

## P A T A K A

RNZAOC NEWSLETTER 70/3140. a. "They have their entrances--"

Two members of NZWRAC have joined 1 BOD for employment as DP Operators since Newsletter 70/2 was published, and a welcome to Ordnance is extended to:

Pte CLARKE and Pte EDEN

The following RF Cadets graduated from the RF Cadet School in early May and have taken up postings as shown:

Pte T. JENSEN	to 1 COD
Pte B.W. LEPPER	to the Apprentices Pool att FAP to 1 BOD
Pte S.P. NEELS	to 1 COD
Pte M.J. O'BRIEN	to the Apprentices Pool att FAP to 1 BOD

Newcomers to the Corps also include:

Capt G.M. CORKIN	from 1 Recce Sqn RNZAC to RNZAOC
Pte PP KEENAN	enlisted in SMD and posted to 3 COD
Pte AC LASH	" " CMD and posted to Base Wksp Stores Sect

Pte NJ McLEOD	enlisted in NMD and posted to 1 COD
Lcpl GH RUSSELL	enlisted in NMD and posted to 2 COD

Early in April Mr. Morfee (Civilian Staff) assumed the appointment of DADOS (Stores) at the Directorate to fill the vacancy caused by the retirement of Mr. Noel ERRIDGE, well known to many Trentham Camp personnel, particularly the long service members of 1 BOD. Major Erridge completed his RF service at 1 BOD before taking up appointments at the Police Training School, and later EDS. The last time he called in to see us we learned that Noel has started new duties as Secretary of the Wellington Branch of the Acclimatisation Society.

b. "-- and their exits".

Cpl J.M. Black, better known as 'Blackie' left 1 BOD and the Corps on 10 March when he walked across the BOD compound and into the Army Medical Stores, thereby physically transferring himself to the RNZAMC.

141. Courses and Attachments.

2Lt Keith Hansen returned to 1 BOD on 20 March after attending a course at RAAOC Trg Centre, Bandiana. At present 2Lt Hansen has the distinction of being 'unique' in the corps. RNZAOC has officers and ORs in all grades from Pte to Lt Col inclusive. 2Lt Hansen is the only 2Lt!

Personnel have been drawn from almost all units to complete the Ordnance detail for Exercise Bersatu Padu currently being held in Malaysia. No doubt there will be some amusing and interesting stories to be told by participants when they return from this attachment.

A well known Warrant Officer - 'Mac' McKay from 2 COD left recently with his wife and youngest son for a 2 year attachment to the Fiji Military Forces, replacing Brian Jennings who is due home shortly. At the end of April a farewell social was held in 2 COD's Messroom for WOI and Mrs McKay and many good wishes have gone with them for a happy tour.

Congratulations are extended to those of you who recently qualified on the Storeman/Clerk 4 star Course at the RNZAOC School.

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*Distributed to  
all groups.*

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To Pte Colleen WALKER who was injured in a road accident, being a passenger in a car in which her mother was killed. All RNZAOC and NZWRAC personnel join 1 BOD military and civilian staff in offering condolences at this extreme double blow. On the brighter side, we are glad to report that Colleen is making a good recovery to full health, and we hope to see her back at 1 BOD as soon as possible.

143. Congratulations

To Lt and Mrs. Michael Cooper on the birth of their third child, a son, early this year.

144. Corps Heraldry

The basic Ordnance shield is familiar to all members of the Corps. The three cannon, gold on a blue 'field' surmounted by three black cannon balls on a white 'field', goes back to the early Tudor Monarchs (Henrys VII and VIII) if not earlier. Heraldic experts are asked to excuse the terms used, as these will be more easily understood than D'Or, Argent, Azure, etc.

A glance at a booklet on flags and heraldry surprised the contributor from 1 BOD (who has served in the British Army though not in RAOC) by showing the badge of the British Army Council to be our old friend, the Ordnance Shield. The British Army Council, now defunct under the modernised Defence system, corresponded to the NZ Army Board.

The Ordnance Shield, therefore, was virtually the badge of the British Army before the more recent crossed swords with Crown and Lion was devised. The NZ Army badge might have been the Ordnance Shield with the letters "NZ" added. - i.e. the old RNZAOC badge! This is pure conjecture, and is not intended to prove anything. However, it is again clear that although Infantry and Cavalry are the oldest parts of any Army, Ordnance may well claim to be the most senior of the other Arms or Services.

This in turn opens up that old case of Artillery v Ordnance. This is the classic example of the 'which came first, the chicken of the egg?' query. As it would never do to use the word 'chicken' in connection with the Artillery (at least in the NZ Army) it would be wise to conclude this curiously frivolous article.

145. A contribution from Vietnam.

Firstly let us introduce ourselves officially:-

GSO2 HQ 1 ALSG	- Major Malcolm ROSS	}	VUNG TAU
Att 2 AOD, RAAOC,	- Lt Max NEWNHAM		
	- Ssgt Rex PENNELL		
	- Sgt Terry MORRISSEY		
Att 161 Bty RNZA	- Cpl Barry MOORE		NUI DAT
HQ NZ V Force	- Cpl Ron HENDERSON	}	SAIGON
	- Cpl Joe BOLTON		

Arrivals and Departures - During the past month we farwelled Sgt Dennis Goldfinch at the end of his tour and welcomed his RFO, Terry Morrissey. This has finally driven the last of the short timers from our midst and this now makes the shortest of us - Maj Ross (in more ways than two), Lt Newnham and Cpl Moore follow after that.

Happenings - Not much is seen in Vung Tau of our compatriots from Nui Dat and Saigon except for their occasional visits which are supposed to be for business reasons but which are almost entirely

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ent at the Peter Badcoe Club, swimming and imbibing. Judging by the shine on the Dome of a certain Cpl, the atmosphere certainly agrees with them.

Lt Newnham departed on March 26 for five days leave in Singapore and prior to leaving he could be seen at 0600 hrs racing(?) around the roads. No doubt with the aim of cutting some sort of trim figure (??) around the pool at the Union Jack Club.

After the 2 AOD rugby team had made a reasonably good start to the season, the coaching duties fell into the capable hands of Rex Pennell. The team promptly succeeded in LOSING all of its remaining matches, the last few with the capable assistance of Terry Morrissey in the pack. Surely another remarkable achievement for the long list of deeds performed by members of the RNZAOC.

#### 146. Notice for Philatelists

The February edition of the RAOC Gazette advised the following:  
" Military Covers.

In January 1970, The National Army Museum started the issue of a series of Commemorative covers for stamp collectors and military enthusiasts. The series is comprised of Groups which will include:

British Regiments, Historical Uniforms of the British Army, Famous Generals, Campaigns and Battles, Medals.

The covers are to be of high quality - the services of well-known artists having been used in their production. For each issue in the series a pictorial British Forces Postal Service hand-stamp will be used on one day only. The issue of each cover will, when possible, relate to an anniversary, an event, or a special stamp issue.

The cost of each cover is 5/- but orders may be placed for a complete Group of twenty covers, to be received as issued, at a cost of £2-10s. Orders for the complete series of five Groups, totalling sixty covers, may also be made at a cost of £12.

Special presentation albums which will hold the complete series are to be available at a cost of £3.

The first cover, issued in January, was in the Campaigns and Battles, Group IV. It commemorates the Twenty-fifth Anniversary of the Re-conquest of Burma, and the Special Forces Postal franking stamp has the shield of the XIVth Army in the centre. It is understood that orders for this cover can still be accepted in letter form. Orders, with the correct remittance, should be sent to:

The Philatelic Officer,  
The National Army Museum,  
HM Tower of London,  
LONDON EC 3

It is requested that payment be made by BRITISH POSTAL ORDER or by a CHEQUE DRAWN ON A BRITISH BANK.

#### 147. Postings and Appointments

Capt D. R. HUGHES	from CMD	to 1 Comp Ord Coy pending appt as OC.
Ssgt Darrell TODD	from 1 Comp Ord Coy	to 2 COD Waiouru
Sgt Bill MANAIA	from 2 COD	to 1 Comp Ord Coy
Sgt Ray COX	from 1 Comp Ord Coy	to Engr Wksp Linton
Sgt M. J. BASSETT	from 1 Bn Depot	to 3 COD
Capt GM CORKIN	from 1 Recce Sqn	to 1 COD as 2IC/AO

#### 148. Promotions

Lt & QM IR LARSEN	HQ NMD	to be T/Capt & QM
Lt A. P. BEZAR	1 Comp Ord Coy	To be T/Capt & QM
2Lt E. V. SWEET	2 COD Waiouru	To be Lt & QM
Lt M. F. NEWNHAM	Att 2 AOD	To be T/Capt
Cpl HEMI T. W.	1 Comp Ord Coy (SMD)	To be T/Sgt
Cpl GODDARD J. C	3 COD	To be T/Sgt

Promotions (Cont)

Cpl TAYLOR B. J.	1 Comp Ord Coy	To be T/Sgt
Lcpl PONUI R. R.	2 COD	To be T/Cpl
Pte BIRD M. D.	1 Comp Ord Coy	To be T/Lcpl
Lcpl EVELEIGH KG	2 COD	To be T/Cpl
Lcpl DUFF R. G.	2 COD	To be T/Cpl
Lcpl CRAIG D.	2 COD	To Be T/Cpl
Lcpl NEILSON PF	Wai Wksp	To be Cpl
Lcpl COX P.	2 COD	To be T/Cpl
Lcpl BOURNE SS	1 OFF	To be T/Cpl
Lcpl J. R. VIS TN	1 COD	To be T/Cpl

149. Computers A'hoi

From a special correspondent comes this little story:

" The rains ceased. Lo and behold, dry land appeared, then increased and increased in size. Noah took it into his head to open up the Ark and put forth on to the earth the animals saved from the deluge.

The stream of pairs wended their way continuously down the gang plank from the open deck side of the Ark. Each couple was encouraged by a word from Noah as they passed into the unknown greenness beneath them. Came two snakes on their tortuous passage downwards. "Go forth and multiply," said Noah. There was a hissing consultation and a snaking of heads - then the reply hissed forth in unison - "We cannot, we are adders." "

Data Processors take note! You have been rumbled!

21 May 73

*[Handwritten signature]*  
 for Lieutenant Colonel  
DIRECTOR of ORDNANCE SERVICES



"Don't deny it! I distinctly heard some-one say - it's a lousy plan..."



"Oh Shut up! It was your idea to attack that Ordnance unit...."