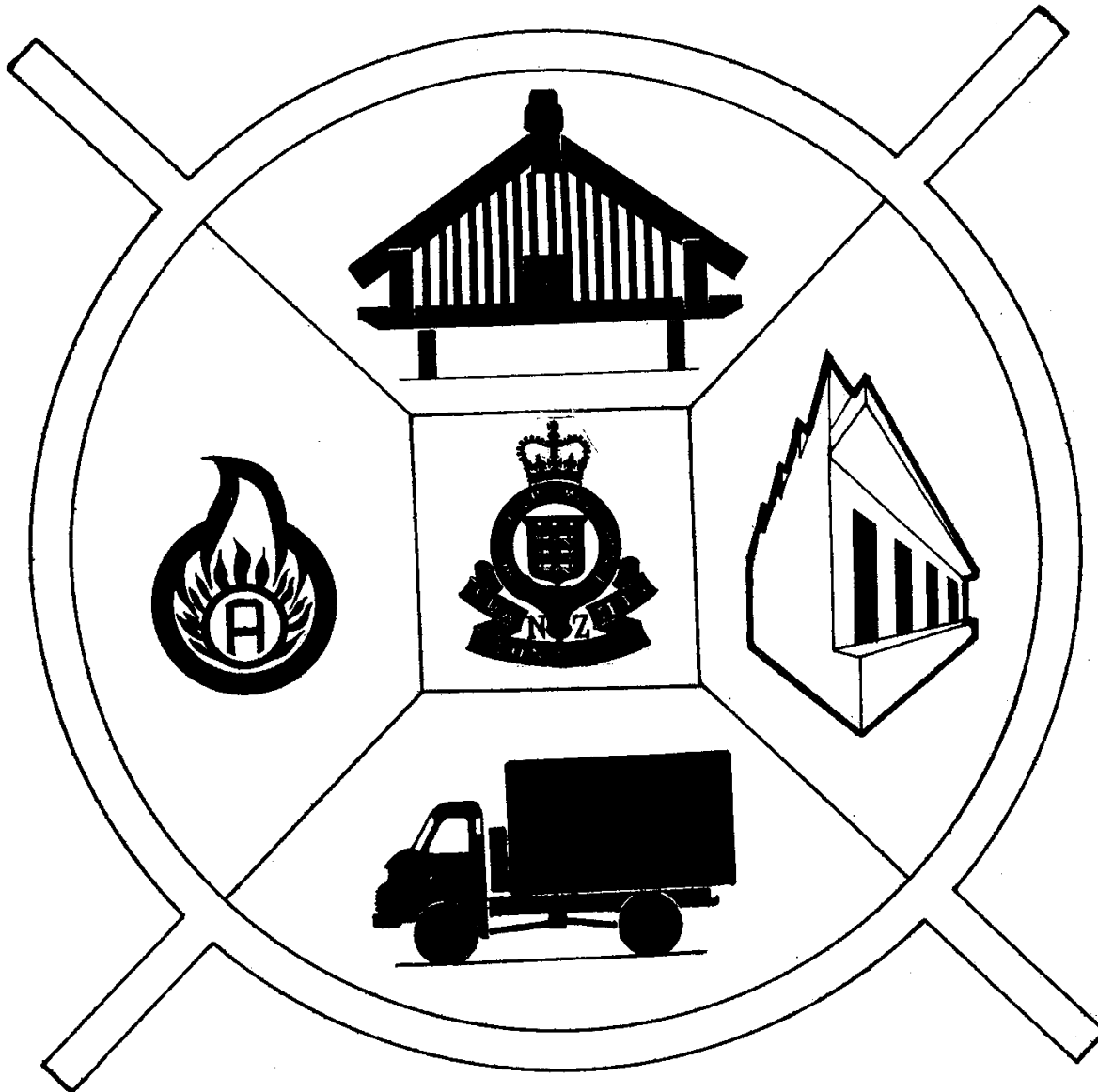


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# PATAKA



THE MAGAZINE OF THE **RNZAOC**

275. 3 COD Contribution

1. PATAKA Cover - Suggestions and comments were requested in our last issue and the following has been received on the subject by our Southern Scribe. -

'An excellent step in the right direction.- What about spending some of the Corps Funds on coloured paper so that each edition can appear with a different colour in rotation (e.g. Blue, Pink, Yellow, White, Green, being the basic commonly available shades). Also - how about printing (duplicating) the edition number e.g. '71/6' between the heading "PATAKA" and the top of the design?

There is a simple reply to these suggestions - We requested and were refused different colours for the covers by the gentleman i/c stationery at Home Command, and only after much haggling were we permitted to have 1,000 covers run off in white. As approx 125 copies go out with each edition this will cover the requirement until this time next year. The purchase of coloured duplicating paper from Corps funds is to be discussed in the near future and a decision will be advised. However, as the present stocks of white covers would look queer over coloured bodies we may be stuck with white until they are run down by at least half, when the remainder could be reserved for the white edition if the colour scheme is adopted.

To adopt the second suggestion that the edition number be superimposed on the cover would mean re-running all our remaining stock through the machine again with consequent loss due to spoilage. There is no reason why the edition No. could not be inserted on the covers as copies are received by units.

2. Farewell

On 19 August 3 COD farewelled Cpl Alf Holden who was released at his own request. Cpl Holden served throughout his time in the Army in SDOD/3COD, being employed in the Textile Repair section. He has gone to live in Mosgiel where he is to be married. All at 3 COD wish him the best for the future.

3. Visitors

We were pleased to see Bill Manaia recently, when he called in to the Depot after reporting to 1 Bn Depot. At first we assumed he was trying to exchange his Singapore posting for one at 3 COD. Oddly enough this was not the reason for his call on us.

Another corps visitor was Buster Allen. Buster had been into Christchurch Hospital for another brief check before pushing off up north again. He will by now be back on his home location at Waiouru.

4. Burnham Camp Volunteer Fire Brigade

Personnel of 3 COD, 3 OFP and 6(Bath) P1 make up something like a quarter of the volunteer strength and are the majority of the competition team element of the Brigade. Further honours have been won this year to add to those won in earlier years. These are -

a. Burnham Camp Trophy - competed for by the BURNHAM, LLEESTON, LINCOLN and SOUTHBURIDGE Volunteer Fire Brigades and now recaptured by the Burnham Team.

b. Mad Mile Shield - competed for by local fire brigades and presented by the Ellesmere Publicans' Association.

It is anticipated that readers will see photos and a brief article on the Burnham Team in a forthcoming issue of "REVELLE".

5. "They Have Their Exits and Their Entrances"

- a. Pte Yvonne CUSACK welcomed from NZWRAC Depot 11 Oct 71 to join 3 COD as Typist.
- b. Pte Edward THOMPSON welcomed to 3 COD as Textile & Leather refitter on posting and Corps transfer from 1 Bn Depot on 11 Nov 71.
- c. Since arriving from his courses in the North Island our ATO 2Lt Peter O'Brien has spent much of his time dashing around the South Island collecting stray Grenades, Mortar Bombs and Detonators - and eating a hole in 3 COD's petrol allocation in the process.
- d. Lcpl Carol SMITH welcomed to 3 COD 1 Nov 71 on posting from 1 COD as Data Processor.
- e. Ssgt John SAYERS farewelled 3 Nov on posting to 2 COD.
- f. Sgt Brian HICKEY farewelled 3 Nov on posting to 2 COD, Waiouru - but Brian is still with us until housing becomes available at Waiouru.
- g. Cpl Colleen JOHNS and husband Lcpl Donald JOHNS farewelled also on 3 Nov on their respective postings to 1 COD and 1 OFP.
- h. Cpl Charlie CREELMAN farewelled on 11 Nov at the termination of his engagement. Sorry to lose you Charlie.

6. 'Matched and Hatched' Department

No matches but glad to report one hatching. Congratulations to Ssgt TeR and Mrs. Taurua on the birth of their third child and first son at Christchurch on 9 Nov 71. The new arrival rejoices in the glorious names - wait for it - TAMATEKAPUA TeRANGI HIRINI TAURUA, which makes the average pakeha names look a bit pallid. We're told that HIRINI honours the city of Sydney - Mrs Taurua comes from over the water.

7. Bad Addresses Department

An Invoice recently arrived at 3 COD addressed thus -

"3 Cordinance Corp,  
Burnham Military Corp'

Still - it could have been even worse! At least they didn't add 'Inc.' or 'Ltd.' after 'Corp'.

8. CORRIGENDUM

In a previous edition, we wrote that Major C.A. Baigent was Secretary to the Marlborough Harbour Board. This is not so. He is, in fact, employed by the Board as Offshore Licensing Officer (not floating Pubs!) and is now in charge of Civil Defence for the Borough of Picton.

9. Recent Promotions

Congratulations are in order for the following members of 3 COD staff who have received promotions -

Pte Colin McGregor	to T/Lcpl on 2 Jul 71
Lcpl Geordie Nicholson	to T/Cpl on 5 Jul 71
WO2 Bill Ayers	to WO1 on 5 Jul 71
Cpl Clarrie Heslip	to T/Sgt on 8 Jul 71
Sgt TeR Taurua	to Ssgt on 12 Jul 71
Ssgt Ian Pullar	To T/WO2 on 20 Jul 71
Lcpl Clarrie Creelman	To Cpl on 16 Aug 71
Lcpl Bill Paki	To Cpl wef 17 Aug 71

/'S A F T I'

10. 'S A F T I'

Sgt John McGlinchey's article about the Singapore Armed Forces Training Institute was very interesting reading. SAFTI appears to be vigorous and dedicated, even revolutionary, in comparing its attitudes to other long established armed forces.

The training programme from 0600 - 2400 appears excessively long, even allowing for the traditional and necessary 2 - hour lunch-cum-siesta break. It would have the great merit that young servicemen just would not have the time to get into strife in the evenings.

The differing racial groups in the Island are reflected in the armed forces, and there must be other problems besides that of language to overcome. Malays are Muslim, Chinese have a variety of religious beliefs, Indians are Hindu, though Sikhs no doubt form the bulk of the Indian element. This must present catering problems which would throw the cooks at ATG Waiouru into a conniption fit!

The armed forces reflect a society where genuine and persistent efforts are being made to develop all races, even though the huge Chinese predominance could have made it so easy for a fourth Chinese state to be created at the expense of the minorities. The other three states being China, Taiwan and Hong Kong.

A vote of thanks to John McGlinchey for taking the time and trouble to write about an interesting aspect of life at SAFTI.

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John has now returned from his tour in Singapore and will in future be found at 1 Comp Ord Coy - Ed.

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276. Home Command and Defence HQ Happenings

1. So - You think you have Problems?

A certain un-named staff officer on an un-named Formation HQ recently requested a file reference from the HQ Records Office, the usual practice in those parts, and in due course the voice of the civilian clerk replied -

'Sir, we cannot find a subject file to cover your letter, can you be more specific?'

'Certainly,' replied the SO - 'I'm writing a rocket to units for not looking after their stores.- Does this help?'

Back come the swift and technical reply -

'Oh, Rockets! Why didn't you say so? You want the ammunition file.'

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2. Promotions

Lt & QM AS DAY to T/Capt QM 3 Sep 71

Sgt Hawkins LR to T/Ssgt 17 Jun 71

3. Postings - Officers

Postings have been notified for the following officers -

Capt JF HYDE	from SC O&T to SC Stores Home Command	1 Nov 71
Capt AS DAY	" SC Stores H/Comd to RNZAOC School	15 Nov 71
Capt J. HICKS	" RNZAOC School to SC O&T H/Comd	9 Dec 71
Maj A. J. CAMPBELL	" H/Comd X/List to DDOS H/Comd	1 Jan 72
Maj R. G. H. GOLIGHTLY	" DDOS H/Comd to EDS(Army GS Br)	31 Jan 72

Lt P. HANKEY (NZWRAC) who has been posted to the Directorate since re-org is returning to civilian life at the end of the year, having completed 5 years service. Her pleasant personality and unfailing good humour will be sadly missed from our corner of Home Command but we wish her well in her chosen occupation.

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277. FF HQ Contribution

Another first! - another Welcome!!

Herewith the first contribution for PATAKA from the office of the Assistant Director of Ordnance Services, - yes, we are alive and well in Auckland.

The ADOS staff at HQ FF Comd now consists of :

ADOS - Lt Col (TF) C. J. C. MARCHANT ED who comes to us from  
HQ 1 Inf Bde Gp(DADOS)  
out of 1 OFP.

DADOS - Maj (RF) R. L. CROSS who was in the Ordnance  
Directorate until mid 1970.

Sgt Clerk(RF) Cpl B. R. SWAIN until recently on the staff  
RNZAOC School (now back  
there as a student trying  
to re-acclimatize to the  
colder weather).

The above staff is kept pretty busy by the activities necessary in the creation of a new HQ as well as with the usual routine. However, RF members did manage their first sports afternoon for three months, last Wednesday. Sport? - Fishing! Results? - Sunburn, wet back-sides, increased appetites and -

1 x Barracouda	1 x Gurnard
1 x Eel	1 x Kawhai
1 x Shark	4 x Snapper

(All a bit small)

but still good enough for a good afternoon's sport.

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The following letter has been received by DADOS Fd Fce Comd from the mother of the late WO1 C.N. Maxwell

'My family and myself would like to send to you our thanks and appreciation for the way in which all personnel carried out their arduous duties at the funeral of our dear son and brother, Neil Maxwell.

I am sorry I was not able to meet and talk with them and to thank them personally, in fact at the time I scarcely knew one from another as far as rank was concerned.

Our admiration is unbounded at the way they carried out their allotted tasks, and on our behalf I would like you to convey our grateful thanks.

Yours very sincerely,

Hilda Wilson (Mother)  
and Gordon and Brian Maxwell

(As similar letters have also been received by OC 1 BOD and the Directorate, we promulgate only that received at FF HQ)

- Ed.

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278. 2 COD Contributions

1. Congratulations are offered to the following -

a. Marriage

Lcpl and Mrs T.A.M. KNOWLES on their recent walk up the aisle.

b. Birth

To Lcpl and Mrs. Garry McKay their second child - a bonny wee girl.

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c. Promotions

Lcpl Mike Ray	to T/Cpl 1 Oct 71
Pte Murray Hunter	to T/Lcpl 2 Oct 71
Pte Michael Iwikau	to T/Lcpl 1 Oct 71
Sgt Goldfinch	to T/Ssgt 16 Aug 71

2. Death

It is with regret that we record the passing of one of our civilian employees, Mr. Carl Erenstrom. Carl was the main link in our Link Belt Project. He was with the Depot over three years and will be missed by all.

3. Postings

We have welcomed Ssgt Sayers and Sgt Hickey from 3 COD, and Sgt Goldfinch from Waiouru Wksp to the sub Depot at Waiouru.

And we have said farewell to Lcpl Knowles who has gone North to 1 OFF.

Gordon Moore, our Loan Back AT from 1 Comp Ord has taken his release to go into a family business. Best wishes go with him in his new venture.

4. On the Welfare Side

A car rally was run on 9th October. Mums, Dads and the kids duly arrived and received their sealed instructions. Starting from the PDC car park area in Palmerston North at 1.30 p.m the run was timed to take 2 hours with 40 miles of driving and various tasks to perform. All cars reported back between 3.45 p.m and 4.30 p.m. The slalom event then took place, points were counted and the eventual winners were announced as -

Cpl Doug Wright	1st Place
WOI Garth Menhennet	2nd Place
Cpl Mike Ray	3rd Place

Buffet tea was served at 5.30 p.m and the evening finished with films and games.

5. Fish pond success!

The Depot got quite a surprize when, the other day, all our fish came out of the tunnel. Hard to say at this stage what's been going on in there.

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??4 COD Contributions ---No, not Stewart Island, but 2 COD Sub Depot Waiouru. (Welcome to the Newsletter!)

Rumour has it that the above is to be our new name - meantime however, we're still under Linton's wing

We've enlarged our unit up here by having our own account and this year's Annual Camp will once again prove to New Zealand what we are really worth.

We have all the "gears" here, except for an accounting machine, and that has been promised.

The welcome mat was rolled out for our new machine operator Pte Bev Davies, who has recently joined the elite ones at Waiouru. Bev now knows what the word 'shiver' means.

Shiv'er, v.i. & n.1. Experience or show quick slight vibrating movement (such as is) caused by sensation of cold.

Auth: Concise Oxford Dictionary.

Anybody want a sensation?

/The unit

The Unit has been full of congratulations to three members

Our OC was recently promoted to Capt <sup>K251</sup>  
Goldie GOLdfinch has received his Ssgt rank

Murray Hunter now has his first stripe. He has been told by Waiouru Command RSM (WOI J. Cocker) of the standards laid down and expected of him.

For the uninformed and out of touch our staff here comprises

Capt Ted Sweet (OC)	AT	Cpl Ray Ace (Bootmaker)	
WOI George Dimmock	AT	Ssgt Goldie Goldfinch	
WOI Ash Lewer		Lcpl Murray Hunter	AT
WO2 Buster Allen	AT	Pte Bev Davies	DP Op
Ssgt Morris O'Connell	AT	Mr. Jim Hogg	
Sgt Tony Thain		Mr. Barry Robinson	
Sgt Brian Hickey	AT	Mrs Rosemary Stephens	
Sgt Dave Morris		Mrs Penny Herewini	
		Mr. T. Hemana	

With a staff like that we'd make a good Coy parade. Our rank and file consist of 80 Whaka blondes.

Our seamstress Mrs. Sharon Martin has been superseded by Penny, and Rosemary has taken over Miss Sharon Eager's job of typist/admin. Sharon E has moved over to Pay office. Did someone say we had something against the name of Sharon?

A welcome to Ptes Colin Burrell and Alan Curry who have joined us over the camping season. Also welcomed was Sgt Brian Hickey posted here from Fairlie Ammo Area at the beginning of November - but his stay was a fairly short one. He has now returned on TOD to Fairlie. It was a long trip to see the property officer and Brian was seen running around in small circles muttering with frustration 'I'll get back even if I have to swim. I'm not waiting while those seamen make up their minds!'

Also away for a while is Murry Hunter on the much desired and sought after Junior NCO Regimental course.

Sgt Ron Henderson has arrived in preparation for his take-over from Darrell Todd of the Cadets under training who will come to Ordnance on graduation.

(Darrell has been selected as CSM of the RF Cadet School from the beginning of December and will be away from Ordnance work for two years. Best wishes for success in your new appointment and with luck we may receive printable news from you for PATAKA?)

We have noticed that Ron always answers 'Yes, Sirs' when speaking to an officer. We would love to know how much commission Ron gets for advertising.

The Sub Depot provided entertainment for DOS at Waiouru on Wednesday evening 3rd November. All Ordnance personnel including Waiouru Wksp Stores Sect, and Capt Fussell, who is attending the Adjut/Staff Learners Course gathered for drinks in the Ammo Area Smoko room. The DOS was on a visit with 2 COD OC, Major Reid and his FicS, WOI Ken Wagstaff.

NOW - Here's an offer -

How many of the younger troops realize that we have the last and only RNZAOC boot repairer on our staff?

If you'd like to meet him, arrange with your Orderly room for a TOD around Dec-Jan. We are flat out with Annual Camp then.

We were recently on skeleton staff - George had an operation in Wanganui Hospital -

Buster - same again in Christchurch Hospital but pleased to report now back on full duty and feeling fit.

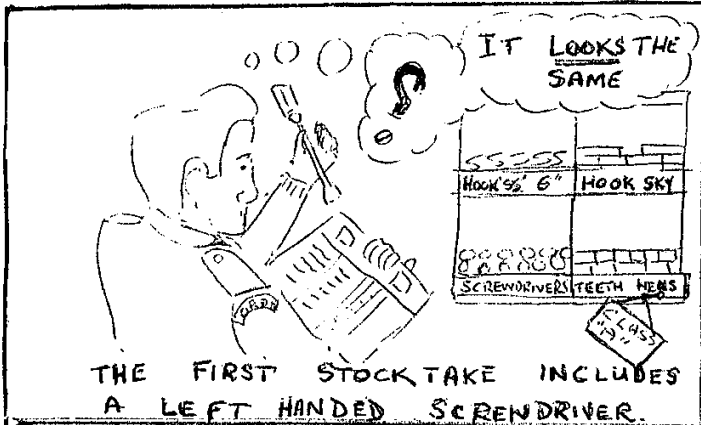
Morrie 'Muldoon' O'Connor has ulcers. perhaps the lads are too much for him. (This new 'nicer' nick-name is on account of his responsibility for the collection of financial contributions.)

Finally - As most Corps members are thinking of the Christmas festivities we have only one thought uppermost -

'Annual Camp - Again - So Soon!' Comic Time

# MILE STONES AND LAND MARKS IN AN ORDNANCE CAREER

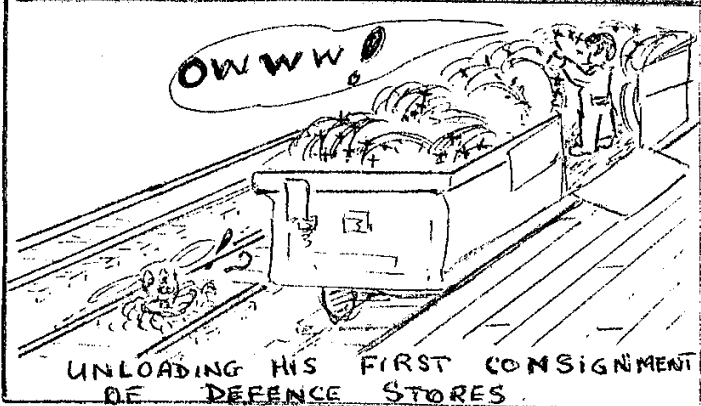
WHAT A SOLDIER CAN OR HAS EXPERIENCED



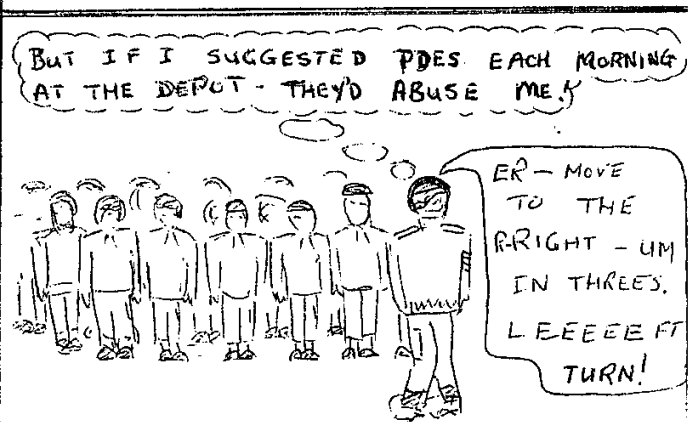
THE FIRST STOCK TAKE INCLUDES A LEFT HANDED SCREWDRIER.



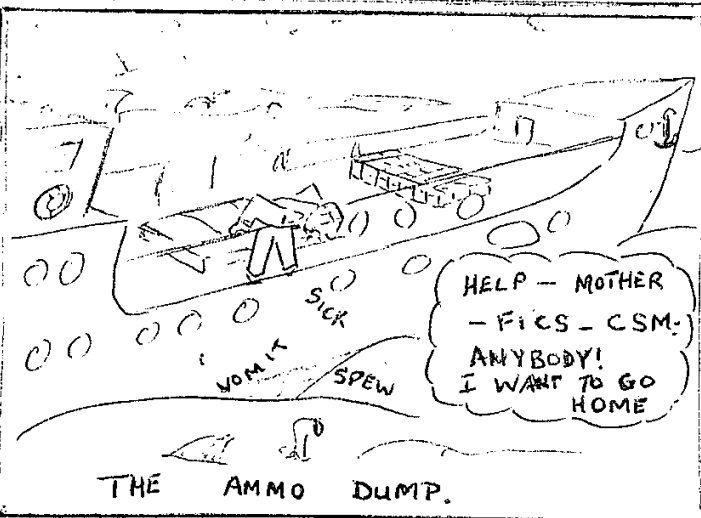
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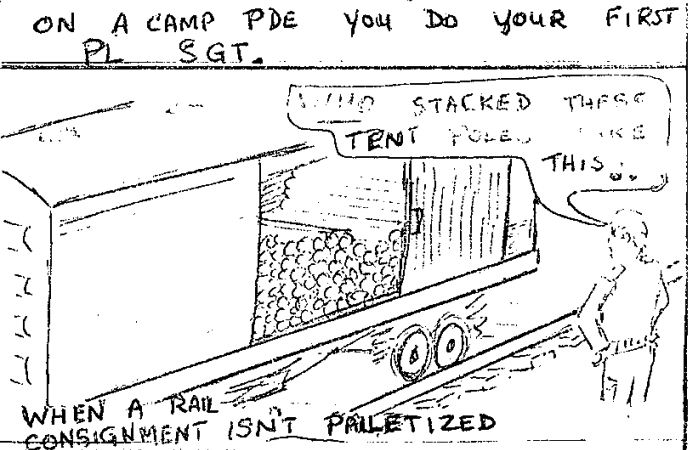
UNLOADING HIS FIRST CONSIGNMENT OF DEFENCE STORES



ON A CAMP PDE YOU DO YOUR FIRST PL. SGT.



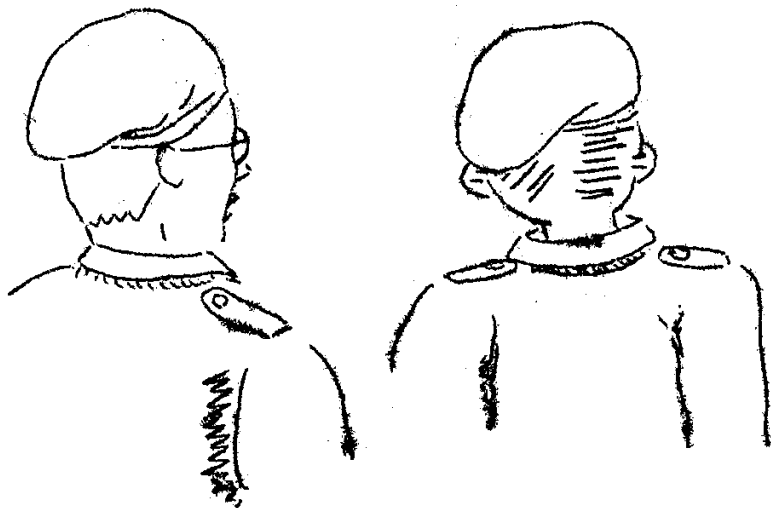
THE AMMO DUMP.



WHEN A RAIL CONSIGNMENT ISN'T PALLETIZED



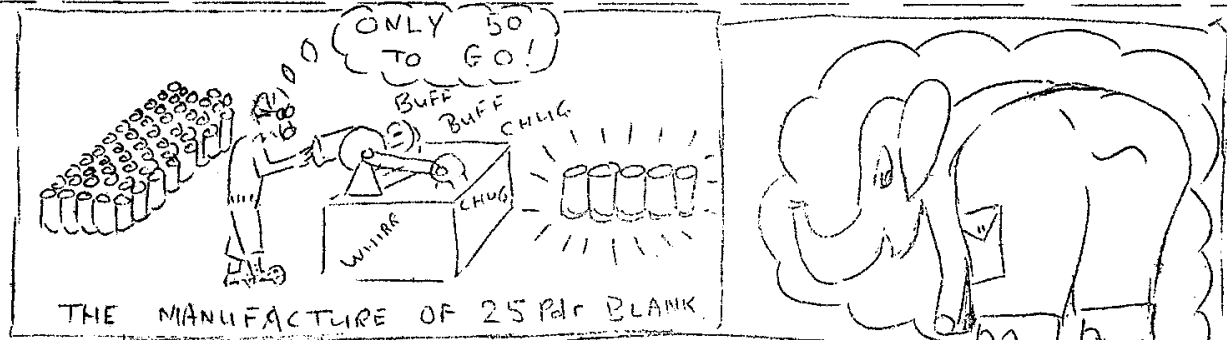
BOD ANNUAL BOTTLE  
EXERCISE & RANGE PRACTICE



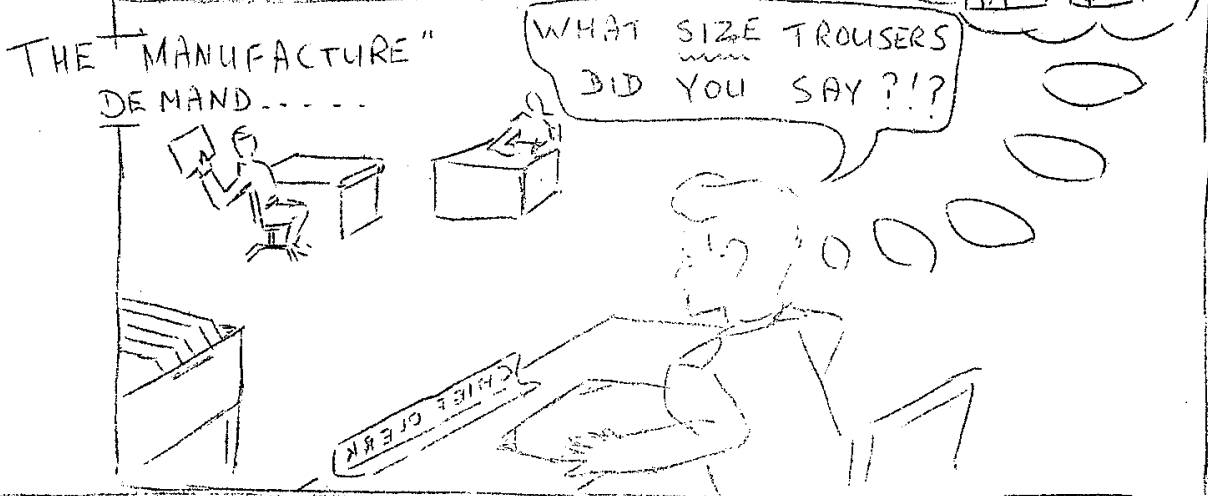
The OC insisted on  
having a photo taken  
- he got the only  
bull over the whole  
shoot!

# MORE MILESTONES AND LANDMARKS IN AN ORDNANCE CAREER -----

OR SMILE NOW WHILE YOU CAN!



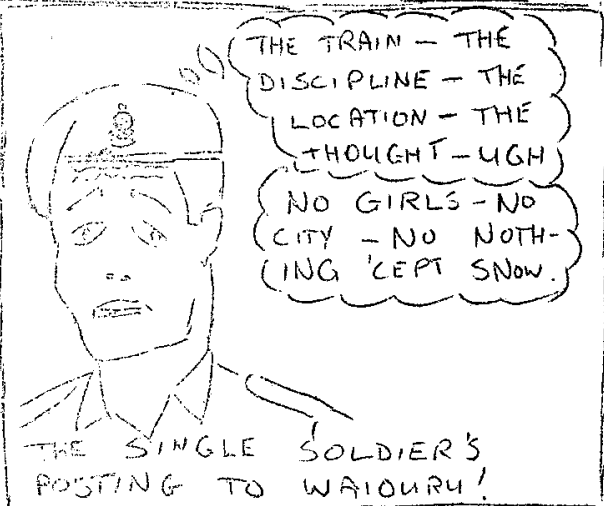
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THE "MANUFACTURE" DEMAND.....



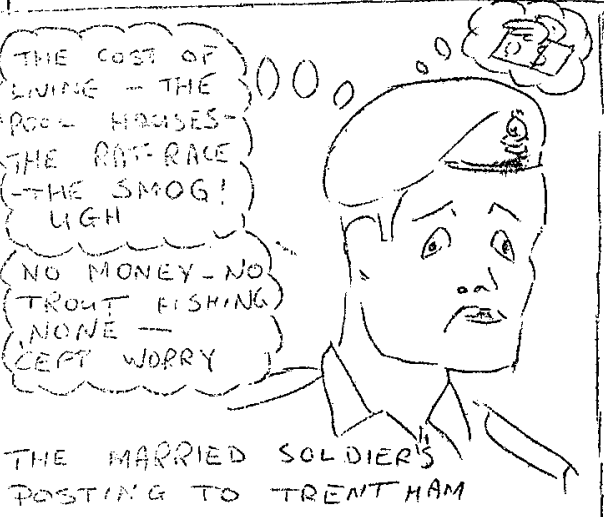
SALUTING AN AIRMAN AT WIRRAM



THE SINGLE SOLDIER'S POSTING TO WAIOURY!



ABUSE FROM 'Q' STORE STAFF BECAUSE THEIR DEMANDS ARE RETURNED AS D.O.



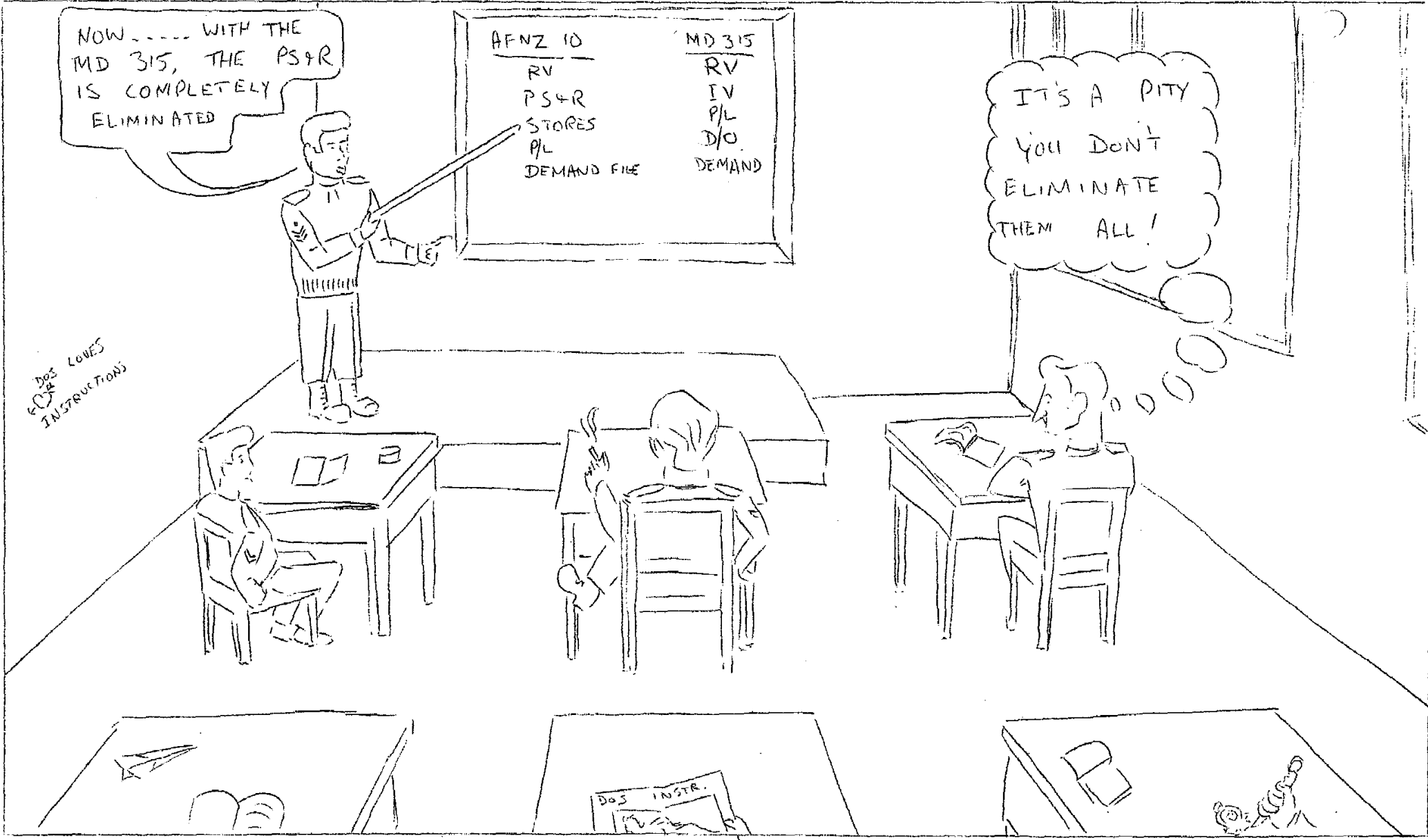
THE MARRIED SOLDIER'S POSTING TO TRENTHAM

NOW..... WITH THE MD 315, THE PS&R IS COMPLETELY ELIMINATED

AFNZ 10	MD 315
RV	RV
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STORES	PL
PL	D/O
DEMAND FILE	DEMAND

IT'S A PITY YOU DON'T ELIMINATE THEM ALL!

DOS LOVES INSTRUCTIONS



279. Appreciation

Our cartoonists seem to prefer to remain anonymous, but we think they are GOOD - Do you?

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280. MEDALS and AWARDS

Congratulations are extended to the undermentioned RNZAOC members who have been awarded the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal-

WO2 BENNETT OD	5 AOD Singapore	9 Jun 71
Capt E.V. SWEET	2 COD Sub Depot	24 Jun 71
Ssgt PARKER K.A.	2 COD Linton	2 Aug 71
Ssgt CONLON L.	1 BOD Trentham	11 Aug 71
Sgt BELLAMY N.J.	2 COD Linton	7 Sep 71

Well done to you all from us all.

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281. BITS from BOD

Spring is once more in the air, and as the trees start blooming and lambs start gambolling, 1 BOD pers have been booming around the place getting ready for the annual range practice, but by the time this epistle reaches you, like Labour Week-end and Guy Fawkes Night, the only excitement left is to look forward to Christmas parties and break-ups, in and around Trentham.

Hatched - Nothing to report.

Matched - Congratulations to Tessa Eden and Cpl Stewart RNZASC, who became engaged on 12 Nov. Pte Eden is a DP Op at our Depot. Just goes to show the lengths some people will go to to get an extra piece of pie.

Marriages - Nothing to report. (Must be getting too close to Christmas and people can't afford it)

Despatched -

Sgt Dave Reti to 1 Comp Ord Coy  
Lcpl Graham Loveday to Support Branch Defence HQ  
Pte Bev Davies to 2 COD Waiouru.

In bidding you a fond farewell, don't forget where 1 BOD is, and look us up when you're in the region.

Issues -

Ssgt Peter RENNIE was discharged on 28 Oct after spending nearly 20 years with 1 BOD. Apart from a brief spell in SES Gp, Peter spent most of his service as a Clothing Examiner, and we know that his replacement will be hard to find.

On 2 Oct, Cpl Brian Moore vacated his chair as CQMS to return to civvie street and he now resides in Auckland. Brian was with 1 BOD for nearly a year after returning from Vietnam and he has decided to try his hand at selling insurance now that his contract has expired.

Receipts -

Sgt Joe CATES will be joining us soon for another tour. Joes has only a short distance to come to return from the fold from EDS.

Cpl John BALSILLIE has joined us from Support Branch and is settling down with Sgt Robby Robinson in MILSTRIP, while Lcpl Stu NEELS - late of Ngaruawahia - wait for it you Northern lot - is at present employed in the Machine Room. Just think

of it -his own Playboy Club - surrounded by a bevy of beautiful girls. -- Still, jealousy will get us nowhere.

LS&GC Award

The award was made to Ssgt Len Conlon at a Camp Parade on 4 Nov, the presentation being made by Brigadier BURNS, Commanding Officer, Home Command. I know you will join us in saying congratulations, Len, on your first 18 years of undetected crime.

Promotion

Congratulations to Lcpl Rose Jackson in obtaining the first rung on her ladder of fame and fortune.

NZWRAC Report

In order to keep fit and to keep their figures in trim, some of the girls took part in a fifteen mile sponsored walk recently, in an effort to raise funds for their softball club. It was a great effort as they helped to bring in approximately \$200.

In Closing - May I - on behalf of the OC and all at 1 BOD wish you a Very Merry Christmas and a Bright and prosperous New Year.

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We regret that there has been no news from our Northern Depot for some time, and all the Stores Sections seem to have gone back to sleep. It would be our pleasure to receive copy for the first edition in 1972 from all of you.

- Ed.

282. Typewriter Tickers

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"Spread out you three ....You're a good target bunched up like that."

At ORD School

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"I said PORT arms, Boggs! Not GROUND."

School again - With NSTU

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"Reach for height - Come on now"

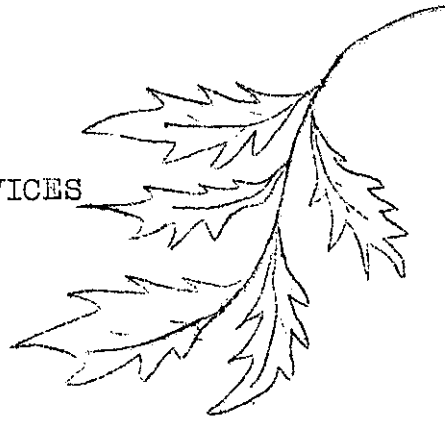
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"I said RIGHT turn you dolt. RIGHT!"

- Promotion

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"Hi chaps, guess what?"

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM -  
THE DIRECTOR OF ORDNANCE SERVICES



The year now closing has been filled with problems large and small, changes in organisation and procedures, aside from our usual tasks. To all these requirements you have brought as always the prompt, flexible and effective response for which the Corps is becoming well known.

I wish to express to every one of you my thanks and appreciation for your own efforts and support during this past year, assured as I am that no matter what problems may arise in the coming year we can together solve them.

To you and each member of your families I wish a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

24 November 1971

*Reginald Major*  
for  
Lieutenant-Colonel  
Director of Ordnance Services

