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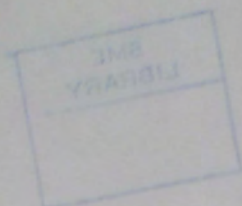
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HONORARY APPOINTMENTS

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Colonel-in-Chief

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

Colonel Commandant

Lt Col J. Brooke-White OBE

CHIEF ENGINEER

Lt Col R.K. Rutherford

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CHAPTER 1

CHIEF ENGINEER BRANCH ARMY GENERAL STAFF

Appointments

101. The following are the current appointments as at 1 Jan 75.

Chief Engineer	Lt Col RK Rutherford
SORE II	Maj JM Kiff
Clerk	WOI HK Wawatai

Engineer Headquarters

102. HQ Force Engineer is part of HQ Field Force Command, located at Fort Cautley. Its function is to control all RNZE works activities within Field Force, and to supervise RNZE training.

Engineer Staffs

103. There are currently two engineer staff cells. The Chief Engineer and staff provide technical advice to the Chief of the General Staff and co-ordinate Corps aspects of manning and equipment matters. HQ LSG has an engineer staff cell headed by an SORE 1.

Engineer Units

104. In addition to the School of Military Engineering there are now three types of engineer units in the NZ Army, namely

- a. Four Field Squadrons
- b. One Support Squadron
- c. Three works teams.

Field Squadrons

105. The field squadrons include field engineers and construction tradesmen. They are organised and equipped to support brigade groups or LSG units as well as carry out construction tasks in New Zealand and overseas. The field squadrons are as follows:

- a. 1 Field Squadron at Papakura Camp under command 1 Bde. The OC is Major DA Cormack and the SSM is WOI CB Chapman.
- b. 2 Field Squadron at Linton Camp under command LSG. The OC is Major SD Jameson and the SSM is WOI BE Malloch

/c. 3 Field

UNITED STATES ARMY AND NAVY

Background

101. The following are the current appointments as of 1 Jan 52.

Chief Engineer	102. Lt Col H. H. H. H.
Chief II	103. Lt Col H. H. H. H.
Chief	104. Lt Col H. H. H. H.

Background

102. The Force Engineer is part of the Force Engineer, located at Fort Detrick. The function is to control all force engineer activities within the Force, and to coordinate with the Force.

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103. There are currently two engineers staffed at the Force Engineer and staff provide technical advice to the Chief of the Force Engineer and the Force Engineer. The Chief of the Force Engineer and the Force Engineer are responsible for the Force Engineer and the Force Engineer. The Force Engineer and the Force Engineer are responsible for the Force Engineer and the Force Engineer.

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- a. Force Engineer at Fort Detrick
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- c. Force Engineer at Fort Detrick

- c. 3 Field Squadron at Riccarton Road under command 3 Bde. The OC is Major RA Langbourn and the SSM is WOII MA Oliver. 3 Field Troop is located at Dunedin.
- d. 6 Field Squadron at Pattie Street under command LSG. The OC is Major PH Skogstad and the SSM is WOII HJ Gallagher. The squadron has no works role.

Support Squadron

106. 5 Support Squadron has been organised to operate and maintain engineer plant and specialised equipment either on their own projects or in support of field squadrons. The unit is located at Linton under command LSG. The OC is Major HMJ Shorter and the SSM is WOII CE Corney.

Works Teams

107. Small teams of specialists have been attached to the field squadrons at Papakura, Linton and Burnham to assist with the technical aspects of works projects.

School of Military Engineering

108. The School of Military Engineering at Linton Camp is the largest sapper unit of Home Command. It continues with its primary function of running courses on military engineering matters whilst also carrying out demonstrations, trials and special projects when needed. The OC is Major CR Parker and the SSM is WOI GW Williams. Courses available are listed in NZ P45.

Apprentice Wing RF Cadets

109. Apprentices in the RF Cadets continue to receive their initial introduction to life in the Corps, and life as tradesmen as part of B Coy RF Cadets. Many cadets are well on their way to Trade Certificate by the time they leave the Wing. The current aim is for a house or similar project to be completed each year at Waiouru, with further house projects for continuation training in units. The senior RNZE instructor at the wing is Ssgt EW Bruce.

Honours and Awards

110. Congratulations to Lt Col Rob Dickie for being made by Her Majesty the Queen an Officer of the Military Division of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (OBE). This award was announced in the New Year Honours Jan 2 1975.

"Today it costs as much to amuse a child
as it did to educate its father."

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"There is more to be done than a little
on it is to be done."

CHAPTER 2

FIELD FORCE HEADQUARTERS

SECTION ONE

HQ FORCE ENGINEER

Appointments

201. The following are the current appointments as at 1 Jan 75.

Force Engineer	Lt Col R.K.Rutherford
SORE 2	Maj T.D.Broadbent
SORE 3 Wks	Capt G.R.Jason-Smith
SORE 3 Ops/Trg	Lt & QM R.B.Luscombe

Postings

202. The following recent postings are advised.

a. Out.

Maj D.J. O'Brien to X list pending his attending Staff College at Queenscliffe Australia in 1975.

b. In.

Maj J.D.Broadbent to SORE 2 wef 7 Dec 74.

c. Pending.

- (1) Capt Jason-Smith to 1 Fd Sqn as 3 Detachment comd on Atiu Harbour project
- (2) Sgt Henson KA to 1 Wks Team in appt Asst Clk of Wks wef 27 Jan 75
- (3) WOII Wills RO on return from Atiu project Jan 75 to Clk of Wks at HQ Engrs
- (4) Sgt Smith NT from 3 Fd Sqn to appt Clk Tech at HQ Engrs wef 13 Jan 75.

/Snippets

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203. We wish Maj O'Brien and his family a happy and successful year in Australia

Congratulations go to Maj Broadbent on his having passed his staff college course.

It is hoped that Sgt Keith Henson who at last lays down the pen and takes up the hammer finds as much satisfaction in the trade as he remembers it of old.

What do you do for a young Sapper who on ringing his wife at work asks for her by her maiden name?

Good Wishes

204. The staff at HQ Force Engrs wish all members of the Corps and their families a happy, successful and rewarding 1975.

"An expert doesn't necessarily know more than you do but he has it better organized and he uses slides."

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We wish Mr. O'Brien and his family a happy and successful year in Australia.
Congratulations go to Mr. O'Brien on his having passed his staff college course.
It is hoped that Mr. O'Brien will at last have down the gun and take up the hammer. There is much satisfaction in the trade as he remains in it.
What do you do for a young fellow who is in the line of work? Ask for her by her maiden name?

Good Wishes

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The staff at HQ Force has with all members of the Corps and their families a happy, successful and prosperous year.

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SECTION TWO

HQ LSG

Appointments

205. The following are the current appointments as at 1 Jan 75.

SORE 1
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Clk of Wks

Lt Col R.A. Davidson
Maj R.T. Bennett
WOII MTOT Nepia

Publication Material

206. None received.

After the workshop speaker had finished, a woman approached him and said, "You were much better than the speaker we had last summer. He spoke for one hour and said nothing."

"Thank you" the speaker replied.

"Yes," she continued, "and you did it in fifteen minutes."

A Thought

How about making one day in February your "Return Borrowed Items" day - someone will appreciate your thoughtfulness and sudden good memory!!

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1. Example

Now about making one day in February your "Robert Johnson Day" - how will you appreciate your contributions and talents?

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CHAPTER 31 FIELD SQNAppointments

301. The following are the current appointments as at 1 Jan 75.

OC	Maj	DA	Cormack
AO	Capt	BA	Stewart
SSM	WOI	CB	Chapman
Works Officer	Capt	KJ	Woods
Works WO	WOII	IE	Lamb
Cclk	Sgt	GT	Posselt
SQMS	Ssgt	RJ	Huggins

Publication Material

302. None received.

Unfair Extracts from Atiu SITREP

303. Eqpt Serviceability. Concrete pump u/s. Case 310G Broken innerplates for idler wheel. Expect up to two weeks delay for spares.

Clotheing. OK.

Pay. Some pers not receiving correct pay.

Other Matters. Rain water holdings completely exhausted.

Progress. Crushing stopped due to breakdown of main drive. 18000 gals of water stockpiled (!!!)

Unserviceable Eqpt. Crusher with broken governor springs. Atlas Copco compressor with broken fuel injector. 3.5 KVA Oman generator with burnt out armature. MF400 dozer with cracked main drive sprockets. Case 310G with cracked idler mounting brackets. No specific reasons for breakdowns.

Rations. Low.

Other Matters. Urgent med stores and parts required to repair crusher (sticking plaster? Ed)

Eqpt Serviceability. IHC dump truck with cracked front right hand cross member.

Rations. Very low.

Pay. This week.

/Progress

Progress. Present pump capacity not keeping pace with inflow of water herfore (?) no appreciable progress on excavation.

Progress. No hurry for this

Egpt Serviceability. No new breakdowns.

Stores. Boxing timber and wire reqd ASP

Rations. Further delay in fresh rations due to shortages in Rarotonga

Mail. Bag of mail left on trader last trip. Has now been located and forwarded by air to NZ (which way was it supposed to be going? Ed)

Other Matters. Reasonable attnedance at Church Sunday. Attended function at Cosmopoliton club on Sat night.

Stores. 4 x 2 timber may be on next ship to depart NZ after 30 Oct 74.

Progress. No work at all on reef this period due to high seas (High ball?)

Intentions. Continue excavation when sea conditions allow (low seas Ed)

Morale. Rising (sea)

Egpt Serviceability. HT Rectifier for radio set new cooling fan reqd. Other equipment being repaired as parst arrive.

Rations. Becoming low again.

Welfare. Beach party next weekend.

Other Matters. Sgt Hunter returns from PARZQDY-QMYXXORROW after treatment for ear injury.

Pay. This week - Yesterday

Other Matters. Pineapples ripening. 17 Student teachers from Rarotonga on Atiu to study. (Who studied who?) Tentage starting to deteriorate and may need some replacem UXTS EEEEEEE some replacements.

Intentions. Renovate old formwork timber to carry on with until new stocks arrive.

Welfare. Morale high. Both film projectors BLR

Other Matters. Hurricane warning given over local radio.

Morale. High. Recreational activities various welcome ceremonies for CE. Dance for training college teachers. Hangi Sat night.

Other Matters. Well over 6 inches rain in last four days. Tentage leaking badly.

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From 1 Fd Sqn. This unit stands on its ear every time the Atiu radio squawks and cannot suggest a quicker method of supply!!

Progress. Crushing slow. Seas breaking over sea wall continuously. Lost one complete day due to heavy rain.

Morale. High. Hangi & Dance Sat 14 Dec.
Formal dinner Christmas eve.

Progress. Very little progress due to bad weather.

Conditions. Coral even too wet to crush without clogging the screen

Morale. High. Recreational activities films and farewell Christmas parties.

Other Matters. Awaiting confirmation of NARAT for C130 for change over of teams.

Other Matters. Fire in Camp Night 8/9 Jan 75.
Lost both bar and mess tentage. Lost most furniture from both tents. Formal report following.

There was reported to have a great shortage of bras on Atiu and seemed a rather unusual example of discrimination against women. The problem was resolved (and it was discovered that it was not discrimination but rather interpretation), when it was uncovered that a native worker had stored the boxes - which were labelled "A cup" "B cup" "C cup" - with the china cups and saucers.

"A chip on the shoulder indicates there is more wood higher up."

CHAPTER 42 FIELD SQNAppointments

401. The following are the current appointments as at 1 Jan 75.

OC	Maj	SD	Jameson
AO	Capt	TW	Dench
SSM	WOI	BE	Malloch
Works Offr	Lt	S	Dickson
Works WO	WOI	DH	Roberts
Stores WO	WOII	MG	Small
Cclk	Sgt	DW	Marile
SQMS	Sgt	JM	Lock

Works

402. The sqn has had two major projects this year - one to complete and the other to get under way. These were:

- a. The completion of the RNZE Memorial Church, St Martins, at Linton Camp. This task was commenced in 1972 and after many trials and tribulations was finally handed over to Linton Army Area on 3 Jul 74. Several problems were struck on this project (which was once again, one of refurbishing an old building) but a dash of perseverance a touch of ingenuity, the merest hint of fiddling the system (and a few words from the Padre to his "CO") we managed to win through. However, the hardwork and frustration were worth it and the Corps now has a worthy edifice in our home of sappers.
- b. The Linton Camp Garrison Club. This task was commenced in Jun 74 and is due for completion in Jun 76. A total of \$70,000 has been allocated to the task but with rising costs it is likely to be higher in the final analysis. The completed complex will produce a games room (billiards, bowls, table tennis, darts etc) a TV lounge, a cafeteria, a restaurant, a dance floor and two bars. The project will produce a fine facility for the camp and is to be so well appointed that on completion the JRs may find the SNCOs and Officers trying to arrange a swap.

Training

403. With the emphasis swinging slightly away from works to training, the unit has been able to get away from /Linton

Linton a little more often this year (without having to go to Argo Rd, that is). During the first week in November approximately half the squadron (the remainder being either apprentices studying for trade exams or personnel on courses) spent an enjoyable week on the Wanganui River "muckin' abaht in boats". Unfortunately we still owe SME a favour or two for some bent props we returned. However, l'est la guerre.

404. We took the assault boats and the new light tactical raft upstream from Wanganui about 20 miles and after several unrehearsed "assaults" on sand bars on the way made camp at Parakino. The children from the local school were invited down one morning and now the raft can be said to be both soldier and child proof. However, I think several of the assault boat operators have now taken the pledge and sworn off children for a year or two.

405. The following week in November, those that hadn't been too wet (inside and out) spent a week in the hills behind LEVIN on minor tactics - or as one weary soldier put it - "chasing one's shadow". The standard achieved on this exercise was quite high and proved that we can foot it with the crunchies any day. After all as Montgomery (or Romnell or Someone) said "Everyone is basically an infantryman" - it takes intelligence and skill to make a sapper!

Overseas Exercises/Tasks

406. Atiu Harbour Project. 2 Fd Sqn has been fortunate enough to have seven personnel phased through this project since its inception. The experience gained covers a wide range of trades, namely: plumber, plant op, electrician, storeman and field engineer. We would like to take this opportunity in wishing the third contingent all the best and a speedy conclusion to the task.

407. Tropic Day 19. The contingent commander for this exercise happened to be the OC 2 Fd Sqn and just by "coincidence" the exercise had an engineer bias built into it. In the end a total of twenty-four 2 Fd Sqn pers went on the exercise which was very much one of contrasts. First of all the weather - the New Zealand phase (25 Nov - 4 Dec 74) which was once again carried out in the LEVIN area, had perfect weather and several members were sporting healthy suntans by the end of this phase. It is fortunate that the opportunity was taken because from the day we entered the bush in Fiji - it poured. On the final exercise, the comment was made that instead of the orders reading "search and destroy the enemy etc" they should read "hold the high ground - that way he'll drown".

408. The next contrast was in standards of accommodation during the exercise. Whilst the group on the minor tactics exercise were doing their best to keep their heads above water, there was a group of lucky lads (led by Ssgt Arthur BURTON) who had their heads frequently under water - that is in the pool at the HIBISCUS HOTEL in NANDI.

/409. The team

409. The team were required to check a set of tunnels, located at the base of the Nandi Water Reservoir, for unexploded bombs and safety in general. The tunnels had been dug into the soapstone type strata by explosive means during the Second World War and had only recently been rediscovered. The US Forces who had been the original tenants had used them as bomb storage shelters but the new owners had a more peaceful use in mind - the growing of mushrooms. Each tunnel was about 7ft tall 12ft wide and ranged from 35 to 110ft in length. The entrances had been sealed by the dropping of the ceiling just inside the mouth of the tunnel with an explosive charge.

410. The task was completed in four days and seven tunnels were found to be re-usable with minimum improvements. No bombs were located. From the amount of perspiration that was pouring from one of the team after only one hour in the tunnels, they certainly earned the privilege of the hotel. In case you're still wondering "How come a hotel?" the hotel and the farm were owned by the same firm who "insisted" that since we were doing a job for them, they must repay the favour. Obviously we tried to turn this offer down (for all of half a second) - and concluded that we really didn't have a conscience about the matter anyway. I'm told the average bill for each of the team (six members) was \$P93.00 for only five days so they obviously worked hard at something.

411. The other task on TD19 with an engineer flavour was the closing in of the Queen Elizabeth Barracks Officers Mess Bar. This task was undertaken by Cpl Kevin HANSON, Lcpl Graham KINGSTON and Spr Tim RAINA. Unfortunately, due to the non-availability of finishing timbers and the early RTNZ of TD19 (the aircraft was required elsewhere in a hurry) this job was only 80% complete when we left. However, a good working relationship was established between ourselves and WOII Laurie BAILEY (who controls and runs the Trade Training School at QEB) and WOII BIUVAKALALOMA (an ex 1Fd Sqn trainee who now controls the QEB Engineer Section) and they have undertaken to complete the task when the materials arrive.

412. Due to the early RTNZ, those people on the first flight home did not get much of an opportunity to taste the night life and duty free shopping. However, judging by the number of sore heads, empty wallets, and bulging suitcases, this was certainly balanced out by the second flight. I think everyone had an enjoyable trip and not too many would turn down the chance of a return match.

/Postings

"In these times of rising prices, about the only thing you can put away for a rainy day is an umbrella."

Postings and Promotions

413. The following are the recent postings and promotions for 2 Fd Sqn.

a. Posted In.

Sgt Greg Findon	Ex 3 Fd Sqn
Cpl Wally Morgan	Ex SME
Spr Bill Marr	Ex NZ Force, Singapore
Spr Brian Cosford	EX RF Cdt School
Spr Paul Frickleton	" " " "
Spr Phillip Greene	" " " "
Spr Fraser Graham	" " " "
Spr John Hammond	" " " "
Spr Trevor Thompson	" " " "
Spr Chris Wilson	" " " "

b. Posted Out.

Sgt "Shorty" Taylor	To 5 Spt Sqn
Cpl Mick Anglesey	To SME
Spr Peter Anderson	To 3 Fd Sqn
Spr Alan Myhill	To NZ Railways (discharge)
Lcpl Lindsay Ward	To Atiu project
Spr Phil Taiapa	" " "

c. Promotions

To Ssgt	Tony Hawkins
	John Greig
To Sgt	Greg Findon

Wishful Thinking

Everyman has a wish
To outsmart race horses,
Women and fish

CHAPTER 53 FIELD SQNAppointments

501. The following are the current appointments as at 1 Jan 75.

OC	Maj RA Laybourn
AO	Capt AT Beaver
SSM	WOII MA Oliver
Works Offr	Capt GN Stevens
Works WO	Ssgt BJ Rose
Stores WO	WOI JT Blyth
Cclk	Sgt JG Atkinson
SQMS	Ssgt BJ Knowles

RNZE ACTIVITIES IN AND AROUND THE DEEP SOUTH

502. Times have been very busy for 3 Fd Sqn over the past three or four months. We have been blowing down, building up and along, mucking up the MacKenzie Country, showing ourselves to the public, banishing people to the Cook Islands and travelling from Bluff to Blenheim and all points between. One year of operation has passed with 3 Field Squadron as an integrated RF/TF unit. This process has not been a smooth one but as the saying goes "True love never runs smooth". The next year should go very well if one learns from past experiences.

503. Some of the tasks undertaken have been very worthwhile. One of note was the demolition of a 135 ft chimney for the firm of Murphy Bros. Lt Gary Teear and his troops carried out the task. Eighty pounds of Polar gelignite was used for the task. The base of the chimney was drilled for half of the diameter and filled with the explosive. Millisec delay dets were used to lessen blast effect. As to be expected the task was successful and timings for the task would have been perfect but for mechanical trouble with one of the pneumatic drills. Well done 1 Troop.

504. The other demolition task was somewhat different. The Heathcote County Council got a 10 inch diameter casing stuck in volcanic rock at a depth of 175 ft. The method used was to lower a 9½ inch diameter ring made out of a paint tin with 3.9 kg of explosive moulded to it, down the pipe. The initiation was from the centre of the ring. The whole device was lowered to a depth of 160ft. The charge was initiated and ultimately successful. We are rather pleased this one worked as a Shell petrol storage depot was only 30m from the task.

/505. The Magdalen

505. The Magdalen Valley still holds our interest in the form of refurbishing after last annual camp. Meantime we were employed in the Cass area preparing for the coming annual camp. In the Cass area we have been involved in roading, both new and maintenance, building an improvised bridge, firebreaks, culverts, railway crossings, groynes for river bank protection and various other typical Field Engineer tasks.

506. Our plant efforts of late should not really be mentioned but now we definitely know that plant does not operate too well in wet conditions. Hence the quip earlier on the MacKenzie Country. Well done Kim.

507. Sgt Hubner still battles on in the Dunedin outpost. Thanks to him for very valuable efforts on behalf of the Corps in that area. He has liaison between the Corps and other Arms and services working well.

508. At last! The only Squadron with a diving team has finally got some equipment to dive with, or so we thought until the boxes were opened. Never mind. We will work something out and get the gear operative.

509. The WRAC Depot building continues to rise. The contractors are now working on the second floor blocks and without too much effort the whole job should be closed in before next winter. Hats off to Reg King, Eric Elley and their boys for a good effort on that job.

510. Incidentally, we are still located at 44 Riccarton Road. There is a rumour that the Squadron is moving to Burnham. ITS TRUE. With all the finance to hand at long last and the change of priority of work after New Year we should be installed in Burnham by August 1975. Watch that date.

511. During the period Sep - Dec we have found ourselves involved in various displays and PR efforts such as the "Meet the Army" weekend, the Alexandra Blossom Festival, the Canterbury A&P Show, the Riverton Show and of course our Freedom of the County of Akaroa. The Squadron was granted the honour on 26 October 1974 and celebrated the occasion with a parade, street march and afternoon tea. The honour was granted as a result of a long association with the County over the years. Some of the tasks carried out are roading, culverting and demolitions of both wooden and steel piles in the County Area.

Your Southern Squadron wishes to pass greetings to all and here is hoping for a fruitful 1975.

"The reason some people don't recognise opportunity is because it usually comes disguised as hard work."

505. The National Valley still holds our interest in the form of water control after last annual camp. We were engaged in the same work covering the same annual camp. In the same area we have been involved in roadwork, both new and maintenance, building an improved bridge, livestock, railway crossings, extensive for river bank protection and various other typical flood damage work.

506. Our plant efforts of late should not really be mentioned but now we have very much plant work and operate too well in wet conditions. Hence the pump earlier on the Mendocino County. Well done Sir.

507. Sir Robert will mention on the Mendocino County. Thanks to his for very valuable efforts on behalf of the Corps in that area. He has liaison between the Corps and other Army and services working well.

508. At last! The only problem with a diving team has finally got some equipment to dive with, on so we thought until the boat was damaged. Never mind. We will work something out and get the team complete.

509. The WACB Depot building continues to rise. The contractors are now working on the second floor slabs and without too much effort the whole job should be closed in before next winter. I am off to Hong Kong, Eric High and their boys for a good effort on that job.

510. Incidentally, we are well pleased at St. Vincent. Well. There is a report that the question is moving to Burma. The 1972. With all the changes to hand at long last and the change of priority of work after New Year we should be installed in Burma by August 1972. Watch that date.

511. During the period Sep - Dec we have found ourselves involved in various projects and in Africa such as the West African project, the African Economic Festival, the Conference Hall, the Festival show and of course our mission of the County of Africa. The speaker was granted the honour to be October 1974 and retained the position with a period, almost every day afternoon tea. The honour was awarded as a result of a long association with the County over the years. Some of the tasks carried out are roadwork, engineering and installation of both water and sewer pipes in the County area.

Your Southern African mission to meet Sir Robert is all well and is hoped for a fruitful visit.

"The reason some people don't recognize opportunity is because it usually comes disguised as hard work."

CHAPTER 65 SPT SQNAppointments

601. The following are the current appointments as at 1 Jan 75.

OC	Maj HMJ Shorter
AO	Capt J McDonald
SSM	WOII CE Corney
Plant Offr	Capt DJ Powley
Resources Comd	WOII WR Denby
Tpt WO	WOII GD Grieve
Cclk	Sgt M Morrison
SQMS	Ssgt GB McDonald

Recent Postings

602.	3 Aug 74	McInness, Staveley and Angus posted in from BAA 115
	26 Aug 74	Young R to 6 Fd Sqn Hermon from Waiouru Wksp
	13 Sep 74	Young JTM and Prosser posted in from BAA 116
	28 Oct 74	Lomas to Cadet Schs
	9 Oct 74	WOI Nolan posted from HQ LSG
	6 Nov 74	WOI Malloch to HQ ATG
	11 Nov 74	Greeks from 6 Fd Sqn Wharewera to 6 Fd Sqn
	25 Nov 74	Sgt Taylor MR from 2 Fd Sqn
	17 Dec 74	WOII Corney CE from Papakura Camp

SQUADRON NEWS OF RECENT TIMES

603. Since its inception in May 1974 the squadron is developing a great team spirit and morale. Buildings have been painted, offices modernised to a degree, shrubs planted, and lawns and surrounds cleaned up, until the squadron area is something to be proud of. In its role of providing direct plant support for the Logistics Support Group, the squadron is fast proving its worth. Resources Tp (who think they are the most efficient Tp in the Sqn) have cut so many logs that they conveniently ran out of jobs prior to Christmas, and they have drilled for and located water at Waiouru for Annual Camp usage.

/604 The Plant

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Appointments

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Since the inception of the 1975 agreement in developing a great many efforts and results. The following are the current appointments as of 1 Jan 75.

1975 The Year

604. The Plant Troops have shown their worth. Major tasks have been levelling and roading in the Block V housing area at Linton, excavations for the SME Marina, and levelling of Pearce Park at ATG Waiouru. They have also removed logs from the Rangitikei River so that the local Maoris could use these for carvings for their Marae. This effort gave the operators a valuable insight into community relationships. Numerous unexploded bombs have also been dug up at the Kaipara and Waiouru bombing ranges for our Air Force allies, and this created some friendly relationships and ticklish situations. Plant availability has been 73.3%, but work slowed over the winter. The next major job after Annual Camp is more work on the Argo Road.

605. An efficient HQ staff and Tpt Sect have ensured that the squadron has operated smoothly.

"A Scotsman visiting in New York complained, 'Ay, they're a crass lot here; they're very impolite. They pound on my hotel room door at three in the morning and they pound on it at four in the morning.'"

When asked what he did about it, he replied, 'I didn't do anything about it. I just kept on quietly playing my bagpipes!'"

Dieting has been defined as "the penalty for exceeding the feed limit".

604. The Plant Group have been working in the Black V. (Landing) area at Linton, excavations for the 1945 season, and I visited of course here at the weekend. They have also removed some from the basement level so that the local people could use them for irrigation for their farms. This effort gave the operators a valuable insight into community relationships. Numerous unexploded bombs have also been dug up at the Landing and Watson's bombing ranges for our Air Force officers, and this created some friendly relationships and training situations. That availability has been 11.12, but work slowed over the winter. The range for the other hand Camp is now work on the new bomb.

605. An effort was made in 1945 and the fact have emerged that the situation has changed completely.

"A good many villages in the 1945
 completed, say, they're a mass
 lost here, they're very valuable.
 They found on my horse road down
 at Linton in the 1945 and they
 found it at Linton in the morning.
 When asked what he said about it,
 he replied, 'I didn't do anything
 about it. I just kept on working
 giving my equipment'."

Division has been advised by the
 General for assistance in the
 field."

CHAPTER 7

6 FIELD SQN

Appointments

701. The following are the current appointments as at 1 Jan 75.

OC	Maj	PJ	Skogstad
AO	Capt	A	Anderson
SSM	WOII	HJ	Gallagher
Cclrk	Sgt	WT	Matiaha
SQMS	Sgt	BJ	Mekernan

Publication Material

702. None received.

Extracts from 6 Fd Sqn Oct Newsletter

703. What Other Engineer Units are Doing.

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704. All contributions to the newsletter will be gratefully accepted. Send us an article or a joke, or anything that's printable. A prize could be given to the best article etc each newsletter.

705.and even carpet laid in a couple of offices.

"We were supposed to have survival training today but it was postponed on account of rain."

CHAPTER 7

2. THE CASE

Introduction

701. The following are the contents of the report as at 1 Jan 75.

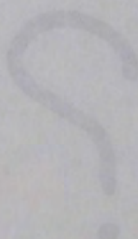
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Conclusion

702. None received.

Exhibit 1: 1st and 2nd

703. West Coast Highway, 1st and 2nd.



704. All contributions to the newspaper will be gratefully accepted. There is no article on a job, or anything else's principles. A prize would be given to the best article and each contributor.

705.and every paper held in a couple of offices.

*We were supposed to have a review of today, but it was postponed on account of rain.

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CHAPTER 8

SCHOOL OF MILITARY ENGINEERING

Appointments

801. The following are the current appointments as at 1 Jan 75.

OC & CI	Maj	CR	Parker
Admin & Acctg Offr	Capt	JA	Tymkin
SSM	WOI	WGW	Williams
Trg Offr FE	Capt	RA	Barrett
Trg Offr Plant	Lt	RB	Simmons
Trg WO (A)	WOII	MT	Robinson
Trg WO (G)	WOII	FR	Flavell
Cclk	Ssgt	MJ	Dette
SQMS	WOII	BD	Hook

UNIT TRAINING 1974 VERSION

802. Between Nov 30 and Dec 6 the School of Military Engineering undertook unit training at Urewera National Park. The particular area of activity was at Lake Waikaremoana and the object of the training was to engender teamwork whilst moving a building for use as a future National Park Museum. Naturally, we took boats and motors, fishing rods and private rifles in case we were rained off the job. A rootin-shootin and fishin unit training was envisaged.

803. There seemed an abundance of food and we sure needed it as 5 a.m. to 7 p.m. for three consecutive days on heavy work sure makes one hungry. The fourth day there was no work so we pursued other activities - got one fish no pig or deer and other activities were not confirmed apart from the naturalists walks in the best scenic area of NZ together with some water skiing. The fifth day was work in the rain to exhaustion and completion and the sixth day we were homeward bound.

804. The building removal and renovation was completed to schedule not without difficulties and blisters (and mosquito bites) but the difficulties were foreseen and so we had the right gear on hand for the job.

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805. A very worthwhile week of unit training as a good job was well done, the whole unit working side by side at once was a valuable get-to-know-you-better exercise, and the opportunity to relax for brief periods in pleasant surroundings was also of good value. The area is recommended to other units but do not overlook mosquito nets. We had none and of course those insects were more numerous and bigger than they have ever been before.

The reason the actress informed the bishop that she had taken her bitch to the veterinary surgeon and had it "adjusted" was because she was unable to call a speyed a spade.

TOO LATE ETHEL!

806. On Dec 11 74 within Linton Camp there were two streakers. Stripped down to racing gear with studs dangling in the breeze and trussed to perfection, two buildings each 60ft x 30ft were moved about a kilometre, set on new foundations and firmly fixed. They are to be part of the Linton Camp Community Centre.

807. All in one day! Who did that? Lots of soldiers from various units had previously undertaken the preparatory work and done a good job - but which unit motivated the streakers and how were they moved? By civvy contractor of course! Twelve pairs of telephone cables, 35 electricity cables and three cattle stops were part of the course - not a bad streaker course huh? Doubting Thomases were given the message: "Yes, that's right we did move a building but that was the second one you saw - what time did you start work?" "Too late Ethel - we moved!" We officially claim the building streaking record for a one-day stand. Any challengers?

Always try to drive so that your licence will expire before you do.

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Postings Discharges & Births

808. The following are the postings discharges and births for members of the School.

a. Postings.

Cpl Morgan W	to	2 Fd Sqn	18 Nov 74
Cpl Anglesey MG	from	2 Fd Sqn	11 Nov 74
Sgt Foley NE	from	RF Depot	9 Dec 74
Ssgt Wright RJ	to	6 Fd Sqn	20 Feb 75
Cpl Avenell KJ	from	2 Fd Sqn	3 Mar 75
Lcpl Pettersen MA	from	3 Fd Sqn	19 Nov 74
Lcpl McGill MJ	from	1 Fd Sqn	20 Jan 75
Spr Collinson AS	from	Basic No 117	23 Nov 74
WOI Williams WGW	from	RF Cdt Sch	2 Jan 75
Lcpl Lomas GM	to	RF Cdt Sch	28 Oct 74
Cpl Stirrat WN	to	1 Fd Sqn	26 Aug 74 (Atiu Harbour)
Ssgt Gallagher HJ	to	6 Fd Sqn	4 Sep 74
WOI Roberts DH	to	2 Fd Sqn	2 Sep 74
Ssgt Oliver MA	to	3 Fd Sqn	17 Jun 74
Maj Wedde HE	to	HQ Home Comd	11 Nov 74 (DAQMG)
Ssgt Thomas L	from	Singapore	May 75
Sgt Grace MS	to	1 Fd Sqn	16 Dec 74 (Atiu Harbour)
Lcpl Gould R	to	1 Fd Sqn	26 Aug 75 (Atiu Harbour)
Lt Rouse STJ	from	OCTU Waiouru	31 Jul 74

b. Discharges.

Lcpl Gerbault PL	wef	6 Jan 75
Cpl Hodson COM	wef	2 Dec 74
Cpl Harrison GJW	wef	28 May 74

Help Wanted Ad:

Clerk to work eight hours a day to replace one who didn't.

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c. Births

WOII Flavell FR	on 10 Mar 74	Reon
WOII Hook BD	on 1 Mar 74	David Kenneth Scott
Lcpl Love CBJ	on 13 Apr 74	Marcus Dean
Cpl Ridland JDL	on 7 Feb 74	Simon James Hanley
WOI Williams GW	on 11 Jan 74	Tracy
Ssgt McKeany PA	on 2 Sep 74	Bevan James
Capt Barrett RZ	on 8 Sep 74	Natalia Cherie

Baby banana: "Mommy, where did I come from?"
 Mother banana: "The stalk brought you."

Patient to psychiatrist: "Doc, we have to do something for my wife. She's completely insane."

"What's the bad," replied the psychiatrist. "What does she do?"

Patient: "She's violent at times. My just last night I was taking a bath and she stormed over to the bathtub and took away one of my legs."

Prospective father-in-law to daughter's suitor:

"Do you have any money in the bank?"

Young man: "Certainly."

"How much?"

"I don't know, I haven't shaken it lately."

News of Ex Staff

809. Ex WOI Gordon Byron as Plant Training Manager at NZ Forest Products at Tokoroa is really enjoying the job, the challenge and the responsibilities. Did notice an advertisement for an assistant.

810. Ex Cpl Harry Harrison leased a Fish & Chip shop in Shannon. He in turn leased that and moved into a take-away bar which he expanded to include groceries and hardware. The Fish and Chip shop was burnt down accidentally and Harry Harrison is now negotiating to buy a grocery shop next to his existing 4500 sq ft complex. Reckons he will become a supermarket, sell his house and build on a 13 acre property near Shannon. Who said Army training was good value as citizen training?

Patient to psychiatrist: "Doc, we have to do something for my wife. She's completely immature."

"That's too bad," replied the psychiatrist. "What does she do?"

Patient: "She's violent at times. Why just last night I was taking a bath and she stormed over to the bathtub and sank every one of my boats."

News of St. Paul

800. St. Paul Police Officer on Night Patrolman at
St. Paul Police at Police as really enjoying the job.
the challenge and the responsibility. His motive as
advertisement for an assistant.

810. St. Paul Police Officer on Night Patrolman at
in St. Paul. He is now looking for a job in this shop.
away but which he expected to include groceries and hardware.
The St. Paul Police Officer was going down occasionally and many
St. Paul is now negotiating to buy a property near to
his existing 4500 sq ft property. He thinks he will secure a
supermarket, sell his house and build on a 10 acre property
near St. Paul. The word St. Paul Police Officer was good since he
didn't realize.

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CHAPTER 9

B COY RF CADET SCHOOL

Appointments

901. The following are the current appointments as at 1 Jan 75.

Senior Trade Instructor	Ssgt EW Bruce (Eddie)
Assistant Instructor	
Carpentry	Sgt DRR Milliken (Don)
" "	Cpl LD Stowell (Les)
" "	Sgt DG Staines (Pinky)
Plumbing	Cpl JW White (John)
Wing Storeman	

Publication Material

902. None received.

On joining RF Cadet School a certain young man was sent to have his long hair and sideburns cut. When he sat down in the chair, the corporal barber asked him if he would like to keep his sideburns.

"You bet" exclaimed the Cadet gratefully

Whereupon the barber cut off his sideburns and snapped "Here catch."

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Appointments

901. The following are the current appointments as at 1 Jan 75.

902. Mr. James (White)	903. Mr. James (White)
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Political Material

902. None received.

On January 15, 1975, a certain young man was sent to have his long hair cut. When he got down in the barber's chair, the barber asked him if he would like to have his hair cut. "Yes, but" exclaimed the man nervously. "You better" exclaimed the barber and cut off his hair. "There catch!"

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CHAPTER 10

FIRE BRIGADES

SECTION ONE

LINTON CAMP FIRE BRIGADE

Appointments

1001. The following are the current appointments as at 1 Jan 75.

Firemaster	WOII RGS Pullen
Deputy	Sgt K Gray
Firemen	Cpl JF Carson
	Cpl T Keong
	Spr J Eru

The brigade is well supported by 14 volunteers, all good keen men:

5 Spt Sqn	Spr D. Pugh
	Spr R Sinclair
	Spr T Staveley
	Spr J Manley
	Spr D Urquhart
SME	Cpl D Ridland
	Cpl J Cubitt
	Spr B Collinson
2 Fd Sqn	Sgt K Featherstone
	Spr J Bragg
1 Engr Wksp	Cfn M Hyland
	Cfn R Unwin
1 Gen Tps Wksp	Lcpl C Polglase
2 Comm Z Sigs	Cpl B Abbott

Plus two who are on overseas TODs (we've at last discovered where you are Murray Wall, as you are still on the roll).

Vehicles, Equipment Etc

1002. The main boost to our morale was the arrival of our new baby (Bedford UMP Appliance) which was duly christened by Mrs Butson (wife of the Commander) and blessed by the Padres. (Just as well it wasn't a Jewish padre - he might have cut 2" off the ends of all the hoses.)

1003. Our other equipment is made up of

- 1 Thames "Firefly" appliance
- 1 Landrover (Little Flick)
- 1 FWP
- 5 Normalair Compressed BA sets
- 2 Rescue saws

Duty system consists of eight days on six days off per fortnight.

/1004. The station

SECTION 10

STATE RELATIONS

SECTION 11

LINCOLN CAST WITH THE CASE

Appointments

1001. The following are the current appointments as at 1 Jan 72.

Major	Major
Deputy	Deputy
Platoon	Platoon
Cpl 1	Cpl 1
Cpl 2	Cpl 2
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The brigade is well supported by 14 volunteers, all good men.

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There are two men in uniform, 2000, but we do not discover where you are (many will, as you are still on the roll).

Vehicles, Equipment, etc.

1002. The main point to our minds was the matter of our new baby (Boddy's car) which was left, entrusted by Mrs. Boddy (the car) and placed by the Police. (Just as well as to have a car - it might have cost 10 off the side of all the money.)

1003. Our other equipment is made up of

1. Thomas "Blue" machine
1. Land Rover (Little Blue)
1. M.V.
2. Mountain Equipment SA note
2. Knives some

My system consists of eight days on six days off per fortnight.

1004. The station

1004. The station was recently extended 30ft to allow the housing of the new Bedford. This allowed all equipment and working space to be under one roof for the first time. Our alarm system and phones have caused many problems over the year but it is not surprising as the Museum of Transport and Technology have their eyes on it for the station at Western Springs.

Postings & Promotions

1005. 9.1.74 Lcpl Carson posted from Waiouru and promoted to T/Cpl Oct 74

23.2.74 Cpl T Stewart discharged and is now a foreman for a local contractor

29.2.74 Lcpl G Cook discharged to join the Transport Department in their motor bike brigade.

29.4.74 Spr J Eru changed from Ordnance to fire service

Cpl T Keong returned to the fold after a short absence.

General

1006. Linton Camphas a "C" fire risk grading which means there is a wide range of fire risks to be covered. However, over the last year fire calls have been reduced by 45.1% which means good housekeeping by all concerned. A breakdown of calls for the last two years is as follows:

	<u>1973</u>	<u>1974</u>
Property	8	10
Rubbish/Grass	4	4
Vehicles	4	-
Special services	12	2
Malicious False Alarms	8	3
Accidental " "	13	9
Good Intent	2	-

Examinations

1007. During 1974 Cpl Carson and WOII Pullen sat the Associate Member of NZ Fire Brigades Institute exam. WOII Pullen gained a pass and Cpl Carson a partial pass (good work Kit). They also intend sitting further civilian exams in 1975 and we wish them well.

Competitions

1008. Seven men have been training under WOII Pullen and Cpl Carson for fire brigade competitions and on our first outing went to Waipukurau as visitors for the HBFB championships. We won the "Woodville Shield" for visitors (and it looks very nice hanging on the wall). This was presented twice - once

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by the Past President D McPhee HBFBA and again by Brigadier Brooker on a formal parade. The team is now under training for and hopes to compete at Hutt Valley for the visitors trophy on 1 Feb 75. We will also be competing at Wanganui on the 15 Feb in our own sub association. The team at Waipukurau was:

WOII Pullen	Captain/Manager	
Spr Staveley	(5 Spt Sqn)	No 1
Spr Urquhart	(5 Spt Sqn)	No 2
Cpl Carson	(trainer)	No 3
Spr Eru		No 4

Our thanks also to Waiouru for the loan of their "box".

Tit Bits

1009.9 Cpl T Keong (The Godfather) is the Army Women's softball selector again and services coach (lucky Tom). He had a nice long holiday during Christmas/New Year with them all.

Sgt Gray and his Indoor Bowls team went to the mainland for an indoor bowls competition but it is a bit hazy as to who won. I think it was Ken!

The Sapper's Day sports on Oct 15 went well with HQ Linton AA including the firecrew and support from our volunteers at 5 Support coming third in the teams events. A good days sport.

Guess who demolished the main gate at Linton Camp and the left hand front mudguard of his car? And guess who got a speeding ticket for doing 60 mph on his way to Wellington just before Christmas. A very expensive Christmas for the Chief what?

Events for 1975

1010.	6.1.75	Cpl Carson to 3 TTS Wigram for Senior Firemen's course for three months
	1.2.75	Hutt Valley competitions
	15.2.75	Wellington West Coast competitions
	March	UFBA Bi-ennial championships and conference. Linton team not available but Spr Sinclair attending as delegate.
	July	Mrs Polglase expecting 10 tiny fingers and 10 tiny toes (hope its not more)
	Sep	UFBA exams

"A flea circus may be a good act, but it takes termites to bring down the house."

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Congratulations

1011. Our congratulations go to Ssgt Canty (Firemaster at Ngaruawahia) and WOII Corney (ex Firemaster Papakura) on the award of their Gold Stars for 25 years service both voluntary and permanent to the Fire Service. We are sorry to lose you Colin, but hope you find your new position as SSM at 5 Support Squadron a satisfactory and rewarding one. All the best to you both from all the lads at Linton Camp.

SECTION TWO

OTHER FIRE BRIGADES

Publication Material

1012. None received.

We hope there will be a few words on the effort at the Christchurch Fire Brigade strike. Reports indicate excellent support given by the services.

"The trouble with a person who has the gift of the gab is that he never wraps it up."

Conclusions

1011. Our investigations on the East Coast (Baltimore at Hagerstown) and Will County (as Hagerstown, Pa.) on the west of their Gold Star for 25 years service both voluntarily and permanently in the Service. We are sorry to lose you today, but hope you find your new position as NEM at 2 Support Hagerstown a satisfactory and rewarding one. All the best to you both from all the staff at Hagerstown.

SECTION TWO

OTHER FILE REFERENCES

Publication Material

1012. None received.

We hope there will be a few words on the effort at the Washington Film Bridge service. Reports indicate excellent support given by the services.

"The trouble with a person who has the gift of the gab is that he never stops it up."

CHAPTER 11

CORPS MATTERS

Head of Corps Conference

1101. The most recent Head of Corps Conference was held in Wellington 2/3 Oct 74.

Linton Sappers Day 1974

1102. The usual early start for all Sappers to commemorate Sappers Day was made on Tuesday 15 October 1974. The salvo of explosions awoke the local population at 0630 hrs but the day had started earlier than that! Neat rum for the dozen or so brave souls on the steps of the Palmerston North Post Office at 0555 enabled them to proceed to a simple wreath laying ceremony at the adjacent War Memorial. But the day had started earlier than that! 0530 the cooks in Linton Camp were making the coffee and laced with rum it was passed to the Sappers in their beds by Officers and Senior NCOs. Did hear a story that there were more servers than sleepers as all sappers became suppers and the biggest suppers were suckers - and it showed!

1103. Would you believe work as normal for the remainder of the morning? Well not quite normal really as some 30 Sappers undertook welfare work for pensioners in our Freedom of the City domain - Levin. A much appreciated gesture because the Mayor of Levin wrote and told us so! I know you would believe a well organised and run team sports contest on a competitive basis with prizes and a liquid finish in the afternoon. 5 Spt Sqn deservedly won the medal for the first team but the real winners were the female medal bearers (a-la Commonwealth Games style) who each received a kiss. The Chief Engineer was around at the time.

1104. The social in the evening held at the 600 man mess hall the final obstacle and to the credit of all participants, none seemed to falter too badly on this course.

1105. All in all the most active and best Sappers Day for twelve months with 100% participation.

Engineer Corps Memorial Association

1106. Committee.

President:

Col A. Murray

Members

Appointed by Corps Committee:

Col Brooke-White

Lt Col Rutherford

Lt Col Currie

Lt Col Davidson

Maj O'Brien (present Treas)

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Head of Corps Operations

1101. The most recent Head of Corps Operations was held in Wellington 2/3 Oct 64.

Major General 1971

1102. The news early story for all appears to suggest that the news on Tuesday 18 October 1971. The news of explosions were the last reported at 0530 was that day had started earlier than that. West was for the day on the steps of the Parliament House. Office at 0555 advised them to proceed to a house with laying ceremony at 0600 about the house. But the day had started earlier than that. 0550 the news on the day was making the news and with that was passed to the papers in their beds by 0600 and later 0600. The news a story that there were more reports than appears as all appears because appears and the news appears were again - and is showed.

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1104. The model in the evening held at the 001 and news half the time contents and to the children all participants, none seemed to follow the path on this course.

1105. All in all the most active and best appears day for twelve months with 1971 participation.

Backward Corps Operations

1106.	General	Col A. Harris
	President	
	Members	
		Col Brooks-White
		Col Hetherington
		Col Gault
		Col Davidson
		Col O'Brien (present from)

Members:

Appointed by Chief Engineer:

Maj Cormack
Maj Jameson
Maj Wedde
Maj Shorter
Capt Beaver

Members:

Appointed by Units:

Ssgt Chamberlain	(SME)
Sgt Holt	(1 Fd Sqn)
Cpl Oliver	(2 Fd Sqn)
Lcpl Jackson	(3 Fd Sqn)
WOI K.F.Malloch	(5 Spt Sqn)
Maj Skogstad	(6 Fd Sqn)

Members:

Elected by AGM:

Lt Col Butcher	
WOI Wawatai	(Acting Sec)
Mr E. Farnell	
Mr D. Roy	
WOI J. Blyth	
Sgt Affleck	
WOI Roberts	
WOI B.E.Malloch	
Lcpl Cubitt	

Church Firsts

1107. The first christening in St Marks RNZE Corps Memorial Church at Linton was that of David Kenneth Scott HOOK aged nine months at the time and a son of WOI Hook BD of SME. The christening took place on Sat 17 Aug 74.

1108. Church Wedding. The first wedding to be conducted in St Marks Church is planned for 18 Jan 75 between Sgt Matt Munro of SME and Margaret Taylor.

Museum Contributions

1109. Through the medium of the Auckland Sappers Association, Mr Syd Carter MBE, JP, recently presented to the Corps Museum a Doulton china statuette of a NZ Sapper of World War I. The statuette was acquired by Mr Carter shortly after World War I. Mr Carter became a Sapper in 1911 with 3 Fd Coy NZE. He served in France with 2 and 4 Fd Coys. Mr Carter has organised the National reunion of the 1st NZEF Engineers for the last 47 years.

/1110. Mr Bill Todd

Appointed by Civil Engineer	Members:
Mr. Gorman	
Mr. Johnson	
Mr. Jones	
Mr. Roberts	
Mr. Brown	
Appointed by Unit:	Members:
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Mr. Johnson	
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Church Affairs

1107. The first Christmas in St. Mark's Church was held on Sunday, December 23rd, 1907. The Christmas tree was set up in the church and a good deal of work was done. The Christmas tree was set up in the church and a good deal of work was done.

1108. The first wedding in St. Mark's Church was held on Sunday, December 23rd, 1907. The wedding was held in the church and a good deal of work was done.

Young People's Society

1109. Through the efforts of the American Baptist Association, Mr. J. C. Carter, Jr., recently presented to the Young People's Society a number of books. Mr. Carter has been very successful in his efforts to secure books for the society.

(1110) Mr. Hill told

1110. Mr Bill Todd, the current president of the 1st NZEF Engineers Association, has presented the Corps Museum with five photographs of Sapper involvement during World War I. One photograph of a barber at work, includes the well known character of Nick Higginson. He owned the hotel at Okoroire and his good deeds on behalf of ex-servicemen are legion. Nick Higginson died recently.

Soldier Affluence

1111. It is understood that there are many sappers who own caravans or boats and that such owners are increasing at a fairly rapid rate. Just for kicks, what about a survey by units etc, with the object of publishing details in the next liaison letter, incidentally due for publication on 4 Apr 75.

For Your Diary

1112. National reunion RNZE at Christchurch March 14-15-16 1975.

1113. Anzac Day ceremonies are to be held on Fri April 25 and full Sapper participation is requested in the usual manner.

Useful Reading

1114. An informative book and of considerable value for Junior officers and Senior NCOs is:

"Training for Leadership" by John Adair

Safety Films

1115. Recommended for unit training:

- a. Heavy machinery "Roll of Drums" 22 mins
produced by Caterpillar Tractor Co. Film No.
DFL 8156.
- b. Drugs. "Better Dead" 20 mins. Film No
DFL 8157
- c. Chainsaw Treefelling. "The Cutting Crew"
10 Mins. Film No DFL 8158

"Did you hear about the street cleaner who got fired
because he couldn't keep his mind in the gutter?"

1110. Mr. Bill Todd, the current president of the Los Angeles Boy Scouts Association, has presented the Los Angeles Area five photographs of Robert Kennedy's assassination. One photograph of a person at work, identified the well known character of Nick Higgins. He owned the house at 1000 and his good deeds in behalf of his community are noted.

Soldier Attention

1111. It is understood that there are many soldiers who are concerned or bored and that such concern and boredom is a fairly rapid rate. Just for those, there is a survey by units etc, with the object of providing details in the next edition letter, particularly for the publication on 1 April 1975.

For Your Diary

1112. National Vietnam War Veterans Association March 15-16-1975.

1113. James Ray's testimony was to be held on 15 April 75 and full paper participation is requested in the next meeting.

Useful Reading

1114. An informative book and of considerable value for junior officers and senior NCOs is:

"Training for Leadership" by John Adair

Safety Film

1115. Recommended for unit training:

a. Heavy machinery "Wall of Death" 25 mins. Produced by International Technical Co. Film No. 1115.

b. Drugs, "Better Days" 20 mins. Film No. 1115.

c. Chemicals, "The Chemical Game" 10 mins. Film No. 1115.

"Did you hear about the street cleaner who was fired because he couldn't keep his mind in the gutter?"

CHAPTER 12

SAPPERS ABROAD

SECTION ONE

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES : RNZIR PERSONNEL

General

1201. Biographical notes are provided for four sappers posted to 1 RNZIR in answer to the CE's request for material for the Corps Liaison Letter. Additional items of interest will be offered as they come to hand.

Spr Wall M

1202. Spr Murray Wall currently posted to Assault Pioneer Platoon Support Company 1 RNZIR arrived in theatre in November 72, originally posted to 28 Indep Fd Tp as a plant operator. Since that time ANZUK Force has largely disintegrated and with it the Fd Sqns resulting in a lot of reposting - hence Murray Wall came across to 1 RNZIR in May 74 and is now scheduled to return to New Zealand in May 75.

1203. Murray Wall collected himself quite a name as the "Ace Case Dozer Driver", (He is strong enough to pick it up when it bogs down) while in 28 Fd Tp. On one occasion during a Bde Ex when the sappers were all swapping lies in the Officers beer tent, Tp Comd - Capt Ian Johnstone RE, laid the claim that Murray Wall really could not steer the Case properly but just relied on others getting out of his way. Just to prove how incorrect that statement was, Murray tore out of the tent, fired up the Case and drove straight through one end of the tent and out the other without so much as hitting a pole - "So how was that boss?" Next morning Spr Wall couldn't remember a thing about it.

1204. After reposting to 1 RNZIR Murray quickly found his feet as a rifleman in one of the Aslt Pnr Sections under Platoon Commander Sam Hollander (a face well known to SME staff from 1972/73). On his first exercise with 1 RNZIR - Ex CUNCTATOR - he got his teeth into basic Pioneer tasks as well as Recce duties (secondary pl role). Now working as storeman for the Platoon (they really put the best men on the job when the Auditors are around) Murray is also swotting up all the good SME guff for three stars.

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1205. Apart from sorting out the enemy (1 Gordon Highlanders) on various exercises in and around Kota Tinugi Murray has also seen a good deal of SE Asia during his tour. Already he has visited West Malaysia, Thailand, Laos and is currently planning a trip to BALI. And like all good sappers in 1 RNZIR he is still single.

"This would be a good time for the meek
to inherit the earth."

Spr Kingi M

1206. Spr Mac Kingi joined Assault Pioneers in May 73 as a Two Star Carpenter and is due back in NZ May 75. He quickly established himself in the platoon and has been right through all the exercises never missing one.

1207. Apart from tackling about two mans worth of all the carpentry tasks and other Pioneer duties Mac Kingi is also one of the best No 2s going on a GPMG. His gun produced outstanding results on a recent Bn skill at Arms competition allowing Aslt Pnr Pl to win the competition ahead of all the rifle platoons!!

1208. Mac Kingi has retained his sense of perspective throughout the tour and continues to see plenty of humour in life - even when - every one is wet

The rations haven't arrived, and
all the kit has been lost!

1209. Apart from plenty of bush beating Mac is also a key member in the 1 RNZIR Softball team and has also fitted in some travel to Thailand as well as around West Malaysia.

"Then there was the elephant hunter who had
to quit, the decoys were getting too heavy."

1207. About four months ago the company's business
 headquarters were moved from the old building to the new
 building on the corner of 1st and 2nd streets. The new
 building is a two-story brick building, and it is
 centrally located in the city. The old building
 was on the corner of 1st and 2nd streets.

"This would be a good time for the company
 to relocate the office."

The Office

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Ssgt Thomas L

1210. Ssgt Len Thomas, CQMS of Support Company 1 RNZIR has been up here since November 72 and with a six months extension is now due back in NZ May 75.

1211. Apart from boasting the tidiest Q store in Dieppe Barracks Len Thomas also finds time to spread his many talents in Demolitions and other Field Engineering amongst the various specialist platoons in the Bn. Len is also a stalwart in the Bn Falling Plate Shooting Team.

1212. Div II Rugby also sees a measure of Len Thomas as the steady, reliable in the Support Coy pack. During the dry months Mar - Sep Len is to be found heavily committed to Scuba Diving. As Diving Officer of the 1 RNZIR Sub Aqua Club he is responsible for training and diving expeditions and equipment safety. A keen diver from way back Len puts in a lot of time training new divers and supervising diving expeditions off the East Coast of Malaysia.

Capt RA Sampson

1213. Probably the less said about this individual the better. He has only been here since May 74 and already has the reputation as a No 1 Stirrer - for some people his return to NZ date May 76 can't come quick enough. As Coy 2IC - C Coy he gives them all stick.

1214. Coy 2 ICs are like 2ICs anywhere - plenty of A & Q administration and that means just loads of paper. Apart from that there is some good experience still to be had during the major exercise - Ex CUNCTATOR - the last one, although with the pending British withdrawal from Singapore the exercise programme is most unclear.

1215. Now that the exercise season has cooled off there has been time to get the Joint Services Sport Parachute Association (JSSPA) cracking again with a heavy emphasis on kiwi jumpers. To date we have 14 Kiwis under training (Brits have 7) and are regularly jumping at Kelvang in Malaysia. Recently a Brit unit - 7 Para Regt RHA were on TOD and we managed to get the Kiwi jumpers in for some really good jumping with their RAF Wessex helicopter. There is also continuation parachute training available at Changi for those who have qualified at PTSU Whenuapai, so Airborne Sappers are welcome in Singapore.

/1216. When time

1216. When time allows have also been giving Len Thomas a hand in the Diving Club in capacity as Club President. To date two very successful expeditions arranged on Pulau Tioran a really great island 40 miles off East Coast of Malaysia, in South China Sea and more planned for 1975.

The mother was having a hard time getting her son to go to school in the morning.

"Nobody likes me in school," he complained.
"The teachers don't like me, the kids don't like me, the superintendent wants to transfer me, the bus drivers hate me, the School Board wants me to drop out and the custodians have it in for me. I don't want to go to school!"

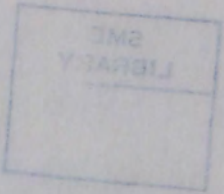
"But you have to go to school," countered his mother. "You are healthy, you have a lot to learn, you have something to offer others, you are a leader. And besides you are 45 years old and you are the principal."

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How come a slight tax increase costs
\$200 while a substantial tax cut saves
you 30 cents?

1916. When this allows have also been giving Jan Thomas a hand in the Spring 1916. In capacity as Club President. To date two very successful expeditions arranged on Malay Toured a nearby great island 40 miles off Sand Beach of Malagala, in South China Sea and have planned for 1917.

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How come a slight tax increase costs \$2000 while a substantial one only costs you 30 cents?

SECTION TWOWORKS SERVICE SECTION
HEADQUARTERS NEW ZEALAND FORCE SOUTH EAST
ASIA

From: WOII Peter Foster

1217. April Fools Day 1974, a rather ominous day to choose for the commencement of a new venture, as far as the Corps of the Royal New Zealand Engineers was concerned, that of being solely responsible for the day to day maintenance of all New Zealand property in Singapore and for the planning of new work to be carried out for the Force. It was obvious from comments being made in various quarters of the ANZUK system that people did not consider us as a Corps capable of carrying out such a task, especially when we had not had any such experience before. The pleasure in being able to prove that we can in fact do the job, is due in no small measure to the broad background of training that those people involved in setting up the service have received during their respective careers in New Zealand.

1218. Although the Works Services Section officially assumed its responsibilities on the first of April 1974 the lead up work done by Squadron Leader ALLAN DICKIE, RNZAF fresh from Defence Works in Wellington who arrived in Singapore on 5 January 1974 and Ssgt DON ROLLE (RNZE) who arrived on 12 February 1974, was invaluable to the smooth transition from one system to another. While these two were laying the foundations at Force HQ in Kangaw, and very solid foundations they have proved to be, I was carrying out the rear guard action at ANZUK Force HQ, trying to ensure that all available information on the future NZ Estate and Buildings was made available, whilst still being employed on 'wind up' works for ANZUK Force.

1219. Day One for the Works Service Section dawned with the section having an establishment of three military personnel and 37 LEC (Locally Employed Civilians) although on Day One we had only four LECs, this had expanded to 20 by the end of the month and full strength by 1st June. Basically the section is divided into three cells with the Force Engineer, a Works Supervisor, a draughtsman (LEC) and Clerk (LEC) at HQ and two Maintenance Sections, one at Dieppe to look after buildings in Kangaw, Dieppe and NZ Services School Woodlands and the other at Seletar to maintain the 320 odd married quarters and other service buildings there. The two maintenance sections are overseen by a Works Supervisor and are tasked to carry out urgent day to day maintenance. For these tasks we employ local tradesmen in trades such as carpentry, electricity, plumbing, refrigeration, masonry and fitting. Larger tasks are scheduled through the Lands and Estate Department of the

/Singapore Ministry

Singapore Ministry of Defence (MINDEF) to their Term Contractor for execution, while buildings that are in areas which are predominantly occupied by UK Forces are still maintained, as in ANZUK days, by the UK Department of the Environment (DOE). To carry out this work and to ensure adequate supervision of all works being done the Force Engineer 'juggles the finances' to best advantage while Don Rolle supervises the two maintenance sections and I do the scheduling of works to MINDEF and DOE and the supervision of such works, plus the supervision of an Emergency Services contract which is operated by a local contractor. This contract is for carrying out emergency repairs during off duty hours. Items included as emergencies are loss of electricity before the last meal at night, blocked sewers, broken water pipes and the like.

1220. To date, 10 December 1974, the Maintenance Sections have answered a total of 3246 calls since the 1 April. 113 maintenance jobs have been forwarded to MINDEF for execution. 35 new works jobs have been forwarded to MINDEF for costing, some of which have been approved and some gone further and been completed. The largest job under way at present being a concrete hardstand for the NZ Tpt Coy which is due to be completed by the end of the year at a cost of S\$76500 (NZ\$23900). An interesting aside as far as the hardstand job is concerned, is the fact that three unexploded World War II bombs were uncovered on the site during excavation works. Hold ups of up to two days occurred each time one was found while both SAF (Singapore Armed Forces) and UK bombs disposal people decided on how best to dispose of them. They turned out to be American bombs of about 250lb, said, by the UK bomb disposal experts, to be made by a now defunct armament manufacturer about September 1935 according to markings found on one of the bombs. DOE have been tasked with 17 jobs, both New Works and Special Maintenance. Day to day maintenance done for us by DOE is unknown, until they provide their reports, as it requested directly from DOE by the units concerned while 285 Emergency Calls have been attended by the Emergency Contractor. In addition to these works 41 jobs have been placed on various local contractors by way of Works Orders.

1221. We in the Section feel that the figures above prove that, far from being April Fools the staff, including in a very big way, the local tradesmen LECs have achieved results, far in excess of those even remotely considered possible by the cynics of those pre 1st of April days and are carrying out another service that the Corps of the Royal New Zealand Engineers can be justifiably proud.

1222. RNZE personnel serving in Singapore, include:

Capt Duncan McLEAN as SO3 Int/SD at Force HQ, who is soon to take his discharge and go to work on an airfield project in Brunei with the same firm as ex Capt Gerry DUDMAN is Managing Director for in Indonesia.

/Capt Dick SAMPSON

Capt Dick SAMPSON is a Coy 2 IC with C Coy 1 RNZIR
WOII Peter FOSTER Works Supervisor at HQ NZ Force
but soon to return to NZ, Papakura, and be
replaced here by WOII Ian (Tubby) LAMB.

Ssgt Don ROLLE Works Supervisor at HQ NZ Force.

Ssgt Len THOMAS CQMS with Spt Coy 1 RNZIR

Spr Murray WALL Aslt Pnr Pn 1 RNZIR.

Spr Mac KINGI, Aslt Pnr Pn 1 RNZIR

Sgt Ken McEWEN hiding in the Pay Office at
HQ NZ Force, and sometimes in the Cash Office
at Dieppe.

Cpl Kerry MOORE down among the maps in the 28 Bde
Survey Map Depot.

Cpl Piki NGAROTATA sorting mail with the PCCU.

Cpl Norm TAYLOR with 28 Indep Fd Tp ex 3 Fd Sqn

Spr Sid POPHAM with 28 Indep Fd Tp ex 2 Constr
(2 Fd Sqn)

Spr Steve GALLAGHER with 28 Indep Fd Tp ex 1 Fd Sqn

Spr BJ CLARK arriving 13 Dec to join 28 Indep Fd
Tp ex 3 Fd Sqn

Spr B WOLLRIDGE arriving 13 Dec to join 28 Indep
Fd Tp ex 2 Fd Sqn

Ex Engineers seen around NZ Force units and other places
include:

Capt Barry FLINT 2IC, Admin Coy, 1 RNZIR

WOII Tas (Milky) ELLIS with the NZ Dental Unit

Sgt 'Robbie' ROBERTSON UPF Sgt with 1 RNZIR

ex Sgt Peter 'Blue' SUSSMILCH who is living in
Singapore while working on oil exploration as a
team manager in Indonesia, and incidentally
sporting a real 'Popeye' beard that is as red
as his hair.

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I had written to my Auntie Maud
Who was on a trip abroad
When I heard she'd died of cramp
And was just too late to save the stamp.

SECTION THREE

POSTED TO SINGAPORE AND 5 SURVEY MAP DEPOT RE

By: Cpl Kerry R Moore RNZE
(ex SD Const Sqn)

1223. As the sole NZ representative of this mighty unit of three based here in Singapore, I thought it only right and fitting that I should drop you a line or two. After many years of patient but unrewarding attempts to obtain a posting overseas other than the usual Cook Strait ferry version, I was, with my family, finally posted to ANZUK Survey Map Depot, Singapore in Nov 73. The fact that the posting was for an Admin/Q clerk of which I was neither, seems not to have been questioned, but then who am I to look a gift horse in the mouth, or for that matter question the powers that be.

1224. I was initiated into my new job by one Cpl Ken Avenell RNZE, who with great fortitude tried to drum into a still humming brain (arrived Saturday - work Monday) the sum of his two years experience in a couple of days. Unfortunately after he had left for New Zealand, he left me with grave doubts as to my natural instincts as a Sapper to muddle through this particular minefield. However, as will all small units, and this one was certainly that - (3 Aussies, a Brit, myself and a 6ft x 8ft bar), the unit routine was easily settled into. Accordingly, after a time I even acquired a working knowledge of that peculiarity referred to as the "Aust System".

1225. The ANZUK Map Depot at the time had some seven million maps and charts and although the Depot was not doing a roaring trade in the way of map issues etc, things were at least moving - the Aussies were pulling out. This compounded another problem; the Singapore Government wanted 'their' depot back.

1225. The number one priority however, was how to dispose of the four million maps owned by Australia which they did not need and were not required by the remaining forces in Singapore. Many ideas were forthcoming, the first to have them pulped fell through after a trial batch literally gummed up the works, nevertheless we weren't short of other ideas, some of them quite ingenious - or foolish, some examples were: Dump them at sea (whose sea), Blow them up! (confetti for miles, and what with the anti-litter laws here!) or possibly the best - hire four million coolies to cut the maps up into squares for the out-houses of SE Asia. The problem was finally resolved by sending them back to Australia for disposal - incidentally in six sea containers which gives one some idea of the volume involved - and why they weren't decently buried.

/1226. Priority Two

1226. Priority two required the moving of the Depot from the obscurity of Dover Rd up to the naval basin at Woodlands - this was accomplished under the guidance of the then OC, Capt Ken Shaw, RA Svy Corps. This had immediate rewards for me, one of the least of which was the discovery there were indeed other New Zealanders on the Island. The move being a success, we then sat back and awaited the arrival of Maj Bob Eade and WOII Ben Burrill, both of the Royal Engineers who were due to arrive from the UK to take over the reins and into whose hands, under the new name of 5 Survey Map Depot RE, the Depot was to be bestowed. The handover was completed in June 1974; the Aussies after much 'see you Cobber etc' went home and I dived into fathoming the "Brit System - or how to get things done Lad".

1227. In the meantime things on the home front were going smoothly with both my boys in school and my wife enjoying the sun, sights and smells? of Singapore. Nevertheless, in fact life here is not even what it was a few years ago let alone in the good old colonial days, for as in most oil orientated economies, the rate of inflation etc is incredible and hard times for many of the people may not be far round the corner.

1228. Looking now into the future: as you know the British Forces are to pull out of Singapore and even at this stage, the Map Depot is considering the problems of disposing and dispersing its map stock. However, I will not become one of the "last of the Mohicans" for awhile yet (anyone want an Admin/Q clerk, chippy, draughtsman or quant surveyor) and I hope with my family to enjoy what could possible be the last tour for New Zealanders on the Island of Singapore.

"It is better that things go in one ear
and out the other than it is if they go
in one ear, get scrambled between the
ears and come out the mouth."

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SECTION FOUR

SOLITARY SAPPER

By: Ssgt H.E. Chamberlain

1229. The motto of the Corps of Royal New Zealand Engineers 'UBIQUE' epitomises the wide scope of the service of our corps. To a certain extent over the last few months I have had the opportunity to be part of the widening reach of the members of the corps.

1230. During July I was approached about a task in Indonesia which I accepted and eventually found myself as a manager of a soils laboratory in North Sumatra in the last few days of August. The task involved the running and supervision of a laboratory employing Indonesian technicians working on a soils investigation. Information was being sought about the soil in the area where a large Liquid Natural Gas Plant was to be established. The source of the gas supply was a field about thirty kilometres from the plant site. The gas was to be piped from there to the processing plant and thence to a port area where it was to be shipped in bulk carriers which were projected to be in the order of 250,000 tons.

1231. The soils investigation was subdivided into a number of parts just to make the task a little easier. There was to be an airfield, a satellite town for the staff of the plant, the plant itself and the wharf area for exporting the product. The soil was to be investigated variously between 50' and 250' depending what structure was to be built above. Most of the time there were five or six drilling rigs in operation as well as one which had the sole task of drilling for water. The water wells were some 700' deep and had to supply both the plant and the town.

1232. The laboratory was set up in such a manner so as to be able to carry out a full range of testing. The staff were made up of Indonesian technicians who had received their training at either the Public Utilities Laboratory (Government) or at the small university at Banda Aceh. There were a number of unskilled persons who were also employed in the lab as well. Perhaps the best workers were the three girls but there were three men who knew their job quite well. Language barriers caused a number of problems but the message was generally put across quite well except when someone wanted to be obtuse.

1233. The province of Aceh in North Sumatra is well known for the ultra conservative stand of the Moslems. This was a contributory unsettling factor for working hours especially during the Islamic fasting month of Ramadan. Some of the other problems involved were electrical supply and equipment not suited to power supply, some very obtuse persons, and one or two of the senior staff from the university which had loaned us some of the laboratory equipment. These last few were known to doze quite a portion of the day away. The problem /which

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which fortunately did not crop up very often was that of resupply. It was bad enough on minor replacement but could have been critical on a major component.

1234. The days spent working in Sumatra were long and I was only able to make one trip away from the camp but that was well worth the effort. I was able to make a journey with two others to Danau Toba which is the largest lake in Indonesia. This lake is about 3000 feet above sea level and is about 1500 feet deep. In the centre of the lake there is an island which is larger than Singapore Island. The return journey from this lake was filled with a number of incidents not the least of which was a 37km journey by car which took four hours.

1235. At the end of the TOD in Indonesia I was given the goahead to take some leave overseas. From Indonesia I went to Singapore then onto the United Kingdom and then to Norway where I spent Christmas. Whilst in Britain I was able to go and see a number of places which I was unable to see in a previous trip several years ago. Most of my time in the UK was spent looking at military museums, visiting scenic spots, going to concerts and seeing the odd stage show in London. I was a little startled when I arrived at the Victory Club in London to find that part of it had been demolished by an IRA bomb. Later on when I returned to London I went to take some photos by night I was just on the edge of three further bomb attacks. In one of these one man was killed and three others were wounded. When I say on the edge of these attacks or scares I mean that I was on the pavement immediately opposite the building where a bomb was being handled or looked for on two of the three occasions.

1236. One of the highlights of the trip to the UK was the two day trips I made to the Royal School of Military Engineering, and the Royal Engineers Museum at Chatham. Here I was able to see first hand the way some of the training areas were set up, the Museum and many of the relics held therein, the Officers Mess and their display of Corps Silver, and the very new Warrant Officers and Sergeants Mess. In the Officers Mess there is a portrait of the Queen - the only one with an animal beside her, the animal being her Corgi. I was rather amazed to learn that I was one of the very few who had made the trip to the RSME at Chatham since the end of the war. There have been less than ten serving and retired sappers who have made a visit.

1237. It was but a short trip across the North Sea to Norway, where I spent a couple of days in Oslo before heading up North to the city of Trondheim to stay with the family of my penfriend with whom I have corresponded for the past eighteen years and whom I met for the first time. Their home was a short distance from Trondheim high on the side of the fjord, looking out over a large expanse of the sound. The snow had fallen before I arrived and had started to thaw a little, however, on Boxing Day the snow started to fall once again. I had a white Christmas and it was quite a change from the normal New Zealand festive season. Christmas in Norway is a little different to our Christmas but the essential

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which fortunately did not stop as they were just in
 readiness. It was not until we had reached the point
 have been called to a later meeting.

1232. The day spent working in London was not
 was only able to make one trip away from the city but
 was well worth the effort. I was able to make a journey
 with two others to the house which is the subject of
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 journey from this point was filled with a number of interesting
 not the least of which was a 1700 journey by car which took
 four hours.

1233. At the end of the trip to Indonesia I was given the
 command to take some leave. From Indonesia I went
 to Singapore then onto the Netherlands and then to Norway
 where I spent Christmas. While in Norway I was able to go
 and see a number of places which I had wished to see in the
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 two day trip to the Royal School of Artillery.
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 retired soldiers who have made a visit.

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 The snow had fallen before I arrived and had started to fall
 a little, however, on the day of my arrival it was quite a heavy
 snow again. I had a rather pleasant experience. Trondheim is
 from the normal New Zealand holiday season. The snowfall
 Norway is a little different to our Christmas but the atmosphere

ingredients are there. As you could well imagine there was a considerable change in the temperatures between Sumatra, Norway and New Zealand - the difference experienced being in the vicinity of 60°C.

1238. The trip was certainly well worth the effort both for what I was able to see and those people whom I was able to meet. UBIQUE - EVERYWHERE is one of our mottos but I have only made a small start. In conclusion I feel that both the TOD and the leave after were well worth the effort involved. If there is a message from this at all I would say when able SAPPERS VISIT YOUR PARENT CORPS and help maintain the links forged in the past, for these will be the links of our future.

UBIQUE.

"Of course you have heard about the Irishman who tried to blow up a London double decker bus. He burnt his mouth on the exhaust pipe."

ingratitude and hatred. As we could not remain there we
a considerable distance in the mountains between Norway
Norway and New Zealand - the distance expressed being in
the vicinity of 4000.

1230. The trip was extremely well worth the effort being
for what I was told of these people whom I was able to
meet. UNGER - EVERYTHING is one of our duties but I have
only made a small start. In connection I feel that both the
TOP and the lower part were well worth the effort involved.
It there is a message from them at all I would say when able
SAPPHIRE VISIT YOUR MOUNTAIN CAMP and help maintain the link
forged in the past. For there will be the link of our future.

UNGER.

NOT SURE you have heard about the fishermen
who tried to blow up a London School bus.
He burst his mouth on the exhaust pipe.

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CHAPTER 13

ARTICLES AND REPORTS

SECTION ONE

ROYAL FIJIAN MILITARY FORCES TRADE TRAINING
SCHOOL

A report by WOII Laurie Bailey

1301. I was posted to Fiji on 20 Nov 73 as Chief Instructor at the RFMF Trade Training School, along with my wife and family to a two year secondment. On arrival we were met at the airport and taken to the Southern Cross Hotel (which some of you know well) where we stayed for seven days. We later moved into a house at Queen Elizabeth Barracks. After meetings with the Commander (Brig J.Aitken) and the then Chief of Staff (Col Manuelli) I was able to look at, for the first time, the site of the proposed Trade Training School.

1302. I met at this stage the staff that was to work with me and these lads had all been to SME (NZ) at the Special Instructors Course during September 1973. Sgt Tuimavana who is known by many of the NZ Sappers was to become my 2 IC.

1303. After taking levels and generally pegging out the site, it was decided to make a plaster model of the hillside to scale, then cut out the benches required for the construction. Some wooden models of the buildings were then placed in position on the model site. This appeared initially to my staff to be a large waste of time but was to prove a godsend at later dates.

1304. A D8 was hired to cut two benches, put in approaches and level the site, which meant shifting 7000 - 10,000 cubic yards bulked soil. The first profile was driven on the 14 Jan 74 and work started. It was quite obvious that the task of building the school was going to be too big for just myself and my six instructors. We were able to hire 15 - 18 unemployed TF soldiers to assist us. All bar two were inexperienced. We had our problems, mostly through the supply of materials, and the lack of machinery in the early stages, and many problems were due to the lack of knowledge by the TF soldiers in this type of construction.

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1305. While the buildings were being built I had the added responsibility of spending \$20,000 on tools and equipment. Although interesting this caused a lot of worry. When downtown in Suva and trying to purchase 48 complete Carpenters kits and 48 complete Blocklaying kits, finding that in the whole city you could get only six or seven of each item, a person could get very frustrated - I did! However, Government supplies helped us to make the right contacts and we managed to get enough concrete mixers, barrows, vibrators etc to keep us going. I think that a lot of frustrations of tool purchasing could have been avoided by purchasing most items in NZ prior to my arrival.

1306. I was given complete control of the site construction and although plans had been drawn in NZ, I was able to change things around at my own discretion to suit the site. Two of the major changes were to bring the Q store and machine shop together with a 10ft opening between them bridged by the same roof and so allow a dry area at the Q store counter. The second was for the provision of a larger toilet system than was originally allowed. A two pan toilet system was in the first site plan and this was built along with a large septic tank and was used during the building phase. It was obvious that this would be too small once the full complement of staff and students (50 - 60 pers) were employed in the School. We poured the foundations and placed the sewerage fittings leaving the task to be completed by the first intake of students in November 1974.

1307. The first building to be built was a classroom for blocklaying and one for plastering, linked by an open span roof supported on pipe columns with no walls. Total building size 1600 sq ft. The classrooms measure 20ft x 20 ft complete with ceilings, fans, fluorescent lighting and blackboards. Q store, machine shop followed by Carpenters Shop, 40' x 20', 20' x 20', and 60' x 20' respectively. The office block consisting of the CI's office, Tech Clerk's office, and an instructors room (for five instructors) was completed in time for the opening in August.

1308. The school was opened on 2 August 74 by Ratu Sir Kanusise Mora, KBE, Fiji's Prime Minister and the NZ High Commissioner Mr Ancell. The scheme was originally devised by the Prime Ministers of Fiji and NZ to give vocational training to unemployed youths in Fiji.

1309. A lad with no building experience is unlikely to get employment here with the local builders as they (the builders) are loathe to train them, but if they have some experience they can get employment. It was felt that Army could give the best training to produce a skilled labourer.

/1310. The boys

1310. The boys are recruited between the ages of 16½ - 18 years old and we try at this stage to recruit boys with the highest school qualifications as possible. We are fortunate enough at this stage to be very selective. On the first recruiting day, requiring only 10 lads, we interviewed 384 boys. The second time, three months later we interviewed 78. On recruitment they do a one month basic then the trade school training starts consisting of:

- 2 months blocklaying - theory and practical
- 1 months plastering - theory and practical
- 2 months practical - confirmation of blocklaying and plastering
- 3 months carpentry practice - broken into two six weekly phases. First six weeks in the workshop learning uses of hand tools and general basic theory related to carpentry. Second six weeks making roof trusses, hanging doors etc for final task.
- 3 months practical building ie, housing barrack accommodation practising and confirming all that has been taught earlier on.

1311. It would appear that the standard achieved so far by the students proves that the system will work and is adequate for Fiji's requirements. I am sure that we can turn out a very capable blocklayer, one who can set out, read levels, put in his own joinery and lay up to 80 blocks a day by the time he leaves here. These lads have a natural ability and flair for plastering so there is no worry about that. At the time of writing we have done little carpentry training. I am not sure what is likely to happen but I am fortunate in having some very good men on my staff, some you may all know:

Ssgt TUIMAVANA	- Tui
Cpl TAGAGA	- Nat
Cpl SHUTE	- Tom
Cpl VATANITAWAKE	- Koli
Cpl WAQANISAU	- Mac
Lcpl SEREVI	- Eddie
Lcpl TOKAINANIVANUA	- Tokai
Lcpl CAGILABA	- Dan

1312. The Fiji Government is very determined to run things themselves and it would appear very unlikely that another Kiwi is to take my place. The new scheme of the Rural Development Construction Sqn which Capt Woods is looking at may have some NZ participation and will work hand in hand with the Trade Training School.

"Its the little things that annoy us. We can sit on a mountain but not on a tack."

SECTION TWO

WILL THE REAL ARMY PLEASE STAND UP!

1313. The Army has been cartooned, lampooned, fictionalised, photographed, filmed, interviewed, visited, reported on, speculated over, investigated, criticised, denounced, second-guessed, measured, computerised, profiled, tested, programmed, budgeted, costed-out, systems analysed and psycho-analysed. What is called the Army in these creations is seldom the real Army but a convenient impression that fits the mood of the message.

1314. The real Army is hard to discover for its outward appearance will change like a tree in the seasons. But the solid trunk is still there drawing its strength from dedication and self discipline - qualities often incommunicable to those on the outside. All else is deciduous - like tactics, weapons, uniforms, missions and hairstyles.

WILL THE TEST HAVE BEEN RUN?

1313. The Army has been ordered, instructed, instructed, photographed, filmed, interviewed, visited, reported on, specialized over, investigated, exhibited, demonstrated, discussed, examined, compared, analyzed, tested, programmed, budgeted, covered-up, reviewed, revised and re-examined. What is called the Army in these conditions is called the test Army but a conventional inspection test first the word of the message.

1314. The test Army is now so different for the future appearance will change like a tree in the seasons. But the word Army is still there among the many things. It will be a different and still something - something other than something to those on the outside. All else is different - like tactics, weapons, uniforms, missions and strategies.

SECTION THREEA COMMUNITY TASK

1315. Linton Camp and the Palmerston North City Council agreed in 1974 that a suitable manner in which to commemorate the Freedom of the City bestowed upon the camp some years ago would be for the Army to undertake community tasks in the city. The School of Military Engineering spearheaded the attack on 14 Nov 74 with all units from Linton participating, Engineer units were particularly noticeable. Tasks chosen were the development of suburban play areas.

1316. At one site, tubular swings, slides, see-saws, garden seats and rubbish receptacles were transported to, erected and concrete foundations poured on the day. Instant playground! At another site some 1200 yards of soil were built into a banana shaped play mound about eight feet high, 200 feet long and nicely shaped to form a wind break. The haul distance was about two miles. The third area of activity was at an IHC Workshop playground where more swings and slides (made by 1 Gen Tps Wksps) were erected and set in concrete.

1317. The message gained by the soldiers was a real sense of achievement and of being appreciated, whilst the civilians continue to express gratitude for the work done and admiration for the competence displayed by the Army. Palmerston North and Linton Camp were drawn much closer by this day's work.

1318. Total involvement on the one day gesture was:

- 1 x D7E
- 1 x H65C
- 1 x Case 750
- 2 x Welders
- 5 x IHC dumps
- 2 x Civilian dumps
- 1 x Civilian F230D
- 2 x Tilt deck trailers
- 1 x 816 wrecker
- 10 x yds machine mixed concrete
- 5 x yds Readymix concrete
- 1 x yd hand mixed concrete
- 4 x 3T RL Bedfords
- 60 soldiers (20 of these for three hours only)

SECTION FOURTHE SAPPER TASK AT WHO DAT

By: Anne Onimus

1319. Not many Corps members are aware of a small but important task undertaken for a SE Asian country a few years ago - the toilet block at WHO DAT. The task went largely unreported by the news media mainly in the interests of international harmony but also because the Officer in Charge couldn't type. However, the task was completed in due course, using where possible, local materials and labour skills. This accounts for the North wall being finished with a veneer of flattened beer cans (Fosters) and the unusual design breakthrough of upward opening doors.

1320. Basic misunderstandings dogged the project from the first day, when the officer in charge asked a local the way by pointing, and saying WHO DAT? The local replied "The village idiot - are you his replacement?". However, the project finally got going, not without some opposition from the bloody-minded village headman, HUP YIEW, and more particularly his student activist son HUP YIEW II.

1321. The task was complicated by the presence of the SEATO Liaison Officer Major Winterbottom (a cold stern man) and the local Iron Curtain representative and advisor Lt Col Blodinir Shotitoff (the clumsiest gun in the Red Army). Notwithstanding all these bars to progress, the first spadeful was turned on day one by the Regional Director, who demanded and received double time for so doing, it being apparently a local custom. Following his speech he was heard to murmur "God Bless Tom Skinner and down the Ponsonby RFC".

1322. At the reception after the opening ceremony, the Project Officer, displaying the lack of tact that had resulted in his getting a task as far from NZ as possible, was heard to say to a visiting General, "This is the visitors book sir, Majors and above may leave a thumbprint or make their mark".

1323. The Works WO, a bitter man (DB for preference) was faced with major problems from the start. He also had Captain problems, but the Corps, as always when the chips are down, turned to and got on with it. Dissension in the ranks stemmed mainly from the opening remarks of the Plant Sergeant who demanded to know which idiot ordered petrol instead of diesel oil. "I did," said the SQMS, "My Honda won't run on diesel."
"It won't run on anything if its the one parked by the office" said the Plant Sergeant, "We dropped the D7E blade on it".

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"One advantage of small cars is that you can squeeze twice as many of them into a traffic jam."

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The photograph of this South Vietnamese girl was published in an "Auckland Weekly" photograph competition December 1964.

The girl used to supervise one of the bridge building tasks undertaken by RNZE NZAD pers (The South Vietnamese) I think. I wonder how the bridge is now? I wonder where the girl is now (she would be about 18 years old). I know the Auckland Weekly has ceased to exist!



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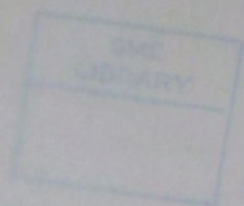
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EDITORIAL

ARE YOU BEING "CONNED"?

The Editor is delighted to report a favourable response to the last issue of the Liaison Letter. He thanks those who contributed.

That there is constant pressure on individuals to participate and become involved in a very wide range of interests is recognised. That each individual is subjected to a different range of pressures is obvious. Every person is different from his fellows and has different interests.

Within the military environment, pressure on individuals is normally of a military nature ie, courses, exams, postings etc and are primarily concerned with the betterment of the individual and consequently, the unit and the Army.

Pressures on a soldier in his capacity as a citizen are somewhat different. Single soldiers are required to handle the social pressure of his fellows in the manner that best suits his individual requirements. His desire to advance, stay in a rut, his age and his courage and interests are real factors in any decision he may make.

Pressures on the married soldier as a citizen are very many and a selection is required if justice is to be done. "Come Alive" is endeavouring to involve all for their own good. Parent Teacher Associations, Scouts, Guides, Church, Politics, charitable organisations, sports bodies and a wide range of community affairs are just a few of the pressures from which to select. The Prime Minister shows concern for under-developed countries and invites our involvement, particularly in the South Pacific. So from many angles the message is the same - become involved.

In the main, soldiers do participate in these things and perform in an adequate and in some cases an outstanding manner. The logical factual soldier training is obviously beneficial to being a good citizen.

As the standard of education has been raised over the years and mass communications become available to project a point of view or partial truth to millions, the amount of daily reading a citizen should do is large and becoming enormous. No wonder there is a world shortage of paper!

EXHIBIT

THE NEW YORK TIMES

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Imagine the situation if only one or two contributors endeavoured to produce the RNZE Liaison Letter! The interest in the production is apparent and it seems pertinent at this point to pass on a factual happening in recent times from an RNZE unit. The regular padre's hour between 1300 and 1400 hours on a monthly basis was poorly attended and every imaginable excuse was forwarded to account for absenteeism. At very short notice the same unit promulgated a notice that an explanation of new tax codes and procedures would be provided by a very informed person between 1300 and 1400 hours. Every person of the unit attended. Deduction. Advertise a tax lecture and produce the padre!

All readers are requested to be constantly aware of the need to provide material for the Liaison Letter. Those who read it should generate a desire to be involved and to become a contributor. The interest is there and the future success is with you, the reader.



Confident of Things to Come

meanwhile,

Add a little smoothness to your day.

Imagine the situation if only one or two persons
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 pertinent at this point to present a list of names
 in recent times from an actual business
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 hourly attended and every individual whose name was
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Meanwhile,

Add a little excitement to your day.

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CHAPTER 1CHIEF ENGINEER BRANCH ARMY GENERAL STAFFAppointments

101. The following are the current appointments as at 1 Apr 75.

Chief Engineer	Lt Col RK Rutherford
SORE II	Maj JM Kiff
Clerk	WOI HK Wawatai

PLANNING NEWSTraining

102. RFMF. Rural Development Unit (RDU) will become a familiar word to many during the new training year just begun. Twenty four Fijian sappers (from Sergeant to Sapper) are to be trained for construction duties in outlying parts of Fiji. During the winter SME have said they will teach them how to hammer, and when the rugby season is over, they will be allowed to show the squadrons how to build garrison clubs using coral bricks and coconut palms. (See Chap 13 Sec 4).



103. Community Tasks. It would be stealing thunder to mention tasks known to units. Your reputation is so good that the Army General Staff has to turn down a number of requests. At least that gives us the chance to choose tasks in interesting places or with special training value. We have had to refuse an offer to widen the entrance to Avativ Harbour in Rarotonga (if you're not a diver you haven't missed out), turn down the chance to bridge the Navy's dry dock, and clean up the old airfield at Atiu. There are two other possible overseas jobs - small ones - still under consideration. Anyone who wants to prospect on the Coromandel Hills can find two dozen 25-pounder blinds which the gunners lost several years ago!

/Personnel Matters

Personnel Matters

104. Recruiting. There's a steady stream of applications coming in from the Recruiting offices. It is now becoming very difficult to fit people in. We hope we are choosing the right ones who will arrive at units after their basic courses. Unit strengths should rise over the next few months and the good news is that there should be more sappers to share those irksome picket duties etc. Meanwhile the rest of the Army - and bits of the community - are clamouring for more engineering support.

105. 20 Years Service.

Several letters have recently been sent out to indicate to Senior NCOs who are able to superannuate, whether they will be offered an extension. We have close to ten per cent of our ORs as Warrant Officers and twenty per cent as Sergeants/Staff Sergeants. Two thirds of these are under 40 (many not yet 30). In addition we've a lot of good junior NCOs coming along. Some people have already been told it may not be possible to keep them on in the Corps - the decision is not final as a small number of unexpected changes can open up a gap. However, it does seem likely in the future that the competition for senior ranks will increase, lesser qualified men or those whose performance drops off will be invited to make room for the vigorous experts. In an age where our role is to help the Army live, move and fight through an environment littered with numberless technical nasties, there is less scope for the plodder who knows only the methods of ten years ago.

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Doctor: "I can't find anything seriously wrong with you. I think its due to drinking."

Patient: "Okay Doc, I'll come back when you're sober."

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OBITUARY

106. Sergeant Wallis Puano Rangī HAWE. October 1934 - August 1974.

Sergeant Howe was born in Hawera On 15 October 1934 and died on or about 10 August 1974 as a result of a boating mishap. He spent ten years as a regular soldier from 1960 in various engineer units, and was a serving Territorial soldier in 6 Field Squadron at the time of his death.

His readiness to help all in need epitomizes his army and civilian life. Among his many personal and military career achievements, as a diver, PTL, paratrooper, pilot, and military engineer, his horizons seemed unending.

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The Efficiency Medal

107. "The Efficiency Medal is a reward for long and meritorious service by warrant officers, non-commissioned officers, and soldiers of the New Zealand Territorial Force, who have performed the requisite qualifying service," so read the citation for Sgt Gavin Ernest DELANEY of 6 Fd Sqn who was presented with the Efficiency Medal on the airfield at Waiouru on the 11 Feb 75. The Commander Field Force Command Brigadier R.W.K.Ainge OBE, made the presentation with 6 Fd Sqn drawn up in Battle Order. Sgt Delaney's wife and family were in attendance, and while the guests and members of the unit partook of some liquid refreshments after the parade, the children were escorted to Helwan Camp where they were given a cross-country whirl in an APC which, like all children, they really enjoyed.

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"Any man with his hands in his own pockets is not a politician."

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RNZE Corps Fund

108. Despite the ever increasing cost of goods, there is available for purchase, many items of Corps "paraphernalia" at bargain prices. Current availability and prices are as follows:

RNZE Pins	70 cents	Available
RNZE Ties		On order
RNZE Transfers	10 cents	Available
RNZE Shoulder Titles	30 cents	Available
RNZE Writing Pads	\$1	Available
RNZE Sheetpaper	30 cents/ 50 sheets	Available
RNZE Plaques	\$5.20	Available
RNZE Pocket Monograms (Wire)	\$4.50	Available
RNZE Pocket Monograms		On order

To avoid missing out on any of these bargains, place your order with your Unit's representative now.

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FREE BUS

(Reprinted from "Womens Weekly" by kind permission of the publishers)

The famous Holiday Resort and Luxury Hotel Astor had hired a new bus driver. It was the driver's duty to meet each train carrying holiday makers at the railway station and announce in a loud clear voice:

"FREE BUS TO THE HOTEL ASTOR"

The first morning that the new driver waited at the station the train was late, so he practised his lines under his breath, over and over again, until he was sure he had it just right.

When at last the train did arrive he became confused and yelled: "Free Arse to the Hotel Astor; I mean Free Hotel to the Bus you Astor; I mean Bus your Arse at the Hotel Freezer; I mean Freeze your Arse at the Hotel Buster; I mean Freeze your Bust at the Hotel Astor: I mean - Kiss my Arse you Bastards and catch a Tramcar - I QUIT."

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Development Idea - Minefield Tape Pack

109. 6 Fd Sqn have developed a new tape dispensing pack for use when hand breaching minefields. The present item is inadequate and the prototype of the new design looks very good. Good ideas like this are very welcome (along these lines the Tank and the Armoured Corps were developed) so congratulations to 6 Fd Sqn and hopefully the system will manufacture the new pack in due course. Let all sappers approach the Suggestions Campaign Committee with similar good ideas.

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WHAT IS LUCK

The great Taoist teaching is the emphasis on being over doing, character over achievement, and calm over action. But inner calm is possibly only when man is not disturbed by the vicissitudes of fortune. The great Taoist philosopher Liehtse gave the famous parable of the Old Man at the Fort -

An old man was living with his son at an abandoned fort on the top of a hill and one day he lost a horse. The neighbours came to express their sympathy for this misfortune and the old man asked, "How do you know this is bad luck?" A few days afterwards, his horse returned with a number of wild horses and his neighbours came again to congratulate him on his stroke of fortune and the old man replied, "How do you know this is good luck?" With so many horses around his son began to take to riding and one day he broke his leg. Again the neighbours came around to express their sympathy and the old man replied, "How do you know this is bad luck?" The next year there was a war and because the old man's son was crippled, he did not have to go to the front.

Evidently this kind of philosophy enables a man to stand a few hard knocks in life in the belief that there are no such things as hard knocks without advantages. Like medals, they always have a reverse side....

from the Importance of Living (Lin
Yutang)

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CHAPTER IIDIRECTORATE OF WORKS
SUPPORT BRANCH DEFENCE HQAppointments

201. The following are the current appointments (RNZE)
as at 1 Apr 75.

Director of Works	Lt Col R. McL. Dickie OBE
Assistant Director of Works	Maj NA Bradley
Staff Officer Works (Central North Island)	Capt RW Radford
Staff Officer Works (South Island, incl Papakura and Northwards, Trentham and Fort Dorset)	Capt GM Davies
Chief Draughtsman	WOI DE Graham
Draughtsmen	WOI JE Shields Cpl Bell C. (Chris) Lcpl Packer PG (Phil) Spr Satchwell JW (John)

202. All plans are now being draughted to METRIC
SCALES including the conversion of existing plans. (Hope
the SQNS are conversant with METRICS).

203. Our congratulations to Softballer Draughtsman
PHIL PACKER Army and Combined Services Representative
(plays for Wainuiomata at the weekends).

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A Gunner complained to the Health Department
about his fellow boarders in private digs in
town.

"There are six of us" he said, "We all live
in one room. They have too many pets. One
has twelve monkeys and another twelve dogs.
There's no air in the room and its just
terrible. You've got to do something about it."

"Have you got any windows?" asked the man at the
Health Department.

"Yes" said the Gunner.

"Then why don't you open them?" He suggested.

"What," yelled the Gunner, "and lose all my
pidgeons?"

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White kitten meowing in
the snow

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"I haven't had a bite to eat for days,"
said a tramp to the landlady of an English
inn called the "George and Dragon."

"Do you think you could spare me a bite to
eat?"

"Certainly not," snapped the landlady.

"Thank you," said the tramp, and slouched
off. A few minutes later he was back.

"What do you want now?" snarled the landlady.

"Could I have a few words with George?"
said the tramp.

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"A lecturer is a man who talks in other
peoples sleep."

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CHAPTER 3FIELD FORCE HEADQUARTERSSECTION ONEHQ FORCE ENGINEER

301. The following are the current appointments as at 1 Apr 75.

Force Engineer

Lt Col RK Rutherford
(as Chief Engineer this is his second hat)

SORE 2

SORE 3 Wks

Maj JD Broadbent
Capt GR Jason-Smith
(at present attached to 1 Fd Sqn and OC of their detachment in Atiu)

SORE 3 Ops/Trg

Clk of Wks

Clk Tech

Driver

Surveyor

Lt RB Luscombe - has to do two jobs now
WOII RD Wills
Sgt NT Smith - ex 3 Fd Sqn
Spr RK Webster
Sgt AJ Brown - lives in Waiouru and is generally working on the Argo Road.

Draughtsman

Sgt AA Gladstone - permanently attached to 1 Fd Sqn and presently in Atiu.

General

302. This small unit lives at Fort Cautley and is a part of HQ Field Force Command. It maintains its independence though, in that it has its own building in the Camp. HQ Force Engineer exists to carry out all staff action in respect of RNZE Units in the Field Force and the staff of five or six are kept fully employed on this. As you may expect most of the work is involved in administration of works tasks. Liaison with Directorate of Works, HQ Home Command and the Formations is continual.

303. Most members of the Corps will be jealous of our location on the point overlooking the Rangitoto Channel. We see a lot of the Navy, both in the camp (they call it HMNZS Tamaki) and on their trips to sea.

/Most of our

Most of our staff live on the North Shore and the beaches and relative closeness to work make this extremely pleasant.

304. At present we are having a small additional office being built by 1 Fd Sqn. This will allow us to spread out a bit and give some room to put up a drawing board etc (Back to the.....Ed). At times we've felt sorry for the sappers who are doing the job as they are constantly supervised by a large crowd of experts. It will be good to have the extra room.

Personnel Snippets

305. Sgt Brown and Sgt Gladstone, whilst on our strength don't live with us. They do however, both do an excellent job in their locations. Except for Spr Webster, the whole staff of HQ Force Engineer has changed over since about August last year. This has necessarily caused some problems but we feel we've got a grip of it now. WOII Wills is currently looking for a house to buy but is frightened by the cost. Sgt Smith recently posted from the South, is still awaiting a pool house.

Policy

306. Units will be aware of Commander Field Force's policy about works and training. At HQ Force Engineer we are always interested to hear of proposed training exercises and are ready to give any assistance requested. We may be able to suggest some assistance from another squadron. The same comment applies to works tasks. If your unit has a requirement for a specialist item of equipment or a specialist tradesman, and you know another unit has one available - ask. We'll do everything possible to assist.



SOILS?

THEY SAID IT COULDN'T BE DONE
So He Tackled it With a Smile
and he couldn't do it

Overseas Stop-press

307. Correspondence received from Maj O'Brien indicates that whilst his Australian course at this early stage is pretty much high pressure, he is holding his own.

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As the American tourist stopped his latest model Cadillac at an isolated fishing bay of Lake Taupo, he was approached by a lone, scruffy, local Maori boy.

Boy: "Gee mister, thats a beaut car. Don't see many like that around here."

American: "Whal - its the latest model and there's nothing finer."

Boy: "My dad's got two like that"

As the visiting fisherman connected up his fishing reel the boy spoke again.

Boy: "Gee thats a beaut rod"

American: "Yeah. Split bamboo anti-corrosive joints. She's a beaut alright."

Boy: "My dad's got two like that."

Before commencing to fish the American went behind a tree to relieve himself.

Boy: "Gee that's a beaut."

American: "Now don't tell me this time that your dad's got two of these, cause this time I won't believe you."

Boy: "No, but I'll tell you what, my dad's would make two of yours!"

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SECTION TWOHQ LSGAppointments

307. The following are the current appointments as at 1 Apr 75.

GSO 2	Maj RT Bennett
SORE 2	Maj GE Hardie
SORE 3	Capt RA Barrett
Clk of Wks	WOII M Te OT Nepia
Clk of Wks Elec	WOII WMc Dyas
Clk of Wks Const	WOII TJ Hamilton

Transfer to Reserve of Officers General List

308. Lt Col RA Davidson (SORE 1) after a long and dedicated career transfers to the reserve of officers. Col Bob Davidson will be missed by many who were fortunate to serve under his command. We wish him well in his new appointment with NAC in Christchurch. The following is a brief summary of Col Davidson's career:

- a. Date attested 4 Jan 51 Rank Sapper
- b. Lcpl 5 Aug 51
- c. Cpl 11 Feb 52
- d. T/Sgt 19 Sep 52
- e. Commissioned 2Lt 25 Sep 54
- f. Lt 25 Sep 56
- g. T/Capt 25 Sep 58
- h. T/Maj 25 Sep 65
- j. Lt Col 20 Jun 73

Annual Camp 1975

309. The engineer cell was manned by:

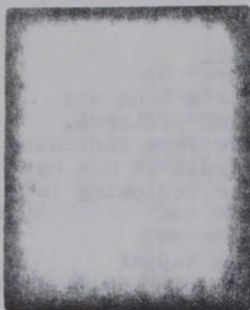
Maj Grant	Hardie
Capt Reg	Barrett
WOII Oma	Nepia
WOII Terrey	Hamilton

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Under the direction of Maj Hardie the engineer cell operated very smoothly although not tested to its limits. Credit for the engineer cells effectiveness was due partly to the smooth planning of the three engineer squadrons namely 2 Fd Sqn, 6 Fd Sqn and 5 Spt Sqn.

Quote: "KIA-TERE, TE-HUA, O, TE-HINE-NGARO" Unquote
"Speed, Service and Satisfaction".

Translated for 5 Spt Sqn by Mr George Nepia. Sorry 5 Spt Sqn we are not stealing your thunder but I feel this is very appropriate.



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Black dog barking
on a dark night

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"What did they mean by the Permanent Staff?
They're all gone now."

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CHAPTER 41 FIELD SQNAppointments

401. The following are the current appointments as at 1 Apr 75.

OC	Maj DA Gormack
AO	Capt BA Stewart
SSM	WOI CB Chapman
Works Offr	Lt JS Hollander
Training Offr	Lt STJ Rouse
Works WO	WOI P Foster
CCLK	Cpl LC Nilsen
SQMS	Ssgt BJ Knowles

Postings and Discharges402. Postings In.

Lt STJ Rouse	Attached 1 Fd Sqn wef 10 Feb
Lcpl LK Langdon	From Singapore wef 11 Dec 74
Cpl TG Charman	From Singapore wef 11 Dec 74
Sgt KA Hensen	From HQ Engr wef 23 Dec 74
Ssgt BT Knowles	From 3 Fd Sqn wef 24 Mar 75
Sgt TE Gilbert	From RF Cadet School wef 30 Oct 74
Spr BJ Coulson	From BAA Recruits 119
Spr TA Knott	From RF Cadet School wef 16 Dec 74
Spr M Langford	From RF Cadet School wef 16 Dec 74
Spr PC Miller	" " " " " "
Spr CR Te Paa	" " " " " "
Spr IS Small	" " " " " "
Spr SP Norman	From RF Depot wef 4 Dec 74
Spr PJ Lightbourne	From RF Depot wef 23 Dec 74

403. Postings Out.

Lcpl MJ McGill	To SME wef 30 Jan 75
Capt KJ Woods	To Fiji wef Feb 75
Spr SJ Gallagher	ANZUK Force
WOII IE Lamb	To Singapore wef 11 Jan 75
Cpl JWR Osborne	To 6 Fd Sqn wef 11 Nov 74

/404. Discharges

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"Eunuch: A man cut out to be a batchelor."

404. Discharges.

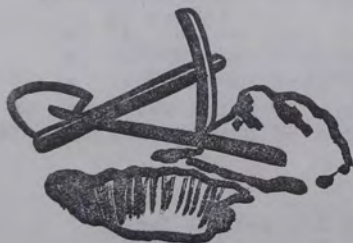
Sgt	JTeM	Wati	wef	23	Feb	75
Sgt	GJ	Posselt	wef	27	Mar	75
Spr	WA	Pratt	wef	18	Nov	74
Spr	GJ	O'Dell	wef	20	Aug	74
Lcpl	DB	Groube	wef	4	Nov	74
Cpl	PT	Foreman	wef	16	Mar	75

Training/Sports/Annual Camp

405. It was pleasing to see the training had been very successful at the engineer training phase at Rotoehu. Watermanship once again seemed the most popular, the following training was carried out:

- a. Watermanship LTR, Assault Boats, Zodiac and Personal Flootation.
- b. Bunker Const/Bunker destruction
- c. Map reading
- d. IMT -
- e. Water supply
- f. Road construction.

406. During the watermanship when Sp Tp were on the water, our Padre dropped in on us and held a small service on the Lake side. After the service the Padre got aboard the assault craft and away round the lake. Why not! After all he has done a basic field. I wonder how Sp Tp drew the Padre? Sp Tp is commanded by WOII EDDIE HOUSHAM and during camp he had a stencil and a tin of red spray paint. Little red devils have been appearing on all sorts of things. Maybe there is a message in it somewhere.



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/407. Sports

A parent decided to pay an unexpected visit on his soldier son at Papakura, late one evening. He wasn't absolutely sure of his barrack room but arrived at a room he thought was pretty close and knocked on the door.

"Who is it? a voice mumbled.

"Does Dick Oblatch live here?"

"Yeah, just dump him outside the door."

407. Sports. The cry at Annual Camp was "2 Tp". Two knock out volley ball competitions were held at Camp and 2 Tp collected the prize of a couple of cartons of the goods. 2 Tp was commanded by 2Lt McGovern, Sgt Storkie Gilbert and Sgt TC Campton. On 17 Feb 75 a day of inter-Troop competition was held with a large stake of six cartons at hand. The following activities were organized:

- a. Boat races (on the lake)
- b. Tug of War
- c. Rope Climbing
- d. Tent Pitching
- e. 3-2-1 Holdfast pickets
- f. Wheel changing of a SWB.

408. A good day was had by all but when the points were tallied up 2 Tp once again swept the field by a clear 90 points. Well done 2 Tp. The evening that followed was a boomer, Cpls Heke, Renata and Spr Bell got to work and put down a Hangi. Mutton, spuds, pumpkin, cabbage, pipis, a few ales and the end to a most active and pleasant day. The following day was pack up and move off to Waiouru for formation training.

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Two soldiers were playing Wednesday golf at Papakura and one of them was just setting up a putt on the third green when a nude girl rushed out of the nearby trees. She was being pursued by several distinguished looking men in white coats. This didn't distract the dedicated golfers and they continued their game only to see the same sight at the next two greens: Finally they caught the attention of one of the men in white and asked him what was going on.

"She's a patient" he explained, "and she has an obsession about running nude across your golf course."

"I see", said one of the golfers, "but why is your colleague carrying a bucket full of sand?"

"That's his handicap," replied the attendant.

"He caught her yesterday."

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Works Office

408. Following is a brief resumé of Works Tasks being carried out by 1 Field Squadron. Works tasks presently being carried out by 1 Fd Sqn include:

- a. Refurbishing of Officers Accommodation.
This task is progressing slowly due to enforced changes in gang numbers brought about by such events as ex Northern Safari, Op Atiu, Military Tattoos and the like. The current position is that work is 45 per cent complete with finishing work now being started in the bedrooms, the lounge extensions are almost ready for breaking into the existing lounge and landscaping has just commenced.
- b. Ardmore Range: There has been an erosion problem on the Ardmore Rifle Range for many years. To cure this, extensive work is to be done on the main drain and is planned to take one year to complete. Work has commenced on site preparation and setting out in anticipation of plant becoming available in late March.
- c. The Electricians have been kept busy preparing the lighting for the Military Display being put on as part of the Papakura City Celebrations as well as preparing to start on adding lighting to the Workshops Building at Fort Cautley.

Snippets

409. Welcome back from the deep deep south to Mike Wing who has just spent 18 months at Scott Base.

Rumour has it, that Lt J.S.Hollander (possible temp Capt) is to be posted to Singapore as LO to the Force Engineer. No attempt has been made to substantiate this rumour.

There is a move afoot to change the name of 1 Field Squadron to 1 Airborne Squadron with three officers in the squadron either fully qualified pilots or training, including one NAC pilot.

Capt Stewart is making a determined effort to boost the squadron's strength with Stewart junior 'just (air)born - Well, they said he had something to do with it.

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Father: My kid talks two languages - English and back.

CHAPTER 52 FIELD SQNAppointments

501. The following are the current appointments as at 1 Apr 75.

OC	Maj SD Jameson
AO	Capt TW Dench
SSM	WOI BE Malloch
Works Offr	Lt S Dickson
Stores WO	WOII MG Small
Works WO	WOI DH Roberts
CCLK	Sgt G Crawford
SQMS	Ssgt JM Lock

General

502. Once again the scribe must put pen to paper and show his masters that he may yet draw another day's pension. This quarter has passed with the speed of the proverbial startled gazelle and what with Annual Camp over, the Argo Road chuntering on up the hill to its next well-earned resting place, the "manic-spenduplargus" fever having run its course for this financial year, the works situation thrown into a general state of chaos and the new training year (seven weeks RF training, no less!) about to burst

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forth upon us, it is probably a good time to rest (finish this sentence) and reflect upon the many works that have been wrought and the many praises that have gone unsung over this period.

Annual Camp 8-22 Feb 75

503. Annual Camp for the majority of the LSG units took place in Waiouru this year and the squadron advance party were on the job shortly after returning from Christmas leave. Apart from the routine operation, maintenance and repair of the camp water and power reticulation services, very few works tasks were undertaken by the squadron this camp. (That is excluding the Pipiriki task - but more of that later). The squadron spent most of the camp involved with unit training, covering such activities as:

- a. Water Supply.
 - (1) Operation and maintenance of AB3, B6 3000 gph water trailer, Sumo, Spate and Aqualite pumps.
 - (2) Recon and water point calculations.
- b. Soldier Skills, including range practices, patrolling, mapreading.
- c. Watermanship. Covering the Lt Tac Raft and assault boats - used on the M113 wading pond.
- d. Bridging. The new Aluminium footbridge (just received from Singapore ex ANZUK Force) was put into use for the first time in New Zealand. It was a refreshing change to be able to show the troops some new (and current overseas) equipment and the versatility of this kit should prove its worth.


504. The highlight of the camp for the Waiouru based members of the squadron must surely have been the Annual Cross Country. The route, selected by one of the more sadistic unit commanders in the complex, was long (in excess of 8000 metres) hard (participants reduced to a hand-over-hand climb up a cliff at one stage) and required teamwork to complete several activities. The race was a six man team event and as with all cross country events the aggregate of the teams placings produces the result. The race was contested by in excess of twenty teams which says a lot for the squadron team which had a final aggregate of 21 points - taking the first six places. The team was led by one of our TF Junior NCOs and consisted of the following:

/Lcpl Neil Mercer

Lcpl Neil Mercer (TF) Team leader
 Spr Van Der Werff (TF) Thanks to 3 Fd Sqn
 Spr John Burton (TF) " " "
 Lcpl Mark Thompson (RF)
 Spr Chris Capper (RF)
 Spr Duncan Williamson (RF)

505. It was a grand team effort and each one of them certainly earned the day on the Queen the next day. The 3 Fd Sqn lads were certainly a great help and will be difficult to replace. Look after them 3 Sqn, they'll be worth the effort.

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Black kitten
 meowing in the
 coal cellar

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Mary had a little lamb
 The doctor was surprised
 But when old Macdonald had a farm
 He couldn't believe his eyes!

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/Pipiriki

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PIPIRIKI DEVELOPMENT TASK

506. Early in 1974 an approach was made to the Ministry of Defence for assistance in a small but specialist task at Pipiriki. The task consisted of the revettment of a section of the river bank adjacent to a concrete slipway used by the Wanganui River Scenic Board for its tourist jet boat tours up the river from Wanganui. In concert with this task we were also to construct a car park and picnic area immediately downstream from the revettment.

507. Technical Data. In brief, the revettment consisted of a framework of railway irons set into river bed and laid back on a 45° slope. This framework was then lined with 8"x 3" / 6"x 3" doubly-treated pinus radiata and the whole face back filled with river run metal. The revettment was constructed astride an old jetty. The upstream section was about fifty feet long and ten feet tall and the downstream section 105 feet long and thirteen feet tall. The completed task not only provided a more pleasing river front but also tie uppoints for the jet boats and stepped access to them.

508. The car park and picnic area involved the stripping of an area about 100 metres square (less a few key trees left for aesthetic value and shade) and the area contoured.

509. Local Information. The site for these tasks was at Pipiriki, on the right bank of the Wanganui River. For those readers unable to obtain a map, or worse still, unable to read one, Pipiriki is some 50 miles up river from Wanganui. Accessible by jet-boat, by a narrow winding road following the river from Wanganui or by road via Raetihi, Pipiriki is about 12 miles southwest of Waiouru. The area is well known for a number of battles during the Maori Wars. The local population consists of four maori families and its proudest boast is a primary school with eighteen pupils.

510. Preparation and Planning. Although the project was a small one by 2 Fd Sqn standards, it was realised early on that first class recons and considerable close liaison with the Scenic Board's Ranger Brian Skinner would be required. This was undertaken by members of this unit plus representatives from 5 Spt Sqn early in December 1974. Fortunately, the most appropriate time for tackling the task was during the month of February because of the low rainfall during that period. (Fortunate, because if the lowest rainfall month was December or January I don't think they would have changed Annual Camp just for us).

/511. Manning

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"Would you like a ticket for the Mayor's Ball?"

"Is it a dance or a raffle?"

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511. Manning. On 5 February 75 the Unit Works Warrant Officer, who had been appointed IC for the project, left Linton for Pipiriki to set up camp. With him went members of No 1 Troop. By 8 Feb arrivals included seven from RNZASC, two cooks and five Tipper Pl drivers, five plant operators from 5 Spt Sqn, 1 fitter from 1 Engr Wksp, and four Australian soldiers (here in NZ on "Ex SKYLIGHT"). This gave the Detachment an all up strength of 38, or two men for every job.

512. Accommodation. A tented camp was erected alongside the road to the landing, on a site previously occupied by an old hotel which was burnt to the ground circa 1959, and now believed to be haunted. Judging by some of the occurrences in the wee small hours, it may well be true. The area included sleeping accommodation in 180 pounders, messing marquees, the unit shower set-up and a site hut for the storage and dispensing of the brown liquid. Due to a shortage of concertina wire and pickets, local defences were omitted, however, this allowed the local inhabitants to wander around at will. One such visitor, a very mature maori matron, expressed her pleasure to the Works WO that the modern soldier had not lost the sight of God, as she had noticed that the camp contained a chapel. This statement puzzled the Works WO for some time, until he noticed on the side of the Canteen hut a neatly painted sign with the word CHAPEL. If the identity of the sign-writer becomes known, he may be assured of a posting to some Public Relations appointment.

513. Vehicles and Equipment. The vehicles and plant equipment required for the project included:

1 x RL	1 x 5 ton Flat Deck
Thames Coach	1/4 ton Rover (The Boss)
5 x IH Dumps	Case 310G
Austin Weston Crane	D4D dozer
Welding plant	Concrete Mixer and a large number of "Mexican Draglines"

The first public relations encounter occurred when the F230D was travelling to the site carrying the Case 310G and the D4D. On a very tight corner the tail tried to overtake the tractor unit on the outside; it may have succeeded except that it ran out of road. This in itself was not too serious (as it was driver training anyway) but it necessitated the road being closed for seven hours while a recovery team from Waiouru did their thing. The biggest problem was that one of the locals had hired a taxi from Raetihi to deliver his weekend booze.

514. Another incident occurred when two IH Dumps attempted to pass one another when there was only enough room for one on the road. Needless to say, one of them fell over the side, about thirty feet below the road level. This also required a further visit from the recovery team, and a change of trou for the TF ASC driver from Flipper Platoon.

/515. They say

515. They say that they happen in threes; sure enough a plant operator who shall remain nameless, tried to find out if his Case 310G would operate as a submarine in the Wanganui River. To his utter amazement it didn't! Luckily for him he had placed enough metal in the river to save his machine from completely disappearing. Unluckily for him the Works WO had watched the exercise from afar. The Works WO knew that in fifteen minutes a large group of overseas visitors were due to arrive by jet-boat and coach, so in no uncertain manner the luckless plant operator was instructed to double away and get the D4D dozer and carry out a hasty recovery of the submerged item of plant. Unfortunately the D4D refused to start at this moment causing further panic. There is not enough space in these pages to describe how the Case 310G was recovered with two minutes to spare before the arrival of the visitors. However, the whole episode was watched by the Australian Contingent Commander Major Glass who thought it had been staged possibly for his benefit and thanked the OC at the next ISG Comd's conference!

516. Discipline and Decorum. Although there were no discipline problems encountered during the project, it has been suggested that strong verbal man-management normally substitutes. Decorum, or the lack of it, became a cause of much consternation for the Works Warrant Officer. He considered himself a well respected and popular Warrant Officer. He had no real objections when referred to as "an old B---ard" (Buzzard?). His hair stood on end a little when referred to as "An ancient old B---ard". But when overhearing a conversation from the tent next to his when he featured as "a prehistoric ancient old B---ard" he took action.

517. Welfare and Amusements. The Welfare Unit showed two films during the course of the project, one of which was disgustingly sexy. It has not been established whether the films were very lengthy ones, or if there were too many refreshment breaks, but they never finished much before half-past late. Both films were attended by the local population and were well received. On the first occasion school started later than normal the following morning. When the second film was shown, the Canteen Operator packed a sad and closed the bar before the completion so the troops didn't have a chance to "stack up". This resulted in one of the Section Cpls making a decision about changing the bar hours - with a fully operational chainsaw, when he discovered he was under the watchful eye of the ever-present Works WO, he may have had second thoughts about his future career, or the possibility of an all expenses paid holiday in a well known resort up north, so the boozer door remained intact.

/518. A hangi

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Heard of low calorie whisky? You still get drunk but the pink elephants are skinny!

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518. A hangi was held towards the end of the task, which was attended by all and sundry, and a most enjoyable evening it was too. The principal ingredient being a wild pig donated by one of the local farmers, for favours received.

519. Visitations and Congratulations. You name them, they all visited the job at some time or other. Possibly the most important visitor, apart from the ration driver, was the Minister of Defence, who made an unscheduled visit. The Works WO was informed by radio that the MoD would arrive in his location in ten minutes. Too late to press the panic button, except to inform the cooks to put a pot of water on for a cuppa. The minister was meant to visit the site for ten minutes only - he departed after a stay of over an hour.

520. Another visit was made by three Senior NCOs who had attended a formal dinner in Waiouru the previous night. They discovered a new route to Pipiriki from Waiouru - via Wanganui (their excuse being it seemed a nice day for a drive).

521. The hospitality shown to all visitors was most enjoyable. It ranged from a can of ale for sappers, to a cup of coffee, from a chipped cup for the Minister of Defence. Incidentally the project was finished on time, the Wanganui River Seenic Board were most generous in their praise for a job well done. Congratulations Doug, You Prehistoric Ancient Old Decrepit B ?

522. General Comment. It is conceded that the task at Pipiriki had very little content which had a purely military bias. However, virtually every trade within the squadron was involved and from this point alone had good value as a training task. This type of task, provided it is of a similar duration, has the same trade involvement, is sponsored materials wise from another source and does not cut across local contractor's operations, does a lot for the public image of the Army and the public can see some return for its money.

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JERUSALEM

There is a certain passage in the Bible where Jesus arrives in a town in which a woman has been found guilty of adultery. The onlookers are about to stone her as she lies buried up to her neck in the sand, because that is the most civilised and quickest method. Jesus holds up a hand and says "Let him who is without sin cast the first stone". While all the onlookers shuffled away guiltily dropping their stones, an old woman of about sixty years dressed in black, picked up a large rock, shuffled over towards the woman and drops the rock on her head - splat! At this, Jesus turned to the woman and said "Gee mother, sometimes you really piss me off."

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Postings/Promotions

523. During this last period the following postings affecting this unit have taken place.

a. Marched out.

2Lt Adrian Wells to TFD Waiouru
Sgt Don Mardle to HQ MMT AA

b. Marched In.

Sgt Gary Crawford (RNZEME) ex ANZUK Force
to Chief Clerk
appointment

Spr Bruce MacDonald ex No 8 Intake TFD
(transferred to RF)

524. Promotions.

a.	<u>To Cpl.</u>	Bruce Jarvis	Storeman
b.	<u>To Lcpl.</u>	Bill Marr	Carp & Joiner
		Tom Stevens	Joiner
		Mark Thompson	Fd Engr
		John Dickson	Fd Engr

Congratulations

525. The Squadron would like to take this opportunity to wish Sgt and Mrs Greg Findon all the best for the future. Greg and Judy were married on 1 Feb 75 (some people will do anything to get out of Annual Camp).

526. Also Cpl and Mrs Kevin Hanson congratulations on the birth of Paul John on 26 Dec 74.

Future News

527. In the next Liaison Letter watch for the report by Capt Trevor Dench on the bridge task he commanded in Western Samoa recently.

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"You know what a pram is? Last year's fun
on wheels."

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Photographs of 2 Fd Sqn on Tropic Day 19
reported on in Liaison Letter No 1.



SPR OAKES

Preparing one of the many
tunnels in the tunnel)



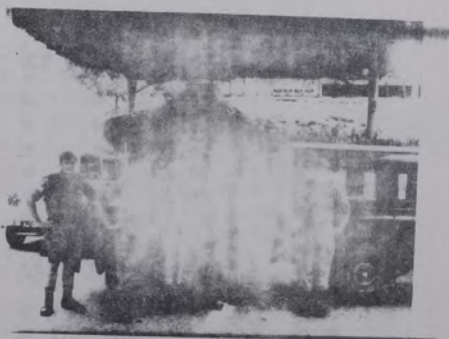
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Terminals at Nausori
Airport



From Left to Right

Cpl Rathbun, Spr Oakes, Cpl
Pendlebury, Cpl
Burton and Ssgt Burton

(Tunnel party coming out after
a working shift)



From Left to Right

Ssgt Burton, Spr Oakes, Cpl
Oliver, Spr Pendlebury, Cpl
Leach and Lcpl Rathbun

(Tunnel party moving out
of Nandi)

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reproduction available at \$7.00
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CHAPTER 63 FIELD SQNAppointments

601. The following are the current appointments as at 1 Apr 75.

OC	Maj RA Laybourn
2IC	Capt AL Beaver
SSM	WOII MA Oliver
Works Offr	Capt GN Stevenson
Works WO	WOI JT Blyth
Stores WO	WOII BJ McKernan
SQMS	Sgt J Carlin
CCLK	Sgt JG Atkinson

Marched Out Recently

602.	Ssgt Barry Knowles	1 Fd Sqn
	Sgt Norm Smith	HQ FF Comd
	Sgt Jerry Mitten	Atiu Detachment
	Lcpl Smoky Bennington	" "
	Spr Paul Lindsay	" "
	Lcpl Steve Tucker	Civilian life
	Spr Brian Ayers	" "

Marched In Recently

603.	Spr Armstrong	RF Cadet Schools
	Spr Carter	" " "
	Spr Greeve	" " "
	Spr Mainland	" " "
	Spr Shepherd	" " "
	Spr Stack	" " "
	Spr White	" " "
	Cpl Alan Barclay	Singapore
	Lcpl Harper	Singapore
	Spr Stew Boyle	Atiu Detachment
	Cpl Colin Morgan	" "
	WOII Mac McKernan	6 Fd Sqn
	Sgt John Carlin	5 Spt Sqn
	Spr Briggs	Civilian life
	Spr Gregory-Hunt	" "
	Spr Shelford	" "

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There was a young girl of St Paul
 Wore a newspaper dress to a ball
 The dress caught on fire and burned her entire
 Front page, sporting section and all!

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Annual Camp 75

604. This year 3 Bde held their annual camp at Cass (12 miles from Arthur's Pass) from 11-26 Jan and of course the engineers were first in and last out. As explained in the first Liaison Letter, we went up to Cass for our unit training in Nov-Dec 74 and prepared the road, bridges and general areas for the Bde exercise. On 5 Jan our advance party moved back into the area to

dig those essential holes, carry out route maintenance and also this year provide the messing facilities for all the other advance parties and during the exercise - for the whole of the rear echelon.

605. Yes, that's right, we were not beyond the black stump, but some eight miles in rear at the Cass railhead being deployed as required on a troop basis. During the main exercise our Sp Tp upgraded and maintained upwards of 20 miles of class III road, as well as cutting and maintaining approximately five miles of cross country tracks and communication roads.

606. Nos 1 and 2 Tps went out in support of the Inf Bns and showed them how to walk cross-country and use correct SOPs whilst the Inf in turn showed how infantry can walk through three uncleared minefields! (You just can't). On returning from up the sharp end, these tps then went on to normal engineer tasking, like placing groynes for river bank protection, rock blasting and culverting to upgrade roads, and erecting a platform for the NZR to enable trampers etc to board and disembark from railcars and disperse into the Mt White area.

607. No 3 Tp spend most of their time constructing a permanent class 12 single way decked bridge across the Hawdon overflow stream to enable access into the Mt White Station during the winter months. A lot of hard work produced a bridge they were proud to put their names to.

/ Sqn Weekend

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What is a man who inspects rabbit holes?

A borough surveyor!

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Sqn Weekend 15-16 Mar 75

608. For this weekend the sqn met at Tekapo (2 Tp from Dunedin and the remainder from Christchurch) and on the Saturday travelled to Twizel to study the different aspects of civil engineering in use at the Power Development Project. Basically, the squadron was split into three syndicates to view the carpentry, concreting and plant maintenance elements of the project and on the following day each syndicate in turn gave a presentation to the others of the previous day's study. A very informative and worthwhile weekend was the comment from all who attended.

3 Fd Sqn Burnham Camp

609. To date work is progressing very well on our "new" (1939) unit buildings at Burnham. The HQ and recreation room as well as the Q store are all but completed and just waiting for that finishing touch. Work is now well under way on the construction of the workshop complex and the gang bosses building. Landscaping is already well in hand with a view to everything being laid out for our move about 31 Aug.

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The phone rang in the hospital maternity ward and a very excited male voice exclaimed to the nurse who answered, "This is Mr Smith. I'm bringing my wife in to have a baby!"

"Now slow down and give me a little information. Is she having any pains?"

"Yes, this is Mr Smith. My wife....."

"Is this her first baby?"

"No," replied the distraught man, "this is her husband."

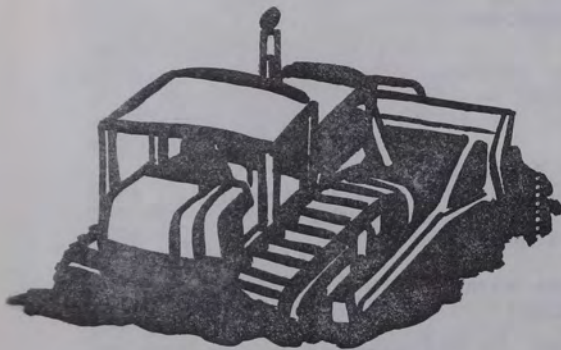
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CHAPTER 75 SPT SQNAppointments

701. The following are the current appointments as at 1 Apr 75.

OC
AO
SSM
Plant Offr
Resources Comd
Tpt WO
CCLK
SQMS

Maj HMJ Shorter
Capt J McDonald
WOI CE Corney
Capt DJ Powley
WOII WR Denby
WOII GD Grieve
Sgt M Morrison
Ssgt GB McDonald

Annual Camp

702. The squadron proved during Annual Camp that it can and does fulfil its support role. The camp this year was spread throughout the North Island, and squadron members were involved in works at Egmont, Rotoehu State Forest, Pipiriki and in the Waiouru area on roading, water supply, electrical reticulation and other sapper tasks. Assistance was also given to RNZAF in the excavation of 2x250-lb and 1x100-lb bombs in the Rangipo Desert area. To find 1x500-lb bomb, 20,000 cubic metres of

soil had to be moved, and the team of Plant Operators impressed the Air Force with their skills. As much maintenance as possible was done on the Argo Rd before live firing halted this work and altogether 25 items of plant were used on the above tasks.

/703. The morale

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"I just ran over a milk bottle"

"Didn't you see it?"

"No, the little kid had it hidden under his coat."

703. The morale of the squadron was high during the camp. Notable occurrences were:

- a. Approximately 30 Junior Ranks drinking nearly 3000 cans of beer in three nights in their Mess! It is understood that one Spr paid nearly \$30 for the right to topple the stack of cans.
- b. The SSM was seen to chase a female sheep out of his tent, and this led to the composition of a new song about "Baaasil and Baaarbara".
- c. The OC and 2 IC protecting our two TF WRAC drivers by making them their personal drivers.
- d. Squadron members being allocated the filthy task of collecting and burying the corpses of hundreds of dead sheep which appeared to be fading away through some fungicide disease.
- e. Cpl Tai Stewart breaking his leg during a volleyball match and being promoted to Sgt because of his great fortitude.
- f. A hangi as a wind-up function which was a great success. Mountains of meat and vegetables were served up, and the Maori members of the squadron turned on a first class meal.
- g. The impression gained that Black Bulls are powerful creatures.
- h. That Australian Sappers are always looking behind them, especially when Ngaruhoe is erupting fiercely.

Current Works

704. The main squadron effort now revolves round pushing the Argo Rd towards the Westlawn Hut during the current works season. Personnel are involved in 10 day tours of duty doing earthworks, while members of other squadrons are involved with culverting etc.

/Postings

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As Officer Cadets we were practising river crossings. 30 of us, including the CO stood shivering at the water's edge, clad only in steel helmets. Suddenly a staff car pulled up. Out jumped the WRAC driver who marched without expression up to the CO and handed him a dispatch and then left. In the admiring silence a voice from the ranks murmured,

"I say, sir, do tell us how she recognized you!"

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Postings to the Squadron

705. Since the first letter was published, the following men have been posted to 5 Spt Sqn:

Sprs Matchitt
Butler
Hall
Wright
Le Mou

Postings from the Squadron

706. Sgt Carlin to 3 Fd Sqn as SQMS
Lcpl Holmes to 2 Fd Sqn as a ledger clerk
Spr Staveley to Burnham as a Rifleman

Retirement

707. On the 3rd of March Ssgt Noel Woodley decided to make the break with the Army to assume the appointment of Plant Instructor with NZ Forest Products Ltd at Tokoroa (7 Sqn - Rd.) The Army can ill-afford to lose men of Noel's qualifications and we certainly regretted losing our MPF. However, we all wish him well in his new appointment.

Promotions

708. During annual camp the following TF were promoted:

Sgt Greenem to Ssgt
Cpl Stewart to Sgt
Sprs Kahukoti, McKenzie, Myhill and Sales
to Lcpl

709. The following RF was promoted:

SSM WOII Corney to WOI.

Change of Appointment

710. Sgt Jim Hendricks has been appointed MPF to replace ex Ssgt Noel Woodley.

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"In a Church: We regret that the box marked
'For the Sick' must be restricted
to monetary contributions.

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For the following reasons I am unable to send you a larger cheque. I have been held up, held down, sandbagged, walked upon and sat upon, flattened out and squeezed by the Income Tax, the Super Tax, the Tobacco Tax, the Beer Tax, and by every Society, Organisation and Club that the inventive mind of man can think of to extract what I may or may not have in my possession - for the Red Cross, the Black Cross, the Ivory Cross, and the Double Cross and for every Hospital in town and country.

The Government has governed my business till I don't know who runs it. I am inspected, suspected and examined and re-examined, informed, required and commanded so that I don't know who I am, where I am, or why I am here at all.

All that I know is that I am supposed to be an exhaustible supply of money for every need, desire or hope of the human race, and because I will not go out and beg, borrow or steal money to give away, I am cussed, discussed, boycotted, talked to, talked about, lied to, lied about, held up, hung up, rung up, robbed and damn-near ruined.

The only reason why I am clinging to life at all is to see what the Hell is going to happen next.

In fact the only happiness I get is when I read my Liaison Letter.

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CHAPTER 86 FIELD SQNAppointments

801. The following are the current appointments as at 1 Apr 75.

OC	Maj PJ Skogstad
2IC	Capt A Anderson
SSM	WOII HJ Gallagher
SQMS	Ssgt RJ Wright
CCLK	Sgt WT Matiaha

Postings

802. Out. WOII BJ (Mac) McKernan to Stores WO,
3 Works Team

In. Ssgt RJ (Rob) Wright to SQMS
Sgt JW (Os) Osborne to Tp NCO

Births

803. The climate in Wellington must have some effect on the virility of the Sappers working in this unit. There have been four additions to families of unit members.

WOII McKernan	on 7 Sep	Lynley Fiona
Sgt Matiaha	on 29 Sep	Eden Thomas
Sgt Phillips	on 5 Nov	Annette
Sgt Osborne	on 21 Mar	Leah Maree

This must have something to do with the welcoming home after annual camp 74.

Marriages

804. Sapper Russell Young took the plunge on 8 Mar this year. All the best to them both.

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"Marriage is the process of finding out the type of man your wife would have preferred to marry."

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Picture of a helicopter
out of sight

Bags of Smoke

805. During Annual Camp 6 Sqn provided support to 1 Bde in the way of:

- a. Constructing ten bunkers
- b. Providing Battle noise simulation, and
- c. Participating in enemy operations during the Concentration Phase.

806. There to assist the squadron throughout the camp were ten Australians from 25 Spt Sqn, 3 Field Engineer Regiment. The Australians worked very well and were accepted unreservedly by the unit. The exchange of knowledge proved very beneficial to unit personnel.

JOTTINGS FROM 24 NON-STOP

0900 Saturday

807. The briefing and orders were held at the assembly area (albeit I didn't join to be an Infantryman) contained worries about marrying with the Airforce. Who could foretell what kind of an admixture that would be?. In steady rotation we moved our auto weapons group and rifle sections into the standard, and in some cases non-standard configurations for advance to contact and contact drills. Ten minutes rest to prepare for battle and ready for initial deployment (we can't be going far as I haven't any food).

808. I looked at the ground model again and was able to orientate the area with my knowledge of the local training areas (aha another TEWT, I'm getting good at these). I pondered our equipment - blank ammo and thunderflashes. Hardly indoor stuff. I hear aircraft approaching, the chopper drills had forecast an up and down jolly, (something amiss, lifejackets in choppers?). We're all to put them on. I still ponder on the destination, quickly, "faster"

/said the

said the section commander, we are aboard a UH1D, doors are closed, and lifting into the cloud base.

809. I looked down through the cloud break, we're going west off the coast of NZ. As far as I know, only Australia is out there. What is the name of our Patron Saint, can't remember, we're ten minutes out now, and losing height, I can see land.

810. Down and out, things are moving. Where am I? Somebody's firing at us, what was that jumbled hand signal, who's the Cpl going to punch, sorry that's me in the auto weapons group, we're left flanking, down in cover, providing fire. We're moving again, and it's a reorg on the assault area. Ammo count, still short. In all round defence I peer through the mist. Got it - we're on Mana Island (the foreman will be in the pub). Up again, clearing the North West corner of the island. Hotbox rations. Yuk. Better than nothing. New orders. Here comes our aircraft. Feeling weary, another assault in Cloustonville to hold the road bridge.

811. The enemy are persistent, where are they all coming from? Up and moving again. What was that the Cpl said? Abandon the bridge, we're cut off without support and fighting out to a DZ. It's dark, how far are we going, when do I get some rest? It's darker than dark, moving up a vertical hill - ambush - fire fight up front - we're wanted in support, this LMG is heavy but comforting. If it was for real would I swap it? Not likely!

812. Dark, cold and wet, another ambush, lost the section, found them. How much a day do I get paid for this? I don't think I'd do it for money. First light coming up, enemy still harassing, the forward elements are doing recon for a suitable DZ. Must have covered 5 "clicks" last night and once more in hostile country, going into all round defence in this clearing. Weapon, ammo and pers check. All here, nice to see everybody around again, tired - think I will have 40 winks, choppers again, new orders. Would somebody find me a Patron Saint and dump me in the bedding store.

0900 Sunday

Signed UBIQUITIOUS

Death

813. It is with regret that the unit informs all Engineers of the death of 6 Fd Sqn's mascot Lcpl Truby King IV who died on the 5 Dec 74. She will be sadly missed by all who came in contact with her.

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Old Timer: How is it possible that when loading up a four seater car with passengers, the young manage to slam eight or ten doors?

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"Forgive me Father," the embarrassed batchelor told his confessor. "I made love to a beautiful virgin last night."

"That's terrible," the cleric groaned. "Was it Cynthia Goodrich?"

"Please don't ask me that" the fellow pleaded.

"Was it the Carruthers girl?" the man of cloth prodded him.

"I don't want to answer" he insisted.

"Well, was it Susan Fullerton?" the priest demanded.

"I simply refuse to tell you," the young chap declared firmly.

"Alright my son," the clergy sighed, "for admitting your guilt you are forgiven, but you'd better see me again next week."

Leaving the church, the fellow met his best friend who waited outside for him.

"How did confession go?" the friend enquired.

"Not bad," the batchelor replied "I got a week off and three new leads."

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Sighed an Englishman shedding his pants,
To a lady he'd met at a dance
"Though my first name is Cyril
You'll find me quite virile
I learned more than painting in France."

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CHAPTER 9SCHOOL OF MILITARY ENGINEERINGAppointments

801. The following are the current appointments as at 1 Apr 75.

OC & CI	Maj CR Parker
Admin & Acctg Offr	Capt JA Tymkin
SSM	WOI WGW Williams
Trg Offr FE	Capt RA Barrett
Trg Offr Plant	Lt RB Simmons
Trg WO (A)	WOII MT Robinson
Trg WO (G)	WOII FR Flavell
CCLK	Ssgt MJ Dette
SQMS	WOII BD Hook

Postings & Promotions802. Postings.

Lt SG Heaton from Portsea 21 Apr 75
 Cpl WN Stirrat from 1 Fd Sqn 7 Feb 75

Lt STJ Rouse to 1 Fd Sqn 7 Feb 75
 Sgt S Grace to 1 Fd Sqn (Atiu Detachment)
 6 Jan 75

803. Promotions.

Ssgt Chamberlain to T/WOII 7 Mar 75
 Lcpl Pettersen to T/Cpl 7 Feb 75
 Lcpl Tawhara to T/Cpl 16 Jan 75
 Lcpl Love to T/Cpl 17 Feb 75
 Lcpl McGill to T/Cpl 26 Mar 75

804. Children.

All staff members aggregated average - 1.84 children each

All Married staff members average - 2.81 children each

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Just for the sake of argument, have you noticed that women's prisons are full of PROS while men's are full of CONS?

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Student Statistics SME Trg Year 75-75

805. Total students:

Offrs	=	18	TF	=	166
Snrs	=	83	RF FR	=	251
JRs	=	367	Plant	=	51
Civilians	=	2	Civilians	=	2
		<u>470</u>			<u>470</u>

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IT FIGURESDept of Statistics Wellington 1974

Average Age at First Marriage:

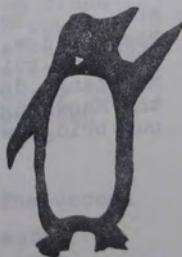
<u>Year</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
1950	27.2	24.2
1960	26.1	22.9
1972	23.7	21.2

Divorce Rate per 10,000 Mean Population

1967	7.5
1968	7.9
1969	10.8
1970	11.1
1971	11.7
1972	11.8

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A hopeful young lady visited a computer dating service and listed her requirements. She wanted someone who liked people, was small, preferred formal attire and enjoyed winter sports. The computer followed her wishes to the letter - it sent her a penguin!



BELIEVE IT OR NOT

by: Ripped It

806. The fairly large stocks of Bailey bridging at SME had not moved far for years. It has been stacked, re-stacked, counted and evaluated for designation as training stock or semi-permanent bridges if required on Defence property. The last movement was for a 130 ft DD on the Argo Road alignment at Waiouru in Feb 72. It is still there too.



807. Early Feb 75 saw a rush move to freight 120 feet of DD (about 40 tons) to Western Samoa. Time was short (the ship was sailing in nine days time) and Bailey bridging was really in a hurry. The civilian transport agency hauling the bridging to rail had his facilities extended as he was concurrently moving NOWD Bailey to Waipukurau and Gisborne. He had not moved Bailey bridging for a considerable time either.

Water Point

808. SME were getting a bit concerned that shortages would occur in training stocks (90 ft TS) for the FE I course, a Bailey building demonstration for Wanganui on 15 Mar and the erection gear they were to supply for a 130 ft SS footbridge at Feilding. In fact SME had to delaunch and dismantle a training bridge for this latter effort.

809. In the middle of the movement to Western Samoa guess what! 1 Const Sqn rang to enquire if they could borrow 130 ft of Bailey bridging. They could have been offered model Bailey or requested to use the one on Argo Road. The answer they got was a startled "No Go" or words to that effect.

810. Believe it or not, pending the return of the Argo Road bridge, SME are forced to carefully evaluate stocks prior to building bridges. Television One advise the Maowhanga dam should be completed in 1976. This will lower the Maowhanga River to fordable depths so maybe that's when our bridge will be returned. Perhaps TV One could advise.

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Success is relative - the more success the more relatives.

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THE BRIDGE IS UNDER THE RIVER, BUT
DON'T KWAI CHAPS

811. So read the headlines in the Manawatu Evening Standard on 15 Feb 75, the day the Basic Field Engineering course under training at SME, suffered a mishap with a Bailey footbridge being built as a civic action task, for the Feilding Lions Club and the Oroua County Council.

812. The bridge was to the design of the Oroua County Council using single/single Bailey panel trusses over a 120 ft span (130 ft of bridge) and 6in x 4in timber transoms at 5ft intervals. The bridge was to be 3ft 6ins wide. The abutments had been prepared, the building site very reasonable and it looked an interesting Bailey task with a difference and good training value.

813. The planning stage in retrospect is interesting. The specific request by SME regarding manufacture of the special rakers and sway braces so obviously (to SME) required was met with the following written comment, "I would like an explanation regarding the components which you say are necessary before concurring that this Council will supply them." Looked like a good argument to convince the designer that 130 ft of bridge 3ft 6ins wide would need some sort of bracing. Bracing was agreed of course and two $\frac{7}{8}$ in ms rod rakers on each wooden transom and 4in x 2in wooden sway braces in every 5ft bay was the plan.

814. Initial construction was with a 70ft launching nose on a 1 : 40 uphill launch, hauled across from the far bank by Tirfor hoists. With the bridge 75ft across the gap, the towing wires were tending to pull the nose down, and therefore it was decided to relocate the towing position to just forward of the launching rollers. This proved to be unwise because following another hour or so of building bridge, particularly strong and unusual gusts of wind caused the launching nose to oscillate. Our concern increased and turned to surprised shame when the seven nose bays finally oscillated themselves ninety degrees over sideways and twenty feet down into the shallow stream. No-one hurt, no Bailey components bent or damaged - just a bridge ignominiously "fell down" or "ordered arms".

815. Recovery was not difficult with a 10 ton crane financed by the Lions Club. Dismantling by hand would not have been easy, as you know that sideways play at panel joints? Well, that was all taken up with the twist. The crane lifted the nose at the centre of the top chord, the bridge proper sat down again on the rollers and we then detached the nose for rebuilding.

816. The second construction (based on the fact the bridge proper was built) was with a 20ft launching nose, a level launch, 50ft of launching tail with three tons of counterweight - a total of 200ft of bridge on rollers and only 3ft 6ins wide! We welded 4in x 1½in steel channel across the bottom chords as sway braces, raker design unchanged. Launching nose and tail were braced with timber rakers and sway braces, temporary 4in x 2in timbers across every second bay top chords, and a few extra side guys - on the tail too. We were proud of our fine bridge - no qualms - trussed like a turkey - solid as the Rock of Gibraltar and we launched her across in two hours.

817. Perhaps our knockers are not truly convinced but the problems encountered and overcome by the Basic Field Course have been put down to the credit side of experience. We learnt that timber bracing on a narrow bridge when properly fixed makes a solid structure, appreciate 30inches of hog in a 200ft single/single ENBB (Extra Narrow Bailey Bridge) that wind gusting through a tree lined funnel can cause a downfall, and that newspaper reports with photographs exploit to the full an embarrassing situation. Anyway, the bridge now provides access to a delightful 14 acre picnic reserve and it was an interesting Bailey task with a difference. We trust this experience reported for readers may assist some future similar task. There have been many other transport engineering catastrophies most of which have proved expensive and some of which were also caused by aerostatic instability.

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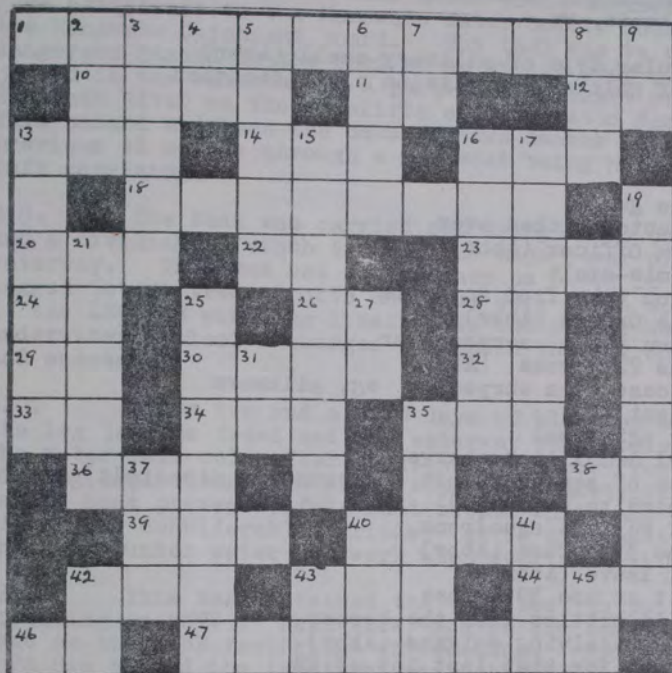
A girl in an exclusive boarding school went to the dean and confessed that she was pregnant. When asked how it happened, she said, "I don't know exactly, but a few weeks ago I was walking on the school grounds, and a strange gardener came up and kissed me, then I fainted and when I woke up, he was gone."

The dean said, "This is terrible, terrible, just awful..... you missed the best part."

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A SMALL CHALLENGE

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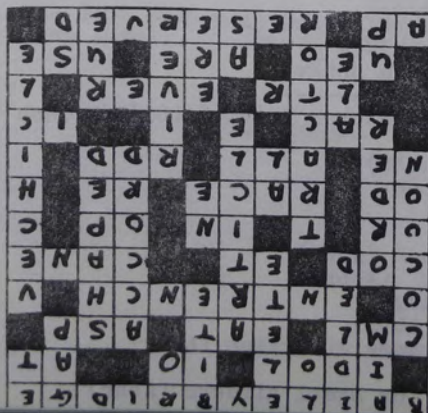
HAVE A GO JOECluesAcross

1. Common type of engineer equipment (6,6)
10. False God
11. Intelligence Officer (Abbr)
12. Expression of position
13. Military Law Prime reference (Abbr)
14. When hungry you should -
16. Very soon (Abbr) or a snake
18. A Sqn is to dig in, or-----
20. A type of fish, Ord Stores Depot (Abbr) or Cash on----- (Abbr)
22. Equipment Table (Abbr)
23. SSMs should have one
24. Other rank (Abbr)
26. Not out
28. Over the fire trench (Abbr)
29. Not Roman Catholic (Abbr)
30. Is run on sports days
32. Our parent corps (Abbr)
33. Opposite to SW compass direction (Abbr)
34. Everybody
35. Demolition charge for steel girders (Abbr)

- 36. Royal Armoured Corps (Abbr)
- 38. In charge (Abbr)
- 39. Light Tactical Raft (Abbr)
- 40. Always
- 42. Unit Emplaning Officer (Abbr)
- 43. I am, he is, we -
- 44. Apply
- 46. Particular type of military shell (Abbr)
- 47. Type of Military demolition classification

Down

2. Point a gun
3. The tractor ticked over
4. Liaison Officer (Abbr)
5. Elite mis-spelt
6. What you take from an apple
7. Routine Orders (Abbr)
8. What you put 1 across over
9. Same as 22 across (Abbr)
13. Silky case of a chrysalis eg, silkworm
15. An object
16. Mutual agreement
17. Special demolition charges
19. An item of sqn transport (as commonly mis-spelt)
21. A command to be obeyed
25. In all support squadrons
27. Same as 33 across (Abbr)
31. Annual leave (Abbr)
35. Swim it or use 39 across
37. Comes in bottles from the boozier
40. Experts resolving enigmas (Abbr)
41. Dejection for that last lot of CB
42. Not down
43. It strikes me - funny
45. Service dress (Abbr)



MANAWATU LOG JAM REMOVAL

818. At the same time as the ENBB footbridge was being built, part of the same Basic Field Engineering course gave assistance to the Manawatu Water Safety Council and the Manawatu Catchment Board. The task was to remove a dangerous hazard in the form of an untidy heap of logs, jammed in the waterway of a particularly swift part of the Manawatu River on the outskirts of Palmerston North city. This hazard had been the cause of two deaths in the previous 12 months through a jet boat being holed and a raft capsizing.

819. The task was carried out using IHC 5 ton dumps and a civilian D6 winch to pull the logs clear of the waterway. This was not always easy as 60-70 ft water-logged Totara trees (roots and all) were there aplenty. If the IHC was winching itself into the river, we used 5lbs underwater explosive charges to loosen the log and then we had success.

820. After two and a half days of blasting and winching the log jam was freed and the waterway completely cleared. The water felt cold after about half an hour frustratingly placing explosives or a winch rope; the safety lines and safety boat proved useful; feet become white and crinkly if wet for considerable periods; it is difficult to hold the torso under water and work when wearing a lifejacket.

821. This task obtained the very best in publicity appearing on WNTV 1 "News View" and on the same front page as the ENBB footbridge at Feilding. Spr RE White of 3 Fd Sqn hogged the limelight on both publicity bursts of this task and being successfully dunked by his mates, finished the course an underarm expert.

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WISHING

I wish I was a pigeon
The rafter was my bed
Everytime you passed below
I'd decorate your head.

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Alcohol removes the finish from some
soldiers much faster than it does
from the furniture.

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CHAPTER 10B COY RF CADET SCHOOLAppointments

1001. The following are the current appointments as at 1 Apr 75.

Senior Trade Instructor	Ssgt EW Bruce (Eddie)
Carpentry Instructor	Ssgt DRR Milliken (Don)
	Cpl LD Stowell (Les)
	Lcpl G Iggo (Gordon)
Plumbing Instructor	Sgt DG Staines (Pinky)
Wing Storeman	Cpl JW White (John)

RF Cadets School Apprentice Wing
(Junior Tradesman Academy)

1002. Aim. To prepare RF Cadets for a career in the New Zealand Army.

- a. Scope. Provision of military academic and trade training as applicable to the Cadet's career.
- b. Students. During 1974-75 a total student strength of 15 passed through the wing. All passed successfully through the trade pilot scheme and 14 qualified in trade qualifying examinations. The 1975 intake has increased to 21 students as well as two adult apprenticeships.
- c. Trade Project. 1974 saw the erection of a new well equipped welfare motel at Maria Place, Wanganui. Valuable assistance came from sappers of 2 Fd and 5 Spt Sqns.
- d. Project 1975. Under instruction students this year will erect a 1200 sq ft house at Bulloet Street, Waiouru.
- e. Classification. In recent months the Trade Certification Board has upgraded the standing of the wing to that of Technical Institute.

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There once was a fine looking Sapper
Who dressed exceedingly dapper
With clothes bright and new
He missed very few
Keeping steady supplies of a flapper.

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On his first day of Retirement, a former Army Officer was asked,

"How do you feel now that you're out?"

His reply:

"Fine, just great. When I joined the Army, I had \$20 in my pocket. Today I Have \$19. Now where else can you stay for over 20 years for a dollar?"

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Like the smart alec who stopped for a park and a pet in a shady lane. He leered wolf-like at the birdie beside him and said, "Gee chick, we've run out of petrol."

"Oh, well," she said with a cute little wriggle, "we might as well make the most of it." So saying she dived into her handbag and surfaced with two little silver hip flasks.

"Hey, great! Whatcha got there? Scotch or Brandy?"

"Neither," she said, "Caltex with Boron!"

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For the girls: If your baby looks like your husband, that's heredity. If the kid looks like your neighbour's husband, that's environment.

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CHAPTER 11FIRE BRIGADESSECTION ONEBURNHAM CAMP FIRE BRIGADEAppointments

1101. The following are the current appointments as at 1 Apr 75.

Firemaster	WOI	WD	Hall
Deputy	Ssgt	MJ	Bassett
Firemen	Sgt	PJ	Kennedy
	Cpl	RG	Lane
	Lcpl	RM	Edwards
	Spr		Hanson

CHRISTCHURCH FIREMEN'S STRIKE
9-10 JAN 75

Introduction

1102. The NZ Armed Forces were tasked with the responsibility of providing fire protection forces to protect Christchurch city when the permanent firemen went on strike. The involvement of the Armed Forces was far more complicated than the average person realised, as many hours of discussion at Defence level must have taken place. Few people actually realised what was happening and fewer military personnel knew of the enormous responsibility that was placed upon the shoulders of the Armed Forces.

1103. A city although second to Auckland in size, still presented the problems of high rise buildings and concentration of dangerous industries which in effect involves many lives and millions of dollars.

Assuming Responsibility

1104. Wing Commander J. Webster, RNZAF, was appointed to command the sharp end, a quiet unassuming gentleman who studied the situation and did everything that was required. It was this quiet unassuming but confident bearing that provided a sense of responsibility to all our firemen involved which in turn simplified the organising and controlling of the exercise.

/1105. The Wing

1105. The Wing Commander and myself attended the meeting at Fire HQ, Christchurch, late Wednesday afternoon which was in effect advice that the firemen were going on strike on the morning 0800 Jan 9. Attending this meeting were:

- a. Fire Board representatives
- b. Executive Fire Officers (not involved in the strike)
- c. Police representatives
- d. Traffic Department

From this meeting evolved several critical considerations. These were:

- a. To prevent confrontation between the striking firemen and Armed Forces.
- b. To ensure that Fire Appliances were manned before 0800 hrs so that there was no period where in effect the city was without a fire service.
- c. To ensure that fire appliances manned by Armed Forces personnel knew where to go and the familiarisation of personnel with strange fire appliances.
- d. Dealings with the news media, so that words which may be spoken accidentally could be taken out of context or misinterpreted and may affect relations with the striking firemen or cause the public of Christchurch to become concerned.

1106. It was decided to man the fire appliances initially from Military Establishments KEB, Addington Barracks until the police department advised to move to respective fire stations. Each appliance to be led to the incident by either a Traffic or Executive Officer. The attending Executive Officer to always remain in charge. All fire appliances were to be manned by 0715 hrs of the ninth, and Wing Commander Webster would deal with the news media.

First Day - Thu 9 Jan

1107. As planned mobilisation was simple. Personnel with Fire Appliances were in position, manning crews drilled, radio telephone contact with the Central Fire Station completed, traffic department and Executive Fire Officers in position by 0730 hrs, so we sat down to wait with one ear glued to the radio and the other to the radio telephone.

/1108. 0800 hrs

1108. 0800 hrs arrived, the news media advised that the firemen were on strike. There was a noticeable increase in tension by Fire Appliance Officers and crews, and this tension was not to disappear until late afternoon when they started responding to fire calls. The Fire Appliance from Addington Barracks commanded by Sgt PJ Kennedy, driven by Cpl RG Lane and crewed by Pte Hansen, Cp. Shears and Lcpl Pink, all from Burnham was the first to respond and that they did with much relief.

1109. I must add that the cooperation we received from people at KEB and Addington Barracks during the period we were stationed there can only be described as excellent.

The First Evening

1110. Late in the afternoon fire appliances and crews were moved from military establishments to respective fire stations.

- a. One appliance and crew at St Albans (north of the city)
- b. Two appliances and crews at Fire HQ (city centre)
- c. One appliance and crew at Sockburn.

1111. It was noticeable that tension again developed as the hours of darkness are considered to be the most dangerous period by all firemen. Up until the first call for the evening at 2100 hrs, this tension was to remain unfortunately such luxuries as TV sets etc, had been removed by the striking fireman and little could be done to ease this tension. (Incidentally I remember quite distinctly going down the road and purchasing 20 packets of smokes. I was hard pressed on my return to retain one packet for myself.)

The Second Day

1112. On the second day after changeover of shifts by the courier, things started to fall into place, firemen were more confident, organisation for efficient running was complete and the day progressed with little incident. The crews were occupied other than drilling, of cleaning up the mess. The fact that Fire HQ was left in a good shape was the direct result of Sgt Blackburn's efforts of controlling the crews designated to this task.

Demobilisation

1113. News arrived that demobilisation was to take place at 1800 hrs that evening. I can be truthful that this news was received by some as disappointing. However, at 1800 hrs the changeover took place and we all disappeared in the same quiet and effective manner that we appeared.

Army Personnel Involved in Exercise1114. Fire Appliance Officers

Ssgt TW Hemi	Burnham Camp
Sgt PJ Kennedy	" "
WOII RGS Pullen	Linton Camp
Ssgt MF Aston	ATG Waiouru
Sgt G Blackburn	Ohakea

Fire Appliance Drivers

Cpl RG Lane	Burnham Camp
Lcpl C Polglase	Linton Camp
Sgt Lineham	ATG Waiouru
Cpl Wilson	Burnham Camp

Crew Personnel

Cpl Carson	Linton Camp
Ssgt Leeden	Burnham Camp
Cpl Shears	" "
Lcpl Pink	" "
Pte Hansen	" "
Cpl Ridland	Linton Camp
Lcpl Needham	ATG Waiouru
Lcpl Cockburn	" "
Lcpl Bower	" "
Lcpl Moffat	Ngaruawahia Camp

1115. Signals personnel manning Central Watchroom Unit - Southern Sig Tp, commanded by Capt WFD Croxon

Cpl Dennis
Cpl Rankin
Sig Tekanui
Sig Stephens
Sig Pearson
Lcpl Stammers

1116. No of Fire Calls - 18 all of a minor nature

Summary

1117. Initially, the critical first hours of assuming responsibility realised many complex problems which had to be dealt with. Obviously and to be expected, there were rough edges, but the manner in which all Armed Forces firemen accepted the challenge and carried out instructions from myself and executive fire brigade officers in order to control and meet these changing situations was indeed excellent. Whether the exercise was a success is a matter of opinion as it is commonly known we were never put to the acid test of a major fire, so the success of the exercise will always remain as a matter of opinion and an unknown factor.

/My Personal

My Personal Comments

1118. As a Sapper (tongue in cheek) and a Firemaster whether by accident or otherwise, I was rather apprehensive of the appointment of Liaison Officer to the Christchurch Fire Board, a task which I did not relish. Nothing would have suited me better than to have commanded Christchurch's Fire Appliance "The Pink Panther" rated to be the best fire appliance in NZ. The appointment I relinquished at the end of the exercise rather proud of the overall effort.

1119. Rough edges, foul ups, there were plenty, but these were bound to insignificance by the willingness and dedication displayed by all Armed Forces personnel involved directly or indirectly with the task at hand. The efficiency achieved was not the result of one person's effort but involved all persons from the Senior Commissioned Officers at Defence HQ to the insignificant Cpl in the Q Store at KEB who, when asked said "by all means use the telephone and office."

1120. In conclusion, I write to our firemen, readers of this publication my commendation on your cooperation and effort, but just because WE did a good job in a strange environment lets search continually to improve ourselves so that somewhere in the future when we are again confronted with a strange or similar task, one can reminisce to the effect that this time we did better than the last time.

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Knights in

Shining armour

THE FIREFIGHTERS' SONG

It was back in 1922, when I was 23,
 I turned by seaman's papers in, said farewell to
 the sea -
 I changed me old blue dungarees for the Fireman's
 livery
 Oh' cursed be the day me boys - I lost my liberty

Each day I rose before the dawn and did the
 daily chores
 I swept and scoured and polished the brass,
 and scrubbed up piles of floors.
 I worked at the pumps and drilled and drilled,
 and climbed the ladder so high
 and when there wasn't a job to do they kept me
 standing by.

The work was hard, the hours were long and
 measley was the pay
 I became a slave to a lousy bell, That rang
 by night and day
 It slaughtered many a sleep for me with its
 horrible raucous cries
 And sent me slithering down the pole with
 sleep still in my eyes.

I fought more fires than I can count, I fought
 them early and late
 I've breathed more smoke than the Devil in Hell
 more steam than a boilerman's mate
 My hands have been frozen to the branch when
 the night was cold and chill
 And many's the time I slowly fried - like
 bacon on the grill.

I fought the fires in the London's Blitz when the
 bombs fell fast and free
 I put my branch on many a house and blazing factory
 I fought the smoke and the poison fumes to keep
 the flames at bay
 But now I'm in the Union and fight for higher pay

All honour to Jim Bradley and the lads of wide
 renown
 Who fought our early battles and who would not
 be put down
 There's still a pinch in the old top boot, as
 everyone will allow
 But things are getting better boys - we've got
 the Union now.

SECTION TWOLINTON CAMP FIRE BRIGADEAppointments

1121. The following are the current appointments as at 1 Apr 75.

Firemaster	WOII RGS Pullen
Deputy	Sgt K Gray
Firemen	Cpl JF Carson
	Cpl T Keong
	Spr J Eru

General

1122. As usual life at Linton has been fairly quiet, a few changes have taken place, nothing of any significance. What with annual camp and the Argo Rd, the few volunteers that have been left behind are finding the duties far from their liking. It is very difficult to operate a roster that will suit everyone when ten out of a total of fourteen men are away for one reason or another.

1123. Cpl J O'Brien of 1 Engr Wksps has been welcomed back to the fold after a short absence, but so that the balance is not upset, Spr Trevor Staveley has changed corps and is posted to Burnham as a foot slogger (sorry Trev, Infanteer).

1124. The odd piece of equipment has been received from the system to enhance our appliances,

1 x 35 ft trussed extension ladder
1 x Ground Monitor

There is quite a story to the ladder. After much paper work by all concerned, it arrived on the camp. Our Chief hurtled off to collect it in high spirits, however, as the unwrapping progressed his high spirits sank lower than a Dachshund's belly button when it was found that one of the main stringers was broken. I'll leave it to your imagination as to his vocal outburst. All has been put right now, but I bet it is the most expensive 35 footer in the country.

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On the first morning of their honeymoon the husband found his young wife had put a whole lettuce on his plate and nothing else.
"I just wanted to see if you ate like a rabbit, too" she explained.

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1125. The new extension to the station works just fine, but it has a flaw no one expected - when it rains we have to apply to SME for pontoon boats to float the appliances out of the station!

1126. Three members went to Christchurch for Operation "Avon" to assist in covering the city while their firemen were on strike. I hope that Burnham Brigade makes a full report but here are a few notes from our boys:

- Pole (Lcpl Polglase) watering at the mouth of the V8 Monaro powered appliance we manned.
- Pole trying to fire 308 hp of appliance with the handbrake on and stalling in the middle of St Albans Road.
- Pole almost disposing of our Transport Dept motorcycle escort at 60 mph
- Pole as our TV and newspaper star after being handed all our crew's helmets.
- Mr Whippy knowing just when to arrive on the scene.
- Biggey Ridland being escorted from "The Anchorage" by two large RNZAF Cpls.
- Our Chief being advised by DCFO Roberts that the speed limit at turnouts was only 10 mph in excess of gazetted limits - Pole reckons the traffic cop was at fault for doing 60 mph anyway.
- Biggey Ridland green when Pole was appointed Driver of the Monaro.

Snippets

1127. Ex brigade member Geoff Cook and wife Raewyn have just taken delivery of a 10lb 6 oz boy! Congratulations. (A little bird also tells us that Geoff is joining TF.)

I wonder who the volunteer was who bought a car, two weeks later it was sitting on the car park a misshapen wreck after being rolled (No Braggin').

The competition team has had to go into recess due to the fact that most of the crew have been to annual camp, the Argo Road, posted or on course.

Congratulations to Cpl Carson who passed the Senior Firemen's course at Wigram recently with flying colours. Congratulations also to Cpl Lane at Burnham for the same reason.

1128. We at Linton leave you with this thought:

Everyone strives for efficiency
but very few ever attain it.

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Golfing Holiday: Using greens for blues

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SECTION THREEWAIOURU FIRE BRIGADEAppointments

1129. The following are the current appointments as at 1 Apr 75.

Firemaster	WOI P Cummings
Deputy	Ssgt MF Aston
NCOs IC	Cpl CM Prentiss
	Cpl ASF Kyle
Firemen	Lcpl JW Needham
	Lcpl AG Smith
	Lcpl GW Cockburn
	Lcpl BS Fanning
	Spr RB Rennie

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ANTHROPOLOGICAL STAGES
OF MAN

It seems when the Creator was making the world he called man aside and bestowed upon him 20 years of normal sex life. Man was horrified, only 20 years, but the Creator didn't budge, 20 years was all he would grant him.

Then he called the Monkey and gave him 20 years. "But I don't need 20 years," said the monkey. "10 years is plenty." Man spoke up and said, "Can't I have the other 10 years?" The monkey agreed.

Then the Creator called the Lion and gave him 20 years. The Lion said that he only needed 10 years. Again man spoke up and asked, "Can't I have the other 10 years?" "Of course," roared the Lion.

Then came the Donkey. He also was given 20 years and like the others said 10 years was all he required. Man again asked for the spare 10 years and received them.

This explains why man has 20 years of normal sex life, 10 years of monkeying about, 10 years of lion about it and 10 years of making an ass of himself.

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WOI Cummings has an interesting article in Chapter 14.

"Paper panties have their ups and downs!"



Paper Panties Girls? (or a Warning to WRACs)

STAY CLEAR OF FIRE (MEN)

London. Girls who wear paper panties have been warned not to play with fire. They could get themselves a very hot seat, says a doctor. He said: "It is possible to make paper panties flame-proof, but then they tickle and are less comfortable - and much less seductive.. Woman would be better off with no pants at all than wearing inflammable paper ones."

Dr Donald Cove-Smith a Harley Street consultant demonstrated the dangers of paper clothing at a meeting of the British Medical Assn. and 500 of his colleagues were so horrified they called for a Government ban on the "pyro pants" and all other clothing made from the bonded rayon fibre "paper". With a fire extinguisher beside him, Dr Cove-Smith lit fragments of a petticoat and a baby's nappy. In a flash they had disintegrated in a shower of ash.

The fire risks were so great said Dr Cove-Smith that "even a mother smoking a cigarette while changing a paper nappy is asking for trouble. Petticoats and even party frocks are being made of this material and I have heard that disposable sheets for use in caravans are proposed."

The manufacturers have said they won't make any more of the petticoats, but other garments still on the market are highly dangerous. Britain's leading paper panty producers, reported none of their panties catching fire while being worn.

CHAPTER 12CORPS MATTERSCorps Museum and Library - Abbreviated Correspondence1101. Question.

I am somewhat perturbed at the mutterings of sappers who ask what is happening regarding the Corps Museum. Current lack of proper storage areas and display facilities are creating problems. Interest has been generated throughout the Corps and the stage has now been reached where the facilities are inadequate. Can you provide some news of definite progress made by the RNZE Corps Memorial Committee?

Answer.

The small action group formed by a decision of the new committee at its first meeting in Dec 74, has gone ahead as instructed and reports as follows:

Lease: It is perhaps not generally known that the original lease was on an area behind SMC HQ. We all know that the Church is not built on that land and it has therefore become necessary for a new lease to be negotiated. Stage 2 of the project, the Library NOT Museum, will then be built. Letters have been written to Army and Commissioner

of Crown Lands. The survey to define the boundaries of the area needed is to be done very soon by Mr Eddie Farnell of Auckland. It will then be submitted to Lands and Survey for formal approval and Registration. All very straight forward but also time consuming.

Library. The plans which were lodged with the Works Directorate have now been returned to Dudley Roy (Architect) who with Col Butcher will now churn out relevant drawings. Mr Roy's own work will naturally take precedence. But moving we are, even if it is ever so slowly. We don't like making promises, but we will be very, very disappointed if we don't see some real evidence of progress in 12 month's time.



RNZE Personnel Extra Regimentally Employed

1102. An exact definition of ERE appointments, depends to some extent on the purpose for which the definition is required. For the purpose of promulgation in this Liaison Letter (the purist may find fault) the following RNZE personnel are currently regarded as being in ERE appointments - that is to say appointments not specifically restricted to RNZE personnel. There is no confirmation that ERE also means

Erstwhile Reputedly Entrenched, or
Even Rehabilitated Elsewhere, or
Experts Resolving Enigmas

Lt Col	BW	Brighthouse	Canberra
Lt Col	RM	Dickie OBE	3 Wks, Def HQ
Maj	CH	Douglas	Asst Area Comd, MWT AA
Maj	KH	Mitchell	AD MAN POST, Def HQ
Maj	BG	Jenkin	DPA 1, Def HQ
Maj	RT	Bennett	GS02, HQ LSG
Maj	DJ	O'Brien	Staff Coll, Australia
Maj	HE	Wedde	DAJMG/COORD, Home Comd
Maj	NA	Bradley	ADW4, Def Wks, Def HQ
Capt	RW	Radford	ADW4A, Def Wks, Def HQ
Capt	GM	Davies	ADW4B, Def Wks, Def HQ
Maj	J	Offord	GS03, EP4, Army General Staff
Capt	RA	Sampson	1 RNZIR, Singapore
Capt	KJ	Woods	HQ RNMF Fiji
Capt	LR	Upjohn	Flying for RNZAF
WOI	KF	Malloch	Barrack Master, ATG
WOI	DR	Palmer	Support Branch, Def HQ
WOI	DE	Graham	" " " "
WOI	JE	Shields	" " " "
WOI	DA	Hitchiner	RNZE Advisor, 1 BOD
WOII	JT	Bennett	Reg Works Advisor, Burnham
WOII	HD	Smith	WO Works, Home Comd
WOII	DL	Bailey	RNMF, Fiji
WOII	BI	Watson	Reg Wks Advisor, MWT AA
WOII	IE	Lamb	Clk of Works, Singapore
WOII	EJ	Hobman	Reg Wks Advisor, Auckland & North AA
Ssgt	L	Thomas	1 RNZIR Singapore
Ssgt	FJ	Chick	CJMS, 3 Bde
Ssgt	GE	Sandford	Display Artist, Nelson
Ssgt	DKH	Rolle	Clk of Wks Singapore
Ssgt	RW	McCall	Storeman Tekapo
Ssgt	RWE	Cole	Instructor, Chch AA
Sgt	JJ	Campbell	VSA Papua, New Guinea
Sgt	DW	Mardle	HQ MWT AA
Sgt	DJ	Fitzwater	Artist, MWT AA
Sgt	CA	Sims	Clerk AA, Burnham
Sgt	GJ	Blackburn	Fire Flight, Ohakea
Sgt	EL	Hopley	Range Warden, Trentham
Sgt	KS	McEwen	Pay, Singapore
Cpl	DR	Stewart	Stmn/Caretaker/Driver, Dunedin

Cpl	JP	Crannitch	Stmn/Caretaker/Dvr, Chch
Cpl	KR	Moore	Maps Singapore
Cpl	PT	Ngarotata	Clk Singapore
Cpl	C	Bell	Support Branch, Def HQ
Cpl	NR	Taylor	NZ ATT UK Singapore
Cpl	WD	Murphy	1 RNZIR, Singapore
Spr	MP	Kingi	1 RNZIR, Singapore
Spr	MJ	Wall	1 RNZIR, Singapore
Spr	B	Woolridge	NZ ATT UK Singapore
Spr	RB	Popham	NZ ATT UK Singapore
Spr	PG	Packer	Support Branch, Def HQ
Spr	JW	Stachwell	Support Branch, Def HQ
Spr	BJ	Clark	NZ ATT UK Singapore
Spr	DP	Matchitt	2/1 RNZIR Singapore
Lcpl	EA	Janett	Artist, MWT AA

Our count of 55 = 12.5% of the Corps

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COMPETITION

On wide roads
 Side roads
 or run-away-and-hide roads
 in rallies
 valleys
 or driving to the sea
 on through roads
 new roads
 shake you black and blue roads
 steep roads
 'creep' roads
 sappers all agree

A prize of two, mint 2½ cent stamps will be awarded for the entry judged to be the best completion to the above, and one such stamp as a consolation prize to all other entries. Beats buying 2½ cent stamps.

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A home budget is a plan for paying as you go, provided you don't go anywhere.

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For Your Diary

1103. June 21-22 1975 : 20 and 23 Fld Coy Reunion,
Rotorua

A RECENT ACQUISITION FOR
THE MUSEUM

1104. Just recently the RNZE Corps Museum had passed over to it for safe keeping a medal of considerable interest. This medal has been loaned to the Corps Museum by the family of Staff Sergeant Dette and was one of a number of medals making up a family group. The medal of particular interest was that of Staff Dette's Great Grandfather who took part in the Maori Wars 1861-1866. The medal has the bust of Queen Victoria on the obverse and on the reverse round the inside edge is "NEW ZEALAND " "VIRTVTUS HONOR"

1105. Staff Dette's grandfather was a Sergeant in the Bay of Plenty Cavalry and was involved in the affair at OPEPE (just off the Napier-Taupo road) in which a patrol of fifteen men was ambushed. The officer and sergeant-major had not put out sentries enabling Te Kooti's Maoris to move in close. There had been some rain so most of the chaps had removed their clothing so that it would dry. When the Maoris attacked these soldiers were caught without weapons and in some cases without clothes.

1106. Six men escaped and made their way back to Fort Galatea but the others were killed within yards of the camp. It was suggested by one of the survivors that they would have been killed had not the Maoris withheld their fire to avoid the danger of shooting each other. One of the survivors made the journey across the Kaiangaroa Plain without a stitch of clothing, the journey taking four days. This in itself being an example of great fortitude as the ambush took place in mid-winter.

1107. We of the Corps thank the Dette family for the loan of this most interesting medal and the other medals representing the service of this family. Of the other sets of medals included in the loan is one to a sapper (Staff Dette's uncle) who died of wounds during the Italian campaign of World War II.

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Some people try to understand what they believe in - others believe in what they understand.

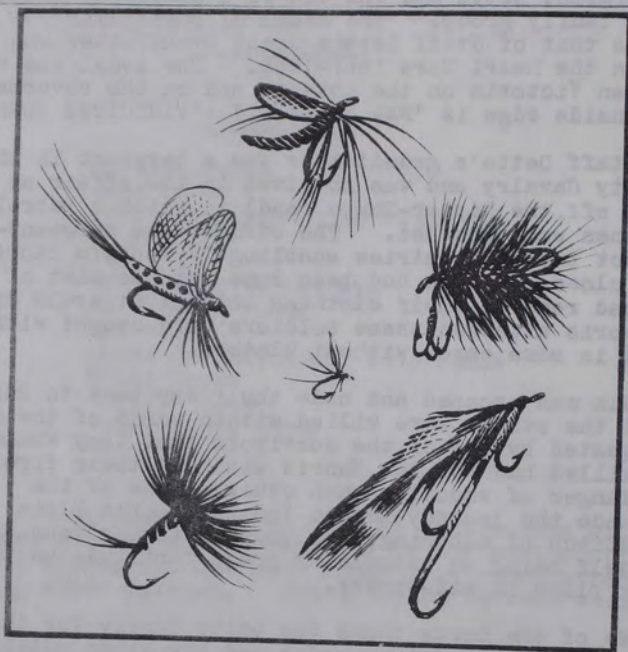
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Head of Corps Conference

1108. The most recent RNZE Head of Corps Conference was held in Wellington 2/3 April 1975. It is reliably reported the next promotion/relegation series is to be held in Oct 75.

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GOING FISHIN?



1109. Actual-size drawings show a tiny Clyde-style "Dun" for sappers, surrounded by other varieties for NCOs and officers. They are (reading clockwise) "Daddy Longlegs", "Loch Ordie", "Demon", "Black Pennell", and "Mayfly". Making best use of the above, angling becomes more productive and enjoyable. Experience and autopsies have proved these flies are the most effective for RNZE. It is surprising how little dressing is used to keep a dry fly afloat.

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1110. Sappers of 14 Military Battalion held at their undertaking was the bridge against the clock and the Mayor of Mangar excellent efforts of the the bridge building the territories of the 9th Bailey for just a few d just happened to mention attendance at the 1976 tell the tale.

"The hard to
The got to be

Changing Corps?

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WANGANUI MILITARY TATOO

1111. Sappers of Linton Camp performed at a twilight Military Tattoo held at Wanganui on Sat 15 Mar. The trick undertaken was the construction of a 30ft Bailey bridge against the clock. The local populace, papers and the Mayor of Wanganui were full of praise for the excellent efforts of the Military. Congratulations to the bridge building team, which comprised largely Territorials of the 9th Intake having been introduced to Bailey for just a few days before the Tattoo. Somebody just happened to mention selection had started for attendance at the 1976 Edinburgh Military Tatoo! Now tell the Chief.

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"Its hard to be good

Its got to be hard to be good."

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PURCHASING GUIDE ADVICE

1112. A note for your design and procurement section. When purchasing a post hole borer ensure that the engine does not do more than 200 rpm and that the engine cutout switch is on one of the handles. Have you ever had an auger get jammed in a hole and ended up hanging onto the handles which are going round at 1200 rpm when the engine cutout is on top of the engine out of reach? I have - that's why I'm dictating this letter to my secretary!



WPB
for MAX

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The King sent for his wise men all
To find a rhyme for W:
When they had thought a good long time
But could not think of a single rhyme
"I'm sorry," said he, "to trouble you."

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Ssgt - was always at the golf course -
seven days a week he could be found playing
his favourite 18 hole course. A friend
asked him, "Doesn't all that golf playing
interfere with your job?"

"Not at all," was the reply. "I never play
golf at the office."

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A MATTER OF PRIORITY

1113. Priority - defined as being "an interest having earlier claim to consideration".

1114. For the last two or three years interest in the Corps of Royal New Zealand Engineers Memorial Project has grown steadily to the point where the Chapel in Linton was opened and dedicated. The interest was built up as the Chapel was rebuilt and several people commented on the fine effort at the Dedication. Even now, visitors say how well the job has been done, and many are impressed with the simplicity and quiet dignity of the building and its interior.



However our task is not yet completed.

1115. Most sappers within the Corps have a fuzzy idea of what the Corps project is. First and foremost this project is a MEMORIAL to Sappers, past, present (that's us) and future. In the future we will be the sappers of the past. Secondly, the project will make a home for OUR CORPS history and we will be able to display some of the historical artifacts which we have as part of our heritage. Books, uniforms, equipment, tools, medals, all need a place to be kept and displayed.

Now, where does the matter of priority arise?

1116. It is now well known that we are committed to the project as a Corps. However, how well are we committed personally? For instance, did you realise that the greatest amount of finance regularly coming in is that allotted by junior soldiers? True, there are a number of Seniors contributing but by far the greatest effort is by those who perhaps are least able to spare the cash.

1117. While priorities are being spoken of, I am reminded of those who have a "bottle or jug" for errors carried out at work. You know the story. Bloggs makes a "booboo" so that's a couple of jugs in the bar that night. Now, don't you think this effort could be channelled to something more permanent? Wouldn't it be nice if, when Bloggs made a mess so his mates saw that he made a 50cents donation to the museum. In a "relationship jugs-to-donations box" I am sure funds would grow faster. This I believe is where we must look to our priorities. We must show pride in this our heritage. It is we ourselves, who will see the establishment of our Corps Memorial. Remember our motto - "Where Duty and Glory Lead". Does the interest in our Corps Memorial have a prior claim to your consideration?

DO YOU KNOW?

How many times the pen challenges the sword in this Liaison Letter?

10% of the Corps is overseas at the moment (excluding the South Island)

Atiu Harbour
Support for NZ Force SE Asia
Training assistance for RAAF
Canberra (NZ Staff)
Queenscliffe (armchair tactics)

Metabel sheet explosive is now sold in metric sizes:

750mm x 250mm x 3.2mm
weighing 1 kg each?

5% of RF Officers are RNZE
9% of RF ORs are RNZE
24% of TF Officers are RNZE
64% of RF ORs are RNZE

Deduction: We are a Corps of workers rather than writers,

or

the sword is numerically mightier than the pen.

"Best Sapper" Specialist Training TF Intake Awards

<u>1118.</u>	<u>Intake</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Recipient</u>
	1	3 Fd Sqn	Spr LP Turner
	2	2 Fd Sqn (now 5 Spt)	Spr RA Sayles
	3	6 Fd Sqn	Spr GR Chitterton
	4	6 Fd Sqn	Spr LW Orchard
	5	1 Fd Sqn	Spr KD Nester
	6	2 Fd Sqn	Spr MH Mercer
	7	5 Spt Sqn	Spr DA McKenzie
	8	1 Fd Sqn	Spr LJ Wright
	9	1 Fd Sqn	Spr RGT Gordon

News of Old Faces

1119. Truby Ihaere was inducted as Associate Minister of Tauranga Central Baptist Church on 5 Feb 75. Truby served in the Regular Force RNZE plant world for eleven years and served in Thailand and Antarctica.

1120. Grainger Nicholls is working for the Australian Department of External Territories teaching plumbing and English (together with selling Thermettes for school funds) at a Technical High School in Goroka, New Guinea. Cheap rent, high pay, plenty fully paid annual travelling holidays, local excitement, hopes to retain his position for remainder of 1975 (or longer) when indigenous people become independant - was in NZ for Easter arriving on a Charter DC8 - beat that! Try P.O. Box 556
Goroka
Papua, New Guinea

1121. Ex RNZE Sgt Pat Cross of SME (that's going back a bit) is employed as a storeman in 1 BOD Traffic Centre, tin leg and all.

Water Purification Tablets

1121. Because of manufacturing difficulties the following items are no longer available for supply from Defence Medical Store:

- a. 6850-98-103-6286
Water Purification Tablet, detasting, 100's
- b. 6850-98-103-6286
Water Purification Tablet, sterilizing, 100's.

The above items have now been replaced by -

6850-66-046-6282
Water Sterilizing Tablet,
strip pack of 10 tablets.

This single tablet replaces both the detasting and the sterilizing tablets previously supplied. One tablet will render the water in a water bottle suitable for consumption and detailed instructions are contained on the strip pack. Stocks of the new tablet are now held at Defence Medical Store and are available for issue.

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Ever been in a railway accident? I have -
once - going through a tunnel on the Blue
Streak, I kissed the guard instead of the
hostess!

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Corps Memorial and Museum

1122. In January, Mrs Grace Surrell of Auckland, who had previously donated various Corps artifacts, presented the medals of her late husband WOII Buck Surrell to the Corps Museum. Mrs Surrell has also presented the Corps with the eight volume set of Purnell's History of the Second World War, fully bound in Corps colours. These books now enhance the SME Library shelves pending eventual transfer to the Corps Memorial Library. Our sincere thanks for such generosity and thoughtfulness.

1123. Visits. To a church service in the Corps Memorial Church:

Mr Noel Martin : Auckland Spr Association

Mrs Grace Surrell : Active in Corps matters.

(Anybody care to donate a Visitors book because the memory fades and there were other visitors - Editor).

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"We lie loudest when we lie to ourselves."

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CORPS EXPANSION No 1Tanks

The conception of the idea of the tanks is due to an RE officer Lt Col E.D. Swinton, RE. Although they were organized as a separate arm, they were commanded by this officer in their first attack in 1916, and later by Lt Col H.J. Elles, RE. In 1917 they became the Tank Corps.

CHAPTER 13SAPPERS ABROADSECTION ONEMAHASARAKHAM REVISITED

Major B.G.Jenkin, Defence Planning Staff,
Policy Branch, Defence Headquarters.

1301. If anybody had suggested to me when I left Thailand in December 1971 on the completion of the Thai-NZ Road Project, that I would in the foreseeable future and in the normal course of my duties, revisit Thailand, let alone the North East, I would have found it hard to believe. Like many others who had come to feel so much a part of the area through association with the Road Project, I left Bangkok rather dejectedly that December day in 1971 resigning myself to the fact that I would in all probability never see any of my Thai friends again.



1302. But in the course of a planning assignment in Singapore in late 1973, I took an opportunity to make a 'flying' visit to Bangkok on that oldest of Kiwi luxury airlines. I made a subsequent longer visit to Bangkok in August 1974 to attend a SEATO Exercise Planning Conference but again I was unable to make it out of the city. However, my luck was to change - in November last on returning to Bangkok for another SEATO Meeting the programme provided for three days in Yasothorn Inow(a province in its own right). By a remarkable 'coincidence' my work was finished in about half the allotted time and by devious (and typically Thai means) I was able to get a radio message to Khun Issara at Mahasarakham to the effect that I would be free to visit him from noon that day. Imagine my surprise (or was it horror) when at the appointed time outside a Yasothorn hostelry, Holden Bluebell pulled up driven by Jun and with Issara smiling his famous smile from the near window.

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To err is human and isn't it divine?

1303. The journey to Mahasarakham was accomplished in a little over one hour. The road from Roi-et to Mahasarakham and onto Ban Phai has now been completely reconstructed and is very high class. One new feature of the highway system which was very evident was an elaborate system of by passes around the major towns, including Mahasarakham.

1304. As we approached Mahasarakham many thoughts raced through my mind; apart from nostalgia was the feeling of apprehension about how I might find things. I, like many others have been tempted to imagine the worst - that within months of the Kiwis departure the Project would be in ruins with houses dilapidated, plant all on a scrapheap, swimming pool a breeding ground for frogs, road all broken up etc etc. Please let me dispel any such fears.

1305. On arrival at the Base the most prominent feature was a large (and obviously recently erected) sign on the main perimeter fence proclaiming the "Thai-New Zealand Road Project". All buildings and houses inside are in immaculate condition, indeed the Project Headquarters building is in far better nick than it had been at any stage during my tour. Part of the workshop yard is sealed, the grounds throughout the Base are well kept and even the swimming pool is still in use. The most striking impression gained of the houses (apart from the very bold and smartly painted numbers on the end of each one) was the incredible proliferation of plant and tree growth, which in some cases almost completely obscures the house. Four of the houses are currently unoccupied and used as guest houses. The one I used to change in (the old Thai Project Manager's house - he now occupies House 4) was immaculate. One thing had not changed though - the water emanating from the shower would barely have wet a postage stamp.

1306. Mahasarakham itself (the town) has changed surprisingly little except for one magnificent new air conditioned bank building on the corner near the Honda cnemist. At the other end of town though, near the project things were very different. An enormous complex of educational buildings has sprung up on the old race course and in areas stretching along both sides of the road toward Kosum Phisai. I was informed that a full scale university was to open early this year (centered on the old race track). Apart from this the Teachers' College has been almost completely rebuilt and a large College of Physical Education had been open for some time. The whole series of complexes looked like a city in its own right when lit up at night.

1307. My sudden re-appearance on the Project obviously confused many of the staff and I'm certain they were convinced that the Kiwis were moving back in. The enthusiastic welcome I received from the many old faces I came across moved me and made my eventual departure almost as difficult as it had been three years previously.

/1308. That first

1308. That first afternoon after a quick look around the Base I was off down the road via Borabue and travelled the whole 144 (+) km. What a pleasant surprise I received as we drove down toward Burirum; the road is in remarkably good shape throughout and is being obviously very well maintained by the Highways Department District Engineer. More tree planting has been carried out and the trees planted earlier have by now assumed quite significant proportions. The traffic growth appears to have continued, particularly between Satuk and Burirum. The towns of Phayak and Satuk have continued to grow at astonishing speed and even Burirum has changed noticeably. The sub camp at Phayak has now assumed greater importance as the project is concerned with building the ENEX designed east-west road between there and Kaset Wisai.

1309. Issara and I stayed overnight in Burirum where we were guests of that doyen of contractors - Chong. Enough said about the programme for the remainder of Day 1.

1310. Next day we travelled down the new road from Phayak - 16 km of it are sealed, another 20 odd have laterite sub base and earthworks were nearing Kaset Wisai. Phayak sub camp is in good shape and the old 'Ban Kiwi' is still being well looked after by Kim. She really had great difficulty in working out what I was doing back in that part of the world.

1311. We called on Khun Theb (was Nai Amphoe at Satuk) who is now Nai Amphoe at Phayak. He certainly seems to have his problems. That evening back at Mahasarakham three busloads of Thai Highway Dept officials stopped off at the Base on their way to the Krathin celebrations at Ubon. They were treated to one of those magnificent Thai meals which the locals are so adept at producing for visiting VIPs. Some of the Highways Dept officials were also fairly convinced that I must have returned to work at Mahasarakham judging by the looks on their faces when they saw me lurking in the shadows.

1312. My visit was frustratingly short and I was quite sad when I climbed aboard the air conditioned luxury 'tourist' bus late that night for Bangkok. Yes! even Mahasarakham is served by these very comfortable buses which make nightly trips between Roi-et and Bangkok. Actually the word 'tourist' is a euphemism for 'unlicensed' but for 100 baht it was far and away the best value for money one would get anywhere.

1313. All in all it was an opportunity I would never have missed and I only hope that others who served at Mahasarakham get an opportunity to return there some day. The Kiwis have not been at all forgotten and you will be welcomed like a long lost friend. There is certainly something very special about these North-Eastern Thai people.

Read any good books lately?
 Bred any good rooks lately?
 Booked any good reds lately?
 Cooked any good bread lately?
 Cooked any good books lately?

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The father of three beautiful teenage daughters was reluctant to let them go out at night with a boyfriend. Being an artistic type however, he weakened under pressure if the boyfriend quoted poetic phrases. The girls of course spread this news among their boyfriends. One night three lads called.

1st Boyfriend: "My names Lance, I want to take Nance to a dance, have I a chance?"

The father dubiously agreed.

2nd Boyfriend: "My names Joe, I want to take Flo to a Show, what ho?"

The father again agreed.

3rd Boyfriend: "My names Tucker....."
 "You get to hell out of here," yelled the father.

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A marriage counselor began to ask a women some questions concerning her disposition. "Did you wake up grumpy this morning?"

"No," she said "I let him sleep."

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SECTION TWOOPERATION ATIU HARBOUR PROJECTSECOND DETACHMENTSEP 74 - JAN 75

1314. Although a full report (book) is to be published shortly, we received the hint that some news of the project would be appreciated. Therefore, the following brief account of some of the highlights has been produced for the interest of those who never made it to the tropical paradise of Atiu.

1315. The second team's progress commenced with the Det Comd, Wks Spvr and Plant Sgt proceeding on a recce to Atiu with the OC, 1 Fd Sqn and the DA & QMG, 1 Inf Bde Gp over the period 13 - 21 Aug 74. This proved to be a most memorable trip for the poor sailors, keen deep-sea fishermen and the ardent euchre players. On arrival on the island, it was found that ideal conditions prevailed, with very calm seas and low tides. Unfortunately, we all thought that these would continue, but were proved incorrect later on during our stay. However, we were able to get a feel for the conditions on the island and look at the task in detail for the short time spent there. It certainly looked like a "paradise lost", and that the team would certainly find it as a bonus to the tour.

1316. On return to Papakura, the team assembled on 26 Aug 74 and commenced a three week period of training, administration, and pre-embarkation leave. An advance party of the Wks Spvr, Senior Fitter and Senior Cook flew out from Auckland on 8 Sep 74 followed by the main body on 17 Sep 74. A one and a half day period was spent in Rarotonga getting used to the hot and humid climate, and most of the boys took advantage of the duty-free facilities. We were all treated to a morning tea in the Cabinet Room with senior members of the Cook Island Legislative Assembly. This was enjoyed, with plenty of speech making which involved some pretty optimistic dreams of having the project completed prior to the hurricane season in Nov 74.

1317. After a calm journey on the "Island Trader railway ferry - MV Moana" a rather smoked detachment disembarked to a wonderful reception of local dancers, prayer meeting and speeches. We also enjoyed the experience of our first umukai (hangi - local style) that night as a farewell to the first crew and a welcome to the new team. A couple of days were spent handing over the project and getting to know the island and the people before the old detachment waved good-bye on 21 Sep 74.

/1318. On Mon 23

1318. On Mon 23 Sep 74, all key personnel gathered for "prayers" at the new HQ ATF (NZ) and after a works conference and study of the tasks to be actioned, a battle plan was produced. Concentration was to be made on the completion of the outer seawall to afford a certain amount of protection to the inner harbour area from high seas. Once this had been completed, major excavation would be commenced, along with other minor tasks such as crushing, trimming reef ledges, quarry work, maintenance of building materials and project equipment. Actual works did commence on Tues 24 Sep, and things were under way at full steam. With help from the moon, local elders, weather forecasts, and blessings from the local minister, the outer seawall was finished on 19 Oct 74. This incorporated a new style of concrete construction on the last leg, known as the Hollander/Wills Design. It appeared that the sea God became most angry at the barrier that was constructed, and rented his disapproval on the worksite many times with very high tides and great swells. The actual completion of this phase was a big moment for the local people and in fact for the team, and all joined in many forms of celebrations in honour of the occasion.

1319. Once sore heads had been nursed and the enthusiasm for work had returned, the next stage of excavating the harbour area was commenced. At this stage, problems arose with trying to relieve the area of as much seawater as possible. The actual blowing of the reef ledge to produce a marina with bulk explosives had upset the coral, and many cracks/holes were found in the harbour floor and under the already poured seawall. At times, the inflow was estimated to be in excess of 100,000 gallons per hour, and the poor old 3" Spate pumps just couldn't handle this amount. It was then attempted to put floats on the tracks on the MF400 and Case 310G, but this proved unsuccessful. Work was limited to days when the low tides existed before new pumping equipment could be forwarded to the island.

1320. Towards the middle of November (the first month of the hurricane season) heavy rains of the wet season started to hinder works. When heavy rain is mentioned, we mean something of the order of 10 inches to a foot in four hours. Those that thought we were just sissies didn't know that we had also to run swimming training sessions. Mind you, there were some advantages to having the rains in that the water supply for the camp and the worksite kept a healthy level right up till the team changed over. Works progressed steadily till excavations had reached a level of approx three feet below mean sea level in the harbour proper. A few problems were experienced with the plant breaking down and a delay imposed due to the transit time from New Zealand for spare parts. During periods of "down-time" on the job, most of the team either caught up on some well earned sleep or made further modifications to existing equipment on site. A lot of experimentation with explosives was carried out, mainly to try and find suitable charges to "presplit" the coral ledge without damaging surrounding structures or reef. After a couple of weeks of this work, a good formula was

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arrived at, plus the "guess or by God" element, and actual cuts were made in the reef and existing seawall for the eventual 40 foot gap for the entrance to the harbour.

1321. While things looked as though they were going very smoothly at this stage, more problems hit us. The actual alignment along what was to be the quay wall was rather out of shape, hence the name "Half Moon Bay", therefore a new design had to be made for the quay construction which did influence the slipway and ringroad system. We were indeed happy to hear that the CE and a senior engineer adviser from MOW were on the way to investigate our problem. They arrived on 12 Nov 74 after a good introduction to the ways of the sea, and set about to resolve the situation. The new plan consisted of a mass concrete quay wall with similar quay slab and slipway. The actual alignment was changed and discussions were entered into regarding the procurement of 50,000 gph pumps and an excavator, which would overcome the problems of having to work in wet conditions. On 20 Nov work commenced on the new plan with the further cutting away of the cliff wall directly behind the harbour. It was intended to completely cut the new construction areas to line and grade ready for the new detachment when they were to arrive mid Jan 75, but the plant let us down, and a large stockpile had to be left for the new crew to load out.

1322. That basically describes the major works that were carried out, and some of the problems that were experienced. More detail will be given in the formal project report. Of course during the period of our tour, quite a few hours were spent in upgrading the camp and making things a little more comfortable. Concrete floors were laid in the showers to make them the most modern apart from the Trailways Motel in Rarotonga. The kitchen, mess tents and bar areas were upgraded, and a dance floor was laid for the many social gatherings that were held in the camp. It was unfortunate that we had a fire at the very end of the stay, but something like this had to happen, as our tour was uneventful in regard to emergencies or accidents of this nature.

1323. The equipment had to stand up to a fair beating, but performed extremely well. If anybody has any doubts about the Case 310G they can forget it. Our "Cloud 9" or P & T Hack Wagon or "Rock F_____r" did marvels, even though it died a natural but hard worked death in the faithful hands of Denny. The fitters workshop was well managed by the team of EME/honorary sappers led by the manager of the motorcycle repair shop Colin. They did a marvellous job in improvising and working long hours to make sure that the majority of our equipment was kept in reasonable working order.

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"Quick John! The baby has just swallowed the matches."

"Here, use my lighter."

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1324. JJ Alias Clunt Westwood alias Jim Hendrick was accepted into the folds of the local people but was reluctant to go through with the "Hair Cutting Ceremony" or "Circumcision Ceremony" to prove his origin. However, he was the leader of the hard working hangli crew, along with Colin Moors, Dennis T and Phil who put on several very tasty and successful hangis for the team and local people. We were thankful for Maetake Morgs (Morgan) contribution as official interpreter to the detachment, and for Rob's promise of taro for the kitchen from his patch. The two Prontos conducted many tests with tin cans tied to the end of pieces of string, and managed to maintain continuous contact with NZ. Doc made weekly inspections of the "bush beer" schools to make sure that all utensils were hygienic, and also spent many worthwhile hours instructing first aid to young and old members of local youth groups. Bill Stirrat started up a recruiting office on the island, and with the help of Gilly and Roly, gave successful drill instruction to the youth groups once a week. It was noted that on the last Church Parade, left turns on the march were made, and the general turnout of the locals nearly put the team to disgrace.

1325. As you will all realise, one could go on for pages telling of the highlights and funny stories, but the memories of the task will linger on for many years to come and all the old sappers of ten to twenty years to come will still be talking about Atiu. To sum up our tour, it was a great experience for all the team, and it is expected that they will have all benefitted from the task. We wish the Third Detachment well in their endeavour to complete the job by Jul 75.

1326. A roll of Honour of the Second Detachment follows:

G40601	Lcpl ACE	LDM	Alias	Laurie
C43863	Lcpl ARNESEN	KE	"	Arnie
J465666	Cpl BARLTROP	JC	"	JCB
Q43921	Lcpl BOWMAN	DM	"	BOW
J682138	Spr BROOKER	GL	"	Many & Various
A37536	Ssgt CLIFTON	RW	"	DOC
R44704	Spr COCKBURN	KLM	"	COCKY
J595386	Lcpl DALLASTON	I	"	MIA
R45831	Spr DENISON	BC	"	DENNY
A46552	Spr EASTON	AA	"	SUPER
413018	Cpl FRANKLIN	BJ	"	FRANKY
Y45953	Spr GILBERT	WG	"	GILLY
N44241	Lcpl GOULD	R	"	ROB
M44700	Lcpl HEALY	PT	"	PHIL
X39535	Sgt HENDRICK	JH	"	Clunt Westwood
D854407	t HOLLANDER	JS	"	BOSS
X39420	Sgt HUNTER	BJ	"	BJ
C530589	Cpl LOGAN	TS	"	TOM
K42513	Cpl McKAY	RJ	"	PORKY
U308425	Cpl MOORS	CD	"	COLIN
J41063	Cpl MORGAN	CA	"	MAETAKI MORG
P46358	Lcpl RICHARDSON	GI	"	RICHY
W43490	Lcpl ROLSTON	AN	"	ROLY

744075	Lcpl STEPHENS	BC	Alias BRIAN
H40234	Sgt STEPHENS	CO	" COLIN (Bikeshop)
N44379	Cpl STIRRAT	WN	" Bill
B38483	Lcpl Te RANGI	T	" DENNIS
K43249	Cpl TINKLER	BR	" TINK
T45534	Spr TODD	RC	" TOAD
S37460	WOII WILLS	RO	" WOW
V44363	Lcpl HODGES	GJ	" GREG

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A barrister hired a stubborn looking, solid unsophisticated juryman to hold out for life imprisonment. It seemed the only way to save his client from the death penalty.

The jury finally went out and stayed out for hours. Finally, late on the second day, the jury filed in, and delivered a verdict of guilty, with a recommendation that the prisoner be sentenced to life imprisonment.

As the lawyer was paying his man, he asked, "you had a difficult time of it, didn't you? I'm certainly glad you succeeded in swinging the jury your way."

"Yeah," was the answer. "It was pretty tough. They were all for acquittal, at first, but I finally convinced them."

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A woman rushed excitedly up to a zoo attendant and exclaimed: "Young man, you should see what's going on in the monkey cage. Four monkeys are sitting at a table playing cards!"

The attendant shrugged, "So what lady?" was his nonchalant reply. "They're only playing for peanuts."

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SECTION THREEVOLUNTEER SERVICE ABROAD
NEW GUINEA STYLE

by: Sgt Joe Campbell

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Introduction

1327. Sgt Joe Campbell has been granted absence of one year leave without pay in order to further his experience. He is working with VSA in New Guinea on a logging and roading project. He writes:

1328. Just a line to let you know I have not forgotten you. I had permit trouble on leaving NZ and did not receive clearance to enter New Guinea until the day before the flight left. The mosquitoes have given me a hard time here and I have almost been eaten alive.

1329. The project is isolated and can only be reached by plane. We have a very good airfield. The wet season is in progress which restricts air movements and affects our walking tracks.

1330. There are six foreigners on this job. Two Germans, 2 Australians, 1 Pom, and me. A good bunch of blokes. I got a hard time from them because I did not bring a NZ flag with me. Not very patriotic they reckoned.

1331. The job is a big challenge. I am expected to run all the machinery and power supplies and this includes major rebuilds of equipment. I do not get a chance to leave the workshops during the week so on Saturday and Sunday I head for the jungle to service the dozer and all of the logging and sawmill equipment. The work load is far too large for one person and the power generation takes up a lot of my time. The project is electricity dependant and a breakdown causes a big panic. Of course the generators are well overloaded. Tractor generators and starters were another problem when I arrived. Only one machine had a generator that worked and a flat battery miles from anywhere is no fun. I have fixed that problem now.

/1332. The dozer

1332. The dozer in the bush has 8000 hours on the clock and has done some very rugged work. Nothing has been overhauled on it yet so in the near future I will have to give it a complete pull down.

1333. The local village is about a quarter of a mile away from our camp and is where the work force lives. They are not reliable workers and if the few days ahead look hard, they don't turn up. There are no shops in the village and it is in a dry area. No Coke or Fanta - just plain water. The people do not mix with us and keep to themselves unless they want something. They are very stubborn and if they don't want to do a given job - that's that. You do it yourself while they watch! Within four months this project is going to be handed over to the local people to run. They should then learn to make a bigger effort. Local efforts at running other projects have so far proved to be a shambles.

1334. An old joker brought a radio to me to fix recently. It looked like a herd of buffalo had trampled on it. I explained I could not fix it but he left it on the bench and said he would be back in a couple of weeks to collect it. I finally got around to gluing up the plastic case and sent it to Medang and it cost me a couple of dollars for parts. It was going OK and I gave it to the old joker. The only problem is that he must have told the locals that I was a No 1 fixer and I have ended up with most of the village's electrical problems. They all do the same, drop it into the workshops and say they will be back in a couple of days.

1335. I quite often think of Engineer Workshops. There is no rotten row over here. Everything that breaks down has to be repaired immediately even if you have to make the parts.

1336. Well, I suppose Argo Road is going ahead at a great rate and should be finished when I arrive back.

1337. They have asked me here if I can get a set of drawings and specs for a low-bed trailer to cart the D4D around, and also specs for a portable post driver that can be attached to a Fordson tractor. The gear would have to be made here so any help would be appreciated. Only simple construction details and specs so we can order the materials. Please pass on my regards to all.

Joe Campbell
PO Box 750
Madang
Papua, New Guinea.

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A case of mind over matter - if you don't
mind it doesn't matter.

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SECTION FOURROYAL FIJI MILITARY FORCES RURAL DEVELOPMENT
UNIT

by: Capt K.J.Woods

Bula,

1338. Having departed NZ by DC8 on a wet 18 Feb 75 our arrival in NANDI at around 33 degrees was somewhat of a contrast. The trip from NZ took an enjoyable 24 hours. A meal and 1½ hours later saw us once again in the air and onward to Nausori, the airport serving SUVA.

1339. Excellent reception was organised by Capt Jim Sanday the RFMF SC A and we were whisked away to a seaside motel called the "Outrigger"; but not before the traditional kava bowl did a few circuits. Kava, the first any of us had tasted, was received with mixed reactions. From "Yuk" to "Yum". The "Yum" member of the family happening to be four year old Daymond. A drink you would have to acquire a taste for but definitely easier on the body than Ativan home brew. Our stay in the "Outrigger" lasted 14 days as there was still some work being completed on our house.

1340. The Government houses are simple concrete block construction with louvre windows and are an excellent design for the tropics. Hours of work are 7 a.m. to 3.30 p.m. with an hour for lunch. Uniform is a comfortable short sleeved shirt and shorts, with long hose and shoes. Until the new Rural Development Unit buildings are constructed I have an office in the HQ RFMF. Queen Elizabeth Barracks are situated in a nicely landscaped section on top of a hill overlooking most of the surrounding area and sea. Wide open to any breeze and very comfortable.

1341. Initially, the RDU will comprise two officers and thirty eight other ranks and will operate as a HQ element with two works sections controlled by a Troop HQ. If successful the Unit will probably be expanded to a four works section force of three officers and 82 other ranks. A staff supplementation for the first two years of operation, 76-78 of four RNZE NCOs has been requested by RFMF.

1342. Initial finance for buildings, vehicles, tools and equipment will be provided from NZ bilateral aid and Ministry of Fijian Affairs and Rural Development. Finance for works tasks will be provided from the Ministry of Fijian Affairs and Rural Development after tasks had been channelled through the Divisional Commissioner, accepted by the RDU as suitable and given a preliminary costing.

/1343. Likely

1343. Likely tasks will be simple, concrete block structures, installation of portable generators and basic electrical reticulation, water supply, quite an amount of bridging (both foot and vehicle) and a small amount of country sewerage systems.

1344. When finance becomes available the first task will be the construction of a RDU HQ building, hopefully by students undergoing a course at the Trade Training School run by WOII Bailey. Meantime I intend to visit the four Divisions to have a look at the type of work the Unit will be undertaking and to get some idea of conditions under which the Unit will operate. This should help in the final selection of the most appropriate equipment, tools and vehicles yet to be procured.

1345. Next month 25 Fijian recruits will move to SME at Linton to commence a year's training and on their return will form the nucleus of the RDU, hopefully commencing tasks in one of the Divisions by 1 May 76.

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RDMF Rural Development Unit
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Nurse: "Mr Peters, you haven't paid your bill for two months and the doctor is very upset."

Mr Peters: "Well, tell him to take two aspirins and call me in a week if he isn't feeling any better."

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CHAPTER 14ARTICLES AND REPORTSSECTION ONETHE PROJECT AT WHO DAT
CHAPTER 2

by: Anne Onimus

1401. The last chapter left the project off to a shaky start - already the dreaded presence of Major Winterbottom is driving the others to drink - and worse! In the Project Mess Winterbottom is expanding on his military career - NOW READ ON.

1402. "Yes," said the Major, "My old regiment did very well indeed, won the Viceroy's Polo Cup six years running; missed the war of course, but first things first, as we used to say in the old First Foot."

"Oh, that mob" said the Project Officer "Isn't their regimental nickname the Fleet of Foot?"

"Gad no" said the Major, "You're thinking of the 2nd Battalion - as murderous a pack of cut-throat hooligans as you could find this side of the Khyber."

"What were the Other Ranks like?" asked the Project Officer, which temporarily silenced even the Major.

This pleasant chit-chat was interrupted by Dhu Yiew, the Mess Steward - "Please Sir, large german shepherd on verandah."

"Dammit man, you know where the shotgun is - do your duty" roared Winterbottom, and a few seconds later the boom of the 12 bore echoed over the dusty project gardens.

"Well," growled Winterbottom, as Dhu Yiew re-entered "Did that do the trick?"

"Yes," said the steward, "he ran off in the direction of Farm Advisory Project shouting Himmel and Danerwetler."

"Good grief, must have been von Idleburger, probably hasn't run so fast since Alamein, do him good, I shouldn't wonder," said Winterbottom.

/Meanwhile

Meanwhile over in the Sergeants Mess planning for the next days lurks - sorry works, was proceeding apace. Except that is, for the SQMS, brooding alone in a corner over the loss of his Honda on the first day, and a more recent tragedy - his annual Confidential Report. The only line in it that could be construed as favourable being "looks well in civilian clothes." "I realise now that I shouldn't have sent an NZ 160 for my Honda to the Project Officer," said the SQMS. "This is his revenge."

"After seven attempts at the Ssgt to WO exam I should think you must have got the message," said the Transport WO "Why don't you try to get a discharge on mental grounds?"

"Don't be silly." butted in the Plant Sergeant. "That's how he got in."

This idle banter was cut short by the arrival of the Sergeant Major, muttering under his breath and casually fetching the steward a crack over the head with his pace-stick - "Beer you clown, and put on the SQMS's bill."

"What's biting you" asked the Plant Sgt, putting down his favourite magazine - The Waikato Pig Breeder."

"I arranged to meet old Colonel Shotitoff outside the Embassy to flog him the Nominal Roll - I must have waited for two hours. I wonder if I got the wrong cinema?"

"Anyone that puts Phillips under 'F' in the nominal roll could do that" said the SQMS nastily - and with a hollow sigh returned to his corner.

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Just because nobody disagrees with you doesn't mean you are brilliant - perhaps you are the boss!

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WHO DONE IT?

When my Prayers were poorly said
 Who tucked me in me widdle bed
 And spanked me till me arse was wed?
 Me Mudder.

Who took me from me cosy cot
 And put me on the ice cold pot
 And made me pee if I could not?
 Me Mudder.

And when the morning light would come
 And in me crib me dribbled some
 Who wiped me tiny widdle bum?
 Me Mudder.

Who would me hair so neatly part
 And hug me gently to her heart
 Who sometimes squeezed me till me f ?
 Me Mudder.

Who looked at me with eyebrows knit
 And nearly have a king size fit
 When in me Sunday pants me s ?
 Me Mudder

When at night her bed did squeak
 Me raised me head to have a peak
 Who yelled at me to go to sleep?

Me Farver.

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When the storm had blown over, the brave
 captain of a small schooner emerged from
 his cabin, took a quick survey and bawled
 to a new hand. "Ahoy mate, where's the
 mizzen mast?"

The new hand answered cheerfully, "Lord knows,
 captain. How long has it been mizzen?"

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SECTION TWOFIRE BRIGADES

by: WOII RGS Pullen, Linton Camp Firemaster

1403. Most of us today accept without question, the fact that there is a Fire Brigade close by to attend to our needs in time of emergency. Yet the necessary cooperation, equipment and manpower with which any fire brigade should operate, seem to be as distant as the stars in a clear night sky.

1404. It is the intention of the writer to highlight some history of the Fire Service and equipment, manning and legislative problems and their application with which the Fire Service is faced each day. It is hoped that this will promote a better understanding and a greater degree of cooperation and assistance in solving current and future problems.

1405. Everybody knows of the Great Fire of London. This fire occurred in the early hours of Sunday 2nd September 1666, and is supposed to have started in a baker's house in Pudding Lane. Probably what is not known about this fire is that it burnt for three days and three nights, destroyed 13000 houses, covered 436 acres and the estimated loss was £10,000,000 sterling. There were no fire brigades in those days and it was a case of all hands onto pails or other objects in which water could be carried in an effort to extinguish this fire.

1406. Legislation by Government was first introduced in 1667 and the first fire brigades were established under the Fire Prevention Act of 1707, which made it compulsory for every PARISH to maintain some kind of fire fighting equipment. A few years later, many Insurance Companies began to form their own brigades to protect the properties covered by them.

1407. In 1833 these insurance companies got together to form the London Fire Engine Establishment. This was the first truly organized fire brigade and reached its peak of efficiency under the direction of James Braidwood who is rightly regarded as the Father of the Fire Brigade. He, like so many to follow him, was killed in the Tooley Street Fire of 1861 which destroyed property to the value of two million pounds.

/1408. The results

1408. The results of this fire brought about one of the most important developments in the history of fire fighting namely the establishment of the Fire Brigade under Metropolitan Board of Works as a public body. Several more advances were made over the following years particularly in the areas of legislation and fire appliance design which assisted greatly in the reduction of major fire losses. The years of the Second World War brought further major changes in methods of fighting fires and equipment. With large industrial premises being built and the massive population growth requiring housing, losses from fire have once again begun to soar in most major countries of the world. In the UK during 1967, fire brigades attended a total of 88,162 fires for a loss value of £56,678,000, three years later in 1970 the number of fires attended had risen to over 100,000 and loss value to £110,900,000.

1409. You will no doubt be saying "What are losses in the UK to us"? I suppose nothing really except to indicate a general trend all over the world with regard to fire. In New Zealand in 1973 fires claimed the lives of 48 people compared with 28 the previous year. Fire Brigades here attended 35,058 calls. Loss value for these fires has not yet been released. But let us get to the nitty-gritty namely the NZ Army Fire Protection "arrangement". One cannot say that it is ineffective because our own statistics, which incidentally are never released (if they are even recorded) give an overall indication of our good worth in the job performed.

1410. This is achieved under circumstances and conditions not faced by any other Fire Protection Service. Equipment which is obsolete and inadequate, extremely hard to obtain, usually purchased by people who have little knowledge of the function it has to perform and within financial restrictions. We end up with inferior equipment instead of the best. Only in the last two years have we had vehicles which approach the design features required for our job, but they are very under-powered. Specifications called for a 750 gallon per minute High/Low pressure pump. This specification had to be abandoned because the engine did not have the power to drive such a unit.

1411. There could be a method in this madness as we are not given the manpower to operate anything more sophisticated. There are of course, other deficiencies such as inadequate buildings for fire equipment, poor staff facilities, long hours of duty; conditions with which other firemen would not tolerate. We however, must be "Soldier first tradesmen second", therefore it is reasonable to expect us to maim, kill and destroy rather than perform our duty as firemen "TO SAVE LIFE and Protect Property."

/1412. The aim

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Firemen stoke furnaces - firefighters fight fires.

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1412. The aim in life of dedicated firemen is as follows:

- a. Prevent fires from starting
- b. Prevent loss of life and property when fires do start
- c. Confine any such fire to its place of origin
- d. Put out any such fire.

These aims have survived for many years. They are simple to understand and permit broad interpretation. This last factor is useful in that any fire brigade is able to mould objectives to fit specific purposes and concepts. On the other hand this catch-all approach provides a great many loopholes for those who are either uncertain of their responsibilities or simply not progressive.

1413. I agree that at this time accommodation requirements for the troops should be the first consideration, but this should be planned hand in glove with the protection of his working location. What use a flash house to live in, if the occupants have no place in which to fill his trained secondary function? We are also faced with other ridiculous happenings where we have a purpose-designed building with all the latest fire protection measures, such as sprinklers, automatic ventilation BUT no primary means of escape for the occupants. This particular case was pointed out to the system along the right channels almost two years ago. Has it been put right? Like hell it has.

1414. You, the reader may well say, so what! May I point out that this is not an isolated case. Reasonable progressive plans have been attempted over the past few years to correct serious anomalies but all fall by the wayside with the excuse:

"NO MONEY"

Other everyday beaurocratic phrases such as "next year's programme", "come back next week", "bring up in six months" are in common use. The use of these delaying tactics will one day come home to roost, when some unfortunate fireman will face a courtmartial for not doing his job. He will have inadequate defence. No action will have been taken on his repeated requests. It would appear also that the Ministry of Works and Development who are the authority in the field of Fire Protection are taken as little notice of as those serving firemen. Their recommendations are received with similar enthusiasm.

/1415. I suppose

1415. I suppose the greatest "out" for anybody in the services is that little paragraph which appears with monotonous regularity in statutes and acts ie: "This Act does not bind the Crown", gives the legal right to us to flaunt safety regulations. What price our moral obligations? Surely it is time the system protected its vast assets, which one fire could damage beyond repair. This would have a serious effect in that most of these assets are irreplaceable on an immediate basis. If it is war machinery this may not apply. A case comes to mind where a certain service lost a costly piece of equipment for training (a potential killer) and in a very short space of time it was publicly announced that funds were being provided for its immediate replacement. This money could have provided almost all the fire protection needs of one establishment.

1416. The problem of "no money" also sets the levels of staffing. We are operating on a very understrength establishment. Over the years the tasks of the fire brigade have increased, but are still expected and required to fulfill all functions on a very inadequate staffing level. Requests for increases in establishment have fallen on deaf ears. Separate investigations by illustrious bodies have failed to agree. One such body stated that the tasks of the fire brigade should be reduced. How can this be done, I ask? "Give the responsibility to somebody else" is the answer! What if the somebody else accepts? The conditions which they would impose are no more than what we have been asking for over the past years. Would these "new" requirements be met?

1417. Meanwhile, there is no change and we continue to operate with insufficient staff. I liken our present situation to a party where mother says, "Eat all the cake children, but no one must have more than one piece." "But mother," says I, "There are only five of us here and there are eleven pieces of cake." The moral is that to complete our tasks, eleven men are required but we must do with five. In consequence equipment maintenance falls by the wayside or the men are on duty long and unreasonable hours. We have reduced the duty hours so no maintenance work gets done. Why should I continue to worry? Nobody else seems to.

1418. In the early part of this paper I wrote about the Great Fire of London. You know, things fire-wise in the Army haven't progressed much have they? The views and opinions stated are only those of the writer and certainly not of the management.

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Generosity is not only love
It is an Insurance.

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SECTION THREETHE SAPPERS PACK OF CARDS

(or "I'm alright - jack")

1418. During a certain annual camp, a bunch of sappers arrived at their camp site after a hard day's work and prepared to enjoy their organised rest.

Straight after dinner they sat down in their mess tent and pulled out their Liaison Letters. One sapper, however, took out a pack of cards. The Sergeant saw him and said, "Sapper put away those cards."

Afterwards the sapper was taken before the OC who said, "Sergeant, why have you brought this sapper here?" The Sergeant said, "I caught this man playing cards during organised rest." The OC said, "Sapper, unless you give me a good reason for your behaviour I shall punish you more severely than any sapper was ever punished. What have you to say?"

"Much Sir, I have been on TODs and now annual camps for 10 months and have neither gradation list nor Liaison Letter and I hope I can show you the purity of my intentions."

And with that, the sapper began with these words:

When I see the Ace I am reminded of the Chief Engineer, Ace of the Sappers, before whose tall frame all sappers tremble.

When I see the Two, I think of the Corporal through whose bloody hands I must pass when I am trying to get my messages through, and the gesture with which he farewells me.

When I see the Three, I think of the Sergeant who, if he wasn't standing there right now, you would get a right earful of his family background.

When I see the Four I am reminded of the stars I hope to achieve. They are One Star, Two Star, Three Star and the bloody impossible Four Star.

When I see the Five I remember the number of pips worn by a Captain and a Lieutenant - the same number of extended fingers on my right hand - the same number of kids the SSM has sired and the fact that I wasn't invited to his wedding last Saturday.

/When I see the Six

When I see the Six I am reminded of the day of the week when the SSM announced the next TOD party.

When I see the Seven, I recall the day he reselected the team - the number of days CB I usually get - I also see red.

When I see the Eight, I recall the eight great squadrons of the RNZE. They are 1 Sqn, 2 Sqn, 3 Sqn, 5 Sqn, 6 Sqn, 5 Spt Sqn, 5 Sqn and 5 Spt Sqn.

When I see the Nine, I think of the combined authority of the pips or stripes on the three sergeants or three captains.

When I see the Ten, then I know I must buy another crate before the bar closes.

When I see the Jack, I am reminded of the jack-up between RNZE and RNZIR to keep me from that accompanied posting to Singapore.

When I see the Queen, I can't help thinking about Racquel Welch driving a D7E. I'm sorry but I can't.

When I see the King I think of Ken the First sitting on the Corps Flag, I think of John Walker and Sid Going too.

There are 365 spots on a pack of cards - the number of pips and stripes in a squadron and the number of parts needed to fix my grader after last annual camp.

There are 52 cards - the exact number of weekly booze ups there will be when the bloody Argo road is finished.

There are four suits - the number of troops in a squadron. 12 picture cards - the number of beers in a dozen and 13 spot values - the number of days between the occasions I get to sleep with my wife.

Last of all there is the Ordinary Joker who comes to Waiouru for annual camp every year, catches his death of cold in the mess tent night after night, without warmth, without representation and with increasing disgust.

/So you see

So you see Sir, my pack of cards serves me as a Bible, Almanack, Gradation List and Liaison Letter. If you don't like my story you can give yourself an up-and-under or me an adverse report. My pen goes on writing and I can break your bloody sword.

And folks, this story is original. I know because the guy that wrote it can't read.

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COMMUNICATIONS CORRUPTIONS

The longest teleprinter message seen in engineer circles at Linton during 1975 (three months only) measured 8ft 2ins. Generally speaking, teleprinter machines have a spelling deficiency. A few actual examples are faithfully reproduced below. WARNING: Keep this list away from school children!!

LATZST	=	LATEST
NOC SOT	=	NO COST
SCALES	=	SLABS
RNZZ	=	RNZE
CURRENTLY	=	CURRENTLY
SYSTEM	=	SYSTEM
DELETE	=	DELETE
EXCISE	=	EXERCISE
EXDCISE	=	EXERCISE
SECTOR	=	SENIOR
LISTED	=	LISTED
PGOMOTED	=	PROMOTED
ARRIVEAL	=	ARRIVAL
5\$433	=	THREE
WIRKS	=	WORKS
CONCREE	=	CONCRETE
PARST	=	PARTS
SUCK	=	SUCH

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SECTION FOURWAIOURU AND ALL THAT

by: WOI KF MALLOCH

1419. This band of jolly RNZE warriors who dwell in the high country of Waiouru welcome the opportunity to contribute to the Corps News and we trust that the following notes will be of interest to some if not all of our fellow sappers of the Lowlands. Before bounding off into the whos and whats of ATG perhaps these general points will whet the appetite and encourage some to read on.

1420. After getting over the first stages of his transfer from RNZE to Lcpl in the RNZIR ex Sapper Lomas now soldiering on at RF Cadet School decided that marriage was the answer. In his determination to achieve this aim he overlooked several minor aspects of preparation eg, Witnesses to the ceremony, furniture, wedding breakfast etc. Waiouru Sappers got to hear of this and duly paraded with their ladies in good order to St James Chapel and witnessed the marriage ceremony taking note that Lcpl Lomas was in step with his Fijian bride as he proudly came down the aisle. A wedding breakfast had quietly been arranged by Cadet Wing Staff and the newly weds were launched in true Sapper style.

1421. Plans have been made for Sappers Day 1975. Don't be fooled by the recently reported volcanic eruptions. It was in fact our Sappers Day early awakening team training up on a new explosive device.

1422. Yes, it had to happen:

HQ Force Engr	Snoopy
1 Fd Sqn	The Kyote
2 Fd Sqn	The Red Rooster
5 Spt Sqn	The Little Black Bull
6 Fd Sqn	The Goat

Now watch this space for the ATG RNZE mascot, and when that happens it then only leaves SME and 3 Fd Sqn to come alive and join the RNZE Zoo Gang!! (SME have chosen a rampant horse but it seems to have bolted - Editor).

Survey Notes

1423. Sgt Brown reports that very little survey has been achieved this summer as it came on a Sunday and at the time of preparing the notes the sun is shining from time to time and the rain is raining most of the time.

/1424. Fird work

1424. Field Work for Argo Road is almost completed and that is the alignment from Westlawn Hut to the junction of Rogers Spur and the Three Kings. Soil survey will decide the route for the last three kilometres. Stage four of Argo Road along the Three Kings Range and an off shoot out into Zone 10 (Korenoff Country) was reced last Nov-Dec. Access by wheeled veh is not possible without the assistance of a winch. AQ (WAI WEC) Sqn have given invaluable assistance with APC and Tracked load carrier. Other lesser survey tasks which have been completed include a survey for a reservoir in the Magazine Area and also the inlet area to the M113 pool. This task is part of the proposed flood protection structure on the diversion channel.

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Argo Road Quip: Who was the officer who wanted
20 yds of builders mix sieved
from a stockpile with an 18"
diameter sieve?

Answer: K.W.

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LITTLE STORY

At 0030 hrs and acting on a report of strange conduct, the Orderly Officer dashed to Waiouru stream and found a partly submerged sapper held down by 2 D7E grouser plates tied around his neck. This mature orderly officer revived the sapper and softly said, "Who did this to you son?"

Looking up in sadness and desperation, the sapper replied, "The Bastards"

"What bastards son?"

"The bastards who won't let me complete my 15 years of 10 day TODs in WAIOURU."

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Personnel Jottings

1425. Lt Wells has joined the team of hard working instructors at ATG TFD as well as WOI K.F. Malloch taking up duties as Barrackmaster ATG. Argo teams complete with plastic quacker grace our establishment on the 10 off and 4 on system and the grand road moves forward. It is rumoured that all Officers of the Corps have started a champagne trust fund for the grand opening and tape cutting ceremony in 19..?

/Profound Statements

Profound Statements and Questions

1426. a. Have you heard of the Shawcraft Road?
- b. Where is Sgt Joe Campbell?
- c. Who was the last soldier of our Corps
 to receive the MSM?
- d. Did you know:
- Any serving sapper can contribute to
 the Corps Memorial fund from his pay
 by allotment? Number 1507. Sappers
 at Linton voluntarily contribute
 from their pay over \$500 per annum.
 That's another challenge to serving
 sappers, and ex sappers.
- e. When did you last read your Corps
 gradation list?
- f. Who is NAINAR
- g. Badges of Rank. Did you know that
 RNZE Sgts and Sgts have been incorrectly
 dressed for 10 years?

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Little boy: Daddy I saw mummy kissing the
 milkman today.

Father: Darn it. She wastes her time with
 the milkman when we owe the
 furniture man \$500.

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AUXILIUM IN PERICULO

By: WOI P. Cumming

1427. It is a common belief that Army firemen don't actually do anything. Firemen are seen around, sometimes with a cup of tea, often apparently aimlessly driving a fire engine about, but not doing anything. In fact he does a lot of things, all highly vital to the safety of the community and requiring highly specialised training. In Waiouru we follow this pattern of essential services.

1428. Take golf courses for example. Watering golf courses is a highly specialised task requiring skill and courage beyond the norm. Without this vital task being carried out by our trained hands, some people might actually not be able to play golf. Its only a summer job of course, and does not tax our powers and resources too much. But do not fear for the firemen there are other tasks equally important, equally necessary to keep the community safe. Like washing down buildings. An all-the-year-round task this, essential if the unit wants to keep the Commander off their backs, and giving the added advantage that someone else is doing the dirty work. Newly laid lawns often need a touch of water here and there and who else but-?

1429. Firemen and water always get thought of together, so if we run out of golf courses or buildings, we can always unblock drains and culverts. Assistance is always available to those who don't like to get their hands too dirty and we can help unblock sewers, or spray spilt sewage with disinfectant. We can always leave our non-essential tasks and provide the wherewithal for people to wash their vehicles, fill their water tanks, drop the job in hand and empty some pit they have allowed to become filled with water and mud, or even wash the roadway clear of oil or other muck the careless have spilled.

1430. Everyone knows that fire and firemen go together, so a special secret committee is at work somewhere looking for reasons to have burn-offs. Well, the firemen must be kept busy. Even the fire and water tasks (all for the good of the firemen of course) will not keep us busy all day, so other jobs must be found. Stealing the hose from the hosereel and getting us to replace it so a car can be washed is a good one. The fire extinguisher that got set off by that mysterious chinese chappie will help to keep us in work. Padlocks are a good job for firemen - when someone is stupid enough to lose the key. (We recommend you buy shares in the padlock business, very lucrative.) We have plenty of time to lend out ladders, tools, lengths of rope, restraining the flag pole, get rid of a swarm of bees and fetch cats down from power poles. Failing that, someone can ring up (on the fire phone naturally) and ask a fireman "What's the time?"

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1431. In between these highly skilled tasks we try to do some non-essential jobs, like keep all the vehicles on the top line, look after three miles of hose and 50 thousand dollars worth of other equipment. We do manage just some maintenance on 600 plus fire extinguishers. A wee bit of training (on non-essentials) gets squeezed in here and there.

1432. Let there be no mistake, the fireman is a vital member of the Army, plying his skilled and dangerous trade. Without him the golf course and lawn would wither, a man would just have to look after his keys and horrors, how could the flag be flown!

(Last year we just managed to attend 115 fire calls. Fortunately none of these occurred whilst we were engaged on essential services.)

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FAITH HOPE AND CHASTITY

It was all very embarrassing. There was his wife locked in a medieval chastity belt, and no key to undo the lock! The fun started when Tom Smith gave the belt to his wife Ann, as a joke on her birthday. It was still funny when Ann got in the belt and Tom jokingly threatened to throw away the key. Then their three year old son Mark got into the act and threw the key into the garden. Half an hour later after frantically searching for the key, Mark was the only one laughing. An hour later the only ones left laughing were the men of the local fire brigade. Mr Smith had to take his wife there to get the firemen to release her with bolt cutters after ruining two hacksaw blades trying to free her. Like knights of old, in shining armour the firemen were only too eager to help a damsel in distress. Later, Ann said "This is one birthday I'll never forget."

(Some firemen have all the luck eh?)

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SECTION SIXABBREVIATED REPORT

(Based on an idea from the Australian Army Journal)

1433. Very few soldiers seem to have heard of IDS. This is not surprising because it is a section which has gone about its business without fuss or publicity,

1434. The letters stand for Initials Development Section and is responsible for producing acronyms and groups of initials needed to make day-to-day administration and communication easier. It does not necessarily devise something appropriate and easy to remember because there is often a requirement for awkward and undecipherable sets of initials. This is part of the "what you don't know won't hurt you" syndrome.

1435. The task requires skill and understanding. How often have you seen a set of initials which have no significance and appear only once, but have been able to discover the meaning of another set of initials which seems critical?

1436. Soldiers may wonder why titles, procedures, organizations equipment etc and consequently change their initials so often. There are a number of reasons for this happening. Is a set of initials no longer applicable? Is it being confused with another set of initials? Can it be made more confusing with another set? Are there some undesirable connotations? Have the initials lost their value of low-level security?

1437. Special Technical Research and Engineer Assessed Knowledge (STREAK) may have been acceptable two years ago, but not in today's special climate. Without the modern techniques of IDS organisations such as the Fighting Armour Research Team, Transport Itinerary Timetable Section, the Nuclear Intelligence Projectile Position Location Establishment and

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Bombs Unclassified Magnetic Surface may well work with unsavory and embarrassing initials.

1438. Some old initials are hard to better. DUKW was a classic in its field for as long as the DC-3, while the gunners still use one of the best initial codes ever devised. When forward observer (FO) is adjusting fire and does not see a round land, he calls out 'OU' which means that the round was unobserved. To the uninitiated 'OU' would appear to mean 'observed-un', while its derivation is actually a contraction of "Oh, you bastard". This is as brilliant as the ARGO road and it is doubtful if IDS could match such inspiration.

1439. IDS does aim to raise the general standard of initials development and application within the services. Its achievements and progress should be watched with interest.

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There are in this world Five (5) different types of men that women adore!

A Doctor	- because he says	"Undress please."
A Dentist	- because he says	"Open Wide Please."
A Paperhanger	- because he says	"Stick it up there."
A Coalman	- because he says	"Down the Shoot"
and		
A Banker	- because he says	"Don't withdraw, you'll lose interest."

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SECTION SEVENLETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Mr Editor,

1440. Congratulations to all concerned in the production of RNZE Liaison Letter No 1 - we may have waited a long time for a gap to be filled, but the standard of this first issue has made it worthwhile. Apart from its value to "exiles" like myself I feel that all units will benefit by being regularly informed of one another's activities. The Liaison Letter will therefore fulfil a very valuable role in maintaining that hard to define, but nonetheless very special something which binds the corps together. In commenting on the content of the first issue may I say first of all how I was struck by the excellence of the presentation. The articulate and readable contributions from Ssgt Chamberlain and Cpl Moore for example auger well for our future.

1441. As a military planner and a comparatively recent staff college graduate I could be biased but I am convinced that in most of our current endeavours the pen is indeed mightier than the sword. The many humorous snippets appearing throughout the Liaison Letter were of a very high standard and I hope they will be retained (not the original ones of course!)

1442. I was disappointed to note that one or two units did not contribute - I am certain though that after reading the first issue they will no longer be remiss. Some ideas for future issues - perhaps (despite technical difficulties) use could be made of sketches and photographs to illustrate unit contributions and articles - could we have contributions of a semi-technical nature, eg, current developments in the field engineer equipment world or perhaps contributions from those resourceful innovative members of our corps who always seem to be able to come up with new ways of doing things. Perhaps we could publish some small snippet of corps history or some of the many anecdotes with which I know members of the Corps are usually bursting. May the NRZE Liaison Letter prosper.

Bruce Jenkin, Major
Policy Branch
Defence Headquarters

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Dear Mr Editor,

1443. Defence Headquarters located in the lower portion of the North Island contains among other things the Army General Staff, which in turn contains a Directorate of Equipment Policy. This directorate is responsible for:

The introduction into service of new equipment for Army

The service management of equipment.

The production of equipment policy statements.

The maintenance of scaling documents

The control and supervision of the Controlled Stores and Vehicles Systems Printout.

and the normal day to day problems affecting the directorate. It is manned by ERE personnel, and hidden away among the furniture is the author of this brief message who hopefully will now get a copy of the next newsletter.

1444. Comment. The Liaison letter is aimed at the ordinary bloke in a unit. Army General Staff are forwarded three copies two of which are aval for four RNZE pers. A Sqn of over 100 pers are sent four copies - No anonymous complaints from Sqns - yet. Editor.

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1445. Dear Mr Editor, I note from your letter dated 3 March that you are desperate for material to put between the covers of your next Liaison Letter and are very interested to know if we have a house we can't sell. Would someone like to buy a house? - or two houses? I have so many houses for sale that I'm thinking of setting up in the Real Estate Business - the only thing that puts me off is that I can't sell houses. Current listings are a near new 1100 sq ft fishing lodge with garage within easy travelling distance of the Manawatu River and in Wellington number 1 is an Executive Mansion in a garden setting with garage and number 2 is a brand new 1200 sq ft town house with garage. Come to think of it I have a lot of garages to sell too. So that's the problem 3 houses between 4 of us plus two empty garages. Yours etc.

Max
(MRE & Garages INZ)

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SECTION EIGHT

TRENTHAM BASED CORPS PERS

1446. 1 BOD WOI DA Hitchiner - Tech Advisor
1 BOD
1 Base Wksp Sgt F Tripp
Lcpl RG Levy
Lcpl BF Sullivan
HQ WEC AA Sgt EW Hoplev

1447. A hand picked team to show the colours in
Trentham - our nearest RNZE unit is 6 Fd Sqn Petone whom
we join for Sappers Day etc. 1 BOD Rep has quite a time
explaining to RNZAOC pers we engineers did not once belong
to Ord or Arty - but those corps belonged to us (some
people are hard to convince). The Sigs rep at 1 BOD is
easy - only the date we moved them out is now the basis
for argument.

1448. There is at 1 BOD a corp of advisors - 1 Engr, 2 Sigs, 2 EME - 1 Sigs and 1 EME are employed in the stores and the remainder live and work (sic) in the Research Office with a mixture of RNZAOC and civilians (male and female). These three are known as the three wise men or - Hear Nothing, See Nothing and Know Nothing. The work is interesting and varied. For instance, 5 Spt Sqn 456 an item of plant to 1 Engr Wksp - demands for parts arrive with (as is said at all Ord Depots) very little info - who researches this? EME Advisor says equipment is sponsored by CE - therefore Engr Rep. Ord pers say demand is from Engr unit therefore Engr Rep, and so we go on - Plant Op Bloggs does not know the arguments his mishap has created. God forbid the day we have radio controlled plant, the Sigs bloke will also be in the act.

1449. A visit to 1 BOD by the Officers attending the Corps Conference in April took place. This will be a big help to morale - after being asked by a civilian lady "What is that funny Hat Badge - its not the same as the other boys wear is it?"

1450. As a type of "Sales Rep" at 1 BOD (or an RNZE spy) phone calls, invites or demands direct to the corps rep are accepted - anytime to help the corps and the system.

1451. 1 Base Wksp feel a little out of things at times, a sort of lost legion. However, all are alive and kicking. Both the workers are in line for an attachment to App Wing, B Coy, RF Cadet School, leaving the hard and overworked gang boss to do the lot.

1452. As the lone corps rep at WDC AA HQ "Taffy" is being worn down by the question "Just when are those sappers of yours going to arrive to pull down the Badminton Hall?" Perhaps you know the answer Doug!

General

1453. As A Corps Rep at 1 BOD I have sat between a Sigs and an EME Rep surrounded by Ord pers and have had to read Sigs and EME Newsletters as well as the Ord "Pataka", for some time, therefore it is great to at long last be able to receive a newsletter of our own - good thinking and thanks Ed.

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Our railways aren't safe.
Our streets aren't safe.
Our parks aren't safe.
But under our arms.....

COMPLETE PROTECTION

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SECTION NINE

LAST ITEM	-	LOST CAUSE
TAIL PIECE	-	LOST CORPSE

CORPS TALE

(On Behalf of the Society for Promotion of Community Standards)

1454. The Editor has been presented with an aerosol spray can of perfumed airfreshener. Descriptions and directions printed on the can read:

Dr Blowhard's world famous
Bulls-hit Repellant

Helps Prevent and Cure Chronic
Bulls-hitting; Exaggerated Claims;
Tall Stories: Sales Pitches:
Political Discussions: Heart
Rending Tales.

Directions: When B.S. is detected,
aim atomizer at source and spray
for one second.

Unconditionally Guaranteed. To
inhibit the most chronic cases of
B.S., Dr Blowhard suggests his
patented B.S.shovel for the
incurable cases.

A delightful perfumed gift fellers and
thank you very much. The can is available
on loan for other revealed chronic cases -
probably more effective on younger patients.

Whilst gifts of this nature are not solicited,
future publications may well entice similar
friendly gestures of alarming proportions,
too awsome and unwise to be predicted, but
not impossible to envisage. What about a
pith helmet?

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LAST LAUGH

As the explorer explained "In Africa we
wear pith helmets to keep the monkeys
up in the trees from pithing on us."

LAST LAUGH

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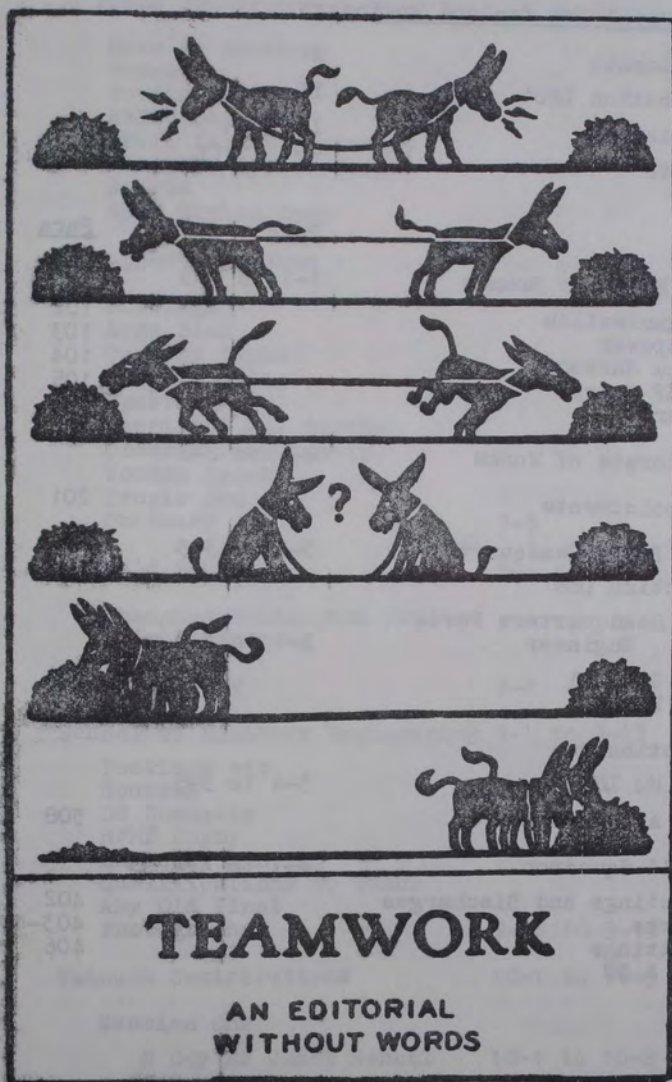
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4. A re-arrangement of the ranks associated with posts for clerks.

5. A possible re-arrangement of Warrant Officers posts, so that some of the most General Staff Warrant Officers can be WOI positions.

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CHAPTER 1CHIEF ENGINEER BRANCH ARMY GENERAL STAFFAppointments

101. The following are the current appointments as at 1 Jul 75.

| | |
|----------------|----------------------|
| Chief Engineer | Lt Col RK Rutherford |
| SORE II | Maj JM Kiff |
| Clerk | WOI HK Wawatai |

Corps Planning

102. 1973 Organisation. Many of the details associated with the reorganisation in 1973 have been tidied up during 1975. All squadrons wrote lengthy reports on their last annual camp and can expect to see improvements for 1976. There is no talk of changes to our present organisation and command structure. We must continue to improve our present system and make the best use of the increased opportunities for combat engineer training, without losing sight of the need to have tradesmen well skilled in the variety of problems which arise on operations.

103. Manpower. Although RNZE recruitment has improved during 1975 there remains a shortage of men throughout the Army. It is therefore not easy to justify establishment increases. When increases are possible the two areas which concern the Chief Engineer most are Fire Stations and Resources in the Support Squadron. Minor changes which are being looked at now include the following:

- a. A new trade of Driver RNZE to incorporate the established posts for Driver All Arms and Driver Specialist. People who want to continue to serve as Driver All Arms will be allowed to do so. Those who wish to convert - and so have the opportunity to qualify up to four star level - should look at the new trade when it arrives at units.
- b. A re-arrangement of the ranks associated with posts for clerks.
- c. A possible re-arrangement of Warrant Officer posts, so that some of the Home Command Works Warrant Officers can be WOI positions.



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"All I can tell you at this time Prime Minister, its the biggest project the Engineers have ever undertaken."

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104. Atiu Harbour. The Atiu harbour project has been a success from the three main aspects:

- a. Good training and experience on the job.
- b. Good relationships between the team and the Island.
- c. Good publicity throughout New Zealand.

The CE's office has received many complimentary statements about the task and we pass on congratulations for a task "well done" to those involved whether as a member of one of the three teams, or as one who helped from NZ.

105. RFMF Course. The RFMF soldiers at SME have settled in well. We hope that the friendships which will be established during the course will be kept up when the Rural Development Unit is formed, and the unit becomes a working Squadron.

Queens Birthday Awards

106. Congratulations to Sgt AJ Brown of HQ Force Engineer (but domiciled at ATG Waiouru), for the award of the British Empire Medal as announced June 1975.

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FRED

Here lies Fred,
 Who was alive and is dead.
 Had it been his father,
 I had much rather;
 Had it been his brother;
 Still better than another;
 Had it been his sister,
 No one would have missed her;
 Had it been the whole generation,
 Still better for the nation.
 But since it is only Fred,
 Who was alive and is dead,
 There's no more to be said.

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A superstitious giraffe
 throwing salt over left
 shoulder



A man was waiting to make his speech and
 kept walking back and forth before he was
 to take his place on the rostrum.

"Are you very nervous?" someone asked him.

"Not at all," he replied.

"Then what are you doing here in the
 ladies room?"

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There are two types of people - the good
 and the bad. They decide which is which.

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1950

There's no more to be said,
Who was alive and in debt,
Had it been his father,
I had much rather;
Had it been his brother,
Still better than neither;
Had it been his sister,
No one would have minded her;
Had it been the whole generation,
Still better for the nation,
But since it is only dead,
Who was alive and in debt,
There's no more to be said.



A superstitious family
throwing money into the sea
shoulder

"Are you very nervous?" someone asked him.
"Not at all," he replied.
"Then what are you doing here in the
Indian reservation?"

"I'm just here to see the
doctor and the nurse."
"And the doctor and the nurse
are Indian?"

"There are two types of people - the good
and the bad. They decide which is which."

CHAPTER 2DIRECTORATE OF WORKS
SUPPORT BRANCH DEFENCE HQAppointments

201. The following are the current appointments as at 1 Jul 75.

Director of Works Lt Col R.McL.Dickie OBE

Assistant Director of Works Maj NA Bradley

Staff Officer Works (Central North Island) Capt RW Radford

Staff Officer Works (South Island, incl Papakura and Northwards, Trentham and Fort Dorset) Capt GM Davies

Chief Draughtsman WOI DE Graham

Draughtsmen WOI JE Shields
Cpl C. Bell (Chris)
Lcpl PG Packer (Phil)
Spr JW Satchwell (John)

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COMPUTOR

There was the story about a computer that was being introduced as the modern machine of all time and they were showing it to people who came to the show room. They said, "Ask the computer any question that you want and it will give you the answer." and one skeptic said "I don't believe it can answer every question:" The question was: "Where is my father?" The print out of the computer said "Your father is fishing in Nova Scotia." The skeptic began to laugh. He said "I knew the computer wouldn't be right, "My father has been dead for five years."

They couldn't understand why the computer had made a mistake, so they wrote on magnetic ink again. "Why do you say his father is fishing in Nova Scotia when his father has been dead for five years?" ... fed it into the computer... out came the print out and it read:

"His mother's husband has been dead for five years, but his father is fishing in Nova Scotia."

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Don't worry
about the
weather
summer will
soon be here.

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It's not the size of the dog in the fight that matters. It's the size of the fight in the dog thats important.

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CHAPTER 3FIELD FORCE HEADQUARTERSSECTION ONEHQ FORCE ENGINEERAppointments

301. The following are the current appointments as at 1 Jul 75.

| | |
|----------------|---|
| Force Engineer | Lt Col RK Rutherford
(as Chief Engineer this is his second hat) |
| SORE 2 | Maj JD Broadbent |
| SORE 3 Wks | Capt GR Jason-Smith
(at present attached to 1 Fd Sqn and OC of their detachment in Atiu) |
| SORE 3 Ops/Trg | Lt RB Luscombe - has to do two jobs now |
| Clk of Wks | WOII RD Wills |
| Clk Tech | Sgt NT Smith |
| Surveyor | Sgt AJ Brown - lives in Waiouru and is generally working on the Argo Road. |
| Draughtsman | Sgt AA Gladstone - permanently attached to 1 Fd Sqn and presently in Atiu |

Promotions

302. Congratulations to T/Ssgt Allan Brown.

Decorations/Commendations

303. Again its congratulations to Ssgt Allan Brown who was awarded the BEM in the Queen's Birthday Honours.

General

304. The additional office (see last newsletter) is of course long since completed and SORE 2 has taken up "residence".

305. A works conference was held at HQ FF Comd 22-34 Apr 75. Those attending included Sqn Comds and Clks of Wks, and representatives from HQ ISG (QW) Home Comd, and

/Def Wks

Def Wks. This was the first such conference for over two years and the benefit gained would indicate that such conferences should be held more frequently, possibly six monthly.

Works

306. It is proposed that the Argo Rd construction programme for 1975/76 will be the responsibility of 1 Fd Sqn with 5 Spt Sqn in support. The target is that when the construction season ends the Argo Rd will have stretched a further four kilometres (minimum).



Snippets

307. A certain Sgt driving from Birkdale to Fort Cautley to work, missed a "turn-off" and soon found himself on the Southbound motorway which necessitated his having to cross the Auckland Harbour Bridge, carry on to the city find a place to turn around and get onto the motorway north, recross the harbour bridge and finally he arrived at Fort Cautley.

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A wealthy Texan had his cheque sent back from the bank marked "Insufficient funds" Then the bank clerk added, "Ours, not yours."

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A LITTLE LIGHT RELIEF

You see it every morning,
 It happens every day,
 A double file of female staff,
 Meanders on its way,
 The thing that puzzles all the men,
 And gives the boss grey hairs,
 Is why, when serving natures call,
 They have to go in pairs.
 Perhaps the trip's demanding,
 and the toilets dark and lonely,
 By two by two they reach the loo,
 Through the door marked 'Ladies Only'.
 The poor boss stands and tears his hair,
 He's simply mad with grief,
 The day's production goes to the pot
 While the girls go on relief.
 At two o'clock each afternoon,
 The march begins once more,
 But what on earth goes on all day
 Behind the toilet door?
 The only way I can see
 To make production boom,
 Is to move the whole damn typing pool
 Into the ladies' room.

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Nervous young fellow - very brisk lady doctor.

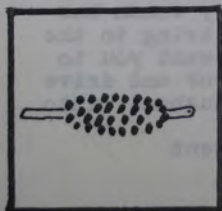
Lady doctor: All right now, go into that room, take off all your clothes and lie down on the examining table. I'll be with you in a minute.

So he did: Five minutes later, she knocked on the door, flung the door open and proceeded to examine him closely.

Lady doctor: Yes, yes good. You're in fine physical shape. Get dressed. Any questions?

Young fellow: Just one, why did you bother to knock?

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Worm wearing a
sweater

SECTION TWOHQ LSGAppointments

308. The following are the current appointments as at 1 Jul 75.

| | |
|------------------|-------------------|
| GSO 2 | Maj RT Bennett |
| SORE 2 | Maj GE Hardie |
| SORE 3 | Capt RA Barrett |
| Clk of Wks | WOII MTe OT Nepia |
| Clk of Wks Elec | WOII WMc Dyas |
| Clk of Wks Const | WOII TJ Hamilton |

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There was a woman who suffered from a severe case of migraine headache. She went to see a doctor. He examined her and said "Madam there is nothing wrong physically, your condition is mental." "Doctor," she said. "Its very painful." "I know it is," he said, "but if you see a psychiatrist, I know he can help you." She went to a psychiatrist, he examined her and she asked "Is there anything you can do for me?"

"Of course there is," the doctor replied. "If you take a positive attitude and do what I tell you to do, you can drive that headache out of your mind. You do it this way... you go home tonight stand in front of your mirror for 30 minutes and say 'I DO NOT HAVE A HEADACHE, I DO NOT HAVE A HEADACHE'

So she did, stood in front of her mirror and said "I do not have a headache" for 30 minutes and went to bed. The next morning she awoke and for the first time in months, found the pain gone.. she waited two to three days to see if the pain would return; it did not, so she went back to the doctor. He said, "Madam didn't I help you?"

She said, "Doctor you helped me so well, that I brought you another problem, I have been married for 20 years and my husband is not attentive to me as he used to be. Can you help me with this problem?"

He said, "I think so, after all you are probably not as attractive as you were but every woman has an inner glow of beauty which you can bring to the surface using the same technique. I want you to go home tonight, stand before the mirror and drive the idea of being attractive to your husband, into your mind."

/She went

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She went home and that night before her mirror for 30 minutes said, "I AM ATTRACTIVE TO MY HUSBAND." Again the results were amazing. He chased her all over the house. It was like honeymoon days again - and she thought she had over come her problem like we do so often - until two days later she walked into the bedroom unexpectedly and there was her husband, standing in front of the mirror saying "SHE'S NOT MY WIFE, SHE'S NOT MY WIFE!!"

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There once was a man who said WHY?
Can't I look in my ear with my eye?
If I put my mind to it,
I'm sure I could do it:
You never can tell till you try.

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Spr: What's a Brigadier's job like, Sir?

Brigadier: Full of moments of frustration and panic.

Spr: What do you mean?

Brigadier: Frustration is the first time you find out you can't do it twice and panic is the second time you discover you can't do it the first time.

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CHAPTER 41 FIELD SQNAppointments

401. The following are the current appointments as at 1 Jul 75.

| | |
|---------------|-----------------|
| OC | Maj DA Cormack |
| AO | Capt BA Stewart |
| SSM | WOI CB Chapman |
| Works Offr | Lt JS Hollander |
| Training Offr | Lt STJ Rouse |
| Works WO | WOI P Foster |
| Cclk | Cpl LC Nilsen |
| SQMS | Sgt BJ Knowles |

Postings and Discharges

402.



| <u>In</u> | <u>From</u> | <u>WBF</u> |
|-----------------|-----------------------|------------|
| Spr ET Maddox | 5 Spt Sqn | 12 May 75 |
| Cfn WJ Rosvall | 1 Engr Wksp (to Atiu) | 21 May 75 |
| Spr LH Houkamau | BAA 121 | 24 May 75 |
| Lcpl MR Kendall | 3 Rd Sqn | 16 Jun 75 |
| Spr MJ Wall | 1 RNZIR | 16 Jun 75 |
| Lcpl C Hay | 5 Spt Sqn | 23 Jun 75 |
| Spr G Darragh | BAA 122 | 28 Jun 75 |
| Spr SP Pantham | " " | " " " |
| Spr GT Jordan | " " | " " " |
| Spr PD Paewai | " " | " " " |
| Spr D Te Nana | " " | " " " |

| <u>Out</u> | <u>To</u> | |
|--------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Spr PJ Lightbourne | Cadet Sch | 26 May 75 |
| Spr SP Norman | 5 Spt Sqn | 23 Jun 75 |

Discharges

| | |
|-------------------|-----------|
| Lcpl KE Arnesen | 6 Jun 75 |
| Lcpl RF Mullane | 11 Jun 75 |
| Spr RJ Neunzeling | 5 Jun 75 |
| Spr DC Ottoson | 21 Jun 75 |
| Sgt IW Clark | 8 Jul 75 |

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If more of us used the straight and narrow path,
it would be a lot wider.



1 Field Squadron Works

403. 1 Fd Sqn is presently engaged in two major works tasks. The first, which is becoming an unending saga, is the refurbishing of the Officers Quarters at Papakura. We like to think that the end is in sight now that finishing work has started in the living accommodation. The main lounge is due for completion in time for a function in the mess on 26 July. The job has been jinxed with all the usual problems of refurbishing such as floors rotten beyond any expectations and unexpected maintenance requirements between the preparation of the original estimate about 1970, and the present time. Completion is planned for the end of September - this year.

404. After Friday 13 June, considerations were being made to apply to Defence Works to have our second major works task cancelled. The Ardmore Range Drainage task is planned with a view to the main culvert taking the 50 year flood - by Monday 16 June we thought we must have had that flood so therefore there would not be a requirement for the job to be completed until approximately 2025 AD. Rocks and boulders to two feet in diameter half filled the entire length of the 50 feet of culvert and entrance to the culvert. Luckily, boxing for the wing walls, at the entrance, was so well fixed by "Stalkie" Gilbert and his gang that it did not move, and after clearing the silt out from inside the boxing pouring was able to continue with only a few days delay. The aim on this job is to have the main culvert completed before the worst (!!) of the winter sets in, here in the Winterless North, leaving us then to complete the ten check dams when the water flow returns to an acceptable level.

/405. No doubt

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405. No doubt everyone has heard that we like travelling so much that we have volunteered to do all the planned work on the Argo Road next season so allowing all the other workers to stay home except perhaps our good friends of 5 Spt Sqn.

Jottings

406. They come, fine sappers like KENDALL from 3 Fd Sqn, HAY and MADDOCK from 5 Spt, COULSON, HOUKAMAU from Basic courses and come again like Barry KNOWLES from the deep south, via diving plunges on the West Coast and Rarotonga. It must be said he stopped off long enough between trips to the West Coast and Raro to shift house. Unfortunately they also leave, with Roy MULLANE, OTTOSON Phil FOREMAN, all having left and Ian CLARK due to leave us on retirement early in July. We were all sorry to see them go as they are all good men.



406. Two relatively recent arrivals Pete FOSTER and Trevor GILBERT seem to have taken over the OCs disciplinary powers and nobody seems to be able to escape donating to the "Deposit Box". Recent examples of misdemeanours include such diabolical crimes as:

Tom Green committing ANTI-CHAUVINIST ACTS

Eric James EMPIRE BUILDING and with CONDUCT UNBECOMING OF A GRUMP

Maj Cormack HAWKING WITHOUT A LICENCE

Trevor Gilbert MISSING HIS MORNING PRAYERS

Lt Steve Rouse DESERTION IN THE FACE OF A GALE

Dave Futter MAKING DEPOSITS IN THE WRONG BOX

Newton DESECRATING UNIT ANTIQUES

Knott WASTING THE NATIONS RESOURCES

Trevor Campton IMPERSONATING AN OFFICER

Ottoson ATTEMPTING TO WATERLOG A RUGBY FIELD

The list is almost endless for as this goes to print, 'DOBBS' still come in in an effort to see who will be the next holder and sole member of the DASTARDLY DEED DOER and so join such notable personalities as "CODS" Codlin and Chris Henry as holders of the venerable title. Amen to that.

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Q: Why do infantry walk backwards through a minefield?

A: So they don't lose their sense of direction.

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Long Service and Good Conduct Medal

407. Congratulations to WOII RT Green who has been awarded the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal and is at present purchasing Warrant Officer for 1 Works Team. WOII Green first enlisted with 'J' Force in March 1946 and was discharged in August 1947. He re-enlisted in the Regular Force in July 1957 and is still giving long and faithful service to the Corps and the Army. A brief resume of service:

| | |
|-------------------------|-----------|
| a. Enlisted 'J' Force | 5 Mar 46 |
| b. Discharged | 7 Aug 47 |
| c. Re-enlisted RF Depot | 19 Jul 57 |
| d. HQ Waiouru | 22 Jul 57 |
| CD Wksp Waiouru | 9 Aug 60 |
| 1 Inf Wksp | 6 Jul 65 |
| CD Construction Sqn | 7 Nov 69 |
| Northern Engr Tp | 4 Apr 72 |
| 1 Wks Team | 1 Nov 73 |

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Trying to determine why a Sqn's production had declined, the Brigadier asked, "How many of your soldiers are approaching retirement age?"

"Well," replied the bright young Major, "we haven't got any going the other way."

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Measles waiting
to be caught



CHAPTER 52 FIELD SQNAppointments

501. The following are the current appointments as at 1 Jul 75.

| | |
|------------|----------------|
| OC | Maj SD Jameson |
| AO | Capt TW Dench |
| SSM | WOI BE Malloch |
| Works Offr | Lt S Dickson |
| Stores WO | WOII MG Small |
| Colk | Sgt G Crawford |
| SQMS | Ssgt JM Lock |

Introduction

502. The time for input to the Liaison Letter has arrived again - all too soon; and one wonders whether we are reporting too regularly. It has been suggested that maybe the letter should be a six monthly review of unit activities rather than three monthly as at present. The period in the middle of the year tends to be rather slower due to the weather conditions and not too many outdoor activities are plotted. The Editor may wish to raise this point at the next Head of Corps conference in September, this year.

Training

503. TF. Unfortunately, the unit planning committee made a bit of a blunder when we scheduled a range practice for the TF on 3-4 May 75 - the opening day of the duck shooting season. As one can imagine, the turnout was somewhat dismal. We could not understand the poor turnout (as we have plotted one of the activities that the troops had expressed an interest in) until we received a letter from one of those who failed to attend. It was then pointed out (in no uncertain terms) that it was tantamount to sacrilege to even consider conducting training on fall of this religious event - namely the first day of the hunting of the venerable duck. So to other units planning training that the list of national holidays/sacred days (which presently include such events as 1st, 2nd, 3rd etc Test, Rugby/Soccer/League/Hockey etc local provincial matches, public holidays, racedays at Ellerslie and Trentham and each soldier's birthday) should now be extended to include the following:

/Opening of



Opening of the duck shooting season
 Opening of the trout fishing season
 Opening of the oyster opening season
 Opening of the local pub.



504. RF. The sqn has looked further afield this year for tasks with training value and has located several suitable projects both on private and crown land. The following projects approved so far are:

- a. Confidence Course - Levin. Between 30 Jun - 4 Jul 75, Ssgt Tony Hawkins and five JNCOs will be assisting the Kohitere Boys' Training Centre (Dept of Social Welfare) construct a confidence course. The centre (which is virtually the last resort prior to sending offenders to Borstal) has a field training camp and a pine plantation near the Levin Training Area. The confidence course will be used as part of the physical development programme for the boys. The sqn members involved with the task will be supervising the boys themselves in constructing the obstacles.
- b. Route Development - Levin Training Area. Between 7-13 Jul 75, Sgt Danny Cunningham Cpl Colin Oliver and about 16 others will be developing an all weather road capable of taking 3 ton vehicles on the access route to the Levin Training Area. This area has gained in importance recently as the local landowner who has offered the Army the use of his land in the past (Mr Ian Argyle) has sold his land to the Palmerston North City Corporation. The existing track to the new area has been washed out by flooding and at present the training area is accessible on foot or tracked vehicle only.

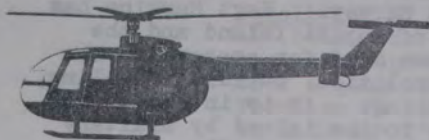
The task involves a sidehill cut, construction of a ford, placing of two culverts and general drainage handwork over a distance of approximately 1000 metres. 5 Spt Sqn will be assisting the sqn with plant support. The Kohitere Boys' Training Centre has offered the use of their field camp (sub para 504 a. above), Camp Peek, for accommodation etc, and this will greatly reduce the rigours of living in the field. It is also very handy to the task site (one mile).

/c. Helipad

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The recipe for success is about the same as for a nervous breakdown.

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- c. Helipad Construction. Although this was originally scheduled as a TF Weekend parade 12-13 Jul 75, we are more likely to have more RF than TF on parade. We have approached the NZ Forestry Service for available areas and

they have given us a block approximately 41 kms north of Palmerston North in the Ruahines. They want us to cut three helipads in real "nanny-goat" country, to be used later for search and rescue purposes. After a short work up period on the Saturday morning, the troops will be winched into the bush at each location, cut their helipads with chainsaws, axes, etc and then be uplifted from the prepared pad on Sunday afternoon (all this providing the Air Force agree to working on a weekend).

505. Future Activities. The sqn is presently negotiating with the Wellington Regional Water Board for access to the Akatarawa Forest (6 Field Squadron's stamping ground). We intend running two periods of training in this area.

- a. Firstly on Sat 30 Aug 75, we intend doing some demolition work for the forestry people (stumping, ditching, tree felling and possible cratering).
- b. Between 28 Oct - 8 Nov 75, the sqn intends running a survival training exercise followed by an Inf Minor Tac exercise. The highlight and culmination of the survival training is to be an airdrop of rations (we hope).

/506 The other

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Sappers remark
That in the dark
Attempts at control
Wither the soul
And debussing
Is largely cussing.

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506. The other major activity we have planned, once again involves providing assistance to another government department; this time Lands and Survey. Ssgt Hawkins has carried out a preliminary recon of Kapiti Island and the sqn is now "negotiating" with Home Comd for approval. The tasks available include house demolition, building repiling, bridge construction and crib walling. It is intended that we move all personnel and stores to the island by military craft, ie Lt Tac Raft and Assault Boats. All resupply during the period (17-23 Nov 75) is to be by this means. However, the success of this exercise will depend largely on weather conditions and we are hoping we have picked the right time for calm water.

Works

507. Garrison Club. In the inaugural copy of the Liaison Letter mention was made of the Linton Camp Garrison Club. Progress to date has been fairly slow due to:



- a. Non availability of materials for civilian suppliers
- b. Non availability of manpower due to exercise unit tasking, and
- c. The amount of "making good" within the existing building being greater than anticipated.

508. However, recently (due in the main to the sterling efforts of Ssgt Arthur Burton and Cpl Langs Evans) we have seen a much improved pace. The outside of the building is now almost closed in and work is commencing on the internal structure. We had even coopted the services of the Fijian trade trainees at one stage to assist with the exterior blockwork. A re-estimate of the task is currently under way and the original cost of \$70,000 is likely to rise to about \$85,000 - \$90,000. This increase is due to:

- a. Changes in plan (such as the complete replacement of the roof - not allowed for originally), and
- b. The estimate of building material to be replaced not being high enough.

The finish date of the project is expected to be Dec 76.

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Notice in girls boarding school commandeered for soldiers billets during World War II:
"Ring the bell should you want a mistress."

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509. The only other tasks the sqn has underway at the moment are:

- a. Demolition of Building - Trentham. The old badminton hall at Trentham was boarded last year and recently Cpl Colin Oliver took a gang of FBs (in the main) to Trentham to demolish it (the building that is although I'm told they did a pretty good job on the night spots in Wellington as well). At the time of writing the task was almost complete and only a very stubborn block of concrete was slowing down their progress.
- b. Chaplain's Office - Linton. Cpl Bill Leach and an apprentice are currently employed on upgrading the Camp Chaplain's office and renovating the adjacent Sunday School/Bible Class lecture room. This task is due for completion at the end of June.

510. Future Works. The sqn has only two other works tasks on its books one of which it has contracted out to the Fijians at SME as a trade training project. The other is the relocation of the 5 Spt Sqn Q store from its present position (adjacent to the Camp WOs and Sgts Mess) to its new position in the 5 Sqn area. The new site preparation has also been accepted by SME as trade training for the Fijians.

511. New Capital Works. The draughting section in Def Wks is currently re-draughting the plans of the Airmen's Mess at Ohakea to bring it in line with the new metric system. Once these have been done, the sqn is expecting the plans for re-estimating since the original was done in Sep '74 and there are also likely to be some changes in design due to metrication. The original estimate produced a figure of \$98,000 but with present inflationary increases in the building trade, we can see the cost going over the "ton" very easily.

Sport

512. Linton Camp Inter-Unit Winter Tournament. At the time of writing 2 Fd Sqn (15 points) is narrowly holding off a challenge from 10 Tpt Coy (14 points). However, there have been several games held over in the tournament and the other two engineer units in camp (5 Spt Sqn and SME) are 3rd equal with 9 points each. So the competition is hardly over at this stage and anyone of the four named units could be the winner. (The trophy was tied for last year by SME and 2 Fd Sqn.)



513. Odlins Sports Challenge Cup. This cup was presented in 1949 and subsequently never played for in any

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sport. It was recently decided to resurrect the trophy and a set of rules was drawn up and approved by the Force Engineer. The rules aim at promoting sports competition between the field force engineer units and fostering maximum TF/RF participation within the tournament. The competition involves rugby, soccer, basketball, volley ball and badminton and, like the Ranfurly Shield, is of a challenge nature. 2 Fd Sqn is taking the cup "on tour" in order to get the competition underway and has accepted a challenge from 6 Fd Sqn. The venue is to be Trentham on Sun 31 Aug 75. (Those sappers who live in the Wellington region are welcome. It should be a fitting finale to a great week - the Inter Services Rugby Tournament is being held at Trentham 25-29 Aug 75.)

Personal Notes

514. Postings. The following postings have taken place over the last period.

a. In.

| | | |
|---------------------|----|------------------|
| Spr Athol Reid | ex | 5 Spt Sqn |
| Spr Lawrence Salmon | ex | TF Depot Waiouru |
| Spr Robert White | ex | 2/1 RNZIR |

b. Out.

| | | |
|--------------------|----|-----------|
| Spr Eddie Pickford | to | 5 Spt Sqn |
| Spr Steve Wright | to | 5 Spt Sqn |

515. Promotions.

a. To Lcpl. Spr Athol Reid Driver AA

b. To Cpl. Lcpl Strath Holmes Storeman

516. ROSB. Lcpl Mark Thompson was successful on his ROSB in May 75 and is due to enter OCTU in Jul 75. The sqn wishes him all the best in OCTU and will be ready to welcome him back to the Corps after his commissioning course.

/517 Congratulations

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"One pace forward any man who's not game to tackle another three miles" invites the OC testing unit morale. Archie alone stands fast.

"My man I'm proud of you. You set a fine example to these others of the Squadron."

"C-c-couldn't even take the pace forward, Sir!"

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517. Congratulations.

The sqn wishes Cpl Colin Oliver and his bride, Odette, all the best for the future. Colin and Odette were married in Palmerston North on 10 May 75. (Immediately he returned from his honeymoon he was sent on the TOD to Trentham - something about letting him get some colour back in his cheeks.)



518. Also during this last quarter the following sqn members had additions to their families.

To Sgt and Mrs Ron Hughes a son (Haydon Hamish) born on 8 May 75, and

To Lcpl and Mrs Bill Marr, a son (Lee Cayle) born on 21 May 75.



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Ants crawling
through
spilt whiskey



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A father was having a man-to-man talk with the young man who had just asked to marry his daughter.

"You can marry her," the father said, "if you're prepared to support a family."

"I am," the anxious suitor replied.

"That's fine," the father answered. "Counting my daughter, there are nine of us."

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When you are in deep water it's a good idea to keep your mouth shut.

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 218. Also during this time, the following
 and members had additions to their families.

Members of the family for which a son is born
 (Name) born on 2 May 1945, and...

To Lady and Mrs. Bill Hart, a son is born
 (Name) born on 5 May 1945.

and the 5
 married in 1945
 1945 1/2



and the 5
 married in 1945
 1945 1/2

"You can marry her," the father said. "I
 you're prepared to support a family."
 "I am," the father said. "I'm
 "That's fine," the father answered. "Convince
 my daughter, there are also of us."

of such the woman...
 30 out of 100...
 100 out of 100...
 100 out of 100...
 100 out of 100...



CHAPTER 63 FIELD SQNAppointments

601. The following are the current appointments as at 1 Jul 75.

| | |
|------------|-------------------|
| OG | Maj RA Laybourn |
| 2IC | Capt AL Beaver |
| SSM | WOII MA Oliver |
| Works Offr | Capt GN Stevenson |
| Works WO | WOI JT Blyth |
| Stores WO | WOII BJ McKernan |
| SQMS | Sgt J Carlin |
| Cclrk | Sgt JG Atkinson |

Squadron Move to Burnham Camp

602. Work is progressing very well on our "new" Unit HQ Complex at Burnham Camp. The HQ and QM Store buildings are all but finished and the workshops and gang NCO's buildings well under way, so we shall be in Burnham Camp on 31 Aug 75.

Unit Distinguishing Character "Topcat"

603. This unit has adopted a comic character known as "Topcat" as our unit distinguishing character to be displayed on all GS vehicles. The idea of Topcat is to give the unit something to be easily identified by or with - Topcat being chosen because of his perky and bounce-back nature and the fact that like this unit, he is the TOPCAT.

Postings, Promotions and Discharges604. Postings Out.

| | |
|---------------------|--------------------|
| Lt Williams | to RF Cadet School |
| WOII Bernie Rose | to HQ Home Comd |
| Sgt Terry Archer | to RF Cadet School |
| Cpl Colin Morgan | to 5 Spt Sqn |
| Lcpl Murray Kendall | to 1 Fd Sqn |
| Spr Brian Marshall | to 5 Spt Sqn |

605. Postings In.

| | |
|------------------------|---------------|
| Spr Roy Arnerich | ex 6 Fd Sqn |
| Spr Ashley Briggs | ex RF Recruit |
| Spr Pete Shelford | ex " " |
| Spr Peter Gregory-Hunt | ex " " |
| Spr R. Hoffman | ex " " |

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Unless you are a genius, it is best to aim at being intelligible.

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606. Promotions.

| | |
|--------------------|-----------|
| Ssgt Eric Elley | to T/WOII |
| Sgt John Carlin | to T/Ssgt |
| Lcpl Pete Jackson | to Cpl |
| Lcpl Jeff Morrison | to T/Cpl |
| Spr Stew Boyle | to T/Lcpl |
| Spr Bob Bulman | to T/Lcpl |
| Spr Pete Anderson | to T/Lcpl |
| Spr Gary Pullen | to T/Lcpl |
| Spr Chris Terrey | to T/Lcpl |

Anzac Day 1975

607. On Fri 25 Apr 75 this unit participated in the Anzac Memorial service at Akaroa, and we had a purely voluntary turnout of 35 Unit members. The service was fairly brief, straight to the point and well attended by the public.

The Green Island Centenary

608. 2 Troop took part in the procession to mark the Green Island Centenary on Sat 22 Mar 75. Three sappers wore engineer uniforms believed to be dated around the 1880s and one carried a sign '1885', whilst behind them came three sappers in service dress carrying a sign '1975'. Included in the parade was our improvised bulldozer (cardboard body mounted on a tandem pushbike.) The engineer contingent proved very popular and in fact stole the limelight from the 2 Scots display in front which included their M113 APC as the centre piece. Sgt Hunber is now hoping that 2 Scots are still speaking to him!

Sports Trip to Westport

609. A party of 23 unit personnel left Riccarton Road on Fri 6 Jun and started the long arduous journey to Westport by way of the Lewis Pass. Transport was by NZR bus driven by a very helpful chap who insisted that we commence the trip on the right note by a few refreshments - and that's how it stayed for the remainder of the weekend. All the boys were accommodated in two of the very best hotels and were very well looked after by the locals in every conceivable way (we hope not).



610. We played White Star Seniors and put up a very good showing, all things and especially the previous day being considered. The score won't be published until a later date (it will take that long to count it up).

/611. At one time

611. At one time during that evening that followed in a city hotel, a certain chap was seen to be playing what he thought to be a gorgeous young member of the opposite sex with drinks and sweet talk, but much to his disgust after many hours hard conning, she up and threatened to belt him round the ears with her pension book if he didn't move on. Hard luck John!!

612. Well, after a very enjoyable weekend we arrived home a very weary but satisfied bunch, and are certain that the fund raising and other effort put into the trip was well and truly worth it all in the end.

Sports Achievements

613. a. Sgt Don Riordan's selection to play cricket for the Army Team.
- b. Lcpl Kendall's selection in the Army Softball Team followed by the Combined Services team and his award of a Combined Services pocket - the highest honour attainable in services sport.

RNZE Diving Camp Westport 7-11 Apr 75

614. In April the squadron sponsored a diving camp at Westport. The Corps managed to send a total of 11 RNZE divers and one RNZN diver to the camp. It was the first camp of its type and was the first time some personnel had dived since their basic diving course. The aim of carrying out continuation training and to practise typical underwater construction techniques was certainly achieved. Incidentally, some very necessary work for the Westport Harbour Board was completed. Gas and pneumatic equipment was used.

615. Some divers got in over 100 minutes of diving per day in the varying conditions of the three knot, nil visibility of the harbour, to the Ohikanui River which was clear, cold and with a fast current. There were a few problems with the supply of diving gear and we also found that the Johnson Air Buoy unstable in a current, but there was next to nothing we could not overcome. The recommendation has been made that such a diving camp should be held every six months and ideally at a different location each time.

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Editor's Comment

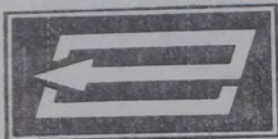
616. Congratulations to 3 Fd Sqn in producing a squadron newsletter, from which source the above information was obtained. That makes two squadrons we know typing out the good word. When you say "We do not CENSURE - only edit" you may get best results if you say "We do not censor - only edit."

/To quote

To quote the Concise Oxford and for your choice.

| | |
|---------|------------------------------|
| censure | expression of disapproval |
| censer | for incense |
| censor | supervision of public morals |
| census | population count |
| cesser | coming to an end |
| cyst | orssst or psst! |

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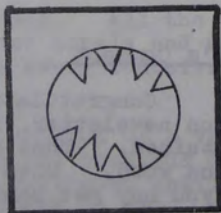


Another interesting thought has been prompted by the 2 Tp - 3 Fd Sqn Training Directive of May 75 (an excellent document) - when mention is made of a role call and inspection. Other units could copy - Ed.

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A couple slept in separate bedrooms, and the man was awakened one night by his wife's screams. He rushed into her room and snapped on the light just in time to see a male figure disappearing through the window. "That man attacked me twice!" wailed the woman. "Then why didn't you yell sooner?" exclaimed her husband. "Because I thought it was you," she sobbed, "until he began to start in on seconds."

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Vicious circle

CHAPTER 75 SPT SQNAppointments

701. The following are the current appointments as at 1 Jul 75.

| | |
|----------------|-----------------|
| OC | Maj HMJ Shorter |
| AO | Capt J McDonald |
| SSM | WOI CE Corney |
| Plant Offr | Capt DJ Powley |
| Resources Comd | WOII WR Denby |
| Tpt WO | WOII GD Grieve |
| Celk | Sgt MG Morrison |
| SQMS | Sgt GB McDonald |

Postings to the Unit

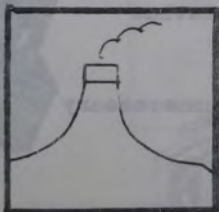
702. Cpl Morgan from 3 Fd Sqn
 Spr Peters From SAS
 Spr Scully from RNZAOC
 Spr Henderson from RNZIR
 Spr Lawrence from RF Depot
 Spr Marshall from 3 Fd Sqn
 Spr Hookham from the UK
 Spr Wright from 2 Fd Sqn
 Pte Neilson from 2 Fd Sqn
 Spr MacMillan attached from 2 Fd Sqn

IT'S NO BULLPostings from the Unit

703. Spr Pugh to 3 Fd Sqn
 Spr Maddox to 1 Fd Sqn
 Spr Lochore to 6 Fd Sqn
 Spr Reid (now Lcpl) to 2 Fd Sqn

Argo Rd Project

704. When the roading task was recommenced on 3 Mar 75, the aim was to complete construction to the Westlawn Hut at 3 miles 1479 ft by the end of the plant season, and it was anticipated that work would cease about the middle of May. As work progressed, ground conditions made a reassessment of the task necessary, and it was agreed to finish the road to 2 miles 1600 ft, and produce a formed track to the Westlawn Hut. Plant was withdrawn on 22 April 75.



/705. Many problems

705. Many problems were encountered at Argo, ranging from unsuitable clays for fills, to rock outcrops which had to be drilled and blasted to make way for the road. However, progress was very good, and the training proved invaluable for all members of the Squadron taking part in the construction.

Current Tasks



706. Since the plant has been withdrawn from Waiouru, there has been a programme of maintenance and painting of all items, and Resources and Plant personnel are fully involved in this. Other tasks include works at Wanganui, Hawera and Trentham, as well as soils testing at Waiouru.

Unit Training

707. In order to straighten out kinked backs caused by sitting in bucking plant items over the past three months, a programme of physical training, drill and lectures has been instituted. PT takes place on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and there is drill and lectures on Wednesdays. Many men are fully involved with the usual promotion and star classification courses.

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Sport



708. At the time of writing the Unit Indoor Basketball Team was undefeated in the Wednesday night competitions, and the golfers were also unbeaten. Rugby and soccer teams have had mixed fortunes, but are suffering from the fact that so many men are on courses. It seems a fact of life at Linton that although the weather makes it virtually impossible for lawn mowing at home, it is never too wet for golf.

Marriages

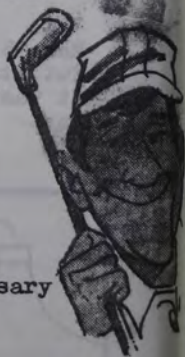
709. Congratulations to the following people who have been recently married:

Carol and Spr Graeme Lochore
Kathy and Spr Keith Marshall
Bernice and Spr George Taiatine

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Computers spare men from making unnecessary guesses. So do bikinis!

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Births

710. To Linda and Cpl Ron Everson
a daughter (Stephanie) on
21 May 75
- To Wendy and Spr Moe Turoa a
son (Michael) on 30 Mar 75
- To June and Cpl Kevin Smith
a son (Chad) on 27 May 75.

Orderly Room Gossip

711. a. Sgt Mike Morrison has been busy interviewing various Officers of his Corps (RNZIR) with a view to posting himself within the North Island. He is doing a mighty job as Colk, and if he does move the unit will be the worse off. Mike's favourite colours are amber and black, and he is completely unbiased about who wins at Rugby - so long as it is Taranaki. He has stipulated that there is only one place to which he will not move, and we are sure that this is not New Plymouth.
- b. Our two male clerks have recently been joined by Pte Jo Neilson, and it is about time some glamour was brought to the Unit. Jo maintains that photos of her face? appear in a certain "Playmate" magazine which at the moment is on internal distribution within the Unit. We wish her well in her new posting, but it appears that at the moment anyway, one man from RNZEME is worth more to her than 80 plus engineers.

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MODEL GIRL

There was a young lady of Dax
In a window (you'll think that she's lax)
In corsets and brassie
She displays all her chassie
And shows what she's made of - she's wax!

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Wooden Spoon Competition

712. The Unit has begun a competition to ensure that the man who commits the biggest Boo-Boo during the month is presented with a large wooden spoon as a just reward for his effort. The first recipient was Ssgt Bruce McDonald for his two efforts at attempting to knock over Capt McDonald in the HQ car park. Bruce assures us that he is not really trying to make sure that promotion is more readily available to officers within the Corps.

Exercise Tropic Sun

713. Five TF and three RF members of the unit attended the recent LSG exercise in Fiji. They all gained valuable experience combined with memories of rain, mud and the wonderful hospitality of the Fijian people. The exercise was timed well to conclude two days before Budget Day, and so all the radios, tape decks etc arrived home duty free.

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The NZWRAC Depot paraded at the end of Basic training for the Brigadier's inspection. In the rear rank, he paused in front of a tall well-endowed blonde.

"Do you think you could kill a man?" he asked her sternly.

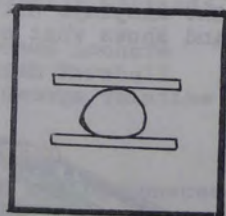
The blonde allowed her glance to flicker over him before she replied in liquid tones, "Eventually, sir."

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Unit

I knit

We all knit!



Tomato sandwich made by an amateur tomato sandwich maker

OBITUARY : SGT TOM POMARE

1947 - 1975

5 Spt Sqn, and indeed all Engineers and his many friends, were shocked on Sunday 29 June 1975 to find that Sgt Tom Pomare had been killed in a motor accident.

Tom joined the Army in May 65 as a Plant Operator with 2 Const Sqn and served with that unit until he was posted to Vietnam in Nov 69.

When he returned from Vietnam as a Lcpl, he again served with 2 Const Sqn until he was posted to 5 Spt Sqn in Nov 73. Tom was promoted to Cpl in Mar 74 and promoted to Sgt shortly before his death. He was soon to be posted to 5 Spt Sqn Burnham element.

His many friends knew Tom as a man who always smiled when the going was hard. He was a good worker and a reliable NCO. He was a great sportsman who was the mainstay of the unit basketball and the halfback of the Linton Camp rugby team.

Tom leaves a wife and four young children and they have our deepest sympathy. He was buried at Waiohiki on Thursday 3 Jul 75, with full military honours, and will be sadly missed by all who knew him.

The Storm that wracks the winters night
Shall not disturb his sweet repose
That summer evenings latest sigh
That shuts the rose.

CHAPTER 86 FIELD SQNAppointments

801. The following are the current appointments as at 1 Jul 75.

| | |
|------|-------------------|
| OC | Maj PJ Skogstad |
| 2IC | Capt A Anderson |
| SSM | WOII HJ Gallagher |
| SQMS | Ssgt RJ Wright |
| Cclt | Sgt WT Matiaha |

Unit Changes Wellington Skyline

802. 6 Fd Sqn changed the skyline of the City of Wellington in one four thousandth of a second on Saturday 3 May 75. The task was to demolish two aerial masts owned by the Post Office. The towers were situated on Tinakori Hill overlooking Wellington harbour and were used in days of old for coastal communications. Special demolition techniques were used to drop the masts. The charges were all ribbon charges on six inch x six inch x five eight inch steel. These proved more than satisfactory to drop the towers to the ground.

803. Once dropped, the men then proceeded to cut the steel up with gas torches into two-man loads. At least two sappers could lift them, but the contractor who was responsible to remove the steel said that his men could not lift some of the pieces. Two 6 Sqn sappers are worth ten others.

Driver Training

804. A course was run by the unit to teach and practise members in techniques of driving cross country. Vehicles were stuck in swamp, mud, shingle slides and other such nasty places. The teams were then told to remove them. Talk about sapper improvisation, salvage companies could learn a thing or two.



805. Members of the unit attending the weekend driving exercise, took pity on their SSM, after he managed to drive his rover into a slide so deep that the doors would not open. He did not do it deliberately (so he said). Instead of insisting that the SSM remove it, the chaps moved in and removed the vehicle and the SSM poste haste. Couldn't leave the SSM to drown? (but it was thought of no doubt!)

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Generosity is not only love, it is an insurance.

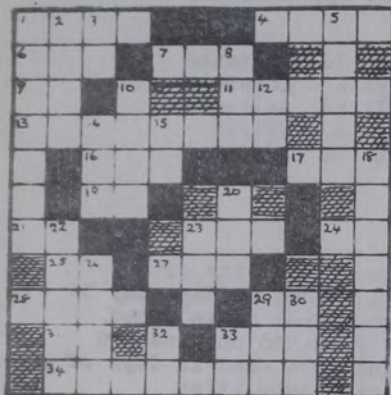
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Births

806. To Capt and Mrs A. Anderson, a girl on 27 Apr 75.
Named Frith.

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ENIGMA SIXAcross

1. We eat it
4. Type of axe
6. Expression of disgust
7. Field machine
9. Landrover Abbr
11. Used on det cord joints
13. Well sunk to receive drainage
16. Take it or you'll miss
17. You find peas in one
19. Postscript
21. Not you
23. Black cylinder that makes a bang
24. Preposition
25. Vivienne
27. Don't smoke it
28. Lets the air in
29. Kids sit on it
31. Night abbr
33. Equal
- 34 & 18 d. Field machine

Down

1. Support
2. Giant
3. Exclamation
5. Cheap lighter
8. Not officer or private
10. Public Service Investment Soc
12. Low level
14. Dig
15. Afternoon
18. see 34 Ac
20. Used in camouflage
22. Odds and
23. Dad
26. Initials Abbr
29. Out of it & into the fire
30. Organisation Abbr
32. One of
33. 3.1416



Answer next liaison letter

Two soldiers stayed overnight near Taupo at a farmhouse occupied by an elderly single woman. Six months later one received an ominous legal document. He phoned his soldier companion.

"Did you by any chance make love to that woman at the farmhouse the night our 'rover broke down?"

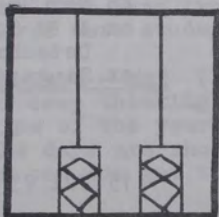
"Why yes."

"And you gave her my name and address, didn't you?"

"You're not going to get sore about that now are you?"

"I'm not a bit sore. She died last week and her lawyer has advised me she has left me the farm and \$12,000 in cash."

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Stork wearing
Highland socks



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Soldier detrains at Wellington
"Take a taxi soldier?"

"Th-th-thanks very much but I've
g-got nowhere to k-k-keep it."

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CHAPTER 9SCHOOL OF MILITARY ENGINEERINGAppointments

901. The following are the current appointments as at 1 Jul 75.

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| OC & CI | Maj CR Parker |
| Admin & Acctg Offr | Capt JA Tymkin |
| SSM | WOI WGW Williams |
| Trg Offr FE | Capt RA Barrett |
| Trg Offr Plant | Lt RB Simmons |
| Trg WO (A) | WOII MT Robinson |
| Trg WO (G) | WOII FR Flavell |
| Cclk | Ssgt MJ Dette |
| SQMS | WOII BD Hook |

Postings, Promotions and Personal Notes

902. a. Postings In.

| | |
|----------------|-------------------------|
| Spr KW Hewitt | from BAA Rec Cse No 121 |
| | 26 May 75 |
| Sgt MS Grace | ex 1 Fd Sqn (Atiu |
| | Detachment) |
| Lcpl AB Martin | ex Singapore 13 May 75 |



b. Discharges.

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| Cpl CBJ Love | 15 Jul 75 |
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c. Promotions.

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| Cpl KJ Avenell | to T/Sgt wef 9 May 75 |
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903. In Liaison Letter No 2 it was incorrectly stated that Lt SG Heaton was posted from Portsea to SME. This should have read Duntroon. Humble apologies.

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First Man: I'm having an affair with the Boss's wife

Second Man: Oh, come on Larry, nobody will believe that.

First Man: That's what I'm counting on.

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Courses

904. Concurrent courses at SME very recently included:

- a. RFMF (24 pers). Trade training going well. Visits outside Linton for social and recreational purposes undertaken with more planned. Playing very good rugby too, and this despite the cold winter weather in Linton.
- b. TF 10th Intake (62 pers). With 22 Assault Pioneer pers included, a larger intake for Specialist training than in the past. The Best Sapper award was presented on a formal parade by Brig MR Kennedy, MBE, Comd Home Comd on 2 Jul 75.
- c. RF Basic Field (21 pers). As 17 of these students were from 5 Spt Sqn we are wondering "where are all the squadrons gone?" Known as Basic Fd No 1, an award for the "Best Sapper" was presented by the Chief Engineer to Spr JTM Young of 5 Spt Sqn at the end of the course.
- d. Basic Plant (10 pers). Obtaining an insight to the more basic items of plant, a more unusual feature of this course is the fact that two senior NCOs from another Corps were students.
- e. RF Capt - Maj (7 students). Four weeks of deep thinking and fast writing. A good time of the year to conduct this course as the days are short and the nights as long as you can get them.

905. The Editor,

Sir,

We isolated seven prospective squadron commanders from the cares of the real world and asked them to pass messages from "troop" to "squadron" and "squadron" to "CRE". Nett distance involved was a few metres (all inside SME library).

In went

10 seconds
1412 hours
yellow smoke

Out came

16 seconds
1410 hours
kilo smoke



There are several "lessons"

- a. You can't metricate time or smoke
- b. Don't use officers to pass messages
- c. The messages from Atiu (Issue 1) weren't so bad.

Directing Staff Comments on a Written Exercise

906. I am returning your test paper and thought a few additional comments would be appropriate.



1. You have taken a great deal of time and trouble over this exercise as the 25 pages you have written go to show. Your approach to tactics is decidedly unconventional and I do not think you would have surprised the enemy - You would have undoubtedly astonished him!
2. It is unwise to give the map reference of your own Headquarters as a Defensive Fire Target for your own Artillery.
3. Your counter attack would have stood more chance of success had you not sent the crews of the squadron of tanks back to assist with the operation of the Mobile Bath and Laundry Unit. This latter unit was introduced as a "red herring" and it was not intended you should pay too much heed to the bath unit's plea for help.
4. The Geneva Convention rather discourages the Medical Corps personnel being given the job of counter-attack force. They are usually busy attending the wounded.
5. Homing pigeons are not a satisfactory substitute for radio communications. You have conveniently forgotten that a homing pigeon will only fly to its particular home and cannot be detailed to go wherever you want. There is a perfectly reasonable system for obtaining replacement batteries and problem VI was set to give you the chance that you knew of it. You are, however, perfectly right in your comments on the limitations of the heliograph.



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6. Without being too unkind, I expected you to have known that horses and mules are no longer used in North West Europe. I expect you have been studying out-of-date manuals. In the circumstances, your two Annexures on the muting of mules and the cremation of dead horses were somewhat superfluous.
7. If you ever visit the National Army Museum, however, you should ask to see the Third Order written at the Battle of Balaclava. It has much in common with your answer paper as a harbinger of potential disaster, as well as being vague, ambiguous and almost indecipherable.
8. In general, I should think you will have a fine career as a senior officer, if you manage to survive as a junior one.

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Inflation: Something you bought for \$5 years ago and now costs \$10 to repair.

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RFMF Rugby

907. The following are the team and individual statistics for the Services 'B' u/21 years rugby team. This team is made up entirely from the Fijians undergoing training at SME.

TEAM STATISTICS

| Versus | Result | Score | Points | | Competition |
|------------------|--|-------|--------|---------|-------------|
| | | | For | Against | |
| (a) | (b) | (c) | (d) | (e) | (f) |
| Marist | Lost - game defaulted, team not in country | | | | |
| Feilding OB | Won | 35-4 | 35 | 4 | 2 |
| Boys High 1st XV | Lost | 0-14 | 35 | 18 | |
| Feilding | Won | 18-9 | 53 | 27 | 4 |
| Varsity E | Lost | 23-27 | 76 | 54 | |
| Army 'A' | Won | 19-10 | 95 | 64 | 6 |
| Kia Toa | Won | 40-6 | 135 | 70 | 8 |
| HSOB | Won | 22-8 | 157 | 78 | 10 |
| Varsity G | Lost | 20-21 | 177 | 99 | |
| Varsity F | Won | 22-9 | 199 | 108 | 12 |
| Freyberg | Won | 16-10 | 215 | 118 | 14 |

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

| Name | Position | Tries | Penalties | Conver-
sions | Total
Points |
|--------------|-------------------|-------|-----------|------------------|-----------------|
| Qualivutu | 2nd $\frac{3}{4}$ | 5 | 3 | 22 | 73 |
| Wai | centre | 13 | | | 52 |
| Namisi | wing | 6 | | | 24 |
| Raikabulu | wing | 4 | | 1 | 18 |
| Bulewagaga | fullback | 3 | | | 12 |
| Moscelutu | 1st $\frac{3}{4}$ | 3 | | | 12 |
| Tuicola | Flanker | 2 | | | 8 |
| Matuturagaga | Prop | 1 | | | 4 |
| Yavakau | flanker | 1 | | | 4 |
| Radravu | No 8 | 1 | | | 4 |
| Sunakai | flanker | 1 | | | 4 |
| | | | | | <u>215</u> |

Engineer Display

908. On 17 June 1975, SME staged a display (or was it really a demonstration?) of most RNZE equipments. The occasion was provided by the advent of the first RF Capt to Maj Corps promotion course held at SME for many years. Very early in the planning stages it was decided to "Go for broke" by selected invitations to civilian firms and to invite all those Army bods thought to be able to spare a few hours away from their desks.

909. You name it, and if it was a piece of RNZE equipment it was there. Two hours were necessary to soak in the information and visual spectacular. We required many things to be in our favour to have a good display and we had all of these:

Our padre's boss to pull the weather strings
 Support from our Army Area masters
 Good co-ordination within SME
 Lots of effort, knowledge and skill from
 the TF, Basic Fd, Basic Plant and
 RFMF courses
 Civilian firms and their equipment to
 fill a gap or emphasise a point
 Excellent co-operation and support from
 the units but mainly 2 Fd and 5 Spt Sqn
 The Blessing of the Chief Engineer

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Floor your wife with a new carpet

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910. The complimentary remarks following the display were possible through the steadfast work of the SME Staff and its many helpers. We may have stretched friendships, and we did hustle just a little around the display circuit but the results justified all.

911. Was the aim achieved? Yup! It sure was. The Capt - Maj course had plenty to think about. Visitors realised (perhaps not for the first time) that we have lots of expertise in a very wide range of skills.

912. The Press and Bill McCarthy of TV1 assisted no end in spreading the good word and to them we are grateful even though they were just doing their job. One enquiry by MOWD from Alexandra for assistance resulted from the TV coverage. Many asked when the next display would be so we are seeking ideas on how to best present a mobile display of field defences and weapon pits in preparation.

913. The only error so far admitted on Jun 17, was that the officers' Mess catered for 40 for lunch but 72 ate! Must have been a communication breakdown somewhere. Better luck next time.

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"I am most grateful" the speaker said to the man in the front row, "that you have remained here for my entire speech while the others walked out."

"Don't thank me," the man replied, "I am the next speaker."

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QUALIFICATIONS TO TEACH

by: Maj C.R. Parker

914. There are no laws, rules or conventions which prevent any person teaching another person. Any parent can give information to their own or their neighbour's children. You may be asked to coach a netball or a rugby team and in doing so you will be required to teach and instruct them, for instance, in the laws of that game. A basic assumption has been made however; that you have sufficient knowledge to pass onto those less knowledgeable persons in your team.

915. The Education Department has a requirement for school teachers to attend Training College prior to being given a class to teach. The Transport Department do not assume all people are able to drive vehicles and so demand tests. Those qualifying are granted a licence for a particular classification of vehicle types.

916. The above two examples illustrate that for particular levels of training, or for particular subjects of importance, the basic assumption that all people have sufficient knowledge or skill in a given subject is not taken for granted. Training or tests are required to prove the point. There are very many examples of this so there are laws, rules and conventions for particular subjects. No right thinking person would disagree. My neighbour is a chemist and I really wouldn't trust him to fly me to Sydney in a 737! (I cannot fly myself.)

917. The point of this article is to outline rules and conventions of instruction as currently practised in the NZ Army. Every Officer and NCO receives military training appropriate to their rank in order to give orders and instructions to those soldiers subordinate to him. For military subjects in the general sense, the level of instruction appears quite logical.

918. Another aspect to consider, is particularly applicable to NCOs and their trade. Every NCO has a trade, and each NCO progresses in that trade, being rewarded with increased pay at four levels of skill and knowledge - the Star pay system. Now, it is perfectly reasonable to assume that any NCO can instruct in his trade up to the level of his Star training (and pay).

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"If it weren't for
all this snow, I
think I could do
it."

919. This aspect only begins to become involved when we realise that one of the many trades of the Army is that of Instructor, and that some NCOs are required to instruct in a secondary trade. Within our Corps, the Instructor RNZE teaches Field Engineering. He must firstly qualify as an Instructor All Arms in order to qualify as an Instructor RNZE.

920. What about an NCO in some other trade (say carpenter) who qualifies on a Field Engineering course? Of course he can teach Field Engineering up to the level of his knowledge and experience. There is not much point in attending the course if he is unable to pass on the knowledge. It just so happens that his primary trade is (say) carpenter and he has some knowledge of a second trade. Not until he has qualified on an All Arms Instructors Course should he be called an Instructor RNZE.

921. It also happens to be a rule that the All Arms Instructor course consists of four parts - The Methods of Instruction Course is one part. It therefore follows that the Methods of Instruction course alone does not carry the trade qualification required to become an Instructor (All Arms or RNZE). It is however, a very good course and should assist all NCOs to impart knowledge.

922. There are also important rules regarding the subject of Demolitions. The following definitions are relevant:

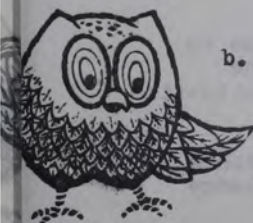
- a. Demolition Instructor. A serviceman qualified to supervise, instruct on courses, in the field and on the job, and to handle and fire explosives. A certificate is issued - "Qualified for Military Demolition Instructional Duties."
- b. Demolition Supervisor. A serviceman qualified to supervise, handle and fire explosives. He is NOT qualified to instruct on courses but is permitted to give on the job supervision and guidance to Demolition Handlers. A certificate is issued "Qualified for Supervision of Military Demolition Tasks".

/c. Demolition

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We regret to relate, that the breaking of Sapper Snow White's lower set of dentures was due to his giving a demonstration on "Taking a bite" in a rope.

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- c. Demolition Handler. A serviceman who has attended, and qualified at a "Basic Demolitions" course either at SME or elsewhere. This type of course trains a serviceman to handle and place explosives and ancillaries with confidence and to execute the order to fire if required, while under the supervision of a serviceman qualified as Demolition Instructor or Demolition Supervisor. A Demolition Handler is not qualified either to supervise or to instruct. Only personnel qualified as Demolition Instructors or Demolition Supervisors may order a demolition to be fired. No certificate is issued for the Demolition Handler category.

To become a certified military Demolition Instructor, the following two current requirements are relevant and must be met by Other Ranks:

- a. Qualified on the All Arms Instructors Course.
- b. Qualified on a Demolition Instructors Course (with sufficiently high assessment to be graded an Instructor).

923. Once again a Methods of Instruction Course is not considered sufficient background to qualify as a Demolition Instructor. It is understood that in the past a few soldiers have qualified as Demolition Instructors with only a Methods of Instruction as a prior course qualification. I believe this to have been in error and should not be repeated under existing rules laid in various military publications.

924. The whole point in writing this article was to clarify the Instructor RNZE situation. Taken in the context of the preceding part of this article, the situation is summarised in this way:

- a. Anybody can teach or instruct. Officers and NCOs are required to impart knowledge to others.
- b. For some subjects, training and/or tests are obligatory.
- c. The trade of Instructor RNZE requires qualification on course as an Instructor All Arms.
- d. Formal instruction on the subject of Demolitions is not permitted until one is qualified and granted a Demolition Instructors Certificate.

Any Old Plant

925.

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 If you have any of these
 Could you loan it to SME
 Courses running short
 Be a b----y sport
 Loan us your old old scooter
 If you can't cough up
 Well we give up
 No plant, no trainee.



926. In December of 1973 two very interesting events took place within the plant training wing of SME. Firstly plant courses were changed from short two week courses to courses varying in time from three to eight weeks. Secondly, an FE instructor was given the task of Plant Trg WO on the retirement of that very Prominent chap WOI GPT Byron REA MNZIST (referred to as BA). With the commencement of 5 Spt Sqn a great number of the lads recruited, required plant training and so to reduce the number of plant loans it was decided to give the School sufficient items of plant to make them independent for courses. Now it is of course my intention to write not of the Wing nor of the new system of training, but a brief history on the machines that SME has so generously been given to enable the efficient training of students.

- a. Item No 1 - Tracked Tractor Hvy D7E AD & R. This machine is one of two in this range that has an auxillary engine start. It has performed very well for more than 5000 hours and is the pride of the fleet. (SME took receipt of this machine whilst it was being repaired in 1 Engr Wksp.)
- b. Item No 2 - Tracked tractor medium Case 750 AD. This machine is the only one of its kind in the Army. Steers by means of independent track gears. No other machine like it in the service. (SME took receipt of this machine whilst it was undergoing major repairs and at present it is VOR.)
- c. Item No 3 - Wheeled tractors hvy Hough 100 TD & W. Although not officially on strength, this machine is in permanent residence. The only one of its kind in the Army. Unliked by most but loved by SME.

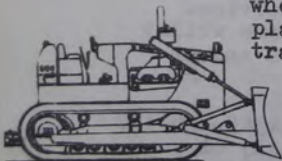
/d. Item No 4



- d. Item No 4 - Wheeled tractor medium LW16R TD & R. One of two only machines in the Army. With nearly 4000 hours of work this machine now resides in 1 Engr Wksp under-going major repairs.
- e. Item No 5 - Wheeled tractor medium Hough 65B BBH. This machine has spent the last year or more residing in 1 Engr Wksp. Such an unusual machine that parts cannot be obtained for it. Will be a valuable addition to the fleet if it is ever restored.
- f. Item No 6 - Clark Ranger Forklift. The only one of its kind in the Army. Loved not only by SME but by all the camp as it generally is the only one available for work.
- g. Item No 7 - Motor scraper D Pull. There are eight of these machines in the Army. The only unusual thing about this machine is that when it was given to SME it had over 1000 hours of use more than any other of the D Pull range. Recently repaired, it is still in use.
- h. Item No 8. - This position is vacant! So if any unit in the Army has any strange, unwanted, old plant item that is a "one of" please, consider it for our use in training operators.

Footnote: There are three points which must be noted

1. If this wing should close down, SME will have the basis for establishing a plant museum.
2. If your plant operators return from courses and can't operate your machines it is probably due to the fact they haven't been taught on anything so modern.
3. Our grateful thanks must go to 5 Spt Sqn who continue to loan us sufficient items of plant to enable the wing to carry out plant training. Just the same as before.



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Do sausages in the butcher's window
hang up or hang down?

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My last overseas posting was to remote Atiu. On the night I arrived in the midst of a hurricane, there was a message waiting for me to immediately call my wife in New Zealand.

Commandeering a bicycle, I began the dark and treacherous ride across the island to the radio shack some eight miles away. Fighting the terrible wind and fallen coconut trees, I envisaged all sorts of family disasters. I especially berated myself for giving in to my wife's pleas and letting her rent a country chicken farm while I was away. Had one of the children suffered an irreparable accident?

After two hours I arrived exhausted at the village, raised the operator and put through an emergency radio call. An eternity later my wife answered:

"What's wrong?" I yelled, my heart in my throat.

"Honey," she said, "we just had to let you know, we just got our first egg!"

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SME Typist working on Liaison
Letter

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TopSt Martins RNZE Memorial Church

This Church was offered to Linton Camp in 1972 by the parishioners of Makotuku, a small settlement near Norsewood. The RNZE Corps Memorial Association were approached and gave financial assistance for the removal and rebuilding of the Chapel on its present site at SME. It was opened on 20 July 1974.

The chapel had a number of military memorials before it came to Linton Camp and these have been augmented by the enshrinement of the RNZE Rolls of Honour, and by the gift of two flower stands from the RF Cadet School.

St Martins has become a centre of the Corps spirit in that, since its opening there have been numerous visitors, mainly ex sappers, baptisms of sappers children and a number of sappers have been married there. It is the only Corps Memorial Chapel in the New Zealand Army and we ought to be proud that it has become part of our Corps Heritage.

Middle

Depicted here is a period of practical instruction on a Basic Plant course. Approximately four Basic Plant courses are conducted each year. On these courses, every endeavour is made to teach students the basic fundamentals of servicing and maintenance of Army earthmoving plant. Also taught are safety with machines and their equipment.

In the photo, Cpl MJ McGill is indicating one of the two hydraulic tanks fitted to this particular model D7E tractor, as part of a lesson on pre-start checks. With him are three Basic Plant students. From left to right:

Sgt Bell (RNZSigs), Spr Thomson (TF) Spr Pinga (TF) and Cpl McGill (SME).

Bottom

Sgt Walsh instructing the RFMF RDU course in knots, bends and hitches as part of their field engineering phase. The course are building a plant and wet weather training shelter at SME as part of their trade training. Other phases they have completed are Watermanship, Field Machines, Improvised Bridging, Improvised Jetties and Water Supply. The instructors who have assisted in training the Fijians are Sgt Sinclair, Sgt Charman, Sgt Hensen and Cpl Renata from 1 Fd Sqn. Sgt Archer 3 Fd Sqn and Cpl Hanson 2 Fd Sqn.

Editor's Note

The photographic plate necessary for the reproduction of these photos cost the SME UPF \$5.10 (this can vary slightly). Units are invited to supply black and white matt finish photographs to fit an A4 page. The account will be forwarded to that unit for payment.



CHAPTER 10SECTION ONEB COMPANY AND RF CADET SCHOOLAppointments

1001. The following are the current appointments as at 1 Jul 75.

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|--------------------|---------------------|
| OC | Lt JK Williams |
| Senior Trade Instr | Ssgt (Eddie) Bruce |
| Carpentry Instr | Sgt (Don) Milliken |
| " " | Sgt (Les) Stowell |
| Plumbing " | Sgt (Pinky) Staines |
| Storeman | Lcpl (Chrome) Lomas |

General

1002. Sgt Milliken (with regret) states that unlike the last newsletter which had him as a Ssgt, he is still a Sgt, but he hopes that someone was hinting.

1003. Currently, this wing is assisting in building two houses one of which is being built by the local builder using our apprentices. We have found that each gang of six apprentices gets more instruction with each building a house.

1004. One of the more interesting sights is seeing all the engineer cap badges on the RF Depot parade ground. What with the basic and the Ssgt-WO course, Waiouru now looks like Linton with so many engineers about.

1005. Parades are somewhat restricted as the average temperature each morning hovers about the 0°C (or 32°F for you non-metricated people), mark. This leaves sheets of ice all over the parade ground and makes crash halts very difficult.

1006. The Wing had a visit yesterday from the latest officer posted into RNZE, 2Lt TE Jones, who has just graduated from Portsea. 2Lt Jones has just been posted to TFD Waiouru. He arrived to find he was to go on a field exercise in about three days.

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WANTED

ONE GEOLOGICAL HAMMER (ex Argo Rd). If found pse apply to Project Officer Argo Rd

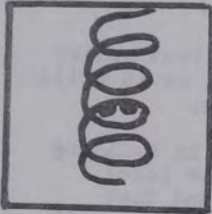
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A middle aged man was driving his new and powerful automatic along the road at a very reasonable 20 mph when he was overtaken by a man on a push bike. Not happy at that, he increased speed to about 30 mph, passed the cyclist when to his great surprise the cyclist again shot past him. The motorist once more increased speed overtook the cyclist and was smug in his belief that no cyclist could reach 50 mph, when once more the cyclist shot past him.

The now angry motorist tried again, but at 70 mph exactly the same thing happened. Beyond belief that this was happening to him in his new car, he slowed to a stop and signalled the cyclist also to stop. Before the motorist could open his mouth the cyclist said,

"Thank goodness you stopped, now I can unhook my braces from your door handle!"

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Two bugs making
love in the
spring

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CRICKET: Cricket is quite simple. You have two sides, ours and theirs, one out in the field and one in. Each man in the side that's in, goes out, when he is out, he comes in, and the next man goes in until he is out. Then, when they have all been in, and are all out, the side that's been in goes out, and tries to get out those coming in. Sometimes you get the men still in and not out. Then, when both sides have been in and out, including the not outs, that's the end of the game. It's really very simple.

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SECTION TWO

WAIOURU AND ALL THAT

by: WO1 K.F.Malloch

1007. Perhaps the happiest Engineer event at ATG since the last edition has been the honouring of Ssgt Brown's dedication to the high country and the Corps. In true Sapper spirit all resident and visiting RNZE mess members assembled with the two standard top shelf samples. Brownie as you probably know drinks Ouzo. After 27 glasses he set a bearing on the housing area, home and mum. He arrived at the fourth culvert on Argo Rd doing a moonlight traverse and muttering to a rotten rock outcrop. It was great news Brownie and if memory serves us correctly it is the second post war BEM awarded for service in New Zealand. Perhaps our Corps Historian "Class" (short for classical) would publish a list of post war honours and awards for the quarterly newsletter.

Observations

1008. Lcpl Lomas is offering for sale one Corps stable belt (NEW). Price \$53.72 o.n.o. Is prepared to leave some cash in on standard terms.

Warrant Officers' Course

1009. It had to happen. Ssgt Brian Affleck on Warrant Officers' course at RF Depot.

The First Week: A slight hint of spit and polished boots (old fashioned method) but alas - toe caps only.

The Second Week: Saw a determined effort to attain that glass effect and noticeable effort being directed to the area of the left heel.

The Third Week: Was tough - rain, snow, sleet and ice. Also ran out of KIWI Black and reverted to NUGGET. Brian was also heard to proclaim that it would only take two days back at the unit to get both left and right boots back to working condition!

Fourth and Fifth Week: Watch this space.

1010. The gathering of Corps Ssgts for the Warrant Officers' course:

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|--------------|------------|
| Ssgt Affleck | Ssgt Hill |
| " Inwood | " King |
| " Lamb | " McDonald |
| " McAllister | " Milligan |
| " Prentice | " Sowerby |

All have lost weight, have developed red eyes and well-disciplined sideburns.

1011. Military writing phase is almost over so no doubt the Corps will benefit with correctly written dates and standard military type phrases. Military Law phase had its moments and no less than three students were heard to exclaim "Must try this out at the unit when I get back!"

The Compounding Compound

1012. Many Sappers who served in that good old time of 3 Tp CD Const Sqn 1950x-60s will have vivid memories of the life style in the "Engineer Compound". For the younger sapper it is that two building, pine tree backed, concentration camp type fenced area which confronts you after you recover from the giddiness of the traffic island and railway line hazard. The two rusting gates ahead announce your arrival.

1013. Once again Sappers have "Gone in". Ssgt Brown and his survey cadets have occupied the Kipplewhite/Brighthouse/Shirley office block and Barrackmaster maintenance staff have taken over what was in actual fact the old 3 Tp "recreation and decision making building". On a still frosty morning, if one concentrates, there still lingers the echoes of characters who made 3 Tp what it was - ! "Crikey, not a roll call, its only 0930 hours."

or

"Come on Russ, we've got 10 mins to finish before lunch time. We need a double 18 to beat the bastards."

"Where's Buster?"

Or

"Gone to find Mick"

"Where's Mick?"

"Camp MIR."

"Left or right eye?"

"Both."

Or

"Now be reasonable ladies, we are on the Waiouru staff for camp patrol duties and I'll do my best to see that it doesn't interfere with their baby sitting duties, but in the meantime....."

1014. The new residents of the "Engineer Compound" are working furiously on the design for Waiouru RNZE weather vane, hopeful that it will go up before the black bull model promised by a certain unit at Linton (1974).

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A reckless driver is one who passes you on the motorway in spite of all your car can do.

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Have you Heard?

1015. Retiring age for rank for WOI is going up to 63 years?

1016. WOI Doug Roberts and WOII Dave Murray who were recently on a fishing trip in Taupo, completely reorganised the Corps over a two hour period and one bottle of CARUBA.

Names

1017. With the CE's approval a formal application has been put forward to HQ ATG asking for authority to officially name the Waiouru Airfield road after the late Sgt Gordon Shawcroft who died in a motor vehicle accident whilst serving as a plant supervisor in 5 Specialist Team, Thailand 1969.

1018. Many serving and ex sappers will remember Gordon who worked his way up through the rough earlier days of our plant development and his Military Plant Foremanship of the major construction phase of the Waiouru Airfield. Of the 63 ten day TODs in the 1965-67 period, he was there for 57 of them. Many a Sapper, of All Ranks, passing through or learning the game gained through or from his brusque guidance, advice and experienced supervision of practical plant operation and the essential back up. He was happiest when earth was moving to the rhythm and roar of oily tough men and their tools of trade.

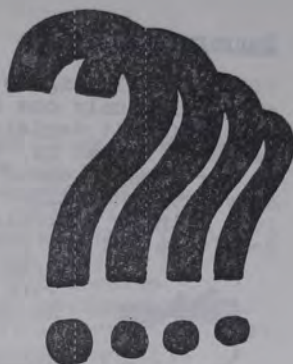
1019. Very few grid squares on the Waiouru map escaped the changes which plant brought to the area. A range here; a road to a training area; a bridge approach, building foundations and yet another few miles of road. All part of the plant build up in which Gordon Shawcroft like so many Corps Plant Operators characterised that Corps spirit to "Get in and get the bloody job done." Anticipating that our application will be approved, we plan to design, site and place a small base affixed to which will be a bronze plaque naming the road "The Gordon Shawcroft Road".

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Four elephants
inspecting a grapefruit
or
Crisis at the snooker
table

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Sappers Day 1975

1020. All lights are on GO with only one final and difficult decision to be made. That is, who will be our guest speaker for the Gory Green Moonlight Garden Party? Idia Amin or Patricia Bartlett? Committee did try for Fred Dagg hosting Drag Queen 75 but alas we were beaten to the draw by HQ Field Force Engineers.

bending the
elbow...



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War History - For the Record

1021. Once upon a time there was a war. It was called the Boer War. Not satisfied with that, a few years later there was another war. This one was a beaut; in fact they called it the "Great War" and our historians recorded the gallant deeds of our Sappers of yesteryear. Not wanting to be outdone, the next generation of civilisation decided to get out of the rut and keep up with the times so the button was pushed for the Second World War. Once again the deeds of New Zealand's gallant sons were recorded, published, bound and distributed to all corners of this fair land. No doubt a mammoth task and worthy of our military deeds on foreign soil. And now the big question. What has happened since then? Sappers have left these shores and been involved in numerous conflicts. Agreed the mass and volume style changed but the quality, challenge and effects of lead, phosphorous, mines, jungle, swamps snow and ice has remained the same. The engineer feats with our allies were recorded in official field war diaries and duly dispatched to New Zealand. It would appear that somewhere in the Internal Affairs Department we have a blockage. Can Corps call in the plumber before civilisation decides it's time for another "Big One"? Or has it been decided that Borneo, Vietnam, Malaysia and Korea are not worthy of record?

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FURPHY

(From "The Anzac Book")

A rumour more optimistic than reliable. Furphy was the name of the contractor which was written upon the rubbish carts that he supplied in the Melbourne camps. The name was transferred to a certain class of news item, very common since the war (WWI), which flourished greatly upon all the beaches (at ANZAC Cove).

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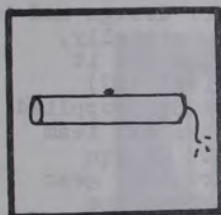
Boomer for the Quarter

1022. A certain RNZE Warrant Officer Class II graced the hallowed portals of the 5 star plus ATG WOs Block of cells. Directed by the resident Supreme Council of ageing WOs and managed by "Jim" we lay on an excellent service. Where else in quarters do you get that 0555 hours hot cuppa and cheery morning report to jolt you back from the uncontrollable clacking of our steam heated slumberland? We look forward to seeing you again ----- your room remains just as you left it, complete with silver fish and the unmade bed!

Questions for the Quarter

1023. a. What happens at Corps Conferences?
 b. How many serving Sappers contribute to the Corps Memorial building fund?

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Depressed flea
 committing
 suicide

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The father had been trying to reason with his son on the evils of staying out late at night and getting up late in the morning.

"You will never get anywhere the way you are going," he said. "Remember the early bird catches the worm."

"Well, what about the worm" inquired the son.

"What is the point in him getting up so early? He got caught."

"My boy," replied the father, "that worm hadn't been to bed all night. He was on his way home!"

**Be An
 EARLY BIRD**



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SECTION THREEWAIOURU SURVEY NOTES

by: Ssgt A.J. Brown

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1024. Two RF Cadets (Cdt LE Clarke and Cdt T Haaima) started their trade training as Engineer Surveyors in April this year under my supervision. This has proved to have many advantages, one being that the Rover gets washed a little more often and another is that I no longer have to impose on 2 Fd Sqn and 5 Spt Sqn for a chainman. However, both Cadets graduate at the end of this year so perhaps next year the Sappers who feel they are missing out will be able to notch up a few more TODs towards their fifteen years (Liaison Letter No 2) by helping to measure Argo Road.

1025. Soil survey is now well under way for design and planning for the next section of Argo Road. Initially, this was the responsibility of SME and 5 Spt Sqn but it eventually became a joint effort involving QA(WAI/WEC) Sqn, 5 Spt Sqn, SME and HQ Force Engr. 5 Spt Sqn supplied the Pilcon Wayfarer light drilling rig and a two man team with all the know how to get the soil samples. QA Sqn towed the Pilcon and carried the associated drilling gear with an M548TLC. It's a bit muddy in places past the Westlawn Hut. HQ Force Engr (the two RF Cds and myself) helped by recording, bagging and labelling samples and SME do all the laboratory work. The weather during the latter part of the field work was not the best but Parkas "Swandri" green, woollen, long sleeved, c/w hood are a great help when it gets a bit cold and wet out on the job. Unfortunately Ordnance doesn't seem to have an item indent number for these yet.

1026. Survey on the Argo started during Annual Camp 1967. In June 1975 a chopper recon was done over the last section, from the junction of Rogers Spur and Three Kings to Paradise Valley. Perhaps an enterprising young sapper will use this and other facts as the basis of guesstimation to run a sweepstake on the construction completion date, for the benefit of his UPP, or something. He'd need to be young so as to be around still when it comes time to pay out!

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NBC Pollution dedication: 15 minutes of silence

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Of Other Things

1027. Out of the mouths of innocent babes come words of wisdom:

True Scene: Soldier standing in front of mirror with electric razor, dressed in BD trou with braces but no training jersey on as yet. Enter six year old daughter up a little earlier than usual.

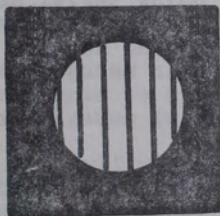
Daughter: Laughter.

Dad (confused) What's so funny?

Daughter: (finally managing to control laughter)
Those funny old fashioned trousers with braces.

The only explanation seems to be that she watches Mad Mad Movies when it's on tele.

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Moon through
prison
windows

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A speeding Sapper driver was caught by the Provost. "I'm a relation of the Provost Marshall pleaded the speedster.

"Great," said the Provost Cpl writing out the ticket. "Now he'll know I'm on the job."

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CHAPTER 11FIRE BRIGADESSECTION ONEBURNHAM CAMP FIRE BRIGADEAppointments

1101. The following are the current appointments as at 1 Jul 75.

| | | | |
|------------|------|----|---------|
| Firemaster | WOI | WD | Hall |
| Deputy | Sgt | MJ | Bassett |
| Firemen | Sgt | PJ | Kennedy |
| | Cpl | RG | Lane |
| | Lcpl | RM | Edwards |
| | Spr | SC | Hanson |

Dear Mr Editor

1102. My congratulations on the publication of our liaison letter which all Fire Staff at Burnham read with considerable interest. It may be supposed that I should jump on the band wagon seeing so much information on Fire Brigades have been included, other than to submit a few comments to correct or confirm relevant sections on Fire Brigades in liaison letter number two.

1103. Auxilium in Periculo (what does it mean), an outstanding effort Peter that undoubtedly brought many a smile from readers, but in serious context, how true. I have just finished a "Tasking Report" on the Burnham Camp Fire Brigade which provides all this information for any reader if he wishes.

1104. RNZAF Fire Courses. Thank you Linton Fire Brigade for acknowledging Cpl Lane's achievement on the Senior Firemen's Course at Wigram, incidental to it all, he topped the course with 83.6%. This in actual fact poses a problem to the experts. Three Army firemen from Burnham attended the total of five courses at Wigram. Our attending firemen attained three firsts and two seconds, the lowest mark of the five courses were 82% hence: are these firemen outstanding or are the courses of a poor standard?

1105. Fire Brigades. My congratulations to the writer on the section on Fire Brigades in Chap 14 Vol 2. He has commented upon something that has been apparent for years but keep trying and come and have a quiet look at Burnham Camp Fire Station for starters.

In conclusion - well done Editor.

Signed Full Blooded "Mainlander"

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The Good Old Days?

Scene: A public relations tour around the training tower and through the smoke chamber

Characters: A Deputy Chief Fire Officer, a Fireman, an old lady and an attractive girl.

The touring party enter the dark smoke chamber. They hear first a lingering kiss, then a vigorous slap. The party emerges into the light again. Everyone remains silent, but the Deputy Chief has a black eye. The old lady thinks, "What a good girl she is, and such fine moral character." The girl thinks, "Isn't it strange that the Deputy Chief tried to kiss the old lady and not me." The Deputy Chief thinks, "that fireman is a smart one - he steals a kiss and I get hit." The Fireman thinks, "I'm a clever fellow, I kiss the back of my hand, hit a Deputy Chief and get away with it."

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In one fire brigade after a year's service, fire fighters are known as Hardy Annuals.

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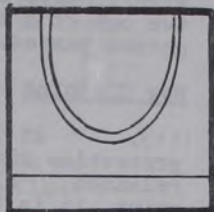
SECTION TWOLINTON CAMP FIRE BRIGADEAppointments

1106. The following are the current appointments as at 1 Jul 75.

| | |
|------------|-----------------|
| Firemaster | WOII RGS Pullen |
| Deputy | Sgt K Gray |
| Firemen | Cpl JF Carson |
| | Cpl T Keong |
| | Spr J Bru |

False Alarms

1107. Like most Fire Brigades, we have trouble with False Alarm experts but have been in luck just lately in that the offenders of the last two false calls have been apprehended.



1108. The first call was from the Camp Cinema, and on investigation, a 15 year old boy was taken to task and subsequently questioned by the Civil Police. The outcome was that he was directed to work in the Camp Fire Station for three weekends.

Fire Pole for False Alarms

1109. The second call was from the housing area and, but for the observance of some party goers, the offenders would have escaped detection. These two were civilians from Palmerston North. Once again the Civil Police were called and the offenders placed under arrest. After spending approximately 36 hours in the cells, they appeared before the local magistrate - the result, a fine of \$45.

1110. It is pleasing to note the diligence of people living in the housing area, in our efforts to curb the few who think the Fire Brigade a Big joke and transmit these false alarms.



Don

Ken

Kit

Tom

Joe

1111. As a further deterrent, it is suggested that a scale of turnout charges be established and these can then be applied by the Camp Commander or local magistrate and paid to the Public Account. This is the case with most civil fire brigades. The only way to sort these idiots out is to really hit their pockets.

General

1112. Our congratulations go to Cpl JF Carson on his attaining a provisional pass in the NZ Fire Service National Senior Firemen's examination. Cpl Carson is the first service fireman to sit this exam, and hopefully the forerunner of a trade requirement. The significance of his achievement is even greater when only two out of a total of eight from the local Fire Authority gained passes.

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New Clothing

1113. At long last the new protective clothing scale has been released. Although a few anomalies exist, it is better than the previous scale, but only time will tell. It is expected that long delays will be experienced in the delivery of the prime items, such as Bunker Coats, trousers and boots. It is probably unfair to blame the service system in total as I understand the Civil Fire Service have problems in obtaining clothing items as well.

Congratulations

1114. Congratulations to both Mr Hall at Burnham and Mr Cummings of Waicuru on two fire articles in Liaison Letter No 2. We find it pleasing to read articles from other units. Also to Cpl and Marianne Polglase their 10 tiny fingers and toes in the shape of a boy on 13 July 1975.

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The greatest fire hazard in the World is:

MEN - WOMEN - CHILDREN

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Pyjamas: Garments kept under newly-weds pillows in case of fire.

SECTION THREEWAIOURU FIRE BRIGADEAppointments

1115. The following are the current appointments as at 1 Jul 75.

Firemaster
Deputy

WOI P Cummings
Ssgt MF Aston

1116. There is no change in our personnel except the addition of two new members who have come in from civilian street:

Sgt Hargreaves
Cpl Sparks

1117. The fire brigade has answered 98 calls to date this year and hopes it will stay at this figure.

1118. Lcpl Cockburn was married recently and Cpl Kyle has a new addition to his family - a daughter.

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The panic-stricken man called the fire brigade and shouted that his **house** was on fire.

"How do we get there?" the fireman asked.

"Don't you have your red engine any more?" the man replied.

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Hospitalised
Painter's
ladder

SECTION FOURNGARUAWAHIA FIRE BRIGADEAppointments

1119. The following are the current appointments as at 1 Jul 75.

Firemaster
Firemen

Ssgt RJF Canty
Cpl H Ormsby
Lcpl GR Moffitt

1120. No contributions received.

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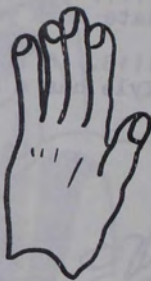
≈ Water Signals. ≈



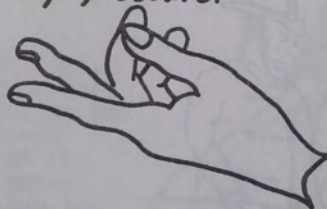
Water on.



Up pressure.



Water off.



Pump Operator's reply from a distance.

An island is a piece of land entirely surrounded by water
A lake is water entirely surrounded by land
A beach is a female dog surrounded by male dogs.

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CHAPTER 12CORPS MATTERSColonel Commandant RNZE

1201. Lieutenant Colonel A.R. Currie, DSO, OBE, BE(Civ) MNZIE, Retired List, is appointed Colonel Commandant, RNZE, vice Colonel J. Brooke-White OBE, MSc, BE(Civ), Retired List, with effect from 1 April 1975.

NZ Gaz 12 Jun 1975 page 1287

Born Napier November 1910

On the outbreak of war in 1939 the NZ Regular Force had only four officers for training and administration of the Territorial Forces. Of these, Lt A.R. Currie was one of the three professionally trained engineers in the Regular Army. He held various appointments in New Zealand before the war and during World War II served overseas as a squadron commander. He was wounded three times, once when his truck ran over a mine. Since the end of the war he has been Director of Fortifications and Works (1946-1949), Director RNZE (1949-50), Chief Engineer (1951-60). His time of service was thus spread, and will be hard to equal.

Upon his retirement from the Regular Force he has maintained his interest in matters relating to the Corps and is at present serving on the Corps Committee and the Corps Memorial Association of which he is now President.

QUO FAS ET GLORIA DUCUNT

Older Sappers

1202. The question has been asked as to how many serving RF sappers were on active service during World War II. A brief survey has revealed the following:

Maj CM Douglas
Maj HMJ Shorter
WOII JT Bennett

There are at least two more who served with the 'J' Force occupational forces in Japan. Omissions from the above list are unintentional and corrections willingly made - on advice. Ed.

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He is so shallow that if it weren't for bumper stickers he wouldn't have any opinions at all.

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Change of Address

1203. WOII J.T.Bennett advises his address is now:

Regional Works WO, South
Canterbury Army Area
Staff Capt 'Q' Office
CAA

Phone Ext 880

Reward

1204. As a result of SME being nice and taking upon itself to organise a couple of large photographs for the National Reunion of Sappers in Christchurch in March of this year, a cheque for \$100 from the Reunion Committee has been forwarded to the Chief Engineer as a contribution to the Corps Memorial Fund. Actions speak louder than words and all parties appear most grateful.

Statistics

1205. From April 1952 until July 1975 (23 years) SME issued exactly 1000 demolition tickets. This number does not include renewed tickets. This averages at 43.5 per year but in fact during 1974 104 tickets were issued. The lucky recipient of ticket 1000 is Ssgt Keith Henson of 1 Fd Sqn.

RE Commemorative Covers

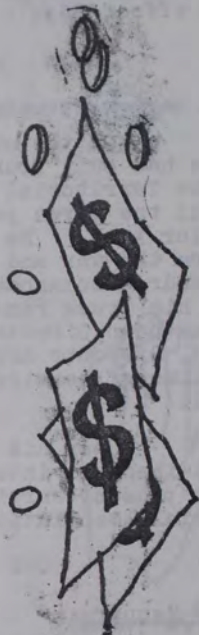
1206. Over 100 different Royal Engineer Commemorative Covers are available from a Christchurch firm. Prices range from \$1 to \$6 each. A reproduction of one of these is on the following page. A sample list of the 100 covers is:

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| a. | Diamond Jubilee of Handover from RE to RFC the responsibility of Military Flying | \$1.00 |
| b. | The Sappers and Tanks in the First World War | \$1.00 |
| c. | As above. Signed by Gen Sir Charles L. Richardson GCB, CBE, DSO: Chief Royal Engineer | \$5.00 |

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Shrink resistant - socks that do shrink
they just don't want to

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Royal Engineers Series No.1

Bicentenary of the Royal Engineers in Gibraltar 1772-1972

THE FREEDOM OF THE
CITY OF GIBRALTAR
TO
THE ROYAL ENGINEERS
born on The Rock in 1772



Avon Stamps
& Coins Ltd
92 Worcester St
Christchurch



SAPPERS AT GIBRALTAR 1772-1972



In 1772 the formation of a Company of Military Artificers was recommended by the Chief Engineer at Gibraltar, Lieutenant Colonel (afterwards General Sir William) Green. This was authorised by a Royal Warrant signed on 6 March 1772. Almost immediately the Company was renamed the Soldier Artificer Company. Their first task was the construction of King's Bastion. 1st Fortress Squadron RE serving in Gibraltar can trace its descent, through the Corps of Royal Sappers and Miners, to the original Soldier Artificer Company.

During the Great Siege of 1779-83, the Soldier Artificer Company excavated the Galleries - a notable feature of the Rock - to obtain flanking fire from 24-pounder guns on to the enemy lines. Tunnelling then continued into the north face to provide the battery of guns in what is known as "St. George's Hall."

These provided accommodation for the garrison of the north face, a tunnelled hospital, covered storage areas for supplies and workshops, and extended to new defence sites. The spoil from the tunnels was used mainly by the Royal Engineers to reclaim the land needed to extend the RAF runway to 1800 yards.

Since the Second World War, notable tunnelling achievements were the completion of Keightley Way (October 1962) and Dudley Ward Way (September 1964), the only tunnels on the Rock driven for two-way vehicular traffic. The final tunnel driven by the Sappers on the Rock before cessation of the Trade of Tunneller in the Corps was Molesend Way, (completed September 1967).

Until 1959 the Establishment for Royal Engineers Works Services was responsible for the provision and maintenance of all power station at Calpe Hole is still operated by 1st Fortress

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| d. | The Tower of London built by
the First King's Engineer | \$1.00 |
| e. | Royal School of Military
Engineering Open Day 1974 | \$1.00 |
| f. | Golden Jubilee Rugby
Football Match between Royal
Engineers and Royal Artillery | \$1.00 |

Proceeds from the sale of these covers goes to the upkeep of the RE Museum, Chatham with 10% of all New Zealand sales going to the Royal Engineers Assn Christchurch. The address for further enquiries is shown on the reproduced sample or P.O.Box 1148 Christchurch. Covers issued by the Royal Navy, Fleet Air Arm, Royal Marines, Royal Air Force, National Army Museum, British Regiment, British Military Uniforms and Army Specials are also stocked.

Recently Donated to the Corps Memorial Library

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|-------|----|--|---|
| 1207. | a. | The Civil Engineer in War
Vol 1: (Published 1948) | Airfields,
Roads, Railways
& Bridges |
| | b. | The Civil Engineer in
War Vol 2 | Docks and
Harbours |
| | c. | The Civil Engineer in
War Vol 3 | Properties of
Materials,
Structures,
Hydraulics,
Tunnelling and
Survey |
| | d. | Featherston Camp
(Published 1917) | |

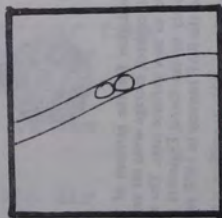
The above publications contain a symposium of papers on wartime engineering problems and are useful background to all Field Engineers.

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From the Engineer in Chief's
Conference (UK)

"Is it tea or coffee?"

"Yes Sir."



Two corpuscles
who loved in
vein

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Engineer Stores Supply

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1208. The supply problems of Sapper stores differs to that of other major arms. Other arms can only apply the weapons with which they are equipped and trained; thus a field artillery battery is limited to firing shells of a particular type and calibre at targets within its range. The major variable is the rate of fire which is staff controlled. The supply problem to support such a battery is one of the forward movement of ammunition.

1209. On the other hand, the Sapper cannot finally define his requirement until he can make a reconnaissance, often at the last moment, and he rarely has enough tools and materials on hand to do more than elementary preliminary work. The additional tools and material are required with great urgency.

1210. A senior Sapper must help his Force Commander to choose between a number of alternative engineer solutions to a problem each involving different logistic requirements and offering different advantages in time, men and material. Sapper units must be supported by engineers in the staff and logistic train who understand the engineer implications of the logistic problems that arise and of alternations in the quantity, timing and order of arrival of resources. These engineer staff officers must give positive advice and assistance to the sapper on the ground to help him to make his plan and to adjust it to meet the changing circumstances.

1211. The variety and quantity of stores that may be required by the engineer is so great that it is both impractical and uneconomical to hold stocks near to the site, to cover every eventuality. The stocks that are held, must be controlled in such a way that they are available to any sapper anywhere (unlike the flow of ammunition forward). The decision as to what stocks to hold, where to hold them and the maintenance and repair backing required by the sapper is a complex matter requiring skilled management by practical engineers and is unlike problems of other arms. No wonder we are not fully understood but care to spread the word?

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He who does not hope to win has already lost.

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Remember This Competition?

1212.



On wide roads
Side roads
or run-away-and-hide roads
in rallies
valleys
or driving to the sea
on through roads
new roads
shake you black and blue roads
steep roads
'creep' roads
sappers all agree

Here is the only answer received!!



That rough roads
tough roads
Argo-and-get-stuffed roads,
when breaking
making
or formed at A T Gee,
on slow roads
go roads
going bells of clapper roads
Sapper roads
are dapper roads -
the best you'll ever see.

Unfortunately this entry does not qualify for a prize of a 2½c stamp as the originator is on the editorial staff.

Technical Storeman

1213. All squadrons seem to have them but who really knows their role or their supposed capabilities? Whilst this article claims no authenticity, it is a serious attempt to engender thoughts and define the subject. Correspondence is welcomed and will be published. For convenience, three levels only of competency are discussed and therefore does not necessarily relate to the star, trade-pay system.

1214. Basic Technical Storeman. Able to indent for the equipments and materials used by a Fd Sqn, be they hand tools, MT, training, clothing, accommodation or project stores. He, under supervision, should also be able to care for and maintain those stores, and to maintain the appropriate stores accounts. He is able to do so because he has been taught:

- a. How to use stores regulations, the many different forms involved and the action required for receipt and issues, and when discrepancies arise then or on stocktake.
- b. How to maintain the condition and safety of stores under cover or in the open.

/How to



How to prepare stores for movement and, within the limits of his experience, the identification of tools and equipments, the recognition of the need for repair and repair procedure.

- c. How to use, within safety limits, forklifts, chains, slings and SWR and how to work with cranes etc.

1215. He should be give the widest possible experience in every form of stores activity within the unit and on all tasks that will increase his knowledge of the equipments, tools and materials used in military engineering. This experience should result in a reduction in stores problems as well as better storemen.

1216. Intermediate Technical Storeman. Training to this standard should extend his capabilities and confirm the level of competence of being able to work in his trade without supervision. Extension of ability should include knowledge of office procedure including signal messages, plant documentation, unit loading tables, tactical packs, ISO, ISSMs and the adjustment of accounts by write-off action and conversion vouchers. Progress in his trade implies suitability for employment involving responsibility and judgement.

1217. Senior Technical Storeman. The final stage of training, coupled with the appropriate experience should enable him to have:

- a. The know-how to obtain any equipment or material required by a unit, irrespective of source eg, Engr supply or manufacture, Ordnance supply, or through contracts or local purchase.
- b. The knowledge of how to plan and organise a major unit stores system, to control the movement of stores into or from that store, in accordance with established principles and techniques for storekeeping, material handling, security, stores accounting and work study.

Full exercise of these capabilities should be compatible with responsibility. There should be a dual aim of proper employment of this Senior Technical Storeman and for his own pursuit of proficiency in his trade.

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He: Will you marry me?

She: No, but I admire your taste.



Corps Museum Magazines Perused Recently

1218. "Men Lonely" March 1941 produced aboard
HMT J23 ("Athlone Castle") with 7 Fd Coy
aboard - price 1/-

"Sappers Shrapnel" May 1918 produced
aboard HMT "Balmoral Castle" (36th NZE)

Te Waka O-Tu (The War Craft) May 1940
produced aboard HMT "Aquitania" (includes
7 Fd Coy NZE) - price 3d.

"The Sago of Simkins" 2 NZEF

"Johnny NZ in Italy" Sep 1945 printed in
Rotorua - price 2/6

"Field Training Manual" 1862 (Noted the
Field Service Level is being taught
exactly the same now - 113 years later).

Newsletter - 1 Fd Engr Regt RNZE 1961
(includes accounts of Bailey bridge
construction near Riverhead 120ft
D/S over the Rangitoponui River/Mill Flat
area, Waitemata County; Festival of
Wellington 30ft S/S in 22 mins; 150ft T/S
over the Clarence River; two 90ft T/S
class 150 spans at Kaiwharawhara in gale
conditions.)

"The ANZAC Book" 1915. Every word written
beneath a waterproof sheet or sandbags
within range of the Turkish rifles.

Reunion

1219. New Zealand Engineers 1st NZEF:
50th Golden Jubilee Reunion, Takapuna
RSA Hall Annex, Auckland, Saturday
13 September 1975 at 2 pm. Enquiries to:
Secretary Syd Carter 14/61 Allendale Rd
Mt Albert, Auckland 3.

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Doctor: Your husband must have rest and quiet.
Here's a sleeping pill.

Wife: When do I give it to him?

Doctor: Don't give it to him. Take it yourself.

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Corps Expansion No 2

1220. From Engineers are expected new ideas and improvements in the methods of waging war; it may truly be said that most technical developments are born and bred in the Corps. When they have grown up they are sent out to a separate life in the Service. Liaison Letter No 2 gave some background on the birth of the Tank Corps, this time the subject is

Aeronautics

Balloons were first used in Bechuanaland for observation purposes in 1884. Training was carried out at Chatham until the RE Balloon Depot was formed at Aldershot in 1890. Aeroplanes were developed at the beginning of the present century and in 1911 an Air Battalion RE was formed, which was taken over by the Royal Flying Corps in 1912. Later this was combined with the Royal Naval Air Service, to form the R.A.F.

Roll of Honour

1221. The Roll of Honour of the Royal New Zealand Engineers for 1939-45 is enshrined in the St Martins RNZE Corps Memorial Church at Linton Military Camp. The Roll of Honour of the Royal New Zealand Engineers for 1914-18 is enshrined in the Kitchener Chapel, St Pauls Cathedral, London. The Chief Engineer is actively pursuing colour negatives of this Roll so very hopefully both rolls will be able to be read within New Zealand.

P.S. A photographed colour copy of the 1914 - 18 RNZE Roll of Honour is now at SME Linton - Ed.

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I like work: It fascinates me.

I can sit and look at it for
hours.

I love to keep it by me.

The thought of getting rid
of it nearly breaks
my heart.

RNZE

Why are we called "Sappers" inquires my ignorant self?

"Because" withered the Sgt "you misguided offspring of unwed parents, you are only a sap."

Crestfallen, I question the padre "Sapis, sapere, Satin, to be wise, hence the inherent wisdom of sappers."

Flattered, I try this version on my officer.

"Rats" he retorts. "All sappers are divided into three classes, Officers, NCOs and baggies. History and textbooks have provided one universal title, which tradition we must uphold."

As usual he was too learned for me to follow as I bathed my thoughts in a couple of jugs.

Sap is lifegiving stuff that flows. So is blood. So is booze, but a few are not boozers. I've got my shoes on but I'm not walking.



To escape the brain maze, I consult the manual. Sap, it says, is a form of trench dug towards the enemy by men at its bottom. But we have never approached the enemy and we have..... Pity, the life of a mole is appealing.

Another volume indicates that sappers in bygone days acted in an advisory capacity to the army and should be treated as friends in doing much to improve conditions by technical skill.

Convinced at last, I approach the gunners and grunts at the bar. "I am your friend, treat me." Picking myself up from the floor I sadly reflect that I am a Sapper but nobody ever defined us properly to the rest!

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We were showing visitors around Waiouru and six-year-old son explained that all streets were named after famous Brigadiers, Generals and Colonels.

"This is Ruapehu Drive," son announced, "but I think he was only a Corporal."

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CHAPTER 13SAPPERS ABROADSECTION ONEBAILEY BRIDGING IN WESTERN SAMOA

by: Capt T.W.Dench



1301. As a result of severe flooding in the area of the Namo River near the village of Solo Solo in Western Samoa during November 1974, a main road concrete bridge was destroyed. The bridge gave access to the eastern end of the main island from the capital of Apia. At the request of the Samoan Government a temporary replacement Bailey bridge was provided under the New Zealand government's bilateral aid programme. This bridge would be required for about a year when it was expected finance would be available to build a permanent structure.

1302. The initial request was for a 120ft span bridge. All component parts less deck chesses, wheel guides and roller templates were supplied and shipped to Western Samoa from stocks held at SME. The Western Samoan Public Works Department were to provide the above mentioned deficient items plus the usual construction tools, transport, earth-moving machinery and construction labour. As the Army was providing the bridge, I was fortunate in being selected to go to Western Samoa to advise on the bridge erection. Having been suitably briefed by Doug Roberts and Major Tony Shorter (two previous visitors to the Island) on things to do and see and of course the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, I arrived in Western Samoa to be met by no lesser person than the Public Works Department's Director himself.

1303. His advice and assistance proved most helpful especially the suggestion that from his experience, if you wanted a job completed in a given time frame, then you should do it yourself. This proved particularly true in the assembly of timber for packing and grillages, transport to and from the bridge site and during the actual bridge construction.

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Two much attention to danger makes one
often fall into it.

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1304. Perhaps the most outstanding impression gained on arrival is the amount of financial aid and technical expertise being directed into such a small place as Western Samoa. The World bank, the Asian Development Bank, New Zealand, Australia and Japan are all contributing large sums of money to a great variety of projects under control of the Samoan Government. A new Hospital, a Telegraph centre, a Radio station, a Timber Treatment and Sawmill plant and a new roading and bridging system are but a few of the projects in progress. New Zealanders appear to be in control or advising in just about every area except perhaps the religious scene. Others that are contributing much to the Samoan scene are the American Hotel Corporation and Peace Corporations, the New Zealand VSA and ENEX of New Zealand.

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1305. The Special Projects Development Corporation is an organisation financed by the World Bank to undertake selected projects. One of these is the reconstruction of the Island's roading system which is being re-designed by ENEX of NZ.

Fourteen years ago the Island roading system was in first

class order but unfortunately through no maintenance and the increase in traffic density, the present roads are not much better than cart tracks.

1306. Most of the tarseal has disappeared and as a result of the very humid climatic conditions, the extensive pot holes in the volcanic rock and clay surface has reduced traffic speeds to about five miles per hour.

1307. An on site inspection was made of the bridging area on Saturday the first of March. Three possible construction sites were offered, two of which were unacceptable because of the following disadvantages:

- a. In both areas extensive embankment construction work would be required to:
 - (1) Narrow the gap to suit the 120ft of bridging being supplied.
 - (2) Raise the level of the bridge above the highest recorded flood level.
- b. The only readily available material was poorly graded river gravel which would be difficult to compact and would require extensive scour preventative measures to ensure stability during periods of possible future flooding.

/c. In one case

- c. In one case, the acquisition of land for approach and exit roads.
- d. The construction of approach and exit roads.
- e. A new concrete bridge was to be built on one of the sites in about one year's time.

1308. The remaining site was on the existing bridge alignment and, although the damaged bridge still presented an obstruction to the immediate erection of a new bridge, work had started on its removal. Scouring of the embankments due to flooding and sea wave action had extended the water gap to approximately 145ft. The embankment on the Apia side of the river was still intact but would require some minor reconstruction and scour preventative measures especially around the area of the new bridge seat. The embankment at the other end had suffered drastically from the effects of flood scour and wave action. The toe of the concrete embankment wall had sunk five feet causing it to tilt forward four feet. On the seaward side of the embankment, wave action had washed out much of the embankment fill material.

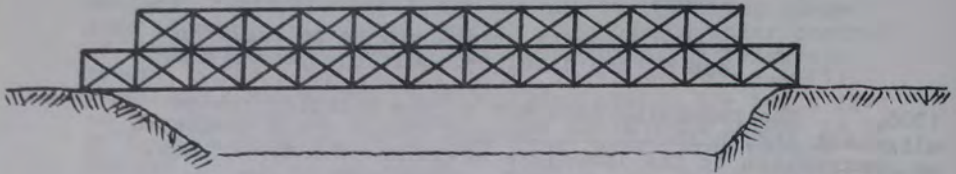


1309. When the damaged bridge girders had been removed, major reconstruction of this embankment was necessary to provide a firm foundation on which to position the Bailey bridge.

1310. Following discussions with the Director of Works, it was agreed that the Special Projects Development Corporation would be tasked to erect the bridge, clear the old bridge from the site and provide all heavy plant for earthworks in the reconstruction of the abutments and access roads.

1311. The Public Works Department undertook to provide a construction crane and the transport of the equipment from the Apia wharf to the construction site. However, as usually happens, when the Bailey equipment had been off-loaded onto the wharf, the only transporter that the PWD possessed was in workshops under repair so the responsibility for transporting the equipment to the site was passed to the S.P.D.C.

1312. Conventional design and construction methods were used to erect the bridge. Because the finished gap measured 130ft instead of the 120ft mentioned in the original request, the design was altered as follows:



Bridge 130ft DD with one ten foot ramp at each end

The bridge was launched with 7 bays SS nose, the first two bays of bridge DS and the remaining bays DD.

Decking stringers were left off the first five bays of bridge and all these stringers were used as a counter weight on the last bay of bridge.

Panels from the launching nose were used to complete the first two bays as DD.

To overcome the shortfall in decking stringers a bay of ramp stringer was modified to four inches in depth and fitted into the bridge decking system.

To complete the bracing on the last bay of bridge, improvised bracing frames were produced in the SPDC workshop as were several guide rollers to replace those missing from the launching rollers supplied with the construction equipment.

Roller templates which were to have been manufactured by the Samoan Public Works Department never arrived so these were improvised on site from timber acquired on a previous visit to the PWD timber yard.

The embankment on the landing side was reconstructed by placing large boulders in the base of the scoured out areas.

River gravel was used to fill in the voids and provide a level base on which to place two layers of 12" by 12" timber cribbing to form the ends of bridge support.

The old bridge girders were placed against the up and downstream faces of both abutments to give protection from future flood scour.

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The upper layer of gravel at the bridgeseats however, still required some form of anti-scour protection at the time of my departure from Samoa.

1313. Fifteen labourers, plumbers and plant operators from the road gangs of the SPDC performed exceptionally well in constructing the bridge in twenty-two hours. None had seen Bailey before, few had used a spanner and all were barefooted. However, what they lacked in knowledge and technique, was more than equalled in enthusiasm especially in swinging a sledge hammer at bent parts or non-aligned bolt holes. Apart from the usual number of bent parts requiring straightening and the failure under load of three of the four jacks supplied, the only problems encountered were in the control side. An over enthusiastic operator by excavating six feet over the area of the construction site instead of three feet for the bridge seat proved the value of written instructions instead of verbal ones to a site foreman. To do anything in Samoan time requires a period for consideration, meditation and planning, etc etc. Consequently, one had to involve oneself in just about every construction team to ensure the bridge would be finished on time. The art of getting the labourers to work was simply a matter of me picking up each bridge part and attempting to fit it into the bridge. The labourers would rush to assist but very seldom did I manage to get them to start a sequence by themselves except when plant machines were involved. They were good at operating plant items and used the machines for all sorts of tasks not necessarily on the construction site.

1314. On leaving the area on the 18 Mar the bridge was complete except for deck chesses and ribands. These did not arrive on the site until the end of April/early May when the bridge was opened by the Prime Minister of Western Samoa.

1315. No matter where we travel in the world there is always someone who has been in or associated with the Army doing their thing. The deputy director of Works Keith Mawson is a relative of Captain Hubert Mawson (TF) of 2 Field Squadron. In a recent letter he mentioned that the bridge was inadvertently test-loaded during the opening ceremony. A train of vehicles consisting of a Caterpillar 965 front end loader, a loaded 6 ton metal truck, a partially loaded truck followed by a fully loaded Samoan bus crossed the bridge immediately after the official party.

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Something evidently went wrong with the front end loader for all vehicles stopped nose to tail on the bridge. Fortunately the bridge is still standing!

1315. Ex Major James Ross RNZE, is supervising the provisioning of the new hospital in Apia. He has been seconded for the task from the Auckland Hospital Board. Don Marshall the SPDC workshop manager, comes from Turangi where he managed a workshop for the MOW. He knows most of the plant people of RNZE and has attended a Bridging Course at the SME. Professor Schwass from Massey University is well known to those of us who were fortunate to have been in Thailand on the Feeder Roads Project. He visited Apia during March to advise the Government on some educational or agricultural problems.

1316. The above are but a few of the memories of the erection of another Bailey Bridge. Most consider that the erection of Bailey is extremely simple, perhaps so. However, the satisfaction gained from the successful erection of this bridge on a foreign site with all its inherent organisational, site control and local labour problems, made this task for me a most enjoyable and rewarding one.

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PROBLEMS

Have you problems such as:



Not enough men for the job
Excessive costs
Too much paper work
Not enough storage space
Information not available when required
Under-utilized personnel, machines and equipment
Jobs/projects taking too long or which might be simplified?



If so, there is every indication that a Work Study project might help you to operate more efficiently. For further details contact:

(Sorry. Advertising not permitted. Ed)

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Young marriage: "With all my worldly goods I thee endow," the groom repeated.

"Well," whispered his father
"There goes his bicycle."

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SECTION TWORFMF RURAL DEVELOPMENT UNIT

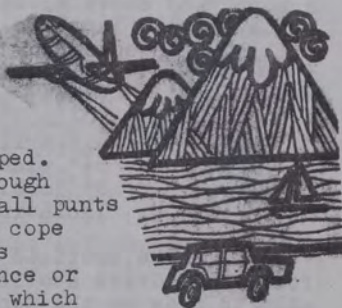
by: Capt K.J.Woods from Fiji

Bula,

1317. The Fijian sappers whom I mentioned in the 1st newsletter as those who would staff the squadron, are now in New Zealand and well occupied with their Trade Orientated course at SME. I understand that they are disappointed the NZ greatcoat has been withdrawn from service, they prefer them to pyjamas at this time of the year in Linton.

1318. Having had a quick look at parts of the Central and Eastern Divisions, it is obvious that a good deal of our time will be spent on bridging tasks, both short fixed span and suspension bridges up to 150ft. Because of the terrain, most rural villages are served only by walking tracks which connect a series of villages and terminate at the normal means of transport to the larger towns, sometimes a secondary road and sometimes a large river.

1318. River transport, especially in the river deltas and lowlands, is the only practical means of transport and this fact to a large extent has governed the size and type of tools with which the Squadron will be equipped. The tools selected had to be light enough for man packing or transporting in small punts and at the same time robust enough to cope with the various tasks in remote areas without the need of constant maintenance or repair. The tools selected and with which each tradesman in the works section will be issued are:



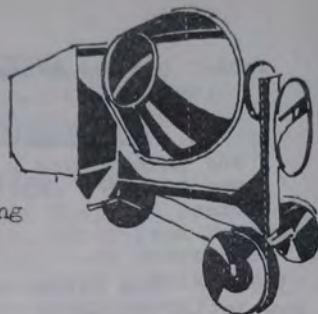
Bag carpenters
Bag Nail
Bar wrecking
Bevel
Bits, auger $\frac{1}{4}$ in - 1in
Blades, hacksaw
Brace
Chest tools
Chisels $\frac{1}{4}$ in - 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ in
Chisel cold
Cockscomb masonry set
Drill hand
Drills Twist
Files, flat and saw
Floats, steel and wooden
Hacksaw
Gauge
Goggles safety

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Hammers, carpenters
 " bricklayers
 Jointers, brick
 Spirit level
 Line, bricklayers
 Oil can
 Planes, jack and smoothing
 Pliers
 Plumb bob
 Nail punches
 Tool rolls
 Rasp
 Rule
 Saws, keyhole, crosscut & half rip
 Saw set
 Screw drivers various
 Spanner crescent
 Oil stone
 squares carpenters and blocklayers
 Trowels pointing



(Specialists such as plumbers, electricians, will have their own well equipped kits.)

1319. In addition each section commander will hold a supply of shovels, bars, tirfor hoists, bolt cutters, cowley level, lanterns, chainsaws, axes. Each section will also be equipped with a power tool kit comprising a:

Yanmar 5.5 KW Generator
 10 1/4 in HD Makita Skill Saw
 1/2 in drill
 5 3/8" planer
 8" double ended bench grinder
 Isolating transformer

1320. The sections will be self contained in 12 seater, four wheel drive stations wagons and trailers and will be able to draw on the Sqn Q store for special items such as Kanga hammers, concrete mixers, welding/cutting plant, demolitions kit, disc grinders, ladders, ramsets, 3in pump, heavy tirfor hoist, wheelbarrows and additional quantities of hand tools. Control will be exercised through two radio nets, one from HQ to each Section Commander and a local net between work sites. For those interested in the details of the Sqn equipment, I have enclosed a complete list of the Sqn holdings to the CI, SME.

1321. Another requirement in the delta areas will be the construction of flood gates, working on a clack or flap valve principle, preventing the sea water entering the crop areas at high tide but allowing fresh water to flow out when the tide drops enough for the gates to open. Concrete block house construction will be carried out in all areas and no doubt other tasks will follow as the sqns skills become known.



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1322. The building programme in camp for the Sqn accommodation is under way and trade trainees from WOII Bailey's school are about to pour the floor slab of our HQ building. It is proposed to have at least the HQ building ready for occupation by September this year. We have still no firm answer on extra NZ Sapper staff assistance but a further request has been forwarded to the NZ Government and hopefully we will hear something soon.

1323. My wife has settled down to the new life very well and has even found time to flit around the golf course several times a week. The children have also found some interesting pastimes - Leisa collects local cats and dogs and brings them home for a feed, Sonja collects all sorts of creatures from the local mudflats at Lauthala Bay and keeps them in plastic bags (often for far too long) and Daymond keeps toads (they turn up in all sorts of funny places.) We had a snort holiday during the school holidays at a place called Nananui-i-Ra, a small island resort off the North East tip of Viti Levu run by an ex RQMS of the Fijian Regt during the Mayalan confrontation. Oscar Betham is his name and he remembers from his army days Kiwis he served with who are still serving. (Shorty O'Brien and Rolly Manning for two.) Anyone planning a trip to Fiji and who are looking for a comfortable spot to fish, snorkle or simply laze around in warm friendly surroundings at moderate cost, could do worse than staning with Oscar. Should anyone want information on any aspect of a Fijian trip, drop me a line and I'm sure that information would be available.



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WORMS

In America there is one bookshop for 190,000 people, in England the ratio is one bookseller to 35,000 people, while in Australia it is one bookshop for 12000 shoppers. In New Zealand it is one bookshop for every 2400 people!

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SECTION THREE1 RNZIR

by: Capt R.A. Sampson

Appointments

1324. The following appointments are held by sappers posted ERE:

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| IO | Capt RA Sampson | ex C Coy |
| | | 1 RNZIR |
| Tradesman Pioneer | Cpl WD Murphy | ex 3 Fd Sqn |

Postings

1325. Out Ssgt L Thomas ex CQMS Spt Coy to SME
 Spr MJ Wall ex Aslt Pnr Pl to 1 Fd Sqn
 Spr MP Kingi ex " " " " " "

In Cpl WD Murphy (Spud)

Bn Changeover

1326. Familiar old faces of Thomas, Wall and Kingi have now left us to be replaced by only Cpl Spud Murphy. What is happening down there - where are all those up and coming field engineer instructors? The reduced 'Engineer Mafia' has now re-established itself in the unit in the form of the Intelligence Officer in Battalion Headquarters and the Tradesman Pioneer located in Administration Company.

Close Ups

1327. The new IO is doing is best to keep out of everybody's way and adopt a low profile without much success and is currently snowed under with everybody's too difficult projects. Cpl Spud Murphy is now settled in for his tour until May 77 and is currently living with his family at Seletar. No stranger to the area having been here in May 73 on a JALAN ULU Exercise located in the Mersing/Jemuluang Airfield area, he has already re-orientated himself with a six day period in the Kota-Tingi area on the G Familiarisation Course. 3 Fd Sqn's loss becomes Administration Company's gain as Spud Murphy is active in Badminton Volleyball and Golf and was involved in all three during the recent Battalion Sports Week. The Corporals Club have also gained a stalwart member particularly for the occasion when they need something built, repaired or painted.

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If you think nothing of the work you do, plenty of people will agree with you

Battalion Activities

1328. 1 RNZIR has had a particularly busy schedule for the first half of 1975. Major events were as follows:

- a. Ex Green Beret II. Ex Green Beret II combined Aslt Pnr and Sigs Dets with C Coy in an adventurous training exercise on the East Coast of Malaysia, south of Mersing. A varied programme included Sub Aqua Training, Jungle Survival, Assault Pioneer tasks and tracking. Frequent resupply of fresh rations by airdrop and helicopter kept spirits high and the only disruption turned out to be a tiger which wandered out at last light in front of a recon party returning to the base camp. Unfortunately for the tiger it was far too menacing to be ignored and paid the penalty. Spr Wall, now of 1 Fd Sqn, has some interesting photographs of the iger carcass.



- b. Air Mob Ex. An air mob ex conducted late in February gave the JM and everyone else the normal amount of headaches in moving the Battalion out of Dieppe and eventually by air to another location. Just wait until one of the squadron has to pack up completely and move by air, how about it Major Shorter?!!

- c. Ex Cheng Ho. Ex Cheng Ho, a joint exercise with the Singapore Armed Forces (SAF) Commands Battalion was conducted early in March. An outstanding success, the exercise gave plenty of scope for all members of the unit to work with Singaporeans particularly Assault Pioneers involved in the boating operations to support troop seaborne assaults and resupply.

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The psychiatrist lecturer: "May I have your tensions please"

The plumber: "OK now. All cisterns go."

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- d. Ex Three Bridges. Ex Three Bridges, the last such exercise to be conducted by 28 Inf Bde saw the participation of three battalions, three SAS squadrons and a considerable amount of air support during April. 1 RNZIR played a particularly active part, marred only by an accident in the final stages when a tree toppled over at night across a C Coy night harbour position, killing one soldier and seriously injuring another. The professionalism of RNZAF helicopter casevac procedure was demonstrated to the full on that occasion.



- e. G Familiarisation Course. Designed to equip all new arrivals with up to date in-theatre knowledge, the G Courses are run every time a reinforcement arrives. C Coy carried out the training on this occasion, running all of the 250 odd soldiers through a three day in camp phase followed by six day bush phase in the Kota Tinggi area. A large base camp was established complete with the normal sort of sapper style shower points, picture screen and "very wet" canteen for the instructors concerned with the bush phase. In position for a month, the camp demonstrated just how successfully a company can exist on a road/air resupply link over 40 miles provided that the right sort of support is procured from the start.

Adventurous Training

1329. 1 RNZIR soldiers still have ample opportunity for adventurous training in Singapore. Sub Aqua training is continuing to allow soldiers the chance to deploy out to off shore islands for diving expeditions. Despite the absence of Ssgt Thomas, training is to continue this year and it is hoped to have certain members accredited with British Sub Aqua qualifications.

1330. Free-fall parachuting continues to be popular. Since reactivation, the Joint NZ/UK Para Association is well over the 500 descents mark and heading for No. 1000. Just recently an extensive parachute training exercise was conducted at Keluang in Malaysia culminating in a demonstration of training and advanced free-fall techniques to Senior Malaysian, NZ and UK officers - so airborne sappers are very welcome in Singapore.

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Millions are idle, but
thank goodness most of
them have jobs.

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SECTION FOURWORKS SERVICE SECTION
HEADQUARTERS NEW ZEALAND FORCE - SOUTH EAST
ASIA

by: WOII I. Lamb

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1331. The New Zealand Force Works Service team is still working at their often much critisized and thankless tasks of planning, estimating and supervising all major and minor works required to keep a force of 1000 odd people happily accommodated overseas. However, although there are only three military staff in the works services (Force Engineer, Sqn Ldr Dickie, Clk Wks WOII Lamb and Ssgt Rolle) we are ably supported by 43 Indigenous people who fill all appointments in the two maintenance sections and works section.

1332. Since our last article produced for Liaison Letter No 1, (apologies for No 2) where we gave the basic functions and operations of the works and maintenance sections, work has progressed steadily and in greater quantities and with the British Forces withdrawal taking place at the present moment, it is highly probable we will get quite a bit of overtime worked.

1333. A big percentage of the works sections activities at the time of writing, is the handing back of Real Estate to the Singapore Government. This includes amenity buildings, housing and land. Before this can be done the maintenance sections under Don Rolle, are working very hard to bring the buildings and houses up to an acceptable standard ready for hand over. It is interesting to note that at the physical handing over of Real Estate, the New Zealand contingent has so far been outnumbered by at least 12 - 1 by the Singapore contingent. Actual figures for the first handover were two NZ Force representatives (Sqn Ldr Dickie and WOII Lamb) with 27 Singapore representatives (sorry space not available to print all names).

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Chaplain to condemned man in electric chair.
 "Anything I can do for you in this hour of need?"
 "Yes, hold my hand."

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1334. With the British Force withdrawal under way it is hoped to bring the married NZ personnel closer to their place of employment and this will mean the re-

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housing of approximately 250 families from their present location at Seletar and Changi and shift them into the Woodlands/Nee Soon area. The houses in the Woodlands area, at present occupied by British Forces, will (we hope) be taken over progressively by us. This process is expected to cover a period up to March 1976. In addition to this, it is hoped to house RNZAF personnel in houses at Tengah Air Base situated approximately 10 miles from Woodlands. There will probably still be a requirement for more housing and it could possibly be overcome by approximately 40 houses in the camp that will be so familiar to so many Sappers, Nee Soon.

1335. It can be seen from all this that a major adjustment in the maintenance sections is required as not only will we have to maintain the buildings we are vacating, but also the buildings we are taking over. With this probable move of married quarters, it will mean the maintenance sections will have to move also and it is hoped to overcome this problem by leaving the Dieppe maintenance section at Dieppe to cover Nee Soon, Dieppe and NZ Services School at Woodlands, although they may have to shift location within Dieppe, moving the Seletar maintenance section into the Naval Basin area to cover HQ NZ Force and Woodlands married quarters. This section will be split during the housing shift to try and cater for both areas, with the creation of a sub-maintenance section at Tengah to cater for NZ married quarters and buildings in that area. However, this hectic chain of events should only last a few months and the maintenance sections in their new situations should be able to fully settle down about April - May 1976.

1336. Sqn Ldr Allan Dickie (not related) is due TO RTNZ in January 76 but up to this time no replacement has been confirmed. However, as usual there are plenty of rumours. He says that he will be stepping on the Air New Zealand flight on the 6th of January 1976 come hell or high water. We'll wait and see?

1337. Ssgt Don Rolle is still here in charge of the maintenance sections but now has 18 months of this type of work experience behind him. (I think he is trying to say he hasn't long to go either.) He is off in the middle of July for a rest period with his wife and children to the United Kingdom. He says the highlight of the trip should be a duty weekend with his wife in Paris and hopes to fulfil his everlasting ambition to get to the top of the Eiffel Tower!

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Sign in bankrupt amusement park:
"Insufficient Funs"

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By A.N.Other

1338. WOII Ian Lamb arrived over here on January 11, 1975 to replace Peter Foster and he was soon stuck into his work with great enthusiasm and expertise as we all know that Ian is capable of. He says he's losing weight (one stone so far) with the heat and golf but after the last gourmet meal he put away at a dinner we attended, I have my doubts.)

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Noughts and crosses
played by two
extremely stubborn
people.

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GET WITH IT

This sign, in black block letters appeared recently on a toilet block at Papakura Camp:

OUT OF SERVICE
INDEFINITELY
FOR MAJOR REPAIRS

Below, in much smaller but equally compelling block lettering, someone had added:

TEILMAJOR REPAIRS THAT
GENERAL USE WANTS THIS
OPERATIONAL AT ONCE.
AS FOR THE OUT-OF-SERVICE,
WE'RE NOT.

PVT ENTERPRISE
CPL CONVENIENCE

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SECTION FIVE28 INDEPENDENT FIELD TROOP RESUB TROOP RNZE PERS

by: Cpl Norm Taylor

1339. Parade State as at 26 June 1975.

Cpl Taylor
 Lcpl Woolridge
 Spr Clark
 Spr Gallagher
 Spr Popham

1340. It was Jan 75 after the four new arrivals had settled in and everyone else had recovered from the Christmas festivities that we started work proper alongside our British mates. The work mainly consisted of building hen houses, fixing doors etc, nothing big or exciting until the Brigade exercise. The Brigade exercise was held in March up in Malaya. It consisted of the usual tasks carried out by Sappers in this theatre ie, building bridges, roads, chopper pads and of course, had to include the underground command post to house Brigade HQ and Signals.

1341. On return from the exercise the next month was spent on internal and external painting around our HQ in Punjab Square, Nee Soon in preparation for a visit from the CE who was inspecting Engineer installations in Hong Kong and Singapore.



1342. Shortly after this we started our BIG job, it was to build a type of Outward Bound School for the Singapore International School. For two days we loaded stores at our unit then set out on the five and half hour trip to the site that had been selected for it up in Malaya. On arrival we found a nice flat area covered with grass and about 10 yds from a beautiful beach. It took one day to get camp set up and the site marked out ready for building, then came the crunch (yes, we have all heard it before) we had to move the building 50 yards inland. Our spirits fell because 50 yards inland was 30 yards inside the jungle edge.

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People who don't know whether they are coming
 are usually in the biggest hurry to get there.

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1343. Nine days later we had the site cleared and marked out ready to start construction. Progress was good for the next few days with foundations poured, bearers and joists in position, and morale pretty high, when out of the blue over the radio from our HQ back in Singapore we were told to pack up everything and be back in Singapore within 24 hours, as the Malay Government had not yet given us permission to be there (we just made it). At the present moment we are still waiting for permission to go back.

1344. As the troop will be returning to the UK very soon, you will see all but Spr Clark returning to NZ. He will be joining the pioneer platoon in the Battalion to complete his tour. Sid Popham is the old dig of our small band over here and won't let us forget that we are just "short timers."

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A back yard swimming pool is a body of water completed surrounded by kids.

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SECTION SIX5 SURVEY MAP DEPOT RE

by: Cpl Kerry Moore

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1345. 5 Survey Map Depot Royal Engineers of which I am the NZ representative, has now officially been in business exactly one year and one month - time has certainly flown. The Depot's principal function is to issue maps and air charts to the various units on Singapore Island, however, with the pull out of the "Brits", we are shortly to find ourselves redundant - nasty word. Accordingly, NZ Force South East Asia is in the process of establishing its own map store, but I believe that the store which will have to carry

approximately 26,000 maps, will become an Ordnance responsibility - bad luck if anyone was thinking of taking my place. It's a shame really, as it's one more Engineer posting probably gone west.

1346. Those of you who read the first issue of the Liaison Letter may recall that I mentioned that the Map Depot was moved from Dover Road at the bottom of the island up into the Naval Basin so as to be nearer the action and so forth. I must admit there is not much action in this particular depot, unless you count the furious motion of my finger on our antiquated typewriter now and then. However, it has been good to be closer to the other Kiwis on the island, such as the administration, account boys etc in Kangaw, the grunts (sometimes) at Dieppe and NZAOD right alongside of us, not to mention the various frigates which practically tie up outside our front door.

1347. It has been something of a blessing to have the NZ Advanced Ordnance Depot alongside, as I have found that with the slow turnover of maps and charts that I have ample time to join in with their sporting activities - daylight only! Also, it must be remembered with such a small unit as mine (three of us) there was no such thing as unit sport until we moved to the Naval Basin.

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Definition of a camel:

A horse put together by
a committee

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SECTION SEVENNEWS OF OLD FACES

1348. Noticed in the February 1975 issue of the "Soldier" a letter to the Editor by a certain Flt Lt A. Bracey. As it is firmly believed that this is the same Cpl Alec Bracey of SME Q Store staff of a few years ago, the text of the letter is republished here for interest.

"I noted with interest the surname of the bride of Marine Tom Rivenberg whose wedding was mentioned in the July issue ("Soldier" - purely personal) and I wondered if Jenny Bracey was related to me in any way.

Our family left Portsmouth for NZ in 1949 and settled in Hastings, Hawkes Bay. My grandfather was in the RAOC and my father was a sergeant in the RCMP in Palestine when he died in 1947.

I have served with the New Zealand Army, the Australian Army and am at present a Flight Lieutenant in the Royal Australian Air Force.

I congratulate Tom Rivenberg on his courage and determination.

Signed: Flt Lt A. Bracey, RAAF, Defence Section, Base Squadron, RAAF Base, Amberley, Queensland 4305. Australia."

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What is the difference between a pessimist and an optimist?

A pessimist is a driver who's afraid he won't be able to squeeze his car into a very small parking space. An optimist is a bystander who thinks he won't try.



CHAPTER 14ARTICLES AND REPORTSSECTION ONE1 NZEF - FEATHERSTON

1401. The Featherston Military Training Camp was built between late August 1915 and 26 January 1916. There were 252 buildings including 16 x 600 men dining halls, six cookhouses, 17 shops, a bakery, a canteen (320ft x 50ft) and stables to accommodate 500 horses. The construction task was undertaken by the Public Works Department using 1060 workmen. The camp, accommodating 8000 men used $3\frac{1}{2}$ million super feet of timber, 30 tons of nails and 4600 rolls of patent roofing, was a self-contained town. There were two water supply systems - one for drinking and cooking purposes (two 40ft concrete lined wells) and the other for ablutions, stables, latrines etc (supplied by water race from the Tauherinikau River). This used $6\frac{1}{2}$ miles of pipes and 700 taps. Lighting was supplied by two 75 kilowatt generators each driven by a 125 hp suction gas Westinghouse engine. The camp post office rated as fifth in the Dominion from the amount of business conducted. There were 39 dentists on the staff of the camp!

1402. Featherston Camp was about $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles from Featherston on the main Greytown road, on the left side as one travels towards Greytown. Canvas Camp was situated across the road from the main camp and had accommodation for 2100 all ranks. Tauherinikau Camp established in 1911 was at this time used as an Infantry training camp. Papawai Canvas Camp was a mile or two outside the township of Greytown and contained the rifle ranges. Engineers trained at Trentham Camp but Engineer Signallers trained in the trenches at Featherston. Burt's and Elgar's paddocks were two principal training grounds.

1403. A railway served both the main and the canvas camp at Featherston. A total of 40 tons of food was handled each day to meet the needs of the strenuous military and physical training experienced by the troops.

/1404. By the time

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There's a difference between good sound reasons
and reasons that sound good.

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1404. By the time the soldiers came over the hill (by rail) from Trentham they were six weeks old soldiers. They had entered Trentham Camp as respectably dressed citizens and were stripped of clothes, personality and dignity, and were changed into a strange-looking, wonder-eyed objects, wandering about the camp in slow moving groups, clad in yellow, blue, brown or slatey-coloured denims, in a narrow shouldered coat that was short behind and full at the waist, trousers that hung stiff and straight, with perhaps two or three inches of surplus length turned up at the bottoms; a hat of greenish-yellow felt without a pugaree. By the

time they reached Featherston, the long pants had been cut down to shorts, the denims had lost their newness and the soldier no longer self-conscious and awkward when he saluted his officer.

1405. Weeks later, each trained reinforcement (about 1900 soldiers) marched over the Rimutaka Hill to Trentham with the camp band to accompany them for the first four miles and lusty singing the remainder of the way up the hill. Leaving Featherston at 3.00 a.m., they reached the summit at 7.15 a.m. A halt was called each hour on the march with the leading company changed to the rear allowing the next company to lead. The men in each file of four also changed places hourly. They were wise company commanders who ordered this change, for the man on the left was walking on the inside and lower level all the time, and were glad to change to the right or outside place.

1406. Fascinated, interested? There is a 112 page illustrated booklet on this subject in your Corps Library.

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A doctor was having a torrid love affair with one of his patients. Their amorous escapades took place at his apartment. One day the young lady went to the doctor's office for her annual physical examination: "OK" the doctor told her, "take of all your clothes." "Not without my martini first," she protested.

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MY LADY NICOTINE

(From "The ANZAC Book")

The hills of old Gallipoli
Are barren and austere,
And Fairy folk, unhappily
Are few indeed out there.

But one I know whose industry
Both night and day is seen,
For all attest her ministry -
My Lady Nicotine.

I do not pen unfeelingly
These random lines of thanks,
For I, in old Gallipoli
Am fighting in the ranks.

However long the day may be
Or Cold the watch of night,
My lady finds unerringly
The road to the respite.

Her gift is small and seemingly
Of little value, yet
It teaches me so charmingly
To think and to forget.

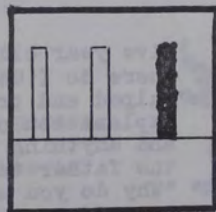
So I and those along with me
In all this dreary scene
Unite in giving thanks to thee
My Lady Nicotine.

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A young lady was visiting
a man who was celebrating
his ninety-ninth birthday.

"I hope I'll be able to
come and see you next year
when you celebrate your
100th birthday," the young
lady said.

"Why not," the old man
replied, "you look healthy
enough to me."



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Two cigarettes
with nudist friend

SECTION TWODAIRY FARMING

1407. When I first joined the Army I had this funny idea they had herds of cows, just like my Dad on the farm.

1408. I was told about the "bull-ring" so it seemed reasonable to think there was a milking shed. Anyway, I heard some jokers talking about the "cream of the army" and wondered where they kept it.

1409. There were references to "fair cows" and I thought I saw some but a joker called them "heifers". There was talk of a "cow of a job" but what got me really confused was when I was told to "put my hoof on it." I started to wonder if there was a connection between "the range", "a bulls eye" and the bull-ring. Then there was something I read about "bulls-hit". There were some blokes supposed to be "milking the till" and other blokes "on grass". Some blokes were said to be a bit "cocky" and everybody has a "field uniform".



1410. What really reminded me about haymaking time was firstly some sort of a joke about me and "hay foot" and my mate said he was "eating like a horse" and finally, like my mother on a wet day at haymaking time, when I heard "don't do your scones" and "let fly" - my Dad has lots of them too!

1411. Now, my Dad is a cow cocky and has no bull-ring - the army has a bull-ring but I haven't actually seen the cows and I'm a bit sour about that. Has anyone seen the cows?

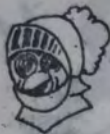
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Five year old Timmy asked his father, "Daddy, where do I come from?". The embarrassed father gulped and proceeded to go into a long-winded explanation of the birds, the bees, the stork and anything else he could think of. Finally, the father turned to his son and asked, "Why do you want to know?"

"Oh," Timmy replied, "there's a new kid at school and he's from Auckland, so I wondered where I came from."

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SECTION THREEMEDAL MANIA

1412. Medals are rewards. Some for special meritorious acts but mostly for overseas service. Yes! Wonder how I can get overseas and get some medals? My Sgt looks good with his two ribbons up. He said he had been on active service.

Looks like it too cause you can tell his back from the front! What did he say? Oh yes, he said he was there when they were filling magazines not reading them. Then his mate replied that he was there when they were needing them, not feeding them. That's the friendly rivalry I would wish to be part of. What did I read about medals? Field Marshal Earl Roberts, VC, KG, KP, GCB, OM, GCSI, GCIE, VD also had 24 Mention in Despatches! Whew! The most bemedalled chest was H.I.M. Field Marshall Haile Selassie KG, GCB(Hon) GCMG(Hon) Emperor of Ethiopia who had over 50 medal ribbons worn in up to 14 rows.

1413. Back to me. How can I get one? Vietnam? No its hands off there for now. Korea? Not yet again. Malaysia? Indonesia? Antarctica? Singapore? All very doubtful, but I'm a soldier - they told me I was good on my Basic. I want to prove it to me. Have I got to be a Sgt first? Perhaps that's it. Nothing I can do. Just wait!! IS THAT WHY THEY HAVE 18 YEAR GONGS!! Wish I had a VC and then the world would know about me. I'd say -

HOW I WON THE VC

Yes, that's the red ribbon I'm wearing - Just a small strip of scarlet, you see But there's no one can tell how I prize it Nor the glow it occasions to me. Yes, that's the VC. How I won it It isn't for me to relate (We heroes are always so modest And boasting a thing that I hate).

Well - seeing you write for the papers, I'll make an exception of you; Don't mention my name if you write it Tho' every particular's true. It was five thousand feet to the summit, And almost as steep as a wall; And they met every charge as we rushed it With bayonet, shrapnel and ball.



/Then there was

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A home budget is an orderly way of living beyond your means

Then there was this knoll just before us -
 Some two hundred paces or more;
 With barbwire and bayonets bristling
 And parapets slippery with gore
 We had squandered the best of our Army
 We had stuck to our ultimate gasp
 And there, in the moment of triumph
 The prize was to slip from our grasp.



Then suddenly out sprang the Major
 His face lighted over with bliss -
 "Pass the word there for Lance-Corporal Wilson
 He'll find a way out of this!"
 So I shook hands with all of the Squadron
 (There were only thirteen of us left)
 And they cheered me farewell till the foemen
 Must have thought us of senses bereft.

I had five hundred rounds for my rifle,
 And of hand bombs I took forty one;
 A machine gun was slung to my shoulders,
 And I carried a periscope gun
 You talk of charmed lives - I'd a thousand;
 As I rushed up that hill like a goat
 I got thirty two shots through my trousers
 And nine shrapnel balls through my coat.

An enemy bomb burst beneath me
 For a moment I gave up all hope
 But it proved the best thing that could happen,
 For it pushed me half way up the slope.
 But I gathered new strength for the conflict
 And, just as the darkness came down
 I was under their parapets resting
 And I knew I had beaten them brown.

For this was the scheme I had worked on
 'Twas a little bit mean you may say -
 But I knew that our foes were half famished,
 And fought on one biscuit a day;
 And the tins of salt Bully I carried,
 I chucked in the trench then and there;
 And I heard the poor beggars pounce on it
 And I knew they were caught in the snare!

The morning broke, smiling and peaceful -
 Ah, shame that we soldiers must fight -
 'Twas a piteous scene met my vision
 With the first rosy quivers of light.
 When I peeped in the trench, not a foe, sir,
 Was left of that legion accurst -
 For they'd whacked the salt Bully among them,
 And each man had perished from thirst!

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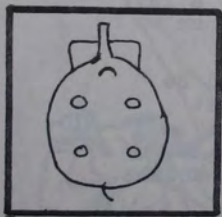
That's the yarn. If you know our good Squadron
 You'll know how our Major can smile.
 He said to me: "Corporal Wilson
 You've dished up the buggers in style."
 Promotion! Some say I deserve it,
 But that's really nothing to me;
 I don't want no honour or glory,
 But - that's how I won the VC.

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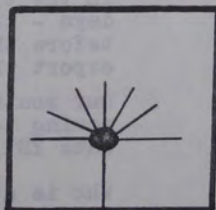
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The best executive is the one who has sense
 enough to pick good men to do what he wants
 done and self restraint enough to keep from
 meddling with them while they do it.

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Elephant taking
 a Sunbath



Spider doing a
 handstand or a
 Frightened mop

SECTION FOURTRENTHAM BASED CORPS PERS

by: WOI D.A.Hitchener

1414. At last the Badminton Hall has disappeared from the Trentham skyline - never again will we hear "Put your rifles against the Badminton Hall" from the likes of "Doc" Schwass. However, revetting material was gained and will be put to good use.



1415. Lcpl Russ Levy (1 Base Wksp) was involved in a nasty accident during his TOD at Cadet School - a thumb and a saw - with the saw winning.

1416. Over the last month the Corps rep at 1 BOD has been on his annual swan around the Corps units - all units have the same problems - no new gear, long delays etc. Apart from the work aspect, a few notes of general interest -

Can anybody help a field squadron obtain material for a flag so they can fly the correct one?

How about that Chappie.

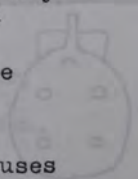
Plastic cups are presenting a problem which cause our two Linton squadrons to become bitter enemies - possibly this is the reason both AOs are changing places.

Of course the school is still the great seat of learning, spreading the good word - but still no info on NYLON ROPE RALPH!!

6 Fd Sqn (Mr Gees Own) appear to live in the trg areas more than at Petone these days - they also charge TF soldiers a levy before they can join the RF (and then export them south).

Our southern brothers say they could be moving to Burnham - sometime - no set date YET.

Who is a Corps member who has three houses and lives in camp? (5 marks)



Hat badges and collar dogs for officers and WOIs are available. The badges are only \$1.10 at DSGs - they were hidden in the system for some time but not now. All concerned should be able to be correctly dressed.

Pleasing to hear the distributors of this fine publication have acknowledged the existence of our men at Ngaruawahia.

Congrats to our Ssgt BEM from all at Trentham.

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HEAD OFFICE



Choice excerpts recorded by Records Office during World War II.

"I'm glad to say that my husband, who was reported missing, has now been killed."

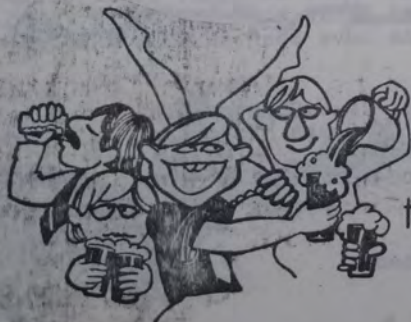
"In answer to your letter, I have just given birth to a boy weighing ten pounds. I hope this is satisfactory."

"Unless I get my husband's allotment I shall be forced to lead an immortal life."

"In accordance with instructions, I have given birth to twins in the enclosed envelope."

"I am very annoyed to find in the paper you sent me that you have branded my eldest son illiterate. It is a dirty lie because I married his father a week before he was born."

"Sir, I am forwarding my marriage certificate and my two children one of which is a mistake as you will see."



livening
the party...

SECTION FIVELETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Editor
RNZE Newsletter
SME.

Several years ago it was suggested that a new WOI appointment should be created, entitled Warrant Officer of the NZ Army. I thought the idea had died, but while passing along the corridors of Army General Staff, it was noted that a very well known RNZE WOI was hovering around trying to attract attention, ie, by waving his arms toward the ceilings, getting senior officers to bounce along the corridors and with the odd burst of loud laughter.

Personally I would support Doug in his efforts to get posted to Wellington and support from the rest of the Corps would probably clinch the appointment.

"J. Offord"



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The Editor

Dear Sir,

An Answer to a Question Raised in Liaison
Letter No 2 : Corps MSMs

To the best of my knowledge, no sapper has received the award of the Meritorious Service Medal since the end of the First World War. I quite realise that my records are far from complete but the information which I have points this way. Certainly there have been none since the end of World War Two. One looks at other Corps within the New Zealand Army and finds that the Corps which have taken most of these awards have been RNZEME, RNZ Inf, RNZAC and RNZAOC.

"H. E. Chamberlain"
Corps Historian

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What did the grape say when
the elephant trod on it?

Nothing, it just let out a
little wine.



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EDITORIAL

From remarks made by informed military personnel, the Corps of Royal New Zealand Engineers is considered to be "strong" and generally "in good shape". This really is a compliment to be treasured and one which is not going to be lost within the career of the reader. I believe these views are correctly justified on past and present performances without any idea as to how, with the present standard of individuals within the Corps, it will be tarnished in the future.

There are (and there will be more) plenty of examples of outstanding work achievements no matter what the trade within the Corps, but one must have some ambition. How best to reinforce the truthful, but perhaps reluctant view, that the RNZE are a good Corps? How do we become the outstanding Corps?

A field of endeavour which appears to hold a challenge and a very useful barometer of "Espirit de Corps" is that of sport. I believe that the RNZE rugby, basketball, golf, cricket or softball team would prove a few things one way or the other. Admittedly there are difficulties with such aspirations but to become the outstanding Corps, what price a few more difficulties to overcome?

As rugby has such strong appeal in NZ, can you imagine the pride in the RNZE winning games against all comers such as RNZ Inf, RNZA, RNZAC, RNZ Sigs, RNZEME, RNZASC? What better way to prove a point in due course of fitting in a game or two against the Navy, Air Force and even the NZ Police? An attainable aim? I believe so.



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CHAPTER ONE

CHIEF ENGINEER BRANCH ARMY GENERAL STAFF

Appointments

101. The following are the current appointments as at 1 Oct 75.

Chief Engineer
SORE II
Clerk

Lt Col RK Rutherford
Maj JM Kiff
WOI HK Wawatai

Grid Reference Quiz

102. Take a world map, use the first letter (unless directed otherwise) of country, state or city as directed and from these results complete the two answers required. No prize, just practice.

C 50°N 5°E _____
Ci 45°N 75°W _____
Ci 43°N 13°E _____
C 22°S _____
C 17°N 43°E _____

C 22°N 121°E _____
Ci 38°N 78°W _____
C 2°N 18°E (last letter) _____

C 37°N 39°E _____
C 7°N 79°E (last letter) _____

C 33°S 55°W _____
Ci 19°S 48°E _____
C 55°S 72°E _____

Ci 45°N 75°W _____
C 27°N 87°E _____
C 2°S 79°W _____

Ci 21°N 112°E _____
C 30°N 48°E (second letter) _____

Ci 29°N 75°E _____
C 55°N 10°E _____
Ci 16°N 97°E _____
C 0°N _____
Ci 7°S 39°E _____

C 55°S 38°W _____
Ci 40°N 119°E (second letter) _____

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C 2°S 79°W _____
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C 10°S 35°E _____
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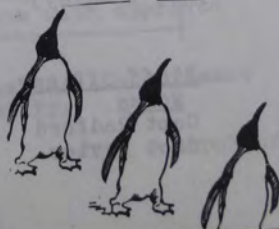
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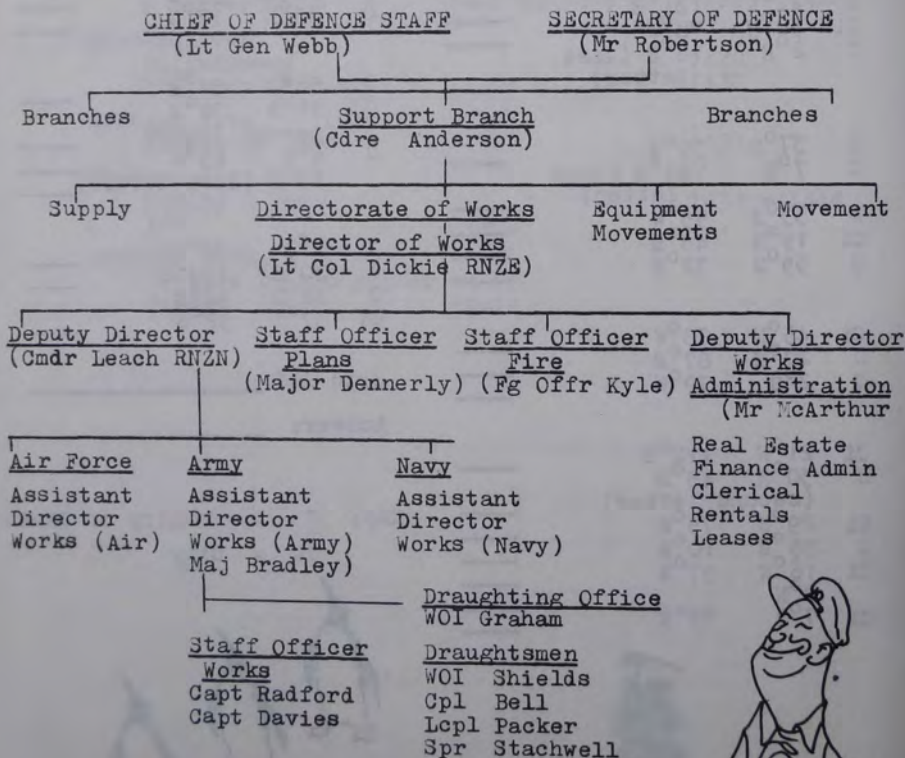
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CHAPTER 2SECTION ONEDIRECTORATE OF WORKS
SUPPORT BRANCH DEFENCE HQA Brief Outline

201. To many Sappers, the organisation and role of the Defence Works probably remains shrouded in the mists of Aotea-Roa and because of this it has become to many, one of those imbugerance Headquarters somewhere up the chain. In an effort to dispel this feeling, an "I WORKED FOR THE CIA" type expose has been prepared and released at great personal risk by the writer.

202. Firstly we start by releasing details of the network (word taken from popular spy thriller).



Responsibilities

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203. The next important information to release in our expose: WHAT DOES IT DO? The Works side of the Directorate is divided into three cells - Navy, Army and Air Force, each cell being responsible for its particular service's works matters. Inter-Service rivalry (antagonism) does not exist at this high level of power and the odd tasks are handled between the various cells (SPIRIT OF COOPERATION).

204. The draughting office is attached to the Army Cell for administration; this is only because Army has managed to infiltrate the office to such an extent, that no other service personnel exist. However, it is the Defence Works Draughting Office (NAME ABOVE DOOR) otherwise known as "The Graham School of Architecture".

205. The main responsibilities of the Directorate, obtained surreptitiously from the head of the department are:

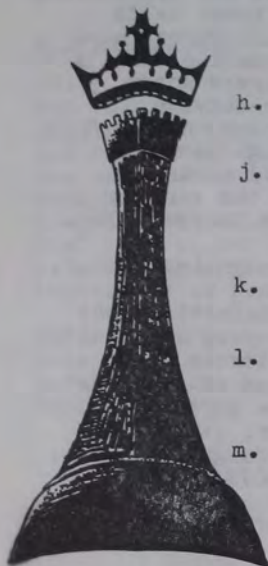
- a. Specialist advice to single Service staffs and branches at Defence Headquarters, Formation Headquarters and Camp/Base/Unit levels as required.
- b. Advice and recommendations on Works policy formulation and the implementation of Works policy and plans.
- c. Direction of all work associated with the compilation and presentation of the annual Defence Capital Works Programme, Works Maintenance Programme, Army Engineer Unit Programme of Work and the ten year Defence Works Plan.
- d. Arrangements for the provision and maintenance of buildings and works services in accordance with approved programme.
- e. Authorisation of finance in accordance with delegated authority.



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- f. Control of Works expenditure from sums appropriated under Vote : Defence.
- g. Periodic inspectional visits to all Defence establishments - to advise, co-ordinate Def/MWD works activities and to ensure policies and priorities are being properly applied.
- h. Preparation of plans for longer term development of major camps and bases.
- j. The technical soundness of works designed in the Defence draughting office, and the approval of all plans prepared.
- k. Establishing and maintaining Standards and Scales for Defence Accommodation.
- l. The acquisition, disposal, leasing, renting, and recording of land, buildings and housing facilities.
- m. Liaison with Service staffs, government departments, Planning Authorities and local bodies on matters affecting Defence buildings, land and works services.
- n. Liaison with civilian engineer and architectural consultants engaged by Ministry of Defence.
- o. Defence Fire Services and Fire Protection.
- p. Matters affecting the environment.
- q. Works aspects of the NZ Defence presence in Singapore, including the annual NZ Force SEA Works Programme.
- r. Service representative to Cabinet Works Committee in support of Defence works projects.

Current Projects Underway

206. Specific notice should be taken of the tri-service flavour of the word UNDERWAY used in the heading (literal translation HAVING STEAM UP).

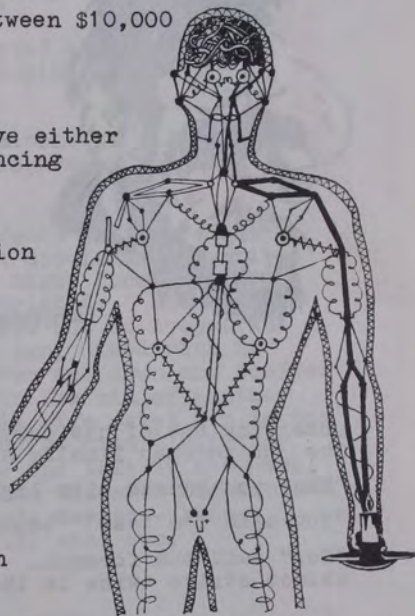
- a. A large country-wide housing programme of 144 units totalling \$1.9 million
- b. Radio and Sonar Workshop at the Naval Dockyard \$1.0 million
- /c. New Other

- | | | |
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| c. | New Other Ranks Mess
at Papakura | \$0.6 million |
| d. | Water treatment plant
at Waiouru | \$0.25 million |
| e. | New Barrack Block Trentham
Camp | \$0.75 million |
| f. | New Senior NCO Quarters
at Fort Dorset | \$100,000 |
| g. | Heating Scheme Woodbourne | \$0.25 million |
| h. | Heating Scheme Burnham | \$1.2 million |
| j. | 65 other projects between \$10,000
to \$200,000. | |

Programmed Works

207. The following projects have either just begun or will shortly be commencing for Army:

- | | | |
|----|---|----------------|
| a. | New Barracks,
Papakura | \$1.2 million |
| b. | Natural gas
conversion Papakura | \$150,000. |
| c. | Enclose the
swimming pool
Waiouru | \$0.5 million. |
| d. | New Officer and
Sergeants Messes
Waiouru | \$3.0 million |
| e. | Repairs to Base
Ordnance Building
Trentham | \$0.5 million |
| f. | New Buildings and
Services for Battalion
from Singapore | \$15 million |
| g. | New Sergeants Mess
Burnham Camp | \$0.5 million |
| h. | New Fire Station Burnham | \$150,000 |
| j. | Upgrade Central Battery
Dunedin | \$100,000. |



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dollar what?



208. The budget for the Directorate this financial year is \$13.6 million, of which \$8.5 million is set aside for maintenance and the remaining \$5.1 million for capital new works and some minor works; Army's proportion for capital works is \$2.6 million. Of course, in addition to this, the Prime Minister's recent announcement of the Defence Forces coming home from Singapore has meant a further \$15 million to be spent in the three to four years, and nearly all of it on Army. So you can see at least something is seen for our labours of love.



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Signed:

HARD WORKING SAPPERS

AT DEFENCE



Observing one of his carpenters hammering away, the job foreman finally said to him:

"Man, you hammer like lightening."

"You mean I'm fast?" beamed the carpenter.

"No," said the foreman. "I mean you seldom strike twice in the same place."

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The commentator observed that progress isn't always for the best. "For example," he explains, "smoke signals never got an Indian out of bed at 3.00 a.m. to answer a wrong number."

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Congratulations

209. To Lcpl Phil Packer and his bride Anne, all the very best for the future. Phil and Anne were married in St Johns Church Wainuiomata on Sat 6th Sep 75.

To Spr John Satchwell on his engagement to Tofinna (found a bird at last or she found him).

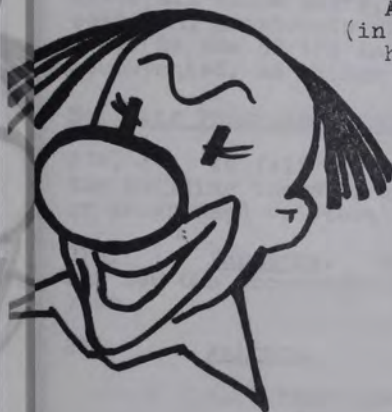
Other Snippets

210. New addition to Defence Works draughting staff. Welcome to Spr Grant Johnstone (hails from the Wairarapa).

WOI Jim Shields finally pushed himself out of Fort Dorset and has/is buying an own-your-own at Johnsonville.

WOI Ted Graham extends a welcome to all Sappers passing through Paraparaumu to call at his farm..

A certain Defence Works Officer (in a specialist appointment) arrived home late at night from work a little inebriated. Found the wife and kids out so looked in the frying pan, liked what he saw, and then sat down and scoffed the lot with the aid of another beer! His wife asked him in the morning why he didn't eat the dinner she had left in the oven, but he being unaware, had scoffed the family's scraps - bones, gristle etc, etc, etc.



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A budding young poet sent samples of his work to an editor with the note "Please let me know at once if you can use these for I have other irons in the fire."

The editor wrote back:

"Suggest you remove irons and insert poems."



Misguided
Missile

SECTION TWOHQ HOME COMMANDAppointments

211. The following are the current RNZE appointments as at 27 Sep 75.

| | | |
|--------------------------|--|-----------------|
| G2 Training | | Maj HE Wedde |
| Works WO HQ Home Command | | WOII BG Rose |
| Works WO Northern Region | | WOII BJ Hobman |
| Works WO Central Region | | WOII SI Watson |
| Works WO Southern Region | | WOII JT Bennett |
| Now replaced by | | WOII ER Elley |

Postings In

| | | | |
|------|---------------|----|----------|
| 212. | WOII BG Rose | ex | 3 Fd Sqn |
| | WOII ER Elley | ex | 3 Fd Sqn |

Postings Out

213. WOII JT Bennett to Singapore

Well done Jack, you have got an accompanied trip overseas after all these years, even after a bit of the old Greatcoats on, Greatcoats off business. It looks like you could be one of the last engineers to go over to Singapore accompanied, as things stand at this stage.

Building Programme Around the Country

214. We felt that you may like to hear of some of the building tasks around the country that are underway or programmed to start in the near future.

215. Papakura. The new ORs Mess is well underway and new ORs accommodation is programmed to start this year.

216. Waiouru.

- a. There are some drawings around now of an Officers Complex. These drawings were done by a private architect and what a building'. It has been heard on the grapevine that the Architect is entering these in "The Design of the Year Award".





- b. The SNCOs mess and accommodation, we could see a start on drawings or something early next year.
- c. The Garrison Club alterations are well underway, and is programmed to finish in 1978.

217. Linton.

- a. The Garrison Club which is in the old YMCA building - part of this is supposed to be ready in May 76.
- b. With the troops coming home, we should see a lot of building going on around the rest of the camp in the very near future.

218. Trentham.

- a. The new ORs barracks are nearing completion and they look as though they might be a bit different to the old barracks that have been there for years. There are two three storey high blocks and each floor has twenty four single rooms.
- b. The Officers and SNCOs have not been forgotten either. They are just going to the drawing board at a private architect's office for the design of their accommodation.

219. Defence Headquarters. Construction is underway on the new building and it is hoped to occupy it in a couple of years or so.

220. Fort Dorset. A tender closed on the 9 Sep 75 for the construction of two seven man "Chalet" type accommodation blocks for the Officers and SNCOs, so these should be underway soon.

221. Burnham. It has been programmed to start something on the SNCOs mess this financial year.

Grapevine News

222. It looks as though any more barrack accommodation built will only be built to house forty five men per block with Male and Female blocks, situated closely to the dining areas.

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75% of Wellington people take the Dominion. The other 25% buy it.

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CHAPTER 3

FIELD FORCE HEADQUARTERS

SECTION ONE

HQ FORCE ENGINEER



301. Staff of HQ Force Engr may not be able to travel around units as much as we'd like at present. However, we are still maintaining contact by phone and letter. Hopefully next year we will be able to get around a bit more.

302. WOI Chapman has recently joined us from 1 Fd Sqn. His area of responsibility is all electrical work, Argo Rd 76 and he will soon move into works finance. We look forward to the benefit of his experience.

303. Units will be aware of the rewritten FF Q Instr No 7 which lays down the procedure for field lighting. This is now solely a Field Force responsibility and Home Command are happy to be out of it. You will note also that precise rules are given for the installation of electric lighting in sleeping tents.

304. Although not a member of HQ Force Engr, we are happy to welcome Capt Stewart to HQ FF Comd. In fact, he has been offered honorary privileges at Snoopy's House. It is good to see the Corps badge in a few more ERE jobs.

305. Our spy on the recent 2 Star Driver course (Spr Webster) tells of two TF NZWRAC pers from 6 Fd Sqn who topped the course. Well done girls - and well done 6 Sqn.

306. Question. Who sorted out ALL the problems of

- a. 1 Fd Sqn
- b. 1 Bde
- c. FF Comd
- d. The NZ Army, and
- e. THE WHOLE WORLD between 0015 and 0430

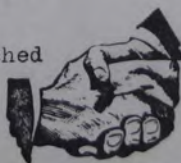
in the bar at Ngaruawahia on 19 Sep 75?

Everything he said has been taken down and WILL be used in evidence against him! DAC

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You can't shake hands with a clenched fist.

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307. A certain Sgt who put a blanket over the motor of his car (under the bonnet) one night (an old Christchurch trick) drove up the hill in the morning muttering that his engine seemed to be missing. After 200 yds he decided to stop and investigate, only to find one over warm blanket still under the bonnet!

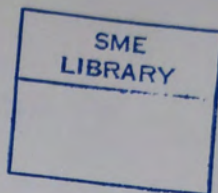
FFCPX

308. We left WOI Chapman here to keep house and headed away to Nga for a CPX on the 18 Sep to 21 Sep. Many startling facts came out. One finds it hard to encode and decode without the necessary pieces of paper. Surprising what happens when one sends a convoy of transporters at 3 mph up through the Main Supply Route and which one of our illustrious leaders had trouble remembering the symbol for a water point? Troops (on paper of course) were given the usual engineer tasks. Once again it was left to the RNZE element to arrange early and late suppers. However, the waiter service gained by a certain RNZE Lt leaves us dumbfounded. Must have been a backhander gained there somewhere. However, from an engineer point of view a lot of experience gained and a successful CPX.

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SECTION TWOHQ LSGAppointments

309. The following are the current appointments as at 1 Oct 75.

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|------------------|------|-----|----------|---|
| GS02 | Maj | RT | Bennett | |
| SORE 2 | Maj | GE | Hardie | |
| SORE 3 | Capt | RA | Barrett | (posted UN Observer
Pakistan wef 20
Oct 75) |
| Clk of Wks | WOII | MTe | OT | Nepia |
| Clk of Wks Elec | WOII | WMc | Dyas | |
| Clk of Wks Const | WOII | TJ | Hamilton | |

310. No contributions received.

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"I just bought this bathing suit for a ridiculous figure."

"I can see that."

CHAPTER 41 FIELD SQUADRONAppointments

401. The following are the current appointments as at 1 Oct 75.

| | |
|---------------|-------------------|
| OC | Maj DA Cormack |
| AO | Lt JS Hollander |
| SSM | WOI FR Flavell |
| Works Offr | Lt GE Goldsworthy |
| Training Lffr | Lt STJ Rouse |
| Works WO | WOI P Foster |
| Stores WO | WOII RJ Huggins |
| SQMS | Ssgt BJ Knowles |
| CCLK | CPL LC Nilsen |

Postings, Promotions and Discharges

402. The following we hope, are the most up to date and accurate:

| <u>In</u> | <u>From</u> | <u>WEF</u> |
|-------------------------|----------------------------|------------|
| Spr H Shields | Ex Basic 123 | 11 Jul 75 |
| Cpl D Bowman (RNZASC) | 1 Ranger Sqn | 14 Jul 75 |
| Sig MJ Sutton | 1 Comm Z Sig Sqn | 28 Jul 75 |
| Spr W Nathan | Ex Basic 123 | 16 Aug 75 |
| Spr W Atherton | " " " | 16 " " |
| Spr W Axbey | " " " | 16 " " |
| Spr B Everett | " " " | 16 " " |
| Spr S Marsh | " " " | 16 " " |
| Spr A Mason | " " " | 16 " " |
| Spr L Cooper | " " " | 16 " " |
| Spr I McDonald | " " " | 16 " " |
| Spr S Gallagher | 28 Indep Fd Tp (Singapore) | 21 " " |
| Lcpl L Collinson NZWRAC | 1 Bde Pro | 26 " " |
| Spr M Robinson | 3 Rd Sqn | 1 Sep 75 |
| <u>Out</u> | <u>To</u> | <u>WEF</u> |
| Capt BA Stewart | GS03 Trg, FF Comd | 11 Aug 75 |
| WOI CB Chapman | HQ Force Engr | |
| Lcpl D Davidson NZWRAC | Def HQ | 25 Aug 75 |
| Sgt G Mitten | 3 Fd Sqn | 28 " " |
| Cpl A Hallam | 5 Spt Sqn | 28 " " |
| Spr P Pendlebury | 5 Spt Sqn | 28 " " |
| Lcpl D Herbert | 31 Mdm Rad Tp | 28 " " |
| Spr CV Christensen | Civvie Street | 11 Aug 75 |

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Keep raising the roof and people will think there is something wrong in your attic.

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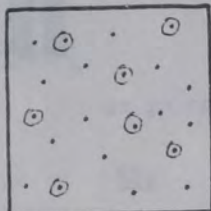
Promotions.

| | <u>To</u> | <u>MEF</u> |
|--------------------|-----------|------------|
| Sgt AJ Sinclair | T/Ssgt | 3 Mar 75 |
| Sgt KA Henson | T/Ssgt | 10 Mar 75 |
| Spr SJ Bowers | T/Lcpl | 10 Apr 75 |
| Spr LP Hartley | T/Lcpl | 12 May 75 |
| T/Lcpl L Collinson | Sub Lcpl | 2 Jun 75 |
| T/Cpl W Wilson | Sub Cpl | 3 Jun 75 |
| Spr RL Maber | T/Lcpl | 3 Jun 75 |
| Sig MJ Sutton | Spr | 28 Jul 75 |
| T/Lcpl LK Langdon | Sub Lcpl | 3 Sep 75 |
| T/Lcpl CW Sinclair | Sub Lcpl | 3 Sep 75 |

Also:

| | | |
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| 2Lt GC Wilson (TF) | Lt | 16 Feb 75 |
| Cpl FG Taylor (TF) | Sgt | 26 Aug 75 |

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Measles with
ringworm

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1 Field Squadron Works

404. Cpl John Heke and a crew of three (including Spr Murray Wall - the smaller version!) are spending a week working on the OHAUTIRA ESTATE Road, near Ngaruawahia. It would appear that the gunners use 'six wheel drive' at full revs with their tractors and guns, as the road was gouged out to a depth of three feet, and a 5inch gun nearly disappeared in the ruts.

405. Ssgt Keith Henson and his team of eight FEs and an RNZASC cook went to Kawau Island for a week's adventure training. Their task has been demolishing an old building close to the island's number one pub (that's why our building couldn't be burnt down) for the Hauraki Maritime Park Board.

406. Apprentice House. Major earthworks are nearing completion which would do any multi-storey building proud. A small problem has arisen however, with the main driveway being built up to the extent that six local houses have water delivered to their front doors in bulk every time it rains (and that's nearly every week). Lcpl Newt Newton assures us that this small problem will be rectified soon. It is hoped that construction proper will commence 6 Oct 75 (which will take all of our apprentices away from other works tasks, so see the wanted columns for more builders labourers!)

/407. Officers Mess

407. Officers Mess. THE EVER CONTINUING SAGA..... The works staff and all personnel involved with this task were privileged on 8 Aug 75 when they were treated to a 'shout' for the completion of Stage One (Mess lounge and bar area). It was a most memorable occasion as 32 sappers crammed into and about the bar, probably the most sappers the Mess will ever see at any one time. The Job Boss, Sgt Tom Charman had no comment at the time of reporting, although he was heard to say that he needed more tradesmen.... The Mess had a formal dinner on 13 Aug 75, and in the new and beautiful surrounds, the carpet was well and truly baptized. Completion date is still slotted for Dec 75 however, some hopeful character said Oct 75, but we feel more like Oct 77

408. Would you believe it, we have been invited back to SCE, Ardmore (but not as inmates) this month to refurbish the dining hall. This should prove a favourable TOD for some who want to see how the other half exists.

409. Due to heavy rain, the Ardmore Range task is still on the float file. Sgt Trevor Gilbert is to do a water survival instructors course as part of his responsibility as Job Boss.

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What did Fred Dagg say to Max Cryer?

"Get in behind....."

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Tittle Tattle

410. Fuel Conservation. With the current fuel restrictions at hand, our Tpt NCO, Sgt Eric James was issued with a 100ml syringe by the Camp FOL Section. He reckons that it takes 953.4 squirts to fill the tanks of a CL Dump truck. That is 476.7 squirts with each hand.....

411. Our OC had the honour as Guard Commander in leading the Papakura Camp Charter Parade guard through the streets of our kindred city on Wed 27 Aug 75.

412. Lt Steve Rouse (now also Secretary of the Sappers Assoc) is due back on 8 Sep 75 from his course at the SME Casula. We hope that he doesn't return with too much of an Aussie twang, or too many bad habits and u-beaut, all-singing, all-dancing ideas from our 'skippy' brothers.

413. We were honoured with a visit from Lt Col Malcolm van Gelder RAE (DPP, DOD, Canberra) 2 Sep 75, who is accompanying the Aussie Combined Services Rugby Team throughout their tour of NZ.

/414. News has

414. News has just come to hand that Granada TV has nearly exhausted their script for Coronation Street. They now consider that as Argo Road has been under construction for the last ten odd years, a film crew will join 1 Field Squadron's camp next year for a new saga entitled - "THE LONG ROAD AHEAD, WITH NO END".....

415. Congratulations to Sgt Trev Gilbert who made the Senior Army Rugby team (to play Australia 7 - 11 Sep). Also to:

- a. Lcpl Chris Sinclair chosen for the Army Colts team.
- b. Lcpl Ross Maber and Lcpl Larry Langdon who were chosen for the Army Hockey team.

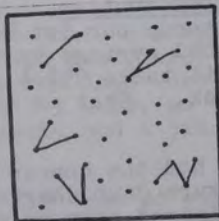
WELL DONE ALL

416. Over the period 10 - 21 Sep 75, part of the unit takes to the field to practise the arts of CPKing and how to fight off the screaming hord at Ngaruawahia, who are going to attack Waiouru next Jan 76. We hope we win, or we will end up wearing KDS working in the paddy fields of Pukekohe.

417. Sgt Tom Charman and Cpl Willy Wilson are going down to Naga Camp to teach 5 Tpt Coy how to pull 6 inch nails out of their RL tyres. They don't really know much about booby traps, but we will see?????

418. On Tue 9 Sep 75, Papakura Camp is holding a LS and GCM parade. It would appear that this unit is hiding some real oldies (not to say clean living) who have lasted out 18 years of undetected crime.

WOI Clare Chapman
WOII Tom Green
Ssgt Spike Milligan
Ssgt Barry Knowles



Measles
marinated
in wine

419. We were sorry to see Lcpl Denise Davidson RNZE/NZWRAC leave us for the castle in Wellington, but are pleased to welcome Lcpl Lee Collinson to the unit. She seems to have mastered the art of working with sappers (especially the funny variety in our Orderly Room) well, but has disappointed most of the fellows by becoming engaged to a (big) policeman. Congrats Lee and we wish you a happy stay with this unit.

/420. Cpl Kelly

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I caught a 737 in Christchurch walked to the back and got off in Auckland.

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420. Cpl Kelly (Ned) Nilsen is empire building again. He wields his cat-o-nine-tails as his fellow clerks cum carpenters/joiners/painters/electricians/plumbers/plasterers/tea boys etc work hard to refurbish our Orderly Room. This is about the fourth time such an operation on our 'nerve centre' has taken place in the last two to three years.

421. Some say that sappers are as "thick as two short ones", but with course reports from all of our Staff to WOs, clerks, storeman, and even the new AO have proved otherwise. Over the last three months we are proud to say that many D's and passes (good ones at that) prevailed.

422. Roll of Honour - Dastardly Deeds of Months Past

| | |
|------------------|--|
| Sgt Keith Henson | Crimes forgotten, but most heinous |
| Lcpl Newt Newton | Trying to hide the 1 Fd Sqn UPF (DOB) money/Petty Cash Box. |
| Cpl Nilsen | Empire building; causing redundancy; using unskilled labour etc. |

NEXT MONTH.....

WOI Pete Foster : winning his own rugby competition - Organised Run 1.

423. Atiu. Apart from Sgt Tony Gladstone who is still sunning himself in Rarotonga, the last five members of the Third Det returned from the island to NZ chaperoned by Sgt Gerry Mitten on Wed 27 Aug 75. The project is now complete and will remain in the minds of all who were involved both here in NZ and on Atiu. Commemoration plaques are being produced in our joiner's shop and should be ready soon. Those who haven't placed orders are advised to do so now. The plaques will probably cost about \$4.95 each (price still to be confirmed). Best to drop a line to Ssgt Dave Futter c/- 1 Fd Sqn.

424. Keith Hay Homes Ltd have nothing on 1 Fd Sqn in the construction of prefabricated shacks??? At present, we are in the throws of building site huts, site loos, portable command posts etc. If anyone is interested in a low cost modular house, we can manage this at a nominal fee of \$18,000.00 (landscaping included). All sites are located at Six Cross, Waiouru. Be in for this marvellous offer, especially those who are shifting to Waiouru for the continuous construction of the Argo Road.

425. By the way, NRB and Ministry of Transport have renamed Argo Road as State Highway 1A. The A (alpha) standing for 'ABORTED????'

426. Classified Advertisements.

Wanted for Hire: Carpenters
 Toolkits

Wanted Urgently: Re-refined
 MT Gas

Wanted for Hire: Builders
 labourers



Angelic Measles?
(Not birds in
flight)

427. Ssgt Ron Prentice is feeling the cold so much after his trip to Waiouru (Staff to WOs) that he now plans on shifting the Training Section to Fiji - or maybe Atiu. Not so many interruptions there now??????

428. Operation Atiu Island. 1 Field Squadron is planning a major seaborne attack exercise on Atiu Island Oct - Nov 75 with the aid of the new naval fisheries protection vessels, assault boats and Zodiacs (what there is left of them after the gunners had their little play down the Whakatane River). The first target plotted on the fire plan is the destruction of the seawall about the new harbour. Sounds like some more blokes want a thirteen month trip to build concrete walls in the sea!!!!

POEM???

THE ROBIN



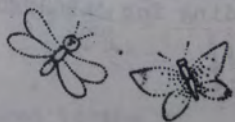
As I awoke this morning,
When all bright things are born
A robin perched upon my sill
To hail a merry morn.

It was so young and fragile,
And sweetly did it sing,
That thoughts of great happiness
Into my heart it did bring.

It sang so sweetly to the morn,
As it paused beside my bed;
I quickly brought the window down,
And smashed its----- head.

Anon (It would have to be)

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CHAPTER 52 FIELD SQUADRONAppointments

501. The following are the current appointments as at 1 Oct 75.

| | |
|---------------|-----------------------|
| OC | Maj SD Jameson |
| AO | Capt J McDonald |
| SSM | WOI BE Malloch |
| Works Offr | Lt S Dickson |
| Works WO | WOI DH Roberts |
| Stores WO | WOII MG Small |
| Purchasing WO | WOII DE Murray |
| SQMS | WOII JM Lock |
| Estimator | Ssgt AGL Burton |
| CCLK | Sgt G Crawford RNZEME |
| Trg NGO | Ssgt AP Hawkins |

Personal Notes

502. Postings. The following postings have taken place over the last period.



| | | | |
|----------------|----------------|----|--------------------------|
| a. <u>In.</u> | Spr C Abraham | ex | Basic |
| | Spr J Lye | ex | " |
| | Spr H Ross | ex | " |
| | Spr T Shaw | ex | " |
| | Spr J Vivian | ex | " |
| | Lcpl R Gould | ex | SME/Atiu |
| | Sgt DR Glasgow | ex | Basic (Loan back to SME) |
| | Spr R Popham | ex | Singapore |
| b. <u>Out.</u> | Lcpl B Meade | to | SME |
| | Spr D Stott | to | Linton Fire Station |

503. Discharges.

Lcpl KV Manssen
Spr T Bennett

We wish these two every success in their chosen vocations in civvy street.

504. Congratulations. During the last three months further members of the squadron (or more correctly their wives) produced additional supporters for the unit fan club. Our congratulations go to:

Cpl and Mrs Bill Leach a daughter (Tamoe Mereana) born on 24 Jul 75.

Lcpl and Mrs John Dickson a daughter (Natashia Jean) born on 21 Jul 75.

Lcpl and Mrs Caleb Stevens a son (Mark Donald) born on 3 Jul 75.



We also believe that Lcpl Gould has become a father, but this cannot be verified until he returns from leave early Oct - more in next Liaison Letter.

505. Promotions. The following squadron members have started the climb on the NCO ladder.

To Lcpl - Ian Crooks
Terry Haste
Bob Oaks
Phil Taiapa

The following NCO continues his climb.

To WOII - John Lock

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Works Office

506. Following is a brief resume of works tasks currently being carried out by 2 Field Squadron.



a. Garrison Club Linton. Tremendous progress has been made on this task in the last month or so due in the main to a period of few courses and a consequent ability to maintain full strength gangs. With continued cooperation from higher headquarters in the form of minimal taskings (ie, Annual Camp) the Garrison Club should be finished by the target date May 76.

b. BLK I Vehicle Park. Some four acres of vehicle park are at present being prepared with plant support from 5 Support Squadron. It is anticipated the park will be ready to be sealed by MWD at the end of October.

c. Low Cost Vehicle Shelters. As soon as the Blacksmith is finished with the delicate and fiddly wrought iron work for the Garrison Club, he is faced with fabricating 12 bays of low cost vehicle shelters which are eventually to go on the BLK I vehicle park. Hopefully, fabrication will be complete by Mar 76 and erection on site complete by May 76.

507. In addition the unit has eight minor works tasks on hand and sixteen manufacture demands in various stages of completion. Should we run out of work there is the \$110,000 Airmans Mess at Ohakea to construct sometime.

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What about crossing seagulls with parrots
so they could apologise?

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Other Items508. Past Training.

- a. Range Practice 3-4 May 75
Putiki - Dart Equipment
- b. Plant Familiarisation
21-22 Jun 75.
Jnr NCOs & FEs - changed
the shape of Camp Dump and
had a lick at the Manawatu
River. Result - very
clean dozers and operators.
- c. Helicopter Drills/LP Clearance 12-13 Jul 75.
Snow - cold - large rocks - weary bodies.

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509. Recreation.

- a. Red Rooster migrated south with the Odlins
Trophy weekend 30/31 Aug to Trentham to
take on the "Goat" - 5 Sqn.



Results: Rugby - 2 Fd
Soccer - 2 Fd
V/ball - 2 Fd
B/Ball - 2 Fd only just 68 - 4
Badminton- 6 Fd Well done

Present on the day were

Col Comd (Lt Col R Currie) and the
CE (Lt Col Rutherford)

After match function.

- b. Top Cat (3 Fd Sqn) visited SME 8-14 Sep
for training. RNZE Sports Organised Thu
11 Sep. 2 Fd Sqn v 3 Fd Sqn with 5 Spt
Sqn and SME joining in. Insufficient TF
available with 3 Fd to compete for the
Odlins Trophy.

Results: Rugby 2Fd v 3 Fd (Only) 2 Fd Won
26 - 13

Badminton - 1st 2 Fd
2nd 5 Spt
3rd 3 Fd
4th SME

V/Ball - 2 Fd
5 Spt
SME
3 Fd



Golf - SIME
5 Spt Sqn
2 Fd
3 Fd

- c. Stop Press. Red Rooster runs first again in Linton 6 mile relay 24 Sep 75.

510. Future Recreation. "Loose Talk". Red Rooster is thinking of invading the sunny North with the Odilins Trophy early 1976 to have a look at Coyote country.

511. Future Training.

- a. Kapiti Island 22-23 Nov - Helicopters.
b. Annual Camp - dates? where?

512. General Sqn News. 2 Fd Sqn now have their own plaque depicting Red Rooster as the centre piece. This is being presented to personnel leaving the unit after 18 months unit service. All personnel who left the unit after 11 Apr 1973 and with 18 months unit service are being tracked down by the SSM to ascertain whether they are entitled to a plaque. If you think you are entitled to a plaque, drop a line to the SSM who will look into your case. The SSM has also obtained from a manufacturer 500 JG Grenades and crowns for Senior NCOs. Cost - 40 cents each. These are available for all Corp Senior NCOs.

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Mary had a little lamb
She fed it TNT
It sneezed upon the fire one day
And now its fricassee.

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Cpl in the bar was telling a newly recruited sapper that he was twice married and twice a widower.

"My first wife died from eating poison mushrooms and the second from a fractured skull", he said.

"Car accident?" asked the spr.

"No, she wouldn't eat her mushrooms."

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CHAPTER 63 FIELD SQUADRONAppointments

601. The following are the current appointments as at 1 Oct 75.

| | |
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| CC | Maj RA Laybourn |
| 2IC | Capt AL Beaver |
| | Capt GR Jason-Smith |
| | (this is the position as we understand it) |
| SSM | WOII MA Oliver |
| Works Offr | Capt GN Stevenson |
| Works WO | WOI JT Blyth |
| Stores WO | WOII BJ McKernan |
| SQMS | Sgt J Carlin |
| CCLK | Sgt JG Atkinson |

602. No contributions received.

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REPORT

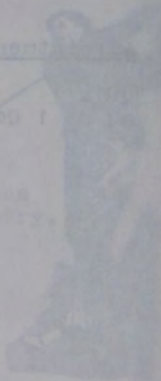
1. General

2. Particulars

The following are the results of the investigation:

On the 1st day of the month of January, 1921, the following were the results of the investigation:

| No. | Name | Age | Sex | Color | Height | Weight | Build | Complexion | Scars | Other |
|-----|----------|-----|-----|-------|--------|--------|--------|------------|-------|-------|
| 1 | John Doe | 25 | M | W | 5' 8" | 150 | Medium | Fair | None | None |
| 2 | Jane Doe | 22 | F | W | 5' 4" | 120 | Medium | Fair | None | None |
| 3 | John Doe | 28 | M | W | 5' 10" | 160 | Medium | Fair | None | None |
| 4 | Jane Doe | 24 | F | W | 5' 6" | 130 | Medium | Fair | None | None |
| 5 | John Doe | 30 | M | W | 5' 12" | 170 | Medium | Fair | None | None |
| 6 | Jane Doe | 26 | F | W | 5' 8" | 140 | Medium | Fair | None | None |
| 7 | John Doe | 32 | M | W | 5' 14" | 180 | Medium | Fair | None | None |
| 8 | Jane Doe | 28 | F | W | 5' 10" | 150 | Medium | Fair | None | None |
| 9 | John Doe | 34 | M | W | 5' 16" | 190 | Medium | Fair | None | None |
| 10 | Jane Doe | 30 | F | W | 5' 12" | 160 | Medium | Fair | None | None |



CHAPTER 75 SUPPORT SQUADRONAppointments

701. The following are the current appointments as at 1 Oct 75.

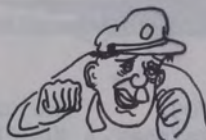
| | |
|-------------|------------------|
| OC | Maj HMJ Shorter |
| AO | Capt TW Dench |
| Wks Offr | Capt DJ Powley |
| SSM | WOI CE Corney |
| Res Tp Comd | WOII WR Denby |
| Tpt WO | WOII GD Grieve |
| Cclk | Sgt MG Morrison |
| SQMS | Ssgt FB McDonald |
| MPF | Ssgt JH Hendrick |

Postings Out

702. Capt J McDonald to 2 Fd Sqn
 Sgt BJ Hefferen to 5 Spt Sqn Burnham
 Lcpl C Hay to 1 Fd Sqn
 Spr D Prosser to HQ ATG
 Spr DR Urquhart to Linton Camp Fire Brigade

Postings In

703. Capt TW Dench from 2 Fd Sqn
 Spr TA Ormsby from RF Depot
 Spr N Jackson from RF Depot
 Sr T Pinga from RF Depot
 Spr PJ Munns from RF Depot

Discharges

704. Lcpl RD Hermon
 Lcpl BC Denison
 Spr J Garnham
 Spr JF Hong
 Pte JF Neilson (now civilian typist)

Promotions

705. Lcpl Doug Greeks to Cpl
 Spr Moe Turoa to Lcpl
 TF Cpl Chris Hodson to Sgt

Current Tasks

706. The unit is heavily involved in the formation of a new vehicle park at Block I Linton Camp, and has also worked on alterations to a rifle range at Hawera. All plant is being brought up to a high standard ready for work to commence again on the Argo Road, probably mid-October.



Unit Training

707. All personnel who could be spared recently spent an enjoyable week doing Watermanship training at SME. The weather was typical for this time of the year with howling winds and rain, but nevertheless the training was most successful. It culminated in section competitions, which involved much more than Watermanship, and was most enjoyable. Dmls training has recently also been held for selected personnel, and the unit should be well equipped for any dml tasks which may occur.

Sport

708. The highlight of the year was probably when Linton Camp was honoured by a visit by 3 Fd Sqn. 5 Spt Sqn young soldiers were surprised that the Southerners did not wear grey uniforms and did not wave Confederate Flags, but were pleased to meet them on the sports fields. That we won at both rugby and golf did not matter, but all appreciated the excellent after-match function which Sgt Mike Morrison arranged to end the day's sport.

709. The unit was well represented in the Regional Rugby Matches. Cpl Kevin Smith, Spr John Young and Spr Allan Hales were selected for the Regional Senior Team and Cpl Smith consequently was also selected for the Army Team. Sprs Mat Scully, Bruce Jackson and John Young were also selected for the Regional Colts Team, and Spr John Young was subsequently selected for the Army Colts Team.

710. Spr Brian Hutton has been selected for the Regional Soccer Team, and should also progress further.

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Mary had a little lamb
It had a touch of colic
She gave it brandy twice a day
And now its alcoholic.



CHAPTER 86 FIELD SQUADRONAppointments

801. The following are the current appointments as at 1 Oct 75.

| | |
|------|-------------------|
| OC | Maj PJ Skogstad |
| 2IC | Capt A Anderson |
| SSM | WOII HG Gallagher |
| SQMS | Ssgt RJ Wright |
| CCLK | Sgt WT Matiaha |

Postings

802. In Spr G Lochore from 5 Spt Sqn
Out Lcpl B Rathbun to SME

Promotions

803. Spr Lochore to Lcpl
Lcpl Wharewera to Cpl

Additions

804. To Lcpl Lochore and Carol a boy, Joseph Edward born 19 Jul 75.

Weekend Exercise Rimutaka Area

805. On the weekend 20-21 Sep 75 the unit held a TEWT for SNCOs and Offrs in the area of the old Rimutaka Railway line. It was also decided to hold a formal dinner in one of the train tunnels (not in use now). The dinner was plotted for 1900 hrs on Sat 20 Sep. The weekend itself got away with a bum start as it poured with rain and the wind reached speeds up to 60 knots (typical Wellington). This was followed by a driver op taking a short cut over a bank and putting one of our vehicles out for the day. (Comment from a well-known Captain, "Well..... roll on"). The rest of the TEWT time over the weekend went well.

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The older generation concludes that there would be no problems with children if they had to chop wood to keep the TV set going.

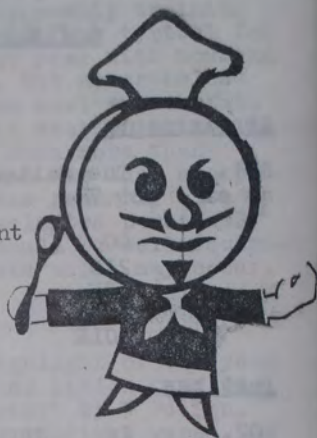


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Formal Dinner

806. The formal dinner was to have been set up by 1800 hrs, but being short of a vehicle made this impossible. On arrival at the tunnel shaft, the Offrs and SNCOs then had to get stuck in and set up the dinner. This was carried out in good oriental style. A fence batten was placed through the towing eye of a trailer making a modern type rickshaw. The trailer was loaded up with the equipment and with a short run of about two miles we took off. On arrival at the tunnel we set up the tables, chairs etc and put a tarp at the tunnel entrance. For future reference here is a stores list:

| | |
|-----------------------------------|------------------|
| 1" tubular steel candelabra | Qty 6 |
| White table cloths | 1 |
| Bowls food mixing | 6 |
| Tea towels | 6 |
| Plates assorted | plenty |
| Hot Boxes (filled) | plenty |
| Tables folding field | 5 |
| KFS | plenty |
| Wet cold soldiers | plenty |
| Booze to fill all remaining space | more than plenty |



A G O d N i G t w A s H a b Y a L l

807

Solution to Crossword Enigma Six of Liaison Letter No 3

807. Across. 1. Food 4. Adze 6. Ugh 7. Gyn 9. LR
11. Clips 13. Cesspool 16. Aim 17. Pod
19. PS 21. Me 23. PE3 24. Or 25. Vi
27. Pot 28. Vent 29. Po 31. Ni 33. Par
34. Standing

Down. 1. Fulcrum 2. Ogre 3. Oh 5. Zippo
8. NGO 10. PS13 12. LL 14. Sap 15. PM
18. Derrick 20. Net 22. Evens 23. Pop
26. Init 29. Pan 30. Org 32. An 33. Pi

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If a female duck is a duchess
Would a female spook be a Spuchess?
If a number of cows are cattle
Would a number of bows be a battle?
If drinking too hard makes a drunkard
Would thinking too hard make a Thunkard?
If a chap in New York is a New Yorker
Would a chappie from Cork be a Corker?

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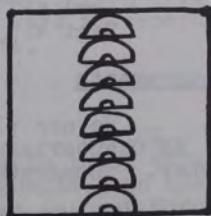
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1. A booster charge
2. Removes chalk
- 9 & 4D. An authority for stores
10. Keeper of stores
13. We breathe it
15. Plant roads & airfields
16. Pity
19. Metric measure
20. Choose
21. Wizard of
23. Not all
25. Most of us are
27. Used to ignite safety fuse
28. Birds home
30. Not offrs
32. Automobile Assoc
34. Welshman
36. see 42 across
38. Degree
39. By itself
40. Sub-machine gun
- 42 & 36. We lay them
45. Stand on 42 and you feel it
- 46 & 47. There is one at Camp

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Down

2. They use wireless sets
3. Weather report
4. see 9 across
6. Not them
7. What we are part of
8. They get out of prison
11. It's not down
12. Thanks
13. Pattie St is where We're...
14. Our air force
17. Liaison Offr
18. Street
22. Our number
24. Our UK brothers
26. Over
27. Mine it (anag)
29. Isolating transformer
30. Preposition
31. Electrical term
32. Its a lively drink
33. Classified
35. Good weather
37. Printers measure
38. Although
40. Mineral springs
41. Used on roads
43. It's not out
44. TF medal



Eskimo

Apartments

CHAPTER 9SCHOOL OF MILITARY ENGINEERINGAppointments

901. The following are the current appointments as at 1 Oct 75.

| | |
|--------------------|---|
| OC | Maj CR Parker |
| Admin & Acctg Offr | Capt JA Tymkin |
| SSM | WOI WGW Williams |
| Trg Offr FE | Capt RA Barrett (posted UN Observer Pakistan wef 20 Oct 75) |
| Trg Offr Plant | Lt RB Simmons |
| Trg WO (A) | WOII MT Robinson |
| Trg WO (G) | Ssgt WH Lamb |
| Trg WO Plant | WOII WA Kearney |
| CCLK | Ssgt MJ Dette |
| SQMS | WOII BD Hook |

Postings In

| | | | |
|------|--------------|----|-------------|
| 902. | Lcpl Meade | ex | 2 Fd Sqn |
| | Lcpl Rathbun | ex | 6 Fd Sqn |
| | Spr O'Brien | ex | 3 Fd Sqn |
| | Sgt Glasgow | ex | BAA Rec Cse |

Postings Out

| | | | |
|------|--------------|----|-----------------------|
| 903. | Cpl Herewini | to | 3 Fd Sqn |
| | WOII Flavell | to | 1 Fd Sqn |
| | Capt Barrett | to | UN Observers Pakistan |

Promotions

904. Cpl JDL Ridland to T/Sgt wef 16 Jul 75
 Lcpl AM Beattie to Cpl wef 15 Jul 75
 Ssgt WA Kearney to WOII wef 10 Sep 75

Announcements

905. We are pleased to announce the engagement of WOII HE Chamberlain to Miss Marie Latimer a school music teacher. Congratulations Clas.

906. Capt Tymkin's baby over due.

Courses

907. Recent courses at SME include:

- a. RFMF (24 pers). Trade training has included the following work tasks:

Conc block security room
 Conc floor for 5 Spt Sqn
 stores building

Camp Community Centre renovations
 Officers Mess Beer Garden block work
 Range shelters
 Fencing
 Social scene including Interfel parties
 at Massey University
 Fiji National Day celebrating Church choirs
 Four days in Taupo-Rotorua area and
 Good rugby.

Planned works include Acacia Bay block retaining wall.

- b. Advanced Bridging. (7 pers). Produced good bridge design work and an extremely high standard of presentation. American Army reference material used with this course proved more accurate than previous sources. A very good course with students really achieving good results.
- c. Plant Recon and Management. (14 pers). This course for NCOs included seven sappers. Difficulty was experienced by the students with the mathematical aspects covered. SME intends to review plant training and prospects are that mathematics will be introduced on two and three star plant courses. The PRM students learnt lots of good planning facts on this course.



- d. Assault Pioneer Instructor.
 (10 pers on FE phase,
 22 pers on dml phase).

Affected a little by both petrol and explosive restrictions. This course learnt the lessons well and are better equipped soldiers for the knowledge and experience. Two Class 9 bridges (18ft & 21ft spans) of unusual designs were successfully completed at Santoft.

- e. Engine Hands. (12 pers). IC and CI engines present no problems to these students now. All engineer units should gain the benefit and all small motors (except Mercury outboards) can have better care and understanding together with expert diagnosis of faults. 43 nominations for this course must be a barometer of some sort.

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Blessed are they that run round in circles, for they shall be known as wheels.



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- f. Drilling Rigs. (10 pers). With imported expertise in the form of Sgt Sinclair (1 Fd Sqn), Lcpl Alexander (5 Spt Sqn) who has three years civilian experience, and students such as Spr Hookham (5 Spt Sqn) who for five years drilled for oil in the North Sea (25 wells), Sgt Wing (1 Fd Sqn) actively a well driller by occupation who has drilled ice in Antarctica, and the combined expertise of Atiu and NZ experienced SME instructors, the course learnt and practised all aspects of the Pilcon and Speedstar rigs.



- g. TF 11th Intake. (51 pers) 23 FEs, 20 Aslt Enrs, 8 Plant Ops from the usual wide ranging backgrounds make for an interesting period of learning. A lighthouse keeper in the 10th Intake is matched in this intake with an economist, a photo engraver and a french polisher. Should make choosing the best sapper an interesting task.
- h. Basic Field No 2. (37 pers). With six RF Cadets and typically Linton Camp spring weather (rain and plenty of wind) this course will produce combat engineers for squadrons in profusion (thats a new sqn!) Wonder to which unit the best sapper will belong.
- j. Basic Plant. (14 pers). A little light on plant and a temporary shortage of instructors but the students should prove their worth on Argo road and similar tasks.
- k. 3 Fd Sqn Trg (58 pers), were the reason for a Linton all-engineer sports afternoon but also without causing any inconvenience at all, practised FE training on, with and in water. Observed at a function, the current custom of presenting unit plaques.
- l. 5 Spt Sqn Trg. A good example of a sqn using SME gear, their own instructors achieving good standards without any bother.
- m. UN Officers Course. 14 Prospective diplomats hid and learnt many devious things during a week in No 1 Lecture Room. Really a visiting course, based for convenience at Linton, they obviously plan to return because their thanks for assistance received was profuse and sincere, and they left the lecture room cleaner than clean.

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The man who was arrested for assault and battery was put in a dry cell and charged.

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Display for Kiwi Rugby Team

908. As part of a Linton Camp display on Sat 6 Sep, Engineers did their thing for a gathering of members of the Kiwi rugby team, it being the 30th anniversary for that team. SME were lucky they decided on the "red terror" training aid landrover for the Millar bridge crossing and that in the last minutes (after difficulties and delays) prior to the display, there should be a trial crossing. It would have been an embarrassing TV spectacular to have the wire break and the red terror plunge into five feet of water as part of the demonstration! Cpls Hanson and Ross were reported saluting as their ship went down.



Staff Dining Out



909. Staff with wives/girlfriends dined out at a city Chinese Restaurant one Saturday night recently. Did hear departure time was around 1 a.m.

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Behind every successful man is somebody who says he went to school with him.

Editor trying
to sort some
sense out of
the chaos.



FEW-ELL!

The monthly fuel forecast for units,
Is proving not easy to do,
To say that you need it and mean it,
Is OK 'till your gallons are through.



The work and the jobs must continue;
There is no slacking off in the pace,
You strain every muscle and sinew,
Just to keep up and save bloomin' face.

There is swopping of some allocations,
'Tween units who suffer abuse,
For trying to exceed normal rations,
Who said this would save on the juice?

One way of increasing the running,
Is to accept a reduction in pay,
The fault lies in shortage of money!
This suggestion has been filed away.

There are changes forecast for the future,
It concerns those who go on a course,
The facts may not really suit you,
But you cannot train much with a horse.



Gallon cans will be issued to students,
Or to those intending to learn,
It will save SNE using indents,
Causing units some minor concern.

All must attend with a can at the ready,
Filled with diesel or petrol as asked,
The training will be nice and steady,
As long as your fuel supplies last.



So if in the future you're grumbling,
About this School and its attitude plus,
Send student and fuel down to Linton,
And we'll train them without further fuss.

That is not quite the end of this treaty;
We've word from a very high source,
Stating MT really means empty,
And the can really stops there of course.

Perhaps just a final reminder
Don't siphon out petrol for fun,
It sure is a helluva binder,
If not driving you really must run.

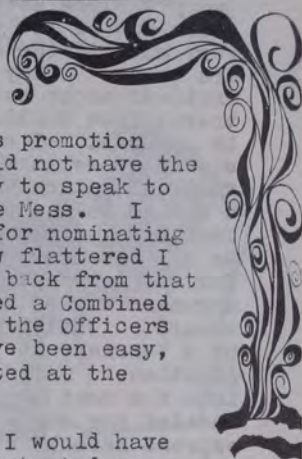




AN OPEN LETTER

910. (The following letter addressed to his Squadron Commander has been forwarded by the author to the Editor of the RNZE Liaison Letter for publication as it is considered that it reveals serious shortcomings in the Service as a whole which may be beyond the capacity of his squadron to remedy.)

Dear Sir,



911. I left the Squadron to come on this promotion course in Waiouru at very short notice and did not have the chance to see you as you had been called away to speak to the Commander about last night's fight in the Mess. I would have liked in particular to thank you for nominating me very late for this course. May I say how flattered I am to be selected, especially as I have been back from that island job for only a week. To have released a Combined Services rugby player as I am, a week before the Officers versus the Sergeants rugby game would not have been easy, but I must admit to being somewhat disappointed at the suddenness of your decision.

912. There are one or two matters which I would have liked to mention to you and I hope you will not mind me doing so in this letter. They may, in conjunction with experiences of others, be of training value.

913. I returned from the island with the main party and took charge of the draft as Captain Grand-National who was to have done so, had to be flown to Riccarton for a week's convalescence following a heavy cold.

914. I regret that the arrangements for our movement left much to be desired and I feel very strongly that some changes should be made. Brigadier Show-Weeke as Director of Movements, may well be studying this already as I took the opportunity to telephone and complain to him whilst we were passing through Auckland. The Brigadier said that he remembered you vividly, having been, I understand, your syndicate Directing Staff on your Grade III course.

915. I felt it appropriate to complain immediately because of several examples of inefficiency on the part of the movements organisation, the first of which was a refusal to add our mascot Rightstir to our flight tickets. It was my own idea to bring him as a means of improving morale, and I did not see why the existing travel documents could not be amended to include him. Sergeant Sloth even offered to remain behind so that Rightstir could take his place but again movements refused to consider the proposal.

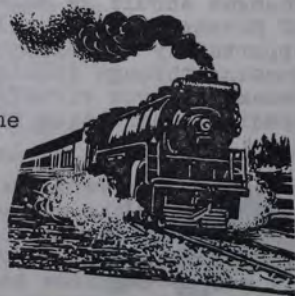


/In the end

916. In the end I had to buy a dog's air ticket out of the Sqn Barrack Damages Fund and Major Auditte now insists I refund the cost, a matter of \$15.63. I do feel that it is a little unreasonable to expect me to pay for the inflexibility of others and I hope you will agree and intervene on my behalf.

917. The letter which you received from the SPCA also arose out of the poor movements arrangements. I doubt very much if the case will come to court when the facts are known. They can be corroborated by Cpl Bite. The incident arose out of the stupidity of expecting us to travel from Auckland to Papakura by train and not taxi as is logical. I recommend very strongly that this practice should cease immediately. We were on the Auckland railway station when Cpl Bite, Rightstir's handler, saw a notice to the effect that dogs cannot travel in the carriages. The guard refused to make any concessions and as a large crowd had assembled by this time, I felt it best for the Army's public image not to enter into further argument but to conceal Rightstir from view and carry him aboard. Whilst this may have been alright for a poodle or a terrier, it presented problems for a full-grown Alsatian. Unfortunately he became alarmed and broke into the most heart-rending howls, whereupon an old lady decided the dog was being ill-treated. Not only did she express herself strongly on the subject, but she struck Cpl Bite with her rolled up umbrella. Very regrettably Cpl Bite loosened his hold on Rightstir's head and the dog promptly seized the old lady's fur stole. Mercifully the old lady and the stole were not firmly attached to each other or there might have been a nasty accident. Rightstir refused to give up his prize and savaged it so convincingly that another old lady, thinking it was a cat, fainted. Even though the destruction of the stole was partially her own fault, I think you will agree that the old lady, a Miss Glandish, has a fair case to ask for compensation, but I am sorry that the bill she raised was sent direct to your home address and opened by your wife.

918. The bill for \$50 for pulling the communication cord was a direct fault of movements for failing to provide expert guidance when catching trains. It was when we were nearing Avondale that I knew we were travelling North and not South. Knowing the great delays experienced and the greater cost of a longer return journey, I pulled the communication cord. I am sure you will agree that \$50 is a small sum compared with the effects of our arriving late. Even that amount could have been avoided had the movements organisation been more efficient.



919. I was very pleased to get to Papakura as I had been studying internal security techniques for some time and had evolved a theory on using dogs to disperse crowds. Not unnaturally, I was very keen to try this out, this particular theory, and seized the opportunity to do so in Papakura High St when exercising Rightstir on the evening of our arrival. As you know, the crowd dispersed with incredible speed and I am sorry it was found necessary to send Rightstir to Ardmore the next day. I do feel that too much notice was taken of highly coloured newspaper reports of the affair and I most definitely did not tell the reporter that Rightstir had been specially trained to savage strangers. I might well have said something to the effect that dogs could be trained to help with crowd dispersal, but the extent to which the incident was misreported can be judged from one particular report which claimed a woman said she had been raped! It is not for me to say but I suspect that Colonel Thruster's order to send Rightstir to Ardmore immediately may have been owing to the attention he paid during the afternoon to Mrs Thruster's pomeranian bitch.

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920. I have often heard it said that the awarding of medals can never be entirely fair because so many acts of gallantry take place when there is no superior officer present to witness them and initiate a citation. My idea is that individuals should be allowed, in fact positively encouraged, to recommend themselves for the award of a medal when they perform an unwitnessed act of gallantry. This would, I am certain, ensure as many examples of bravery as possible are recognised, would be good for the Army's public image and would avoid a good deal of the sense of injustice which I must admit, I feel at present. I consider myself a victim of the present system which has, in essence, left me with a bill of \$7.69 instead of at least, a Military Medal. The PMC may well have spoken to you already about this amount I have rather angrily refused to pay. On Wednesday last, I was told to lecture all the Junior NCOs of the Sqn on the recognition of terrorist explosive devices and did so in an area alongside the Sgts Mess kitchen where there was some protection from the wind. I was engrossed in my lecture when following the sound of raised voices from the kitchen, a metal cylindrical object landed at my feet. In a flash I recognised it, bent down, and threw it away with all my strength, at the same time shouting at my class to get down.

/As I fell flat

921. As I fell flat on the ground myself, I heard a crash of breaking glass but not unnaturally, I was much too tensed up waiting for an explosion to pay it much heed. I was just beginning to think the bomb was not going to go off when SSM Grannitte demanded to know who had broken the window in the Sgts' Mess lavatory. The position soon clarified itself when the Cpl cook said he had been inspecting the rations and discovering a tin of baked beans marked 1955, had accosted the Lcpl storeman and their argument ended with the offending tin being hurled out the open kitchen window. When I, believing it to be a bomb, had thrown the tin, it had gone through the Sgts' Mess lavatory window which was not open. I hope you will agree it is quite unreasonable to expect me to pay for the window. My actions were commendable and, had the tin in fact been a bomb, would have been worthy of recognition. To my mind, it is immaterial that 1955 was the part number and not the filling date of the baked beans.

922. Finally, I would like if I may, to explain my actions in last night's fight in the mess. As you know last night was my last chance to complete an all night duty before this course. It was also my first camp duty for some months having been on that island job for some time previously. I decided to be very efficient and more than useful in assisting the Orderly Sgt and started to close some Messes for him. It was unfortunate that my watch was an hour and a quarter fast but in the hot words on the night, this was failed to be pointed out to me. I finally succeeded in getting the bar shut but it was when I tried a little humour to quieten the menacing crowd that some racial overtones erupted into the bottle and jug bashing episode you have heard of. The crowd of men surging out of the double swing doors of the Mess as they followed me was my final attempt to peacefully disperse the crowd, not the doors. I remain convinced that a flash of good humour and an understanding of a crowd's motives can achieve more than confrontation with reinforcements from other Messes.

923. May I say how glad I am to have this opportunity of explaining the matter to you. I was unable to do so before you were called away to see the Commander as the 2IC refused to let me see you on the grounds that "he would not advise it and it would not be in my best interests". I am sure you will agree that my handling of the situation was in no way incorrect when you realize that I set my watch by the Camp siren at midday when there was also a fire alarm at 1315.

/In conclusion

924. In conclusion may I thank you for giving me this unexpected chance to attend this promotion course. I assure you I will lose no opportunity in informing my Directing Staff and fellow students of my experiences on the island task which I consider to have been one of the most exciting experiences of my career.

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MRFU RFMF



There came twenty-four men from Fiji
To play with the boys of the plains
The ground usually soaked like a Squeeji
All swampy with incessant rains.

They ran and they kicked and they punted
On fields that slowed down their great pace
They beat nearly all teams they fronted
And were ahead at the end of each race.

The peak of their fine rugby season
Was on the Oval when asked once to play
Prelude to Counties, the reason
A large crowd to please on the day.

Then here's to the men from a far land
Hands clap to their prowess and fame
May all future boys from that island
Play that fast running fast passing game.

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I have a brother Rupert
He plays stand-off for Newport
And they think so much about him
That they always play without him!



925. Final Statistics for
Services 'B' u/21 Rugby team.

Games Played: 19
Won : 13
Drawn : 1
Lost : 5

Points for - 277
against - 148

Top scorers for team:

Qualivutu - 112
Wai - 64
Namisi - 46

Position in Competition

3rd

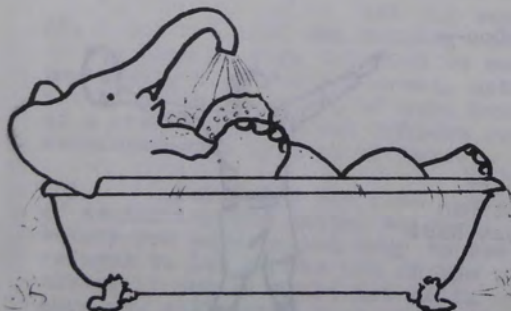
Twelve players represented
Central Region colts.

Qualivutu played for Central
Region Seniors in the NZ
Army Trials.



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When I am dead
I hope it may be said,
His sins were scarlet
But his books were read.



Annual camp

1976?

CHAPTER 10SECTION ONEB COMPANY AND RF CADET SCHOOLAppointments

1001. The following are the current appointments as at 1 Oct 75.

| | |
|--------------------|-------------------------------|
| OC | Capt JK Williams |
| Senior Trade Instr | Ssgt (Eddie) Bruce |
| STI (Designate) | Sgt (Terry) Archer |
| Instructors | Sgt (Don) Milliken |
| | Sgt (Les) Stowell |
| | Sgt (Pinky) Staines |
| App Wing Stmn | Lcpl (Chrome) Lomas (ex RNZS) |
| Cdt Sch Stmn | Cpl (John) White |
| Spr Trainees | Spr (Radar) Nicol |
| | Spr (40 Watt) Lightbourne |
| | Spr (Andy) Anderson |

1002. It seems only a few days since the last newsletter came (better look at the distribution system) and already its time to write again. No major happenings since the last time, a visit from the Minister of Defence, Commander Home Command etc.

1003. When we know of a visit we go to PLAN A which consists of stripping weatherboards from frames in the carpenters shop and then nailing them back on under the benign gaze of the visitor.

1004. But seriously folks, the progress is going well on the houses and the apprentices. Both houses are 50% complete and we hope to have them complete by December 1975 assuming that none of the usual holdups occur.



1005. We have bid for three houses for 1976 based on a figure of 19 apprentices under training. Also on current figures we will graduate

- 2 sappers as surveyors
- 6 sappers as apprentices (still under training at App Wing)
- 3 sappers as plumbers

1006. Also not to be forgotten are two officers at TFD in Waiouru.

Lt ARH Wells and
2Lt TE Jones, who are busy training
the TF intakes.

1007. Plans are also going ahead for Sappers Day in Waiouru, mainly revolving around the M113 pond and Zodiac boats.

1008. We are also seriously considering asking to be a squadron in view of all the requests we get for engineer assistance, usually of the "Can you put up a wall/building/store/pour concrete/ taps/pipes/dig holes/grade roads etc and we of course supply all materials/stores/labour (ie, 2 sheets pinex, 1 x hammer, 4 x 6" bent nails 1 bloke on Light Duties). Still its nice to know we are appreciated, even if its only when someone wants a favour done.

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Furnished Caravans to Let. Tap Water. Flush Sanitation

1009. For all those ex-cadets out there, the cadets have now moved into the multi-storey type barracks. Gone are the days of digging tunnels under the Sgts Mess and grog storage under the barracks.

1010. Finally, for those who know him, Lcpl Lomas ex RNZE has now applied to return to RNZE.

Today's quote:

WINSTON CHURCHILL talking about his changes of political party Conservative - Liberal - Conservative:

"Anyone can rat! But I re-ratted!!"

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STOP PRESS: Mrs Stowell had a baby in Palmerston North hospital on 30 September 1975.

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SECTION TWOWAIOURU SURVEY NOTES

By Ssgt AJ Brown

1011. The big achievements since last writing have been completing plans for the coming season's construction on Argo and endeavouring to use the year's leave entitlement before the end of September. The initial five sets of Argo prints, each of about thirty sheets, were done on our newly arrived Caxton Mk 3 (the one with a vacuum pump) Plan Printer. That took two men a day and a half but it will do two A1 sheets at once which saves time. The Plan Printer is a great asset here because it used to take about three weeks for tracings to be sent to Palmerston North, be printed and returned. We don't expect to do a hundred and fifty prints all that often though.

1012. To look ahead survey for the alternative route for the last part of Stage 3 Argo starts shortly and should be progressing well by the time this gets into print. Development of the M113 Pool in its second role as a recreation area is providing us with some work as well.

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Suggested
activity
for
Sappers Day?

Electronic Calculators

1013. The Hewlett Packard HP45 Pocket Calculator costs \$299 across the counter. It was the one available for engineering purposes. The last shipment of this model is probably already in the country.

1014. The Hewlett Packard HP25 is the model which replaces the HP45. The HP25 does everything the HP45 does and can also be programmed for up to fifty steps. It costs \$54 less than the HP45. Programmable calculators are not allowed to be used in Trade Certification Board exams. Its a cruel world.



1015. Greetings and best wishes for Christmas and the New Year and looking forward to perhaps seeing some of you here any time between Jan and May 76.

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**EVER HAVE ONE
OF THOSE DAYS
WHEN EVERYTHING
GOES RIGHT**

**...AND THERE'S NO ONE
AROUND TO SEE IT
HAPPEN!!**



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A nameless mess somewhere in NZ. A steward brings in a plate of very thin bread to three sappers.

"Did you cut these?" asked one of the sappers.

"Yes, I did" said the belligerent chef.

"Okay then, if you cut them, it must be my deal."

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TNT is fast
Fission even faster
But fusion is more versatile
And vaster, vaster, vaster.

CHAPTER 11FIRE BRIGADESSECTION ONEBURNHAM CAMP FIRE BRIGADEAppointments

1101. The following are the current appointments as at 1 Oct 75.

| | | | |
|------------|------|----|---------|
| Firemaster | WOI | WD | Hall |
| Deputy | Ssgt | MJ | Bassett |
| Firemen | Sgt | PJ | Kennedy |
| | Cpl | RG | Lane |
| | Lcpl | RM | Edwards |
| | Spr | SC | Hanson |

The Storm of August the First

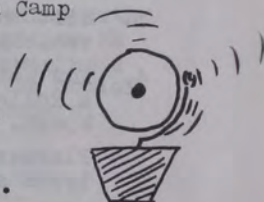
1102. EMERGENCY EMERGENCY EMERGENCY

Well!! In the three years since 73 in Burnham Camp we have now had the lot.

THE HOT - EST DAY }
 THE COLD - EST DAY }
 THE WET - EST DAY }

IN YEARS

and now THE WINDY - EST DAY IN YEARS.



On all occasions this service became totally involved and because of the lack of true appreciation of the role of this service, we were subjected to what may be considered as unnecessary duress.

1103. During the storm the fire service responded to four fire calls in four hours from 0530 hrs in an area extending from Dunsandel north into Christchurch. Special Services accounted for 30 man hours over the first two days. This did not include personnel conducting inspections of chimneys to eliminate possible fire hazards created by the wind condition. Special services were to continue into the following week until power was completely restored around the local area.

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Up on the rooftop reindeer pause
 The TV mast hooked Santa Claus

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1104. The constant threat of falling trees, whipping loose power lines and flying debris made the occasions of responding to incidents a hazardous undertaking.

1105. Lack of correct equipment created unnecessary problems in this type of situation. Ironically the very emergency equipment we needed had been previously demanded for but of course not approved as we had no entitlement on relevant block scales.

1106. The Hypolon type bunker coats and leggings proved invaluable, personnel wearing the "Lancer" jackets quickly became wet and uncomfortable requiring changes and delays. How it was that no lives were lost or injuries sustained I really don't know - sheer luck I think.

1107. In conclusion, for readers who like eating, here is a recipe for a first class cake:

RECIPE FOR A FIREMAN'S
FAVOURITE CAKE

1. Take a basic mix of an unprotected old firestation for flour - and a fire call for baking powder.
2. Stir, vigorously with a 100 mph wind.
3. Sift the mixture for fire fighting vehicles.
4. Add water and stir for three hours, with a Rolleston, Dunsandel and Christchurch-type spoon.
5. Flavour gently with dodging corrugated iron, trees and power lines.
- Important. Add essential spices by extinguishing a fire caused by live power lines in a 100 mph gale, in the dark without lights for assistance.
6. Allow to simmer for several days.

Regards.

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Think you can do better...drive yourself!"

SECTION TWOLINTON CAMP FIRE BRIGADEAppointments

1108. The following are the current appointments as at 1 Oct 75.

| | |
|------------|-----------------|
| Firemaster | WOII RGS Pullen |
| Deputy | Sgt K Gray |
| Firemen | Cpl JF Carson |
| | Cpl T Keong |
| | Spr J Eru |

Plus three engineers attached for assessment prior to trade change:

Spr DM Stott - 2 Fd Sqn
 Spr DR Urquhart - 5 Spt Sqn
 Spr B McDonald - 2 Fd Sqn

These lads are here for about three months and strong hopes are held for approval to increase our establishment before the assessment period expires.

Honours and Awards

1109. Several members of this unit were presented with honours on a Camp Ceremonial Parade at which Brigadier MR Kennedy MBE was the reviewing officer. In the evening a small social gathering was held in the Fire Station Social room. At the social were three life honorary members:

Ex WOII Laurie Smith
 Ex Lcpl Wally Knowles
 and Cpl Tom Keong

Members who received honours were:



| | |
|-----------------|--------------------------|
| Cpl TWJ Keong | 2 yr bar - 15 yrs |
| | Life Hon Mem Medal |
| WOII RGS Pullen | 2 yr bar - 7 yrs |
| Sgt JDL Ridland | 5 yr medal |
| Cpl JF Carson | 3 yr certificate |
| | National Senior Firemans |
| | Exam |
| Cpl BO Abbott | 3 yr Certificate. |

Our guest for the evening was Ex DCFO "Pop" Poppleton of the Palmerston North Fire Brigade who was in retiring leave. Our congratulations go to all recipients. Well done!

1110. Congratulations also to Spr Eru on passing his basic Firemans course at Wigram.

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"Should I put more fire into my stories?"

"No, vice versa!"

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General

1111. The "Chief" had a few days swanning around in Wellington at the Institution of Fire Engineers Conference. He tells us that a lot of good info came out in some particular fields that we could use. The subjects covered were many and varied, the important ones being:

Fighting Fire with Science
Fire Service Role in Road Accidents
Fire Service Communications.



1112. It would appear that somebody has been throwing a lot of manure our way, what with the newly announced building program for Linton Camp, new buildings are likely to be springing up all over the place like bloody mushrooms. Of course, all this may hang on the outcome of you-know-what in November. Our lords and masters seem to be at loggerheads at where best to spend the taxpayers money - in NZ or Singapore. I say lets keep it at home! Of course, I'm prejudiced, no Army firemen ever seemed to draw a plum trip like that, all Fire Service posts have always been filled by the RNZAF - what have they got that we haven't? Probably friends.

1113. Surely its time we had a few perks to make life worthwhile even Annual Camp is out of reach, Tropic Day exercise or other nice trips surely must require some fire protection effort. But, then I suppose we are so short of staff that we can't be spared. I wish they would think of that when they take all our volunteers.

1114. We at Linton send our sympathy to Burnham who it appears lost their fire station during the recent storm, but Bill, it has its compensations - how about a new station complete with all mod cons (20 x 40 tents ha ha).

1115. A handy hint for firemen who have trouble with zips on night calls - rub it with pencil lead, the graphite will take all the "stiffness" out.

1116. Overheard - new fire engine colour is a nice Tangerine shade - no its not a MOWD Truck even if it looks like one!!

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Mary had a little lamb
It leapt around in hops
It hopped to TP HQ one day
And finished up as chops.

--ooOoo--

Merry Christmas and Happy
New Year to all and
sundry and mind the
fires in the open.



SECTION THREEWAIOURU FIRE BRIGADEAppointments

1117. The following are the current appointments as at 1 Oct 75.

Firemaster
Deputy

WOI P Cummings
Ssgt MF Aston

1118. No contributions received.

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"Look at the way young people dress today," snorted the judge at a horse show to another judge standing next to him. "See that thing with a poodle haircut, blue jeans, and shirt hanging out? I can't even tell whether it's a boy or a girl." The judge he was talking to answered coldly, "I can assure you it's a girl - she's my daughter."

"My apologies," mumbled the first judge, I had no idea you were her father."

"I'm not," snapped the parent, "I'm her mother."

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SECTION FOURPAPAKURA FIRE BRIGADEAppointments

1119. The following are the current appointments as at 1 Oct 75.

Fire Prevention Adviser WOII BW Natta
Senior Volunteer Fireman Cpl C Shore RINZEME

1120. The Brigade has a strength of one permanent fireman and seventeen volunteer firemen.

Fire Calls

1121. The brigade with their big brothers from town has answered 21 fire calls to date this year.

Volunteer Firemen

1122. The backbone of this brigade is the seventeen volunteer firemen who are lead by Cpl Colin Shore who give up their free time to attend practices and courses etc. Most of these firemen have given up at least two weekends to attend courses at the Auckland Met Fire Brigades's Training School. Morale of the volunteer firemen here at Papakura is extremely high although inclined to drop a little after attending a course where they are trained on Commer, Bedford and International fire appliances and, on returning to camp have to step back to the past and turn out in an open 1942 V8.

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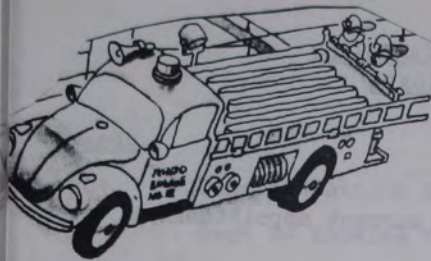
1123. This Brigade wishes to thank the following:



- a. Mr Wilson, Chief Fire Officer, Auckland Metropolitan Fire Brigade for allowing our boys to attend courses at his training school.
- b. The instructors at the Training School for their advice, instruction and training.
- c. The Papakura Volunteer Fire Brigade who have taken us under their wing by inviting us to all their exercises and practice burns.

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Golf is a popular method of beating around the bush.



How to Find Us

1124. Should you be in Papakura Camp during a fire call and wish to see us, the easiest way is:

- a. Proceed to area where all the red beacons are going (you can't miss them as there are generally six pairs).
- b. Proceed past the Commers, Bedfords, Internationals and the $\frac{1}{2}$ ton Landrover without the beacon and there you will find us in our vintage V8 in our worn out jackets trying to shelter from the rain.

Did you know the Papakura Fire Station has their address printed on envelope flaps? Ed.

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Paying no attention to the red traffic light, the speeding cars or the policeman's blast on a whistle, the little old lady marched primly across the street. The policeman strode angrily up to her. "Say lady," he growled, "didn't you see my hand raised? Don't you know what that means?"

"Well, I should hope I do, young man," snapped the lady. "I've been teaching school for 40 years."

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SECTION FIVENGARUAWAHIA FIRE BRIGADEAppointments

1125. The following are the current appointments as at 1 Oct 75.

Firemaster
Firemen

Ssgt RJF Canty
Cpl R Ormsby
Lcpl GR Moffitt

112 . No contributions received.

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An Auckland Met Fire Officer getting a medical checkup was asked by the doctor "When was your last sex experience?"

The officer said, "1955".

"So long ago?" the doctor asked.

The officer glanced at his watch and said: "Well, its only 21.15 now."

CHAPTER 12CORPS MATTERSAwards

1201. Congratulations to:

Ssgt BJ Knowles for the award of a:

Medal for Long Service and
Good Conduct (Military)

WOII W McP Dyas for the award of:

The Efficiency Medal

Extract from Letter from CE to Colonel Commandant

1202. I would like to convey formally, congratulations from the Corps on your appointment as an Honorary Member of the Institution of Royal Engineers. I know that the numbers are severely restricted and that the award is made only to those who really deserve it - as your service to military engineering merits.

1203. I do hope that at some time in the future you can revisit Chatham with your new status. The Corps is indeed proud of this mark for our Colonel Commandant.

Corps Expansion No 3

1204. Signalling. During the Crimean War the first field telegraph was used; from this were derived the Airline, Cable and Wireless Companies. In 1911 these were known as the Army Signal Services RE and in 1914-18 became the Divisional Signal Companies RE. After World War I these units were formed into a separate Corps known as the Royal Corps of Signals.

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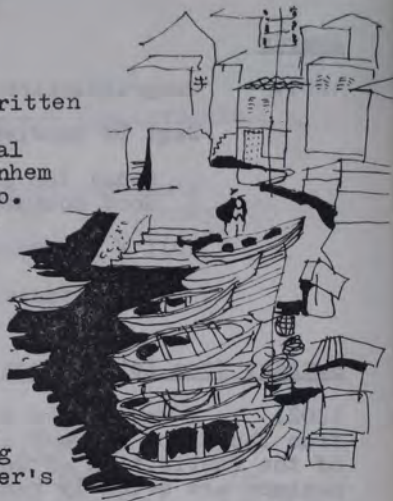
Although its smart among the glib
To take a poke at Women's Lib,
My policy is not to rib
But just to lib - and to let lib.

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WATERMANSHIP IN COMBATA PERSONAL ACCOUNT

1205. The following letter was written by Lt J.L.F. Smith, 204 Fd Coy Royal Engineers shortly after the withdrawal of the 1st Airborne Division from Arnhem in the latter stages of World War Two. It describes the conditions in which Sappers of the Royal Engineers worked to effect the withdrawal of the airborne troops across the Rhine in the depths of night.

1206. It behoves us all, as serving sappers, to be aware of the difficulties involved in such an operation and remember that there is more to watermanship than paddling around the SME lagoon on a cold winter's day.

WHERE I RECEIVED MY SOUVENIR

1207. A piece of odd shrapnel in the arm by express delivery - British Airborne Division withdrawing across the river Lek, or lower Rhine at Arnhem - 25th September 1944. A very dark and sticky night "raining cats and dogs". Jerry was sending plenty of stuff over and it was landing very close. About 20 minutes before zero hour we let them have everything we had. The din and rattle was terrific. The sappers then proceeded to move forward some 300 yards, over two high embankments and across one dyke, with the assault boats under their arms. We were pinned down for about 15 minutes at the first embankment, whilst a Jerry MG42 was eliminated. Jerry was knocking hell out of some farm buildings 40 yards on our right. The sappers carried on; as long as Jerry kept hitting his target we were all right (more or less). If he altered his direction a little bit, he would have stonked our men returning along the Tape lines. Jerry is pretty good at mortar work. The Airborne men had plenty of guts left and were really dead nuts on returning to knock the stuffing out of Jerry.

1208. It was amusing, in spite of the situation when I got on the other side, and saw long queues three deep, with a sergeant at the head like an usher allowing people into the Cinema, for standing room only. Many of us smiled over this scene,

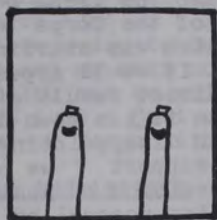


1209. There were plenty of wise cracks from the men, as I got a boat load peeled off. Very frequently flares would go up, and they are quite bright too. The queues stood perfectly still, when you were getting into a boat, you stood with one leg half raised. Jerry's MGs were obviously on fixed lines. Working on the tracers you had a good chance of avoiding them. When the flares came up you "froze" and tried to look as much like a mooring post as possible. There must have been thousands of mooring posts there. This is only a glimpse of the picture during that night 25 Sep 44. Some time I will tell you the story of Vernon.



1210. In the London Illustrated News dated 7 Oct 44 there is a War Artist's impression of the Airborne men crossing the Lek. It is a double page illustration of the withdrawal at Arnhem. Very good.

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Most beautiful woman
in Turkey accompanied
by very ugly friend.

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The man's car stalled in heavy traffic as the light turned green. All his efforts to start the engine failed and a steady chorus of honking behind him made matters worse. He finally got out of his car and walked back to the first driver.

"I'm very sorry," he said, but I just can't seem to get my car started. If you'll go up there and give it a try, I'll stay here and blow your horn for you."

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CORPS MUSEUM MATTERS

By: H.E. Chamberlain

1211. In a recent publication the subject of Military and Regimental Museums was aired. The article showed the effect of placement of the museum and the relationship of this placement to the number of people who visited the establishment. Clearly placement is most important, especially if the museum wishes to attract visitors, and to gain recognition. It is equally clear that we at present have talked a lot about our Corps Museum and have so far little to show for it. As a Corps we appear to do well at talking but precious little action results. For years the dream of the Corps Memorial Project with its Chapel and Museum complex has been an unrealised cause. Now we hope for action.

1212. Just a little over a year ago the dream became partially fulfilled with the opening of the Corps Memorial Chapel. Since that time the wave which was starting to form has disappeared back into the tide. It would appear that the lack of interest now shown is a direct result of the lack of action (or if there has been action it has been difficult to see). This in itself is more than disappointing for we stand in the position of losing what support we have at this moment, and we are also in the position of losing artifacts for the museum which are being channelled to other museums. Potential donors feel that we are not capable of looking after the items they wish to give the museum, therefore we lose those items which would enhance our display and return to the corps some of its past history.

1213. Therefore, in order for our Museum to grow we HAVE to start moving - and moving fast. We have talked endlessly and still the talk continues. We receive promises of action - and still the action is yet to come. Now is the time to start our building plans IN EARNEST. Any further delay compounds to sliding away of interest both within the Corps, and outside it. We must start our building programme within a very short period to maintain the interest we have. Not only is the falling interest something with which we must contend, but we must also take into account the rapidly escalating rate of inflation which could speedily overtake any estimate of cost we may now make. Financing the Corps Memorial Project has been close to the hearts of many sappers yet it would appear that our efforts are small when we ought to think BIG. No museum has ever said it was too big or had too much money.

1214. No museum has turned down an endowment unless there were too many strings attached. Yet we as a Corps scratch our heads and the bottoms of our pockets and appear to think that our museum will come to be realised without much effort. Effort, concentrated effort is required to get our project moving once again, and to sustain the movement. The support of all sappers past and present is required to see our Corps Project come to be a real object, able to be seen to be the rightful centre of our Corps. The support for the continuation of the RNZE Corps Memorial Project must come from all ranks within the corps, not from a few personnel scattered here and there. Generally, our record as a Corps supporting the project reflects the action which has been seen. There has been little visible action with a consequent minimal support.

1215. To right this state of affairs must be our object. Action, proud and smart, visible and objective must begin and proceed. We must stir ourselves from the lethargy into which we have slipped and get on with the job. We have a proud heritage. Our history has many acts of Gallantry to sustain, and we, even as a young country and Corps have a history which must be collected, repaired, displayed and talked about in order to build the spirit of the Corps. We can act fast and we must act fast otherwise the dream will not be fulfilled and we will remain like the other Corps within the NZ Army - just units that have something but nobody cares - a Corps without a head.

Recent Museum Acquisition

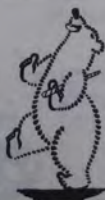
1216. Queen's South Africa Medal 1899-1901 with clasps for Cape Colony, Transvaal, Rhodesia, and South Africa 1901. This was gained by Trooper Roydhouse who served in the 5th NZ Contingent, and presented by his four sons and daughters on 21 September 1975. This is added to some other items which the family had previously donated to the Corps.

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A clergyman attended a banquet and a clumsy waiter dropped a plate of hot soup in his lap. The clergyman glanced around with a look of agony and exclaimed, "Will some layman please say something appropriate."



Early bird
who caught
a strong worm



WORLD WAR I ROLL OF HONOUR
OF THE NEW ZEALAND ENGINEERS

1217. On Saturday October 15th, 1927, the Roll of Honour of the New Zealand Engineers was handed over to the Dean and Chapter of St Paul's and placed in the niche provided for it in the Kitchener Memorial Chapel. The brief service of dedication was conducted by Canon Alexander, and before the Roll was deposited a short address was given by General Sir Bindon Blood, welcoming this occasion of doing honour to our comrades of New Zealand, and of showing respect to their dead.

1218. The Roll consists of a parchment volume bound in leather, with the Corps badge in gold on the cover. It is illuminated, and inscribed with the 408 names of those who fell in the War. It was received in a carved wooden casket of Maori design and workmanship, a description of which appears at the end of the Roll. As there is no place for this casket in the Chapel, it will be kept in the RE Museum at Chatham. The niche now contains the Rolls of Honour of the Corps itself, the New Zealand Engineers, the three Indian Corps of Sappers and Miners, the Sirmoor Sappers and Miners and the Canadian and Australian Engineers.

1219. A photographic copy of the NZ Roll of Honour is now held in the Corps Memorial Museum, Linton Camp.

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When his engine conked out, a pilot landed his light plane on a freeway late at night. He jumped out and rushed over to a car that had pulled off the road and intended to ask for help. Before he could say anything, the woman sitting next to the driver shouted: "We'll get out of the way mister, if you'll just show us where to go. My husband is the only driver in the world who could start out on a freeway and end up in the middle of an airport."

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RUGBY

1220. Over the past quarter there have been two rugby tournaments. Engineers figured in both these tournaments, some gaining selection in the Army team and Army colts. To summarize the engineer representation in rugby:



- a. Army Regional Trials. Of the 80 players at the tournament, the engineers had 14 representatives of which two were Fijians. Twelve of these players were members of the CMD team who were co-winners. Three engineers represented Army at the Inter-Services competition and three against the Australian Combined Services.

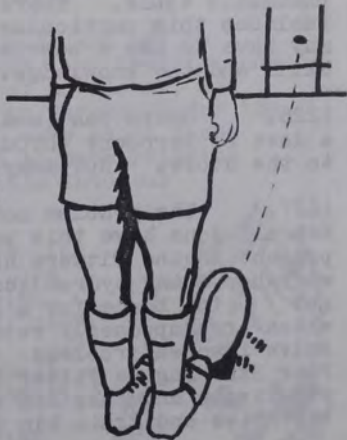
Congratulations from the Corps to:

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| | Lt Roger Simmons | SME |
| | Sgt Stalky Gilbert | 1 Fd Sqn |
| | Sgt Less Stowell | RF Cadet School |
| and | Cpl Kevin Smith | 5 Spt Sqn |

Major Stu Jameson, 2 Fd Sqn, was manager of the Army team and manager of the NZ Combined Services.

- b. Army Colts Regional Trials. During this period the Engineers had a successful time too. The "Engineer Team" - CMD being beaten into second place in the final game by NMD. Five engineers gained selection in the Army Colts side. Congratulations to:

Ken Jones
John Young
Rob White
Jim Lye and
Chris Sinclair.



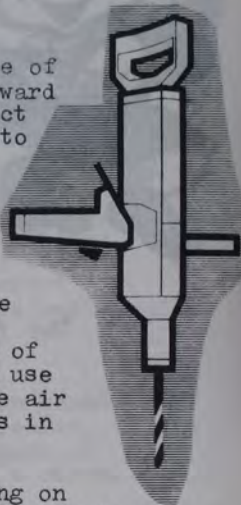
1221. It is great to see the Engineer talent available in the colts. Keep it up fellas. Next year is another rugby season. Let us as Engineers strive for a greater representation in both regional teams and Army teams.

A PNEUMATIC TOOL PROBLEM

(With Answers)

1222. The repair of compressors, maintenance of air hoses and the like is a fairly straight forward matter. The repair of or establishing the exact fault within a pneumatic tool is not so simple to the uninitiated.

1223. It seems that RNZEME tradesmen do not cover repair of these tools in their normal Fitter and Turner civilian trade exams and, whilst an obvious fault located by stripping the tool can be fixed, there is little expertise in identifying worn cams, enlarged air holes, minimum tolerances and the like. The majority of problems are caused by condensation, infrequent use and therefore pitted valves and such meant-to-be air tight surfaces. Where are the expert mechanics in this field? How can users minimise damage?



1224. No doubt if RNZEME are stumped (relying on the word of the RNZE user that the tool is not yet performing well) it can be sent to civilian trade and to a trained expert. What then in a theatre of war or even on a little place like Atiu? Should 200% (say) spare tools be carried?

1225. The little-known answer to the recurring unit problems of euchred and neglected pneumatic tools and who is supposed to be the expert in repairs, lies with the trade of Engine Fitters RNZE. All Four Star level Engine Fitters RNZE are capable of overhauls and repairs to pneumatic tools. There appears to be no other trade which includes this particular repair aspect. The Engine Fitter may have to use a borrowed lathe, but at least he has the skill and the knowledge.

1226. Users can (and should) reduce repairs by feeding a dose of kerosene through the machine prior to returning to the store. Not many do.

1227. The problem now seems to be one of Engine Fitters. Not all Sqns have this post filled and probably none of the present Engine Fitters have spent some time in a civilian workshop doing hydraulics/pneumatic repairs. No wonder RNZEME get the blame for a poor standard of some pneumatic tools which are supposedly repaired! RNZE in theory is able to solve its own problems. For the next Atiu-type task, find a Four Star Engine Fitter RNZE who has had civilian workshop experience and take him with you. Meanwhile, fill the vacancies and train him up to Four Star.



CHAPTER 13SAPPERS ABROADSECTION ONEATIU HARBOUR PROJECT

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1301. The third detachment was on Atiu from 9 Jan 75. The task, which started when the first detachment left New Zealand on 7 Jun 74, is now finished.

1302. Before we get involved in discussing the job, its highlights, problems etc etc, there is one message that must be got across to all and sundry who read this august journal:

"Despite what you may have read in the NZ Women's Weekly, Atlas Copco Compressed Air News, Reveille or the RNZE QLL, Atiu is not a tropical paradise, and an ideal place to work. (Who said work? I thought that they were over there on a paid holiday!)"

Highlights and Amusing Incidents of the Third Detachment

1303. 6 Jan 75. After a short wait for Peter Tito - off to a good start - the detachment departed en masse for Whenuapai to board a C130 for the six and a half hour flight to Rarotonga. Joy oh Joy, soft seats even.

1304. 7 Jan 75. Arrived in Rarotonga and met by the Secretary to the NZ High Commissioner, the Cook Islands Minister of Social Services, and last but not least, Sgt Tony Gladstone, who is the liaison NCO in Rarotonga for the duration of the TOD. A short prayer - many ashen faces among the det, haven't been involved in so much religion since they were christened - go and settle into our accommodation.

1305. 8 Jan 75. On the boat and heading for Atiu by 1630. Only cabins for 15 pers so the others spent the night on deck with the islanders, their pigs, goats and children.

1306. 9 Jan 75. Arrived at Atiu about 0930 with all pers still more or less intact, a vicious rumour went around that Billy Cotter and 'Abbo' Abernethy fed a few fish on the way across, the pigs and goats joined in so they weren't all alone. A formal welcome was laid on, including challenges by a ferocious looking Atiuan who came out to meet the boat. The dancing team put on a good display and some people even forgot the rigour of the trip at the sight of those swaying hips and grass skirts.



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1307. 13 Jan 75. After a few days sight seeing and getting the feel of the job we started work of our accord. The major task initially was to do something with the huge (would dwarf the Southern Alps) stockpile of rock and rubble left in the harbour by the second det.

1308. 17 Jan 75. At last the island to ourselves, 2 det left at 1600. The locals 40 HP outboard broke down but we lent them one of our 20's just to make sure the boat wasn't delayed.

1309. 18 Jan 75. Ssgt Ross Cameron spent a large proportion of the day pacing out the camp and supervising the erection of new, and hopefully waterproof, tentage. All tents were shifted so that the minimum spacing between them was 20ft, we don't want another fire like 2 det had.



1310. 22 Jan 75. The day every one has been waiting for. An RNZAF Orion overhead at 0900 and it was joined by a C130 at about 0930. After a lot of flying back and forward the heaviest load so far dropped by the RNZAF, 11,000 lb (5000 kg), landed in good condition 200m short of the target area. Two more loads during the day, 4806 and 2023 kg and by 1600 all the bits and pieces that go to make up a Hitachi UH03D hydraulic excavator 7/16 cu yd bucket capacity, were on the ground. The tracks were on the machine and its engine running by dusk, great work by the EME boys.

1311. 23 Jan 75. The Hitachi assembled and working by 1200. Its first job - to dig a new 'long drop' that will be completed using the platforms that the Hitachi came on.

1312. 29 Jan 75. After working 12 hrs a day for four days with an average output of 40 cu yd/hr the Hitachi has finally managed to clear the Southern Alps from the harbour.

1313. 31 Jan 75. Our first taste of things to come. High seas, built up by a stiff SW breeze came crashing over the harbour walls and soon had the whole site submerged under three feet of water.

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Most military writing is similar to a dry cell battery. It has a long shelf life.

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1314. 12 Feb 75. The first concrete pour of many. Poured half the slipway slab between 1800 and 2100. The sea came up again and "Smokey" Bennington was knocked off the top of the outer wall by a big wave. He was very shaken when he was recovered from the harbour floor 5ft below his start point - luckily there was no damage that a beer couldn't fix.

1315. About this time many interesting things started happening every time it rained. Beds would be shifted around in the middle of the night and 'Hughey' would be cursed by all hands. The reason - those high quality 1960 vintage tents we put up 18 Jan are leaking like sieves.

1316. 13 Mar 75. No boxing timber on the island so to avoid undue delay the chippies spent the day demolishing any military structure that was not completely useful or was slightly wasteful in timber. The first thing to go was the Officers'/Snr NCOs' loo; take that for what its worth.

1317. 15 Mar 75. The first pour of the quay foundation, every able bodied man on the island, and some not too able bodied, turned up to help. The hole to be filled with concrete was about 45 cu yds in volume but despite its size the pour was finished in four hours. That is not using Readimix either, it was all done with Anderson mixers and wheelbarrows.

1318. 16 Apr 75. The sea turned nasty very quickly while every one was away at lunch. The harbour had an extra foot of water in it by the time we all got back on the job. John Templeton, in a gallant attempt to save the two 6in Spate Pumps, from being submerged succeeded in stalling an IHC in 2ft of water. He could not get it started again and the sea was soon up to the top of its steering wheel. After an interesting recovery exercise, the truck required three days' work before it could be tasked again. One dozen went down well. As he is EME we felt it would be a bit rude to get him to contribute to the Corps Memorial instead.

1319. 24 Apr 75. Finally finished pouring the quay foundation.

1320. 2 May 75. Started work on the harbour excavation proper. The end of the task is now in sight.

1321. 6 May 75. Calamity. One of the 6in Spate Pumps blew a radiator hose and seized. No parts held here to cope with such things, so a panic call to NZ for spares. In the meantime, the excavation will be held up by the water in the harbour.



1322. 13 May 75. The quay wall, started on 2 May was finished as far as it could go today, there is a 30ft gap left to provide access to the excavation.

1323. 14 May 75. Parts for the U/S pump arrived. This rapid delivery due mainly to the good work of 1 Fd Sqn and the ability to purchase parts for this equipment on the civilian market.

1324. 17 May 75. A public holiday declared in camp and all attended Bob Gould's wedding and the umukai afterwards.

1325. 19 May 75. The repaired pump has been working well for the past two days. Poured the first of the concrete slabs on the quay, the thing is now starting to look like a quay.

1326. 2 Jun 75. The plant started a 24 hr shift system in an attempt to get the job finished sooner.

1327. 3 Jun 75. The joys of living on a tropical isle, as there has been no rain for about a month we have got restrictions, self imposed, on the water supply. The nett result is that we can only shower on every second day and a large number of the taps in the kitchen have been blanked off.



1328. 5 Jun 75. Following the re-routing of the access road to the excavation last week, today saw the last of the concrete on the quay poured.

1329. 14 Jun 75. Poured the last concrete on the job. A great thing to have this behind us. Now all that's left to do is to finish the excavation of the harbour, and there's not too much of that left either.

1330. 16 Jun 75. Our first physical contact with the outside world in five weeks arrived. The boat carrying all our mail, fuel, rations etc. Also on board were two-thirds of the diving team comprising of Lt Gary Teeaar (3 Fd Sqn) Ssgt Barry Knowles (1 Fd Sqn) and Sgt 'Ossie' Osborne (6 Fd Sqn), these gents made a spectacular arrival on Atiu by swimming ashore rather than using a boat, they did not think their action foolhardy until a 9ft 10in shark was caught where they swam about a week later.

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1331. 17 Jun 75. Poured the last concrete on the ring road. This completes concrete work as far as we're concerned. A good thing to have out of the way and it makes going home a little bit closer.

1332. 5 Jul 75. The advance party left Atiu for Rarotonga and home today - a lovely calm sea for the lucky six people.

1333. 7 Jul 75. After long hours of work in very hard conditions and being continually knocked over by large waves we managed to get the charges in the opening placed and fired. The high seas caused a number of cut-offs and three attempts were required to fire all the charges.



1334. 8 Jul 75. Work started on man-handling the 160 cu yd of rubble out of the entrance to the harbour. Will have to work hard if it is to be ready for the opening on Friday. About 60 local men working voluntarily on this task in two six hour shifts.

1335. 11 Jul 75. AT LAST. The official party arrived ashore only one hour after the last charge let off in the harbour entrance. The official handover of the harbour by the NZ Minister of Defence, and the opening by the Premier of the Cook Islands. Much celebration in the evening and packing in preparation for departure of the main body tomorrow. Many smiling faces around.

1336. 15 Jul 75. Advance/rear party left leaving Sgt Gerry Mitten (3 Fd Sqn) Cpl Archie Hallam (SMB), Spr Pete Pendlebury (5 Spt Sqn) and Lcpl Don Herbert (31 Med Radio Tp) to take the stores back to NZ.

1337. 18 Jul 75. After a short rest in Rarotonga all but the rear party arrived back in NZ that morning. After paying HM Customs over \$1000 between the members of the detachment and leaving 5ml of blood behind in Papakura, all but the over-worked Det Comd and Det 2 IC went on leave. A job well done with the project and the Corps and Army in general can be justly proud of.

1338. 27 Aug 75. The last of the detachment, the rear party arrived back in Auckland to the bitter NZ winter, looking very dashing in their Atiu sun tans. The task is now regarded as being finished completely.

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Work is the curse
of the
drinking classes



Personalities

1339.

| <u>Rank</u> | <u>Name</u> | <u>Corps</u> | <u>Parent Unit</u> |
|-------------|---------------------------------|--------------|--------------------|
| Spr | Abernethy GT (Abbo) | RNZE | 1 Fd Sqn |
| Lcpl | Arnsen KE (Arnie) | RNZE | 1 Fd Sqn |
| Cpl | Barltrop JC (JCB) | RNZE | 1 Fd Sqn |
| Lcpl | Bennington BJ
(Smokey) | RNZE | 3 Fd Sqn |
| Lcpl | Brickell CK (Splash) | RNZE | 1 Fd Sqn |
| Spr | Brooker GL (Gavin) | RNZE | 1 Fd Sqn |
| Sgt | Brooker AS (Alan) | RNZE | 1 Fd Sqn |
| Ssgt | Cameron R (Ross) | RNZAMC | Linton Hosp |
| Dvr | Chadwick TF (Trevor) | RNZASC | Papakura PL |
| Lcpl | Cotter DF (Billy) | RNZEME | Engr Wksp |
| Spr | Easton AA (Super) | RNZE | 1 Fd Sqn |
| Lcpl | Gardiner K (Kevin
Pani Pani) | RNZE | 1 Fd Sqn |
| Lt | GE Goldsworthy | RNZE | 1 Fd Sqn |
| Lcpl | Gould R (Bob) | RNZE | SME |
| Sgt | Grace MS (Steve) | RNZE | SME |
| Lcpl | Hartley LP (Paul) | RNZE | 1 Fd Sqn |
| Lcpl | Herbert DG (Don) | RNZSigs | 31 Med Radio Tp |
| Lcpl | Hodges GJ (Hoppy) | RNZSigs | Waiouru Wksp |
| Capt | GR Jason-Smith | RNZE | HQ Engrs |
| Sgt | Jones DJ (Aussie) | RNZEME | Engr Wksp |
| Spr | Lindsay PE (Paul) | RNZE | 3 Fd Sqn |
| Sgt | Mitten G (Gerry) | RNZE | 3 Fd Sqn |
| Spr | Pendlebury PJ
(Pete the Pom) | RNZE | 5 Spt Sqn |
| Lcpl | Potter JJ (JJ) | RNZEME | Engr Wksp |
| Spr | Pringle MG (Mike) | RNZE | 1 Fd Sqn |
| Sgt | Rodgers KH (Tubby) | RNZASC | Papakura PL |
| Lcpl | Taiapa PH (Phill
Darkey) | RNZE | 2 Fd Sqn |
| Lcpl | Tito PAE (Peter) | RNZE | 5 Spt Sqn |
| Spr | Todd RC (Toad) | RNZE | 5 Spt Sqn |
| Lcpl | Ward LW (Lindsay) | RNZE | 2 Fd Sqn |
| Sgt | Gladstone AA (Poofy) | RNZE | 1 Fd Sqn |
| Cpl | Hallam AJ (Archie) | RNZE | SME |
| Lcpl | Templeton JF (Funnel) | RNZEME | 1 Fd Sqn |
| Cpl | Boles GA (Blue) | RNZE | Papakura PL |
| Spr | Edwards JJ (Eddie) | RNZE | 1 Fd Sqn |
| Cfn | Rosvall WJ (Rosie) | RNZEME | Engr Wksp |
| Lt | GC Teear | RNZE | 3 Fd Sqn |
| Ssgt | Knowles BJ (Barry) | RNZE | 1 Fd Sqn |
| Sgt | Osborne JWR (Ossie) | RNZE | 6 Fd Sqn |

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to copyright1340. Marriages.

Bob Gould to Beverly June Simpson
of Atiu on 17 May 75

1341. Births. This is classified information and
cannot be released on the grounds that people may be
incriminated.

1342. Promotions.

Lcpl Taiapa from Spr
Lcpl Hartley from Spr



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Facts and Figures

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| 1343. | Working days to 16 Jun 75 | 155 |
| | Working days lost due to
rain/high seas etc
to 16 Jun | 45 |
| | Percentage of time lost
excluding Sundays | 29% |

1344. Major Equipments.

- a. $\frac{3}{4}$ ton FFR x 1
- b. $\frac{1}{4}$ ton FFR x 1 (Rarotonga)
- c. IHC dump trucks x 2
- d. Suzuki RV 50 motor cycles x 2
- e. Atlas Copco 250 cfm compressors x 3
- f. 10 KVA alternators x 3
- g. 3.5 KVA Onan alternators tlr mtd x 1 set
- h. Aslt Boats plus 20 hp OBM x 2
- j. Anderson 9/7 cu yd concrete mixers x 2

1345. Production.

- a. Concrete poured 615 cu yd
- b. Bags cement used (50kg bags) 4100
- c. Rock excavated (bank measure) 4200 cu yd
- d. Explosives used 1473 lb
plus 5240 ft det cord

Epilogue

1346. On behalf of all members of the third detachment the Detachment Commander wishes to thank all those in New Zealand who assisted the project throughout the last nine months. Without this assistance and co-operation we would still be there.

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"Do you thing you're Father Christmas?"

"No."

"Well, leave my stockings alone."

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SECTION TWO

RFMF RURAL DEVELOPMENT UNIT

by: Capt K.J.Woods from Fiji

Bula,

1347. Hell deadline time for the RNZE newsletter again!

Most of you have probably seen NZ newspaper articles or more likely have heard on the grapevine that the Engineer element of RFMF is undergoing a change in its overall control and command and that the size, concept etc is to change. Well, you're quite right, it is, but as the exact size, responsibilities, command and aims are not yet fully formulated it would be as well at this time to leave the subject until firm policies are agreed. Next newsletter should see the whole new Engineer "Empire" on paper. Reorganisation among Engineers seemsto be coming into its own as a popular sport.



1348. Four NZ Snr NCO tradesmen were requested to assist us during the first two years of the Rural Development Unit in its original form and I am delighted to report that our Chief Engineer, Lt Col Rutherford has advised that he will be able to release two Snr NCOs with a possibility of a third very soon. Those NCOs will know by now who they are and will receive from me within a week, a letter listing items to bring with them and giving them some idea of what fringe benefits go with the job.

1349. The weather has been cool lately but the miserable 23/24° celceus days are starting to brighten up and should be around the normal warm 30/31° by the time they get here. For those others whom local corps posting committees had plotted to come to Fiji and indeed those who put the rumour about that they themselves were posted on the off chance that the CE would get to hear of it and think it a good idea, bad luck, but keep trying you never know.

1350. A little advice for the Fijian Sappers in Linton. We have in camp at the moment undergoing eight weeks basic training 250 new recruits. Two hundred of these are sappers and on graduation will form part of the new Rural Development Unit. It is pretty obvious that with the drastic rise in numbers so too must NCO appointments increase. If any of you have the ability and aptitude to perform the duties of an NCO then show the Chief Instructor, SME through your day to day activities. I will endeavour to visit you in Linton in November but should any of you want information on prospects and employment when you return please feel free to write.

1351. RFMF now has a Navy as well. Commander Stan Brown has been tasked to raise a sqn of 10 officers and 62 ratings to man two minesweepers Fiji has purchased off the USA Government. This he has done well and last Friday they held a parade to signify the completion of basic military orientated training and their readiness to move to the USA to work up their ships and sail them home. The ships will be used primarily for patrol work with the dual role of being available in an emergency for humanitarian tasks.



1352. To help them train, countries including NZ have sent ships and as is inevitable the pace of social activities became exhausting. Talk about ward rooms and pink gins. An interesting few days was spent with the Chilean sailing ship "Esmeralda" when we visited Suva. Very active people on the social scene and their favourite drink "piesco" tastes like a light grape wine and has a kick like a well brewed bush beer (for those of you who have sampled that simple delight).

1353. WOII Laurie Bailey has witnessed his last Passing Out ceremony of Trade School graduates and is at present in the process of packing house ready to return to NZ in October. Photos and a write up in the latest Reveille record this particular graduation and although Laurie is leaving we are sure the Fijian NCO taking over the school will maintain the same high standard of instruction.

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CHAPTER 14ARTICLES AND REPORTS
SECTION ONERUGBY AND ENGINEERS

(By: A.N.Other)



1401. I was looking through the records the other day and discovered that about the only teams that engineers haven't represented in recent years are the All Blacks and our own Corps team. In an effort to remedy this, we have decided to promote rugby and gain a representative in the All Blacks and, one hopes, a few more than one in our own Corps team.

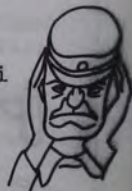
1402. The powers to be, myself included, got our scrum caps on in conference (thought you would be impressed with that word). We decided that we can't select an All Black team but we can select a Corps team. So we called on three of our more notorious rugby players from the past and asked them to select a team. For confidential purposes we will not spill their secret but identify them as Hori, Joe and Mac. Released for the first time is the selectors' report.

THE REPORT

1403. We started like any good selection panel and argued over which one of us should be coach and which one should be manager. As there are three of us we decided on two coaches, but neither Mac nor Hori would coach with Joe. Joe is not noted for his administration and so being a diplomatic bunch we went for 'outsiders'.

1404. The Manager. Here one fella reigned supreme, the obvious choice. There is only one man experienced enough, professional enough, full time enough and reserve hooker enough - Major Stu Jameson, 2 Fd Sqn. What is more, it is his unit that has our jerseys.

1405. The Coach. Here we had a bit of bother. Hori accused us pakehas of being racial indiscriminates. He insisted on the Maori flavour. We met him half way and went for two coaches, WOII "George" Nepia and Maj Cliff Parker.



1406. The Team. Yes, the team. After reducing our short list to 150 we discussed players. Mac wasn't much use here as he kept trying to select oldies like Rus Luscombe, Max Wedde and Ralph Flavell. We reckon he gets more beers that way.

1407. Anyhow, we decided that the best place to start from must be the loosies as this position just happened to have the most number of pretenders. A few we tried to ignore because of a trip to Pakistan, but he wouldn't allow it, so we did anyway.

1408. Tight forwards were a bit hard to select because we couldn't think of any, so we improvised with loose forwards.

1409. Jack Gleeson says that no selection panel is a good selection panel unless it drops one of the star players. We dropped "Hamstring" Stowell. Hori objected so we reinstated him as a reserve. Hori again objected so we put him out of the way in the backline. Hori didn't object.

1410. Another problem, all our backs try to play in the same position - they are as bad as the loosies. But despite all the problems, here is the team.

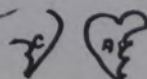
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| <u>Team:</u> | Fullback | Bill Stirrat | SME |
| | Wings | Manu Vincent | 2 Fd |
| | | Dave Tawhara | SME |
| | Centre | Kev Smith | 5 Spt |
| | 2nd 5/8 | Les Stowell | RF Cadet School |
| | 1st 5/8 | Ken Jones | 2 Fd |
| | Half | Jimmy Lye | 2 Fd |
| | No 8 | John Young | 5 Spt |
| | Flankers | Roger Simmons | SME |
| | | Sel Heaton | SME |
| | Locks | Bill Marr | 2 Fd |
| | | Stalky Gilbert | 1 Fd |
| | Props | Paul McKeany | SME |
| | | Bill Leach | 2 Fd |
| | Hooker | Alan Hales | 5 Spt |
| <u>Reserves:</u> | Backs | Chris Sinclair | 1 Fd |
| | | Tony Hawkins | 2 Fd |
| | | Steve Grace | SME |
| | Forwards | Rob White | 5 Spt |
| | | Danny Cunningham | 2 Fd |
| | | George McIntyre | 2 Fd |



1411. To complete the team we need someone to control the game and, in view of the talent available, we used a pin. Unfortunately Joe was not a good shot and the captain also happens to be the referee, Dave Ridland. Here's hoping to stack the game in our favour. Well, that's our biased selection. Don't gripe over the team, select your own - we'll announce it.

1412. To complete the selectors' report.....

EAT YOUR HEART OUT ASC!!!!!!



SECTION TWOREMINISCENCE

1413. Young sappers or sappers young in service will not remember, but older sappers will look back with fond memories of the days (about 1961) when we had dual roles. 6 Independent Field Sqn (RF) was made up from:

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|-------------|---|---------------|---|
| SME | - | HQ 6 Indep Fd | □ |
| 1 Const Sqn | - | 1 Troop | ▬ |
| 2 Const Sqn | - | 2 Troop | ○ |
| 3 Const Sqn | - | 3 Troop | △ |

1414. The story I wish to relate originated on a Friday morning at HELWON Camp where the squadron had assembled. After morning parade our troop commander (Lt Rutherford) told us that all rugby players were to report to Lt Maloney. We did so, and at this meeting of rugby players from the squadron, were told that there was to be a Brigade Rugby Tournament and we were entering a team.

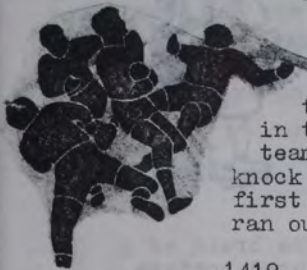
1415. "No gear", "No boots" "Not fit" came the spontaneous comments of the assembled. "Who plays Hooker?" came the optimistic reply. "You do Sir" says Trev King. "I'm a wing" chorus Dennie Stevens and Ralph Flavell. "Count me out" says Errol Kettle brandishing an arm in plaster, and so as a result, a shadow team was formulated. Boot sizes were whisked away to WO1 Jimmie Page and binder twine was feverishly cut into bootlace lengths by the storeman. "Practice outside the tent lines at 1830 tonight" was the final comment from Lt Maloney.

1416. Having fortified themselves with a couple of cans of beer each, the team duly assembled at 1830 to be issued with their rugby kit. One PT Jersey, one pair of army "Bombay Bloomers" and one pair of "near enough" size rugby boots. (Players to provide their own khaki sox.) The "practise ball" was then revealed - a well stuffed sock with a knot tied above the heel and the leg folded back over the foot.

1417. After much chopping and changing of positions a scrum finally went down (uphill for training reasons), a backline "strung out" and the next ten minutes were spent "running" the "ball".

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1418. Saturday dawned brightly for February and the teams assembled at the Waiouru grounds for the draw. NZ SAS in their blue, 1 QA Sqn in their gold, other units resplendent in their colours and engineers as yet unchanged with gear stowed in a variety of kitbags. Suddenly above the noise of the Brigade assembled, a sigh of relief could be heard from the Engineer side as they drew a bye in the first round and the first four teams to play took the field. In true knock out competition style, we played SAS first up and in a bruising, grazing encounter ran out the winners 5-0.



1419. The FINAL; THE FINAL; we had made it and played QAS. The result, Engr 5 QAS 0.

1420. The jeers that had greeted the team when it had taken to the field were reversed to cheers at the end of the tournament and it was that night that the secret of success was revealed. In the side that played that day were 15 players, nine of whom were or had been combined services representatives, four others had represented Army and the remaining two were district representatives who were "knocking on the door" for an Army pocket.

1421. Incidentally this was not a "Oncer" as the performance was repeated the following year by a well drilled and dressed team of young men from the Corps of RNZE.

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Young girl: The man that I marry must shine in company, be musical, tell jokes, sing, dance and stay home nights."

Married Friend: You don't want a husband, you want a TV Set.

Aerial view of highway intersection Greatford SH 1



SECTION THREEWHAT IS A SAPPER?

1422. If you look hard enough you will find in your daily travels in any city, in any town in NZ, a specimen of humanity called a 'Sapper'. Sappers are found leaning on, falling under, scrambling over, hanging onto, getting thrown out of and running into every pub in town.

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1423. Sappers possess the unreliability of a cigarette lighter, the temperament of a scrub bull, the digestion of a goat (with ears to match) the brain of a donkey (strictly u/s) and the tenacity of used postage stamps.

1424. A Sapper likes his grog, overseas service, pay days, annual leave, Sheilas, COs 'in their natural habitat', credit, sport (indoor type), steak and eggs, parties, balls, 'biting a cigarette', and Racquel Welch.

1425. He is not too keen on:

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Work
RSMs
Taxation Forms
Picquets and Guards
Needles
COs parades
Washing and Ironing
Cooks in general
Rising before midday
Slow race horses
Course exams
and IOUs.

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1426. SSMs hate them, Officers and NCOs tolerate them, provosts detest them, publicans love them, and the CO protects them.

1427. No-one ever gets tossed into bed so late or pulled out so early, and no-one can get into so much trouble in so short a time. Furthermore no-one else can get into his pocket -

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one battered leave pass,
three aspirins,
two light duty chits (date
altered)
and a genuine silver plated
ring of car keys, as well as
a genuine engraved gold
cigarette lighter,
spare wedding ring,
a piece of used bootlace,
a bottle opener and a 'D' Pull key.

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/You can

1428. You can keep him out of your sight but not out of the cookhouse, you can lock him out of a bank but not out of a dance hall or the Sgts Mess. When you come back to camp with only a scattered dream of your leave, he can make you wish murder was legalised with:

"Give us a smoke mate",
 "Howare going, alwright?"
 or just plain
 "Gidday".



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SAW CUTS

They still make sense when shortened

familiarity breeds
 blondes have more
 an apple a day keeps the doctor
 dead men don't
 money is the root of all
 beauty is only skin
 hell hath no fury like a woman

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The average man speaks
 about 25000 words per day
 and the average woman about
 30000. The trouble is
 that when I arrive home
 from work each day, I've
 spoken my 25000 - and my
 wife hasn't started her
 30000!

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Husband as seen
 by wife at
 breakfast

SECTION FOURPALINDROMES

1429. Palindromes are great fun - a word or phrase reading the same forward and backward. For addicts of word play, some examples.

level; madam; Hannah; eye; pip;
 Pa's a sap; Poor Dan in a droop;
 noon; A man, a plan, a canal -
 Panama!; Ada; mum; pop; did;
 gig; toot; Bob;
 A dog! A panic in a pagoda!;
 Zeus was deified, saw Suez;
 I roamed under it as a tired
 nude Maori;
 Draw no dray a yard onward;
 "Do nine men interpret?"
 "Nine men". I nod;
 dad; non; tot; bib; Anna; sis;
 Draw putrid dirt upward;
 Won't lovers revolt now?;



Nonsense mostly. But nonsense enjoyed in Roman Bars.

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POLITICAL DEFINITIONS UPDATED

1430. New version of old political definitions, obviously relevant at this time. SOCIALISM: You have two cows, and you give one to your neighbour. Communism: You have two cows, the government takes both of them and gives you milk. FASCISM: You have two cows, the government takes both of them and sells you milk. NAZISM: You have two cows, the government takes both of them and shoots you. BUREAUCRACY: You have two cows, the government takes both of them, shoots one of them, milks the other and pours the milk down the drain. CAPITALISM: You have two cows, you sell one of them and buy a bull.



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"I didn't give you a dirty look, you had it when you came".

SECTION FIVEGREETINGS CARD

1431. With increases in the cost of greetings cards and with the Christmas season approaching, here is an idea to beat inflation and still politely say what you wish. Provided pencil is used, your mark will rub out and the card will be ready for instant re-use. The sample shown here is one idea only and your inventive mind could design the card to suit your taste.

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To Greet My

FAMILY/ FRIEND/ CREDITOR

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| NEW YEAR | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| BIRTHDAY | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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HEIR(ESS) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| WEDDING | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| PROMOTION | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| NEW BABY | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| INCOME TAX REBATE | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| DOUBLES WIN | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| BON VOYAGE | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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SECTION SIX
ON BUYING A CAR



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1432.

A friend of mine has spent all his leisure time - and most of mine - for the last couple of months in "buying a car." This phrase is more an infectious condition of mind than a serious intention. By the end of the first week, I wasn't sure which of us was buying a car. Neither of us bought one, however, and the worst is over. We still read the

advertisements and see in every passing car, the very one that would have suited us had we been told about it in time.

1433. In spite of this experience with my friend, I know next to nothing about motor cars. I usually know a six from a four and can tell the commoner makes, but inside the bonnet is a mystery to me. Nevertheless, owing to the many hours I have spent ringing the telephone numbers of people wishing to sell cars followed up by viewing the vehicle, I know a lot about the people who sell cars and have an understanding of their particular language.

1434. Let me take the phrase "in showroom condition". I used to think this meant the smell of leather, the gleam of paint, the purr of a well-tuned engine, and the general state of an old car that looks like a new one. Now I know better. If a car will stand upright without support of wooden props, and if you can lean against it without damaging it, it is in "showroom condition".

1435. A car that is a little bit worse than the previous one, is usually described as "as new". It qualifies for this category, for instance, if all the doors can open without falling off and there are no holes in the floor. It means "as new as it could possibly be after what it has gone through" or "what can you expect for \$500?"

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1436. Slightly less promising than "as new" are "in good condition" or "excellent condition". These descriptions cover cars in which hens have been roosting for years. "Tidy condition" appears to be cars that have been thrust into gaps in hedges to confine straying heifers and "in fair condition" means that either the engine or the chassis is missing. "Well cared for" means "we tried hard and are proud of the way it still holds together."

1437.

Those cars described as "Australian assembled" "English assembled", "Japanese assembled" etc, are really an indication that no matter the extent of your care, this car has rusted far quicker than any other I have seen, the doors never have and never will shut properly and nobody can do any more than I have. It is obviously "their" fault, not mine.

1438. It is only the fussy buyer, of course, who worries about bodywork and appearance. What really matters is the machinery - the transmission, engine, back axle, front axle, wiring, ash trays and so on. This being so, great pains are taken to give an assessment of this aspect. "Perfect mechanical order" for instance, means that if you press the starter for long enough whilst pumping the accelerator, the whole car begins to shake convulsively through clouds of blue smoke. The battery requires charging for each prospective customer. "Good mechanical order" means it will be difficult to find fault because the engine won't start and it cannot be towed until you find two new wheels. It is good for just looking at. "A reconditioned engine" means the car is on its second or third engine, that there is nothing else remotely nice can be said about the car which may have no gearbox or differential.

1439. If the car does start and nothing big falls out of the engine in the process, the car is said to be "ready to be driven away". It should be said "to be driven away" but of course, this may not be appropriate - it could be ready with a few more parts and a large bill for the transplant. If the engine does not start it "needs a few engine repairs", is described as "new W.O.F." or just plainly "runs well" without the qualifications as to when this may have been the case. The mere fact that a car is advertised as "doesn't drink or smoke" is no help at all if you cannot move it even a few feet under its own power.



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Mechanic to car owner: "It's beginning to self-destruct."

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1440. Strangely enough, most used car advertisements describe not only the car but the owner. It would seem that a man who has a car to sell is already suspect, and that he must satisfy the potential buyer that he is selling it, not because he hates the sight of it, or wants to quit his worries, or needs the money, but because he is "going overseas". When I think of some of these cars I have looked at over the last month I know that if they got the prices they were asking they would be able to tip the stewards. The more mysterious owners simply state "owner must sell" or "urgent sale" and a very few say "buying a larger car". On the whole, I prefer the globe-trotters to the "buying a larger car" people. I always feel poor and unwashed by these latter types and am a little bit afraid that he will offer me a bowl of soup and a ticket to a night shelter. In following up some promising cases of "owner must sell", I have been attracted by the possibility of snatching a bargain from under his very nose, but have never yet realised my hopes.

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1441. I find there is very little difference in technique or attitude between the "buying a larger car" owner and the man who "must sell".



They might be one and the same person. Sometimes, I think they are one and the same person and that the two phrases represent cause and effect. A man who is thinking of buying a magnificent car must sell his old one at a magnificent price, and there may be some foundation

for the story of the man who said he was going to buy a new car because he couldn't afford a second-hand one. The owner who has "a genuine reason for selling" dare not tell the prospective buyer the truth or show all the past repair bills!

1442. Ten years ago things were different. In those days people with cars to sell looked as if they wanted to sell them, and if you collected the double or did well at cards the night before, you could always buy something to drive home in. Now I am chasing the best bargains among the "as is where is" class, avoiding those with "many extras" and avoiding people who could make a living out of selling dates to the Arabs in Cairo.

1443. I am developing libellous silences when car-buying and try to beat down the price, opening my mouth as least as possible. Walking around to the back of the car, kicking one of the tyres can knock off \$50, whilst continuing

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Peerage? Disappearage!

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around to the front to kick the front bumper can reduce the asking price by another \$25. Walking slowly around the car again kicking all the tyres in turn - very expressive kicks mind you - and then asking "How much?" the reply may well be "500".

"I'll divide it with you" is my reply. The arithmetic of this is beyond the owner at this point who wants to know how much he has been bid. "\$100" is my reply.

1444. I once bought a car like this for \$50, drove it for two trouble-free years, abandoned it at the airport when escaping my maintenance order, gave the Police authority to sell it when they contacted me and received \$75 after they deducted expenses and commission. Right now, I have found an "as is where is" with no floor, only one door missing and an engine. It will work out OK if the Coca-Cola will unrust the pistons and I can find a set of wheels.



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MORE WHERE THEY COME FROM

Unintentionally, Russia has contributed heavily to British military tradition and heroism. The Victoria Cross, Britain's highest award, instituted in 1956, is made from the metal from the cascabel of a Russian cannon captured at Sevastopol during the Crimean War.

The cannon itself is in the Royal Artillery's museum. The cascabel - the knoblike projection in the rear of the tube of a muzzle-loader cannon - is entrusted to the Royal Ordnance Corps.

By 1957, more than 1300 copies of the Victoria Cross had been cut from it. The remaining part weighs 22½ pounds, so there is plenty left for future heroes.

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SECTION SEVENLETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Editor,

1445. In June/July this unit sent you a copy of its own newsletter in which were mentioned various appointments, activities, functions and exercises etc in which are included TF personnel. On reading the latest edition No 3 of our RNZE Liaison Letter, I find that these TF pers got no mention whatsoever and am more than a little disappointed.

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1446. I believe that the RNZE Liaison Letter is available for all serving RNZE pers, whether RF or TF and as over half of each of our field squadrons is made up of TF pers (on paper anyway), and they do get to read the Liaison Letter when possible - what about some consideration and mention.

1447. With reference to our unit newsletter and in particular "We do not censure - only edit" what makes you think the statement as written (and so well quoted from the Concise Oxford) is not what is meant? We do not censor and (as stated) we do not censure!!

1448. Anyway, to play on words, what about if I censure you as Editor for not including info on or about our TF brothers. Looking forward to a mention in despatches.

M.A.Oliver
WOII
SSM
3 Fd Sqn

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Annual Camp

1976?

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| S | Syncro |
| A | Activated |
| P | Pilot |
| P | Programmed |
| E | Energy |
| R | Resource |

Astro computer
receiver combining
calculator and
programming
device with
visual input
output sensors

Upper Loading
Platform

Blast effective
abluter
apparatus

Agrapha
distributor

Vibration
Dampened
Interlocking
column support

Energy Resource
module (combining
equipment carrying
fuselage

Syncro
Activators

Combination
extractor
destructor
material jointer
fitting multi-
purpose
grips

Elastic
jointed lifting
control

Cyro synthetic
lift apparatus

Omnipresent
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stabilising
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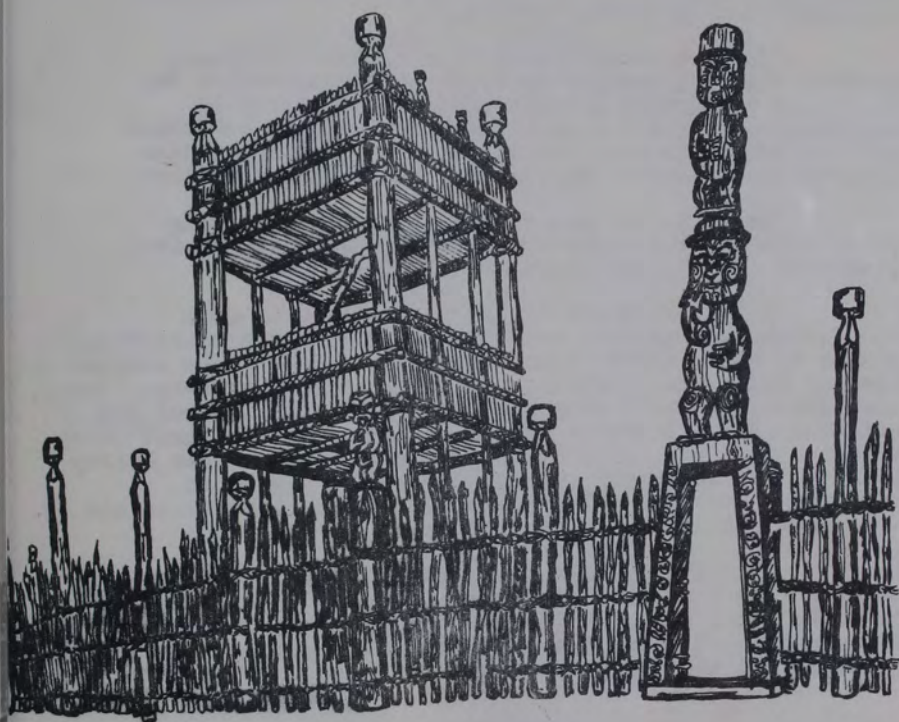
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and effluent draining tube
not shown

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Between the years 1350 and 1769 AD, Maori organised inter-tribal warfare, like agriculture, was a seasonal occupation, it being traditional to dedicate the summer months to the War God.

Warfare usually arose out of land disputes, however, fighting frequently broke out from insults to chiefs and ancestors, sorcery and even suspicion of hostility. In these events the tribe quickly mobilised and took to the field. Sometimes the fighting tactics involved mass attacks, continuing for months at a time.

Death in war was viewed as the most fitting end to life and the fighting was therefore characterised by extreme cruelty and disregard for life!

A typical North Island Pa was sighted on a hill, ridge or headland, with perimeter defences consisting largely of steep ramparts and terraces surmounted by several lines of palisades, fighting platforms and watchtowers. The inner fence was built of pointed hardwood stakes about ten feet high lashed to rails and posts carved with defiant ancestral figures. The impressive watch towers rose thirty or forty feet above the village defences and were so constructed that the defenders could isolate themselves and hurl rocks and spears at the invaders!

The gateway, designed to admit one man at a time, was made from a single slab of totara, sunk five or six feet into the ground. Often the totara was decorated with carvings of human faces or complete figures representing ancestors and the God of War.

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THE CORPS OFTHE CORPS OFROYAL NEW ZEALAND ENGINEERSHONORARY APPOINTMENTS

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 1 Fd Sqn (6)
 2 Fd Sqn (6)
 3 Fd Sqn (6)
 6 Fd Sqn (6)
 5 Spt Sqn (6)
 1 Wks Team
 2 Wks Team
 3 Wks Team
 HQ Home Command (2) Wks WO
 SME (7) one for Corps Historian, two for library
 B Coy RF Cadet School (2)
 Papakura Camp (2) Fire Bde & Wks WO
 Ngauwahia Camp Fire Stn
 ATG (4) Fire Bde, Barrack Master & Surveyor
 MWT AA (3) AAC, Fire Bde, Wks WO & Display Artist
 Burnham Camp (2) Fire Bde, Works WO
 WEC (3) for WOI Hitchener to distribute
 HQ NZ Force SE Asia (6) Please circulate to RNZE pers
 Auckland Sappers Assn
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 Lt Col Dickie
 Lt Col Jenkin & Maj Wedde
 Lt Col Dearing
 Maj Mitchell
 Maj GE Hardie
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 WOI Palmer
 Cpl Stewart Invercargill Area Office
 Capt Barrett
 Works WO Canterbury Army Area
 PRO Army
 Spare (10)

MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF ENGINEER

The start of a new year is a good time for anyone to ask himself - "What am I going to achieve this year?" Now is a good moment for you to think about your future in the Army Engineers. All too soon the pressures will begin, with final administration after annual camps, end of the financial year, the new works tasks, the new training cycle, courses or conferences and suddenly Spring will arrive with the Christmas rush not far off.

The Army can do a lot to help you enjoy a more satisfactory life, but the initiative lies with each person. Our corps organisation has now been virtually unchanged for two years. It is clear that tasks will get smaller and hopefully, be directed more towards immediate support for the rest of the Army. The implications are that there will be a need for more reconnaissance, better planning and faster completion. A few days lost on a large task through inefficiency are readily overlooked. This will not be the case on smaller jobs under the eyes of other units. If you believe you would benefit from extra training or practice in certain skills then you must ask. There will always be administrative problems - these are just fences to be jumped. Some fences are too solid or too high but the one that can be overcome is that of ensuring your boss knows what your ambitions are. The formal interview is one chance but we are fortunate that in our operations there are many opportunities for a word with one's commander as well as advice from senior NCOs who have considerable experience of the corps.

Courses are not the only means of achieving progress - it is not necessary for one to do a course to achieve better results in one's own work. Young children learn without courses, and I've discovered that new soldiers can learn to salute in 30 seconds if their friends are beating them to lunch. There can be a lot of personal satisfaction in improving one's own knowledge or technique. You can also be sure that a bit of extra personal effort if consistently applied will soon bring its own reward.

Heavy reading, but the simple message
for 1976 is:

"Decide where you want to go and do something about jumping the fences yourself. A leap year is surely a good opportunity for this."

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CHAPTER ONEHQ HOME COMMANDAppointments

The following are the current RNZE appointments as at 10 Dec 75.

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| G2 Training | Maj HE Wedde |
| GS03 (SD) | Capt AT Beaver |
| Works WO Home Command | WOII BG Rose |
| Works WO Northern Region | WOII EJ Hobman |
| Works WO Central Region | WOII EI Watson |
| Works WO Southern Region | WOII ER Elley |

Postings In

Capt AT Beaver ex 3 Fd Sqn

Postings Out

Maj HE Wedde to Staff College Australia

Maj RF Martin RNZA who has been the Works WOs boss for some years, is on his way to Staff College in Australia as well. I am sure the Works WOs are going to miss him and wish him all the best at the college. His replacement is going to be Major AW Ancell RNZASC and he is to take up the job in January.

Building Programme Around the Country

We have heard that this little section in the last Liaison Letter has been of some interest to all around the country.

Papakura. We could see a start on the refurbishment of 4 transit barracks in B Block in the very near future.

Ngaruawahia. Work has started on the Garrison Club at last and it is hoped to see a start on the 25 metre range soon (RNZE task).

Waiouru. The SNCOs will be pleased to know that money has been issued for the extension and repairs to the toilet in the mess. Also, the sketch plans for the Sgts Mess are well on the way and will be out for consideration shortly.

/Linton

Linton. Planning for the changes around the camp continues, with housing being pushed ahead with 150 to be financed over the next four years.

Fort Dorset. The chalets are under way with excavations for the foundations taking place.

Burnham. Plans of the new housing sites (X Block) are well under way with 10 new houses to go up in the near future.

Preliminary sketches have been viewed for the new Sgts Mess and are now back with comments.

Invercargill. We could see some work done there soon after the fire, with the possibility of a new admin building being erected.



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Three young ladies were taking the same course in logic at college. After one of the lectures, the professor posed a problem in situation reasoning.

"Let us imagine," said the prof, "that you were alone and adrift in a small boat on the high seas. Suddenly you see a passing liner with hundreds of sex starved sailors aboard. What would you do in this situation to avoid any problem?"

"I would turn my craft in the opposite direction," stated the blonde.

"I would pretend I was in a single-handed, trans-Atlantic race," responded the brunette.

"Well," murmured the red-head, "I understand the situation, but fail to see the problem."

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Here lies the bones of Mary Meek;
Her will was strong, but her won't
was weak.

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CHAPTER TWO3 FIELD SQUADRONAppointments

The following are the current appointments
as at 1 Dec 75.

| | | | |
|----------------|-----------------|---------|-------------|
| <u>Sqn HQ</u> | OC | Maj RA | Laybourn |
| | 2IC | Capt GR | Jason-Smith |
| | SSM | WOII MA | Oliver |
| | AO 3 Works Team | Capt GN | Stevenson |
| | Works Offr | WOI JT | Blyth |
| | Works WO | WOII EW | Bruce |
| | Stores WO | WOII BJ | McKernan |
| | SQMS | Ssgt JM | Carlin |
| | Chief Clerk | Sgt JG | Atkinson |
| | Tpt/TpSgt | Sgt RW | Ferguson |
| <u>No 1 Tp</u> | Comd | Lt FLS | Galloway |
| | Cadre NCO | Sgt GF | Mitten |
| <u>No 2 Tp</u> | Comd | Lt GC | Tear |
| | Cadre NCO | Sgt VMJ | Hubner |
| <u>No 3 Tp</u> | Comd | WOI JT | Blyth |
| | Tp NCO | Sgt KA | Inwood |
| <u>Spt Tp</u> | Comd | Ssgt AR | King |
| | Tp NCO | Sgt JLC | Alabaster |

Postings, Promotions and DischargesIn

| | | |
|-----------------------|----|--------------------|
| Capt GR Jason-Smith | ex | 1 Fd Sqn (Atiu) |
| Spr Jim Stone | ex | Basic AA 122 |
| Spr David Rayner | " | " " " |
| Cpl Kerry Moore | " | Singapore |
| Cpl Norm Taylor | " | Singapore |
| Spr Daryl Pugh | " | 5 Spt Sqn |
| Sgt Bev Hefferen | " | 5 Spt Sqn |
| Spr Graham Lowen | " | 2/1 RNZIR |
| Spr Aaron Cook | " | 2/1 RNZIR |
| Spr Alan Drummond | " | TF/RF Course No 10 |
| Spr Bill Cox | " | TF/RF Course No 10 |
| Lcpl Smoky Bennington | " | Atiu |
| Spr Paul Lindsay | " | " |
| Sgt Gerry Mitten | " | " |
| Cpl Kim Herewini | " | SME |
| Spr Paul Napier | " | Basic AA 123 |
| Spr Mike Payne | " | Basic AA 123 |
| Spr Jim Sadd | " | " " " |

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/Spr Brian Church

Spr Brian Church
 Spr OP Smith
 Cpl Piky Ngarotata
 Ssgt Eddie Bruce
 Spr Barry Gillespie
 Spr Richy Fulcher
 Spr Garry McColl

ex Basic AA 123
 ex RF/TF Course
 " Singapore
 ex Cadet School
 " Basic AA No 125
 " " " " "
 " " " " "

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Out

| | |
|-------------------|--------------|
| Capt AT Beaver | To Home Comd |
| Lcpl Bob Bulman | to Singapore |
| Spr Billy O'Brien | to SME |
| Cpl Alan Barclay | to 6 Fd Sqn |
| WOII Eric Elley | to Cant AA |

Discharges

Lcpl Kerry Harper
 Lcpl Chris Terrey
 Lcpl John Gittings
 Spr Jim Smoothy
 Spr Nev Pierce

Promotions

| | |
|---------------------|-----------|
| Ssgt Eddie Bruce | to T/WOII |
| Cpl Kerry Moore | to T/Sgt |
| Cpl Mike Lacey | to T/Sgt |
| Pte Gillian Adamson | to T/Lcpl |
| Spr Keith Rikihana | to T/Lcpl |
| Spr Pete Shelford | to T/Lcpl |
| Spr Duchey Visser | to T/Lcpl |
| Spr Keith Wilson | to T/Lcpl |

Move to Burnham Camp

At last it has happened! The Squadron has got out of Riccarton Road and into its new (joke!) accommodation in Burnham Camp. To celebrate the occasion the RF personnel of the Squadron, male and female, paraded through the streets of Riccarton on Sunday 23 Nov 75, attended a civic farewell church service and supper where they were eulogized by the Padre from Burnham Camp and the Mayor of Riccarton. Not satisfied with one farewell parade, the Canterbury Sappers Association coerced the Squadron into having a Flag Lowering Ceremony at Number 44 Riccarton Road on 30 Nov 75, this parade was inspected by the Comd, 3 Inf Bde Gp and music was provided by the Army Band.

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Vaccination is the medical sacrament corresponding
 to baptism

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Storm Relief at Burnham

It will be common knowledge that in the early hours of Friday 1 Aug 75, the Canterbury Province was subjected to winds of up to 120 mph, lasting for several hours. Millions of dollars worth of property was damaged including severe damage to houses, buildings and trees at Burnham Camp. No estimate is possible of the total loss in terms of dollars but some idea can be gained from the following damage summary:

- a. 390 houses damaged out of a total of 405;
- b. 3500 mature trees blown over;
- c. about \$250,000 of damage to main camp buildings; and
- d. power and telephone services disrupted.

From 0800, 3 Fd Sqn was placed on standby and at 1000 Fri 1 Aug 75, a troop was dispatched to Burnham under command of Ssgt Ray Hey. This troop reached Burnham over roads officially closed and did sterling work on the day of the storm and over the weekend. As a result of their efforts many of the trees and buildings left unsafe in the storm were braced, patched, demolished etc.

From 4 to 31 Aug the whole of 3 Fd Sqn was placed under Operational Control of Burnham Camp and WO1 Blyth was appointed Burnham Camp Storm Damage Project Officer. During August, the Sqn, in conjunction with MOW & D and with the assistance of working parties from Camp units were able to restore all houses to a safe condition. This included re-roofing about four houses and replacing hundreds of tile ridges.

Using a total of 30 chainsaws working parties were able to clear about half of the fallen trees in the main camp and volunteers assisted the golf club at weekends to restore the golf club to playing condition by about mid August.

Although the Sqn ceased to be under Operational Control of Burnham Camp from 31 Aug, it is estimated that it could take many years and thousands of man hours to remove all traces of the damage. Certainly MOW & D have a massive task rebuilding hundreds of fences in the housing area, not to mention the repairs to buildings in the camp.

Lessons learnt from the exercise were:

- a. Husqvarna chainsaws, correctly maintained are excellent chainsaws.
- b. Few Sappers have any knowledge of tree felling, preparation and handling of milling timber.

/c. Sqn have no

- c. Sqn have no equipment suitable for handling, loading and off-loading logs.
- d. Supporting units such as RNZEME, RNZAOC, RNZASC can produce the goods in emergencies.
- e. MOW & D work quickly, efficiently and professionally when required.
- f. RNZE tradesmen are seen at their best when conditions are at their worst.

Other Sqns can rest assured that the Corps reputation must only have been enhanced by the efforts of 3 Fd Sqn on this occasion.

Training at SME

The Squadron moved up to SME by RNZAF on Mon 8 Sep for a week of training on watermanship, water supply, minewarfare and demolitions and to enable us to get together as a unit and also get together with our brother Squadrons in Linton Camp. From all aspects the week proved invaluable. Training was carried out with much enthusiasm and all went smoothly thanks to Sgt Hubner and assistant instructors and of course, many thanks to SME and the two Sqns for stores and equipment borrowed.

Comments and reactions from unit pers proved that this type of re-training is not wasted and it is quite amazing how much one forgets the basics after a couple of years away from it.

On the social and morale side of things, we just know it was a roaring success. Unit pers re-established friendships and made new ones as well, and although not achieving our aim in the sports played against 2 Fd and 5 Spt Sqns, we are determined that we will keep on trying.

Our unit 'miniature' pewter mug (only holds five jugs of assorted alcoholic beverages) proved the downfall of many a northerner, and our senior NCOs are still talking about that little get together on the Saturday nite at which our Up North counterparts and wives wine and dined us in the RNZE WO's and Sgts Mess!?

Something to note is that Lcpl Stew Boyle still reckons its far quicker and easier to push an assault boat around the SME lagoon rather than use those things made of wood from inside?

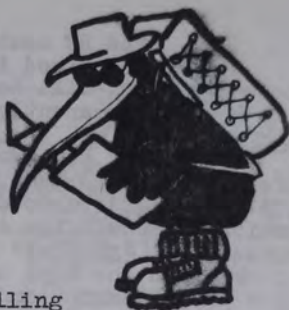
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A cold is both Positive and Negative; sometimes the Eyes have it and sometimes the Nose.

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Unit Training 13-19 October 1975

Between 13 and 19 Oct the RF members of the Squadron spent a dry and dusty week at Tekapo practising field engineering and Engr/Armd co-operation with a troop of APCs from 1 Sqn NZ Scots. Topics covered during the week were:



- a. Action on encountering Nuisance Mines when travelling in APCs.
- b. Laying Nuisance Mines, including booby-trapping of mines.
- c. Reserve demolitions, including practice in functions of Demolition Guard, Demolition Party and the correct use of all the relevant forms (AF W4012 series).
- d. Day and night laying of a Protective Minefield.
- e. Routine in the Defence.

We were joined by our TF brethren for the weekend 18-19 Oct and they attempted to do in 1½ days what had taken the RF 5 days. In an attempt to prove their superiority they insisted (!!) in closing two minefield gaps at night in the middle of a snow storm. Well done men.

The completion of the exercise saw the Squadron marching down the snow-covered road in the middle of a snow storm, towards the APCs that were coming out to meet them - a scene reminiscent of Napoleon's withdrawal from Moscow as shown on 'War and Peace'. It just so happened that that day (19 Oct 75) was the 163rd anniversary of that great march, and it was most fitting a way to celebrate it.

Bits and Pieces

Apart from the move to Burnham, the Squadron has seen some other changes too.

- a. 1 Tp (Addington; TF) has been relocated in King Edward Barracks since 8 Dec 75. Sgt Gerry Mitten, the RF Tp NCO, is now in one of the best Bird-Watching locations in Christchurch. (There's a lot of ducks in the Avon you know!)

/b. The RF members

- b. The RF members of the Sqn have been organised into HQ Tp, 3 Tp and Spt Tp and will hopefully stay in these troops permanently.

Those of you who know the organisation of a Squadron, and can do sums, will be asking, "What's happened to 2 Tp?". That's a good question. When last seen, it was hiding in Kensington Army Hall, Dunedin, in the tender-loving-care of Sgt 'Hub' Hubner. They had a bit of trouble down there when the Sigs decided to miss them off the Computer in Wellington and they had an unexpected holiday for a fortnight or so. All that is fixed now and he is back on the circuit. His Sigs address is:

2 Tp 3 Fd Sqn (that was a hard one wasn't it?)

Gerry Mitten has now got a Sigs address too, and for those who haven't got the amendment to DM 44 yet, it is:

1 Tp 3 Fd Sqn

It is understood that HQ Force Engr have had a similar problem - does this explain any sudden increases in production in the Squadrons?

This last quarter was perhaps the most social of the year because of the advent of Sappers Day on 15 Oct 75. This auspicious occasion was celebrated in Tekapo and consisted of an "inter-gang" competition covering many events. The most strenuous event was an 800m trailer race, including an up-hill stretch, and the most amusing was a 'Weet Bix and Whistle' race conducted in the bar after the main events of the day.

The major works emphasis of the Squadron is still directed towards the refurbishing of our 'new' complex in Burnham with a small team continuing work on the WRAC Depot.

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The girl glanced haughtily at the young man who had just asked her to dance. "I'm sorry," she said. "I Never dance with a child."

The young man bowed, "Oh, I beg your pardon," he said. "I didn't know your condition."

Lawyers briefcase
full of loopholes

WE'RE MOVING ON

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We are not quite sure just
 when it was and who was
 sent by who.
 We have done a bit of
 research and believe it
 was Forty-two.
 When Sappers first arranged
 a lease with a certain
 Mr Moore
 And settled down to duti-
 ful bliss at Number
 Forty Four.

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We have a photo in the Rec
 Room which was taken in
 that era
 There are Sappers there with
 ribbons from their tussle
 with the Fuhrer.
 There are veterans from the
 Great War and getting a
 little grey,
 And a debonair young fellow
 who is now on Council pay.

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Since that date when first
 they came, the buildings
 have declined.
 The original contours of
 our facade are not easily
 defined.
 There's no lack of
 ventilation thru the gap
 between the jambs,
 And our millions of little
 borer are getting tired
 of holding hands.

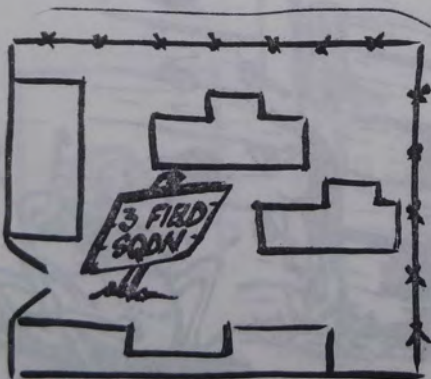
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I think it was in
seventy that things
came to a head.
We discovered in the
store one day a
monstrous water shed.
We went up thru the
channels requesting
repairs to the roof.
They started asking
questions and pressing
for more proof.

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It was decided by some people
who reside up at the top
That expenditure on our
building was suddenly
to stop.

We were visited by VIPs
and told to look around.
For alternative accommodation
on regimental ground.



We staked a claim and
built our home, its
quite a modest place.
And there's been a lot
of comment on the
slowness of the pace.
But who's to say we
shouldn't have a place
that's equal to
Those many buildings
we've built for others,
since, say 1942.

There's an acre and a quarter
 of desirable estate.
 A reasonable front fence and
 a lockable front gate.
 There's a bike shed at the
 side which was filled in
 days of yore
 And a toilet out the back
 with a magnificent red
 brick floor.



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The Workshop is quite
 spacious, but
 unfortunately on a lean
 And was used to manu-
 facture caravans before
 we hit the scene.
 The stores building
 houses ghosts from the
 dark and cunning past,
 And at certain places in
 the floor, you travel
 downhill very fast.

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There's a garage out the
 back and a smithy there too.
 We are hanging on to that,
 for the horses we'll have
 to shoe.
 There's a large tank on the
 section which the divers
 used to use,
 A very solid building in
 which we used to hold our
 booze.

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In summing up the property,
we'll be honest and will
say,

If you are interested in an
investment, then it's for
the land only you should pay.

There has been a lot of
discussion as to the
buildings final fate,
We are hoping just to move
out of here and quietly
shut the gate.

Our new headquarters at
Burnham are classed as
very good.

The plasterers have
excelled themselves in
the way they've covered
wood.

A little mishap with a
building on a very windy
day,

Has resulted in a workshop
in which welders will be
proud to earn their pay.

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The standards that we
finally achieved are
due to many men.

There have been thousands
of instructions on how
much, where and when.

But a synopsis by Defence
Works brought everything
into line

And arranging the necessary
finance has taken toll of
time.

The next time you're in Burnham
we'll be pleased to show you
around.

We are right next to the band
room you'll find us by the
sound.

There was something else, I
wish I could remember,
Oh Yes, I know, the Date, it's
the 10th of NOVEMBER.

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---oo00oo---

THE PRAYER OF THE CIVIL SERVANT

When it's OBE time in England
And the knighthoods flow like wine,
In next year's Birthday Honours
If you're stuck for a name, use mine.

Chorus: Rule Britannia etc, etc.

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CHAPTER THREE5 SUPPORT SQUADRONAppointments

The following are the current appointments as at 1 Jan 76.

| | |
|-------------|------------------|
| OC | Maj HMJ Shorter |
| AO | Capt TW Dench |
| Wks Offr | Capt DJ Powley |
| SSM | WOI CE Corney |
| Res Tp Comd | WOII WR Denby |
| Tpt WO | WOII GD Grieve |
| Cclk | Sgt MG Morrison |
| SQMS | Ssgt GB McDonald |
| MPF | Ssgt JH Hendrick |

Postings, Promotions, Discharges

Posted in, our new Tech Clerk
Pte VL Dixon RNZWRAC

Discharges

Lcpl WG Ashford
Spr LE Wise
Spr AR Mabey
Spr RG Todd
Spr N Jackson
Spr RAM Cairns
Spr KH Angus

Promotions

Cpl Colin Morgan to Sgt
Cpl Archie Hallam to Sgt
TF Lcpl Denis Beattie to Cpl
Spr Andy Peters to Lcpl

Current TasksBlock 1 Car Park

Since the last liaison letter was published, the Block 1 Car Park has been completed, and it is suspected that the men are pleased to be away from that area. However, there is now a large piece of flat ground which will be available for extra vehicles.



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The house was more covered with mortgages than with paint.

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Argo Road

Phase 2 of the construction has now been completed with a good skin of metal on the road up to the Westlawn Hut. Work proceeded ahead of schedule when the TODs resumed on 3 Nov 75, and work will recommence towards Three Kings after the Christmas break during Annual Camp.

Annual Camp Preparations

The normal preparations have been in progress at Waiouru, Tangimoana and Waituna West for the various camps.

Timber Winning and Sawing

The resources Tp has been fully involved in producing timber on the Log Bolter saw from seemingly endless numbers of logs being sent in from the Santoft Forest area by 1 Fd Sqn. The old Log Bolter has been trying very hard to die, but Resources are working as hard as Spanish doctors did recently to maintain life in the old saw. They have been working two shifts a day to fully use the available daylight hours.



Sappers Day

5 Spt Sqn, along with all the other Engr units at Linton, enjoyed Sappers Day immensely. That we only came third in the afternoon competition didn't really mean that our high standard had slipped. It was because the other units raised their standards! We did very well at beer drinking anyway.

Unit Surrounds

We are very pleased to announce that at last the HQ area and car park has been sealed. At last we are not tramping mud through the buildings, only tar for a change.



Ssgt Bruce McDonald is very pleased to have a new second-hand building which is large enough in which to stack his stores. Any other buildings will be acceptable too for lecture rooms, a social room, etc.

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The bride's attitude is: Aisle Altar Hymn

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Matches and Hatches

The unit extends congratulations and best wishes to the following:

Ex Pte Jo Neilson on the birth of her baby son, Michael John

Joe and Maree Te Whata on the birth of their baby daughter, Bronwyn Caroline

George and Bernice Taiatini on the birth of their baby daughter, Larisia Anne

Allan and Karen Hales on their recent wedding

Visit by the ex Minister of Defence

The Hon W. Fraser visited the unit on Tue 21 Oct 75 and was able to see at first hand the wonderful amenities which are available.

Sport

Sport within the unit has tapered off somewhat since the rugby season, but the golfers seem to soldier on. It is very noticeable in local competitions that the majority of prizes are won by 5 Spt Sqn members, and we are not sure whether they are good players or burglars.



Our congratulations to Spr "Ping" Pinga in being selected for the Central Region Softball Team, and to Spr Brian Hutton on his selection in the Central Region Water Polo Team.

Rowing is the "in thing" at the moment with seven unit members rowing in Novice and Maiden Fours events for the Aramoho Club of Wanganui. TF Cpl Denis Beattie has these men really working, and they predict big things for themselves on the rowing scene. As yet they have not been invited to join the national squad, but evidently this is only an oversight by the selectors. It is rumoured that some of our rowers go deep sea fishing for crabs!

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Love is like the measles - all the worse when it comes late in life.

--oo00oo--



PLUCKED HAIRER TWIT

Orderly Room Gossip

Due to the recent change of Government, the Chief Clerk maintains that his supply of ball point pens will now miraculously increase.

The SSM says he has heard that the USA has Bing Crosby and Bob Hope, and New Zealand has Rob Muldoon and no hope. However, this is only gossip.

Ssgt Jim Hendrick and Sgt Archie Hallam are to leave for SME in the New Year, and are to be replaced by Sgt Steve Grace and Cpl Colin Moors. We are sorry to see Jim and Archie move on because they have performed to their very best in the unit, but SME will make good use of their talents.

Unit Break-up Party

This year it was decided to have a barbecue/hangi at the Demolitions Range as a wind-down for the holidays, and our hangi experts really excelled themselves. They cooked the pork, mutton, chickens and vegetables to perfection, and unit members RF and TF, their wives, girlfriends and children had a great time.

--oo00oo--

If she calls you in her bedroom in the middle
of the night
And thru her half-closed eyelids you detect
a telltale light
If her bosom heaves in tumult like the tide
upon the ocean
And her voice is soft and tremulous, betraying
her emotion
If her nostrils dilate wildly with each panting,
laboured breath
And her luscious body trembles, as does one
approaching death;
If she begs you and implores you as she grasps
with trembling hand
To alleviate her suffering with a pitiful demand...

Buddy, that's **ASTHMA!**

--oo00oo--

OUR ROWING CREW

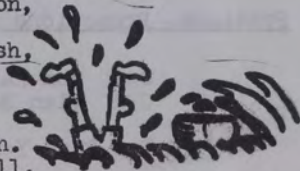
Now we have an illustrious rowing four,
Who practice and practice and come back for more.
They are all off to Wanganui to row each weekend,
And when on the river their backs really bend.

Now this merry band was rowing one day,
Using maximum effort in every way.
They pulled and they pulled though the day was all drab,
And really surged forward until Jacko caught a crab.

The boat stopped moving but Jacko flew on,
And cut through the air with the grace of a swan.
Until he swooped down with a mighty crash,
And broke through the water with a surging splash.

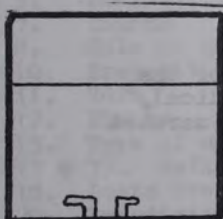
However, those rowers had the boat going soon,
And tried to get rowing in the afternoon.
But the wind and the tide came up with a rush,
And into the boat the water did gush.

So our hardy rowers returned all forlorn,
And towed their wee boat back on to the lawn.
But they will be back their oars fast to pull,
For the honour and glory of the mighty black bull.



SSM

--oo00oo--



A clumsy
tightrope
walker

On the morning inspection
parade, the major stopped
in front of a young sapper
whose shirt was partly
unbuttoned.

"Fasten that button, soldier,"
snapped the major.

The young sapper looked
surprised, shrugged and began
to do up the button - on the
major's right breast pocket.

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CHAPTER FOUR6 FIELD SQUADRONAppointments

The following are the current appointments
as at 1 Jan 76.

OC
2IC
SSM
SQMS
Cclrk

Maj PJ Skogstad
Capt A Anderson
WOII HJ Gallagher
Ssgt RJ Wright
Cpl AM Barclay

Postings, Promotions etc

Sgt Tom Matiaha to 2 Fd Sqn
Cpl Alan Barclay from 3 Fd Sqn

Spr Russ Young to T/Lcpl

Lcpl Truby King V

After the untimely death of
Lcpl Truby King IV on 5 Dec 74, the
unit was left with the problem of no
mascot with the necessary attributes
to fill the gap.



Not until early Nov 75 was a candidate for the
vacancy located. After attending the required medical,
dental and PSO testing, Lcpl Truby King V was duly marched
in and taken on strength on 14 Nov 75.

Annual Camp

This year 6 Field Squadron has been allocated
the enviable task of upgrading a farmer's access road at
Waituna West just north of Feilding. Naturally, with the
skill and knowledge of all unit personnel this task will be
completed with the unit's usual finesse.

Crossword Solution (Liaison Letter No 4)Across

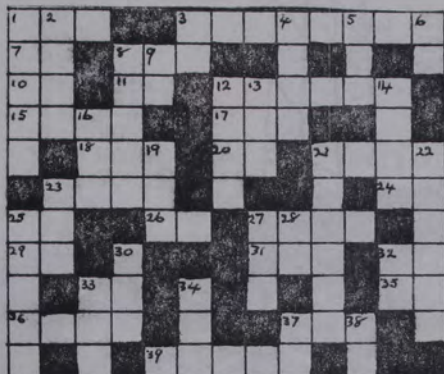
1. Primer, 5. duster, 9 ET, 10. SQ, 13. air,
15. PRA, 16. alas, 19. tonne, 20. adopt, 21. oz,
23. part, 25. poor, 27. ISFE, 28 nest, 30. or,
32. AA, 34 Taf, 36. field, 38. BA, 39. one,
40. sten, 42. mine, 45. pain, 46. enemy, 47. party.

/Down

Down

2. radioops, 3. met, 4. ET, 6. us, 7. squadron,
 8. escapers, 11. up, 12. ta, 13. at, 14. RNZAF,
 17. LO, 18. St, 22. six, 24. RE, 26. oer, 27. in time,
 29. tranny, 30. of, 31. Rio, 32. ale, 33. ad, 35. fine
 37. en, 38. beit, 40. spa, 41. tar, 43. in, 44. EM.

CROSSWORD

Across

1. VI (Roman)
 3. Field..... (RNZE)
 7. Thanks
 8. Hole in ground
 10. Preposition
 11. Verb
 12. Planet
 15. Type of weather
 17 & 37. Definite article
 18. Poets over
 20. Immediate action
 21. Plays on words
 23. Better than better
 24. Auth for stores
 25. Explosive
 26 & 29 Either
 27. One of something
 31. Pleasurable activity
 32. Not off
 33. Not out
 35. Measurement of engine
 37. See 17
 39. Diplomatic

Down

1. In the sky
 2. International Air Tpt
 Auth
 3. Street
 4. Before
 5. Aust Inf outfit
 6. Not
 8. Treas
 9. I am, he ..
 12. Wake up
 13. Exclamation
 14. Nil
 16. Irregular outer edge
 19. Issues ticket
 21. Base of column
 22. Smell
 23. Beyond economical repair
 25. Kids fill them
 27. Employ
 28. Night (abbrev)
 30. Intelligence (abbrev)
 32. Officer Commanding
 33. Sick
 34. Adverb/adjective
 37. Tac Sign (abbrev)
 39. Elizabeth Reign

Once you have completed the crossword, make a well used statement of fact from the following clues.

Across. 1, 3, 11, 17, 23,
 27, 33, 37 and 39



6 Fd Sqn Changes Wellington Skyline

In one four thousandth of a second on Sat 3 May 75, 6 Fd Sqn demolished two NZ Post Office aerial towers on Tinakori Hill, Wellington.

The photograph shows the first of the towers in the act of falling as a result of firing the explosive ribbon charges on the five-eight inch thick steel base members.

Appointments

The following
as at 1 Jan 76,

OC
AO
SBN
Trg Offr
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Trg WO A
Trg WO C
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Postings, Promotions

In Pte JA
Pte OP
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Out Lt RE

Decorations

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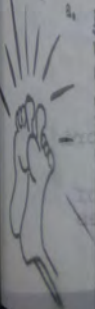
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CHAPTER FIVESCHOOL OF MILITARY ENGINEERINGAppointments

The following are the current appointments as at 1 Jan 76.

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| OC | Maj CR Parker |
| AO | Capt JA Tymkin |
| SSM | WOI GW Williams |
| Trg Offr FE | Lt RB Simmons |
| Trg Offr Plant | Lt SG Heaton |
| Trg WO A | WOII MT Robinson |
| Trg WO G | WOII WH Lamb |
| Trg WO Plant | Sgt MS Grace |
| Colk | Sgt MJ Dette |
| SQMS | WOII BD Hook |

Postings, Promotions etc

In

| | |
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| Pte JA Hooper | ex Civvy street |
| Pte CP Sexton | ex Wigram Dental |
| Lcpl AB Martin RNZIR | promoted to RNZE and posted to SME wef 5 Jan 76 |

Out Lt RB Simmons to ISG L/Back

Discharges

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|------------------|-----------|
| Cpl AM Beattie | 30 Oct 75 |
| Spr SA Collinson | 12 Dec 75 |
| Cpl DR Tawhara | 5 Jan 76 |

Promotions

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| Matt Munro | to Sgt wef 23 Oct 75 |
| Bert Lamb | to WOII wef 29 Oct 75 |

Announcements Capt Tymkin's baby, Christopher John, finally arrived 10 Oct 75.

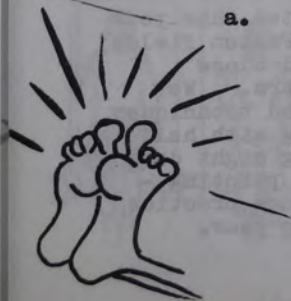
Spr Hewitt married Carol Gullery Sat 13 Dec and we wish them all the best.

Courses

Recent course news includes:

- a. RFME. A ten-day leave break in Fiji was arranged for three of the students. One soldier has returned to Fiji so the course now numbers 23 pers. The Acacia Bay block retaining wall was completed and the fish left undisturbed despite

//attention given





attention given them. The Linton Camp Community Centre is at the internal painting stage but there is plenty more work to be done around other training tasks. The Fijians are very good shots with the SLR - especially at moving targets - we know where to buy our sugar from - because who wants enemies! Ten of them selected for plant training showed excellent aptitude. In attempts to have the Fijians visit Rotorua for the South Pacific Festival of Arts 6-13 Mar 76, we are not sure if we have a prospective entrant group. Anyway, they entertain real good at Christmas parties and at primary school concerts. We have time to teach them things too and suspension bridges and driving licences are next on the list.

- b. TF 11th Intake. Learnt their lessons well with the Best Sapper award going to Spr K.A. Forbes of 3 Fd Sqn. The Reviewing Officer, Maj (now Lt Col and congratulations) B.G. Jenkin and his escort (OC, SME) for the passing out parade arrived as usual, in an Army staff car, but on this occasion - a Honda Civic - Chrusst!
- c. Basic Field No 2. Fuel restrictions meant no field exercise but the Marina got some more tidy-up. The Best Sapper award was presented to Spr G.T. Abernethy of 1 Fd Sqn by Lt Col R.S. Dearing of MWT AA.
- d. RF Cadets. Two groups came to visit and apply their maths to practical tasks. They enjoyed the one day application of muscle power to prove brain power.
- d. Demolition Instructor and Retests. A good factual subject to teach and learn. Retest numbers continue to be very small and therefore the number of expired tickets continues to grow. The retest is not all that hard and failure should not be contemplated.
- e. Unit Training. Somewhat limited this year as our Coromandel Peninsular (Fenton Fields) plans obviously would not stand close examination by the petrol pushers. We consoled ourselves with advanced techniques of FE subjects at SME, rotating with half the School (incl RFMF) spending eight days at Languard Bluff relining and painting - NO fishing to mention. No range practice for Home Command units this trg year.



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Better a bald head than none at all

Re-Organisation

Not RNZE or SME particularly, just the re-organisation of training throughout NZ. The nett result is that as from 4 Jan 76, SME is under command of Army Schools. MWT AA will no longer be interested in much to do with training but will accommodate students and remain involved with local travel arrangements.

Friendly Diamonds

Cpl Stirrat has made a sincere, life long friend of a married woman. Nothing sinister, just that he was the bloke on the end of a mine detector who located the \$2000 worth of diamonds, bracelets and rings she had buried in her garden prior to her overseas trip. Good security! Two days of frustrated digging by police and locals - nothing - Cpl Stirrat in less than 30 minutes in the moon-scape garden - success! It is not recorded how many kisses he received or how many of her friends turned up in Jaguars for the celebrations, but it is recorded that her husband returned from the far paddock by tractor at about the right time to celebrate too. Another Sapper success.

Fishy

Ssgt Len Thomas, Lcpls Martin and Meade were despatched to a task at Akitio (North of Castlepoint). It was underwater demolition training, removing rocks (simulated coral), clearing a passage for fishing and pleasure boats. There was little talk of fish but there were odd references to the next island job.

Comments

The latest rash of Battle Efficiency Tests showed with little doubt that the "oldies" (wrinklies) are fitter than the youngies.

Of six changes of cars by staff members in the last three months, five became owners of Hillman Hunters. Not sure what that proves - just a fact.

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An Italian man with three sets of lovely twin daughters took his friend home to meet his family. "This is my wife Lolita, my daughters Bonita and Juanita, Lola and Dolores, Francesca and Margaretha."

"Why you are lucky to have such a nice family", his friend said. "Tell me, do you always get such beautiful twin daughters?"

"Oh no! Hundreds of times we get nothing."

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CAMOUFLAGE

Have you ever wondered why the Engineers have been given the responsibility of camouflage? I have. I don't know the answer but I keep wondering.

Could it possible be that owing to the great difficulty of finding jobs for us at Annual Camp, they wish us to disappear? That's probably it. One way of overcoming the Engineer problem - disappear them!

On the other hand I strongly suspect that because finance is not available for camouflage, but high standards and a good job is still required - give it to the Engineers. They excel at doing things at no cost.



Can it possibly be an Engineer job because camouflage takes imagination? I must admit there is good basis for this reasoning as I have seen a few good fake jobs in the corps. Do you know who the six million dollar sapper is? Camouflage - see.

It could be that camouflage doesn't really matter much and any sort of a mess is acceptable. Eyeball to eyeball fighting got left at Somme - just a few long range guns and high flying aeroplanes to worry about now. Does an IBM really select between camouflaged and non-camouflaged positions? Anyway don't throw camouflage away - give it to the Engineers. Let them make a real mess of themselves but please, keep them well away from us - it could be dangerous.

Another sound reason that camouflage is acceptable to the Engineers is that it provides a readily acceptable reason to excuse away the washing of the face and hands. I like that one - keep the grubby workers dirty.

Perhaps because the Engineers are required to undertake many noisy jobs? Might as well give them camouflage - it may help the poor blighters if they are unable to silence their dozers or use foam rubber sledge hammers. A little disguise could be useful.

Really, I am no nearer to the truth surrounding the problem. Why the Engineers? Does it matter anyway? Sgts Mess booze tent just ahead. Didn't I sort out that imagination is needed, that someone is trying to keep me hidden away, and that I can do a good job for no cost at a profit? To hell with washing now, I'll disguise my noise and make something disappear. Camouflage is really a very useful subject if I can collect as many crates as this next time!



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A DAY IN PERTH

or My Trip to Korea



This day I and Sir Francis McNamara with sundry other knights journey to the city of Perth which, as you know, is inhabited by Ossies, a strong and barbarous race.

On joining the throng we hear the shout "Avadrinkenzed" on all sides, and thinking we are about to be attacked, Sir Francis and I draw our swords and prepared to sell our lives dearly. However, Sir Maurice,

who speaks the language, informs us that the dry but invites us to enter the various taverns and quaff a flagon. This we hasten to do with all possible speed lest these Ossies change their minds.

Hearing Sir Francis say to the serving wench, "A pint" I repeat it after him and Lo! foaming tankards of ale are placed before us. When these have been consumed, the drinking continues, first one and then the other paying the reckoning. Anon come more Ossies who carry our friend away saying "Eezadenuf" at which we are most wroth, it being his turn to settle the account with the serving wench.

Howsoever, they being many and of tall stature, we think it wise to hold our peace and Sir Francis suggests that we sally forth to seek further adventure.

Had I the space I should describe to you the divers strange sights: how we meeteth a knight who crawleth upon his belly in the streets tortoise-wise; how we pay a visit to a "Street of the Rose" where are to be seen many sights exceeding strange and many wise lessons to be learned; how an Ossie came up to me and attempted to sell me a virgin for a crown. How I am about to buy, but Sir Maurice whispers in my ear that there are no virgins among these Ossies.

Coming to the hour of midnight and our curfew, at the nearby port of Freemantle, we are caused much amusement by one Sir Harrison who leapeth into the water, being hot and Turkish and there disporteth himself in his velvet raiment. And so to bed, being well content and having seen many wondrous new sights.

To the fair Lady Annette my compliments, and to you my friend, thanks for reading of my first overseas adventure - I never did find the harbour bridge!



BULL

Sappers do not have much "bull". Although it is used on Ssgt-WOs courses, (rarely) on parades, it is a "field" that Sappers leave mostly to others. Dad has a bull on the farm for all those fair cows. It reminds me of a certain sqn symbol.

The cows know he is, in turn:

Lovabull, Availabull, Incurigabull
Recoverabull, Impossibull, Unblockabull
Adorabull, Irresponsibull, and at
times Feebull.

Dad knows he is in turn:

Enviabull, Disreputabull, Irascibull
Uncontrollabull, Contradictabull,
Commendabull
Insufferabull, Inescapabull and at
times Incapabull.

The bull knows he is:

Reliabull, Dependabull, Unbeatabull
Insatiabull, Depositabull, Appreciabull
Abull, Considerabull and at times
Enjoyabull.

The world knows he is in turn:

Allowabull, Employabull, Attemptabull
Cashabull, Durabull, Commendabull
Disagreeabull, Presentabull and at
times Dishonourabull.

He is not:

Washabull, Contemptabull, Amenabull
Recordabull, Dissolveabull, Charitabull
Exhaustabull, Edibull or lastly,
Improbabull.



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Cross an elephant with a call-girl
and you have a three-ton pick-up.

CHAPTER SIXB COY RF CADET SCHOOLAppointments

The following are the current appointments.

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| OC | Capt JK Williams |
| Senior Trade Instr | Ssgt Archer (Terry) |
| Plumber Instr | Sgt Staines (Pinky) |
| Carpentry Instrs | Sgt Milliken (Don) |
| | Sgt Stowell (Les) |

Attached for instruction - Spr Nicol (Radar)
Spr Lightbourne (40 watt)

Posted Out - Spr Anderson to 2 Fd Sqn.

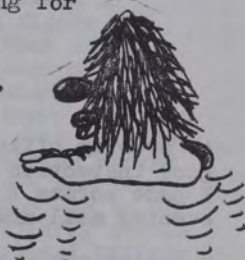
Storeman RF Cadet School - Cpl White.(John).

The cadets have graduated and we have a few sappers in apprentice wing who will be returning for more apprentice training next year:

Sprs Bryce, Broome, Harewa.

Posted out as plumbers are:

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| Sprs Fischer | to | 1 Fd Sqn |
| Page | to | 2 Fd Sqn |
| Marsh | to | 2 Fd Sqn |



It has been a long year in Cadet Schools and I believe that all are glad that the Christmas period arrived and went. For those who have graduated, it will be an asset to them in their future careers to have come from Cadet School.

One note for the Corps, WOI Malloch has now reached the position of the Senior WOI in the New Zealand Army, the first ex-cadet to reach that position.

B Coy wishes the rest of the Corps Compliments of the Season and hopes that Annual Camp is not too strenuous this year.

Finally, another note from Waiouru, 2Lt M Thompson was commissioned into the Corps on 6 Dec 75 and was posted to OQUIT and TFD Waiouru. 2Lt T Jones is reported to be happy now that he is not the only 2 Lt in the Corps.

CHAPTER SEVEN
FIRE BRIGADES
PART ONE
WAIOURU FIRE BRIGADE

The following are the current appointments
 as at 1 Jan 76.

Firemaster
 Deputy

WOI P Cumming
 Ssgt Aston

The Brigade now consists of:

Sgt Hargreaves
 Cpl Prentice
 Cpl Kyle
 Cpl Sparks
 Lcpl Cockburn
 Lcpl Needham
 Lcpl Fanning
 Spr Rennie
 Spr Free
 Spr Hokiang ex Basic Cse
 Lcpl Smith
 Pte Smith



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As orderly officer I make a practice of making a good inspection of the OR's kitchen. On one occasion I came across a young recruit slicing bread for the evening meal and whistling happily as he worked!

I called the mess sergeant aside and requested an explanation. He said "Well Sir, we got Williams at 0530 this morning on fatigues and I put him to work slicing bread for breakfast toast. He took the bread knife and started work but soon came back and asked if he could borrow a long-bladed meat cleaver. Then he lined up two loaves and cut them simultaneously.

"But he came back again later and asked for my long-bladed meat knife and with that he lined up and cut three loaves at a time. Finally, after breakfast he asked to take a half-hour break, borrowed a sword from the Q store and got it sharpened.

"He told me awhile ago that now he's really happy because he has a fine four-loaf cleaver."



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A FAULTLESS REPORT

Fire Station
Hardcase Camp

12 Mar 76

Camp Comdt
Hardcase Camp

REPORT ON FIRE ON 10 MAR 76

1. This report is submitted to draw your attention to certain matters before a Court of Inquiry is convened.

2. The lateness in receipt of the alarm and the delay in the arrival of fire appliances is easily explained. Fireman Brown was on watchroom duty and as a result of his speedy response to answer the telephone, he slipped on the polished floor, knocked his head and rendered himself unconscious. This accident would not have occurred if there were not so much insistence on polishing floors to an incredible degree of shine. It is ironic that Brown himself had spent four hours polishing the watchroom floor in an attempt to meet the Orderly Officer's standards. The repercussions for Fireman Brown, of having to carry out this order to the extreme, were unfortunate. After his release from hospital he appeared for watchroom duty wearing spiked running shoes and it was not possible to dissuade him from wearing them. The more forceful attitude of the RSM to the matter is to be regretted, as Brown, not particularly stable at any time, took the matter to heart. The Medical Officer is hopeful that the strait jacket can be removed in a day or two, but considers full recovery will take much time.

3. Whilst it was perfectly correct to send a runner to give the alarm, the choice of an elderly major, who had been celebrating in the Officers' Mess, was not the wisest. His condition on arrival, according to Sgt Best, was one of collapse. No blame can be placed on the sergeant for attempting to revive the major with brandy, he was not to know that it was not entirely physical collapse that the major was suffering from. No doubt the brandy was the ultimate cause of the incomprehensible statement that caused the fire appliances to turn out in quite the wrong direction, but Sgt Best's intention was to revive the major, not to ensure that the Officers' Mess burnt down as has been suggested.

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4. Fire fighting operations were not helped by General Rout placing Fireman Wilkins under close arrest. Wilkins did not deliberately hose down the General. Despite repeated demands through Q channels for a correct sized helmet, Wilkins was wearing a helmet two sizes too large. So when he tripped over a piece of debris, his helmet fell over his eyes and he could not see where his hose was directed.

5. Similarly, the placing of Fireman Green under close arrest did not help matters. Green did not push the General into the emergency water tank. It was just that he was laughing so much at Fireman Smith's joke that he stepped back. The General should have known better than to stand so close to the edge. As he was already soaking wet from the episode with Fireman Wilkins, his short time of immersion in the tank cannot have made any change in his condition, and his subsequent display of temper was childish and unnecessary.

6. Whilst it must be agreed that Smith's joke "It's only the Officers' Mess" was not in the best of taste, it was his attempt to relieve a rather tense situation that had arisen because of the Padre. When Smith saw Firemen King, Irwin and Logan being treated for hysterics, he thought some serious situation had arisen, because he had not witnessed the incident with the Padre.

7. Every fireman knows the discomfort caused by a hot spark lodging between clothing and skin. But it is not considered any reason to conduct a rather lewd-looking strip-tease act whilst screaming obscenities, particularly a padre. Whilst not relevant to the fire, it does seem that an individual with such a wide vocabulary of obscene words is not fit to hold the Queen's Commission, let alone be a padre. However, it was this exhibition, followed by a "streak" to the water tank, which caused the three firemen to have hysterics, which is understandable considering the tension they were under.

8. It was also the cause of Fireman White being placed under close arrest. White did not really refuse to obey an order. This man has been the champion swearer for many years. He was literally frozen with awe and fear at the Padre's performance. Awe in that he heard swear words that he didn't know existed, and fear that he could no longer consider himself the champion. The fact that he has not spoken a single word since the incident is indicative of his state of mind, and he now occupies the hospital bed next to Fireman Brown.



If the General had not placed so many firemen under close arrest it would not have been necessary to call in the local town fire brigade to finally extinguish the fire. And if the General had refrained from remarking on the appearance, antecedents and conduct of the local firemen, then of course there would not have been any altercation between the General and the Chief Fire Officer. Fortunately, I have been able to persuade CPO Bellows to withdraw his charges of slander, defamation of character, assault, behaviour liable to cause a breach of the peace, interfering with a fire officer in the course of his duties, etc, etc. He has also agreed that he would assist us again if it should ever be necessary, although he did add the rider that "it is all off if thatGeneral is there!"

10. There is no doubt as to the actual cause of the fire, this will be attested to by many witnesses. It appears that in contravention of no less than 17 different orders and regulations, the Officers' Mess had been adorned with paper decorations. Sister Easy from the hospital climbed onto a table to do 'her usual act' but lost her balance. In attempting to regain it, she grabbed hold of some of the paper decorations which were pulled down onto the candles on the table where they caught fire. As she had done 'her act' many times and always climbed on the table to do it, all would probably have been well had she not been 'goosed' by the General. That 'goosing' and the subsequent fire has cooked a lot of other geese.



(JACK S. AWLRIGHT)
Firemaster

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This dismal tale of Ethelred,
Who loves to smoke his pipe in bed
Lighted pipe from tired lips falling,
He does not hear his good sense calling.
His pillow now sends wreaths of smoke
Oh, what a stupid senseless bloke
So learn this little lesson well,
And say I'll not be led,
By foolish types like Ethelred,
Who loved to smoke in bed.

- Reg Moore

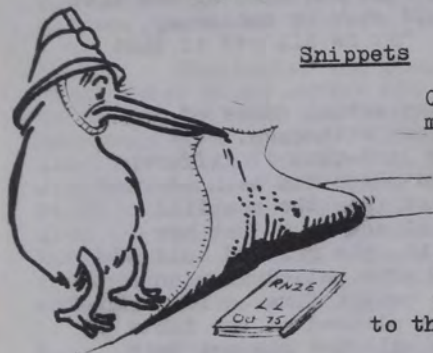


PART TWOLINTON CAMP FIRE BRIGADEAppointments

The following are the current appointments
as at 1 Jan 76.

Firemaster
Deputy

WOII RGS Pullen
Sgt KA Gray

Snippets

Congratulations from all
members of this unit to Joe
Eru on his promotion to
Lance Corporal. We also
send congratulations to the
Staff Officer Fire Def HQ
on his promotion to Flight
Lieutenant.

Spr Stott on gaining the key
to the door.

On Wed 12 Nov 75 the Brigade challenged
the officers to a game of water soccer. Of course the
Brigade won 6-2 but the firemaster's wife gave the officers
a penalty goal at the end of the first half because of the
blatant cheating going on. However, the second half was
well played by both sides. Hats off to the two WRAC
officers who participated and thanks to ref Maj Douglas
for a sterling job. A small social gathering took place
afterwards to warm everybody up.

We wonder who the Firemaster was, who was
presented with his breakfast at 1600 hrs by the Col Comdt
after a disastrous Sappers Day morning????? Where was
he all morning????? And why?????

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Airline Executive: One who coils up the tyre
inflating hose at a garage

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FIRE - FRIEND AND FOE

By: R.G.S. Pullen

In the past issues of this document, we have used it to snipe and decry the system. I believe that the time has arrived when this should cease and some use should be made of this interesting and widely distributed document, so here goes:

The purpose of this paper is to hopefully, give a better understanding of the attitude of most firemen.

Today, when we speak of fire, most of us think of a match, the open fire or kerosene burner, or maybe the simple candle. But fire is more than that. Fire is a lot of things and comes in lots of ways - fire is energy, lightning can start a fire today, just as it did

a million years ago. The atomic bomb is also a kind of fire in which modern man uses the energy of the atom to create heat.

Today we light a match and we have fire!!

Simple, but it wasn't always so easy. Man had a lot to learn about fire, in fact, he still has a lot to learn about this strange phenomena. Scientists have been able to give us a good idea of early man's life so let us go back a million years or so and visit the early caveman. In those days he spent most of his time shivering from the cold and being afraid. He was afraid of the giant animals that roamed the land, he was afraid of the dark, the thunder and lightning, but most of all he was afraid of fire, started by these lightning strikes and other natural causes. Sometimes by sparks from falling rocks striking another rock igniting dry undergrowth or grass. Some of them learned of fire from volcanoes that sent huge sprays of steam and lava high into the sky and setting fire to the very ground he trod.

But one day, he stopped running, of being so afraid of everything and of shivering from the cold - that was the day he discovered that fire could make him warm, he also found it could be a friend. He had not yet learned to make fire for himself, but he quickly found he could keep it going by transferring it from one piece of wood to another.

/He soon learned



He soon learned that with fire he could turn night into day and then he used fire for light as well as warmth. However, he also found that the torches had a way of going out and that man needed to learn to make fire for himself. He discovered this the same way as he discovered many other things - BY ACCIDENT. Man was already making tools and weapons to help him hunt and fish. He chipped pieces of flint for crude knives and axes, he scraped wood and bones and often when rubbing one thing against another, friction caused a spark which sometimes started a fire and so he accidentally discovered the secret of making fire. He then developed different methods for making fire, one method being the fire drill which was simply a pointed wooden stick twirled in a notch in another piece of wood. The twirling of the stick produced a small quantity of wood dust and the friction created set it afire.

After the fire drill, man created many similar methods for making fire and some while later he found that fire helped him make better weapons. He quickly learned that he could forge and shape his tools and weapons by fire and he also learned that with the help of fire he could change the soft clay of the earth into something as hard as rock. With practice he soon began to shape bowls and bake them in the fire's heat. Yes, fire could be a real friend he discovered, and became proud of the things he could do with his new found friend - but did he ever have lots to learn! He hadn't even begun to realize that his new friend - FIRE - could also be a terrible enemy if not treated with respect, in fact, most of us still have not learned that.

He had learned that fire could be a great help to him in many ways. For example, he could use a fire to help him hunt, one man would light a fire behind their prey and the animals would flee the burning brush into the path of the waiting hunters. But that was the way he probably learned that fire was not a friend to be treated thoughtlessly as the same wind that blew the fire towards the prey, could suddenly change and trap him.

However, he had even more painful lessons to learn. In those days of long ago, his clothes consisted of skins of various animals and after drying them in the sun he would take them inside his cave to store. It had taken a lot of effort, dangerous hunting and patience for him to gather his precious hoard of skins. They would provide a long winter of protection and warmth, they would be proof of his hunting prowess and make a soft place to sleep, yes, he was proud of his skins, just as modern man is proud of his possessions.

/So warmed

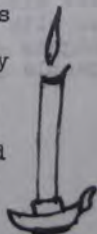
So warmed by the fire he has built, he contentedly fell asleep; meanwhile, tiny but dangerous sparks from his friend fire were caught by the draught and sent flying to land on his most precious dry skins.

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In seconds his once friendly fire had become his fearful enemy, and so the first fire brigade was formed - a brigade of one frantic man - and the handfuls of dirt were of little effect and soon a sadder but wiser caveman sat before the charred remains of his months of hunting. Yet his lesson had not been learned. Through the ages, up to this very minute, man has not yet stopped setting fire to his home, his precious possessions and even himself.

As man's civilisation developed, fire played a more and more important role and gradually he learned how to put out fire with water. The more uses man found for fire the more he had to find ways of controlling it, and so man used fire in all its forms, to light his way from the dark caves to the civilisation he is still building. Man was also quick to find that fire made his food tastier, but fire did much more than just that - with the help of fire, man actually increased his food supply. For example, you could hardly eat a raw potato but cooked or baked it becomes very tasty. Many plants are tough and hard to digest when raw but properly cooked, they become good to eat and easier to digest. Then man found that by cooking he could preserve many foods, meat and fish were kept from spoiling for long periods by being dried and smoked over a fire. Today we use fire to keep large amounts of meat, fruit, vegetables and all types of prepared foods by canning them.

When man found how to preserve food he was no longer tied down to his cave or hunting ground, he could travel long distances on land or water, taking his food supply with him. As man travelled he discovered new places, new things and new ways, he became smarter and his civilisation grew and grew and once again behind it all, making it possible, was his friend fire, but then as man developed his way of living, he became impatient with his torch and his open camp fire. They had served their purpose, but now he needed something better, besides they had their serious faults. The torch burned itself out quickly, it was hard to relight and to keep going in the wind, it was big and hard to handle. One could not sit near it to read, work or draw for it was much too hot and if one moved away from it, it did not give enough light. So man needed something better - he invented the candle.



/Later, candles

Later, candles were made by dipping the wick (a piece of twine) into a pan of melted tallow which clung to the twine. In some countries, people found they could make candles from the wax with which bees built their honeycombs. In some polynesian populated areas, people found a nut very rich in natural oil, with which they made a candle by stringing these nuts on a bamboo strip and letting them burn one by one. In later years, candle moulds were made from which a number of candles could be made at one time. From then on, by means of these candles, man used his friend fire every day, to read by, to work by and to study by.

Yes, with the help of fire man had come a long way from his dark caves, yet he insisted on treating fire carelessly. With the candle, man had an easier and quicker method of setting things on fire, for example, being placed too near drapes or carelessly knocked over in the stable; from the richest to the poorest - the result was the same - fire that brought ruin and all too often DEATH.

It is sad but true that the more man developed his way of life, the more trouble he had with his friend fire. Now he was setting himself and his things on fire more often and faster than ever before and in his search for bigger and better living, man then invented the - match - so simple to light, so quick to burn and so easy to carry around. Matches were invented in 1881 by a Frenchman named Sauria, the match sprang into constant popularity and now man really had a way to become more careless with his friend fire - and that is just what he did as the carelessly tossed away match quickly brought fiery results, just as it does today.



The first matches made could be struck any place and ignited immediately. Today we have two types of matches in use. One kind can be ignited by being struck any place and the other is called a Safety Match, this type will only ignite when rubbed against the special material on the side of a matchbox. However, neither the so-called safety match nor any other kind of match is a plaything. ALL MATCHES should be kept out of reach of small children, only then are they safety matches.

With the coming of the easy-to-handle match, the cigarette leaped into really wide use - now man could set his home and himself aflame with these fiery ashes, so with each passing year man filled more and more of his nights with the same terrible scene - only the time, the people and the place change.

/Yes, man

Yes, man has learned many, many ways to use fire, yet he kept forgetting that fire was a thing to treat carefully and with respect. Sometimes through carelessness, sometimes in stupidity, and occasionally on purpose, man has destroyed entire communities by fire. In the year 64 AD Nero, the Roman Emperor set fire to Rome and blamed the Christians, but even this cruel tyrant received more than he had bargained for as the flames swept out of control and Rome burned for eight days leaving the entire city in ruins. Centuries later in

1664, fire swept through the City of London, but then I have already told that story. In October 1871, story has it that a cow belonging to Mrs O'Leary kicked over a lantern in the barn and the high winds at the time carried the fire from building to building and, regardless of whether Mrs O'Leary's cow really did start the blaze, the City of Chicago burned for three days, destroying 187 million dollars worth of property, including the city waterworks.



However, neither the torch, the candle, the match nor the cigarette are really to blame for the terrible fires that became and still are, so frequent and tragically a part of man's life. The real blame belongs to man himself - careless, umthinking and sometimes stupid man. Fire had shown it could be a useful friend - if only man would treat it with care and respect, yet because man refused to do this, he had to find a way to fight fire when it flared out of control and so was born what is today the Science of Fire Fighting - which is another story.

The moral of this story is:

When advice is given on Fire Protection/Prevention

Please Put It Into Practice.

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To be Taken in the Right Vein

Blood Donor (to Maori seated next to him)
"Are you a full-blooded Maori?"

Maori "Not now, I'm a pint short."

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CHAPTER EIGHTCORPS MATTERSMILITARY MEMORIALS IN
THE RNZE CORPS CHAPEL

St Martins, the RNZE Corps Memorial Chapel in the SME grounds at Linton, is a new phase in the history of our Corps. Its association with sapper history is very new yet the chapel itself does have a military history dating from the First World War.

It is time to reflect and see just how military acts have been enshrined in this chapel. As sappers, the most important items are the Rolls of Honour. The First World War Roll is a coloured photo copy, yet to be bound (an estimated cost from two Palmerston Book Binders \$48 and \$55 respectively and these have not the materials for the job). This Roll contains the names of 409 sappers who made the supreme sacrifice. The Roll containing the names of the fallen for the Second World War contains 370. However, sappers have died both before and after these two wars.

Other memorials in this chapel are easily found. Just inside the door as one enters the chapel there is a Roll of Honour which has the names of the men of the area of Makotuku from whence the chapel came. Herein is listed the names of seven who were killed or died of wounds and 35 who served and were able to return to their homes.

As the visitor moves away from this Roll of Honour and moves down the aisle, the altar and the stained glass windows draw the attention. The altar was moved from the former Linton Camp Chapel to this present position. Carved in the wood is the text from the Last Supper "Do this in remembrance of me". A call to be a faithful follower of Christ. Below this are three panels each with a carved insignia. The central panel contains the badge of the NZ Army Chaplain's Department. On either side of this are the two letters Α (Alpha) and Ω (Omega); the first and the last letters of the Greek alphabet.

A note in the back of the altar states "The timber of the front panels of this altar are Kauri; with that of the carved lettering Tawa; the remainder being Oak".

Carved and Constructed by

Rev H.E. Rowe E.D. Th.L C.F.

1959-60

/The windows

The windows are perhaps the next item to look at. The left window is titled "A thank offering for Peace after the Great War". The central window is a memorial to Makotuku fallen. The greater part of the window is taken up with a cross surrounded by white lillies on a red background. At the bottom of the window are commemorated the names of the Makotuku men:

"To the Glory of God and in Memory of

Lance Corporal L.M. Lowen

Privates P.L. Johnstone; E. Griffin; J. Sabin;

T. Jardin; T.J. Ness; T. Berrett;

Soldiers of Makotuku

who fell during the Great War 1914-18

The window on the right is also a "Thanks offering for those who served and returned in safety".

More recently, items have been added to the chapel. Two brass candle holders on the altar were made and presented by 1 General Troops Workshops, 4 August 1968 (brought out of the old Linton Camp Chapel). Also there are two flower stands - presented by the RF Cadet School Reunion 1973.

Last but not least is the Hymn Board. This was presented by WOI and Mrs Ernie Reid. WOI Reid served with the Long Range Desert Group during WWII and also served for many years at the Linton Camp Hospital.

It is easy to see that even though the chapel has not been in the camp long it already has a substantial military history. As a memorial chapel we are reminded of the service and sacrifice of sappers and other soldiers without whom we could not operate. Let us not forget.

QUO FAS ET CLORIA DUCUNT

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Recent additions to the museum

Presented by Mr R.E. Garrett, Auckland:

WWII German respirator container

" NZE BD Tunic

" NZEF BD Beret

German Schu mine

We thank him for his interest and generosity.

H.E. Chamberlain
Corps Historian

Interesting footnote.

We are having a number of interesting requests for information coming to the RNZE Corps Museum, the latest being information for a TV documentary film by AROHA Productions on the Gallipoli landings.

H.E.C.

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Expansion of the Corps



Submarine Mining. Companies were formed in 1871 for coast defence by means of submerged charges which were fired electrically from the shore. In 1905, these Companies were abolished and their work handed over to the Royal Navy.

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Of twin boys in a certain family, one was an optimist and the other a pessimist. On their birthday, the parents, hoping to cure the latter, gave him a room full of toys while the optimist found his room piled with manure. The little pessimist cried, but the optimist whistled as he shovelled. Beaming at his parents, he said, "I know there's bound to be a pony under here somewhere!"

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NEW ANTI TANK MINE

The US Army have recently completed development of a new air-dropped anti-tank mine - the first in a family of flexible scatterable mines. The new mine was developed at the Picatinning Arsenal and has the designation M56.

The M56 Aerial Mining System is designed for use on helicopters. It consists of a bomb dispensing unit, similar to the current cluster bomb dispenser, one each side of the standard UH1 series helicopters. Each bomb dispenser holds 40 cannisters with two anti-tank mines. Each contains 3lbs of high explosive and weighs approximately 6lbs. The fully loaded bomb dispenser unit weighs 660lbs.

The M56 mine contains a more powerful explosive than that used in the standard US anti-tank mine (M15) and together with the fact that the mine lies on the surface, enables it to be as effective as the M15 (weight 20lbs).

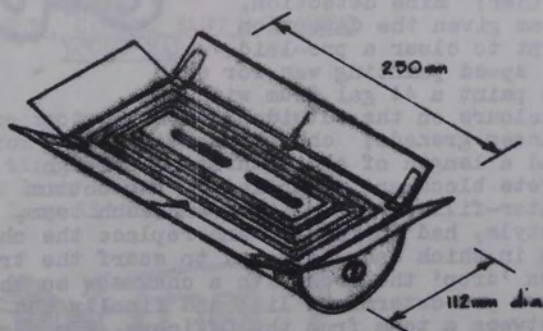
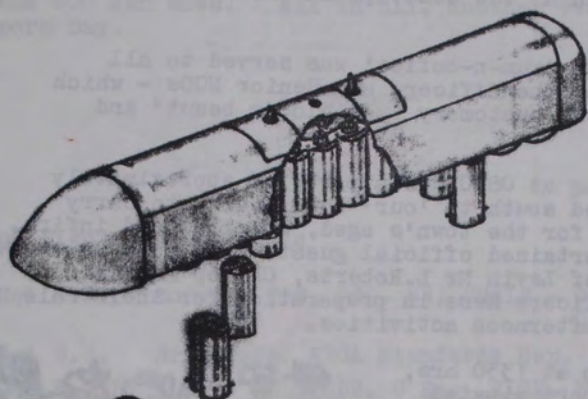
The safety and arming device of the mine operates in two steps. The first actuated on the release from the dispenser and the second on impact with the ground. The final arming is electrical with a built-in one minute delay to allow time for the mine to bounce and also allow the helicopter to clear the area. Detonation is by pressure plate which sends a firing signal to the electro-mechanical fuze. The mine has an electronic control system to allow discrimination between wheeled and tracked vehicles and a self-destruction mode after a preset time. The mine also has a capacity within the electronic control for anti-handling.

The drawing shows the configuration and operation of the M56. Note the folding flaps to cause the mine to land pressure plate up. The mine will still operate effectively upside down.

The source material for this article was obtained from the April issue of Aviation and Space Technology.

Research
Drawings

Capt G.M.Davies
Cpl P. Packer



LINTON SAPPERS DAY '75

The now traditional exploding of several demolition charges at 0630 hrs heralded yet another start to Sappers Day at Linton Camp. At precisely the same time a sizeable contingent of Sappers stood at attention as a wreath was laid at the cenotaph in the Square of Palmerston North.

A round of 'rum-n-coffee' was served to all living-in sappers by the Officers and Senior NCOs - which was received with the customary "you bloody beaut" and "Yuk".

Commencing at 0800 hrs a party of approximately fifty sappers headed south to 'our' town Levin, to carry out community work for the town's aged, crippled and infirm. Corps Officers entertained official guests (Col Comd Col A.R. Currie, the Mayor of Levin Mr L.Roberts, CE Rep Maj Kiff) to lunch in the Officers Mess in preparation for their role as judges for the afternoon activities.

Back at Linton Camp at 1330 hrs, all local sappers participated in typical sappers sports which included events such as climbing a pole and securing to the top the various unit's pennant (HQ MWT AA, 2 Fd Sqn, 5 Spt Sqn, SME); speed shovelling, the team who could shovel half a yard of metal over a two foot high wall in the quickest time; box construction entailed each team given pre-cut material to construct three boxes of various sizes which had to fit within one another; mine detection, each team given the detection equipment to clear a pre-laid strip; speed painting was for each team to paint a 44 gal drum with the Corps colours on the outside and on the top an Engineer grenade; chain recovery, each team had a length of chain threaded through a concrete block and padlocked in the bottom of a water-filled 'Stave' tank and each team, in relay style, had to recover and replace the chain; tree felling in which each team had to scarf the tree with an axe and then 'drop' the tree with a chainsaw so that the tree would land on a pre-determined line and finally the 25 metre stilt race between a team from the Officers, WOs, Sgts, Cpls, Lcpls and Sprs.



/At the conclusion

At the conclusion of the sports, everybody moved into the training shelter where refreshments were taken; this was interrupted only by the very distractive sound of the Sappers Pipe Band who led in the hostesses carrying the presentation medals for the first four placings. The medals were presented by the Col Comd Col A.R. Currie. The unit recipients of course, were the most junior sappers present on the day.

In the evening a very successful dance was held in the 600 man mess. All in all, another very successful Sappers Day.

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Corps Lieutenant Colonels

Lt Col A.R. Currie OBE, DSO, BE, MNZIE - Colonel
Commandant

Lt Col B.W. Brighthouse ABCA Standards Dep, Canberra

Lt Col R.McL. Dickie OBE, BE, C Eng, MICE, MNZIE -
Director Defence Works

Lt Col R.K. Rutherford BE, Grad NZIE - Chief Engineer

Lt Col B.G. Jenkin MBE, ANZIM - Instructor Queenscliffe

The above list of serving RNZE Lt Cols, must be larger than in previous living memory.

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GO NORTH, SOUTH, EAST AND WEST YOUNG MAN

Drake is going West, lads,
So Tom is going East;
But tiny Fred
Just lies in bed,
The lazy little beast.

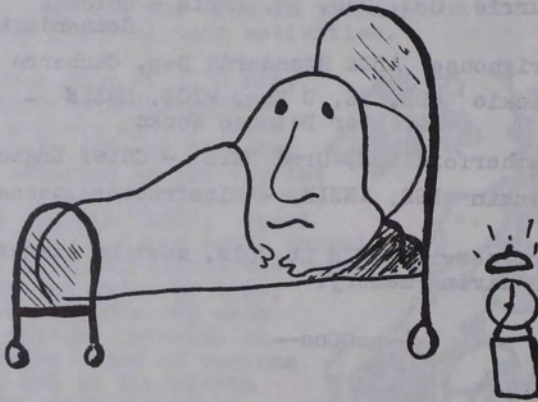


TO THOSE CONTRIBUTORS TO WHOM

SPACE IS NORMALLY ALLOCATED

FROM THOSE CONTRIBUTORS WHO HAVE

MADE THIS PUBLICATION POSSIBLE.....



We Hate Monday Mornings Too.....

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CHAPTER NINESAPPERS ABROADNZ WORKS SERVICES UNIT
SINGAPORE

On the 1st September 1975 we changed our name. We were, before that date, known as the Works Section, HQ NZ Force SE Asia. Now we are NZ WORKS SERVICES UNIT, Singapore, and I believe we should also have (Pte Ltd) added.



Who belong to this select band?

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|---------------------------------|-------------------|-------|
| OC/FE | Sqn Ldr AT Dickie | RNZAF |
| AO/Admin Offr | Flt Lt C Hall | RNZAF |
| Wks Spvr I }
Land Agent } | WOII IE Lamb | RNZE |
| Wksp Spvr II }
CQMS? } | Ssgt DK Rolle | RNZE |
| Contracts }
Specifications } | WOII JT Bennett | RNZE |

Plus all the LECs (Locally Employed Civilians) I mentioned in the last newsletter.

As you will no doubt be aware of the fact that postings have been suspended in the meantime, the statement made by our OC in the last newsletter, that come hell or high water he will be on Air New Zealand on the 6th Jan 76, we firmly believe that both hell and high water will come and go and he will still be with us well into the New Year.

Flt Lt Colin Hall comes to us from the NZ Fire Service Unit. This unit has been disbanded with the UK pull out and I feel sure that Flt Lt Hall will gain a lot of experience and lose a lot of hair with the task of Admin Offr/AO.

WOII Lamb over the period since the last newsletter has been getting even more generous. In fact he has handed over to the Singapore Govt, 75 houses and one swimming pool complex and there is still a lot to go yet. I'm not certain but I believe this dealing in real estate is another FIRST for the RNZE Corps. Along with his other task of Works Supervision, his time has been fully occupied and even Golf has had to take a back seat.

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Do incubator chickens love their mother?

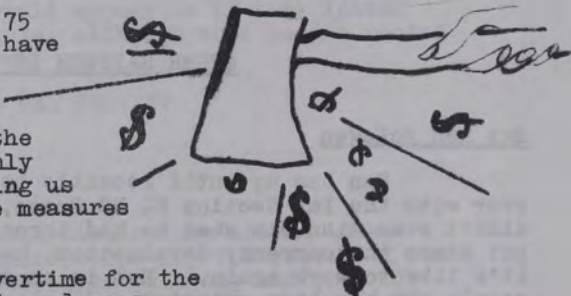
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Ssgt Don Rolfe is now back with us after his leave in the UK. He looks a different man after his break but the wrinkles will soon be back on his face as he tackles both jobs, that of Wks Spvr II and CQMS of our unit.

WOII Jack Bennett, although not yet with the unit over here at the time of writing (due to arrive end of Sep 75), his arrival is awaited with eagerness by all over here and I feel sure its only to pass some of the work load onto his broad shoulders. Welcome Jack.

Since the last newsletter we have been given the Singapore Govt's approval for the Married Quarters and Buildings that NZ Force wish to occupy in the Woodlands and Naval Basin area so all the pre-planning is now starting to take effect and the pressure of yet another change of location falling upon Works Services for maintenance work to be carried out. So by the time the next liaison letter is due we should be well under way with the move, and either things will be chaotic or we will be seeing the light of day.

As from 29 Sep 75 various economy measures have been implemented to save money this fiscal year (we don't know what the services are doing with the money in NZ as it certainly doesn't seem to be reaching us over here). Some of the measures are as follows:



1. Reduction in overtime for the locally engaged employees.
2. Reduction in petrol consumption.
3. Limited use of vehicles.
4. The cancelling of some civilian hire vehicles (not Works Services however).
5. Free issue of insect spray has ceased.
6. No more free light bulbs.
7. Reduction in the use of stationery, Xerox and copying paper.
8. Reduction in the use of electricity and water.
9. Even the children's school milk has been stopped.

We are all expecting that the government might ask us for a 10% reduction in pay just to help matters along. So come on all you good sappers in NZ, tighten your belts and save your pennies for your poor brothers languishing under extreme difficulties here in Singapore.

Another repercussion from these financial difficulties is that (as mentioned earlier) all postings have been frozen and existing people due to RTNZ before 31 Mar 76 have been extended till April/May. Hence both Sqn Ldr Dickie (RTNZ 6 Jan 76) and Ssgt Don Rolle (RTNZ Feb 76) are extended to Apr/May 76. So all could-be-hopeful replacements for these two men will have to wait slightly longer to come over.

Another snippet of information to could-be-hopeful replacements is that the whole of NZ Force is due out 1978 with RNZIR Battalion out by Dec 1977. So when you do come, you will most likely be the last.

OTHER SAPPERS IN THEATRE

Sgt Ken McKewen

Ken has up until recently been keeping very quiet over with the Pay Section HQ NZ Force, in fact so quiet I didn't even miss him when he had three weeks annual leave, but since the currency devaluation, he has found out what it's like to work again. Ken is another one of these lucky people who has been extended and is not now expected to RTNZ until April/May 76.

Cpl Piki Ngarotata

"Piki the Postie" is one sapper we don't see around our location very often. I think the reason is he is frightened someone will tell him to get a hair cut, but he shouldn't worry as he would never hear them. Piki is due to RTNZ 30 Sep 75.

Cpl Kerry Moore

Kerry is also on the short list for RTNZ. In fact he leaves in October, his tour completed.

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The above article was received too late for the last liaison letter so might read a bit out of date. Ed.

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CHAPTER TENARTICLES AND REPORTSTRENTHAM NOTESPersonnel

Sgt Hopley seems to be the only qualified driver for the Gun Tractor when a military funeral is held.

WOI Denis Hitchiner is still sorting out 1 BOD, that is in between "Swans" around the countryside.

Badminton Hall

As mentioned previously, the Badminton Hall has disappeared, but the hole which was left has only just been filled. It would appear as if they intend planting trees in that area, although some people wanted it used as a putting green.

WHAT HAPPENED TO MEL VELVIN?

RNZEME Corps Day

There was a small disturbance around 1 Base Wksp on the morning of their Corps Day (1 Dec). A few trailers blocking the road, some painting and pots of plants on the HQ roof. Talk - by EME pers was that this must have been the work of non-RNZEME pers. We do have some Engineers - adding tone to 1 Base Wksp but apart from a spot of EME muttering, nothing happened. The act was well done. Whilst writing of RNZEME - we could possibly take a leaf from their book. They marched through camp on their Corps Day complete with stereo mounted in a LWBLR - booming out their Corps March. Think about that you SSMS.

Mascots?

Who was the sapper (corps, not rank) in Trentham who spent some time and effort in making a home for a friendly and pet Hu-Hu Bug? A posting to some RSPCA (or insects) unit pending? This should narrow the field surely. Last reports were that the bug is well established and is now running a real estate office for his kin folk as he knows a good builder.



Stores Demands

1 BOD still receive some odd demands from units - strange part numbers etc. Most of these are sorted out but they DO CREATE DELAYS. AOs, SQs and storemen are quite welcome to visit this unit and study the problems from this end.

By the time this goes to print the Christmas rush should be over - however - all the Best for this New Year from the Corps outpost at Trentham.

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GEARS

The sapper driver of an F230D Transporter which had been involved in an accident, was marched before his Commanding Officer for judgement and the dispensing of justice.

The Commanding Officer established that the transporter was on an authorised journey descending a rather steep hill when the brakes failed. The loaded transporter had careered madly down the hill coming to rest with the front wheels ripped off and the D7E off the trailer, coming to rest on its left side and on top of a 1972 Hillman Hunter, having demolished a brick garden fence to reach that position.

The sapper received slight cuts on the face and arms and no civilians were injured. The estimated cost of repairing the damages was \$6432.

Standing nervously and rigidly to attention in front of the Commanding Officer, flanked by escorts, the investigation reached the serious searching stage. The Commanding Officer asked "What gear were you in when the accident occurred?"

The sapper without hesitation replied, "I was in my second best pair of issue overalls on that day, Sir!"

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Worm taking a
friend to
dinner

WHY THE 21 GUN SALUTE?

You must at some time or another asked yourself
"Why a 21 gun salute? Why not 10 or 18?"

The firing of 21 volleys developed into top honours through a combination of British arrogance, a shortage of space for powder on sailing vessels and the mystical significance attached to the numbers three and seven.

The number three was regarded as sacred by the Phoenicians, Greeks, Hindus and later by the Christians and the number seven was endowed with mysticism and used frequently in Babylonian incantations. The reason for selecting seven as the original number for salutes has never been fully known, but it probably stemmed from the mystical significance and widespread reverence traceable to the speculation of ancient astrologers who divided man's life into seven parts. Seven was indeed the number originally chosen for saluting volleys.

In the early days, gun powder was made of sodium nitrate which created storage and safety problems aboard ships. Where vessels could manage only small amounts, land based gun batteries could safely store much larger amounts. In order to save powder for an emergency, it was deemed advisable for vessels to use as little as possible for honours.



Again in early days, the Royal Navy demanded that weaker nations salute British vessels as they sailed past alien fortresses or into foreign ports.

Although the number of volleys fired had varied among maritime nations, with a monarchy receiving more firings than a republic, eventually both forms of government were granted the same number of salutes on the principle that all nations were equal.

Anticipating return salutes to its own nation, the British Government in due time established a seven volley fire as the suitable number of shots for its vessels to give when sailing past foreign land military installations. However, the British apparently thought that a seven volley return salute from the same land force was not enough and indicated that they would expect three volleys for each one given, thus establishing 21 volleys as the standard salute for ground-force honours.

/Later when



Later when gunpowder was improved by the use of potassium nitrate, storage problems on ships were decreased and seagoing vessels were expected to give and receive the 21 salutes which were formerly only rendered by land military installations.

Today, almost everyone of national government or reigning royalty gets a salute of some kind upon occasions. 21 volleys of gunfire now constitutes the highest number given in honour and varies for highest Army officers and lower ranked admirals to 11 volleys on arrival and none on departure.

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WITHOUT COMMENT - OR PREJUDICE

It was a small country town, with a small country newspaper, and sometimes, like big city newspapers the editor had trouble with typographical errors. And this is what happened to a perfectly blameless clergyman when "someone" failed to check carefully.

Monday's advertisement read: "The Revd A.J. Jones has one TV set for sale. Tel 626 after 7 pm and ask for Mrs Donnelley who lives with him, cheap."

Tuesday: "We regret any embarrassment caused to Father Jones by a typographical error in an advertisement yesterday. It should have read: "The Revd A.J. Jones has one TV set for sale. Cheap. Tel 626 and ask for Mrs Donnelley, who lives with him after 7 pm."

Wednesday: "Father Jones informs us that he has received several annoying telephone calls because of an incorrect advertisement in yesterday's paper. It should have read: "The Revd A.J. Jones has one TV set for sale. Cheap. Tel 626 after 7 pm and ask for Mrs Donnelley who loves with him."

Thursday: "Please take notice that I, the Revd A.J. Jones, have no TV set for sale, I have smashed it. Don't call 626 any more, I have not been carrying on with a Mrs Donnelley. Mrs Donnelley was until yesterday, my housekeeper."

Friday: Wanted - a housekeeper. Usual housekeeping duties. God pay. Love in. Revd A.J. Jones. Tel 626."

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CONSTRUCTIVE CRITICISM OF
THE RNZE LIAISON LETTER

The Editor asked for and received some comments. Here are those received with the current Editorial viewpoint expressed below.

Comment 1. Jokes and sketches etc that have no military flavour. I find that they have all been in a recent capping mag or Playboy and only seem to pad out the size of the newsletter.

Editor I agree. Military Jokes and sketches for publication are requested from any contributor.

Comment 2. I don't think the newsletter is the place to give details of works projects in hand or planned, the danger being that we already have a monthly report system going between Sqns and higher Formations and this could cause embarrassment when the reports in the newsletter are written by a different person than the official monthly reports. What I really mean is that copy for the newsletter should be stories about projects, rather than details about them.

Editor I have not heard of embarrassment to date and can think of very many sappers who are not in a position to read (or even are aware of) the monthly reports. Writers, if embarrassed will change from details to stories.

Comment 3 I don't like the way the newsletter is being used by some people as an official form of communication to Sqns eg, FF SORE reminding Sqns in your last issue to be aware of the new regulations just issued regarding electrical permits. Next I suppose they will quote the newsletter as an authority.

Editor Personally, I thought it was a good place to print a reminder.

Comment 4. I agree that births, deaths, engagements and marriages are worth recording, but you should make sure that 'gossip' doesn't feature in them as the most innocent comment about people can be very embarrassing when read in print at a later date in a different part of the island.

Editor Regret any inconvenience caused by gossip to date. I am not aware of non-factual items printed so far.

Comment 5. I think you should exercise the right to reject material if it doesn't measure up, rather than print everything.

Editor I believe I retain the right not to print anything submitted and in fact have rejected and edited a considerable amount of material in the initial four issues.

Comment 6. I think the newsletter is the best thing printed by SME since I left the place.

Editor Thanks. It does appear to have a healthy readership.

Comment 7. A magazine makes much of its initial impression by its cover and a less inspiring cover for the 'Right of the Line' I have yet to see. The Corps Historian must surely have a suitable picture or even a series which would lift the publication from a flat military paper to a more outstanding initial impression.

Editor Noted. Pictures cost money to reproduce and the Corps Historian has very many suitable ones. The cover has had a minor facelift.

Comment 8. Military papers one reads every day complete with distribution lists, exhaustive indexes, and staff duties numbering systems. Please, a respite from this in our own magazine.

Editor A good idea - adopted for Liaison Letter No 5

Comment 9. The caricatures among the articles tend to outweigh the written material and in many cases are obvious gap fillers which leads to the premise that the magazine should perhaps be a little thinner, at least until the monthly pin up adorns the last page.

Editor No promises on a pin up. Regret detracting from the written word.

Comment 10. Related to the material contributed, credits for plagiarised material should be given, although I hardly doubt that copyright would ever be infringed.

Editor A lot of the publication is copied or based on borrowed ideas. Not always are credits given. Original ideas are worthy of a commercial publication and the editor too is short of original ideas.

Comment 11. Maybe the writer is blissfully unaware but I have thought the Corps list gave postings and appointments and besides why do I want to be reminded each month that Major SD Jameson is the OC of 2 Field Squadron or that Spr J.Eru is the junior staff member of the Linton Fire Brigade. It is recommended that a page devoted to the months postings be included at the end of the magazine just before the pin up and then with luck I won't see it.

Editor I only partially agree. Please don't read the lists of names if you are not interested. It seems best to me to have the names with their units.

Comment 12 Please do something about the jokes. Put them in the centre page, then I can rip them out if I don't wish to read them.

Editor Regret many sappers would not agree. Please do not read those words between the break signs, would be the best advice I can offer.

Comment 13 The work involved in preparing the Corps Liaison Letter is well appreciated especially the obvious difficulties in obtaining material to publish. Criticism offered on the structure of the magazine which in itself may appear harsh, is offered more as a challenge to other contributors than the magazine itself.

Editor Come on contributors!

Comment 14 I must take this opportunity to compliment you on the continuing high standard of the RNZE Liaison Letter. I know full well the kind of energy that must be expended to keep such an enterprise going. I regret that it is only pressure of work which prevents me at the moment from further contributing. However, I hope I will see my way clear to sending the odd despatch.

Editor Thanks very much

SQUADRON ROUTINE ORDERSDISCIPLINE FOR DYING : RIP ORDERS

It has been brought to the notice of Defence Dept that soldiers have been dying without consent of their superior officer. This practice will cease immediately.

It must be clearly understood by all ranks that the manpower shortage is acute and that any soldier who dies without first obtaining permission, commits a serious offence which will be dealt with under AAS 31(1). I have been instructed to bring to the notice of all ranks of the Army that no-one below the rank of Cpl may give an order to die, and in all cases the man ordered to die will be known as the "Victim". Under no circumstances will the Victim be allowed to die in his own time. The following drill movements will be strictly adhered to at all times.

1. On receipt of the precautionary word of command "Victim will die by numbers.... by numbers - one," the man will stagger forward a pace of six inches at the same time allowing his eyes to glaze.

2. On the command "By numbers - two," the victim will sink slowly (but smartly) to his knees, counting the correct pause of '2-3', then fall forward onto his face, arms outstretched and thumbs in line with his ears.

3. On the command "By numbers - three," he will lower his legs, heels resting on the ground, toes at an angle of 30° (magnetic) to the shoulder blades.

4. On the command "By numbers - four," the victim will be allowed to draw his last breath in his own time but on signature on Army Form NZ10. The last breath will consist of two flagons of oxygen and one /firken

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firken of hydrogen. The death rattle will not be used except on ceremonial dying parades or unless especially ordered by an officer of field rank.

ROUTE. Before dying, a map with the best route to heaven will be drawn from Air Traffic Control at the nearest RNZAF Base. This route will be strictly adhered to. The unexpired portion of the day's rations will be drawn from the Mess and devoured en route. There will be no overtaking and any officer passing on his way down to the other hot place, will be paid the usual compliments.

REPORTING INSTRUCTIONS. On arrival at his destination, the victim will report to the Orderly Room of the 6th Royal Angels Squadron and draw the following items of equipment on permanent loan:

Wings pairs - one

Harp Basic (playing with strings) - one

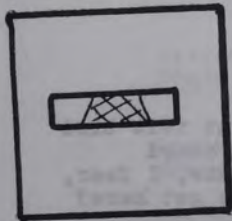
Cloud fleecy and/or cumulus - one

DRESS. Wings will be blanccoed daily. Harps will be kept clean and tuned at all times. Clouds are to be given a pre-issue check for correct pressure and filled with anti-freeze where necessary. You will parade one hour after arrival for Halo fitting. Dress is to be very loose order, wings at the glide, harps at the high port.

DISCIPLINE. Whilst in Heaven it must be understood that personnel remain under Military Law and are to conduct themselves in an angelic manner at all times. Any disregard of the above regulations will result in a quick descent.

Signed.....
Brigodier

--oo00oo--



I can't find our piano
Although it is large and
tall
But we think it's behind
the paper
That father put on the
wall.

Eiffel Tower
as seen by
tank driver.

Dear Mother and Dad,

It has now been three months since I joined the Army. I'm sorry I've been remiss in writing but I am going to bring you up to date. But before I do, please sit down ... do not read any further unless you sit down.

I am getting along pretty well now. The skull fracture and concussion I got when I jumped out of the window of the barracks shortly after my arrival, are pretty well healed. I can now see almost normally and only get those sick headaches late in the afternoon.

Fortunately my jump was witnessed by a Sapper who called the ambulance, rode with me to the hospital and visited me frequently. Since they wouldn't let me back in the barracks he was kind enough to invite me to share his flat with him. It's really a basement room, but kind of cute. He's a very fine boy and we have fallen deeply in love. I want to get married and am trying to talk him into it. We haven't set a date ... I only hope it's before my pregnancy begins to show. I know how much you both are looking forward to being grandparents, and know you will give my baby the same love and devotion you've given me. One reason for the delay in our marriage is my boyfriend has some minor infection which prevents us from passing our premarital blood tests, and naturally, I caught it from him. I hope these problems will clear up soon from our daily medical injections.

I know you will welcome Knublu into our family with open arms. He's a real doll, and although of a different race and religion from ours, I know your oft-expressed tolerance will not permit you to be bothered by the fact that his skin colour is somewhat darker than ours. I am sure will love him as I do. His family background is good, too, his father being a famous medical man in a Papuan village in New Guinea.

—oo00oo—



The little insignificant twit bird
Is very seldom seen or heard
There's never been a pair, I fear,
So how the devil did he get here?

—oo00oo—

Little insignificant
twit

A lover is a man who tries to be
more amiable than it is possible
for him to be.

WHISKEY ADVERTISEMENTS

Researchers pass on to readers some fine thoughts on whiskey which bear little relationship to the thought that one in every fifteen of us is a potential alcoholic and that booze is a BAD thing.

HIS



Highland Queen. The beautiful scotch.

No one, but no one should be denied the chance of appreciating Long John Scotch Whiskey. Try it now.

Compliments to the chef ... Johnnie Walker.

We'll take a cup of kindness yet.
Langs Scotch Whiskey. The cup. The kindness.



Glenfarclas Highland Malt Whiskey.
Unblended and unsurpassed.

Choose Black & White - the Scotch that's
BIG on flavour.

Say ~~when~~ Haig. Don't be vague.

Confidence restored. Johnnie Walker -
your vote of confidence.

.... and a bottle of ~~whiskey~~ Haig please.
Don't be vague.

Don't forget the cream. Teachers, the
cream of Highland whiskies.

How about a ~~nightcap~~ Haig? Don't be vague.

"I thought you brought me here to show
me your collection?"

"I did - and that's my finest exhibit.
A work of pure genius."

"What the Auchertoshan?"

"What else but good scotch whiskey?"

HERS



Outboard Haig love. Don't be vague.

It's a question of good taste. "By word
of mouth" "House of Scotland Whiskey"

One of the many splendid things from which
old Scotland's grandeur springs - Johnnie
Walker

Fine Scotch dons a new label. Sandeman
scotch



A man from Ankara, Turkey has recited
6,666 verses of the Koran from memory in
six hours. Now put your memory to the
test. Spend five minutes with a glass
of fully mature Langs scotch. We bet
you'll find it unforgettable.

Thank your lucky Crawfords. Scotland's
Star whiskey



Sandeman Scotch. An independent whiskey
of outstanding character

"Freedom and whiskey go together" - Johnnie
Walker

Here to the next time Haig. Don't be vague

The only resolution made with confidence.
Johnnie Walker

"Why don't the three of us go back to my
place." Three of us?" "You me and
Auchentoshan scotch whiskey."

Inspire confidence amongst those you love.
Johnnie Walker

~~Drinks~~ Haigs all round. Don't be vague.

Johnnie Walker - a confidence well received

Highland Queen - scotch supreme, fine and
rare mature scotch whiskey

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Finding it may be a problem. Pronouncing
it may be a problem. Affording it may be
a problem. From then on, no problem -
Auchentoshan.

~~Its~~ Haigs, just what I've always wanted.
Don't be vague

Thank you lucky Crawfords. The 3 star
and 5 star scotch whiskey

A better glass of whiskey. Largs scotch
whiskey

"Lead me on thee John Barleycorn. Thou
King of grain!" Johnnie Walker

There are very few truly great malts.
This is one of them. Glenfarclas all
malt scotch whiskey

"Get rich quick!" The richest whiskey
in the world. RSVP - Johnnie Walker

Add a little smoothness to your day.
Dewar's fine scotch whiskey. Blended
for smoothness - it never varies

A confidence shared .. Johnnie Walker -
your vote of confidence

Black Bull means scotch mellowed to
perfection skilfully blended ... a
pleasure in every sip

Haiglanders. Don't be vague. The world
loves Haig

Guest of Honour. The toast is Johnnie
Walker

The greatest weight every raised by a
human being was 6,270 lbs (2.80 tons).
What we don't know: did our hero keep
his strength up with Largs smooth full-
bodied fully mature scotch? Try a glass.
See if it doesn't give you a lift

Haigland Fling. A lady should never be
vague



A little of what you fancy. Whyte and Mackays selected scotch whiskey



Haigland Gathering. Don't be vague. Come home to Haig.

Welcome home - to the golden glow of Largs old scotch whiskey.

DRINK TO IT!

Rough day? Have a little smoothness tonight with Dewar's. Blended for smoothness - it never varies.



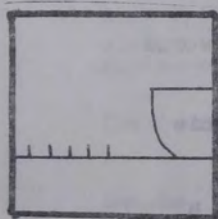
Christmas guest. Have a merry ... Johnnie Walker.

Highland Queen. The other woman in your life.

Escape to Haigland. Don't be vague Plain sailing with Haig.

To make a fine whiskey is the sign and seal of a favoured land. It requires precious things that can no longer be taken for granted like fresh air, pure flowing water, unspoiled open space and unlimited time. NZ is a favoured land. This whiskey reflects it. NZ South

--oo00oo--



Ship deserting sinking rats.



Commander on morning inspection

"That jersey is a little frayed isn't it Sapper?"

"Sir" replied the very senior veteran sapper, "with me inside it, this jersey ain't 'fraid of nothing."

S- Superior

A- Admired

P- Proud

P- Pleasing

E- Experienced

R- Required

P- Pretty

I- Innocent

N- Necks nicely

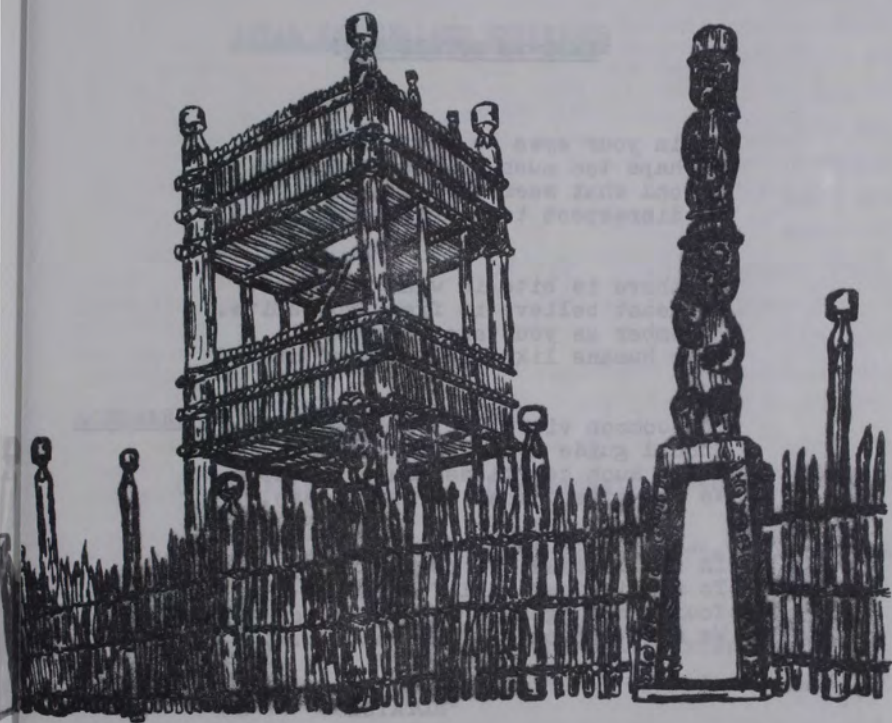
U- Understanding

P- Passionate

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LEST WE ROTATE YOU!

If in your eyes we satirize
Perhaps too much, the reason lies
Beyond what seems hostile intent
No disrespect to you is meant!

If there is bite in what we write,
At least believe it free from spite.
Remember as you take your gruel,
Most humans like their humour cruel!

The common views, we can't refuse,
Should guide our efforts to amuse.
So in such heartless times as these
We may offend that we may please.

In such a case, we here give space
To rectify our fall from grace
Your minds against us please don't harden
We most abjectly crave your

"ROTATOR"

ROYAL NEW ZEALAND ENGINEERS

THE CORPS OF

ROYAL NEW ZEALAND ENGINEERS

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Colonel Commandant Lt Col A.R. Currie, DSO, OBE

CHIEF ENGINEER

Lt Col R.K. Rutherford

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 PRO Army
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LETTER FROM THE CHIEF ENGINEERTHE NEW ENGAGEMENT POLICY

During this winter Defence expects to introduce new rules for re-engagement, leave and terminal benefits. It is not the purpose of this article to examine the rules in detail - that will be done through proper channels. Questions which also arise, and are important for the Corps, concern our attitudes to mobility between jobs. There is often an air of mystery - or even a stigma - associated with the business of crossing a boundary, and say changing trade, or Corps, becoming a territorial, leaving the service or strangely - apparently worse in many minds - leaving and then returning.

In civilian life people change jobs with little fuss. The need for a change is recognised. The man who goes for better rewards is respected, and if things don't work out as expected, another change is regarded as natural. In service life the boundaries are there for administrative convenience - and let us not lose sight of that. They help a man find his place and help others understand him in our organisation which is very flexible and changes regularly. They help plan his training, his work and his pay. With our many trades and skills we have a large number of such boundaries.

The new engagement policy will make it easier for a man to leave the Service to suit his own needs as these develop. Will our attitudes keep up with the rules? Will we respect his decision? Should we go further and make it easier to join the Service at any level? At present if we need a specialist - say a well driller - who is earning the pay of a Warrant Officer we have no way of recruiting the man. Our ranking system probably says the well driller should be a Sergeant - our trade system is bound to include something that says a four star well driller must be able to instruct juniors in the camouflage of boreholes. Our medical system is reasonably flexible, but what about the other well drillers already in the Army? Do they have a greater right to the top well drilling job over an outsider who might be better qualified in his trade but know little about the Army? Interesting problems arise, but if we have new rules to make it easier to leave the Army we had surely better be ready to make it easier to get in as well.

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CHAPTER ONETHINKING OF MOVING?CONSIDERING BUILDING A NEW HOME?HAVE YOU A SERVICED BUILDING SECTION?

The following article may serve as a guide to choosing your next posting. Regional costs per square metre are gross assessments only and are for general interest and comparison, rather than for quotation. They are, however, based on conditions current in each region at the time of publication. Section values are obviously not included.

| | <u>Average Costs</u> | | <u>Executive House</u> | |
|----------|-----------------------|--------------|------------------------|--------------|
| | <u>Standard House</u> | | | |
| | <u>Per Sq m</u> | <u>Total</u> | <u>Per sq m</u> | <u>Total</u> |
| Canty | 171.00 | 15390.00 | 230.00 | 26300.00 |
| Auck | 176.54 | 15888.60 | 256.08 | 28168.80 |
| Waik | 177.20 | 15948.00 | 244.00 | 26840.00 |
| Manawatu | 190.65 | 17158.50 | 256.05 | 28165.50 |
| Otago | 191.56 | 17240.40 | 248.00 | 27280.00 |
| Wgtn | 207.22 | 18649.80 | 254.62 | 28008.20 |

Standard House Specification

Area 90m² (1000 sq ft)

3 bedrooms, lounge, kitchen/dinette, laundry, bathroom and separate toilet with basement garage under.

| | |
|--------------------|---|
| Section | level |
| Basement | Conc pile/fibrolite lined with conc steps |
| Floor | particle board |
| Roof | Hipped galv corr long run iron |
| Exterior Sheathing | Timber weatherboards |
| Joinery | Timber |
| Interior linings | Gib board with flat ceilings |
| Bathroom | Bat with shower over & whb |
| Electrics | 12 lights & 10 power points |
| Electric Stove | P.C. sum of \$180.00 |
| Wallpapers | P.C. sum of \$2.00 per roll |

Executive House Specification

Area 110m² (1200 sq ft)

3 bedrooms, lounge, kitchen/dinette, laundry, bathroom, separate shower and toilet, basement garage under.

Section level

Basement Conc blockwork and conc floor

Floor Particle board

Roof Decramastic roof gabled

Exterior Sheathing Vertical boarding

Joinery Aluminium with 8m² ranchslider

Patio Deck Timber

Interior linings Gib for walls with blanket insulation to sloping ceilings

Doors Mahogany including cupboards

Electrics 18 lights & 16 power points

Electric Stove P.C. sum of \$250.00

Wallpapers P.C. sum of \$3.00 per roll

Research material for these costs obtained from NZ Building Economist Feb issue 1976. Article and research by WOI D.E. Graham.

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A Naval Staff Officer in the Directorate of Works has achieved a new dimension in navigation.

He travelled North by Northerner and South by Northerner.

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CHAPTER TWO
FIELD FORCE HEADQUARTERS
HQ FORCE ENGINEER

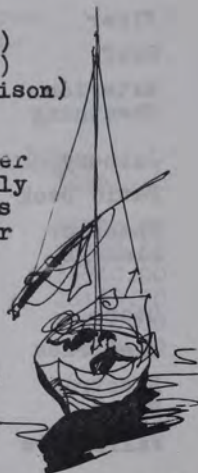
Located with HQ Field Force Command at Fort Cautley. We've had absolutely no postings in or out, no births, marriages, engagements or anything - we must be a stable population.

RNZE personnel who hold ERE posts on HQ Field Force Command are:

| | |
|------------------------|--|
| Maj DJ O'Brien | DAAG (MPA) |
| | (recently returned from Staff College) |
| Maj BJ Wakelin (TF) | GS02 (Ops) |
| Capt BA Stewart | GS03 (Trg) |
| Capt PR Goldsmith (TF) | GS03 (Liaison) |

Capt Brian Stewart has bought a Laser - a one man fibre glass yacht, and is regularly seen off Narrow Neck Beach practising can outs and righting it. So far he has ventured over to Rangitoto a couple of times.

In the same vein, Maj Broadbent, WO1 Chapman and Sgt Norm Smith hope to be selected for crew places in the Inter-Service sailing competition soon. They have been practising most Wednesdays and teamwork is starting to develop. Maybe we should fly our Engineer pennant at the masthead.



Capt Peter Goldsmith was awarded the senior prize in Civil Engineering at Auckland University last year. This year he is embarking on a PhD. He intends to study seismic patterns in sandy soils and thinks that his military experience will be worthwhile in producing the shocks.

Even though all FF Units have been to Annual Camp and many people have been involved in Ex TRIAD, progress on our works tasks is still maintained at a satisfactory rate.

The Garrison Club at Linton is nearing completion now. Co-operation between units has been excellent on this important task.

3 Fd Sqn are continuing development of their new HQ at Burnham and are soon to commence interior work on the new NZWRAC Depot.

1 Fd Sqn, with support from all other Units is doing very well on a 4km extension of the Argo Road. Those who have seen the job, will have been impressed with the excellent camp site, the quarry so close to the road and all the other lessons that we can learn in this road building task.

The 75/75 financial year has been one of our most productive as far as works tasking goes. For the first time in some years, we hope to spend all the money we've been allocated - and perhaps a little more. Higher productivity of this nature is a reflection of our growing experience in management - especially in the fields of purchasing, stores procurement and job efficiency.

Some Notes

1. Do units know about the new eqpt received recently?

Light Tac Raft

Patterson 6B Water Purification trailers

Class 30 Trackway (at 5 Spt Sqn)

The last is excellent for demonstration and is easily portable - 5 Spt Sqn have recently published a letter about it.

2. We think there will be a continuation training for Army Divers in Apr/May 76. More details later.

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In 1893 the establishment of the Royal Engineers included 17 submarine mining companies. They were organised for the defence of ports by the use of "submarine mines and torpedoes, the distinction between these two engines of war being this - a submarine mine is a large charge of guncotton or other explosive, fixed to the sea bottom, which can be fired on the approach of a hostile ship, while the torpedo is a locomotive weapon fired from the shore (or from a vessel, or structure in the water), and so arranged as to explode on striking a vessel."

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If tin whistles are made of tin... and penny whistles are made from pennies.... what do you think they use to make fog horns?

--oo00oo--



HEADQUARTERS LSGAppointments

The following are the current appointments as at 1 Apr 76.

| | |
|------------------|------------------|
| SORE 2 | Maj GE Hardie |
| SORE 3 | Capt RB Simmons |
| Clk of Wks | WOII MTeOT Nepia |
| Clk of Wks Elec | WOII WMc Dyas |
| Clk of Wks Const | WOII TJ Hamilton |

Decorations

A parade of Engineer Units within Linton Camp was held on the Block VI Parade Ground (SME) at 1030 hours 18 Feb 76 under Command of Maj SD Jameson. The parade being for the purpose of presenting the Efficiency Medals to WOII Bill Dyas and WOII Terry Hamilton of HQ LSG and Ssgt John Coughlan of 2 Fd Sqn. The Reviewing Officer was Maj Gen J.A. Foster, Engineer in Chief UK Army. It was a big day for three very proud Territorial Force quote Soldiers unquote who turned out very smartly, short back and sides and clean shaven, well done.

WOII Dyas and Ssgt Coughlan received the Efficiency Medal and WOII Hamilton received the Efficiency Medal Clasp.

Postings

Maj RT Bennett posted to Home Comd X14 list 12 months full time University studies at Massey.

WOII Nepia posted to SME vice WOI Williams 26 April 76.

General

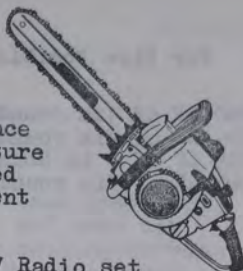
Prior to Annual Camp timber orders were in great demand for the 1976 Annual Camps, HQ LSG being directed by FF Comd to carry out this task, which was eventually handed to the Clk of Wks HQ LSG. Negotiations were carried out with the Senior Forestry Ranger in the Manawatu Area and after three weeks of phone calls and discussions a small portion of the Santoft Forest was eventually allocated to the Army which amounted to 500 odd trees varying from 12 inch to 2ft diameter trunks.

Prior to the Area being allocated, the OC 1 Fd Sqn had agreed to supply a small party of 10 Sappers and one NCO to carry out the felling and trimming of the timber to suitable lengths.

/SME also

SME also must be mentioned for their contribution of logs by course personnel who just happened to be in the area.

2 Fd Sqn being committed to Defence Works (Garrison Club) and numerous manufacture demands and various works tasks, contributed with chainsaws and various items of equipment plus a couple of Sappers.



6 Fd Sqn's contribution was a 47 Radio set which at the time, were few and far between, which was mounted on a Pool Landrover by 2 Sig Sqn. This radio set was in direct contact with HQ 5 Spt Sqn from Santoft Forest.

5 Spt Sqn wore the brunt of this exercise co-ordinating works and administration. 5 Spt Sqn were given the authority to task 10 Tpt Coy as veh loads of logs became available. The main task was to come, milling of the timber in various sizes required by LSG and 1 Bde.

Our famous Log Bolter managed to last the distance mainly through good workmanship and a lot of luck. I am sure that Clas Chamberlain has been eyeing this "old faithful" for his collection.

The tree felling crew were R & Q at Ohakea. Prior arrangements had been made before 1 Fd Sqn and attached personnel had arrived. This was when the first hiccup of the task happened, an irate Flt Lt Adjutant of the Base getting very upset as no one in his dept had told him that R & Q had been arranged. Everything was finally settled when he realized that the base was badly in need of a 25m range which was built by 5 Spt Sqn during Annual Camp.

Close liaison of Clk of Wks LSG and Operation Sqn Ohakea on dates and timings of bombing practices, as these were carried out adjacent to the works site. These bombing sorties were unavoidable but delays in work were resultant.

The task took three months Oct 75 to Dec 75, through breakdowns of the log bolter and chainsaws.

Congratulations on a task well done with no serious accidents. The following is the timber requirement.

LSG Requested

| | | |
|-----------------------|---|------------|
| 12000 LF of 6in x 1in | = | 480ft 3 |
| 4000 LF of 4in x 4in | = | 435.6ft 3 |
| 4000 LF of 4in x 2in | = | 211.2ft 3 |
| Total | = | 1126.8ft 3 |

1 Bde Requested

For Modular CP Construction:

| | | |
|----------------------|---|-------------|
| 1781 LF of 9in x 4in | = | 440.80 ft 3 |
| 5436 LF of 6in x 4in | = | 900.24ft 3 |
| 2550 LF of 6in x 2in | = | 204ft 3 |
| 3660 LF of 4in x 2in | = | 193.25ft 3 |
| 7430 LF of 6in x 1in | = | 297.2ft 3 |
| Total | = | 2035.49ft 3 |

For Fire Positions:

| | | |
|----------------------|---|-------------------------|
| 2850 LF of 4in round | = | 229.31ft 3 (7.5ft) |
| 1995 LF of 4in round | = | 160.52ft 3 (7.0ft) |
| 285 LF of 4 in round | = | 7.30ft 3 (1ft) |
| 1140 LF of 3in round | = | <u>223.94ft 3 (3ft)</u> |
| Total | = | <u>621.07ft 3</u> |

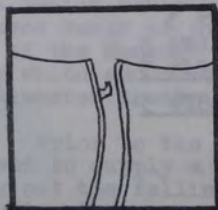
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My Grandfather, Backblock WWII Sapper Brigadier, wrote to me in the big city the other day. In part, his letter describing home renovations reads: "We've now got one of them new fangled bathrooms like you rich folk in town. On one side of the room is a big long white thing like the pigs drink out of, only you kin get in it and take a wash all over at once."

On the other side of the room is a little white gadget hanging on the wall called a zink. They also sent us a roll of writing paper, but it's kinda cheap - it rips. But over in the corner - wow - they've put a thing there you put one foot in and scrub it till it gits clean, and then you pull a chain and git fresh water to scrub the other foot. Two lids came with the damn thing, and we haven't no use for them in the bathroom, so Ma is using one of them for a breadboard, and we framed your mother's picture in the other."

"Rotator"

--oo00oo--



Old zipper with
only one
tooth left.

CHAPTER THREEONE FIELD SQUADRONApologies for Non-Attendance

Although our contribution for the last Liaison Letter was worthy of some attention, it did not beat the dreaded deadline. We will blame it on the mailing system cracking up with the Christmas overload. We have however, included a lot of the contribution in this letter, to make sure there are no accusations of idleness. Actually that's been our problem - we've all been far too busy, with both Training and Works.

Postings, Promotions and Discharges

The following we hope are the most up to date and accurate:

| <u>In</u> | <u>From</u> | <u>wef</u> |
|-----------------|--------------|------------|
| Spr PJ O'Toole | ex Basic 124 | 12 Sep 75 |
| Spr WP Halkett | Ex Basic 124 | 12 Sep 75 |
| Spr BD McLennan | Ex Basic 124 | 12 Sep 75 |
| Spr EJ Deakin | Ex Basic 125 | 31 Oct 75 |
| Spr JE Fischer | Ex Cdt Sch | 19 Dec 75 |
| Spr HJ Haerewa | Ex Cdt Sch | 19 Dec 75 |
| Spr JGM Hayes | Ex Cdt Sch | 19 Dec 75 |
| Spr WG Rudolph | Ex Cdt Sch | 19 Dec 75 |
| Spr EA Taylor | Ex Cdt Sch | 19 Dec 75 |

Out. The following two characters have been seconded to the Royal Fiji Armed Forces:

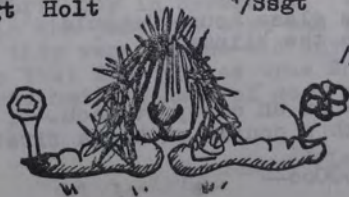
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| Ssgt DR Futter | 29 Oct 75 |
| Ssgt AJ Sinclair | 29 Oct 75 |

Cpl GD Moors to 5 Spt Sqn wef 16 Feb 76.

Promotions

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| Lcpl Brickell | Sub/Cpl | 1 Oct 75 |
| Lcpl Langdon | Act/Cpl | 1 Oct 75 |
| Spr Taepa | T/Lcpl | 1 Oct 75 |
| Spr Gallagher | T/Lcpl | 1 Oct 75 |
| Spr Henry | T/Lcpl | 1 Oct 75 |
| Spr Gabbott | T/Lcpl | 17 Feb 76 |
| Spr Templeton | T/Cpl | 17 Feb 76 |
| Cpl Nilsen | T/Sgt | 23 Feb 76 |
| Sgt Holt | /Ssgt | 1 Dec 75 |

/Discharges



Discharges

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|----------------|-----------|-----------|
| Lcpl BJ Fahey | Civvie St | 14 Oct 75 |
| Cpl TG Logan | Civvie St | 9 Oct 75 |
| Spr AA Baston | Civvie St | 16 Dec 75 |
| Spr JV Edwards | Atiu | 23 Dec 75 |

Sappers Day - 1 Fd Sqn

Prior to Sappers Day, the whole unit was lectured on Corps History, which included Engineer chronology, Badge, Crest, Monogram, Flags etc and listened to the music of Wings and Hurrah for the CRE. All were reminded of the reason for Sappers Day and the way in which Sappers usually celebrate our day ("Work hard, play hard").

Sappers Day started off with many bangs, followed by 'Wings' and 'Hurrah for the CRE' over the camp loud speaker system. Coffee and rum was served to the living in and much laughter and rejoicing could be heard by all within a 300m radius.

The crane was positioned at the gate with boom extended and lit up like a neon sign with flags flying. A large Coyote was constructed on top of the Guard Hut for all to see.

All paraded at 0800 hrs and were divided into teams to play Golf, Volleyball and minor games events. All games required a team effort and prizes for winning teams were awarded. Some of the events included the construction of a gyn to lift a weight, compressed air drilling, carpentry orientated skills and many other skills events. HQ Force Engr, led by the CE and Maj Broadbent managed to beat our unit Volleyball team and as a result earned a return match in the near future.

Refreshments were served at approx 1130 hrs followed by a buffet lunch, a wheel changing race, a stilt race and a tug of war competition during the afternoon. At approx 1430 hrs the Rugby match between the married and single sappers was held resulting in an 8 all draw.

/Many ex-unit

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People who live in glass houses should
pull down the blinds

Remember never to drink on an empty stomach.
Be wise and fill up with a couple of beers first.

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Many ex-unit members attended the day's celebrations and it was good to see them taking part in the activities. The evening function and dance was enjoyed by approx 350 people and was a resounding success. It was very pleasing to see Knobby Clarke, Graeme Laing, Bill Hudson, Dick Tracey, Ray Blann and many other ex-sappers attend.

Generally, the whole of the Sappers Day celebrations were a great success and much comradeship and friendship was passed between all Sappers past and present.

Training

Territorial and Regular Force training over the last six months included Annual Camp and Exercise Triad. Both of these exercises rate individual attention and so will be left for now. The highlight of the rest of the training was a bridge demolition task for the Auckland Regional Authority organised by 1 Tp Comd Lt Graham Wilson. The bridge was on an access road leading to the Wairoa Dam in the Hunua Ranges and had been replaced by a culvert. The ARA had tried unsuccessfully to cover the bridge over with fill so it now had a bunker-like appearance. Because of the proximity of the culvert and a nearby house, minimum explosive had to be used. The method adopted was to drill down through the bridge deck, through the centre of each roadbearer to the tension reinforcement. This was done at both ends of the bridge.

To determine what gelignite can and can't do, half the rated amount was used at one end of the bridge and a quarter at the other. This provided valuable experience for all concerned, the end with half the rated amount of explosive cut while the end with quarter, only shattered the concrete. All in all, it was an extremely worthwhile exercise for both RF and TF.

Having successfully demolished one bridge, we were then presented with the task of building another for Franklin County Council. This was to facilitate moving plant across a canal as part of the Mangatawhiri Drainage scheme. Although extremely pressed for time and labour, 1 Fd Sqn reacted with the usual vigour and resourcefulness. The training staff consisting of Lt Steve Rouse, Ssgt Ron Prentice and Spr Brian Powell went down to the site and built 70ft of double single Bailey bridge in two days.

The unit qualification shoot was held in October and all who attended qualified, although one nameless engineer found problems scoring until he realised that the firing pin doesn't belong in one's magazine pouch!! This was followed by the annual shooting competition for the Shuttleworth Cup in November. We didn't fare as well as we have in the past but then the bullets aren't as accurate as they were in the old days. However, we resigned ourselves to that fact and as true Engineers, pressed on regardless and had two days of good shooting.

/Later in the

SCE Dining Room

Spike Milligan has had the satisfaction of having the renovated dining room handed over, completed to MWD without any additions/alterations being required by their overseers. SCE must now be the best appointed unit in the Northern Region at least.

Ardmore Range Drainage.

As he knows the district so well, Spike has inherited this job from Trevor Gilbert who has been exercising all over the place. Cpl 'Mac' Renata has his Field Engineers up there some of the time and Cpl John Heke and Lcpl Steve Bowers seem to be sharing the plant work between them. Progress now seems to be well underway with three dams now having the crib walling completed and the drains almost ready for lining between dams.

Military Tattoo

Murray Holt and gang have been employed full time on preparations and are now ready for the Tattoo to commence. Bev Inwood having his last fling prior to departure to Singapore and his apprentices also have a big job doing the wiring job for the Tattoo using in excess of 2½ miles of cable.

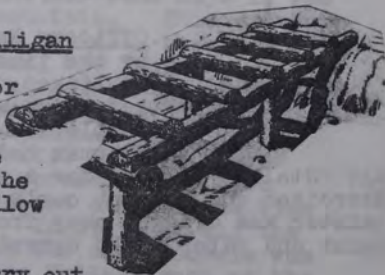
Future Tasks.

Two projected tasks which are planned to start in the near future are the Amenities Block at Hobsonville and alterations to 16 Pd Regt Orderly Rm. Just two more renovation jobs!

Although now dated, mention must be made of John Heke and Colin Moors and a gang of Field Engineers who considered making takeover bids for "Statecraft" and "MSD Spiers" after their timber winning efforts at Santoft, prior to Christmas for Annual Camp.

Brigade Command Posts a la Spike Milligan

The venue of the Bde HQ for the 1976 Annual Camp was ten feet underground at Westlawn. Some say this was too deep (mainly the people digging the holes and constructing the CPs) and some say they were too shallow (certain members of Bde HQ Staff).



1 Pd Sqn was tasked to carry out the job to suit the tenants. 5 Spt Sqn dug the holes prior to Christmas to check on soil conditions and water levels. Results proved that soil conditions were acceptable and water levels threatened to give swimming pools which would outclass Waiouru Command's edifice which it saved for years to provide and after spending thousands of dollars.

/Our thanks

Our thanks to 5 Spt Sqn for a job well done. Only minor trimming and dressing was required before construction began.

In the Bde HQ complex we were required to construct three underground units. The main unit was the Bde HQ operations centre consisting of an H shaped structure with two wings of thirty six feet by 12 feet and a 12 foot by 12 foot joining section. The second structure was a communications centre consisting of an L shape with measurements of thirty-six feet by twenty four feet. Thirdly was the Registry which measured twelve foot by twelve foot.

Timber for construction came from Santoft Forest. A team from 1 Sqn selected the timber and sent it to Linton for milling by 5 Spt Sqn. Plates and studs were 6in x 4in roof bearers 9in x 4in, floor joists 4in x 2in, flooring 6in x 1in and sarking 6in x 2in. A new idea for wall linings was tried with pac-panel, a particle-type board with dimensions 8ft x 4ft x 3/16in. It is still to be proved that this material is suitable in damp conditions underground. Polythene was used as a water-proofing lining on the roof. Ventilation was provided by 3in PVC pipe extending through the overhead cover and capped.

Construction was carried out by an element of our advance party who, after a minor transport problem, started two days late. However, due to No 1's impeccable works record the task was soon up to schedule. After completing the Comcen and Registry work was well into gear with the main CP, when someone of superior power decided that work had progressed too well for too long. At the stage of backfilling, torrential rain fell upon the area, thus halting the works programme. With Brigade personnel moving around calf deep in mud it was no use trying to move plant in any direction.

At this stage a problem was encountered with the design of the structure. A certain Ssgt who more or less (mainly less) designed, estimated and took charge of the construction, found that a pile of earth pushed by a bulldozer, overpowered his butt jointed studs and plates. After re-digging and double framing the end walls, a suitable modification proved to be effective. Designed to take only 18 inches of overhead cover, the structure proved itself by having a Case 310G driven across the top.



After much effort by our workers and "whiplashing" by the Brigade Major, all systems were go for an underground effort by 1 Bde to repulse the enemy.

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The difference between Annual Camp manoeuvres and the real thing is that there is no real enemy. There'd be no generals either.

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Exercise Triad

We were no sooner sorted out after Annual Camp and the second camp of the year was on - that was Exercise TRIAD. This of course involved a company from Australia and one from the USA. The NZ involvement consisted of 2/1 Bn and supporting units from 1 Bde to form in total a battalion group. The Engineer element within the battalion group was a Fd Troop from 1 Fd Sqn led by Lt Steve Rouse and Tp Sgt Cyril Ruha and augmented by fellow sappers from 6 Fd Sqn and half a dozen confederates from 3 Fd Sqn.

It was certainly a great power exercise with the Troop split up for the majority of the time, a section being placed in support of each of three companies. However, through the energies of the section commanders, Cpl 'Mac' Renata, Cpl John Heke and Cpl Willy Wilson, morale was maintained and everyone got on with the job of soldiering. For many it was a good experience to handle and use infantry weapons and work in close contact with a platoon or company. It all led to better understanding and coy-section affiliations were quickly established. The "troopies" excelled themselves, the Coy Commanders being particularly impressed during the helicopter and APC drills.

We did get a few mine clearing tasks and one digging task for the gunners. Here Cpl Warren came into his own on the little Case 310 "Duffy" much to the appreciation of the gunners, saving them hours of sweat and toil.



One of the high points of the exercise was the air assault on Waiouru airfield. The para aslt on the airfield was very impressive with the Engineers contributing a "Sapper

Recon Team" consisting of Ben Akari. If any other point is going to stay in the minds of the troops who went on "Triad" it is the night march. Up at midnight ready to move at 0100 hrs and move we did across swamps and streams. We crossed one stream four times and it was a case of whose turn next to fall in. We marched and stopped, but never long enough to rest, for five hours in full kit, up one of the biggest features I've ever had the misfortune to climb. It had some say six some say eight false crests, and at four o'clock in the morning that's no joke. Luckily there was only one bad casualty when a man collapsed from "exhaustion".

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Did create disorder and untold strife within the Purchasing Office and did upset what little harmony was left in that hallowed place, by flogging Trev Campton's 1976 Diary. It is also suspected (but not proven) that he did also flog the white erasing fluid with the objective of erasing TC's name from the said diary and thereby covering up the foul deed - a real dastardly deed proving that age has no conscience.

Case No 4/76. Colin Moors (Porky - alias Nicotine Fingers). Did cunningly and wilfully deceive his fellow man - in that he did carry around a packet of "Park Drive" chocker full of Tailor Mades. When asked for a smoke by his fellow in arms, he would produce his "Park Drive", thereby causing the recipient to diplomatically refuse Porky's kind offer. Porky would then chuckle to himself about winning another "battle" with the cadger and immediately light up a "Park Drive Tailor Made" - a foul deed that proves you can't judge a smoke by its cover. 5 Support Squadron take note!

Case 6/76. Pte Lee Collinson (Hot Lips - Alias Martin's Mate). Did create strife within the unit by saying that she would not attend a unit farewell because she knew that her case was already in the Dobbers Book (when in fact she wasn't). Furthermore, the accused also stated that it was embarrassing and humiliating to sit upon the throne in front of the Squadron. This statement was taken as an insult against the Honour and Glory achieved in doing so - in this respect Hot Lips virtually bestowed the honour upon herself - a pitiful deed proving that typists should be seen and not throned.

Argo Road Report

A little explanation of the articles which follow is incorporated for the uninitiated.

- a. Coyote Construction Company (Inc) has been in a state of flux for some time but came out in the open at Camp. Its first official document was introduced upon completion of the underground menagerie/city produced at Westlawn for the BM, 1 Bde (who also runs a coy known as Jameson Landscaping and Nursery). They still have not paid up!!!



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- b. The first article came about when we were requested to produce something for the local rag. However, a flourishing company is expected to go one step further and produce a newsletter to all its employees and shareholders. This has been accepted in good faith and hence the company has been officially recognised. We have yet to draw up our articles of association, but that will come in time.
- c. The third is by way of an explanation that the company cannot possibly produce confidential reports on all men employed on the Argo Road, however we hope that the Employment Certificates will grace their UPFs for future reference.

Joe Hollander
Coyote PRO

Levitation 25

Registered Office
Argo Road
Waiouru

COYOTE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY (INC)
COMPANY NEWSLETTER

Dear Readers,

You don't know how lucky you are! Where would you be without us?? - HOME!!

This year the firm decided to put back the Annual Xmas and New Year picnic owing to the number of staff holidaying in the Central part of the North Island. We have moved into an isolated area which enables the management to ensure that daily works are conducted with the least amount of interference.

STAFF

We field a staff of 112 of which there are five in our top management organisation controlling various departments consisting of 107 highly trained sub-managers, foremen and skilled labourers. Of this complement, 77 staff are full time members of the firm whilst 35 are part timers who are only under contract for a minimum of 20 days per year. All members of our staff combine to form a company which produces the highest known standard of work in the Southern Hemisphere.

/Mergers

MERGERS

It has been rumoured that this company has merged with the Westlawn firm of Jameson Landscaping and Nursery, however, we would like to make it quite clear that we only sub-contract works to this firm due to the question of their not being experts in the field of landscaping. This company has been in existence since 1 Nov 73, and under no circumstances would a merger be considered while our assets stand in the realms of \$672.56. The former firm stands in debt to our company by a mere \$8121.28, which would presume that they may be heading for a situation of insolvency.

GOVERNMENT SUBSIDY

This year, our plant and field departments have been kept very busy with new works in the housing field. It is unfortunate that a lot of our time, fuel and finance has gone to waste due to many changes in plan which have evolved from outside organisations having poor planning teams.

To date, we have been working on a scheme involving underground sub-division for housing and shopping centres. In the recent elections, statistics stated that by the year 2001, New Zealanders would not have enough room on the ground surface to sport a house, lawns and gardens. Therefore, we were given the job of researching the feasibility of such a scheme with considerable financial assistance from the Ministry of Works, Development and Housing.

This rather bizarre scheme has now been perfected in the new Waiouru Satellite town of Westlawn, where a considerable number of families are already living underground. On the surface, new lawns, gardens and shrubberies are flourishing. We have offered an ideal replacement for stained timber hit-and-miss fencing with utilisation of war surplus barbed and dammert wire. This has proved quite economical and further continuance of this type of fencing is planned. For those who have problems with prowlers or burglars, we have various approved devices which combine the operation of mines, booby-traps and trip flares.

Local services underground are simplified with the use of sub-contract assistance. Mail can be delivered by air; all houses are on line for local communication; power is provided from a local source, but we would like to stress that you do not use three pin plugs on two core cable; water is provided from a local reservoir and research is being conducted into a garbage disposal scheme which will be satisfactory to consumers for all types of refuse.

/Company

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He must have had a magnificent build before his stomach went in for a career of its own.

COMPANY RESIDENCE/FUTURE WORKS

Although we are normally domiciled in Papakura, we decided to shift to our new site on the Argo Road for various reasons. Firstly, it is a convenient base to work from to provide a satisfactory service to our local community. Secondly, we are remaining here for a further three months to continue construction on the Argo Road.

For those in our tiny community who envy the layout, decor and facilities that we have, we would remind you that to maintain a work force with a good sense of humour, we must provide a comfortable base to avoid problems in the field of industrial relations.

A small team was in residence over the period 22 Feb - 6 Mar 76 to provide engineer assistance for the outing planned for our Australian and American friends. However, from 2 Feb 76, we have had a staff of 75 who will endeavour to make good the damage that the community will have made on the existing Argo Road, and continue to push ahead from Westlawn township north. It is hoped that by May 76, we will have opened up a two lane highway from Westlawn to the town of Sexton Huts. The progress of the venture will rely heavily on the weather conditions which have not been too satisfactory to date. As construction time will be short for this season, it is intended to have our team work a daily routine of 10 hours per day/seven days a week. We have made an approach to our Ministry for overtime allowances, however, the Prime Minister has personally stated that this remuneration cannot be considered until he has negotiated a considerable loan from overseas to support such a venture.

BONUS ISSUE

Owing to the critical shortage of fuel in the country and the ever increasing price rises that we have been exposed to, this company, in the interests of national economy, is offering a new scheme by which the public can share in the progress of our ever expanding concern. We are putting out a new bonus share issue of 1,000,000 shares at \$2.00 each (\$1.00 now and the remaining dollar on call up for May 76). We would encourage you all to take an interest in this offer and write to our office for a prospectus.

FURTHER NEWS

If you wish for further information, please contact our office and ask our receptionist for an appointment with the PRO who will be only too happy to assist.

/Company's Salutations

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Water taken in moderation cannot hurt anybody.

COMPANY'S SALUTATIONS

Please enjoy your holidays here and make sure that you all keep dry or wet whatever the circumstances are. Drive slowly and carefully on all roads and lookout for little children.

All the very best for the New Year and the joy that it may, or may not bring.

COYOTE P.R.O.

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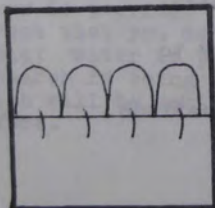
From every mouth, both North and South
From Timaru or Rome
The battle-cry goes up on high -
Why can't we go HOME????

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The Army is not like a Limited Liability Company to be reconstructed, remodelled, liquidated and refloated from week to week as the money market fluctuates. It is not an inanimate thing like a house, to be pulled down or enlarged or structurally altered at the caprice of the tenant or the owner; it is a living thing. If it is bullied it sulks; if it is unhappy, it pines; if it is harried it gets feverish; if it is sufficiently disturbed, it will wither and dwindle and almost die; and when it comes to this last serious condition it is only to be revived by lots of time and lots of money.

Churchill.

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Start of a
rat race

Levitation 25

Registered Office :
Argo Road
WAIOURU

January 1976

COYOTE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY (INC)Dr to : JAMESON LANDSCAPING AND NURSERY
WESTLAWN

Account for: January 1976

1. Plant Hire:

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|--------------------|-------------------------|--------|
| 2 x staff vehicles | (110 miles at 15c/mile) | 16.50 |
| 1 x Case 310G | (120 hours at \$2.60) | 312.00 |
| 1 x MF205 tractor | (90 hours at \$1.89) | 170.10 |
| 1 x D6 Dozer | (76 hours at \$2.95) | 224.20 |
| 1 x S500 Grader | (130 hours at \$1.92) | 249.60 |

972.40

2. Plans and Drawings:

| | |
|---------------------------|--------|
| Original layout plans | 350.00 |
| Additions and alterations | 711.52 |

1061.52

3. Consultation Fees:

Company Engineer (11 days at \$49.29)

541.75

541.75

4. Materials:Assorted nails, timber, wire,
pipe, sandbags etc

1764.73

1764.73

5. Entertainment:

Several Official Company functions

671.34

671.34

6. Miscellaneous/Administration expenses

257.64

257.64

7. Outstanding accounts: November, December
1975

2851.87

Total

8121.28We would appreciate this account
being settled by 23 January 1976

 David A. Cormack
Company Accountant
for General Manager

COYOTE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY
(INC)

Registered Office:

Argo Road Project 1976
 Argo Road,
 WAIOURU

CERTIFICATE OF EMPLOYMENT

This is to certify that: _____
 was employed by the abovenamed company on the Argo Road Project
 over the period: _____ to _____ 1976.

Although working "fingers to the bone", this man
 proved to be a loyal servant of the company, and earned his
 keep through "wind blown dust and dirt", and "fog laden
 mountain air".

He also survived whilst living at the Base Camp
 (2900ft), and worked at altitudes ranging from 4000 to 4250
 feet above sea level without oxygen.

(J.S.HOLLANDER)

Project Manager




CHAPTER FOUR2 FIELD SQUADRONAnnual Camp

This year's Annual Camp was different and yet pretty much the same. Different - because we continued working on one of our day-to-day tasks (the Linton Camp Garrison Club); and yet the same - because we once again camped at Tangimoana. (One could also say the same because the same old faces turned up again!)

Works

This year the Sqn was involved with two major tasks as well as doing some minor in-camp tasks. The major tasks were:

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- a. Linton Camp Garrison Club. This job is being carried out by the Regular Force component of the Sqn during its normal day-to-day operations. The task consists of the refurbishment of the old Linton Camp YMCA. Once completed the building will house a TV Lounge, a cafeteria, a games room (billiards, bowls, darts etc), a restaurant and two lounge bars. The material cost of the job has risen to over \$100,000 and we are due to hold the opening ceremony on 6 May 76. (Hope we've got it finished by then or else it could be embarrassing.)
 - b. Ohakea 25 Metre Rifle Range. Cpl Oliver and five willing TF sappers (Lcpl Ngaheke, Sprs Cardno, Coombes, Managh, Waswo) built a 25m rifle range at Ohakea in the Magazine Area. The job consisted of placing culvert pipes in a farm ditch and covering them to form the mound, the removal of some trees at the sharp end and the replacement of these with a sand bullet catcher. 5 Spt Sqn assisted with the plant work required. The job was handed over to RNZAF on the last day of camp and they were pretty pleased with the finished product.

As usual we got involved with the minor engineer tasks that generally arise during Annual Camp. These consisted of:

- a. Construction of shower boxes for the Shower Pl.

/b. Construction of

- b. Construction of a heavy pallet for one of 21 Sup Coy's 300 cu ft freezers.
- c. Construction of duckboard walkways for HQ LSG (a quick request after the first rains).
- d. Repairs to a damaged cattlestop in the complex area.
- e. Repairs to various farm fence posts in the area (either run over by a vehicle or squashed by the various airdrops).

In addition to this the Sqn was also responsible for the operation and maintenance of the water and power reticulation system.

- a. Power. 3x62.5 KVA generators were used throughout the complex and the maint crew had the job of keeping these serviced (and going) for the duration of camp. Each time it rained the "sparkies" were in demand because of water shorting out the power lines (it is obviously time that some new cable be purchased).

- b. Water. The Sqn operated both of the boreholes which had been sunk in previous annual camps. Those of you who visited the Sqn in Tangimoana in 1974 will remember the "whistling" compressor airlift pump - well, this year it was back again driving No 2 Bore. No 1 Bore was driven by the 1000 gal/hr Sumo submersible electric pump. Water usage throughout camp varied with the weather - the hotter it got, the more water was required. Our average water delivery was just under 60,000 litres per day. Our total delivery bill for the period 10-23 Jan was 827,500 litres.



Training. Due to the current fuel restrictions, indications that the TF turnout was going to be low and the heavy commitment we had on the Garrison Club task, the training programme undertaken was fairly modest. We concentrated on the basic soldier skills (ie, mapreading, patrolling, ambushing, signals, weapon handling, etc) and managed to get 2 Tp (the training troop) away to Waituna West for a couple of days on a small patrolling exercise. Fortunately we managed to get some chopper hours so the lads didn't have to sit in the back of a truck there and back.

/Sports

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Do you know? There are 111 Army Museums in the United Kingdom.

Sports. Throughout the camp units competed in a formation tournament which covered the physical fitness tests, shooting, X-country, athletics, volleyball and a potted sports competition. On Sun 18 Jan 76 an afternoon was devoted throughout the formation solely to sports events with the inter unit shoot being held on Mon 19 Jan and the X-country on Wed 21 Jan 76. The physical efficiency tests were held throughout the period of the camp but the closing date for entries was the day of the X-country.

The Sqn started off very high on the ratings with the Sunday Sports. We won the Volleyball Knockout (the final match of the five played being against HQ LSG). The team dropped only one game out of the 15 played; won the athletics (Spr Mamu Vincent achieving 1st in each of the 100m sprint, long jump and hop, step & jump) and fourth in the potted sports.

The next event we were down the list a little with a fourth placing in the Inter-unit shoot. The penultimate event was the X-country and those of you who were in Waiouru Annual Camp '75 will remember that magnificent effort where our team (of six) obtained the first six placings. Unfortunately, we weren't so well placed this year but still a great effort on the team's part. Sgt Dan Cunningham ran a wonderful race and achieved 3rd place in the individual placings. He must have worked hard on the team because that was our team placing as well.

The final event to count was the physical efficiency tests. It was based on the % age pass achieved out of the unit strength in camp. Those who failed were allowed to try again provided they did all activities. Well, in this one, the Sqn was a clear 10% ahead of any other unit.

The various placings were given certain loadings, eg, X-country - times 3, physical efficiency test - times one, etc. However, when it was all totalled up the Sqn was 10 points clear of our nearest rivals 2 Sig Sqn. Unfortunately, the formation HQ, whilst organising all the events had forgotten to obtain a suitable trophy for the winning unit. This was quickly remedied by a call to the Sqn at Linton and 24 hours later the Sqn was the proud possessor of the "LSG Log". This trophy was presented to the Sqn on 23 Jan 76 by the Minister of Defence, Mr A. McCready.



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There was a young Sapper named Sharkey
Who had an affair with a Darkie
The price of his sins was triplets
not twins
One black, one white, and one khaki.

The "Rotator"

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More Works

Garrison Club. As previously mentioned the Sqn worked through Annual Camp on our major task, the Garrison Club. The task (at the time of writing) is in its finishing stages and many of the civilian sub-contractors are now seen on the job almost daily. The following is a sample of the civilian sub-contracts which have been let:

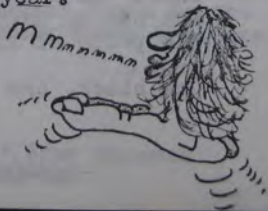
- a. Ceilings/Walls. Ceilings throughout the job (and approximately 50% of the walls) have been finished with GIBTEX. On the toilet walls and ceilings an ACRYLUX-type finish has been applied.
- b. Toilet/Bar Floors. These have been finished with TERRAZITE (as the trade name implies a terrazo-type compound).
- c. Curtaining. A single contract has been let throughout for curtaining and wallpaper.

The above items are but a few of the civil sub-contracts let. One sub-contract which should receive a special mention is that of the mural in the main bar. This is being painted by Sgt FITZWATER and Lcpl JANETT (RNZE, HQ MWT AA) and they are producing a masterpiece even Leonardo Da Vinci would be pretty happy with. The painting depicts a Mexican outdoor scene complete with gauchos, horses, hills and cacti and covers an area 24 feet long x 6 feet high. The GIBTEX contractor is spraying in the archways painted to give a three dimensional effect. The overall effect should fit in extremely well with the remainder of the surrounds in the bar.

(A point to note here is that even if the Sqn planning staff have learned nothing else on this task, we have learned much to our discomfort, that the writing of the specification for a tender for services should be very carefully written and checked. No names - no pack drill. However, our thanks to both 1 Fd Sqn and 3 Fd Sqn for their rapid reaction in sending us Sprs Haukamau and Bentley respectively. Their arrival and consequent good efforts saved this Sqn much embarrassment.)

New Work

The Sqn breathed a sigh of relief when the word came through that we would not be tasked with construction of the CHAKEA Airmans Mess (another of those 2-3 year projects). At this stage, however, it would appear that the works in line for the Sqn are of a very low key nature and with any luck at all the Sqn may be able to tackle its training which we had to cancel last year.



Training

A long overdue break from work was taken by the majority of the Sqn during the week 13-21 Mar 76, the Sqn conducting field engineering exercises at both Kapiti and pipiriki.

Pipiriki. The work party (consisting of 10 pers incl 2 Sigs) departed Linton on Mon 15 Mar 76 and by last light had themselves comfortably (?) set up at Pipiriki. The tasks undertaken involved the following:

- a. Reweld railway irons on jetty revettment wall (this structure was originally constructed by the Sqn during Annual Camp 75. However, during one of the floods later that year, a barge came loose from its moorings and tried to demolish the jetty).
- b. Tidy up and maintenance of the tourist facilities at Pipiriki.
- c. Erection of signs and woodshed for local ranger.
- d. Eradication programme for natural noxious animals (goat shooting) along the river bank.

The party completed their tasks on Fri 19 Mar 76 and returned to Linton the following day.

Kapiti Island. During the weekend 22-23 Nov 75, the Sqn undertook some field engineering tasks on Kapiti Island. This revealed the fact that there were many more tasks which the Sqn could undertake to assist the Lands & Survey ranger on the island. To this end approval was sought and subsequently received for the Sqn to conduct a further weekend exercise on Kapiti. The advance party moved over to Kapiti by hire launch on Sat 13 Mar 76 and commenced the setting up of the main tentage and conducting the final recon prior to the arrival of the main body. The main body were lifted in from Paraparaumu by RNZAF Iroquois on Mon 15 Mar 76. The tasks involved were:



/a. House

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To Young Officers:

When ordered for duty, always grumble and question the roster. This will procure you the character of one that will not be imposed on.

Advice to Officers of the British
Army etc 1782

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- a. House Demolition. The original ranger's house was built in 1912 and had been disused since the recent construction of a new dwelling on the island. The house material which could not be salvaged for further use had to be removed to a burning site approximately 200m away. The salvaged material (approx 20% of the structure) was either used in the repair of the boatshed or stockpiled and covered for later use.
- b. Crib Wall Construction. At the rear of the new house, the earth bank was in a crumbling state and during inclement weather washed down into the basement of the house via the vents in the foundations. Two concrete crib walls (one 40ft x 7ft, the other 40ft x 4ft) were constructed to retain the bank. The materials for this task were lifted over to the island by civil helicopter without mishap (that is until the final return trip. It was decided to take the pallets which the crib components had been packed on back on this flight. All went well until the helicopter was out over the water. It was there that the pallets decided to part company with the helicopter. They were last seen floating away on the outgoing tide!)
- c. Maintenance of Boatshed. The walls of the boatshed were sheathed with corrugated iron and over the years the salty air had taken its toll. Using materials salvaged from the house, the walls, windows and doors were replaced.
- d. Improvement to Existing Water Supply. The Ranger's water supply was taken from a small stream (really only a trickle) near to the living area. The catchment area was inside the bushline and as a consequence, the holding tank frequently became clogged with leaves, twigs, etc. The main tank (concrete with steel strengthening rings) also was defective in that it was leaking badly. To remedy the faults, the main tank was drained and plastered and a plastic piping system was put in to transport the water from a small dammed up section via a filter tank to the main tank.

/e. Construction of

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A hole is nothing at all but you can break
your neck in it.

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- e. Construction of Earth Dam. Below the living area was a large flat piece of ground which had a swampy area in one corner. This swamp was fed by the stream previously mentioned. The swamp was the home of many wild fowl but tended to dry up quickly in the dry season. To remedy this a small earth dam 1m high x 2m wide was built at the outlet to the swamp.
- f. Track Maintenance/Sign Erection. Four large signs were erected for the Ranger along the eastern side of the island. The tracks on the island emanating from the Ranger's living area were badly overgrown and in some cases covered by sliding screes. Parties worked on these throughout the week and finally cleared/cut a total of 2000m, of track.

The work hours during the week were generally 0730-1530 and the weather did us proud each day. The fishing was on the above average side of the scale and more than once the lads sat down to Paua fritters.

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The leader of this gallant band of workers was once again 2 Fd Sqn's greatest "swanner" and "holiday-worker-site" supervisor - none other than WO1 Doug Roberts. Following a comment made by the OC at a Social gathering prior to the exercise Doug felt that

the Honour of the Sqn (and himself was at stake. Consequently, when the OC arrived for a "works inspection" (?) (ably assisted we might add by the CE, SORE2 (Def HQ) and SQMS (2 Fd Sqn) a fatted calf had been "killed". Lunch consisted of - you guessed it - Paua fritters accompanied by a bottle or two of beautifully chilled wine. (It must also be noted that the CE had brought onto the island a bottle of wine but in the spirit of the occasion was exempted customs duty!)

The Sqn team completed all tasks by Sat 21 Mar 76 and were lifted out by RNZAF helicopter once again on Sun 22 Mar 76. A good exercise completed and enjoyed by all. (I hear there are several requests to the Dept of Lands and Survey asking whether the Ranger needs an assistant, or an assistant's assistant or assistant's assistant's etc).

Linton Camp Inter Unit Athletics Competition

The camp recently held the above competition and unfortunately the unit had to unscrew the trophy from the wall. The tournament was eventually won by SME but only after a see-saw struggle with the Sqn. The final score was SME 73 points, 2 Fd Sqn 67, 2 Sig Sqn 53 (HQ MWT AA, 2 COD, 1 Gen Tps, 10 Tpt Coy - also ran). The Sqn team put up a grand fight but on the day just could not match the strength of SME. A special note of congratulations to the

/following

following:

| | |
|-------------|---------------|
| Spr Vincent | 1st 100m |
| Spr Evans | 1st Shot put |
| Spr Saul | 1st High jump |

Once again our congratulations to SME (if we had to lose at least it was to another RNZE unit.) However, be warned - 1977, we start reeling in the long chain we have attached to the trophy.

Postings/Promotions etc

Since the last news letter the following postings have taken place:

- | | | | | |
|----|--------------------|------|-----------------|----------------------|
| a. | <u>In.</u> | Spr | Broome | } Ex RF Cadet School |
| | | | Bryce | |
| | | | Haaima | |
| | | | McDonnell | |
| | | | Marsh | |
| | | | Page | |
| b. | <u>Out.</u> | Sgt | Tom Matiaha | discharge |
| | | Cpl | Bill Leach | to 1 Fd Sqn |
| | | Lcpl | Bob Oakes | discharge |
| | | Spr | Gray Hodge | " |
| | | Cpl | Colin Oliver | to 3 Fd Sqn |
| | | Lcpl | John Dickson | discharge |
| | | Lcpl | Bob Gould | " |
| | | Lcpl | Tim Raina | " |
| | | Spr | Geoff Gilbert | " |
| | | Spr | Nigel Orr | to 5 Spt Sqn |
| | | Spr | Popham | discharge |
| c. | <u>Promotions.</u> | | | |
| | To Capt | | Stew Dickson | |
| | To Sgt | | Ian Evans | |
| | | | George McIntyre | |
| | To Cpl | | Don Trask | |
| | To Lcpl | | Mike Earley | |
| | | | Don Kench | |
| | | | Tim Raina | |

Further Congratulations

During Annual Camp this year, Ssgt John Coughlan (TF) qualified for his Efficiency Medal, completion 12 years unbroken efficient service. Whilst many may look sideways at such decorations, the unit recognises that this award is difficult to achieve considering the extra effort that the TF often have to put in to work in their training commitments. The presentation of Ssgt Coughlan's medal (along with the Bar to the EM for WOII Terry Hamilton and the EM to WOII Bill Dyas - both HQ LSG) was made on a formal parade held at Linton on 18 Feb 76. The presentation was made by Maj Gen J.A. Foster the Engineer in Chief UK Army.

CHAPTER FIVE3 FIELD SQUADRONAnnual Camp Tekapo 76

One man's view of Annual Camp as seen through the lens of his Paranoid X camera - (this latest camera has the ability to record the spoken word and the thoughts of those unfortunate enough to be within camera range).

THE TACTICAL MOVE INTO HARBOUR TEKAPO ANNUAL CAMP

3 Rd Sqn was committed to move into its unit location tactically, however, because of the foul weather encountered by the Squadron on its arrival, there was some doubt as to its success. The best tactical move at the time was undoubtedly to get under cover ASAP. A real case of every man for himself.

THE NAVEX EXERCISE

This exercise at junior NCO level was based on the sport of orienteering. The object of which was to visit 26 control points over a vast area within a given time frame. The exercise was spread over 14 hrs, 10 of which were at night thereby providing an excellent test of leadership and map reading ability etc. The 8 sections taking part all gave a good account of themselves with 1 Sect, 1 Tp coming out the overall winners.

Opposite - the Sect Leaders briefing



THE MOBILITY EXERCISE

The Mobility Exercise was similar to the Navex exercise, however, the exception being competing teams were at troop level, with fewer check points and more importantly - the whole exercise was from vehicles.

Although even to this day no clear result has been posted, the exercise was not without its lighter side, especially in the case of one Sgt 'Oop' Inwood who seems to have conveniently forgotten that lights were a no no.



3 SEARCHLIGHT TP- YOU
HAVEN'T SEEN 'OOP' HAVE YOU?



2 WRECKER TP

In the case of 2 Troop under WOII Gill Laing (the head instructor Dunedin Ladies Driving School), it can only be presumed that they thought the exercise was a survival test for vehicles.

Actually Gill Laing isn't an instructor at a driving school, he's boss of some wrecking firm down south somewhere.

THE APC TURNING PAD BALMORAL CAMP

Originally this task, which involved the laying of approx 100 cu yds of concrete was given to 3 Tp who had an abundance of tradesmen, but because of various factors, 1 Tp was landed with it.

At one count the line up of occupations on the task was something like this:

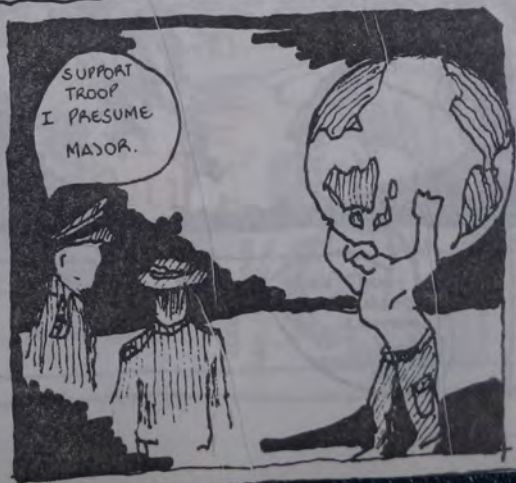
- 1 engineer
- 1 cabinetmaker
- 1 chemist
- 1 freezing worker
- 1 shearer,
- and other undefinables.

Accordingly, it is to their credit that the task was finally completed - not however, without difficulties with the concrete mixer belts and other factors as caught by our roving camera man.



V.I.P. VISITS

This snap speaks for itself



MINELAYING

One of the provinces of a field squadron is the laying and up-lifting of minefields of various types.

3 Fd Sqn was lucky or unlucky enough depending on your viewpoint, of being tasked to lay a number of fields basically of the barrier type, which in this case turned out to be a bloody lot of mines.

The camera caught these two gentlemen discussing where to lay one of the fields.

THE BANGALORE TORPEDO INCIDENT

The limit of the Squadron's active participation in the 'war' between the two Inf battalions at Tekapo was the spear heading of an attack in which the defenders wire obstacle was to be breached allowing the attackers to advance without pause.

The wire was successfully breached by Bangalore torpedo, with the Infantry following close behind to make the exercise as realistic as possible, however, as the snap opposite shows - even the best laid plans of mice and.....

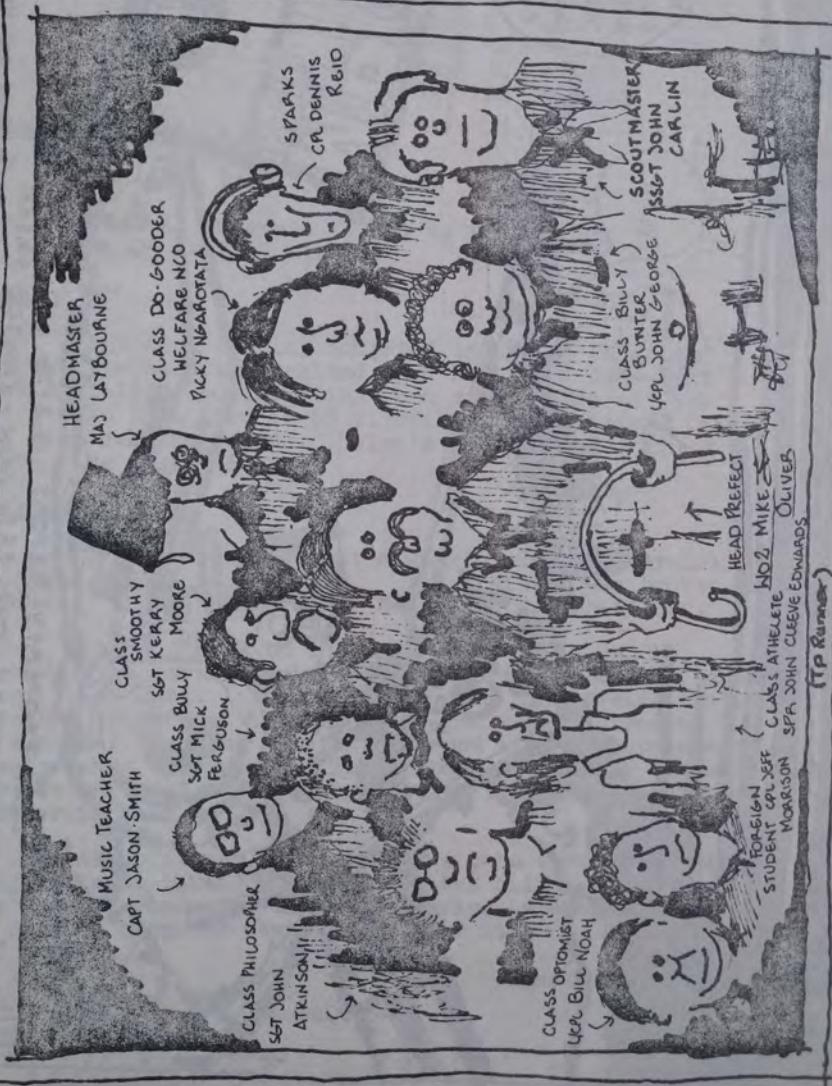


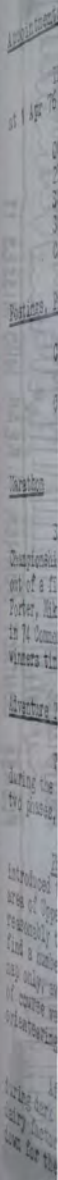
DON'T KNOW
PROBABLY THOSE
ENGINEERS.
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CLASS PHOTOGRAPH 76





POST PROPERTY REPORT 13-2-76

DESCRIPTION ONE 25 lb GUN - PAINTED GREEN

LAST SEEN OUTSIDE MESS TENT 3:15 PM ON 11/11/54. BY 3:15 PM REAGT FOR RAFT EVACUATION CAN I CAN SAME.

IDENTIFIABLE

PLEASE CONTACT GUNNER. M. REAR WHO MISSES IT.

CHAPTER SIX6 FIELD SQUADRONAppointments

The following are the current appointments as at 1 Apr 76.

| | |
|------|-------------------|
| OC | Maj PJ Skogstad |
| 2IC | Capt A Anderson |
| SSM | WOII HJ Gallagher |
| SQMS | Ssgt RJ Wright |
| Celk | Sgt AM Barclay |

Postings, Promotions

Cpl Alan Barclay promoted to T/Sgt.

Capt A. Anderson posted to OC 2 Fd Sqn
wef 19 Apr 76.

Marathon

Sgt Alan Barclay competed in the NZ Marathon Championships held in Auckland on 6 Mar 76. Came 21st out of a field of 60 including such great names as Jack Porter, Mike Ryan (3rd in 68 Olympics) Terry Manners (4th in 74 Commonwealth Games). Alan's time 2 hrs 44 mins, winners time 2 hrs 16 mins.

Adventure Training

The unit carried out a week's adventure training during the period 8-14 Mar 76. The training was broken into two phases, phase one 8-12 Mar and phase two 13-14 Mar.

Phase One. On the 8 Mar Capt Smith RNZEME, introduced the participants to Orienteering in the Te Marua area of Upper Hutt. This took the form of two circuits in reasonably thick bush in which each per was required to find a number of check points. Issued with a compass and map only, away they went. The compasses and maps issued of course were not the normal military types but special orienteering ones.

After dinner that night the pers were uplifted during dark and taken by truck over the hill to a disused dairy factory somewhere in the Wairarapa, where they bedded down for the night or what was left of it.

/Came 0600

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Adolescence: too old to cry, too young to swear?

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Came 0600 hrs the next morning and after being split into three teams of six the pers were sent on another circuit, this time to find 11 markers each with different code markings on them. This circuit spanned a distance of 5 km. On reaching the last marker the teams found three 380 zodiac boats and proceeded to row/paddle their way down the Ruamahanga River against a very strong head wind. Distance 7 km. On arriving at their destination they made camp.



At 2015 hrs that night, a night orienteering circuit, this time to locate eight lights pre-laid at various points. Distance 4 km. Last team to reach last check point arrived at 0245 hrs 10 Mar. To bed, only to be given their next task at 0500 hrs the same morning.

10 Mar 76 saw the teams push, pull, row, paddle, carry the zodiac boats and their gear over three km of ponds, swamp, slush, bush and the odd metre of dirt road, to finally reach Lake Wairarapa where they were informed that their next meal was situated on the other side. The race was on. Improvised sails of half tents were quickly seen to be made, and away they went. On the western side of the lake were rations and a place to make camp.

11 Mar 76 and the teams were given some instruction and proceeded to practise small boat handling and the use of ferries (captive, free-ranging and swinging) on the Ruamahanga River till lunch time. After lunch another small circuit to finish phase one off.

Phase Two. After being briefed and kitted out the teams, now increased to nine members each, were taken to the Naval Launch MANGA at Wellington wharf where they boarded and proceeded to motor out through the heads (they thought they were going to the south island). On reaching the coast near Cape Palliser the intention was to ferry the teams to the shore with the aid of the zodiac boats. Unfortunately, the sea had turned too rough so back to Wellington where they were taken by truck over the hill and down towards the coast.



Their task at this stage was to orienteer from the drop off point over some hills, across a lake, over some more hills to a point where their rations had been pre-positioned. After reaching their rations they then proceeded down onto the shoreline where they were uplifted and taken to their last circuit before returning to Pattie Street for a well earned rest and ale.

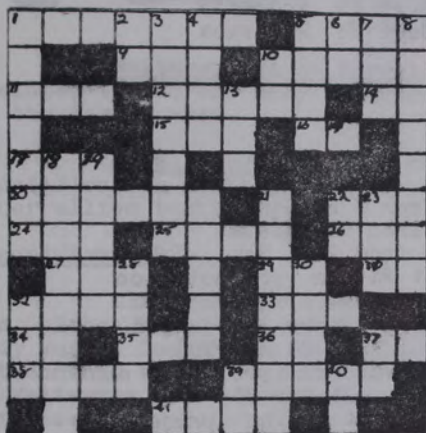
Total Area cleared for use 8864 hectares (22160 acres)

Total distance covered by boat and foot 125 km (78 miles)

Crossword Solution (Liaison Letter No 5)

Across: 1. Six, 3. Squadron, 7. Ta, 8. Pit, 10. at, 11. is, 12. saturn, 15. rain, 17 & 35 the, 18. oer, 20. IA, 23. puns, 23. best, 24. ET, 25. PE, 26 & 29 or, 27. unit, 31. sin, 32. on, 33. in, 35. cc, 36. tilt, 39. corps.

Down: 1. stars, 2. IATA, 3. st, 4. ante, 5. RAR, 6. no, 8. pines, 9. is, 12. stir, 13. aha, 14. none, 16. IOE, 19. RTO, 21. Plinth, 22. stench, 23. BER, 25. potty, 27. use, 28. ni, 30. Int, 32. OC, 33. ill, 34. too, 37. TS, 39. ER.

CROSSWORDAcross

1. Constant
5. Loud sound
9. Obtain
10. Military strength
11. Amusement
12. Warning
14. Travel Allowance
15. Voice Operated Transmit
16. Printers measure
17. Japanese currency
20. Of horses
22. Animal doctor
24. No good
25. Not here
26. Cereal
27. Length of life
29. Frequency modulated
31. East Riding
32. Ask
33. Age
34. Greek letter


Down

1. Dis-allowed
2. Indian expression
3. Moving
4. Air Transport Liaison Officer
5. Abode
6. Not an officer
7. October
8. Bill Hoffa was one
10. French (abbr)
13. Cutting instrument
18. Sameness
19. Knock
21. Arbitrator
22. Volunteer Reserve
23. Seeing aid
28. Obtain
32. Further postscript
37. Adverb
39. Extra
39. Chewing gum
40. Kilometre
35. Move fast
36. Rolls Royce
37. Morning
38. Bewilder
39. Looks
41. Remove

CHAPTER SEVEN5 SUPPORT SQUADRONAppointments

The following are the current appointments as at 26 Mar 76.

| | |
|-------------|------------------|
| OC | Maj HMJ Shorter |
| AO | Capt TW Dench |
| SSM | WOI CE Corney |
| Res Tp Comd | WOII WR Denby |
| Tpt WO | WOIII GD Grieve |
| Cclk | Sgt MG Morrison |
| SQMS | Ssgt GB McDonald |
| MPF | Ssgt JH Hendrick |

Postings, Promotions, Dischargesa. In.


Cpl Colin Moors from 1 Fd Sqn
 Spr Lindsay Clarke from RF Cadets
 Spr Colin Nordstrom from 2 Fd Sqn
 Cpl John Heke from 1 Fd Sqn (projected on 14 Apr 76)
 Sgt Ken McEwen from Singapore (projected on 29 May 76)
 Ssgt Alan Brown from Waiouru (projected on 21 Apr 76)
 Cpl "Willy" Wilson from 1 Fd Sqn (projected on 14 Apr 76)

b. Out.

Sgt Archie Hallam to SME
 Ssgt Robin McAllister to 3 Fd Sqn (projected on 21 Apr 76)
 Lcpl Lindsay Ward (attached) to 1 Fd Sqn (projected on 14 Apr 76)
 Cpl John Cubitt to Base Services, Singapore wef 22 Apr 76
 Cpl Kevin Smith to ATG (projected for 14 Apr 76)
 Sgt Mike Morrison to HQ MWT AA (projected for 24 May 76)

c. Discharges.

Capt DJ (Bing) Powley on 28 Feb 76
 Spr Kerry Angus on 5 Mar 76
 Spr Fluff Wright on 26 Apr 76.

/Current Tasks

Current Tasks

Argo Rd. Work grinds on at Argo under the capable direction of 1 Rd Sqn who have set up a really functional base camp below Quarry 1. 5 Spt Sqn has been working on the normal 10 day TOD with Pl Tps alternating on site, ably backed up by Resources and Tpt. Progress from Three Kings back to the Westlawn Hut has been very good, and outside interference, except from Ex TRIAD, has been minimal. It appears that work during this current season will be well up to schedule.



Waituna West. While Argo is progressing, work has also gone on at Waituna West to improve roads at the 6 Rd Sqn Annual Camp site where slips had occurred.

Waiterere State Forest. The unit has also assisted the Forest Service by constructing more firebreaks in the forest area.

Local Works. Plant has been used for local beautification works, construction of a golf green and other allied tasks.

Annual Camp 1976

This year the unit had a very successful Annual Camp although we were split up into three areas. The main body was at Tangimoana at the LSG Camp, and from there detachments worked at Waituna West on road construction, at Waiterere constructing fire breaks, and at Ohakea where inter-service cooperation resulted in a rifle range being constructed.

At Tangimoana the unit was fully involved in all Annual Camp activities, and great accent was placed on physical fitness and PE Tests, although not everyone appreciated PT at 0600 daily.

The Visitors' Day was very popular, and many mums and children were pleased to see how the Dads existed in the field.

While all this was going on at Tangimoana, a detachment was based at Helwon under the command of Capt Powley, and worked on the M113 Pond and Argo. It was an honour for the unit when Capt Powley was awarded a red rosette for his fortitude after undergoing an operation during the Annual Camp.

/Farewells

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Ten good soldiers, wisely led,
Will beat a hundred without a head.

D'Arcy Thompson

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Farewells

On 28 Feb 76, Capt Bing Powley decided to try civvy life after 21 years' valuable service to the Army. He had progressed through the ranks from Spr and had always given of his best in every appointment he had held, and will be sorely missed by the unit. Capt Powley was farewelled by the unit on Wed 25 Feb 76 at a suitable function, and presented with a silver tray. In making the presentation, Maj Shorter congratulated Capt Powley on the manner in which he had performed his duties and wished him and his family well for the future. Bing is not entirely lost to the squadron, however, because he has enlisted in the TF as Recon Officer.

Sgt Archie Hallam has also left for SME after valuable service with the unit and will be missed sorely especially by the training team of which he was a valuable member.

With Ssgts Robin McAllister, and Sgt Mike Morrison also on the short list to move, the unit is losing many valuable and experienced members.

Matches and Hatches

Congratulations are extended to Pte Val Dixon, our Tech Clerk and Spr Bruce Jackson on their recent engagement. "Jacko" has been working furiously at Argo, but it was noticeable that Val went up for a day trip, presumably to keep an eye on him.

Congratulations are also extended to Spr Brian Hutton and his wife Lynnette on the birth of their daughter Natasha Maria. Also to Lcpl George Pycraft and his wife Beverley on the birth of their daughter Kristen Elizabeth.

Sports

Our gallant rowers are still working hard for the Aramohe Club at Wanganui and have competed in many regattas over the summer period. There is no doubt about their enthusiasm, but something always seems to affect their performance so that they have not reached their undoubted potential.

Sprs Brian Hutton and Colin Nordstrom have been selected in the Central Region Water Polo Team, and we expect them to do well.

The unit is well represented on the committee of the Linton Camp Golf Club, and it is noticeable that a lot of clean-up work has been in progress recently to improve the course and its surroundings.

/Future Buildings

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Everyone is a genius at least once a year.

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Future Buildings

Support Branch has evidently noticed that some of the unit's 1942 vintage buildings are inadequate and has asked for a works brief for new accommodation to be prepared. The first building down for replacement appears to be the unit HQ, but it is not certain at this stage how long the old building will have to stay.

Rumour

Rumour has it that the OC, Major Tony Shorter is toying with the idea of sampling civvy street.

TOKOMARU ABOUT TO ELECT CONFEDERATE MAYOR

A report from the small Manawatu town of Tokomaru indicates that a new confederate mayor will be elected at the next municipal elections. The new mayor, who originally hails from the South Island, desires that local residents should wear grey uniforms, and that the Confederate Flag should be flown proudly from the town's only shop.

The Mayor-elect, a chubby, friendly person, has been residing at Linton Camp for some years, but has been pining for his native soil across Cook Strait. He brings a wealth of experience to his adopted district, being expert in Field Engineering, SSM's duties, transportation fiddles, and bar managership. He is well known at TAB Agencies throughout the country, and as a veteran of both the Korean and Vietnamese conflicts, well qualified to advise on country living.

It is rumoured that the potential mayor will move to Tokomaru in the near future, and that he will not approve of any Gerry-built homes. His motto is said to be "Grieve not - for I am here".

Grateful Tokomaru is to purchase a new mayoral car which will be a Studebaker of about 1942 vintage.

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Argo Tale:

After heavy rain recently, I came across Tom at the roadside with just his head appearing above the mud. "Hang on Tom" I said, "I'll give you a hand out." And Tom replied "It's alright mate, I'm OK, I've got a darned good strong horse under me!"

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CHAPTER EIGHT

SCHOOL OF MILITARY ENGINEERING

Appointments

The following are the current appointments as at 1 Apr 76.

| | |
|----------------|------------------|
| OC | Maj CR Parker |
| AO | Capt JA Tymkin |
| SSM | WOI GWG Williams |
| Trg Offr | Capt RB Simmons |
| Trg WO A | WOII MT Robinson |
| Trg WO G | WOII WH Lamb |
| Trg Plant Ssgt | Sgt MS Grace |
| Colk | Ssgt MJ Dette |
| SQMS | WOI BD Hook |

Postings/Promotions etc

In.

Lcpl Corlett
Sgt Hallam
WOI Nepia

Ex 5Spt Sqn
Ex 5 Spt Sqn
Ex LSG

Out.

WOII Chamberlain
Cpl Cubitt
WOI Williams

to LSG
to Base Services Unit
Singapore
to HQ MWT AA

Promotions.

| | |
|----------------|------------------------|
| John Cubitt | to Sgt wef emplanement |
| Willy Williams | to Lt wef 3 May 76 |
| Marty Martin | to Cpl wef 20 Feb 76 |
| Grouch Toia | to Cpl wef 28 Jan 76 |
| Brian Hook | to WOI wef 25 Jan 76 |
| Roger Simmons | to Capt wef 13 Dec 75 |

Discharge.

Cpl McGill to civvy st 19 May 76

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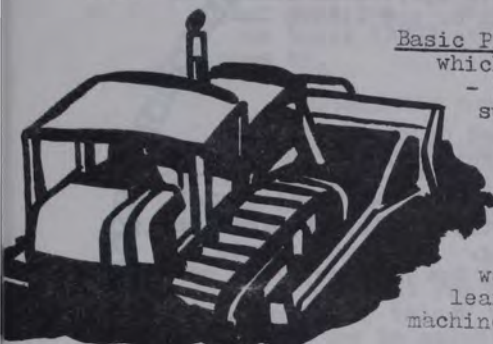
An 80 year old retired Sapper Major who went farming, married a beautiful 20 year old girl but he couldn't keep his hands off her. So he sacked his hands and bought a combine harvester instead.

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Courses

Recent course news includes:

TF 12th Intake. The usual good bunch of NZ youth that arrives with the first intake of the year. The Best Sapper award was presented to Spr MR Connolly of 6 Fd Sqn by the Reviewing Officer Lt Col R McL Dickie, OBE.



Basic Plant. During this course which was conducted during 13 Jan - 3 Feb 76, the nine RF students supervised by Sgt Grace and Cpl McGill worked around the clock for seven days to complete an open air amphitheatre complete with access road, also a nine hole miniature golf course for Lake Alice Hospital. This was no mean task for sappers learning new skills on plant machines, wheelbarrows and rakes.

Plant, Roads and Airfields. After seven hectic hot February days of pushing calculator keys, manipulating slide rules and turning squint eyed over logarithm tables, 11 brainwashed students settled down to the more serious work of surveying and soils mechanic skills. Word has it that some students went around the bend after miscalculating a road curve design, lets hope the same persons don't go completely round the twist when computing drainage problems during the plant management phase in April.

Basic Field No 3. A hard working crew of 16 young sappers and three keen crunchies make up this outstanding course who, with the help of six chainsaws, felled, trimmed, cleaned and milled 32 lance limbed trees each averaging one metre in diameter, in 10 working hours. The course participation in the Linton Camp athletics meeting lead SME to a decisive win.

The award of the Best Sapper was made by the Col Comd Col A.R. Currie DSO, OBE, to Spr W Nathan of 1 Fd Sqn.

TF 13th Intake. Not so many in this intake but all are striving hard to reach the ultimate aim of being good sappers. They, like the No 3 Basic Field course, participated well in the camp athletics meeting, Spr Gleeson of 2 Fd Sqn ran an excellent 800m, winning easily over all other contenders.

The cup for the Best Sapper was presented to Spr G.F. White of 6 Fd Sqn by Col Comd Col A.R. Currie DSO, OBE.

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Who is the odd person?

A Welshman, an Englishman, a Scotsman, Carmen

RFMF. Recently learnt all there is to know on light suspension bridges and additionally all of them obtained NZ Heavy Trade vehicle driving licences. Nine RFMF also obtained plant licences. The 22 soldiers obtained a total of 80 licences. Certificates of competence to all were presented on parade by the Chief Engineer Lt Col R.K. Rutherford and Spr Qalivutu was presented with the Sgt Tom Pomare Memorial Cup for the most improved rugby player of the season. Due to leave SME on 10 Apr, their final trade training will include the finishing of the Linton Camp Community Centre.

Demonstrations/Visits

A three engr unit combined demonstration for the Engineer in Chief of the British Army, Maj Gen J.A. Foster, was held on 18 Feb 76. A good demonstration with perhaps the most notable event being the Basic Field No 3 building the AFB in good time exactly 33 minutes after their arrival at SME to commence training. A formal parade followed the demonstration and 2 Fd Sqn have reported on medals presented.

Officer Cadet Visit

March the 8th saw ten female and four male RF officer cadets trying their hand at various engineer skills during practical demonstrations conducted at SME. The female contingent proved that International Women's Year has placed the male chauvinist more into his place when the future "mam" WRACS captained and manned the LTR on a faultless trip around the lagoon.

Course Statistics Trg Yr 75/76

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| Total cses | = | 24 |
| Total students | = | 476 |
| Offrs | = | 11 |
| Snrs | = | 60 |
| JRs | = | 179 |
| TF | = | 167 |
| Plant | = | 59 |
| | | <u>476</u> |



Linton Camp Inter Unit Athletics

This annual competition, the trophy for which was presented by the Manawatu Officers Club in 1964, was won by SME on 24 Mar 76 for the first time. It took six firsts, two seconds and four third placings to beat off the stern challenge from 2 Fd Sqn who have won the trophy six of the eight occasions the competition has been held.

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How does the busy G
Employ its working day?
By getting all the files from Q
And passing them to A.

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THIS IS A TEWT

At long last we have sufficient quantity for you to have one of your own. Guard it with your life as these TEWTS are very rare and hard to come by.

Especially round ones.

This is an indispensable item. It will help you to become a much more efficient worker.... for years people have been saying "I'll do that as soon as I get around TEWT".

Now that you have a round TEWT of your very own, many things that have been needing to get done will now be accomplished.

RFMF Return 1976

We were passed hot news from one of our headquarters on a Friday that our RFMF boys would most likely be remaining in NZ for three weeks longer than planned. We had two 'phone calls in fact. This was followed a few days later with similar news but still nothing firm. What we didn't say was that Mrs Tom Shute, by telephone from Fiji, had told her husband on the preceding Thursday that his new flight day would be ... Apr 76. The day which now appears to be firming up as the real McCoy!!

"The time has come", the Order said,
To speak of other things,
Of planes and kits and going home,
Of working for our King.
And when does work production start
And whether time has wings."

SAPPER CENSUS
PERSONAL QUESTIONNAIRE

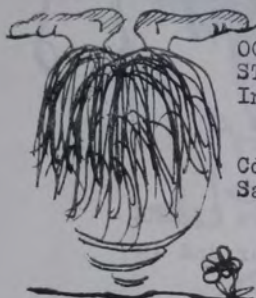
1. Name _____ Address (if any) _____
2. Sex (Not what your pals call you) _____
Tickle letterbox which applies Mail ☐ Femail ☐
3. Are you single, double, separated, churned,
divorced, widowed, experienced? _____
4. When were you born? _____ Why? _____
5. No of children who are 15 yrs 11 months 29 days _____
6. What occupation do you follow? _____
Have you caught up with it yet? _____
7. Length of residence in NZ _____ yds _____ ft _____ ins.
8. Can you order men about? _____ Can you order a drink? _____
9. Rank held _____ Taxi rank _____ Any odour rank? _____
10. What rank would you prefer? Sgt, WO, Capt, Maj, Col.
(Cross out what not required)
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12. Income: from (a) Pakapoo (f) Shares
(b) Housie (g) Beer bottles
(c) Crown & Anchor (h) Dead Certs
(d) Darts (i) Girl friends
(e) Raffles (j) Home Brew
13. Have you a (a) TV Set (d) Lawn mower
(b) Mother-in-law (e) Froth blower
(c) Fore father (f) Brass Hat
14. Are you a (a) Sik-oda-boos (c) Punchee
(b) Psst off (d) Na ked

Notes:

1. All questions must be answered in full by "Yes" "No" and "Nil".
2. Much of the information in the completed questionnaire is private. No guarantees can be given that the individual will not be identified, the information made available to any person, and a well known weekly newspaper given first option.
3. A cheque to suppress information will be accepted under normal Sapper Census procedures. This is known as Sappertage!

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Administration is the art of marrying the human factor and the practical factor so that both initiative and system can develop naturally.

CHAPTER NINEB COY RF CADET SCHOOL
APPRENTICE WINGAppointments

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Instructors

Cdt School Storeman
Sappers Attached

Capt JK Williams
Ssgt Archer (Terry)
Sgt Milliken (Don)
Sgt Stowell (Les)
Sgt Staines (Pinky)
Cpl White (John)
Spr Nicol (Radar)
Spr Harewa (Henry)
Spr Lightbourne (40 watt)
Spr Broome (Bas)
Spr Bryce (Bikey)

At the moment Apprentice Wing has 21 engineer apprentices of which 13 are second year apprentices in carpentry, seven first year apprentices and one plumber apprentice.

We expect a swathe of postings shortly with Sgt Staines going to 2 Fd Sqn and Sgt Milliken to 3 Fd Sqn. Sgt Mike Lacey and Lcpl Ross Maher are expected in during the next few months to take over as carpentry instructors. This will enable us to operate at a ratio of one instructor to seven apprentices which is near our ideal ratio of one for six apprentices.

Work on the houses is progressing slowly but surely however, the houses that we completed last year are still unoccupied as they are not decorated or connected up to power or sewage (which minor point was not fully appreciated at the time they were built).

We will lose our only plumbing apprentice when Sgt Staines moves to 2 Fd Sqn so after some years of training electricians plumbers and carpenters, we will only have carpenters at Apprentice Wing. However, due to the change in apprenticeships, we now have more apprentices than ever as they must be with us now for two years before they return to a squadron.

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In an organisation of which one member is the subordinate of another, the superior (if he is a gentleman) will never think of it, and the subordinate (if he is a gentleman) will never forget it.

J.B. Lawrence

CHAPTER TENFIRE BRIGADESPART ONEPAPAKURA FIRE BRIGADE

Below are some items from this brigade.

Appointments

The following are the appointments as at 29 Feb 76.

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| Fire Prevention Adviser | WOII BW | Natta |
| Senior Volunteer Fireman | Cpl C | Shore RNZEME |

The brigade consists of one Fire Prevention adviser and 19 volunteers, when there are no camps or exercises.

Fire Calls

With the assistance from the boys down town, the brigade attended 27 fire calls in 1975.

Volunteer Firemen

Again most volunteers here have given up their weekends to attend courses at the Auckland Met Fire School and have gained a lot from them.

Brigade Activities

The brigade conducted an excellent exercise with back up from Papakura, Manurewa and Beachlands volunteers when it burnt down a condemned Army house in Shepherds Road. Most volunteers who attended, wondered why the Divisional Officer disliked them, as he kept kicking them back in as they were trying to get out.

The brigade has also attended two large exercises conducted by Auck Met Brigade, and had the chance to use modern gear.

Equipment

At the 29 Feb 76, the brigade has the following equipment:

- 1 only $\frac{1}{2}$ ton Landrover (any resemblance to a Firemaster's rover is purely coincidental)
- 1 only 1942 V8 Fire Appliance (Clapped out)
- 1 only 1940 V8 trailer pump (as above)
- 16 Lancer jackets (worn out)
- 14 pairs Jackboots (as above)
- 18 Chieftain helmets (in good condition - bought by the brigade)
- Plus a limited quantity of hose and other fire fighting equipment.

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Question: Did the person who designed the Army fireman's badge also design the Fire Service Commission's rubber duckie as both look revolting?

Wanted on Loan

This brigade requires the loan of one only small fire (must not cause more than \$10.00 damage.) This is required to prove officers wrong who say that "This camp has not had a fire for the past five years, therefore the equipment issued in 1942 is still good and you cannot have new equipment."

Thought for the Month

How to protect a \$5,000,000 investment with a \$5.00 appliance.

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"They brought the elephant of Asia to convey the artillery of Europe to dethrone one of the Kings of Africa, and to hoist the standard of St George upon the mountains of Basselas."

Benjamin Disraeli 1868. Moving vote of thanks to Sir Robert Napier's Army after the Abyssinian campaign.

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Cloud that a
chubby angel
sat on



PART TWO
LINTON CAMP FIRE BRIGADE

OBITUARY

SGT K.A. GRAY

It is with deep regret we record the tragic death of Sgt Ken Gray, Deputy Firemaster, on the night of 17 March 1976 at a fire at Linton Camp.

Ken was well known throughout the Army not only as a fireman but as a keen golfer, especially as Secretary of the Linton Camp Golf Club.

Ken and his family emigrated to NZ from the UK in 1961, where he was a member of the London Metropolitan Fire Brigade. He joined the NZ Army and was based at Trentham for two years before moving to Linton in 1963 where he has been ever since.

Ken will be missed by all the men in the NZ Army Fire Service. He was a good, steady influence on the lads and had a good grasp of military law as well as fire fighting.

He is survived by his wife and four children and our deepest sympathy goes to them.

Sgt Gray was buried with full military honours on Monday 22 March 1976.

Seeking no reward -
Serving only his conscience
and his God.

Appointments

The \$64,000 question currently
being reviewed.

As I am posted to Burnham later in the month I would like to reflect on my 3½ years at Linton. I can't honestly say its been a bed of roses (except in the prickly sense) but I do feel I have achieved a few things for this camp.

My thanks must go to all who did help achieve the things I did, and especially my lads both Regular and Volunteer, for being enthusiastic in their performance. I hope they will continue with the good work and give the new Firemaster and Deputy a fair go.

The challenges and achievements have really only been marred by our recent sad loss.

Also my thanks to the Liaison Letter for the tolerance of allowing me to air my views and grievances, and I will try to keep it up from the Deep South.

Don Pullen.

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WHAT IS A FIREMAN?

He's the guy next door.

He's a man's man with the sharp memory of a little boy who never got over the excitement of engines and sirens and danger.

He's a guy like you and me with warts and worries and unfilled dreams.

Yet he stands taller than most of us

He's a fireman.

He puts it all on the line when the bell rings

A fireman is at once the most fortunate and the least fortunate of men

He's a man who savours life because he has seen too much death. He's a gentle man because he has seen too much of the awesome power of violent forces out of control. He's a man responsive to a child's laughter because his arms have held too many small bodies that will never laugh again.

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He's a man who appreciates the simple pleasures of life...hot coffee held in numbed unbending fingers... the flush of fresh air pumping through smoke and fire convulsed lungs... a warm bed for bone and muscle compelled beyond feeling... the comraderie of brave men... the devine peace of selfless service and a job well done in the name of all men.

He doesn't wear buttons or wave flags or shout obscenities and when he marches it is to honour a fallen comrade.

He doesn't preach the brotherhood of man

He lives it.

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THE VOLUNTEER FIREMAN

Extract from Piedmont Herald

Volunteer firemen are a breed unto themselves.

Whoever heard of a man who is willing to be on twenty-four hour duty without pay for the dubious privilege of protecting his neighbour's property?

Whoever heard of a man who will dash from his desk and ride a fire appliance to the scene of the alarm ruining his suit, neglecting his business, risking his life and exhausting himself physically, not for money but because he believes in serving his community?

Whoever heard of a man who will give up his favourite TV show, postpone some reading of some "do-it-yourself" house chores he's been planning (plus sacrificing his evenings with his wife and children) just to attend a meeting where he learns how to function as a volunteer servant on behalf of his fellowmen?

Whoever heard (in this day and age) of a man who is crazy enough to be worrying about the other fellow?

Well, if you don't know the answers to these questions, look around our fire stations.

You'll see people who aren't out protesting and demonstrating and complaining because they're too busy living up to the image of a good New Zealander.

You'll see people whose forefathers were made of the same stuff and that's why we have inherited this wonderful land.

You'll see people just like yourself who care what happens to their neighbours and their community and their country.

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CHAPTER ELEVENCORPS MATTERSPhotographic Reproduction

The photographic plates necessary for the reproduction of photographs in the Liaison Letter, cost money. So far SME UPF has paid \$5.10 and 6 Fd Sqn have chalked up a bill for \$7.50.

Units are invited to forward black and white gloss or matt finish photographs to fit an A4 page. Costs accrued by Swift Copy Ltd Palmerston North for the processing of the photographic plates are to be a charge against the unit wishing this little extra touch of class to their contribution. This policy must continue until a suitable source of revenue is unearthed.

Museum News

Mr Eddie Farnell, Auckland Sappers Assn and Registered Surveyor, surveyed the new Corps Memorial Museum/library site on Mon 29 Apr 76. Just so happened that he was able to have lunch in the officers mess with our Col Comd Col A.R. Currie, who visited Linton Camp the same day, as Reviewing Officer for an SME parade.

Forsyth's Cartoons

We are indebted to Sgt VMJ Hubner who has forwarded some cartoons drawn during the 1950s by a Mr Forsyth of 3 Fd Sqn. The cartoons represent a true incident during training of that era. We intended to publish one per liaison letter, as is Sgt Hubner in his own newsletter titled the "2 Troop Times". The cartoon is included at the end of this chapter.

Personality Parade

(From "Convoice" the magazine of HMT 24V, a troopship of WW II-"New Amsterdam")

Major A.R. Currie, NZSC: A staff corps man - that says a lot. Ship's Adjutant - that says a lot more. His road in supervising the administration of the ship is a road fraught with hills and precipices. Is it any wonder therefore, that the radiator becomes a little heated at times? The man who arranges swimming parades and the like. For the engineers sake it must not be overlooked that our Adjutant is an engineer. Besides wielding the pen he is also at home in a "folding boat" or fixing up a "box girder" with a few "knots and lashings".

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A political war is one in which everyone shoots
from the lip

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Corps Rugby

The reality of a Corps rugby team is getting closer. The Chief Engineer has appointed Maj Jameson and WO1 Nepia as the basis of the selection panel for the 1976 rugby season. Both 1 Fd Sqn and 2 Fd Sqn are prepared to lend their corps coloured rugby gear for a game (or games) against other corps. Possible opposition is being sought with the strong possibility of the game(s) being played at Linton Camp between 5 and 10 Sep 76. All RNZE rugby players are to be considered. Selectors, or those they co-opt to assist, may well be watching you this season. Progress will doubtless be reported as will the results of any games.

Your DiaryMay

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| 1 | 1759 | Capture of Guadaloupe |
| 1 | 1942 | Fall of Mandalay |
| 2 | 1945 | Surrender of German forces in Italy |
| 3 | 1945 | Capture of Rangoon |
| 8 | 1945 | VE Day |
| 9 | 1943 | Battle of Hamman Lif |
| 11 | 1944 | Fourth Battle of Cassino |
| 12 | 1943 | Axis forces surrender in North Africa |
| 17 | 1900 | Relief of Mafeking |
| | 1941 | Italian surrender at Amba Alagi |
| 20 | 1941 | Battle of Crete |

June

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| 2 | 1953 | Coronation of HM the Queen |
| 6 | 1944 | D-Day Normandy Landings |
| 7 | 1917 | Battle of Messines Ridge |
| 10 | 1921 | Birthday Prince Phillip |
| 11 | 1900 | Battle of Diamond Hill |
| 13 | 1900 | Boxer Rising |
| 14 | 1857 | Storming of Delhi |
| 16 | 1756 | Battle of Calcutta |
| 17 | 1775 | Battle of Bunkers Hill |
| 18 | 1815 | Battle of Waterloo |
| 21 | 1940 | Capture of Damascus |
| 21 | 1942 | Fall of Tobruk |
| 26 | 1942 | Battle of Mersa Matruh |
| 28 | 1778 | Battle of Monmouth |

July

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| 1 | 1916 | Battle of the Somme |
| 8 | 1758 | Battle of Ticonderoga |
| 10 | 1943 | Sicili Landings |
| 16 | 1857 | Battle of Maharajpur |
| 23 | 1704 | Capture of Gibraltar |
| 31 | 1917 | Third Battle of Ypres |

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Soldiers in peace are like chimneys in summer.

William Cecil, Lord Burghley

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SOUTH TO THE WAIKATO

In 1875 an engineer in England received a letter from his son, an engineer in the army in New Zealand.

Lieutenant Peter Mitchell,
No 2 Company
Volunteer Engineer-Militia,
Newcastle,
New Zealand.
15 January 1875

To:

Robert Mitchell, Esq.,
Civil Engineer,
14 Victoria Square,
Westminster,
LONDON.

Dear Father,

In my last letter (which, I believe, left these shores a month ago by the ship "Ben Lomond") I told you about my voyage out from England and my impression of the town of Auckland. I propose now to describe the work on which I am engaged in this Colony. As you will see from my address, I have already obtained a position; indeed I had little difficulty in doing so, as there is some demand here for qualified engineers.

My unit is building a narrow-gauge railway from Mercer (about 40 miles south of Auckland) to the town of Hamilton. We are camped on the banks of the Waikato river at Newcastle, formerly known as Ngaruawahia and once the headquarters of the Maori King.

You may wonder why a military unit should be building railways in times of peace. Let me explain. Although the Waikato War ended twelve years ago, until quite recently the Maoris were very restless and the Government decided to have the work carried out by an armed force. So, the Volunteer Engineer-Militia was formed to help keep law and order and at the same time render useful service by building the railway. The force comprises three companies totalling 200 men, commanded by Major Cooper. Our men are well trained in military drill and each carries an Enfield rifle, which he always keeps close at hand. I should say that we are well prepared for any trouble that might arise!

/We rise in the

We rise in the morning to the blare of the bugle and after breakfast parade for inspection, just like any regular infantry regiment. Then we march from our tented encampment to the scene of the day's operations - sometimes several miles away. Work for the men is much the same as it would be at home in England - eight or nine hours of hard toil, building earthworks with picks, shovels, and wheelbarrows. In addition to our military duties, we officers have to supervise the work of the men, check levels and alignment of the earthworks, and generally see that everything is done to the satisfaction of the Public Works Department's District Engineer. It is a hard life, but not an unpleasant one.

There is little fear now of a renewed war, and already there has been some suggestion that the Volunteer Engineer-Militia may be disbanded in a few months' time. The prospect does not dismay me, for I have been promised an engineering position with the Government.

The 80 mile railway we are helping to build is but the first section of a trunk line which the Government plans to build from Auckland to Wellington. Such a railway will be a tremendous undertaking for a small colony, as the total distance, I believe, is somewhere in the vicinity of 450 miles. However, those who know the country assure me that a trunk line is most necessary if the North Island is to be opened up for colonists.

The line was first intended to assist military operations; the Auckland Provincial Council decided to build a 20 mile line from Auckland to Drury, where the Imperial Army had a large base camp. But the war ended before the first sod was turned at Newmarket, and in 1866, after several miles of rails and a small locomotive had been imported, work stopped. No further progress was made until 1870, when the General Government in Wellington decided to build a network of light railways throughout the Colony to promote immigration and settlement.

You will, of course, remember John Brogden, the London Engineer. Well, Brogden and his sons obtained contracts to construct Government railways in various parts of the Colony, one of the largest being that for the Auckland-Mercer line. Brogden started construction in 1872, taking over the works abandoned by the Provincial Council, and he expects to complete the last section into Mercer before the middle of this year.

So it will not be long before trains will be running regularly to Mercer. Funny little trains they are, too; not at all like those in England. The engines have huge headlamps to light up the track at night, and some are now being fitted with 'cow-catchers' in front, just like those we used to see in pictures of American locomotives. A few are named, and I must confess I felt quite homesick when I first saw engines bearing names such as "Lord of the Isles", "Lady of the Lake" and "Ivanhoe".

/When the railway

When the railway has been opened, passengers and goods from Auckland will be conveyed to Mercer by train, thence as far as Hamilton by paddle-steamers on the river. What a beautiful waterway the Waikato river is! I wish you could see it, Father. As I sit writing this letter, I can look through the doorway of my tent and see the moonlit waters - an inspiring sight! Within about two years, however, it will be little used for transport, as by then trains will be carrying practically all the traffic.

I look forward to the day when the railway will be open from Auckland to Wellington, and trust that I may have the opportunity to take part in its construction through the mountainous country below the Punui river, near Te Awamutu. What an experience it will be to build a railway through that practically unknown territory! At present it is a forbidden land to Europeans, but some of the old frontiersmen who know the Maoris say that another ten years will see the end of all bitterness between the two races. I sincerely hope so, for I have found the Maoris to be most courteous and hospitable people.

Well, father, the hour is late and my candle is spluttering out its last few minutes of useful life, so I must draw my letter to a close. I trust that I have not wearied you with this account of my work. In my next letter I shall tell you more about what little I have seen of this beautiful country and its people.

Hoping this finds you in good health, as it leaves me,

Your affectionate son,
Peter

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CHAPTER TWELVESAPPERS ABROADRFMF ENGINEER REPORT

By: Capt K.J. Woods

Bula,

The final Engineer re-org for some time to come (we hope) has been carried out and the RFMF Engr (empire) organisation stands at HQ Engrs (3 offrs 22 ORs), Camp Maintenance Troop (50), Trade Training School (49) and No 1 Rural Development Squadron (1 offr 200 ORs).

The Camp Maintenance Troop is commanded by WOII Biuvakaloloma, who has some time with NZ Engr Units, and is made up of former RFMF Maintenance Engineers boosted up with sappers recruited for the Rural Development scheme. As employment in the building industry is at present very difficult to find, we are endeavouring to post the graduates from the Trade Training School directly into our Maintenance Troop so at least they have the chance of improving or continuing their trade knowledge. Other identities in the Maintenance Troop whom NZ sappers would probably remember are Sgt Joe Tawake and Cpls Naivaluvou and Rawaqa.

The Trade Training School is commanded by WOII Tuimavana assisted by a staff of nine including Sgt Koli Vatanitawake, Sgt Tikoimua, Sgt Waqanisau and Sgt Dan Cagilaba. There are forty trainees under instruction, ten of which graduate every three months and a new ten recruited. The standard achieved in the twelve months is very high and every trainee receives instruction in carpentry, blocklaying, plastering, painting and a certain amount of plumbing.

The Rural Development Squadron is commanded by WOI Isoa Vakaciwa assisted by WOII "Cookie" Majoritani and well known Ssgt Sam Nagelevuki. No 1 Troop Commander is Sgt "Duke" Duikete, No 2 Ssgt Raikadroka, No 3 Sgt Joe Ramacake and Sgt Raura, No 4 Troop Sgt "Sugar" Nailatimate (surname used to be Sukanaivalu) and Sgt Domoika. Although the ranks of these commanders are lower than is usual in a Squadron organisation, the standard of discipline is extremely high, the work output excellent and morale couldn't be better. This is some achievement in itself considering the field conditions and tented accommodation which comprises their permanent accommodation both on work sites and in the main camp, due to limited standing accommodation.

/Currently

Currently, the RD Sqn has two troops on Makogai Island (the old Pacific Basin Leper Colony) assisting the Agriculture Dept with land clearing in a coconut plantation, erection of fencing, repairs to buildings and seawalls and the repair of a large water reservoir and reticulation scheme.

Another Troop is also assisting the Agriculture Dept at Nadi by construction a 12,000 gallon water tank, a concrete pig breeding structure, a couple of RC Irish crossings, a dam/ford in the river and the erection of a huge cattle race/pen system all of which will form the basis of a cattle/pig breeding and quarantine station.

The remaining Troop is employed in camp on various construction tasks pending deployment onto a Rural Development Task.

The raising of a second RD Squadron has been delayed until such time as the first is deployed permanently and there are enough camp facilities to cope with another two hundred men.

I am assisted in the Engr HQ by Captain Bill Rasari, who will replace me at the end of the tour, Bill Kearney, Dave Futter and "Sinny" Sinclair from RNZE and twenty other RFMF Engr pers.

The twenty-two RFMF Engineers who are just completing their 12 months SME training, will be posted into appointments left vacant for them in all RFMF Engr Units.

The fifteen men who will replace them in NZ are at present attached as a section to this HQ and are completing their O'seas documentation and looking forward to the TOD.

We have just been visited by a group of officers from NZ representing the various formations and Units who will be involved in this year's series of Tropic Dawn/Days. No Engineer rep in the recon party so I can only assume RNZE are keeping all their places for the exercises proper. If so we will have the opportunity of showing you first hand what the first year of an Engineer Grouping has been able to achieve.

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To Young Officers,

When on leave of absence, never come back to your time; as that might cause people to think that you had nowhere to stay, or that your friends were tired of you.

Advice to Officers of the
British Army etc 1782

1 RNZIR SINGAPORE

Those of you who decided the Sapper World in 1 RNZIR was fairly quiet in the latter part of 1975 are correct, however, the first two months of 76 have evened the balance.

EX DAMAYAN

Members of 1 RNZIR and attached RNZE personnel from New Zealand have just returned from a 34 days deployment in the Philippines on Exercise DAMAYAN, alias SEATEX-53. Launched as a SEATO civic action exercise in three areas of LUZON, SEATEX 53 enabled the NZ Team to construct two school buildings at two sites in ALAMINOS, Pangasinan Province.

After a series of conferences and recon in the Philippines in 1975 during which the project officer sorted out the ground rules such as who was paying for the cement, the steel, the beer and other vital project stores, the NZ Team formed early in January 1976. Lead by Maj Mike Farlane 1 RNZIR - Team Leader 14 hand picked criminals from 1 RNZIR including the IO Capt Dick Sampson, got themselves together and as many stores as you can fit into a C130 for the trip ahead. Cpl 'Ossy' Orsborne - RNZEME of 18 Tpt Coy Singapore and Cpl 'Peso Pete' Crawford NZ Pay Unit Singapore made up the rest of the team with Ssgt Tony Hawkins and Cpl Bill Leach of 2 Fd Sqn and Cpl Dan Bagust of 6 Fd Sqn, who arrived just prior to deployment from New Zealand.

The airhead was CLARK AIR BASE which is the closest thing going to the 53rd state and an ideal staging point. After a quick recon of the Airmens Open Club, the team moved out of CLARK on 15 Jan 76 and sped painlessly up the National Highway by Philippine bus to ALAMINOS - the exercise area. The project officer, Capt Sampson, who was supposed to know the ropes, followed up in the rear with the convoy of stores transport and after a series of breakdowns finished the 200km trip much later that night.

The golden rule on these exercises seems to be to get the personal admin sorted out first, so the team got cracking on the Base Camp and soon had the area completed including a very professional looking 'Mess Tent' and a shower unit. It was then that we looked closely at our vehicles on loan from the Philippine Army 51st Engineer Brigade - and they were something else. Anyway, after the EME fitter had recovered from the initial shock, we tied one of his hands onto a spanner and chained his toolbox onto his leg and left him to sort the problems out.

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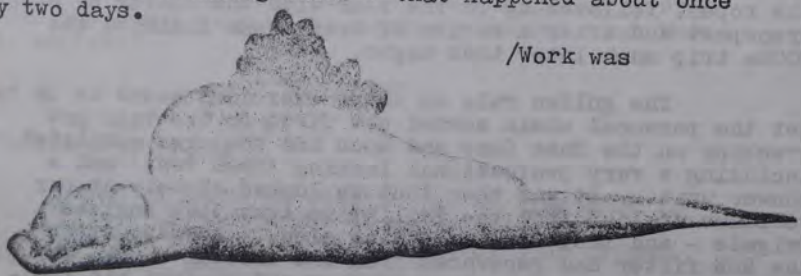
Better to trip with the feet than with the tongue

The exercise officially started on 19 Jan 76, and while the Team Leader was down in Manila drinking down all the cocktails at the Opening Ceremonies, the real work started on the sites. BALANGOBONG school site was flat and fairly straightforward so Cpl Leach decided he had better have that job; whilst Cpl Bagust got his brain into gear on PALAMIS school site which was anything but easy. By the end of the first week Cpl Leach was well ahead on foundations and Cpl Bagust was out of the mud on his job and looking like holding back 4ft of fill which somebody pushed in as a building platform. We learnt later that it is normal in the Philippines to build on unconsolidated fill; however, ground beams and piers of reinforced concrete were the only acceptable answer and that was the way it went. At about this time the Team Leader made his entrance and set his pace by going down to the petrol point for gasoline and bringing back diesel - he was promptly excused since even some RNZE officers have made that mistake, until he gave the "diesel" away to the Philipinos who promptly diagnosed it as kerosene!!

Apart from different foundation construction, both buildings were essentially the same and consisted of MARCOS steel portal frames, GI roofing and reinforced masonry panels with timber partitions and joinery. Materials were always something of a problem and the Construction Supervisor Ssgt Hawkins was kept busy looking for a concrete block that didn't crumble when it was picked up; looking for timber that was straight; looking for steel connections that didn't arrive and a host of things but we never ran out of anything - not quite!!

The nerve centre of these exercises is of course the Base Camp and the team was ably supported by Ssgt 'Nangi' McFarlane Admin NCO 1 RNZIR who ran the best bar with the lowest prices in the business. Other very important people there were Cpl Laurie Turner the team cook and Cpl 'Peso Pete' Crawford the team finance clerk. The only thing that talks in the Philippines is US Dollars and Pesos - hundreds of them, consequently Cpl Crawford was a Key man every time something was purchased - everything from a paint brush to 100 bags of cement. The team medic - Cpl 'Doc' Francis 1 RNZIR, was also kept busy in the camp sterilizing the drinking water - that happened about once every two days.

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Work was pretty solid at 10 hrs a day and after a fortnight the team stopped long enough to go and explore the local scenery. ALAMINOS is in fact, close to a renowned area known as the 100 Islands which lie off-shore 3-4 miles and proved to be a great place to get away from it all - San Miguel helped the team to really enjoy the islands which are something of a haven.

By the end of the third week both sites were ahead of schedule with frames erected, roofing complete and generally looking like the drawings but not like the locally assembled buildings at all. (NZ Building Inspectors would probably turn deathly white if they saw some of the structures in ALAMINOS and would completely expire if they were shown such delicacies as locally made concrete blocks - we tried to bring back but could not 'catch' a whole one.)

Before starting the final stage of closing in, the team took a well-earned two day break and travelled along a very scenic route and up through Benget Province to BATUIO, 5000' ASL. Camp John Hay, previously a R&R centre for US forces in South Vietnam, became home for the night and was found to have everything that is not available in a tented base camp - just everything. The exploration of BAGUIO City complete, the team descended down the mountain in one of those maniacal Philipino buses to the strains of "over we go".



The final stages proved a little slower than expected due mainly to chronically unreliable plant and when the floor concrete was still being placed at 1900 hours one evening, even the project officer was observed to be driving everyone on as he filled up the mixer yet once more (now did I ever tell you

how we placed coral concrete in Tarawa, mate?) However, there is nothing like seeing the end in sight to get everyone cracking - even the Team Leader, although as one visitor put it, he wasn't sure if the Major was supposed to be painting himself or the building.

Both buildings were completed and handed over on time during a pretty elaborate ceremony where as usual, all the wrong people got the plaques of appreciation and the doers got nothing and then the team retreated for San Miguel.

Packing up the camp on 19 Feb 76 proved to be quite a performance. Local people for miles arrived for the perks and swooped in after anything going spare - timber, string, nails, empty tins - just anything. Eventually, everything was loaded and after a trouble free trip, was soon back at CLARK for the air move back to Singapore.

/The team

The team followed later after a heavy farewell - social programme in ALAMINOS and by 23 Feb had completed the unfinished exploration of CLARK and ANGELES City and their dollars and were ready for anything except the 10 hr flight by Bristol Freighter back to Singapore.

There always has to be a rear party and the Project Officer, with the finance clerk along to confuse the issue, descended on the NZ Embassy in Manila to explain what happened to the funds before themselves flying back with the stores lifts by B170 on 27 Feb 76.

Requiem

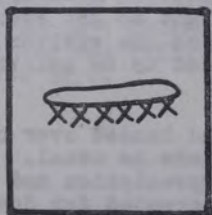
Exercise DAMAYAN proved to be a most successful exercise; Corps people got involved in a new theatre; a lot was learnt about the Philippines; all members had a pretty enjoyable and rewarding time. SEATO has just about wound down but if there is a SEATEX 54 the competition to get on the team will be pretty tough if I am not mistaken.

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In the last resort the end of all military training and the deciding factor in battle is that Private So and So will have, of his own free will, to advance to his front in face of the enemy. All the immense preparation, expenditure, training and equipment of war are designed for and dependent upon, what happens at that moment. If the soldier fails the test, all will have been in vain.

Lectures on Generalship. Lord Wavell

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Centipede sitting
with its legs
crossed

Adam was the first lusty Sapper. When Eve sent him away from the Garden of Eden on seven days leave, Adam returned after five days. Eve enquired into the reason for this early return and Adam replied "My leaf's up".

ODE TO AN EXPENSES CLAIM

I have a claims form
 Sign here if you please;
 It's called an expense sheet,
 Designed for unease.
 I was out for the day,
 And for lunch had a steak;
 If I book its full cost,
 The Reserve Bank will break.
 So I claim just a dollar,
 And I bear the rest;
 Or the Admin will holler,
 My image be messed.
 I enter my dollar,
 And then certify
 That for 38 cents
 No lunch could I buy.
 I sign in two places
 My own autograph
 Then I ask for my boss's
 That's good for a laugh.
 I now see the Chief Clerk
 Who, with manner bright,
 Checks my computations
 To see they are right.
 And when he's concluded,
 I'm on the right lines;
 He writes mystic numbers,
 And his name he signs.
 With spaces now filling,
 I rapidly move
 To the room of the one
 Who has power to approve.
 He peruses the sheet
 With thorough precision,
 And when satisfied
 He signs with decision.
 I rush to Accounts,
 Which experience shocks,
 As I ask the Imprestee:
 "Quick open the box!"
 As he gives me the money,
 A third time I sign:
 The sum of one dollar
 Is happily mine.

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CHAPTER THIRTEENARTICLES AND REPORTSTRENTHAM NOTES

A busy year to date in Trentham:

Annual Camps kept the engineer representative at 1 BOD busy. The corps pers at 1 Base Wksp were involved with the construction of showers for 7 RNZIR who called in at Trentham at the end of Triad (less 1 Pte - missing).

The Atiu film was shown to 1 Base Ord Depot pers (mil and civ) and went over well. The intention was to give the backroom people an insight into what all the Priority One demands for Atiu were about. It achieved this and also (so I was told by several civilians) "Restored their Faith in the NZ Army".

Lcpl Levy has changed corps and is now a member of RNZEME.

Lcpl and Mrs Sullivan now have a son (10 Jan 76) David Edward - Edward after the then OC 1 Base Wksp - who immediately tendered his resignation.

Sgt Tripp has gone right off bikies - a bent car brought this about.

Sgt Hopley has been posted attached or something to Def HQ, but we hear he will be back!!

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To me, it is interesting to reflect that if in years to come, some schoolboy, or even grown man is asked to name the greatest French Commander in Hitler's war, he will reply "General de Gaulle" - who in fact commanded nothing more in battle than an armoured division, and that only for a short time!

Montgomery of Alamein 1960

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SAPPERS GOSPEL CHAPTER XX

It came to pass that in the first month of the nineteenth hundred and three score years plus sixteen, of the reign of that fabulous King, Democracy, were gathered together a great company of men.

And behold, they were assembled at a spot hereinafter to be referred to as Tangi-moaner, which means the departing place of mind. And this multitude were called by the wise men of HQ Something, as were their forefathers who had fought the war to end war.

But lo, amongst this assembly was a company of fine bodies of men; ay, verily, they were the cream of the assembled warriors, and they were named the Squadron, Wank Wank.

Then did the forefathers and new fathers of this Garden of Tangi-moaner begin to educate and enlighten those warriors; ay, verily, their training did progress even as do numbers on clay tablets or leave records, as one-two-three-one. And seeking wisdom as a pearl at any price, so did they win the favours or CB of the sages, who spoke to them saying: "Verily, woodhead, crank not the bridge with the crank-handle".

And again: "Jacko, I beseech thee, take the beam out of thine eye. Thou hast indeed two left feet".

Thus did the training proceed apace, and the men learn to cross their brooks as they did appear, and to this end, urged on by such as the jolly commander, the son of his father.

And at nightfall, when that the OC had pronounced to them the magic word: Dismiss, there was much rejoicing in the tents of these sappers, and at that dwelling named the Canteen, which means the departing place of spirits: ay, verily, their rejoicings were heard in the heavens above and on the earth beneath.

And it came to pass that on the forty-ninth day from the time the warriors had been at Tangi-Moaner that they were sent on a journey to the homes of their fathers. The name of this journey was Fi-Nal Leave, and behold the sappers were exceeding glad.

After the space of ten days they did return, refreshed in mind, body and with spirits. And for some days thereafter they were Sik-oda-boos, a strange illness which had visited them at the homes of their fathers.

/And then

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Is this statement correct or not incorrect?

The discovery of electricity was a
shocking experience?

And then did the warriors prepare to leave this land overflowing with wind and stew, to journey into the wilderness and fight their enemies in the land of Afar. But they did not follow their brethren of Papa-kura; not even in forty days and thirty nights did they leave.

For behold, the patriarch of these Holdfasts did speak to them in a voice of thunder, saying "Ten-chow. Thou shalt return once more to the homes of your kin and kinder. Upon the return thou shalt not come hither but will wilt in the sun of the Linton of Camp. I have spoken and thou shouldst knowest my voice by now."

Thus spoke the patriarch, and behold, the whole Squadron spoke as one man, saying in a loud voice: "Wacko," which means, so be it.

And behold, before they did depart on this new journey, these warriors did visit the abode of those angels of the skies, the Air Force and likewise those of the vultures, and did disturb their resting place of Oha-kea. Verily, they did leave their names in this place.

And it came to pass that they returned to their new abode, many still under the influence of the good spirits which had been with them on their way. Then did they learn to live in the huts of their forefathers.

And behold, many did say that the warriors were to leave this camp soon, saying "Verily, we shall be leaving tomorrow. This is the whole truth and nothing but the truth, so lend me a bob."

And verily the warriors had to leave the land of their fathers to go to the wilderness overseas. And there was much weeping and wailing and gnashing of teeth at their departure, and a mighty multitude did wave farewell.

And behold, I did dream a dream, and did see those same sappers going down to the C in a ship. I saw them hanging from the lee side of a boat and they were as green as the water below. I saw them in a city gaily coloured, and they had helped paint the city in that bright colour. I saw them with the wine, with the women and with the wank-wank, and with the head-dress and emblems of another tribe.

Then too, they faded into the distance as the mist fades in the morning, and I awoke.

And verily, verily, a voice was whispering in my ear saying: "Awake, awake, feet on the floor thou slackgard, or thou shalt not shave till noon, and then, indeed, thou shalt be on the mat."

And behold, a drowsy echo did come from the sleeping sapper

"Democracy - Mbula vinaka - sik-oda-boos"

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCEPROMOTION EXAMINATIONS 1976PAPER AGENERAL KNOWLEDGE

Instructions to candidates:

Time allowed - seven weeks
 One extra week allowed for reading
 this paper
 Answer any TWO questions
 Each question is worth 50 marks
 Where appropriate, answers should be
 illustrated with carefully
 labelled diagrams.

1. Who won World War Two?
2. Who came Second?
3. What is a Silver Dollar made of?
4. Explain Einstein's Theory of Hydrodynamics OR
 write your name in block letters.
5. Spell the following: (a) Dog (b) Cat
 (c) Carrot
6. At what time is News at Nine?
7. Name the odd man out of the following:
 Cardinal Heenan, The Pope, Jack the Ripper,
 Archbishop of Canterbury.
8. Approximately how many Commandments was Moses
 given?
9. There has been six Kings of England named George,
 the latest being George VI. Name the other five.
10. Who built Stevenson's Rocket?
11. Write down the numbers from 1 to 10 (marks will
 be deducted for every number out of sequence).
12. What musical instrument does Phil the Fluter play?
13. Of what country is Dublin the capital?

N.B. Candidates must not write on more than
 two sides of the paper.

14. Do you understand Newton's Law of Gravity?
(Answer Yes or No).
15. Spot the deliberate mistake: "An apple a day
gathers no moss".
16. Who is the odd man out?
President de Gaulle, Long Tall man from
Texas, Chief Engineer, Precious McKenzie.
17. Is a Dunker: (a) a person who dips
biscuits in his tea (b) a contraceptive
(c) a lorry for motorway construction
18. Name the winning jockey in the 1975
Greyhound Derby.
19. Who built the great Pyramids?
(a) 5 Spt Sqn (b) MOWD (c) Pharoahs
(d) Waikato Earthmovers.
20. In the 1974 Sheepdog Trials, how many were
found guilty?

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Both President Lincoln and President Kennedy
were concerned with the issue of civil rights.
Lincoln was elected in 1860, Kennedy in 1960.

Both were slain on a Friday in the presence
of their wives.

Both were shot from behind and in the head.
Their successors were named Johnson and
both were in the Senate, and Southern
Democrats.

Andrew Johnson was born in 1808, Lynden Johnson
in 1908.

Both Presidents' wives lost children through
death while in the White House.

Lincoln's Secretary, whose name was Kennedy,
advised him not to go to the theatre.

Kennedy's Secretary whose name was Lincoln
advised him not to go to Dallas.

Booth shot Lincoln in a theatre and ran to a
warehouse, Oswald shot Kennedy from a
warehouse and ran to a theatre.

Lincoln and Kennedy both contain seven letters.

Andrew Johnson and Lynden Johnson both
contain 13 letters.

John Wilkes Booth and Lee Harvey Oswald
both contain 15 letters.

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WE DON'T KNOW HOW LUCKY WE ARE
(from the Fred Dagg LP)

I was speaking to a mate of mine - just the other day
A guy called Bruce Bayliss actually - who lives-a-up our way
He's been living in Europe - for the year more or less
I said "How was Europe Bruce?" He says "Fred its a mess".

We don't know how lucky we are mate
we don't know how lucky we are.



A Parish Beadle removing homeless children
to the Workhouse.

(Based on Wilkie's picture, circa 1822.)



Relief Troops going up to the Trenches, 1917. The "Duckboard" track winds through
the shattered remains of a wood, which is lit up by flares sent up from the trenches
(From a sketch made in Sanctuary Wood, 1918.)

He father-in-law's feeling pretty pleased with himself
He's been living in Greece - for the good of his health
I said "How was the climate, and how was your year?
The sheilas look like blokes - and of course the blokes
are all queer.
The Turks and the Arabs - well, they live far too near
And if you're gonna have a really good time - you might as
well live here."

He said "You don't know how lucky you are, Fred
we don't know how lucky we are".



The Suez Canal at its narrowest part.
(From a photograph about 1912.)

I was down the Plough and Chick - orrh - the night before last
 There's the guy down there on the floor - with his brain at
 at half mast
 I said "You're looking really bad mate - your eyes look
 like strings"
 He said "Get me an eight will you Fred please - I can't
 see a thing".

We don't know how lucky we are mate
 We don't know how lucky we are.



Adolf Hitler
 (From a photograph.)



Stalin.



Queen Victoria.
 (From the portrait by Angeli.)

A guy I know who lives in town - see him 'bout once a year
 He's had a coronary since Easter - he's got a haemorrhage in
 his ear
 He went bankrupt a couple of weeks back - now his wife's
 left him too
 I said "You're looking odd mate - you're looking queer
 what are you goin-a-do?"

He said "We don't know how lucky we are Fred"
 He said "We don't know how lucky we are".



Florence Nightingale in the Military Hospital at Scutari, 1855.
 (Based on a contemporary print.)



A Boer of the time of the Boer War.

Me stock agent's got a beach house - where he spends most of his days
 His wife hit the dust down there last year - got eaten by a couple of crays
 And his two littlest daughters - got killed by a whale
 I said "Are you going' down there this year?" He said "Fred right on the nail".

We don't know how fortunate we are - to have that place
 We don't know how proprieties are the circumstances Frederick



So if things are looking really bad - if you're thinking of giving it away
 Remember New Zealand's a cracker - and I reckon - come what may
 If things get apallingly bad - if we all get atrociously poor
 If we stand in the queue with out hats on - we can borrow a few million more.

We don't know how lucky we are
 We just don't realise how fortunate we are
 We've no idea of the luck we possess
 We just don't know how lucky we all are.



Sir George Grey.
 (From a photograph.)



The Ensign of New Zealand.
 (From "Admiralty Flags.")

Research

A little research shows that the name
ARC MESH BRIDGING stands for "Australian
Reinforced Concrete Mesh Bridging".

As the equivalent material used for this
type of bridging in NZ is known as HRC MESH
standing for "Hurricane Reinforced Concrete
Mesh", I therefore suggest that the
nomenclature for this type of bridging
should be changed to "Hurricane Bridging"
instead of attributing the name to our
erstwhile friends across the Tasman.

G D.

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I have a sister Anna
And she plays on the piano
She goes hammer, hammer, hammer
And her mother says "Oh damn her!"

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A HIGHWAY CALLED ARGO

The Old

The choking dust - the searing heat
 The aching bones - the chafing seat
 The howling winds - the pelting rain
 The mile-long pothole - the addled brain
 The freezing cold - the sudden snow
 The bloody wipers - the refusal to go
 The washouts to dodge - the creeks to ford
 The destination - in the hands of the Lord!
 Such was the road - the old one a mess
 Two hours of torture - just for a rest.

The New

BUT now today - just look what we've got
 A brand new road - believe it or not
 Designed for speed for comfort for views;
 With rests aplenty - for a cuddle or snooze!
 High cost for sure - this is what you'd expect
 But you should bloody well get there -
 without being wrecked!
 You should get there, too, in new record times
 To do more shooting and nature climbs.
 But remember you 'sporties' as you get thicker,
 We didn't just build it so YOU could die quicker;
 So keep your speed down - especially in fog,
 Keep your eye on the weather - lay off the grog!

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