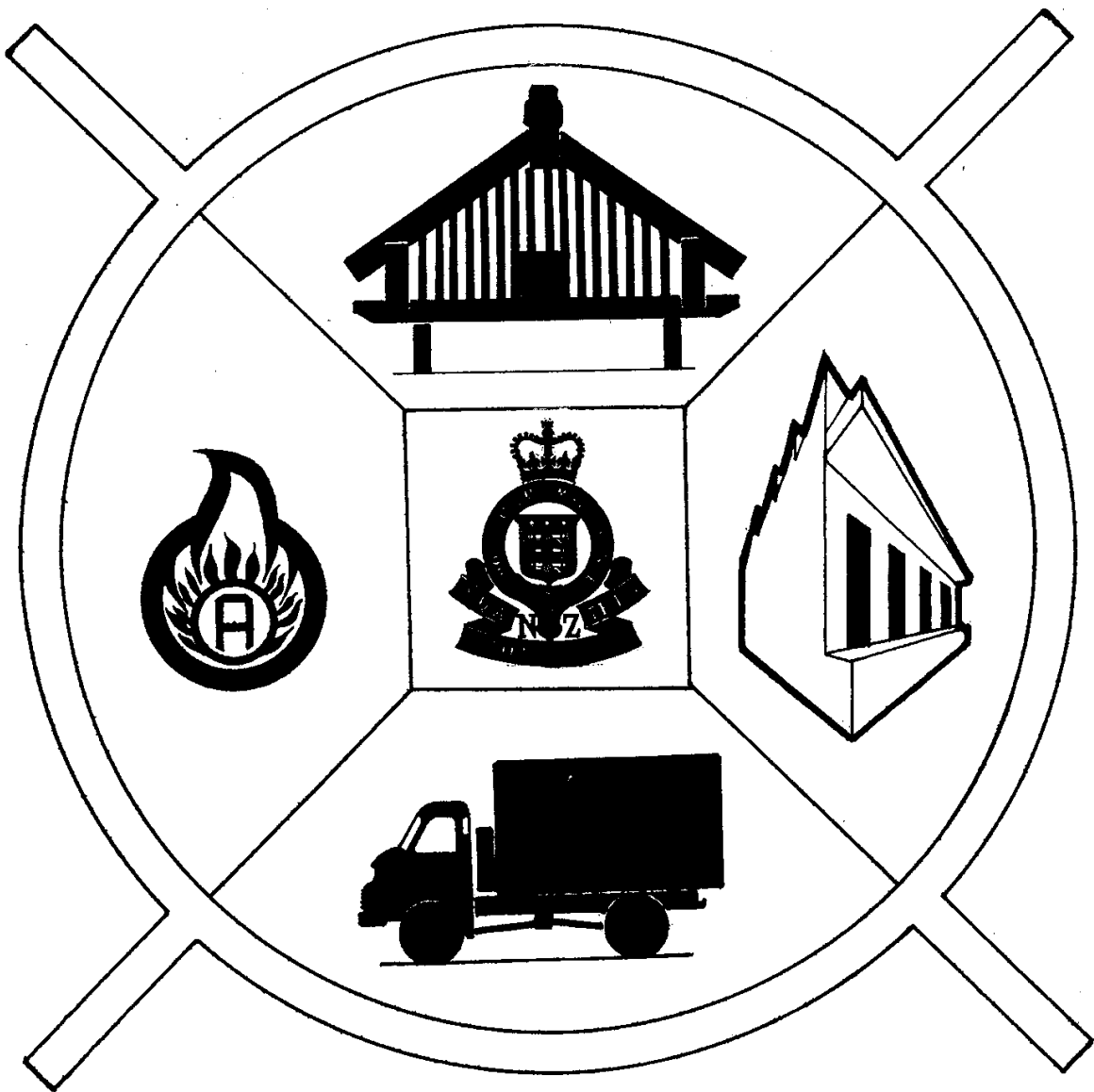


# PATAKA



THE MAGAZINE OF THE **RNZAOC**

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MEMORIAL

LT COL GEOFFREY JOHN HAYES ATKINSON, MBE.

- 7. 7. 44 Commenced duty with the RNZAF
  - 7. 6. 45 Transferred to NZ Army and appointed 2Lt.
  - 30. 7. 46 Embarked for 2 NZEF J Force -  
OC 1 NZ AOD Field Park
  - 17. 2. 49 Joined RNZAOC as Lieutenant
  - 30. 8. 50 NZ K Force (NZ Emergency Force in Korea)
  - 27. 1. 52 2IC HQ CRAOC 1 Commonwealth Division
  - 15. 8. 52 Capt, Temporary Lt Col as CRAOC 1 Comwel Div
  - 21. 7. 58 Major, OC MOD
  - 1. 7. 65 Appointed to NZ Army Liaison Staff, London
  - 29. 8. 68 Promoted Lieutenant Colonel as Director of  
Ordnance Services.
- Awarded the MBE for service in Korea.

1. On the 20th November 1972 after 23 years commissioned service with the RNZAOC, the Director of Ordnance Services, Lt Col Atkinson retires.

2. A brief resume of his military career shown above indicates the service that Lt Col Atkinson has seen. Lt Col Atkinson has been DOS for just over four years and during this period many changes have taken place within the RNZAOC. That these changes have taken place smoothly and efficiently is a reflection on the management of Lt Col Atkinson. The RNZAOC with Lt Col Atkinson at the helm has reached a high peak of technical efficiency and is regarded highly within the Army. Morale and Corps spirit are high as a result of the direct personal interest of Lt Col Atkinson in these fields. This personal interest has been particularly evident in his many visits to Ordnance Units throughout the country. These visits have served to increase the co-operation between the Corps and its customers, and have given added cohesion to the corps by virtue of the active encouragement of Lt Col Atkinson in the fields of professional and technical kinship.

3. Lt Col Atkinson's achievements as DOS have earned for him the admiration and respect of the Corps and the Army. The Editor wishes to express on behalf of the Corps, our best wishes for a fruitful and enjoyable retirement.

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FAREWELL MESSAGE from Lt Col G. J. H. ATKINSON, MBE.

I have recently visited all the RNZAOC units in New Zealand and had the opportunity to speak to most of you.

I must say I was impressed with your efficiency and good spirit. On my final tours I heard many compliments from various Commanders on the first class service and assistance given by RNZAOC units.

The Corps is well respected in the Army today and this is due to your fine efforts over the past few years.

As my term as DOS draws to an end I thank you for your hard work and loyalty and wish you all the best for the future.

## DIRECTORATE MATTERS

### Review of Corps Training Policy

Not since 1962 has a complete examination of the training requirements and training methods used within the RNZAOC been carried out. In that time there has been a radical change in the roles and responsibilities of the Corps. These changes have resulted in the introduction of many new procedures and systems. Major areas of change have been:

- a. The introduction of machine accounting.
- b. The implementation of the S2 System.
- c. The rationalization of the Camp and Area Q functions.
- d. The introduction of RNZAOC field force units into the peace system of supply.
- e. The fundamental changes in the peace system of replenishment, e.g. the centralization of technical maintenance spares and the 1970 higher Defence reorganisation.

Although a continuous review and update of Corps training requirements and methods has been conducted by the RNZAOC it is considered relevant, because of the cumulative effects of the changes, to re-examine the training objectives and training philosophy of the RNZAOC.

The study was also prompted by evidence of a declining pass rate of Storeman/Clerks during star courses suggesting that perhaps new systems and approaches to training are required.

A policy paper stating changes that will take place in our training world has been circulated and all ranks are advised to make sure they are aware of what is contained in this paper.

### RNZAOC Senior Officers Conference

The six-monthly Senior Officers Conference was held at Trentham on 12-13 October. The Conference covered a wide range of personnel, stores and training matters.

The Conference was jointly chaired by the DOS, Lt Col Atkinson, and the DOS (designate) Lt Col Ross.

### DOS Farewell Functions

During his farewell visits to the outstations DOS has been accorded local farewells. Within the Directorate sphere of influence the following functions have been held:

- a. Farewell Parade, Trentham, Wed. 12th October. The DOS reviewed a parade of all RNZAOC personnel based in the Trentham/Mangaroa area. The parade was commanded by Maj T.D. McBeth and the regimental turnout and bearing was a credit to all involved. The parade was followed by an afternoon tea for all parade participants and wives.
- b. RNZAOC Officers Farewell Dining Out.
  - (1) A dining out for the DOS was held by the RNZAOC officers on the night of Thursday 12th October in the Trentham Camp Officers Mess.

- (2) Fortysix serving and ex-serving officers attended this function and all Depots were represented. A guest of honour was the Chief of the General Staff, Maj Gen L. A. Pearce, CBE.
- (3) The Colonel Commandant, Brig A. H. Andrews, CBE, made a farewell speech on behalf of the Corps and made two presentations to the DOS. The first was a Corps Plaque mounted on heart Rimu with a silver inscription recording the occasion. This presentation was made on behalf of all ranks RNZAOC.
- (4) The Colonel Commandant also presented the DOS with a matching desk set of fountain and ball pens on behalf of the officers of the RNZAOC.
- c. Directorate Farewell. The DOS was farewelled by the Directorate staff at a function held in the Home Command Garrison Club on Tuesday 17th October.

In addition the Home Command Officers Mess farewelled the DOS on Wednesday 19th October.

#### OFF Shower Equipment

A procurement request has been processed to provide an additional shower equipment for 1 OFF. This will allow 1 OFF to provide a full shower coverage for the Bde.

The OFF Shower Section will now consist of two detachments each with an equipment.

#### 3 OFF Role - 72/73 Annual Camp

3 OFF will carry out a more significant Ordnance role during the next annual camp and will act as a normal OFF for 3 Inf Bde Gp.

Scalings have been arranged and the unit will trial the new Field Force Ledger Accounting System and the Australian OFF storage/warehousing systems.

#### RNZAOC Corps Stable Belt

Final selection of the style of the belt buckle was made during the Senior Officers Conference. DOS has approved the design and all that is needed now is the Colonel Commandant's approval. Once this is received orders for complete belts will be placed on the manufacturer in the United Kingdom. The expected cost will be approximately \$3.

#### RNZAOC Corps Tie

Samples have been received from the manufacturer giving a much wider range for selection of type/pattern than before. In view of this it has been decided to re-circulate the ties in order to obtain the Corps view on the final selection.

#### Next Issue of Pataka

The next issue of PATAKA will incorporate a new layout and format. It is hoped to have the edition completed for receipt before Christmas and units are requested to note that contributions must be received at the Directorate not later than 17 November for inclusion in the issue.

/DOS (UK) VISIT

DOS (UK) VISIT TO NEW ZEALAND

The DOS (UK), Major General L. T. H. PHELPS, OBE, made a brief visit to New Zealand from 1 to 4 August this year at the invitation of Chief of the General Staff, Major General L. A. Pearce, CBE. Acting as host on behalf of the CGS was DOS(NZ)

The purpose of Maj Gen Phelps's visit was primarily to further cement the affiliation between the RAOC and the RNZAOC. This was the second occasion on which a DOS(UK) had visited New Zealand. You will remember the previous occasion in November 1970 when we had the pleasure of meeting Maj Gen A. Young, before his retirement from office.

Maj Gen Phelps arrived by air in Wellington on the afternoon of Tuesday 1 August and was met by the head of the British Defence Liaison Staff, Group Captain J. A. Steff-Langston RAF, and Lt Col G. J. H. Atkinson. On the afternoon of his arrival Maj Gen Phelps visited the British High Commissioner to New Zealand.

Official calls were made next day by Maj Gen Phelps to the Chief of General Staff, Assistant Chief of Defence Staff (Support), the Commander Home Command and the RNZAOC Directorate. These took place in the morning. After a lunch at Trentham Camp Officers Mess visits were made to the RNZAOC School and to 1 Base Ordnance Depot.

On the evening of Wednesday 2 August, DOS(NZ) and his officers were hosts to Maj Gen Phelps at a dinner held in the Trentham Camp Officers' Mess. In his speech of welcome to the DOS(UK), the Colonel Commandant RNZAOC, Brigadier A. H. Andrews, CBE, stressed the assistance RNZAOC had received from RAOC over the years, both in direct help during World War II and indirectly in pioneering and disseminating operating doctrine. The Colonel Commandant then presented to Maj Gen Phelps, as a gift to the officers of the RAOC from the officers of the RNZAOC, a statuette of a Maori Warrior, carved in Kauri.

In his reply, Maj Gen Phelps stated that he had come to New Zealand not to observe procedures and warehouses, but to meet the people. He expressed his gratitude that he was, in fact, doing just that - meeting people. The General then presented to the RNZAOC two paintings by Major Peter Walton, a serving RAOC Officer, depicting officers of the Army Ordnance Department in ceremonial dress in 1896 and 1909.

The following morning, Maj Gen Phelps, accompanied by Lt Col Atkinson, commenced his tour of the North Island visiting RNZAOC units at Linton, Waiouru and Ngaruawahia Camps. At Linton, the General was greeted at 2 COD by a traditional Maori challenge, performed by Mr. Hemara, an instructor in Maori arts in Palmerston North. In this ceremony, the warrior leaves the home group, advances towards the visitors in a challenging manner and places a token on the ground in front of the most distinguished visitor, who picks it up as a sign that he comes in friendship.

During his tour of the North Island a brief stop was made at Taupo where Maj Gen Phelps called upon a retired RAOC officer, Colonel H. R. Alden. Later the same day the General passed through Rotorua, observing the thermal activity and enjoying a guided tour through a Maori crafts centre.

On the afternoon of 4 August Maj Gen Phelps arrived at Fort Cautley. He called upon the Commander, Field Force Command and later that evening was entertained in the Fort Cautley Officers' Mess by

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staff from HQ Field Force Command and RNZAOC officers in the Northern Region. Late in the evening of August 4th, Maj Gen Phelps was escorted to the Auckland airport and farewelled by Lt Col Atkinson.

During his brief visit Maj Gen Phelps met all serving RNZAOC Officers, with the exception of those three serving in 3 COD and our two officers on Singapore. In addition he visited all major RNZAOC installations in the North Island. The visit was appreciated by all ranks RNZAOC and the purpose - to further cement the bonds of affiliation between our two Corps, was fully achieved.

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### 1 BOD Contribution

#### Postings In

The following folk have recently joined our staff. Welcome to the Depot and we hope you enjoy your stay with us.

(Ladies first)

Pte Hera Tairaroa	for the Machine Room
Pte Nancy Tait	" " "
Cpl Blackburn K.R.	Corps transfer from <del>RNZAF</del> RNZA.
Pte Knott	Re-enlisted from civvie street.

#### Postings Out

To balance the scales we have lost the following:

Pte Robin Stewart	to 1 Inf Wksp Stores Sect
Cpl Ewen Davidson	to ANZUK Ord Depot
Lcpl Rex Riley (ex 1 Comp Ord)	Released at end of engagement.
Sgt Dick Eden	to ANZUK Ord Depot

#### TODs

From 3 COD we have had Sgt Arthur Verlander and Lcpl Brian McOscar helping out. Burnham was never like this and they may try for a permanent posting! Any bets?

Lt Mark Stuart - ex NSTU/RNZAOC School  
2Lt Rosemary Weaver - ex mysterious trips from North Cape to the Bluff!

### C O N G R A T U L A T I O N S

Masses of congratulations to those of our staff mentioned below for the following reasons:

#### a. Marriage

Lcpl Theresa Eden on marriage to Cpl Stewart of 1 Base Wksp during August. Best wishes for the future.

#### b. Promotions

Ssgt Barry Thompson	to T/WOII	29 May 72
Cpl Maurice Hunt	to T/Sgt	28 Jun 72
Lcpl Peter Dellabarca	to Cpl	28 Jun 72
Lcpl K. Clarke (NZWRAC)	to T/Cpl	12 Sep 72
Pte Fred Phillips	to T/Lcpl	26 Jul 72
Pte Fay Ritchie (NZWRAC)	to T/Lcpl	12 Sep 72

#### c. Births

Lt Paul and Mrs Dangerfield - a Daughter  
Sgt Maurice and Mrs Hunt - a Son

/ Sick List

SICK LISTINGS

The Depot has had more than its fair share of sickness of late and at one stage four of its members were in hospital:

- WOII John Adams - at Hammer
- Ssgt Ivan Mullis - at Masterton
- Ssgt Max Blackburn - at Hutt Hospital
- Ssgt Digger Highley - at Shellharbour Bay

The co-incidence that all four were from PC&A leads us to wonder if perhaps S2 is some real virus and not just a pain in the neck!

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DOS (UK) VISIT

On Wed, 2 August, Trentham was honoured with a visit from Maj Gen L. T. H. Phelps, OBE, MBIM.

1 BOD provided a guard of honour outside Area HQ to welcome the DOS and this was ably commanded by Sgt Dick Eden.

After lunch the General visited the RNZAOC School and saw both the 4 Star and AT courses at work. He also visited the School Museum and showed great interest in many of the exhibits.

Following this he saw 1 BOD Control Office Machine Room and Clothing, MT and SES Gps.

Informality was the keynote of the visit and the General stopped to speak with many of the staff during his tour.

At a formal dinner that evening (attended by quite a few 'Old Timers' such as Lt Col Jock Harvey, Lt Col Frank Bishop, Norm Fisher, Jack Rose and Joe Bolton, to name but a few) presentations were exchanged and an enjoyable evening followed.

'Many a True Word etc.'

Reference : Pataka 3/72 para 320. (we spoke of the possibility of finding a Harvard at ACE Gp.....)

A certain person (who shall still remain anonymous) - however it is still the same man, has since been posted from ACE Gp to MT Spares.

Would you believe that within a week was found in that group -- No, not a harvard, but a REAL, GENUINE, FAIR DINKUM RNZAF VAMPIRE!!!

Postscript

Now we know what they do in Stores Sections!

A recent demand from one of these outposts requested -

"SOLDIER, LEAD ALLOY, LBS 30"

Do Stores Sections personnel have to put their toys away each night??

Prayers are the answer

Dennis's prayers were heard and he is now back where he wants to be - at 1 BOD of course.

The Castle will not be the same without his merry songs and jolly ways.

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## 2 COD Contributions

### Farewells:

There have been quite a few changes in staff since our last letter as you will see -

Lcpl Manu Parata has gone to the fighting force of 1 Comp Ord.

Pte Colin Burrell has moved North to 1 OFF.

Cpl Keith Eveleigh has crossed the road to 1 Gen Tps. Wksp  
Stores Section.

Lcpl Scannell (NZWRAC) has been posted to Linton Army Area.

Lcpl Hunter has moved from Waiouru to the APCA cell at HQ  
Home Command

and

Mr. Eric Henshaw after a short spell as civilian clerk in  
Accounts Gp has left 2 COD.

### Welcomes

To make good our losses we have welcomed the following -  
From 1 BOD Cpl Wayne Myers who has joined the staff of PC&A  
Group.

" 1 OFF Cpl Frankie Hohepa gone to the sub Depot at Waiouru.

" Basic Course:

Pte Joe ERU who is settling down in the realms of the  
Tent Repair shop.

Pte Nick Toheriri who has joined the CE Group staff.

Pte Brent McGrath undergoing training as an AT at Waiouru.

" RNZIR to RNZAOC: Cpl Arthur Evans also with PC&A Gp.

" HQ Home Command T/Sgt Wayne Le Gros in exchange for  
Lcpl Hunter at Sub Depot Waiouru.

### Promotions

Congratulations to the girls and to Brian

from Sgt to T/Ssgt - Brian Hickey, Sub Depot Waiouru

" Lcpl to T/Cpl - Rose Jackson

" Pte to Lcpl - Ruth Slade

### CORPS DAY 1972

Yes, Corps Day has been and gone again and this year to let Linton Army Area know that it was Corps Day 2 COD services were offered at first light in the form of lilting music, refreshments and a quick-service car wash. This was carried out at the main entrance of the Camp, and although it seemed at times as if a bank up of cars was imminent, due to the 2 COD NZWRAC Provost being on the ball the smooth running of the operations was maintained.

Sports took place in the afternoon and the Seniors retained the 'NECKER TROPHY' for Volley Ball by 4 games to 1.

The evening social was held in the form of a dance. A good supper was provided and over all another good Corps Day was had by one and all.

### VISITS

DOS (UK) visited us on 3 August and was greeted by a Maori challenge. All staff were formed up on the lawn in front of the HQ and Maj Gen Phelps met them individually.



DOS(NZ) made his farewell visit to us on 31 August and joined the staff in social drinks for an hour in the afternoon. In the evening the Officers and WOs of 2 COD entertained Lt Col Atkinson at a dining out evening in the Sheraton - a most enjoyable get-together.

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### SUB DEPOT JOTTINGS

#### Corps Day

Waiouru Ordnance personnel congregated at the Ammo Area and enjoyed a buffet luncheon prepared by the RNZASC School.

After lunch the 1 x 28 strong team disposed of some liquid refreshment where no records were broken but a good time was had in trying.

Next time you are in Waiouru ask Bev Stewart who put her car up on blocks.

The man of the day was Sgt Ron Henderson as he partook of two Corps functions. Waiouru until 1600 hrs then off to represent us at 2 COD Linton. All reports indicate he made it, although Waiouru had its doubts on his departure from this snow area.

#### Postings In

Already mentioned are Cpl Hohepa and Sgt Le Gros and also to join the team from his basic course is Pte John Rogers.

#### Course attenders

WOII Tom Woon and Sgt Dave Morris recently attended the 4\* course and now we have Cpl Les Warwood, Lcpl Bev Stewart (observing) and Pte John Rogers away on the 1 \* Cse. At the School also is Brent McGrath to attend the AT 1 \* Cse.

#### TOD

Recently returned from Fiji is Captain Sweet after a 14 day spell. The unit personnel don't mind wearing Hibiscus in our hair but we can't get used to these skirts.

#### WORK

Tempo is starting to build up again with Annual Camp looming its (adjective) head next year. Preparatory work is under way and local units are feeling the pinch on loan stores, and we are losing friends fast.

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### 3 COD Contributions

#### "They Have Their Exits and Their Entrances"

- a. Pte Greg Meyer welcomed from RF Cadet School after graduation in Jun.
- b. Sgt Jim Munro farewelled from 3 COD in June on posting to HQ 3 Inf Bde Gp Christchurch, in exchange for:
- c. Sgt Arthur Verlander who joined 3 COD after some two years in HQ 3 Inf Bde.
- d. Sgt Clarrie Heslip more or less moved out of 3 COD at the end of Jun on posting to 3 OFP, taking Sgt John Goddard's place in that unit as the sole RF member.
- e. Pte Graham Raper welcomed to 3 COD and the trade

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- (Some maintain its a profession) of AT, on 6 Jul. Graham transferred to RNZAOC from 1 Bn Depot.
- f. The powers-that-be chose Corps Day to transfer Lcpl Mike Steed from 3 COD to 6 (Bath) Pl. Though largely a paper transaction at this stage, Mike will no doubt notice the difference come Annual Camp time.
  - g. Sgt Brian Smith welcomed back to 3 COD after his spell 'over the road' in 3 Inf Wksp Stores Section.
  - h. Taking Brian's place is Cpl Keith Boxall from 1 Comp Ord Coy. Welcome to the South Keith.
  - i. Pte Evan Box farewelled on 16 Aug 72 on posting to 1 Comp Ord Coy.
  - j. Another transferee from RNZ Inf is Pte James Horner welcomed from 1 Bn Depot 16 August.
  - k. Pte Werahiko welcomed to the machine room staff at the end of August.

#### FAREWELL TO WO2 M.L. DWYER

Yet another break with the not-so-distant past occurred with the retirement on 12 August of WOII 'Mick' Dwyer. Mick's military experience spans almost 32 years since 6 Jan 1941 when he joined the Infantry at Burnham. In 1942 he went to Egypt and 26 Bn and served in the campaigns from Alamein through Libya and Tunis to the collapse of the German and Italian armies in North Africa in 1943. Later in 1943 he was moved across to Taranto in the 'heel' of Italy and posted to the Defence Platoon of HQ 6 Inf Bde. He took part in the battles to wrest Monte Cassino from the Germans who used its eminent situation to block the Allied advance on Rome for many weeks.

After this Mick acquired the interesting post of Stores Sgt NZ Forces Club, Rome, located in the famous Hotel Quirinale. Mick relates an episode when a U.S. Army General tried to evict the Kiwis from this hostelry only to be sent packing by Lt Gen Freyberg in person.

As the Italian front moved slowly north in 1944, so the Club and Mick Dwyer moved, first to Florence and then to Venice as the European War ended.

Mick returned to New Zealand and discharge in 1945. In 1951 he re-enlisted in RNZAOC and was posted to SD Ordnance Depot. In the last 21 years he has filled just about every appointment in the place at one time or another, except perhaps, OC, 2IC, ATO and Data Processor. Among his last tasks (though unofficial) was giving the OC a first hand account of the Italian Campaign to assist with the promotion exams. Maps of Italy and Southern Europe adorned the room and the urgent conversations prompted the Admin WO to remark that the place was more like Field Marshall Kesselring's HQ and less like HQ 3 COD!

A NZWRAC Private's remark may highlight the great past of the NZ Army. When Mick left she said - "I haven't seen anyone wearing the Africa Star and Italian ribbons."

Look around the Army and the Corps these days! Have you?

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Congratulations and best wishes are offered to:

2Lt P.M. O'Brien on promotion to Lt 20 Jun 72

Pte C.W. Cattermole on promotion to T/Lcpl 7 Jul 72

Sgt E.R. Adams on Promotion to T/Ssgt on 13 Sep 72

Pte and Mrs. Raper on the birth of their first child, Barry Walter on 13 Jul 72.

/Corps Day 1972

## CORPS DAY 1972

3 COD, 3 Inf Wksp Stores Sects, 6 (Bath) Pl and 3 OFP celebrated 12 July with two functions.

The first was in the afternoon (priming session?) in the Burnham Camp Community Centre, where everyone enjoyed themselves in various indoor sports such as bowls, darts and elbow bending. This function occupied most of the afternoon and everyone departed with the daylight to prepare for the second function.

Again in a Community Centre Hall, this time at HEI HEI, the second session got under way around 8 p.m. with the arrival of the Army bus from Burnham bearing not only the Burnham members and their families but also the DOS in an unusual but very welcome attendance at Southern Region's Ordnance Corps Day.

An excellent band "The Notation" did a continuously first class job throughout the social and dance.

The only minor disappointment was that quite a few military and civilian members and families were not present; whilst the 'Boys of the Old Brigade' were far fewer than at the 1971 celebration. In fact, on Corps Day itself, there were 9 members of 3 COD away on TODs, Courses, Leave, etc, and 3 were sick.

We were impressed by the distance some of those present had travelled to attend. Apart from Lt Col Atkinson from Wellington, former members WO2 Vic Davies from Blenheim and Cpl Jimmy Bowden from Timaru had made the effort to be with us.

Later in the evening. Lt Col Atkinson presented Long Service and Good Conduct Medals to WO1 Jim Holmes and WO2 Mike Nicholson incorporating a short speech on the meaning and relevance of the award in today's society. Both WOs had expressed a wish for the presentation to be made in this uniquely Corps, and rather unusual fashion where they were known by most of those present.

Even though the attendance was less than had been hoped for (about 100 instead of 150) the evening went off extremely well and we look forward to Corps Day '73.

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### Corps Day Plus One

The following is a sad tale from one of our Data Processors (now an ex member of the staff as her engagement finished in August), one Cpl Carol Smith, on the perils of cleaning up after Corps Day. Carol has gone over to Europe and has entitled her story "So long, Folks"

"SO LONG, FOLKS!" or, THE MORNING AFTER THE NIGHT BEFORE.

Once upon a time there were two NZWRAC. These two girls worked in a friendly little depot called 3 COD. The unit being so small, everyone was buddy-buddy until - Corps Day arrived. But it wasn't Corps Day that was the problem, Oh no! It was the cleaning-up-day that followed.

Being ladies of leisure at work became a bit of a bore so we volunteered, along with some of our buddies to repair the Corps Day havoc at the Hei Hei Hall.

Not surprisingly, cleaning up becomes a bit of a drag after say, half an hour. This drag was alleviated somewhat by a moderate intake of liquid stimulants of an agreeable nature; being unconsumed items from the previous night's revelry. This moderate intake gradually became less moderate during the cleaning up time. Later on the place of consumption also changed. From the work site, consumption was resumed in a rough joint in one of the less select residential districts of the Garden City. The WRAC contingent of the volunteers became increasingly involved in this agreeable activity. So much so, they were unaware of passing time and data processing responsibilities and such other commitments in the work-

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a-day world. Did this perturb them even later? Not a whit, not one whit! Consciences had flown away with the time, though both were to return with unkind swiftness with the dawning of the next day.

Corps Day plus two arrived and with it retribution with the force of a ton of bricks. A ton of bricks in the guise of an officer's SDs and holding the appointment of OC 3 COD. Remorse, remorse! The errant band, including the WRAC contingent sweated it out in the cafeteria, even though the place was unheated. Hour after hour it seemed, they waited for the crunch whilst the Ton of Bricks rumbled distantly in the front end of 3 COD HQ. From time to time the door opened to reveal vague emissaries of the Ton of Bricks, ensuring all victims were present and prepared. Perspiration running down their faces, damp clothes clinging to their bodies, they waited, chained to their seats by time, and terror.

Then came the fire breathing Dragon! Oh tyrant of tyrants! After hours and hours of waiting, in it came at 0900 hrs on the dot! Coolest Cat I've ever seen. The volunteers waited in dread.

The dragon intoned on restraints to be observed by all personnel in the event of the Anti-Anti-Anti groups invading the hallowed precincts of 3 COD during their 'anti-mobilisation' planned for that day.

This done, the dragon then handed our Leader of volunteers a list of instructions for he and his team, including the WRAC contingent, to be put into effect at 0800 hrs Saturday! Could it be that having taken all day to clean up at Hei Hei, the intrepid volunteers, boys and girls, were to take all day Saturday cleaning up the large chunk of Burnham Camp occupied by 3 COD. It just could be that! HEI? HEI?

NB: (Incorrectly called 'High High' by the locals, Hei Hei is really 'Hay Hay' if Maori pronunciation were used).

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#### D O S Changeover.

The Directorate staff and Ordnance personnel employed at Defence HQ gathered in the Garrison Club, Buckle Street, on Tuesday afternoon, 17th October to farewell our present DOS, Lt Col Atkinson.

DDOS, Major A. J. Campbell, spoke for the staff to thank Col Atkinson for his approachability and for his concern for their well-being, and also for the way in which the staff had been moulded into a good working team.

Lt Col Atkinson in his reply thanked his staff for their support and paid a tribute to the way in which their efforts reflected the degree of esteem in which the Corps was held throughout New Zealand.

A buffet tea was organised by Ron Horne for the occasion assisted by the ladies of the staff and altogether a very pleasant time ensued.

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/Let's Think Metric

## LET'S THINK METRIC !

In 1973 NZ starts to use Metric Measures and in 1975 the changeover from Imperial Measures to Metric will have been completed. Every person will need time to completely understand the International System of weights and measures, or SI, as it is used throughout the world.

Why the change? What are the benefits?

The main reason is commercial. 90% of the world uses the SI system and the USA is the only major nation not yet committed to changing.

School children will reap the most benefit from the change as they will not have the complicated tables to learn which plagued most of us during our primary school days. Once understood the ease of using the metric system will be soon apparent.

All Ordnance personnel must of necessity learn metric measures now to avoid confusion and error later. The checking of receipts and issues, learning of D of Q's, breaking down from bulk, (especially liquids, lengths of rope, coils, wire, etc.,) could lead to incorrect issues or receipts. We must all be ready when metrics are introduced to save ourselves a ton of work in correcting mistakes which need not be made.

In your own interest start learning the metric system NOW.

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These notes explain metric units for everyday use.

### LENGTH

<u>Kilometre</u>	<u>km</u>	for road distance and map-measurements
<u>metre</u>	<u>m</u>	
<u>centimetre</u>	<u>cm</u>	
<u>millimetre</u>	<u>mm</u>	

1 kilometre	=	1,000 metres
1 Metre	=	100 centimetres
1 Metre	=	1,000 millimetres
1 Centimetre	=	10 millimetres
1 Centimetre	=	0.01 metres
1 Millimetre	=	0.001 metres

### Exercises:

- (1) Measure the length of this page in millimetres.
- (2) What is the approximate height of a door in metres?
- (3) What is the approximate distance from Wellington to Palmerston North in kilometres?  
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### AREA

Square metre ( $m^2$ ) will be used for areas of floors, etc.  
 $4 m^2$  is "4 square metres"

The are (pronounced "air") is  $100 m^2$  and this is roughly the floor area of an average house.

The hectare is 100 ares. This will be used for land areas.

A hectare is 100 metres x 100 metres.

### /CALCULATIONS

## CALCULATIONS

Calculations use decimals freely.

(1) Area:

$$\begin{aligned} & 500 \text{ mm} \times 625 \text{ mm} \\ = & 0.5 \text{ m} \times 0.625 \text{ m} \\ = & 0.3125 \text{ m}^2 \end{aligned}$$

(2) Multiplication:

$$\begin{array}{r} 6 \text{ m } 50 \text{ mm} \times 80 \qquad 6.05 \\ \qquad \qquad \qquad \qquad \qquad \times 80 \\ \hline = \qquad \qquad \underline{484 \text{ m}} \end{array}$$

(3) Land Areas:

A football field measures 100 m x 68 m. What is its area

- (a) in square metres?
- (b) in hectares?

(a) Area = 100 m x 68 m  
= 6800 m<sup>2</sup>

(b) Area = 0.68 ha

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## VOLUME

The cubic metre is the unit that will be used for bulk measures of solids and liquids.

The litre (ℓ) will be the unit of volume for everyday liquid measures, and the millilitre (mℓ) will be the unit for smaller measures.

A metric teaspoon holds 5 mℓ.

Occasionally, cubic decimetre may be used for litre.

Cubic centimetre (cm<sup>3</sup>) may be used for volumes of solids.

$$\begin{aligned} 1 \text{ cm}^3 &= 1 \text{ m}\ell \\ 1000 \text{ m}\ell &= 1 \text{ litre} \\ 1000 \text{ litres} &= 1 \text{ m}^3 \end{aligned}$$

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## WEIGHT (MASS)

On earth, weight and mass are, for practical purposes two names for the same thing. In space, an astronaut is weightless, but still has a mass of say 70 kilograms.

The tonne (pronounced to rhyme with "John") is the unit for large loads.

The Kilogram is the unit for every day use.

The gram is the unit for cooking recipes and some retail packages.

$$\begin{aligned} 1 \text{ tonne (t)} &= 1000 \text{ kilograms} \\ 1 \text{ Kilogramm (kg)} &= 1000 \text{ grams (g)} \\ 1 \text{ m}\ell &= 1 \text{ cm}^3 \text{ of water weighs almost exactly } 1 \text{ gram.} \\ 1 \text{ litre of water} &\text{ weighs almost exactly } 1 \text{ kilogram.} \\ 1 \text{ m}^3 \text{ of water} &\text{ weighs almost exactly } 1 \text{ tonne.} \end{aligned}$$

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/ FORCE AND PRESSURE

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### Force:

newton (N) for small forces

kilonewton (kN) for large forces

A 1-kilogram mass (weight) resting on a surface exerts a force of 9.8 N.

A 1-tonne mass (weight) hanging from the hook of a crane causes a tension of 9.8 kN in the rope.

### Pressure:

A force of 1 newton per square metre is known as a pascal. This is a very small unit.

100 kilopascals is very close to average atmospheric pressure.

A gauge pressure of 200 kilopascals is equivalent to a gauge pressure of 29 p.s.i.

A bar is a pressure of 100 kPa.

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### MULTIPLES

kilo	<u>metre</u> <u>gram</u> <u>litre</u>	deci-	centi-	milli-
1000		0.1	0.01	0.001

### APPROXIMATIONS

1 mm	= $\frac{1}{25}$ inch	;	1 inch	= $2\frac{1}{2}$ cm = 25 mm
1 m	= $3\frac{1}{4}$ feet	:	1 foot	= 30 cm = 300 mm
1 km	= $\frac{5}{8}$ mile	;	1 mile	= 1.6 km = 1600 m
100 km/h	= 60 m.p.h.	;	30 m.p.h.	= 48 km/h
1 ha	= 2.5 acres	;	1 acre	= 0.4 ha
1 litre	= $1\frac{3}{4}$ pints	;	1 gallon	= $4\frac{1}{2}$ litres
1 kg	= 2.2 lbs	;	1 lb	= 450 g

## NGARUAWAHIA NOTES

Since our last appearance in this journal another Corps Day celebration has come and gone. An established format of afternoon sports followed by sportsmen's bar, buffet tea and social at Ngaruawahia was the way the occasion was marked in the Winterless North. Unfortunately the weather man hadn't heard of this description of the land of the Lotus-eaters and the day was somewhat marred by rain.

The bowls competition was won by WOI Hari's team from Sylvia Park and the soccer match Locals v Visitors was a clear cut victory for ?.....(the ref said he wasn't quite sure which side was which, a situation in which some of the players also found themselves.) The week-day event did not draw many ex Corps members. Among those who did attend and who would be known in other parts was Capt 'Snow' Prouse, who these days is confounding the Southern Cross Building Society with computer science.

Big event this week has been the Charter Parade when Ngaruawahia Camp ( in which 1 COD has a majority share holding) re-asserted their rights and freedom of the Borough of Ngaruawahia. We were privileged to have the Band of the NZ Army in attendance and this enabled a good show to be staged.

### Promotions

We offer our congratulations to Chief Clerk, Barry Moore on his elevation to WOI.

### Attached

Welcomes are extended to:

Pte Lawrence Ferry, late of the Band of the NZ Army (we trust he doesn't have to face the music too often with us).

Pte Trevor Hall on Corps transfer ex 1 Tpt Coy who joins our Veh Gp at Sylvia Park.

and looking into our crystal ball -

Ptes John Griffin and Lex Fowell are expected to join us in a few weeks ex Basic AA 100.

Pte Fowell is the son of one of our longest standing - (shortest lying down) NCOs Sgt G.G. Fowell.

### Detached

Looking into our crystal ball again we note that by the time you read this we will have said farewell to our OC, Major Hunt on his posting to HQ FF Command in the triangular manipulation of the Majors. We wish Major and Mrs. Hunt the very best in their new situation and in their log cabin in the hills of Albany.

Since our last mention in this journal we have farewelled three of our long standing civilian staff. They are:

Mr. Bob Gibbons and Mr. Wilfred Bowen - both from the Clothing Group, and Mr. Archie McRury from PC&A. Each carries our best wishes on his retirement.

Also leaving us recently on retirement was Sgt Terry Louisson. Terry came to us in the early sixties from AEWS and has spent all his time since then in various appointments in Ngaruawahia. We wish him well in his new appointment with the Health Department.

### Hatched

Congratulations to WOII Peter and wife Edra Lapslie on the birth of their fourth son, Kevin.

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### Matched

Our congratulations go also to Dvr Tom Grason and Cpl Ann Grason (nee Connolly) on their recent nuptials. The happy love birds have a nest in the village of Ngaruawahia.

### Out of the Past

Ex WOI Dave Thomas is reported to have joined the 'Brain Drain'. This we find has nothing to do with his academic acrobatics but refers to what he is packing for export these days

Another AT who keeps in touch is ex Sgt Jim Price who writes from his home town (with a very forgettable name) in Wales, advising that he has finally gained his 'Q' Commission as a Security Officer with General Electric Company. The "Leek Burner" also advises that seats for the All Black games are getting scarce round his way so rugby fever must be well upon them. He sends us the following ditty:

Barry John has retired and gone,  
But the Welsh XV will motor on,  
Another season for the triple crown  
And also put the All Blacks down.

This, we feel is a challenge which we invite the budding Shakespeares among the readers to take up.

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### 1 COMP ORD COY CONTRIBUTION

#### Postings In

On 20 Jul 72 the Company welcomed Lcpl Manu Parata from 2 COD, and on 16 August Pte BOX E. K. was welcomed on his posting from 3 COD. Let us hope that both of you enjoy your stay in the Company's merry fold.

#### Courses

Over the last three months personnel have been rather busy with their studies.

First off it started with Ssgt Coffey and Sgt McGlinchey trotting off to the RNZAOC School (Gloom Castle) to try their luck at the Storeman Clerk 4 star course.

Congratulations go to Sgt McGlinchey for obtaining a pass on the course.

Then Lcpls Prescott and Parata tried their luck at the Education Maths and English exams. At present they are still awaiting the results.

Two days later Lcpl Prescott decided he wanted to learn how to fly the hard way, and he was shipped off to PTSU on the Basic Para Course. (Happy Landings, Bruce!)

#### Promotions

The following promotions have recently been approved -

T/Cpl Russ Tulloch promoted Sub Cpl  
T/Lcpl (Tiny) Jensen promoted Sub Lcpl

Best of luck chaps and just keep those stripes rolling.

#### Social Activities

The Company's sportsmen had a sport trip arranged by the OC to take off and pay 1 OFP a visit and also to try and beat them at Indoor Basketball. But, alas, OFP thrashed us at basketball - but we beat them at the good ole sport of drinking.

/Training

### Training

The Unit held its first weekend camp for the 72/73 training year on the week-end of 30 Sep - 1 Oct 72.

This brought the Laundry Platoon in for a familiarisation course on the machines. Saturday was spent at Mangaroa Compound with the boys washing blankets, while on Sunday the machines were packed up and a deployment exercise was held on a farm in the Maymorn area with the machines drawing water direct from the Mangaroa river.

During the whole week-end, the biggest laugh would have been on the CSM (WOII Brady). On one machine the washer was being cleaned out with clean water. The CSM came up and asked what was in the washer. The answer 'Water'. The CSM then asked what they were doing with just water in the washer? The answer 'Washing it'.

But all told it was a very successful week-end with the boys learning quite a bit as some of them had not used the machines previously.

The Company's next week-end camp will be for the Vehicle Platoon Annual Range Practice to be held on the week-end of 14-15 Oct.

### Quarter Guards

With Quarter Guards becoming a recurring thing at Mangaroa the CSM has the following to advertise for loan only -

'One fully trained Quarter Guard, available for any day, night, or any special place.'

### Farewells

While this unit's contribution is being prepared for sending forward to Home Command, the unit personnel are in the process of getting things ready for the farewell visit by Lt Col Atkinson.

This Unit wishes you the best of luck in your retirement, Sir.

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### Reminder

The closing date for the receipt of contributions for the 'new look' PATAKA is 17 Nov 72.

25 Oct 72