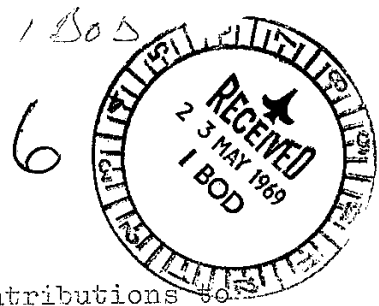


'P A T A K A'

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Contributions to Newsletter

37. There does indeed appear to be a shortage of contributions to the newsletter, with only 1 BOD, 2 COD and 1 ODP offering items of interest towards this publication of the 'PATAKA'.

38. Contrary to some expressed opinions, we know that events do occur within Ordnance units and we would be pleased to be informed of these.

39. 1 BOD have expressed their intention to submit contributions at the end of each month, an idea that may appeal to all units.

40. Remember, the complete success of 'PATAKA' depends on the contributions supplied, so what about it 1 COD, 3 COD, 1 Comp Ord Coy and others.

Colonel Commandant - RNZAOC

41. Brigadier A.H. Andrews, OBE, is our new Colonel Commandant vice Lt-Col H. McK. Reid, OBE.

Honours and Awards

42. Congratulations to WO1 Pat RIORDAN and WO11 Roy BLOCKWELL on their awards of the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal.

43. The Corps has been honoured by further awards of the rather exclusive Meritorious Service Medal to WO1 Jack CRAWFORD and WO1 Doug. WILSON of 1 BOD. Congratulations to you both.

44. These awards of this medal, in addition to those held by WO1 Maurie PHILLIPS, WO1 Maurie BULL and Ssgt Kevin ANDERSON all of Trentham represent a fairly large proportion of the entire entitlement in the NZ Army.

45. Former Prime Minister Harold MacMillan was recently quoted as saying that in his opinion the only 'award' worth having was the Legion of Honour - and that only because it allows the holder unlimited travel on the French Railways. The MSM it's true, will not even get you a 10 trip ticket from Trentham to Upper Hutt; but then it was never intended to be a mere 'perk' or reward.

46. Some idea of the significance of the MSM may be gained by considering the years of service of the wearers which adds up to well over a century, with experience amounting almost to an encyclopaedia of Ordnance service as well as in many other Corps of the Army in World War II.

Retirements and Discharges

47. WO1 Maurie PHILLIPS retired from the Army on 31 Mar 69, after some 32 years service, the greater part of which was spent in MOD/1 BOD. While we have lost his immediate services, his vast store of knowledge and experience will still be on hand as he is taking up an appointment in EDS.

48. WO1 Pat RIORDAN retired on 23 Feb 69 after approximately 23 years service. During his service at 2 COD, Pat held most appointments in the Depot and at the time of his retirement was acting 2IC.

49. WOII Doug FARROW retired on 28 Feb 69. Doug is an Ordnance soldier of long standing and has held many appointments in the north. He has just recently returned to NZ from Fiji after a period of attachment to their forces.

50. Cpl Harry SELBY of RNZE retired on 2 Jan 69 after approximately 12 years service. For the last 3 years Harry was employed as a carpenter at 2 COD and in this capacity was a very valuable member of the staff. Fortunately Harry is to remain with the depot as a civilian employee.

Illness

51. It is never pleasant to record sickness but at least we have the pleasure of reporting the return to duty after illness of WOI Noel BLANCHARD, WOI Bert GILES, and Ssgt Ivan MULLIS.

52. Noel was absent some 3 months during which time he underwent surgery but he is now back at work and looking much better.

53. Bert spent about three weeks in Wellington Hospital and is now 'back on the job'.

54. Ivan had a very long period in Masterton Hospital where he was operated on twice. Since then he has made steady progress towards full health and although he still looks a little 'shaky' he is now back at work.

New OC - 1 OFF

55. Major Marchant visited the unit with Capt C.J. Hodson on the 29th and 30th Mar 69 for the last time before assuming the appointment of DADOS 1 Inf Bde Gp.

56. Major Marchant's service in the Army dates from 1952 and until 1964 served in Arty units before going to 1 Gen Tps Wksp Stores Sect. He became OC, 1 OFF in June 1966.

57. Captain C.J. Hodson is to become the new OC. A TF Officer, he is no stranger to the OFF as he was with this unit as an Officer Cadet and as a Lt in 1967. He was then Admin. Offr.

Machine Accounting Progress

58. 1 BOD is currently engaged in transferring MT Spares over to Machine Accounting. This process commenced in early March and is the last Group to be converted to the new system.

59. Well girls, we warned you last time. Sgt Keith PARKER from 2 COD topped the last EDP Course in Wigram with 81.3%.

Social News

60. Marriages

Congratulations to the following on their recent marriages :

Cpl John McGLINCHY - 1 BOD - 1 Mar 69.

Cpl David MORRIS - 2 COD - 15 Feb 69.

61. Births

Congratulations are due to the following 2 COD staff on recent family additions :

Ssgt Ted PATERSON, his 2nd child, a daughter - 12 Feb 69.

Sgt Morrie O'CONNEL, his 7th, a son - 13 Feb 69.

Lcpl David WALKER, a daughter - 2 Mar 69.

RAAC's Cricket Tour

62. It was stated in the last issue of 'PATAKA' that we would report a more detailed account of the tour in this issue.

63. Major John CAMPBELL - DADOS CMD has instead produced a separate report which should shortly be out to all units.

RNZAOC Senior Officers Conference

64. On the 8th and 9th of May the long-awaited "Postings Conference" was held at Trentham Camp. DOS' conferred with his Deputies and officers Commanding Depot from NMD, CMD and 1 BOD. The delegates from South never made the main Conference and instead spent the day sightseeing from the decks of the mv 'MAORI' while it was hove to during one of Wellington's windier days. Both these officers then joined a later conference on 15 May which finalised all outstanding business.

65. It is considered that the conference was a great success and the more tangible results such as promotions and postings should be evident soon and will be notified in 'PATAKA' as they become effective.

Final Thought

66. 1 BOD, noticing the hopefuls and not-so-hopefuls on the recent 4 Star course, wondered if this course could not come under TV headings. If so, would it be known as 'STAR TREK' or 'MISSION IMPOSSIBLE'.

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20 May 69.

Addendum

67. The "Editor-in-Chief" would like to thank The "Ghost-Writer" from BOD who assisted so ably in the production of this issue. NO its not true that he's on permanent TOD to Army its just that temporary can be for a long time.

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