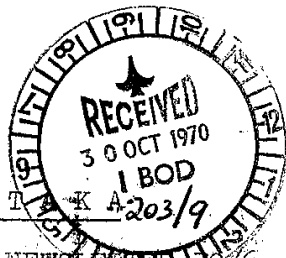


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173. "WELCOME TO THE CORPS"

We extend to the following personnel a welcome to the Royal New Zealand Army Ordnance Corps:

On graduation from RF Cadet School in August 1970

Pte HUNTER M.I. who will join the team of Ammo Techs at Waiouru (2COD)
Pte MASON P.W. as an apprentice Storeman/Clerk who is att FAP to 1BOD.
Pte LOVEDAY GS enlisted as a Storeman/Clerk and posted to 1 BOD. Graeme is the son of well known Ammo man Morrie Loveday at present with the Directorate at Home Command.

Pte WHITE A.P. from civvie street who has been posted to 1 Comp Ord Coy.
Sgt SAYERS JA who has changed Corps from RNZIR and will join the staff of 3 COD.

174. "FARE THEE WELL"

On 14 August Major Bill WEATHERHEAD was farewelled from 3 COD on his retirement. Well known as a keen golfer Major Weatherhead has taken up the Royal and ancient game in civil life as Secretary/Treasurer of the Templeton Golf Club. This makes at least two golf clubs in New Zealand now under 'Corps' management as Captain Dick WILKINSON took up a similar post with a club in the Auckland area.

After a short stay at 2 COD Pte KEATS returned to civilian life.

Early in October we are to lose two more of our staff -

WO1 Ron BEER who has been completing his service at Nelson Army Area will retire on 9th October and Pte CLENNICK of 1 Gen. Tps Wksp Stores Section completes his engagement and returns to civilian life on 1 October.

Lcpl Frankie MORAN left 3 COD and the Army on 8 August and Pte SAGE of 1 BOD retires from data processing at the end of September.

175. 3COD Comments

a. Sgt Eddie ADAMS who was recently posted from 1 COD on the foggy banks of the 'great, green, greasy' Waikato River to the flat and frosty Canterbury plains was unfortunately hospitalised almost immediately at the Camp Hospital. However, he is now back in good health and is moving his family south to Burnham.

b. Coming events. The great reorg continues in the South as in the two Northern Districts - (strange how habits die hard - How long will it be before we stop thinking in terms of Districts and call them instead by their correct names of Regions?) The reorg is not so much a 'coming event' as a 'happening' although not taking the form of a Pop Festival in King Edward Barracks. Anyway, the SMD title, so long the initials of the "rcbel?" Southern Army finally goes on 14 October.

c. The 1970/71 Camping Season approaches fast, with the longer warmer days. The CODs could probably justly claim that they, (supported by timely aid from 1 BOD of course,) do more preparatory work for the annual camps than any other units in the army. The units going into camp have merely to prepare for themselves -- the CODs have to prepare for them all!

176. Courses at the School. Very favourable comment has been received from some of the civilian staff members who have recently attended the RNZAOC School courses on Provisioning and ammo accounting which have combined military and civilian students. The benefits gained must help the Corps and the running of the Depots and the courses give an opportunity for people to meet other than on the end of the telephone.

177. Returned from Overseas.

Two of our warriors recently returned from SVN and are now enjoying leave at home with their families. They are:

Captain Max NEWNHAM who is posted to 1 Comp Ord Coy on return to duty

and

Cpl Brian MOORE who will join 1 BOD on return to duty.

178. Defence Cataloguing Authority contribution:

A probably little known fact is the spread of Ordnance pers into the byways of Defence HQ where their special talents fit them for tasks, often termed - for a better word - "back room jobs".

One of these by-ways is the newly formed Defence Cataloguing Authority now working under DEAM in Support Branch of the Ministry of Defence.

Several people had a look at the system some years ago when it was called the ABCSC system, but nothing really 'firmed up' until early 1969 when an exploratory team including Navy, Army and Air Force representatives visited the Australian DCA at Melbourne. Included in this team were Major Dick Edwards and Mr. Bill Smith (then a civilian but formerly OC of EDS). From the report this team submitted and from subsequent discussions and meetings the then PAO committee decided to adopt the NATO system into the NZ Defence Forces.

Accordingly postings were made to the DCA Planning Team. The original member was MR. W. E. (Bill) Smith, later joined by a director (Wing Cdr) and an officer from Navy, Army and Air Force, the Army member being Maj George Butler RNZAOC.

In Nov 69 all members of the DCA Planning team attended a three week course at the Australian DCA Melbourne, after which the team prepared and presented a further report to the PAOs Committee.

Since Feb this year all members have been engaged in producing the necessary operating manuals for the system and training material for an indoctrination course to be held in the latter stages of this year.

Sgt Laurie Hawkins joined the team in June 70 from 1BOD and is now busy picking up the many threads of the system. It is hoped that in the not too distant future some of the benefits from this system will be felt by all the Supply Organisations in Defence.

We should be able to present a more detailed picture in our next epistle.

179. 2COD Contributions;

During the past month some staff changes have taken effect at 2COD as reported by their Scribe;

Cpl WENN at last fulfilled his ambition and was posted to 1 Inf Wksp at Papakura.

Lcpl 'Shorty' NOLAN returned South to conquer Mt Cook and lead the EDP team at 3 COD.

Sgt Charlie HOWLETT heard Linton was doing up its golf course

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and promptly fiddled a posting for his 9-iron and himself from 10FP, Ngaruawahia. On reflection, after Sgt Howlett rubbished Eric RAY and George Turner, it seems as if its very much a golfers' life in Ngaruawahia.

On 19th August a Casino night was held in aid of the Australian cricket tour and it was very interesting to note the empty pockets and doleful expressions around the Depot the next morning. This was quite a successful night and we hope the cause will receive continued support.

It seems that after a couple of hours in the Sgts' Mess recently, a certain WOII who resides in the Orderly Room, failed to tell the difference between his van and another very much the same. He was seen trying, with very much concentration but little success, to start this other van, but finding it already had a set of keys in it, he dismounted rather quickly. He insists he was just comparing door handles. Would hate to see him after about 4 hours in the Mess!

After a series of Padres' Hours in the Depot there is a noticeable change of expression on the faces of some of our troops - we would call it divine or angelic, - but how long will it last???

Cpl Peter COX, after having his car painted at long last, much to the delight of the troops who travel to work with him, decided it really looked better in two pieces and the next day tore out the front suspension. Anyone wishing to trade a bike for a slightly worn Velox, please apply to Peter.

Sgt Dave KENNEDY has at last gone looking for greener pastures. He is now to be found in the Directorate loaned back from 1 Comp Ord Coy to APCA. Dave is rather pleased as he can now show off his mod civvie clothes. Sgt Kennedy was a very hard working member of the 2COD Social Club and his efforts on its behalf will be sadly missed. We wish Dave and his family well, down in the 'Big Smoke'.

Pte NORGREN did not appear to like the tussock country after all and he has also joined the APCA team on loan back from 1 Comp Ord Coy.

2COD representatives at the Winter Sports were WOII Keith DANBY (Badminton) and Lcpls Topsy McLACHLAN and Rose ASTON (Indoor basketball). Results are hard to assess accurately but by the drooping eyelids on return to duty, a good time was had by all.

180. Postings recently notified are as follows:

Pte Carol SMITH	from 1BOD	to 3 COD replacing Frankie MORAN.
Cpl Pat MINEHAN	from 3COD	to 1BOD as supervisor DP Op.
Lcpl WARIN	from 1 COD	to Ngaruawahia Camp as NZWRAC CSM.
Pte ARCHER	from 4COD	to 10FP.
Cpl and Mrs Nielson	from Waiouru Wksp	to 28 CW Bde Singapore
Sgt Bana KUKUTAI and family	from 1BOD	to 28 CW Bde Singapore
Ssgt Eric BRITTEN	from 1 BOD	to 2 COD.
Sgt Neil WALKER	from 1 Comp Ord Coy	to join the ACDS(Sp) team at Defence HQ.
Captain CORKIN	from 1 COD	to NZ V Force SVN
WOII Alex MANN	from RNZAOC School	to the Directorate as Chief Ammo Tech.
Ssgt Brian COLBOURNE	from 2COD Waiouru	to replace Alex Mann at the School.
Cpl BALSILLIE Cpl JOYCE	} from 1 BOD	To boost the ACDS(Sp) team at Defence HQ.

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181. Promotions

Congratulations are extended to the following personnel who have advanced in rank: Apologies are also made for some late entries

Pte Fay RICHARDS(NZWRAC)	1COD	To be T/Lcpl
Pte SHARPE	1BOD	To be T/Lcpl
Lcpl WHITFORD	1BOD	To be Cpl
Pte MARTIN AE	1 Inf Wksp	To be T/Lcpl
Pte McLEAN MJ	Waiouru Wksp	To be T/Lcpl
Pte TePUNI MTH(NZWRAC)	1 BOD	To be T/Lcpl
Lcpl MASSEY (NZWRAC)	1 COD	To be T/Cpl
Lcpl WHITFORD GCP	1BOD	To be Cpl
Lcpl HOHEPA FTW	10FP	To be T/Cpl
Pte DAVIDSON	1BOD	To be T/Lcpl
Cpl DRYDEN RH	1COD	To be T/Sgt
Ssgt John BRADY	1 Comp Ord Coy	to be T/WOII
Ssgt Alan FITZSIMONS	1 BOD	to be T/WOII
Ssgt Brian QUINN	1 Gen Tps Wksp	to be T/WOII

182. Visits

It was interesting to read in a recent edition of the RAOC Gazette that our Colonel Commandant, Brigadier A. Andrews, OBE, had visited DOS UK whilst in England in June.

Major General A. YOUNG who is the Director of Ordnance Services UK is to make a short visit to New Zealand in November this year and although his itinerary is limited by time he will be viewing some aspects of our Organisation.

183. Apologies to Cpl Cross as we are unable to publish his sketch in this issue.

184. Return to Health and Duty. We are pleased to report that our DDOS has been allowed to return to restricted duties at this HQ and is on the way we hope, to a full recovery.

184. A New Supply Depot for Aldershot ; an extract from the RAOC Gazette.

The DOS UK opened the new Command Supply Depot at Aldershot on 15 May 1970.

The new supply depot has been designed for maximum use of mechanical equipment and palletisation. The combination of stacking to eighteen feet and the handling of fast-moving food supplies for NAAFI elements requires continuous planning activity from the Depot Commander and his staff. There are also interesting exercises in the choice between free stacked pallet loads, unit loads, post pallets and racking, according to the nature and size of the packaging. Also included in the complex is a storehouse for lubricating oils and a full scale petrol station on civilian lines, serving civgas and dieso from three tanks and six dispensing points.

Architecturally the construction is most striking and modern and the design has been entered in the design award scheme. As the DOS remarked 'It is a satisfying milestone for the Corps to receive its first purpose built supply depot. It was appreciated that the planning staffs, architects and builders had produced an effective and stimulating structure, where the Corps can maintain its long history of service in Aldershot.'

This certainly seems a step forward and we wonder if it could happen here?

185. 1COD Raffle Results

For those of you who supported the 1COD raffle to raise funds for the Australian Cricket Tour we have been advised that the lucky winner was:

K. CONNOLLY Ticket No: 280
42 Waikato Esplanade,
Ngaruawahia.

186. 3 COD Contribution

Apart from the postings already notified earlier in the letter the following movements have also taken place:

Ssgt Dick KEEN was farewelled on 4 Oct from the Depot. He has gone to 161 Bty Depot en route for South Vietnam

Best wishes are sent to Ron Beer from all at 3 COD for a long and happy retirement. They advise that Ron is taking up work in the Nelson Cider Industry, despite his surname, so a long and happy retirement seems inevitable.

A welcome has been extended to Mr. Len LEE as a Public Service worker in the Stocktake section. Len was formerly a member of the Royal Canadian Army Ordnance Corps.

'Congratulations' extended to the following:

To Sgt Jim and Mrs MUNRO on the birth of their son ANDREW in May.

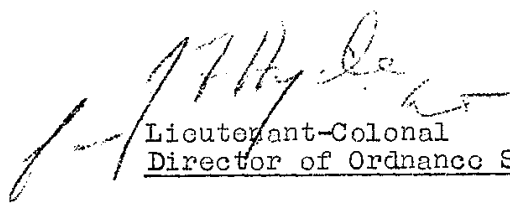
To Pte Malcolm WILLIAMS on the occasion of his marriage in Christchurch on 1 October.

To Lcpl Charlie CREELMAN on the occasion of his marriage in Christchurch on 3 Oct 70.

Exercise TASMAN NINE involving Australian and NZ troops has been under way in the (?) sunny South Island operating in the country around Lake Brunner, over on the 'Coast'. The arrival of soldiers of the Pacific Islands Regiments brought to light one aspect of planning that had been overlooked - minor maybe, but very important to the comfort of soldiers from the tropics of New Guinea and the Solomons. The delightfully mild climate of the West Coast, as it appears to us, is to the men of the Pacific Islands Regiments - Bitterly cold! An RNZIR Cpl who uplifted an urgent issue of Jerkins and Gloves for these men described their normally brown complexions as 'purple with cold'.

It is one thing to take men from temperate climates to the Tropics and quite another to take people from tropical countries to a temperate climate with higher altitudes involved.

187. Your editor would be pleased to receive items for Pataka as they occur or once monthly, whichever is most convenient. Please address your contributions to SC Ord, Ordnance Directorate, Home Command, Private Bag, Wellington.


Lieutenant-Colonel
Director of Ordnance Services

8 October 1970.