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RNZAOC NEWSLETTER 70/2



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Contributions for this issue of our Newsletter have come in from most units and we also have a couple of overseas items to pass on.

122. A "Welcome" to the Corps is extended to the following new recruits:

- Pte Steve MOIR to 1 COD
- Pte Marion JAGGARD to 1 BOD as Data Processor
- Pte BA KEATS who is posted to 2 COD
- Pte M. IWIKAU who is posted to 2 COD
- Lcpl G.D McKAY ex 1 Comp Ord TF who is posted to 2 COD.

We also welcome Pte McCULLOUGH GA to 1 BOD upon his graduation from RF Cadets. 1 Comp Ord Coy have given a red patch of welcome back to Pte Stan RAVENSWOOD who comes to them from civvie street, and is a second time starter having served with 10FP and MOD on a previous engagement.

123. Unfortunately we must also say 'Farewell' to some of our men who have recently completed their service.

Major ROLLO has relinquished his appointment as CATO to retire to a life of ease along the Golden Coast.

1 BOD has lost a long-service soldier in Ssgt Dave LAIDLAW who retired during February.

Sgt B.A. McCORMICK completed his engagement at 1 COD at the end of February and Lcpl MURTON who recently returned from service in SVN and was posted to 1 BOD has completed his engagement and has decided to return to civilian life.

Mr. George STEWART retired recently from 3 COD after completing 27 years of service at Burnham Camp.

124. Postings Within.

Major CR DUGGAN	From DADOS NMD	to CATO AHQ
WOII Buster ALLEN	From 3 COD	to 2 COD Waiouru
WOII Ron EVELEIGH	From 1 Comp Ord Coy	to 1 BOD
Sgt Jim PRICE	From 2 COD Waiouru	to Army HQ
Sgt Goldie GOLDFINCH	from SVN	to Waiouru Wksp
Sgt Max BLACKBURN	from 3 COD	to 1 Comp OrdCoy
Ssgt Barry THOMPSON	from 2 AOD Vietnam	to RNZAOC School
Cpl Wayne LE GROS	from AHQ	to 3 COD
Cpl "Twiggy" SWAIN	from 3 COD	to RNZAOC School
Lcpl Ross CAMPBELL	from 1 Comp Ord Coy	to 1 BOD
Lcpl Terry JARVIS	From 1 Comp Ord Coy	to 1 COD
Pte Rosemary ASTON	From 1 BOD	to 2 COD

125. Attachments.

Cpl J.H. WHAREWERA of RNZAC arrived at 1 BOD on 2 Mar 70 for an attachment of several months whilst assisting with the receipt kitting, maintenance and issue of the M113 APCs.

126. Promotions.

WOII SONTGEN RJ	To be T/WOI
Sgt CATTERMOLE M	To be T/Ssgt
Cpl SMITH BC	To be T/Sgt

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Distribution made to all groups.

Ord Room. Records.

Promotions (Cont)

Lcpl JOYCE KA	To be T/Cpl
Pte O'GRAM MS	To be T/Lcpl
Pte CANNELL JF	To be T/Lcpl
Pte BOXALL KJ	To be T/Lcpl
Pte MYERS WB	To be T/Lcpl
Pte RAY EM	To be T/Lcpl
Pte McLACHLAN NHS (NZWRAC)	To be T/Lcpl
Pte MORAN ET (NZWRAC)	To be T/Lcpl

127. Obituary

Mr. John Stewart DRYSDALE

It is with regret that HQ CMD advise the untimely death of Jack Drysdale on 29th January 1970.

Jack served in the NZ Army throughout the 1939-45 war and saw service with the 27th Machine Gun Bn in the Middle East.

He was employed at HQ CMD as a civilian clerk and apart from other jobs has worked under Lt Cols Bishop and Harvey and other members of the Corps, all of whom thought very highly of his work.

Jack is missed very much at CMD, not only for his excellent work, but also for his cheerfulness and co-operation with both military and civilian members of the Headquarters.

128. FIELD OPERATIONS! - 1 BOD Warrant Officers

WOI Jack Crawford and WOII Bob Derwin, both well known members of 1 BOD, a necessarily static unit, decided to take part in the 1970 Annual Camp in a more direct and certainly more 'on the spot' manner than is usual for 1 BOD personnel. Both underwent successful operations at 2 Gen Hospital under canvas at Dannevirke, thereby being at the 'receiving' end of field force activities for a change rather than the customary 'issuing' end.

129. Authorised Balances - a Scaly Problem?

If a COD demands on 1 BOD for a weighing machine, which scales, (or a pair of them) are the correct authority? Rumour has it that this question could crop up in future pre-entry tests at the RNZAOC School. Prospective students should therefore weigh their answers carefully in order to obtain a balanced reply to the question. After all, this can only tip the scales in their favour with the examiner.

130. Cricket Match - Sunday 8 Mar 70 at Trentham

DOS XI v 1 COMP ORD COY

On Sunday 8 March the battle of the giants commenced in pouring rain as 1 Comp Ord Coy, fresh from victory in the Trentham Competition, but weakened by the loss of Darryl Todd to the Army Team, faced the DOS eleven on Davis Field. The arrangements which were well organised by WOII Ron Eveleigh, included a steady supply of liquid refreshments and a buffet dinner for players, wives and families.

The DOS Eleven won by a narrow margin of 57 runs. Batting first they scored a total of 154 runs in the first innings. Comp Ord Coy was all out for 97 runs. For the second innings it was decided that both sides should bat for one half hour each resulting in both scoring 72 runs at a cost of three Comp Ord wickets and five for DOS eleven. This resulted in Comp Ord Coy buying the drinks in the messes afterwards. A most enjoyable day was had by all and the activities proved a good warm-up for the forthcoming tour trials.

Top scorers for the DOS eleven were Maj AJ Campbell and Lt Col GJH Atkinson and for Comp Ord Coy eleven Sgt Max Blackburn and Sgt Ray Cox.

The DOS had an 'on form' day which included both bowling and catching the OC of 1 Comp Ord Coy.

/Jottings

131. Jottings from 2 COD Sub Depot Waiouru

News from the cold country will make aware to those RNZAOC persons who have to face Waiouru for courses that the permanent Corps representation is being increased in the largest Military Camp in New Zealand. No longer will an Ordnance soldier visit Waiouru as a stranger, because with the build-up of pers at 2 COD Sub Depot, company is assured in any of the messes.

On 9 Mar 70 the teeth arms shuddered to see an RNZAOC Officer, Capt John Henderson, as adjutant of the Waiouru Command Parade. A first for Capt Henderson and a step in the right direction for Waiouru.

The staff here are flat out cleaning up after Annual Camps. During the Camping Season this gallant staff gave 24 hr a day service which was much appreciated by units (as their written 'Thanks' will testify). Could some-one explain "Stand-down" to us? And what year does one get to take this?

This is the place to promote the RNZAOC. Units are not just a name on a package because our work is nearly all direct contact, especially at annual camp time when visits by unit representatives are numerous. However, we have doubts whether these representatives came to admire our two lovely girls, Miss Gaynor O'Sullivan and Mrs. Janice Tidswell, or to discuss stores.

For the ammunition world this is the place where the mushrooms grow and the variety of work is endless. Trials of new ammunition take place here and firing is going on all the time. This makes it possible for ATs to see at first hand the results of their labours.

Finally, the staff at Waiouru would like to record their condolences to Capt Hughes and Sgt Jim Price in the defeat of Wales by Sgt O'Connell's Irishmen.

132. Equipment Displays - Trentham

An interesting and impressive range of new equipment for the Army was displayed on 9 and 10 Mar 70 for senior officers and officials of the Ministry of Defence. Many military and civilian staff of 1 BOD and other Trentham units were able to view the exhibit which included:

M113A1 Armoured Vehicles: Personnel Carriers
Command Post
Cargo Carrier

Operating Display of Combat Radios:

AN/GRC 106 and)
MRC 95) mounted on Landrovers.

Static Display of Radios and Generators

1 Twin 3.5 KVA Generator tlr
1 Single 6 KVA Generator tlr
AN/PRC 47 Radio Set
AN/PRC 77 Radio Sets in various configurations.

D. A. R. T. Range Target System

(Disappearing and Retaliatory Target System).
This was demonstrated at Trentham at the same time.

The arrival and imminent use of much new equipment after some months or even years of simply being in a paper or "Project" stage is very encouraging. The 'User' units obviously will get the main benefit of the new equipment which can only improve efficiency and morale. It is, however, also encouraging for RNZAOC to receive, issue and maintain new equipment, after past experience of maintaining old and very old equipment. These latter often involve frustrating difficulties of supply - and

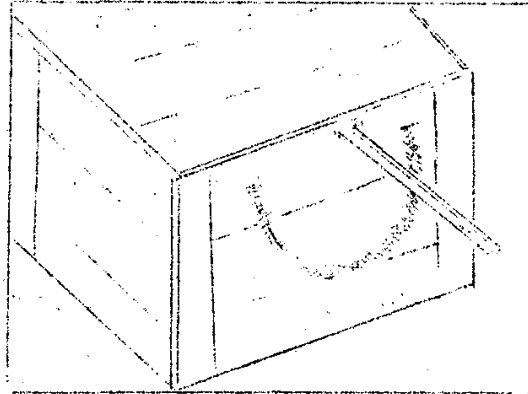
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the corps has sometimes suffered unkind comment from those less familiar with our role in the Army.

Some Overseas News

133. From the RAOC Journal.

The bizarre packaging of a rifle, illustrated at right, almost defies belief. Yet this is exactly how the package was received at Donnington, UK, from a Territorial unit. It was rather surprising that the thinker who engineered this monstrosity had not seen fit to hack off the offending length of barrel.



134. From Singapore.

Sgt McGlinchey, writing from 1 RNZIR in Singapore reports:

I recently visited 3 COD (RAOC). The RAOC has commenced moving into some of the storehouses and part of the control office. One task the Brits are undertaking is the construction of 76,000 wooden cases to contain stores being moved out during the withdrawal East of Suez. The Depot runs a 2½ hr Urgent issue system in response to demands from units in Singapore with a similar capability - (24 hrs) towards units in West Malaysia.

The vehicle sub-depot (previously 221BVD) contains approximately 1,000 Landrovers and 500 Bedfords with a transaction rate of 50 issues and receipts daily.

1 RNZIR training early this year included heli-borne ops culminating in an air assault onto an off-shore island.

135. Honours and Awards

Congratulations are extended to the following members of 3 COD on the award of the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal:

WOII Norm SMYTHE and Ssgt Les DILLARD

Sports News

136. From 3 COD.

Lt Stewart FUSSELL successfully skipped the Ordnance Bowls team to Second place in the Camp competition.

3 COI cricket team also finished in the Camp Competition.

137. From RNZAOC School

WOI Maurie BULL was last year awarded the First "Administration Pocket" in recognition of his considerable contribution to sport within the Army and also in Inter-Service competition.

New Depot Insignia have been designed by a member of the School staff and a reproduction of these has been attempted as an annexure to the letter.

1 Comp Ord News

138. Annual Camp.

1. Annual Camp is now over for the unit and once again we have lost some of the TF pers. Those we lost were:

Lcpls Steve McCarthy, Cy Berry and Bill Trotter, as well as Ptes Earl Feck, Steve Paul, Bob Taylor and Gary Ealam.

2. During the Annual Camp the Unit was visited by an NZBC camera crew who were filming a TV Drama "The Genuine Plastic Marriage". A number of Comp Ord Coy pers were used in the Army scenes, and no doubt the highlight of the drama will be Sgt Max Blackburn (with a screen name of 'Roydon Studd', and wearing his rank on the outer sleeve of a parka) entreating twelve idle, dozy Comp Ord types to get aboard a truck. However a letter of appreciation from the NZBC was received which made it worthwhile.

139. Matched.

Lcpl Steve Shepherd took the last long Batchelor's walk on Saturday 21st March and the Company wishes both Judy and Steve all the very best.

APPRECIATION

The Editor's thanks go to all those who have contributed items to this issue of Pataka. Keep up the good work, please.



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