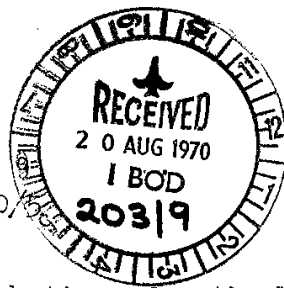


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161. Our pleas in the last issue for contributions for the Newsletter have not fallen on barren ground and there has been a good response from unit scribes. Anyone who feels he has an item of interest is asked to forward it through his Orderly room or if that is not possible to send the item direct to SC Ord. After this issue our address will be HQ Home Command, Buckle Street, Wellington. Our move is scheduled to take place at the beginning of September.

162. Transfer to CMD/Home Command.

As a small part of the complex Defence reorg, the entire personnel of 1BOD (and administered units) were transferred from Army HQ (which itself has ceased to exist under its old familiar title) to HQ CMD/Home Command.

A beneficial side effect of this transfer has been that 1BOD now comes under command of Trentham Camp for disciplinary purposes and thus ends the awkward situation of having Army Tps and District Tps in the same camp, but under different COs and pay offices.

163 Corps Day Celebrations - Vietnam Style - from our correspondent.

Corps Day was celebrated here in the Republic at the beautiful beach resort of Vung Tau. This location was chosen because it is home for a very fortunate majority of our Corps. Vung Tau has been nicknamed 'The Tauranga of the East' and life here is an endless round of social engagements and relaxation. All Ordnance members in the country were able to attend which is a good reflection on our esprit de corps. They were:

- Vung Tau : Maj AJ Campbell
Capt Newnham
Ssgt Pennell
Sgt Morrissey
- Nui Dat : Lt Ellwood
Cpl Moore BD
- Saigon's Super Suppliers : Cpl Henderson
Cpl Bolton

The day started off on an unhappy note when the two Saigon warriors arrived to find no one at the airport to meet them and no transport to take them to the Depot. Organisation was non-existent and rather depressing. However, not to be outdone they plodded wearily onwards, with hat badges gleaming, to the Peter Badcoe Club. One was complaining about the sun on his bald head while the other moaned about it's effect on his dry throat.

After hours of searching and many phone calls later everyone at last congregated on the beach in commencement of a happy afternoon of drinking. All drank on in the true Ordnance fashion until driven off the beach by the late afternoon monsoon rains. 4 pm saw the retirement of the Nui Dat Dodgers who had to catch the only available transport home. At 6 pm a certain Sgt had to call it quits and sleep something off and the officers disappeared never to be seen again.

The festivities carried on into the night in the form of a darts match between Australia and New Zealand, but owing to the inability of the Kiwis to see the wall, let alone the dart board, we were soundly thrashed. The events after 2100 hrs culminating

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copy distributed to each group.

The day's activities are unable to be reported. However, those interested please get in touch with Ssgt Pennell.

Then God spoke to Moses and his Ordnance soldiers in Vietnam and said "You shall neither get Malaria nor pregnant"
So Moses and his crew climbed the mountain and took their tablets.

AMEN.

164. Postings and Appointments

As you will see from the following lists there are a lot of postings taking place still, with more to come as the Defence reorg gathers momentum.

1 BOD have notified us of entrances to and exits from the Depot.

Credits

3 Jul Pte Jo STITT NZWRAC, welcomed ex Burnham Camp
10 Jul Major 'Bill' CAMPBELL welcomed prior to taking over as OC
12 Jul Cpl Andrew BALSILLIE arrived from 1 COD and will move on to ACDS (Sp) later in the year.
15 Jul Lcpl Wayne MYERS arrived from 1 Engr Wksp Linton.
" " Cpl 'Pinky' JOYCE arrived from 1 Gen Tps Wksp and will join ACDS(Sp) team later.
28 Jul Lt T. VERRALL welcomed on attachment from 3 COD whilst undergoing training.

Debits

7 Jul Cpl J. WAREWERA RNZAC left 1BOD to return to School of Armour after several months of valued assistance & Veh Gp with the M113 project.
12 Jul Pte Stewart SEYMOUR posted to 1 Inf Wksp Stores Sect at Papakura.
" " Pte Marion JAGGARD posted to HQ CMD/Home Command.
15 Jul Lcpl Michael WRIGHT posted to 1 Inf Wksp Stores Sect, Papakura.
" " Pte Douglas McLEAN moved over the road to 1 Base Wksp
" " Pte 'Twiggy' HEATH posted from 1BOD to 1 Engr Wksp Stores Sect replacing Wayne MYERS.
31 Jul Lcpl Lyn MANSON left the Army via 1 BOD to take her discharge.
" " Major Ian ROSS was farewelled from the Depot prior to his posting to Singapore.

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Apart from the change round at 1 BOD during Jul these people have also moved -

Major M. J. ROSS	returned ex SVN	Att to Directorate at present.
WOII Brian JENNINGS	ex FMF Cadre	to 1 Base Wksp
WOII Mike NICHOLSON	ex 1 BOD	to 3 COD
Sgt E. R. ADAMS	ex 1 COD	to 3 COD
Sgt D. RETI	ex 1 COD	to 3 COD
Sgt AC HOWLETT	ex 1 COD	to 2 COD
Sgt JL SNELL	ex 1 OFP	to 1 Comp Ord Coy
Cpl TT SMITH	ex 1 BOD	to 28 CW Bde Singapore

/Cpl Guy

Pte RH TULLOCH	ex SVN(1 RNZIR)	to 1 Comp Ord Coy
Cpl Guy FOWLER	ex 2 COD	to 1 COD
Cpl 'Count' MORIARTY	ex 2 COD	to 1 Inf Wksp(LB to Waiouru Wksp)
Lcpl PP REIT	ex 10FP	to 28 CW Bde Singapore.
WOI Ron BEER	ex 3 COD	to Nelson Army Area.

165. Departures.

Pte KING JB Released and MO from 1 Comp Ord Coy on completion of his engagement.

Lcpl Lyn MANSON MO from 1 BOD to release at the end of July

Ssgt Johnny WHITE from 2 COD who will be taking his discharge later this month due to ill health. We wish you well in your retirement John.

166. Congratulations and best wishes are extended to:

Sgt Joe CATES and his wife on the birth of their daughter on 29 July.

Lcpl Michael RAY of 2 COD on his marriage on 4 Jul to Miss Gay FOSTER. Dad's comments: '1 Down and 8 to go'.

Cpl Jim HARVEY of 1 Inf Wksp whose marriage is planned for August.

167. From the Department of 'Useless' Statistics

The appearance on 1 BOD nominal roll of two O'Briens (Lt PM and Pte MJ) calls to mind a remark by the famous Irish playwright George Bernard Shaw.

'If all the O'Briens were laid out end to end around the equator, it would certainly please the O'Neils!'

He was probably having a dig at the well known brand of useless statistics that crop up all over the place from Sports Papers to Election speeches - e.g.:

If all the files in Defence HQ were laid out end to end, they would stretch from Wellington to the Moon!

Anyway, we hope that our two descendants of this famous Irish clan wont be laid out, either end to end or separately!

168. Hospitalisation

After months of physiotherapy our DDOS, Major Golightly was admitted to Wellington Hospital early in July for major surgery. He has now been discharged to sick at home but we believe it will be some weeks before he is fit enough to return to duty. Best wishes are sent for a completely successful recovery.

WOI Neil MAXWELL, who was discharged from Wellington Hospital on 11 July is now on sick leave prior to return to duty.

169. Condolences

From 1 Inf Wksp comes news of the death of the wife of Cpl Roy TAPUNI on 30 Jul. We join with the Stores Section at Papakura in extending our sympathy to Roy and his son.

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HEY JEFF! I KNEW THEY WOULDN'T UNDERSTAND CHARLIE'S DEMAND FOR PLASTIC HOSE WHITE.

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170 1 BOD CORPS DAY CELEBRATIONS

RNZAOC Corps Day 1970 was held in the 1 BOD Tearoom/RNZAOC School Lecture Room on 12 July.

A large gathering of serving RNZAOC personnel and Civilian employees attended this day. Visitors included DOS and personnel from the Directorate and CMD.

Celebrations commenced with a short service by the Padre at 1300 hours and then the programme of sports competitions carried on with refreshment breaks as required. An excellent buffet was provided later in the afternoon and celebrations ceased at approximately 2000 hours. A very enjoyable time was had by all for which all credit must go to the organising committee.

It was extremely pleasing to see so many pers attending this function particularly when it was held on a Sunday. We feel that it shows that the spirit of the Corps is very high indeed.

As an indication of keenness, we are advised that one Warrant Officer and his wife arrived one week early for the celebrations!

COMPETITION WINNERS

- Beautiful Baby Competition - Larry HAWKINS
- Indoor Bowls Team &
- Darts Team : Mrs. Duggan, Mrs. Ross, Mike Cunningham and Bob Derwin.

171. 2 COD Contributions.

Just in time for this edition has come a contribution from 2 COD which goes as follows:

The WELCOME sign was out for Lcpl Russell who joined the team from his Basic Course, and for Mr. Curley Fletcher an ex WO of RNZEME Wksp at Linton who has joined the civil staff.

Sgt Gordon Moore, Sgt Maurie O'Connell, Lcpl Selwyn Manssen and Pte Norgren have been giving the RNZASC School the benefit of their Ammo knowledge transferring ammo to Whangaparoa for dumping at sea. Name of the Exercise "Blow Up". Let's hope it doesn't happen.

Lcpls Topsy McLachlan and Shorty (grown up at last) Nolan celebrated their 21st birthdays and were swamped with blooms during July. Topsy, being married, is aware of the facts of life, but Shorty, on hearing the comment 'never been kissed' turned a deep shade of red. (Wonder why?)

Pte Jones of 2 COD Waiouru is now at home recuperating after spending three weeks in Wanganui Hospital.

The OC and ZIC have taken up get fit lessons in the form of Squash. There is a rumour that someone got "Zapped" but editor is unable to find out who did who.

Pte Norgren who has been over the hill at the Makomako ammo area was homesick for tussock country so changed places with Pte Miller who thinks city life is the thing.

Sgt 'Digger' Highley heard from the Met office that snow was expected in Waiouru, so promptly requested a move to the warmer climate of Linton.

2 COD's contribution to Ex Bersatu Padu was WO2 Dave ORR and Cpl Keith Eveleigh. Dave has provided the following comment -

At 6.30 on the evening of 6 July the C130 carrying the main body touched down at Whenuapai. We had just completed our flight from Singapore in something like 17 hours flying time with an hour for a stop in Alice Springs. The Ordnance pers on this flight were WO2 Dave Orr, Cpl Bruce Swain, Cpl Keith Eveleigh and Lcpl Mike Wright. We had left our other Ord compatriots back in the fleshpots of Singapore and the rear party comprised Lt Kevin Dreyer, still recovering from the dreaded Lurgi-Lurgi which necessitated him being medivacced from the Ulu Ulu, Sgt Mike Behague, Cpl Pinky Joyce and Pte Ross Telfer. The latter three were probably the hardest worked people in the logistic support unit, having run the Stores Sect for the LSU Wksp for the duration of the exercise.

Exercise BERSATU PADU which means in English, Complete Unity, was over and we would now disperse back to our home units, most of us a little wiser. We had left NZ on 3 May as an OFP to fill a role, about which most of us knew very little. Our task was liaison between 4 Malay Inf Bde and the logistic support unit of the Aust/NZ Bn Gp. This job was carried out by Lt Dreyer in the initial stages and after he was struck down by the lurgi it was carried on by Dave Orr. The Ord Det was found to be too large for the liaison role so Lcpl Mike Wright was detached to the 1 Bn Q Store where he rapidly became the best dressed soldier on Singapore Island. Keith Eveleigh changed sides and became a cog in the Q machinery of the Aussie Q Store in the LSU. This left only Cpl Shunter Swain and through no fault of his own he was given the important task of Dhobi Wallah for the LSU. This job involved taking in the dirty laundry from the LSU, transporting it to Kuantan and returning it to the unit in a somewhat cleaner state. Bruce clocked up something in the vicinity of 1,600 miles whilst carrying out this task and it is to his credit that he came through accident free. This is somewhat surprising when you consider the condition of the Malaysian roads and the pitfalls which lay between Dungan, where we were located, and

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Quantan, the laundry drop off point.

The unit arrived back on Singapore on the first day of July and the next four days were pretty hectic for all. All the stores which we had borrowed from all over the island had to be cleaned and returned to the owner units and this left very little time for the important jobs to be done, such as shopping for the last minute perks and having the 'odd' glass of ale in Nee Soon. After hurried 'farewells' on Sunday, we boarded the vehicles at Nee Soon Garrison at 1730 hrs and moved off towards Changi where the RNZAF Hercules was waiting to take us home - back to the fish and chips and good Kiwi booze, the frosts, and football. The exercise was over.

172. In our next edition we shall expect to have contributions for you from 1 COD, 1 Comp Ord Coy and 3 COD. There must be something happening in those units which you others would like to hear about.

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Director of Ordnance Services

14 August 1970.

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