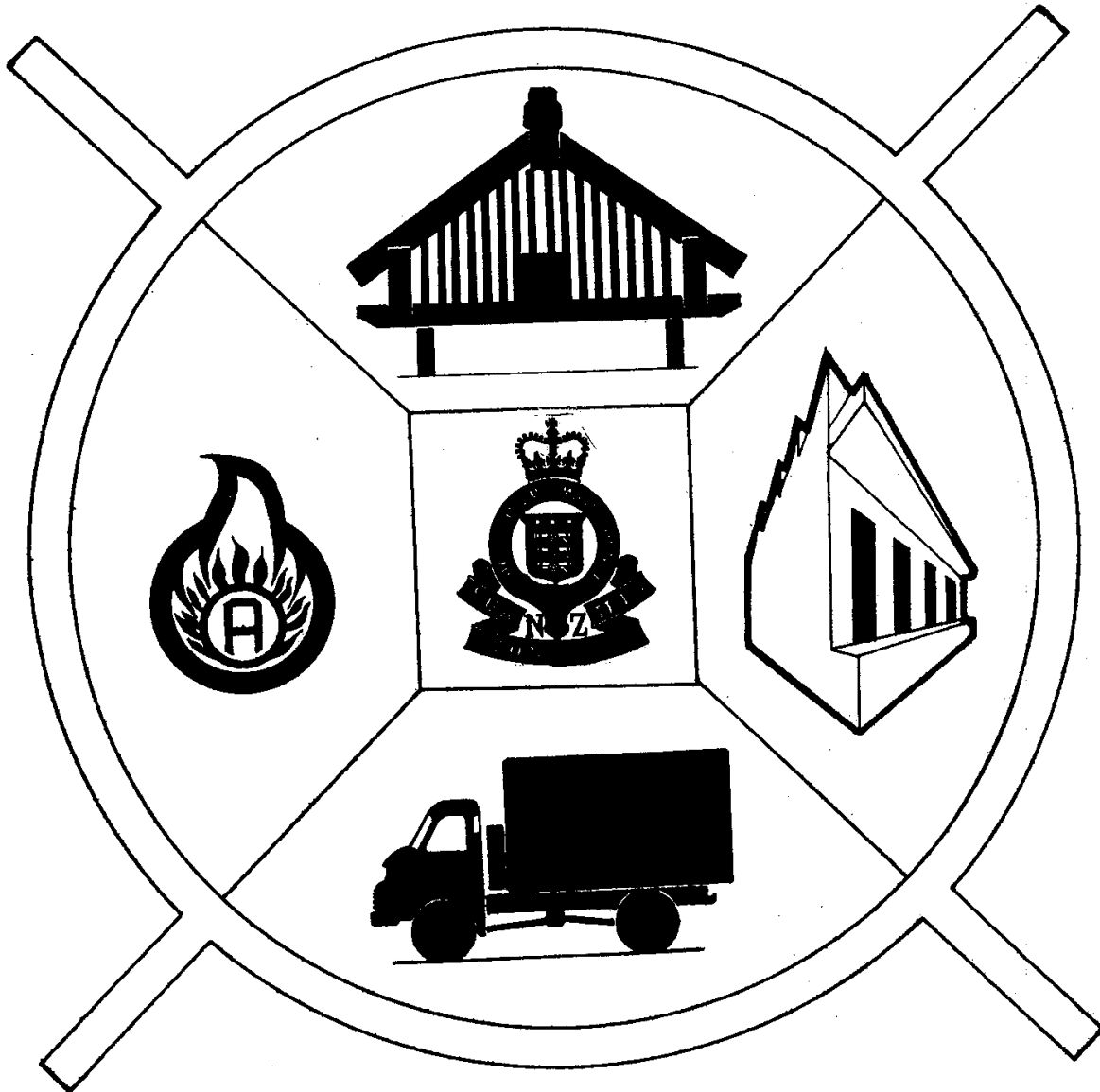


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THE MAGAZINE OF THE **RNZAOC**

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296. ANZUK ORDNANCE DEPOT

The following extracts from the RAOC Gazette contain snippets of interesting information of our troops in Singapore -

From the January 1972 edition:

" 'ANZUK Ordnance Depot'

The unit has raised a Field Support Detachment, and, under the command of Capt J. Clarke, supported by SSgts Ashdown and Shepherd, it is supporting 28 ANZUK Brigade in the Mersing area of Malaysia.

The Bath Unit of this detachment is using an amazing American equipment which requires a brave man to peer through a peep-hole until combustion. Fortunately, the unit has such a man in Corporal SMITH of the RNZAOC.' "

and from the February 1972 edition:

* 'ANZUK Ordnance Depot

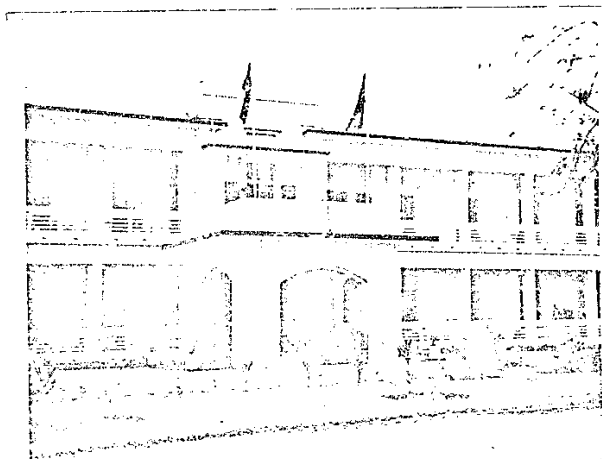
The Field Stores Detachment is back from Ex Run-Up held in Malaysia by 28 ANZUK Brigade. The Bath Section, apparently, run by Cpl Smith, RNZAOC, succeeded in bathing all comers and, in spite of water shortage, operated almost non-stop for twelve days. Ssgt Ashdown, RAOC, distinguished himself by producing to the Commander the only apple tree in Malaysia, all home grown in the space of five minutes, whilst the remainder of the FSD were busy stealing, or as they said, borrowing a Kiwi 'Totem Pole'. No wonder everybody wants to go on exercise where "it all happens."

The Vehicle Sub Depot has moved its temporary location in the stores basin until the DOE completes his works services required for their final location.

Captain Ian ROSS, with his priorities right, has established the Oasis Club outside working hours, and the VSD feels that the day is fast approaching when they will be able to take on all comers at darts and the '100 litres'. "

HQ ANZUK Ordnance Depot

Reproduced below is a photograph just received from Captain Ross of the HQ.



297. HONOURS AND AWARDS

It is with pleasure that we advise the following medal awards and offer congratulations to the three recipients:

MSM - Meritorious Service Medal

to - WO1 Barry STEWART - RSM of the Ordnance School
to - WO1 Dave THOMAS - now retired from his appointment of Chief Ammo Tech at 1 COD. Dave spent almost all of his army career in the Northern Region.

LS & GC Medal - Long Service and Good Conduct Medal

to SSgt Gibble COFFEY of 1 Comp Ord Coy

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297A. Miscellaneous Items of news from here and there

A Wanderer Returns

Cpl WAUGH W. D. has been away from Ordnance for three years on a TOD with the Cash Pay Office including an overseas tour. Now he is back in the fold and has joined the 2 COD Sub Depot at Waiouru.

Overseas Tours Completed

Lcpl and Mrs. S. Shepherd are the first of the ANZUK personnel to return to NZ from their tours of duty in Singapore. Steve has been posted to 1 OFP and we hope is settling in to the NZ way of life once more.

Another overseas traveller to return is Sgt Brian Burgess. It is unfortunate that ill-health has caused Brian and his family to be returned before completing his two years in Singapore. He will return to his previous unit at 3 COD in the near future. We hope the bracing air of Burnham will agree with you Brian and put you 'in the pink' again.

WO1 M. D. McKay will have completed his two year tour with the Royal Fiji Military Forces by the time this letter is despatched. Mac is to return to his former location at 2 COD.

Sgt John BYROM, whose tour of one year was extended to allow him to assist with the withdrawal of stores, etc. from South Vietnam, should soon be back on New Zealand soil. He will return to the Northern Region when his leave has been taken.

Strength Increases

On paper we have noted that the Corps strength has been increased in the last few weeks by the following personnel to whom we wish good luck and say 'welcome':

Pte BURKE G. D. Attested on 13 Mar and posted to 3 COD

Pte TUHEKE J. H. Attested on 16 Mar and posted to 1 COD.

Both are at present at the RF Depot to complete Basic Recruits Cse.

After completing his annual camp training this year Lcpl STEED M. R. decided to join Regular Force and has been welcomed to the 3 COD team.

298. Contributions from 1 BOD

1 BOD has continued with the good start we made at the beginning of the year and with the recent additions to brighten the flagging interest in the machine room morale is still A1.

Bereavements

It is with regret that we record the death of Ssgt Ivon BURT. Ivon had approximately 28 years service, many of which were spent in 1 BOD. His untimely passing will be felt by many.

We also record the death of one of our civilian employees - Mr. Bert HENSHAW. Bert had spent 4 years with 1 BOD and was employed in Clothing Group.

Issues (Old Stock)

Ssgt Kevin ANDERSON retired on 16th April this year. Kevin joined the army in 1939 at the Army Schools which were then situated in Trentham. He was medically discharged in Aug 39 but commenced duty as a civilian storeman in MOD the same month. Kevin was mobilised in 1942 and joined the RF in 1947.

We have not said a final good-bye to Kevin as he will be returning to 1 BOD to continue working as a civilian.

Receipts (New Stock)

The Women's Lib Org has further pressed its claim on 1 BOD with recent welcomes to:

Ptes Jane Elliott
Cilla Ormsby
Fay Ritchie
Janet Werahiko

Receipts (Used Stock)

A welcome has been extended to Ssgt Barry Thompson who has joined our team from the RNZAOC School.

Receipting a Receipt

WOI Brian Gush recently threw a party to welcome Len Conlon whose return heralded the end of a 12 month stint as Bulk storeman for the Sgts Mess. The party was so good that Len, hoping for another, promptly left SES to join the boys on the 3 Star course, after which he goes on a spot of overdue leave.

Brian was last seen running around the Depot with an empty hat looking for donations towards persuading Len to stay.

Despatched

2Lt Weaver to Def HQ on TOD
2Lt Blackburn to Home Comd on TOD
WOII Dennis Evans to Home Comd on TOD
Ssgt Ernie (he drank the fastest pint in the Mess) Clegg on posting to 1 Comp Ord Coy.

Lcpl Stuart Neels to Sp Branch, Def HQ

Off to attend the Stm/Clk 3 Star course:

Ssgt Len Conlon
Cpl Wayne Myers
Cpl Morrie Hunt

To AEWs for "e-e-e-k" Maths!

Cpl Karen McPhee
Pte Jim O'Brien

To NZWRAC Course at Burnham:
the Receipts (New Stock)

To EDP Course No. 43 - Wigram
Pte Robin Stevens

Promotions: Congratulations are extended to -
Cpl Evan Davidson and
Lcpl Carol Kingi

Bits and Pieces

Ssgt Tony Hiini still has a yearning for overseas travel and will be off to Singapore soon. We extend to Tony and his family, best wishes in the servicemen's dreamland.

Tony and Lcpl Peter Dellabarca were selected to play cricket for the Central Region team in the Inter-Region Summer tournament at Burnham. Peter went, and excelled himself being selected for both the Army and the Services Teams. This has no doubt enhanced his chances for selection to tour Australia next Summer.

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A certain nameless Ssgt did nothing on Camp Parade to prove his qualities as a leader of men. During the March On he LOST HIS PLATOON!

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The Preservation of Man

The horse and the Mule live 30 years
and nothing know of wines and beers.
The Goat and Sheep at 20 die
with never a taste of scotch or rye.
The Cow drinks water by the ton
and at 18 is mostly done.
The Dog at 16 cashes in
without the aid of rum or gin.
The Cat in milk and water soaks
and then in 12 short years it croaks.
The modest, sober, bone dry Hen
lays eggs for Nogs, then dies at 10.
All animals are strictly dry
They sinless live and swiftly die.
But sinful, ginful, rum-soaked men
survive for three score years and ten,
and some of us, the mighty few,
stay pickled 'til we're 92.

With the compliments of
"THE BETTER 'OLE"

'If yer knows of a better 'ole, - go to it!

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299. From 2 COD Sub-Depot, Waiouru

Congratulations -

are extended to Ssgt 'Goldie' Goldfinch and his wife on the birth of their first child, a daughter, on Friday 10th March.

/The New

The New Account

We have now begun our new account - completely separate from 2 COD Linton. Our Code Number is 675.

Who is the Accounting Officer? - Capt Sweet
And who is our OC? - Capt Sweet
And who is our ATO? - Capt Sweet
Oh, and who is Head of Corps in Waiouru? - Capt Sweet
(Who IS Capt Sweet??)

The Ins and Outs of our Unit

Ins -

WOII Alec MANN reported Wednesday afternoon - 8 March and on Thursday morning had joined us for the annual classification shoot at Wanganui. (We joined up with the 'Linton Limies' for this).

Alec had little time to settle in before going north to 1 COD to carry on for Buster Allen who was recuperating at home after another spell of illness.

Outs

Ssgt Morrie O'CONNELL has now moved to Makomako as forecast in the previous issue of PATEKA. He had been five years in Waiouru.

Hospitalisation - Lcpl Murray HUNTER was admitted to Wanganui Public Hospital after a motor accident on the Wanganui/Raetihi Highway known as the Para-Paras on 7 Apr. It has been confirmed that a lung collapsed and he has a cracked vertebrae. Our latest reports are that his recovery rate is very good although he is expected to be in hospital for about a month.

Best wishes from all the staff Murray - hope you are soon back with us.

A Bit of Bull

Some course members of the contributor's 3 star course in 1968 may recall WOI Morrie Bull's ditty which went like this:

You came to school like good boys should
You played the fool - we guessed you would
Too much grog - too little strain
You saw your marks go down the drain.
Home you'll go by boat and train
Still griping as to why you came
But don't give us your hard luck story
Go to the Padre - its his glory.

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The editor regrets that our Waiouru scribe has indicated that his artist's pen has run dry. He has provided us all with some merry moments and for this we thank him. Any one else wishing to 'take up the pen will find a ready market on our pages. Thank you Dave.

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300. From 2 COD Linton

Farewells -

WOI Noel BLANCHARD (The Bosun) has left us after 23 years service in the Depot and on reaching retiring age for rank. A Social and Farewell was held within the Depot for Noel and a good send off was arranged for him.

/ Ssgt

Ssgt Eric BRITTEN has left to try his hand in Civvie St. We wish him well in his new environment.

Cpl Rose ASTON has also gone out to Civvie St. and we wish her well also.

Congratulations

These are in order for Cpl and Mrs. Derek CRAIG on the birth of their third child, a daughter - and to

Cpl and Mrs Mike RAY on gaining their second son.

Welcome

To Lcpl Rose JACKSON on posting from 1 BOD to replace Cpl ASTON in the machine room.

Water Football

Some weeks ago 2 COD took to the field to try their hand at Water Football. This is played on a field about half the size of a soccer field and with hockey nets.

Each side has three water hoses and the ball is a Medicine Ball. One point is gained for pushing the ball into the net of the opposing side with the jets from the fire hoses. The water pressure was 65 lbs per sq. inch.

2 COD found their opponents were the fire station staff and everyone expected the latter to "hose home", (including some lighter-in-the-pocket 2 COD staff).

The team was picked with pugnacious precision -

"Voracious"	VERRALL
"Sting"	RAY
"Hurricane"	HOWLETT
"Nautical"	NORGREN
"Salty"	SIM
"Rowdy"	RUSSELL
"Irrepressible"	IWIKAU
"Perilous"	PARATA
"Hazardous"	HEWITT

The referee was the Camp RSM - WOI Delves.

On went the water. The ref went to blow his whistle to start the game and was hit with six water jets.

After about 5 minutes everyone had the idea of the game.

If one team sprayed the other team with one hose and used the other two hoses to propel the ball, they had a chance of winning.

Have you ever tried to see with 65 lb per sq. in. of water blasting into your eyes?

Just before half-time 2 COD initiated a good forward movement and "floundered" one into the net. Fire Station fought back well in the second half and nearly scored on more than a few occasions. However, 2 COD held on and covered every entrance to their net. The final whistle - and 2 COD had won!

THEN we were told that next time the TV cameras would be focused on the game. Twelve-a-side was the order of the day and so some 'invitations' were extended by the "Original Nine" to -

"Bustling"	BURRELL
"Crafty"	CURRY
"Dangerous"	DARRAH

and - yes, yes! "Periscope" REID.

Needless to say the invitation was accepted by all four. After all - not everyone has a chance to star on TV. And what a good choice of selection it proved to be! 2 COD came up against

ASC and after a dour struggle put the ball in the net with only one minute to go.

2 COD - 1 ASC - Nil

TV coverage, newspaper reports (and photographs) and radio newsbriefs make us all feel a little pleased.

2 COD are now camp Volley-ball champs, Water football champs, and, of course, Ordnance Cricket Champs.

Oh well - all in a day's work !!

P.S. On asking ASC for the loan of a megaphone for the 2 COD range shoot, some smart alex at ASC (10 Tpt Coy) threatened to issue a gonnaphone in lieu. - "And I don't care which end you blow out of."

Wonder why 10 Tpt Coy haven't demanded for anything lately???

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301. 3 COD Contributions

"They Have Their Entrances and Their Exits"

- a. Pte C.W. CATTERMOLE was welcomed to 3 COD when he called in recently to see what the place was like whilst on leave from the RF Depot. Another Ordnance recruit, Pte Cattermole says he is a distant relative of Ssgt Malcolm Cattermole, the 3 COD tailor.
- b. Captain G.M. CORKIN welcomed to 3 COD on 6 Mar prior to taking over as OC from Major Gerard. After arrival, Capt Corkin and Major Gerard proceeded on a tour of 3 COD's far-flung dependencies by way of Timaru, Dunedin, Mosgiel (for the current tentage contract there), Invercargill, Cromwell, Haast Pass and West Coast to Greymouth. Thence via the Buller Gorge to Nelson and back through Blenheim and Kaikoura. A considerable milage is thus covered in order to meet and discuss Ordnance-Customer relations in the widespread corners of the Confederate States.

Congratulations

- a. To Lcpl Tim HAYTER and the former Pauline Hickey on the occasion of their marriage at Burnham on Saturday 4 Mar. Not only was this a marriage within the Corps - it was a distinct get-together within the "ammo" net. Tim is 3 COD's newest AT, whilst Pauline is the daughter of Sgt Brian Hickey, AT, (late of Fairlie and now of Waiouru). All here wish them both a long and happy life together and trust that any little "tiffs" will not be "explosive!!"
- b. To Pte Sue BOOTH, NZWRAC, on promotion to Lcpl in Feb.

"SOFTLY SOFTLY"

Cleaning in Burnham Camp is contracted to a prominent nation-wide firm, whose cleaning team carries out their widespread duties with a great deal of dash.

Periodically, their van rushes up to the rear of HQ 3 COD and the team de-busses with the speed of Elliott Ness's FBI boys raiding one of Al Capone's bootlegging breweries.

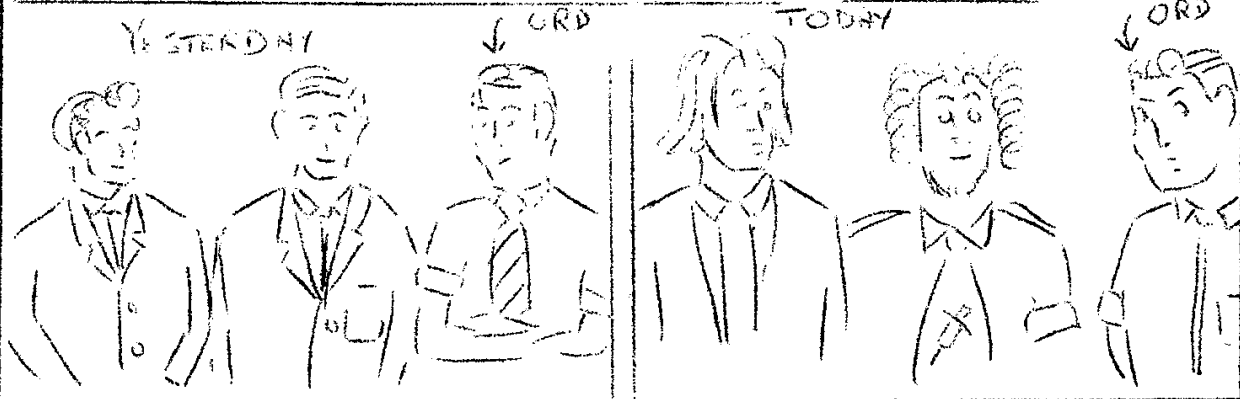
This similarity prompted someone to nick-name them "The Flying Squad".

However, in order to be more 'with it' in terms of today's TV programmes, it has been decided to re-name them - "Regional Grime Squad".

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MORE MILESTONES AND LANDMARKS OF ORDNANCE!

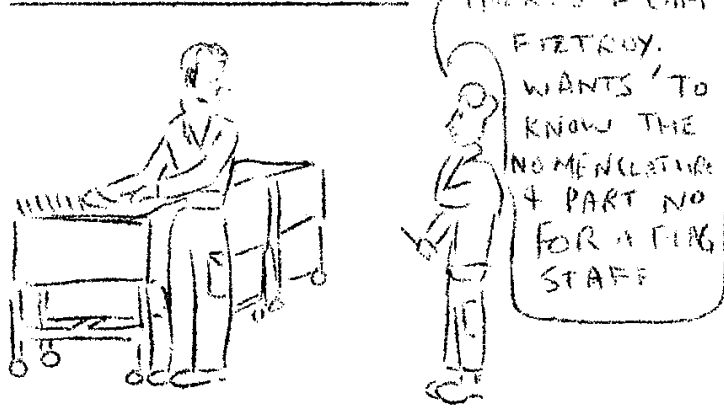
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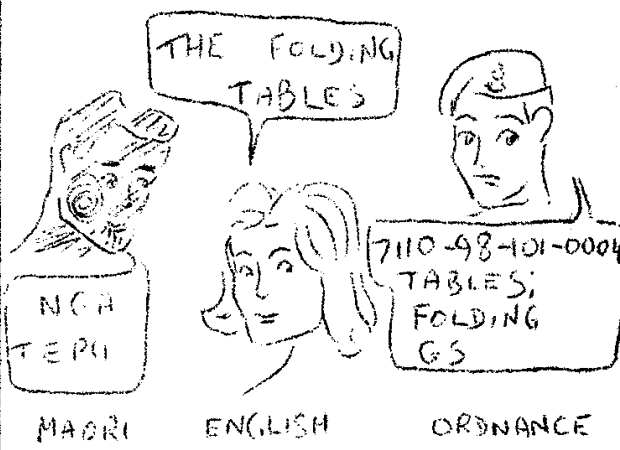
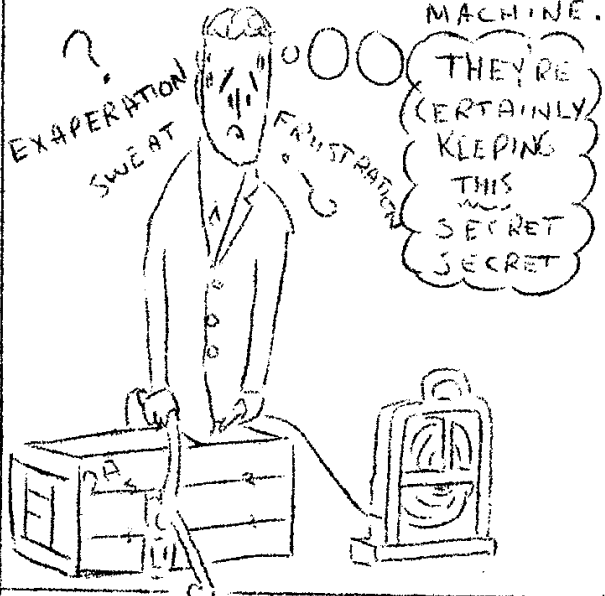
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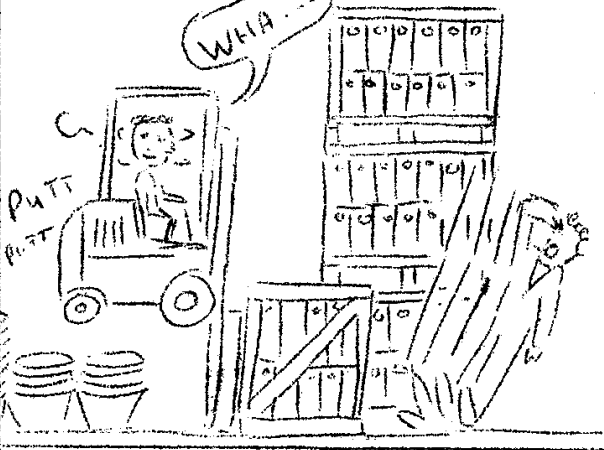
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MASTERING THE BANDING MACHINE.



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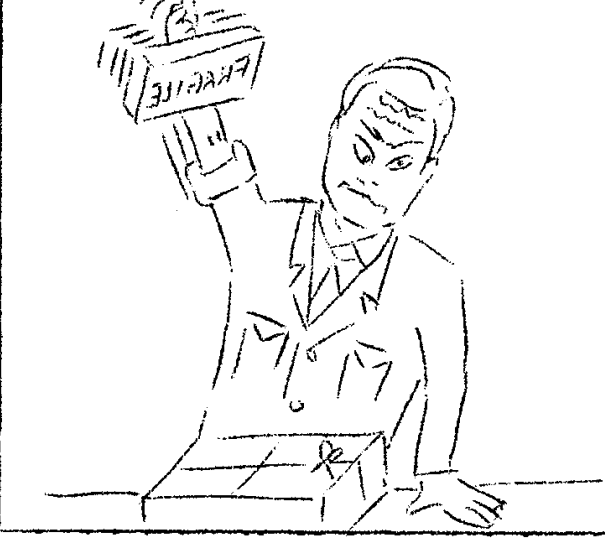
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THE NEW MAN IN PACKING SECTION



THE SIX-MONTHLY INTERVIEW



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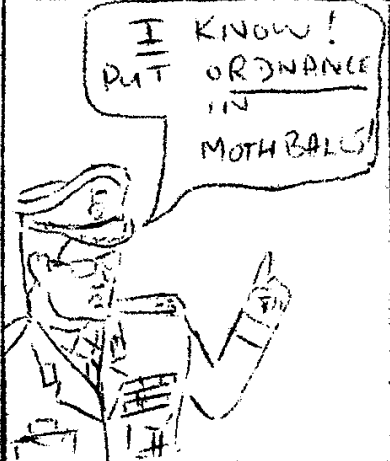


CRICKET TOUR



ECONOMY MEASURES

RE-ORG SUGGESTED BADGE



ESPIRIT DE CORPS



RE CADET TRAINING



"MILE STONES" ARTIST



ANNALS FROM A FORGOTTEN

ORDNANCE DEPOT

An Old and Battered Ledger

An old and battered ledger, lying obscurely in a dim corner of the Depot strong room, catches the eye. Accustomed to the drab and shoddy stationery of the present day, as we are, the magnificence of the old book stands out. The thick, leather covered binding in brown, blue and rich maroon with gilt linings, covers vast pages of smooth lined paper. Battered and subjected to decades of dust, it is still impressive. Made in that age of Czars and gas-lit trains it has survived, redundant, like a pensioner, into this time of computers and commissars.

Sadly but inevitably many of its pages have been thoughtlessly ripped out to serve some temporary purpose. Thus its record of clothing transactions in a forgotten Ordnance Depot is like an old man's memory - not what it used to be!

1917 - and all that!

The volume opens onto the glorious First of June, 1917. World War I then had but 18 months to run, though nobody could have realised it. In fact at that time the tide seemed to be running in favour of Germany and the decrepit powers bobbing about in her turbulent wake - Austria-Hungary, Turkey and Bulgaria.

The USA came into the war in 1917, but, being unprepared, took little toll of Germany until the following year. In 1917 the U-Boats came close to knocking Britain out of the war by reducing stocks of food and war materials to some 2 weeks reserve. In one week of that year the writer's Grandmother was reduced to feeding her family on turnips boiled with sugar. Old Russia was about to collapse that year from the combined effects of hunger and the terrible casualties sustained in three years of war along her vast front. Organised for the 18th century, her structure could not sustain a 20th century war. This collapse gave Germany the relief of fighting on one front and bringing her eastern armies across to join the western ones. The combatants on the western front were by this time like punch-drunk boxers, trading senseless blows each day, each blow represented by hundreds, even thousands, of lives. Such losses were borne to gain a few yards of territory either way, maybe up to a quarter of a mile of shell pocked mud and soggy trenches. The most expensive land on earth, in terms of human life, is a narrow winding strip running from the North Sea across France to Switzerland.

Away from all this fury, from the blood and the mud, the forgotten Ordnance Depot faithfully carried out its tasks as only one tiny cog in the lurching juggernaut of the war effort. No General's memoirs illuminate its role, gloss over its weaknesses, embellish its success or cast blame on the next man up or down on the promotion ladder. No famous war novels have brought the Depot to public fame or public scandal.

Only the fading ink of a fraction of its past transactions is left to show that the place ever existed at all! The humble ledger book has proved more enduring than the Depot it once was part of, more enduring even than those who wrote in it and those who so thoughtlessly ripped out some of its pages for their own forgotten reasons.

Badges, Buttons and Balaclavas

In the remaining pages, a great many lines of stock are recorded. Most have their equivalent today, others have passed into disuse as the nature of warfare has changed.

On 1 Jun 1917 the following stocks are shown as being brought forward among many items:

Jackets SD	1605	Jackets Denim	1076
Trousers SD	1144	Trousers Denim	985
Pantaloons	307	Bags Kit	731
Greatcoats		Greatcoats, mounted	659
Dismounted	2303	Balaclavas	294
Puggarees:		Titles Brass:	
NZ Staff Corps	244	NZ Rifles	299
NZ Engineers	Nil	NZ Mtd Rifles	100
NZASC	122	NZMP	Nil
Veterinary	19	NZAOC	Nil
Medical Corps	48	NZ P&T	Nil
NZRB (?)	102	NZ Pay Corps	Nil

Other items recorded in the ledger include:

Buttons Brass RNZA Vest	Buttons Bone
" NZ Staff Corps	Buttons Imperial (?for Imperialists)
Badges Cap (also collar)	Badges Armlet -Provost Marshal
for: 4 Regt	Umpire
5 Regt	Stretcher Bearer
7 Regt	Blue-Hospital
8 Regt	Geneva Cross
10 Regt	Breeches Riding
12 Regt	Breeches Knickers (presumably worn
14 Regt	under the Riding breeches to
Veterinary Corps	protect a Man's 'seat' from
	chafing whilst riding)
Badges Arm Brass:	Links, split button
Armourer	Gloves, mechanical transport
Driver	Hose
Saddler	Puttees
Farrier	Covers, Mess tin, infantry

What Went Where?

On 27 June 1917 the QM of Troopship No. 75 was vouchered with the following items (IV 248 refers):

Jackets SD	248	Trousers SD	207
" Denim	47	Pantaloons	47
Bags Kit	9	Caps SD	20
Greatcoats DS patt	238	Hats felt	32

The QMs of Troopships Nos. 74 and 77 were vouchered similar items and Qtys on July 7 and 14 of that year. The Troopship "MARUA" returned qty 7 Jackets SD on 28 July though being issued with another 80 plus 50 denim jackets etc., etc.

Issues to ships appear quite often, on 6 Nov 17 various items were issued under IV 252 to the Transport "DEVON" then lying at Port Chalmers. On 18 Jan 1918, qty 820 Kit Bags went on board HMS MARAMA.

Turning to the more usual area of army clothing issues, the rate of issues to individuals appears very high. In those days it is likely that clothing issues were made by Ordnance in Camps and thus the wheel has nearly turned full circle to what it was fifty years ago.

An officer known as the DofE&OS or DEOS appears most frequently of all among the recorded issues. DEOS was located in Wellington. What did these initials mean? Director of Equipment and Ordnance Services seems most likely, but then again the same pages refer to issues made to the Director of Ordnance Services at Trentham.

Other issues, large and small, went to Home Service Store ST KILDA (IV 295 of 21 Nov 17) and OC Guards, QUARANTINE ISLAND (IV 520 of 12 Mar 18). Captain von Luckner of the Reichmarine was a famous prisoner on this island / in

in Lyttelton Harbour. Citizens of Germany and Austria-Hungary and their merchant seamen lucky enough to be in New Zealand at the outbreak of war were interned and many were kept on this island.

The list of "customers" is quite lengthy, but is worth recording as it shows the types of units which existed then. Some of the same type exist now; others have vanished.

OC RNZA Home Service	2 Fd Amb
NZAOC Dunedin	7 Fd Amb
8 Medical Board	OC Group 12 (In'gill)
7 Medical Board (In'gill)	2 Coy NZE
8th Regt (In'gill)	7th Mtd Rifles
10th Regt (Oamaru)	OC Group 16 (Milton)
5th Mtd Rifles (Dunedin)	EL Sect(?) RNZA(Dunedin)
4th Regt (Kensington)	2 Coy NZGA
HQ Otago Military Dist.	OC Coast Defence
OC Railway Engr Unit(Oamaru)	6 Coy NZASC (In'gill)
OC Post & Telegraph Coy (Dun)	2 Dist Sigs Coy
ADMS Dunedin	Ordnance Officer Featherston
Vocational Officer(Dunedin)	Ordnance Officer Trentham
COD Wellington	Chief OO Wellington
OC Supply & Transport (Dun)	OC Army Pay Corps (Dunedin)
OC Sth Island Railways Bn (Christchurch)	Ordnance Officer Burnham
DOS Trentham	OC Sick & Wounded (Dunedin)
Ordnance Officer (Palm Nth)	Ordnance Officer (Auckland)
C Bty Invercargill	Camp QM Awapuni
Director Base Records (Wn)	OC Sales Depot (Dunedin)

and the most intriguing unit of them all

OC Jaw Hospital, Dunedin, where qty 14 Veterinary Corps Puggarees went under IV 319 of 25 July 1919!

As the present buildings occupied by 3 COD and formerly SDOD at Burnham were not built until shortly before and during World War II, and as the units supplied include an Ordnance Officer Burnham, it is likely that the Ordnance Depot or Store was located in Christchurch, the most probable place being King Edward Barracks.

So, once again, the old ledger is closed and is returned to the dark corner of the strong room. Outside pass the files and the teleprints whilst in a nearby room the transactions whirr and clatter on electric machines.

Nearly 55 years have passed since the ledger was bright and new and in 55 years time it will be 2027.

The younger soldiers of the Corps now, will be drawing their superannuation and the older ones will have marched off to join those of 1917. It is unlikely that the MDA 310s of 1972 will be around to tell their story in 2027, but the old ledger of 1917 may last. Who can tell?

302. News from the Directorate

A Farewell was arranged in mid-April for Mr. Eric Jackson, our very efficient Admin man who has obtained a position at the Reserve Bank in Wellington.

Since 1967, Eric had served as clerk with succeeding DADOS in what was Central Military District and joined the staff of the Directorate on the Stores side when we moved from Defence HQ to Home Command. He was promoted to SC Admin last year, but because of present Civil Service policy regarding retirement age has moved to a more stable employment. He will be sadly missed by all here for his unfailing good humour and his very particular attention to detail.

/Until

Until another civilian appointee is found WOII Dennis Evans is carrying on with the admin work for the DOS and his staff.

Also on a TOD during the busy period of the Annual Camp Review is 2Lt Blackburn of 1 BOD.

During the past year eight changes have taken place in the directorate staff. The Stores Section has fared the worst as only one of the original members, (WOII Jackson) still remains in that section.

As it stands the Directorate staff at Home Command now consists of the following personnel:

DOS	-	Lt Col G. J. H. Atkinson
DDOS	-	Maj A. J. Campbell
SC Org & Trg	-	Capt J. R. Hicks
SC Stores	-	Capt J. F. Hyde
SC Admin(Civ)	-	Temp att - WOII Evans D. J.
CATO	-	Major G. R. Duggan
Chief Clerk APCA	-	WOI M. W. Loveday
WO Stores	-	WOI R. L. Horne
Clerk (Pers/Admin)	-	WOI D. V. H. Day
Clerk Stores	-	WOII Jackson B. E.
Chief AT	-	WOII Danby K. J.
Snr AT	-	Ssgt Russell I. M.
AT	-	Sgt Le Gros P. W.
Clerk Insp & Proof	-	Ltjpl Miller A. G.
Clerk APCA	-	Cpl Hayden D. K.

Civilian Staff:

Clerk Stores	-	Miss O. M. Macpherson
Clerk Admin	-	Mrs. P. M. Rickard
Clerk APCA	-	Mr. P. Colgate

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303. Ordnance Delivers the Goods - or - The Hole Truth

One day in April, a harassed Barrack Warden (HBW), in an un-named Camp was faced by a Ma'am WRAC demanding to know when she could expect the holes for the basketball posts. HBW shot off the reply - 'You'll have to get them from Ordnance, Ma'am.'

And so a germ was sown.

Eavesdropper produced AF NZ 10 with coded item for Ma'am WRAC signature. In her haste to ensure delivery she signed it twice as demanding officer. Demand was received in depot with stunned disbelief, but this was short-lived and RNZAOC jumped into action promptly to supply stores as, when and where required. After all - holes were notoriously slow-moving and this was an opportunity to reduce stock. But wait. There is insufficient detail! AF NZ 92 was raised pointing out:

- a. Materials for manufacture of holes had not been stipulated.
- b. Was the requirement for male or female holes?
- c. Should they be LH drop, RH drop or just plain?
- d. Under auth of Army 246/38/72/Q(E) dated 29 Feb 59 only Camp Comdts could auth demands for sports equip of this nature.

To make certain that there was no mistaking our helpfulness a second AF NZ 92 was despatched regretting no stock of 12-in holes but would two 6-in ones do in lieu?

Happy girl conferred with HBW who pointed out that only one would be required as it could easily be made to fit with a touch-up with a file. (I have a feeling that you don't believe this story).

/In due course

In due course AF NZ 92 was received back accepting qty one. Meantime, Camp Comdt, mystified to no little measure, asked for a submission before signing a demand for the item.

A little later, AF NZ 92 was received back in depot specifying that a 6-in hole, galvanised, male, with LH drop was now the required item, but before this was received the original demand was photostat-ed because, like you, no one would ever believe a story like this. (The look in your eye tells me that you think I am eight-lettering you'se guys).

As soon as the 92 was received a special transit case was made for carrying two holes 6-in, galvanised, male, with LH drop. One compartment was marked "Hole in this side" and the other was marked "Empty" just so that no one could mistake the contents. The case was, in turn, cased (you've guessed it - it was just about a two-man lift) and duly delivered, just before afternoon tea. A grateful Ma'am unwrapped the goods but appeared to be somewhat bewildered at the lack of difference between the empty compartment and that which contained the goodies.

Since afternoon tea was now served the problem could be shelved until after refreshment. Why not? In a matter of five hours she had demanded for unspecified holes, had cleared the specification, opted for an in lieu and received the stores. Another quarter of an hour would not make much difference. Still-it was a queer looking consignment.

She was still ruminating when she entered the Mess, and all present were watching her face (and I mean ALL- never was a stores transaction studied in such detail, by so many people, in the history of Ordnance). Half way across the ante-room she felt that something was wrong - all of those men staring. It was then that the penny hit the bottom.

Outraged squeaks told everyone in sight, (luckily the Camp Comdt was behind the door) just what a rotten lot of unlady-like words everyone was, both those assembled and those absent. Even a cup of tea and a chocky biscuit did not cool the feelings much.

Happy Chappy tried to get rid of four gallons of camouflage paint, and Helpful Harry offered the advice that basketball whistle peas were ASC supply. It will be a while before dulcet tones of WRAC are heard in this camp.

If any of you still do not believe this tale let me hasten to assure you that it is -

- a. True.
- b. Not the 1st April.

And what is more, there is still a 4 Gal can of mixed camouflage paint being held for any unit with a requirement.

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304. NGARUAWAHIA NOTES

Promotion

Congratulations are due to one of the inhabitants of PC&A - Dick NEAL on his promotion to T/Sgt.

Attached

Welcomes are extended to the following:

Captain David REES comes in from perpetual orbit (Defence HQ) to be captured (or captivated - I'm not sure which) by the appointment of AO. He brings with him much of the mystique of the rarified atmosphere of his previous posting.

Lcpl Jo Bailey from 1 BOD as Data Processor. It's people like her who help AOs to keep their feet on the ground.

/Coming

Coming somewhat into the fold with the 1 COD takeover of clothing stores are three ERE personnel late of Papakura Camp QM staff. They are - Ssgt McQuillan, Bdr Opai and Cpl Waipouri. A special "Welcome" to these folk of whom we expect to see a lot more in the future. Who knows?? - Maybe they might even change their hat badges!

We are currently enjoying the company of the 'Wandering Scot' - WOII Alex Mann, who is filling the CAT gap while Buster Allen returns to Waiouru for further medical treatment and recuperation. Somebody asked us if Alex was just filling in time between indulgence trips.

Despatched

Captain Gary Corkin was recently farewelled and issued with passport, emigration papers, etc., for his move to 3 COD. We understand the Corkins are not strangers to southern territory and so they should quickly feel at home. Best of luck in the new situation.

Matched

Since last going to press a shot or two has been fired by the local Cupids. First victim of the "little arrows" was Lcpl Ron MAYHEW who captured the RNZAF tailoress from a nearby base - (The lengths we go to in overcoming a staff shortfall).

Also recently treading the aisle was Lcpl Steve MOIR who took as his bride Cpl Hilda KOMENE of Northern Sig Tp.

To all these young people we extend our best wishes for happiness in their nuptials.

Goings On

Seems to have been a very quiet and routine time to report on - perhaps this is good. As your Scribe puts pen to paper 1 COD is playing host to a number of officers and senior WOs from the other depots who have come to pick holes in (and possibly learn something from) the pilot run of RNZAOC involvement in clothing stores. We trust their journeys will have been fruitful and that, having tasted the life in the sunny north they will not be too badly affected by crinkle of the moth on their return home.

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305. From Sgt Swain - FF Comd

The following piece of information was extracted from a British Admiralty Directive -

" It is necessary for technical reasons that these warheads should be stored upside down, that is, with the top at the bottom and the bottom at the top.

In order that there may be no doubt as to which is the bottom and which is the top for storage purposes, it will be seen that the bottom of each warhead has been labelled with the word "TOP". "

Well!! That should clear it up for the storeman.

306. NOMENCLATURE

Code No.

Item

7340-98-104-0176 FORKS Fish eating EPNS

(Comment:) ?Must be kept well clear of gold fish bowls?

307. 1 COMP ORD COY CONTRIBUTION

Posting In

On 1 Mar 72 the Company bid welcome to Ssgt Ernie CLEGG on his posting to the unit from 1 BOD. Hope you enjoy your stay with us, Ernie.

Posting Out

Win a few, lose a lot, as the old saying goes, for in gaining Ssgt Clegg we say farewell to Ssgt Morrissey who has left to join the occupants of "Gloom Castle" in Trentham, and to Ssgt Blackburn who, on 1 May traded his combat boots, (and it took so long to get them, didn't it Max?), for shoes, when he joined Major Campbell and his band of men at 1 BOD. If either of you grow a little homesick you know the phone number, just give us a ring, we will be pleased to hear from you.

TOD's

Navy called for help, and in reply the Company sent Lcpl Tiny Jensen for a TOD in the warm north at Philomel for two months.

Lcpl Smith left to assist 1 BOD in their projects on 4 Apr and is not expected to rejoin the fold until the end of June.

4 Apr 72 (a busy day for the Coy) saw Capt Newnham leave to assist at 1 COD Sylvia Park and to learn the ropes in preparation for his proposed posting later in the year.

Lt Dreyer has been called upon to assist in Defence HQ and is expected to rejoin us on 12 May 72.

Not very many of us left at the time of writing.

Courses

Our thoughts go out to Cpl Bird and Pte Seymour in their attempts to obtain a pass mark on the 3 Star Course at present in progress at the school.

Lcpl Tulloch recently returned to the unit from a parachute course at Hobsonville.

Congratulations are extended to Lcpl Prescott for his very good pass on the Lcpl - Cpl Promotion Course.

Appointments

With the loss of our CQMS (Ssgt Blackburn) we have pleasure in advising that Sgt John McGlinchey has taken on the job of Unit CQMS and now faces the wrath of unit pers when things just dont seem to go the right way.

Promotions

Congratulations are extended to Pte Jensen who on 10 Feb reached the dizzy heights of Lcpl with seniority backdated to 6 Dec 71.

Social Activities

The unit, with the much appreciated help of several other units in the Trentham area, has recently opened its new, modern, swinging mess. With concealed lighting, wall to wall carpet, soft modern furnishings and floor shows, this has become a popular spot for the unit.

Training

We are currently engaged in a vigorous training programme. A few weeks ago the field craft cycle was completed with the final exercise consisting of a race to see which /soldier

soldier could collect the most mushrooms over a two hour period. Now that the mushroom season is finished the serious training has started and all members of the unit are engaged in driver training up to the heavy trailer class. We are using field guns for trailers. Local farmers have tended to look apprehensively at a battery of guns with large 'L' signs on them parked around their boundary fences.

Cricket

On 26th Feb the Coy cricket team played 2 COD at Linton and were, unfortunately beaten by 36 runs. Top scorer for the Company being Major Hughes.

The Coy team was also beaten by the DOS 11. However, we have an excuse for this as during the DOS 11's innings it rained, and then the weather changed leaving Comp Ord Coy to bat on a bowler's wicket.

Apologies

We extend to Cpl Bob HODGETTS our apologies for omitting him from our 'Farewell' column.

Bob left the unit, after a period of about six years as Unit Orderly Room clerk, to travel to the far-distant lands of SE Asia to take up the appointment of clerk in the ANZUK Ordnance Depot.

Best of luck to you, Bob, and as you read this, please spare a little time to think of those of us you left behind. (Curse, curse, curse!)

Exercise Nymph

Two members of the unit, namely Lcpl Tulloch and Cpl Boxall, were despatched post haste to Linton where they took part in an exercise conducted by 10 Tpt Coy RNZASC. It was a 500 mile truck rally testing various 2 star ASC Driver skills.

The following are the results:

First	:	Veh 6	A Pl 10 Tpt Coy
Second	:	" 8	1 Comp Ord Coy
Third	:	" 1	A Pl 10 Tpt Coy
Fourth	:	" 2	A Pl 10 Tpt Coy
Fifth	:	" 7	A Pl 10 Tpt Coy
Sixth	:	" 4	Comp Pl 10 Tpt Coy
Seventh	:	" 10	A Pl 10 Tpt Coy
Eighth	:	" 5	A Pl 10 Tpt Coy
Ninth	:	" 3	A Pl 10 Tpt Coy

ASC swallowed their pride and congratulated Comp Ord Coy on a fine effort by our team.

Swimming

Gullible as ever, 1 Comp Ord Coy were talked into providing a team to swim in the Upper Hutt "Bone of Centention" trophy race. What we did not realise until too late was that all competing teams, except Comp Ord, were represented by Upper Hutt swimming club personnel, some being very experienced. However, Comp Ord put up a creditable performance to be pipped into third place by RSA and Upper Hutt Swimming Club. Our congratulations are extended to our entrants.

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308. A Further Contribution from 3 COD

/ Major E. D. Gerard ED

Major E. D. GERARD, ED.

On Friday 24 March we farewelled Major E. D. Gerard ED on his retirement after 30 years service as an Officer plus two more years in the ranks.

Eric Gerard was well known throughout the Corps having served in all three of the former 'Districts', in one of which he somehow acquired the nickname "Gumboots"; doubtless from many hours spent in the wet and mud blowing up ammunition.

He joined the TF RNZA in 1938 and enlisted full time in 1940. He was undoubtedly the senior Ammunition man in the NZ Army, being in the old RNZA Ammunition Directorate until 1947, when this was transferred to Ordnance.

Although perhaps regarded as one of the most "Confederate" of Ordnance Officers, even to the extent of displaying the old 'Stars and Bars' flag in his office at 3 COD, much of his service was spent in the North Island. He saw service in Belmont, Trentham and Waiouru. In 1949 he became District I00 HQ CMD (the title that preceded DATO) and subsequently, from 1953 until his posting to SMD in 1957, he served in Ngaruawahia.

In the South, he served all but the last years as DATO SMD, when the re-org brought him to 3 COD as 2IC. During his last year of service he was OC 3 COD.

Major Gerard continues to live in Christchurch, where we wish him well in his retirement and hope to see a lot of him, not least at Corps Day functions.

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Long Service and Good Conduct Medal Awards

Awards of the LS & GC Medal have recently been made to the following members of 3 COD:

WO1 Jim HOLMES and WO2 Mike NICHOLSON, both of whom are hoping that the medals will be presented on Corps Day '72.

News from 3 Inf Wksp Stores Section

Sgt Colin Millichamp was farewelled on 8 Mar 72 on completing his engagement. He goes to take up civilian life in Ashburton. Any mysterious metal balls found there are not to be placed on AF NZ 456 for repair by 3 Inf Wksp.

Promotion -

Ssgt Derek KEEN congratulated on promotion to T/WO2 on 8 Mar.

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A SELECTION OF THOUGHTS FROM CHAIRMAN MIAOW ON THE

DREADED CE REVIEW

The CE Review
The CE Review
Worked at by many,
Looked at by few.

Old Proverb: If 'ifs' and 'ands'
Were pots and pans,
There'd be no need for Tinkers

RNZAOC Sequel

In modern times
So sad to say,
Where Tinkers are far fewer,
If 'ifs' and 'ands',
Were pots and Pans,
We'd not need a Reviewer.

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The CE Review for 'seventy two,
Is the same as for 'seventy one,
The people who do it (between me and you)
Say it hasn't been any more fun.

The CE Review for 'seventy two,
Should total our Beds, Cups and Tables,
Be thankful there isn't a Tech Stores one too,
With its Fuzes, Transistors and Cables.

The CE Review for 'seventy two
Is now very nearly completed,
The thought that there'll be in 'seventy three,
Another one, has us defeated!

Oh what shall we do with our CE Review?
Could we fire it off out into space?
We could spurn it or burn it, or simply return it
But next year's will still take its place.

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The CE Review, I thought that you knew
Comes from electronic data,
Therefore D.O.S.
Calculate and confess
You allow 10 percent for errata.

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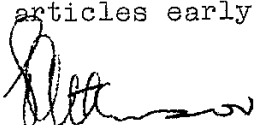
FINALLY - The 161 was much more fun
In 'control' it always stayed,
The 310 is never there,
To a dozen points its strayed.

Your pay you earn
When you make a return,
From cards which are seldom known,
Without much doubt
From your work you're 'Due Out'
And 'Due In' to a mental home!

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A message for unit scribes:

The next Issue will be going to print towards the end
of JUNE. Send in your articles early, please.


(G. J. H. Atkinson)
Lieutenant Colonel
DIRECTOR OF ORDNANCE SERVICES

9 May 1972