Group A for demobilisation, I secured one of the first trooping vessels for Home; the 'Christian Huygens' MV on charter from the Dutch Government. Thence to demobilisation in Belfast, Northern Ireland.

These are but condensed incidents along the way in the life of a war-time ordnance officer, omitting most of the highlights such as mutiny I witnessed at Victoria Station among the leave drafts in December 1918 who objected to having to return to France once the war was over. This was quelled by the arrival of a detachment of armed Guardsmen from the Brigade of Guards Depot in London. I am also reminded of the urgent incident for anti-personnel bombs received from Corps HQ to be sent immediately up to the infantry facing the Japs at Kennedy Park in Burma to which indent I had a fierce argument to the effect that I had no such material. Corps insisted strenuously I had. I eventually discovered I had been sleeping on around half-dozen boxes for the many months past to keep myself off the bare ground.

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### Appreciation

The RNZAOC School wishes to record their thanks to Captain H.J. Harris, RAOC (Ret) for permission to have this entertaining glimpse at active service life published in 'Pataka'.

(B.L. CRAFTS)  
Captain  
Unit Historian

The SERVING Soldier

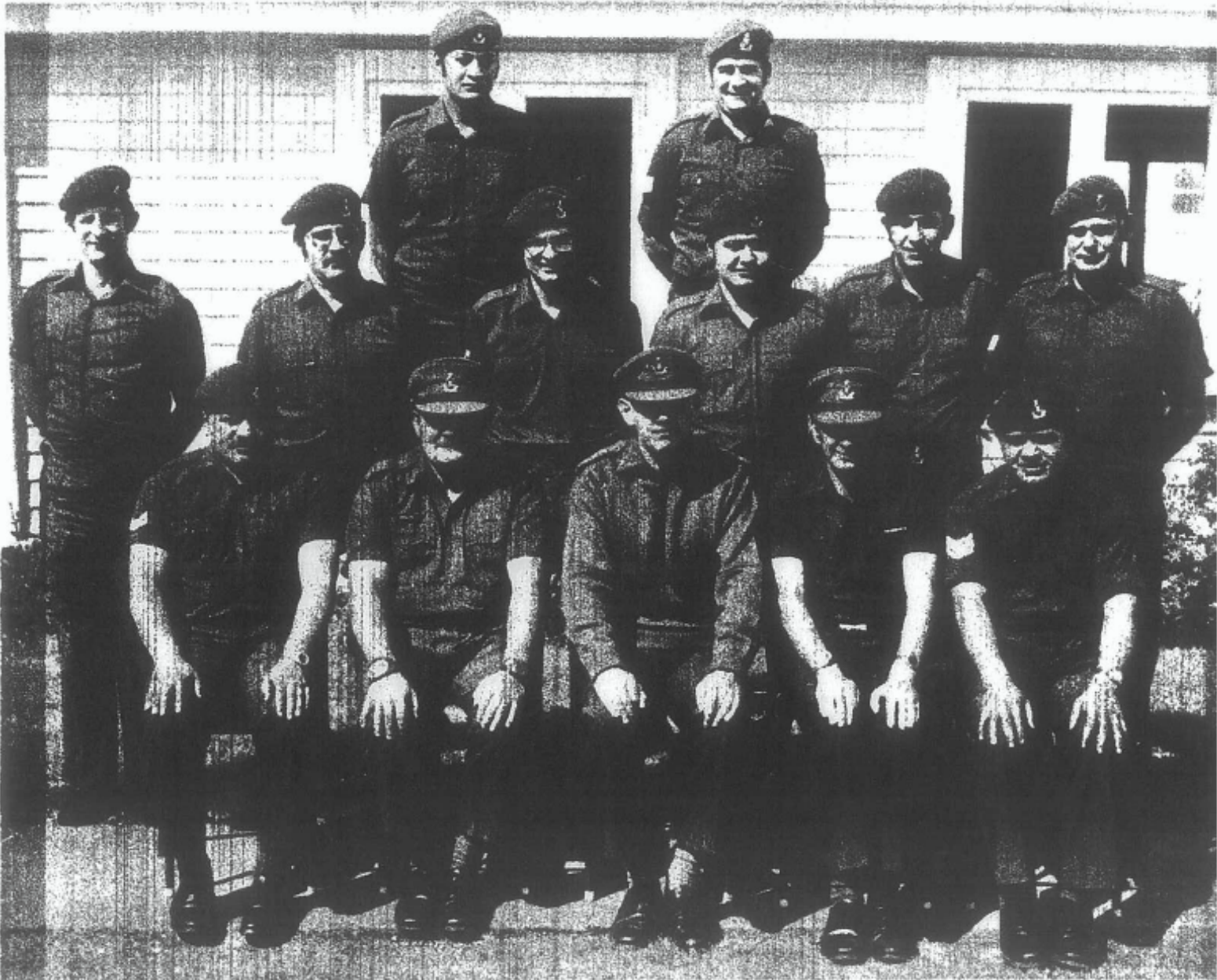
Take heed you men of warrior cast  
As you prepare for battle  
Forget not your fuel nor bullets  
And pack with care for the night is cold  
Take water for your thirst  
And food for your hunger  
But be moderate with your needs  
For the burden grows heavy

And in the heat of battle  
You will cry for more bullets  
You will cry for the wounded  
You will cry for more water  
You will cry for more food.  
And in the heat of the battle  
These cries will be heard.

Take heed you men of warrior cast  
As you prepare for battle  
Treat not lightly those who supply you  
Without them, you will not survive.

BAND 5 STOREMAN/CLERKS COURSE: 1978

This years course was conducted Nov 28 - Dec 18. Naturally, as this course consisted of 12 of the Corps finest, it was not surprising to hear comments trickling into Trentham indicating that a "brain drain" had definitely affected most units. However, as the course testing phase was affected students generally agreed that any future reference on the course to a "brain drain" would be promptly amended to "Grey ditch!!".



Students on this course were:

Sgt	J. Shaw	1	Fd Wksp	"When I was in ...."
WO2	R. Henderson	1	Base Sup Bn	"When I get to ...."
Sgt	G. McKay	1	Sup Coy	"That's the truth!!"
Ssgt	A. Martin	4	Sup Coy (Ed)	"It's A & E, not LV!"
Sgt	M. Iwakau	1	Sup Coy	"S2, real magic"
Sgt	P. Haerewa	2	Sup Coy	"Howzit man"
Cpl	E. Mason	1	Base Sup Bn	"Au feit!"
Ssgt	W. Manaia	4	Sup Coy	"Hells teeth!!"
Sgt	K. Thompson	4	Sup Coy	"My apologies"
Sgt	M. Bird	1	Sup Coy	"But I'm a C Cue"
WO2	L. Conlon	1	Base wksp	"when's Christmas?"
Ssgt	D. Morris	1	Base Sup Bn	"It's not wainui tomato!"



After 18 days we are able to reveal some interesting facts, we would like to share some with you.

Did you know that a large bottle of bourban and half a bottle of Coke will fill a yard glass? You will also be very interested to know that the only thing that won't dissolve in this mixture when stirring, is a billiard cue!!! Now look at our line up and guess which four you think consumed it on top of a weekend lunch. Oh, by the way, for all you bar room half backs, when you drop kick your yard glass, take \$21 along to 21 Manners Street, Wellington.

It was revealed at the post course critique session, that a large number of shares were held by School staff in Tasman Pulp. Suspicions were first aroused during the course tests due to the generation of large quantities of paper. Much to the dismay of all (less School staff), at the conclusion of each exercise, only prime documents were removed for making file 13 copping the rest!!!, anguished cries of "my beautiful summaries" and "those perfect proof postings" going up from all sides.

Being public spirited students, a few of the lads embarked on a "public relations" visit to a local "firm" noted for its Thursday night activity. After a frustrating 10 minutes of trying to impart their great knowledge and "warm" friendship on one of the patrons, by means approaching forceful persuasion, it suddenly became apparent that the lucky recipient of all the fuss was a deaf and dumb mute having a "stot" with his welfare cheque. Would the lads from 1 TFR stand up and take a bow.

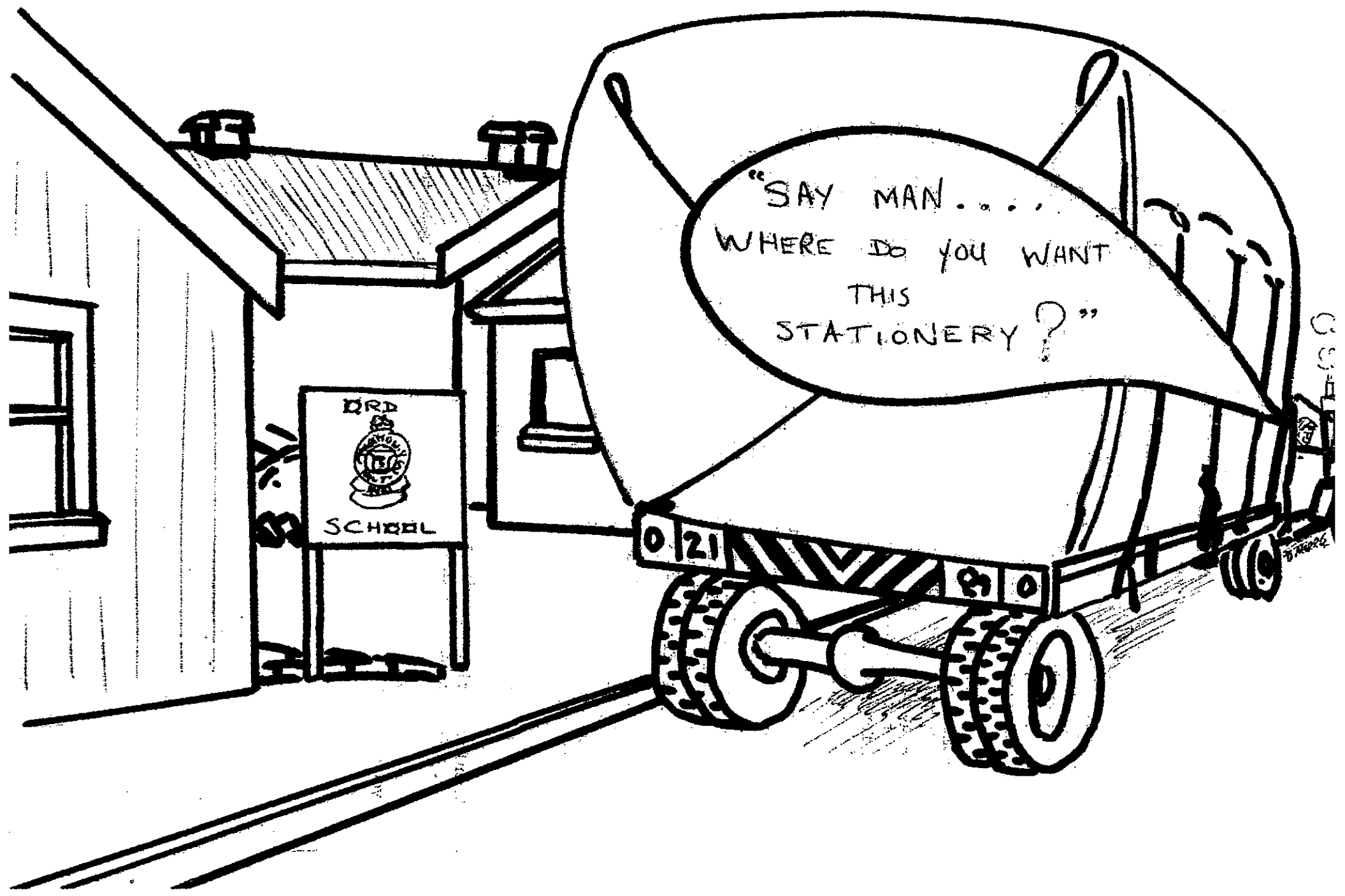
Like most things bright and wonderful in the RNZAOC new Corps terminology is usually dreamt up in Trentham, but would someone in Trentham please clarify in writing to the 'Ed', what the word which is bandied around Trentham with much generosity actually means;

EWES, YOOZ, YOUSE, YEWZ, UUUUZ.

The diseased word has struck in the vocabularly of nearly all of Trentham's citizenry in such phrases as; "yooz aren't allowed to do that", or, "what do Ewes do in regards to this?".

And therein lies the challenge Trentham, can Ewes tell me what yooz means?

BAND 3 COURSE 1 AND 2  
3 DAY EXERCISE!



HISTORICAL TITBITS

The following are extracts from:

"British Orders and Awards"

by Kaye and Ward.

Pertaining to the duties performed by Captains, Sergeant-Majors, and Sergeants way back in History.

Captain

The word is derived from the French "Capitaine" which came from the Latin "Caput" meaning head.

He is to train his men how to march and counter march, and to advance forward and backwards by files.

A Captain ought to march into the field in front of his Company, and his Lieutenant in the rear. When marching out of battle the Captain's place is to bring up the rear, the Lieutenant to lead the Company.

He ought to have one wagon at least to carry his baggage and conduct his sick soldiers. He is to be little pestered with luggage of his own as possible, lest it should hinder the march.

He must induce his soldiers to be prodigal of their lives to do him service, and to be familiar and eloquent in persuading and dissuading his soldiers, and to stir up their valours to undergo pain and peril.

A Captain ought to carry himself in such a way that his soldiers may both fear and love him. Too much familiarity breeds contempt and too stern a carriage breeds hatred.

Sergeant Major

He is to be a good scholar and witty, but must be quick of apprehension and furnished with able memory. He must have a paper book with pen and ink to set down all orders and commands that he may not err or vary one title from what was delivered to him.

He is to have a swift nag to carry him about his quarters and to visit his guards, for his business lies vary confusedly in the Army.

Also when referring to the relationships between the Sergeants and the Sergeant Major it says -

All inferior Sergeants are to stand round about him and he is to deliver the words privately in the ear of the Sergeant which stands on his right hand, and is to whisper in the ear of the next, and so on from one to another around. The last man is to give it to the Sergeant Major again. If the last man gives it wrong, then he must give it all over again.

Note: This shows the importance of repeating all verbal orders.

Take the ancient yarn about the ~~runner~~ who was given a message which ran:

"Send reinforcements, the General is going to advance"

and ended up:

"Send three and fourpence, the General is going to a Dance"

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EXTRACT FROM AN EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE INCIDENT REPORT FILED IN AUG 78

"Mr Robertson was a valiant member of the Home Guard and when his unit closed down in 1945 the SQMS asked him to keep an eye on these grenades. On SUNDAY afternoon he was cleaning out his shed and as he no doubt considered that there was no further danger from the terrible HUN, he requested the army have their grenades back.

Incidents like this would never happen if members of the NZ Home Guard had been of the same high calibre and efficiency of Cpl Jones of the Warmington-On-Sea Platoon when under the command of Captain Manwaring.

CORPS PROMOTIONS TO 15 JAN 79

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Promotion</u>	<u>Date</u>
Maj	P.H. Reid	To be T/Lt Col	15 Jan 79
T/Maj	P.T.T. Puohotaua	Maj	15 Jan 79
Capt	J.F. Hyde	T/Maj	2 Oct 78
T/Capt	J.S. Bolton	Capt	14 Dec 78
T/Capt	P.J. Blundell	Capt	20 Dec 78
T/Capt	B.L. Crafts	Capt	5 Jan 79
Lt	L.J. Gardiner	T/Capt	10 Aug 78
Lt(W)	D.A. D'Ath	T/Capt (W)	10 Mar 78
Lt	B.A. Gush	T/Capt	10 Mar 78
Lt	B. Stewart	T/Capt	10 Nov 78
Lt	R.D.E. Edwards	T/Capt	10 Nov 78
Lt	B.N. Lichtwark	T/Capt	14 Nov 78
Lt	P.M. Cunninghame	T/Capt	14 Dec 78
Lt	I.J. Juno	T/Capt	15 Dec 78
Lt	G.D. Cain	T/Capt	20 Dec 78
Lt	P.A. Streeter	T/Capt	20 Dec 78
Lt	D.H. Watmuff	T/Capt	20 Dec 78
2Lt	R.J.A. Smith	Lt	20 Dec 78
WO1	B.J. Quinn	To be WO1 (Conductor)	3 Aug 78
WO1	D.A. Orr	To be WO1 (Conductor)	3 Aug 78
WO2	B.M. Colbourne	To be T/WO1	7 Dec 78
Ssgt	D.J. Kennedy	T/WO2	28 Aug 78
T/Ssgt	K.R. Blackburn	Ssgt	2 Aug 78
Sgt	K.J. Moore	T/Ssgt	16 Oct 78
Sgt	A.E. Martin	T/Ssgt	11 May 78
Sgt	M.J. McLean	T/Ssgt	31 Jul 78
T/Sgt	B. Mose	Sgt	8 Aug 78
T/Sgt	E.J. Hume	Sgt	3 Oct 78
Cpl	R.J. MacDowall	T/Sgt	29 Jul 78
Cpl	A.T.A. Tuhi	T/Sgt	17 May 78
Cpl	E.E. Phillips	T/Sgt	14 Aug 78
Cpl	L.S. Ferry	T/Sgt	1 Jul 78
Cpl	W.C. Emmens	T/Sgt	29 Sep 78
Cpl	W.A. Scobie	T/Sgt	5 Sep 78
T/Cpl	M.M. Robinson	Cpl	22 May 78
T/Cpl	M.G. Kiddie	Cpl	1 Aug 78
T/Cpl	W.F. Davis	Cpl	23 Aug 78
T/Cpl(W)	B.D. Burton	Cpl (W)	10 Nov 78
Lcpl	G.S. Styles	T/Cpl	5 Sep 78



<u>Rank</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Promotion</u>	<u>Date</u>
Lcpl	P.J. Finn	To be T/Cpl	31 Aug 78.
Lcpl (W)	T.M. Kinita	T/Cpl (W)	11 Jul 78
Lcpl	N.S. Anderson	T/Cpl	1 Sep 78
T/Lcpl	G.D.J. Keown	Lcpl	15 Jun 78
T/Lcpl	J.W. Thompson	Lcpl	10 Jul 78
T/Lcpl	T.E. Gibbons	Lcpl	23 Aug 78
T/Lcpl	A.J. Newton	Lcpl	29 Sep 78
T/Lcpl(W)	M.A. Chamberlain	Lcpl (W)	13 Oct 78
Pte	M.T.J. Kennedy	T/Lcpl	26 Jun 78
Pte	T.D. McEnroe	T/Lcpl	1 Jul 78
Pte	S.G. Vartha	T/Lcpl	4 Oct 78
Pte(W)	G.R. Tupara	T/Lcpl (W)	15 Sep 78
Pte	R.C. Symonds	T/Lcpl	16 Nov 78
Pte	C.F. Coleman	T/Lcpl	11 Oct 78
Pte	M.P. Lawrence	T/Lcpl	22 May 78
Pte	A.M. Van Wyk	T/Lcpl	4 Jul 78
Pte(W)	M.S. Grace	T/Lcpl (W)	1 Aug 78
Pte(W)	W.L. Riddell	T/Lcpl (W)	14 Jun 78
Pte(W)	V.D. Baird	T/Lcpl (W)	4 Jul 78
Pte(W)	M.R. Tooman	T/Lcpl (W)	5 Oct 78
Pte	K.D.T. Lyes	T/Lcpl	14 Jun 78
Pte (W)	K.M. Callingham	T/Lcpl (W)	23 May 78
Pte	W.J. Parkes	T/Lcpl	14 Jun 78
Pte	W.N. Vince	T/Lcpl	31 Aug 78
Pte(W)	A.L. Hammerton	T/Lcpl (W)	1 Aug 78
Pte	G.P. Tranter	T/Lcpl	13 Nov 78
Pte(W)	G.J. Hill	T/Lcpl (W)	16 Nov 78

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