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Group Photograph in coloured section —

Caption should have read:—

Retired Sappers in the church hall after the 1984 Church Parade.

Back row: Vern Veale, Kent Purdie, Stan Davis, FWO Jones, _____,
George Monds, _____, George O'Leary, Keith Hall,
Gordon Lindell, Frank Vincent, Les Kilworth.

3rd row: Guy Sanders, Dick Pemberton, Don Urry, _____,
_____, Bob Gilmour, Ted Senior, Len Bradford-Smith,
Seymour Jack, Tom Cawte, Roy Wilson.

2nd row: Forty Moresby, Mit Page, Rex Lane, Terry Chester,
Lou Mumford, Alex Wilson, Owen McCormac, Roy Garrett,
George Tarrant, Gordon Orchiston, Ian McLean.

Front row: Noel Martin, Jack Breingan, Harold Fraser.

The Caption which was used, i.e. Members of the Committee for the year 1984-85 belongs under the group photograph above the 7 Fd Coy group.

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The Caption for the middle photograph should have been —

His Excellency the Governor General, Sir David Beattie GCMG, GCVO, QC, George Bunce QSM, Gordon Lindell DSO, OBE, ED.

Between and behind Sir David and George Bunce is Ken Christie MBE, Colonel Commandant of the Corps. Between and behind George and Gordon is Bryce Hadfield.

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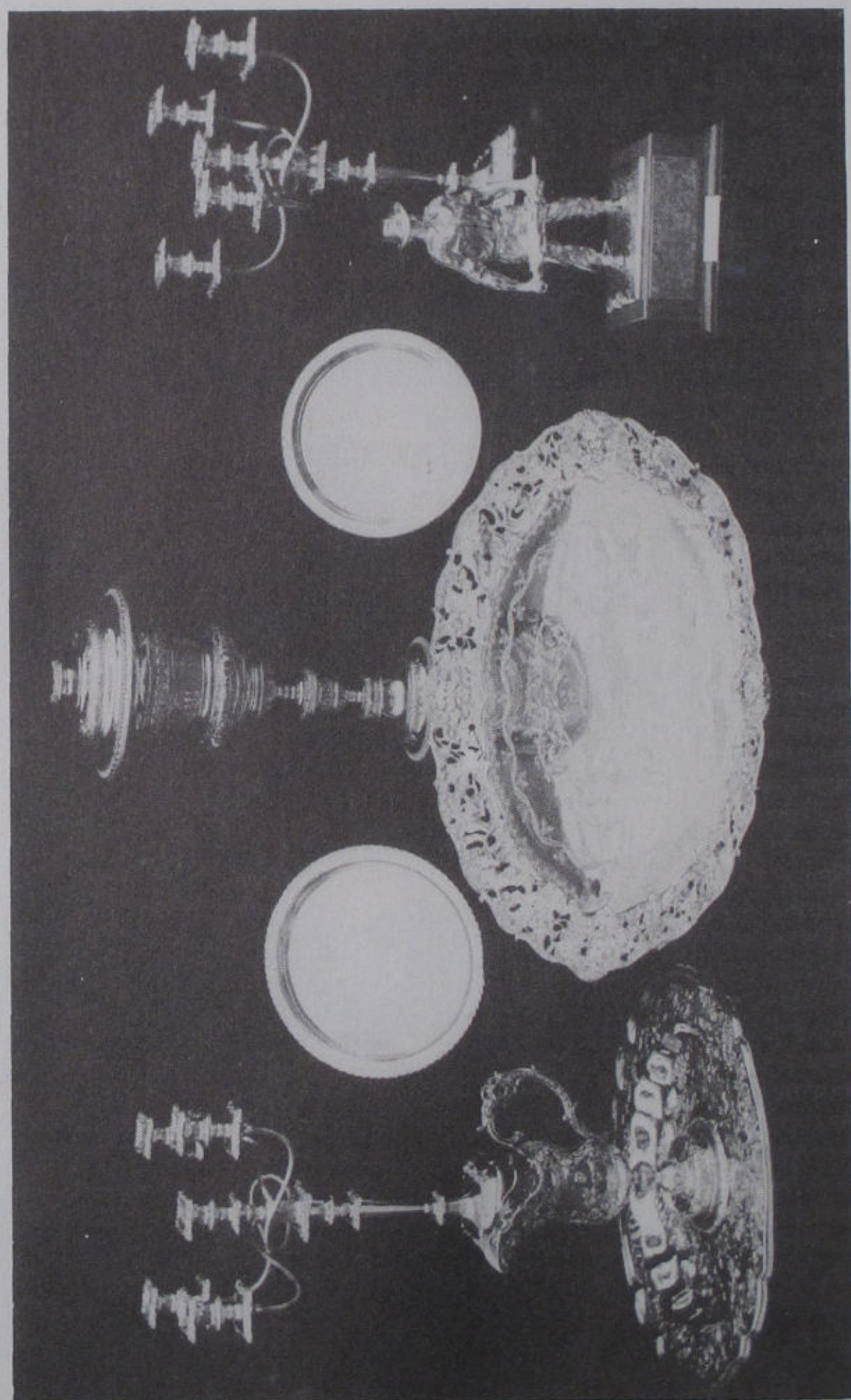
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FRONTISPIECE

Here are some of the items which grace the collection of Corps Silver which is kept in The Corps Memorial Centre at Linton Camp. On special occasions, such as a social event when the ladies are present, Corps sends some of the pieces under military guard for display at the venue.

Part of our **History** is reflected in the pieces. The Corps Silver is part of the visual evidence of the **Heritage** this Association shares with The Corps of Royal New Zealand Engineers.

The centre piece is a 27" wide oval silver tray pierced and enriched with masks interspersed in a stag hunt border. The tray is decorated with scrolling foliage and ribband motifs and has a central inscription and Arms. It is engraved as a presentation of the Freedom of The City of Liverpool to Lord Kitchener in 1900, sixteen years before he was drowned when the cruiser which was carrying him struck a mine.

Field-Marshal Lord Kitchener was a famous Royal Engineer and was the first Colonel-in-Chief of the Royal New Zealand Engineers (1911-1916). This tray, containing 12 lbs weight of pure silver, was presented to our Corps in 1958 by Rt Hon the Earl Kitchener, from the estate of his great-uncle the late Field-Marshal Lord Kitchener of Khatoum. (Another famous Royal Engineer was General Gordon of Khartoum.)

Shown behind the tray is a similar such piece, the 20" high finely embossed George I presentation silver gilt urn and cover, decorated with lion mask within scroll ornaments containing foliage, on an acorn knobbed stem, with acanthus leaves and a band of fish scales. This urn is engraved with the Arms of the City of London, and was presented to Lord Kitchener in 1902. From him to us as above.

Shown to the left of the tray is a 19" high silver gilt ewer on a 19" diameter stand. These pieces are Spanish rococo circa 1765, and are finely embossed with scroll ornaments interspersed with foliated sprays.

The pair of 17" high five-branch George IV silver plated candelabra were presented to the RNZE officers by the R.E. officers in 1956 "In memory of past achievements, and a token of abiding friendship and esteem."

The 16" high silver plated figure of an Australian Sapper with a concrete breaker was presented to the RNZE officers by the R.A.E. officers in 1960, the year this Association was formed.

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Preface

What it is.

1. This is a systematic account of the origin and progress of The Sappers Association (N.Z.) Inc.
2. It relates facts and events as they have been recorded.
3. It is a study of the course of N.Z. Sapper affairs from 1960 to 1985.
4. Analyses and explanations have been kept to a minimum.
5. What is to be learned from the book is therefore over to the individual reader.

Presentation.

6. As an Incorporated Society, this Association must act within the scope of its Rules.
7. It is forbidden by the Act to carry on any operations which are beyond the scope of its objectives.
8. I have used the Rules as the framework of this History.
They have all been quoted progressively as headings for the Chapters.
9. In the body of the text NL 1/62 stands for newsletter No 1 issued in 1962 and NL 100/85 stands for Newsletter No 100, issued in 1985.

Finally

The essence of all our activities has been to keep alive the spirit of unity which exists amongst us all, in the Corps of Royal New Zealand Engineers.

Seymour J. Jack,
Hon. Secretary,
The Sappers Association (N.Z.) Inc.
43 Maungawhau Road, Epsom, Auckland.

July 1985

Reminder:

When this project was first announced in Newsletter No 92, December 1983, the author said: "If any Sapper has anything he wants mentioned in the History, he is now to declare it. Let him now speak or else hereafter forever hold his peace."

To my wife Nancy,
My most loyal supporter
In all things.

"Books are embalmed minds."

Foreword

One of the most rewarding facets of life, particularly later life, is the feeling of belonging; belonging to an organization which gives both pleasure and companionship and of which one is justifiably proud.

The Sappers Association (N.Z.) Inc. is just such an organization.

Equally, pride stems from the fact that one's background of service with a respected institution or organization is required in order to qualify for membership.

Our service with the Corps of Royal N.Z. Engineers and its British Commonwealth counterparts, established the pattern of Sapper camaraderie. Pride of unit was born, tuned and honed.

Thus, just as when serving soldiers we were members of a distinguished and respected corps, we of the Sappers Association now derive that feeling of belonging to an equally proud and respected Association, which has grown in size and stature since its formation a quarter of a century ago.

Whilst most of us are old boys of some institution or college, seldom do we see other organizations which permit or develop the close personal and mutually respectful relationships, irrespective of rank, as those which stem from service in a military unit. To be a member of such an Association is an especially rewarding privilege and, as we all know, the Sappers Association ranks in the forefront amongst Ex-Service groups.

Moreover, unlike many unit associations, we have been wise to provide for membership by all Sappers, whether their service was in peace or war. We have thereby ensured the longevity and re-invigoration of the Association, by encouraging the younger Sappers to take over the running of our affairs.

Because we may look at a new generation about every 25 years, and because many of the founder members have died or long since retired, now is the time we should review past events for the guidance of those who follow us. Accordingly, this book sets down the history of the Association since it was formed in 1960. In this way, names and events may be seen in their proper perspective by New Zealand Sappers wherever they may be, or whenever they served on the active list. It also makes a valuable contribution to New Zealand's national military archives. Indeed, I believe it provides a valuable guide to success, in the establishment and running of any similar organisation, since we are most fortunate to have been so well served by a great number of able, selfless and dedicated people, to whom we are grateful. But for those many stalwarts who soldiered on in office despite the many difficulties which always exist, these words would not be written.

For these reasons, the executive committee invited Seymour Jack to under-

take the assignment, to which he kindly agreed, albeit with some diffidence — for understandable reasons.

Indeed a mammoth task!!

However, I can think of nobody better qualified than Seymour, himself a former President, Secretary and Treasurer, as well as Editor of our Newsletter, all these duties being carried out with meticulous care and distinction. He is also the longest living recipient of the Meritorious Service Award, and so a very senior Sapper indeed.

What follows is the result of his long hours of labour. I commend these chapters to your attention as required reading for all Sappers, retired or serving. because I am sure every reader will find people, places and events which he remembers; incidents and faces long since forgotten — here a tear, there a laugh.

As I read the pages which follow, the sentiments set out at the beginning of this foreword kept flooding through my mind. I recognise that for the past 30 years a great many of us have drawn great strength, pride and pleasure from our membership of the Sappers Association, together with the ad hoc and Unit organisations, which were the forerunners to its formation. May it continue for many years to come.

You will be absorbed by the pages which follow, since, "Once a Sapper, Always a Sapper".

I acknowledge with thanks the privilege of being invited to write this foreword.

Good reading and my warmest regards to you all.

George Bunce
PATRON

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Introduction

By 1950 the Sappers from World War Two had settled down into civilian life again and were beginning to think it was about time to have a reunion.

Bruce Hudson approached Wally Phillips in Levin and suggested that they should organize a reunion of 8 Fd Coy. At this stage Wally said he himself wasn't terribly interested. Every time Bruce met him after that however he would bring up the subject again. In Auckland several Units endeavoured to hold Unit reunions, none of which were particularly successful. One or two ended up in a shambles. After a particularly bad one held at Newmarket where the premises were just about wrecked, a group of Sappers got together to endeavour to put things on a better footing. These were Alf Saxon, George Lawrence, Bill Noake, George Ion, Ernie Jones and George Hodgson. They came from 6 Fd Coy, 7 Fd Coy, 8 Fd Coy.

During these same years the Army was busy putting its house in order.

1 Fd Regt RNZE was formed in 1949 with Territorial volunteer officers and other ranks and was manned in 1951 by Compulsory Military trained sappers. To the Regiment was added 4 Fd Pk Sqn and 6 Indep Fd Sqn also manned by CMT. A small contingent of the Permanent Force was seconded to the regimental units. At the same time there were in each Military District Regular Force Engineer Construction Squadrons which had been formed as Army Troops in 1940 and which were directed by the Chief Engineer Colonel Russ Currie through his DCRE staff officers, one in each of the Military District Headquarters.

Russ Currie and the Colonel Commandant of that time Col Trevor Smith, plus the then C.R.E. Col Gordon Morrison, along with Col. Andrew Murray made representations to Army for the establishment of a Sappers Day to be celebrated annually by the Corps. In 1953 Army gave its blessing, and Sappers Day was established, and the date was set at 15th October.

The first six Sappers Day Reunions were organised and run by a committee of Active Territorial Officers, chaired by the senior officer and including representatives from the local units and ex servicemen.

Commencing in 1954 these functions were held annually until 1959.

In the meantime the 2 N.Z.E.F. Committee mentioned above got into gear and put on its first Reunion for 2 NZEF Engineers in May 1954, taking the risk of financial loss upon themselves. The reunion was a great success, and was repeated annually until the last in July 1971. Alf Saxon died in 1960.

Down at Levin Bruce Hudson kept at Wally Phillips until in 1955 he succumbed and called a meeting by word of mouth with those they knew. To quote Wally "The first meeting consisted of Bruce Hudson, Bub Bell, Pat Stewart and



self. The next meeting about a dozen were present. We couldn't see a reunion being a success with about fifty 8 Fd Coy attending. At this stage other ex sappers became interested and wanted to be included. Names I can recall are Pat Boggs, Bill Batten, Geo Lee, Bill Fraser, Bill Crombie, Arthur Free, Bill Perfect, Geo Sinkinson, Alan Watt, Les Malcolm, Jack Ballinger and Manakau Walker." Out of these meetings came the idea of a National Reunion and the idea caught on, every Sapper knows to what effect.

To get back to the Army. The Senior Officers of the Corps were very active at that time in getting ex servicemen to support the Territorial Engineer Units which had been formed, also the Regular Force Engineer Units. The first five celebrations (1954-58) were held at Army Hall, Blake Street, Ponsonby and it was felt that the Sappers Day function should be such that it would interest not only Sappers but also the public generally in the work of the military engineer. The daytime function was followed by a Smoko and Reunion, for all past and present Sappers.

The Army view was that until Sappers Day was really firmly established, it was felt that the only really effective means to build up interest was through the help and enthusiasm of all Sappers, irrespective of age or their sphere of service within the Commonwealth.

From 1954 on, the Sappers of World War Two had three organised reunions laid on, as described above.

The 1958 reunion in the Ponsonby Army Hall ended that series, and the 1959 one was held in the N.Z.R. Social Hall, Middleton Road off Remuera Road. This was a highly organised military event and no trouble was too much for the Committee. Two hundred and twenty five Sappers attended and all had a memorable night. George Bunce was Dining President and in his Address of Welcome he announced that work was in hand for the formation of a Royal N.Z. Engineer Association, or alternatively a Sappers Association.

To continue with Wally Phillip's story "We then started raffling a bottle of whisky at each meeting. The profits were used to advertise and write to our small list of names calling for other names. Our committee now began to grow — Rex Watson, Jim Cockburn, Constable, Foster and Sinkinson joined us. Russ Currie who was Chief Engineer was enthusiastic and gave us much valuable support and encouragement. He introduced Colonel Andrew Murray. We didn't have a Chairman as such until about 1955. Our first organised meeting was advertised in the Chronicle for July 5th '55. About 25 turned up and Bill Fraser was elected Chairman. Dates for a National Reunion were set for 4-5 February '56. At this stage we had a roll of about 110. By October it had grown to 208, a month later to 418 and by December 528. Today our roll contains 3000 names." 365 returned sappers, including 25 from WW1, attended the first reunion. They particularly enjoyed living together again under almost Service conditions for two nights, with

opposite: The First N.Z.E. Levin Reunion, February 1956.

the minimum of formality, thanks to the foresight of the organizers and the generosity of the Levin Racing Club and the Horowhenua A. & P. Association. The committee members were rewarded by the sight and sound of so many old friendships being renewed. Bill Fraser was master of ceremonies, Pat Stewart organized the catering, Wally Phillips — Admin., Bruce Hudson — billeting, Jack Ballinger — transport and Pat Boggs — publicity. All roads leading into Levin were signposted with Div signs. Following the Sat. night dinner an open air screening of films taken under active service conditions was shown, with effective commentry by Padre John Watson. Just sufficient entertainment was provided, and as a sideline, many will recall Pat Faulkner with his fez and trumpet. At the 1958 show 340 sat down to dinner in a marquee set in the saddling paddock. On 6-7 Feb 1960 355 sappers attended, and the dinner was held in the A & P Hall."

The SAPPERS' ASSOCIATION (Auckland) INC. was formed on Thursday 21 July 1960.

CHAPTER 1

The Name of This Body

RULE 1

NAME (original)

1. The name of this body shall be "SAPPERS' ASSOCIATION (AUCKLAND) INCORPORATED."

(As from 15 September 1984 — The name of this body shall be "The Sappers Association (N.Z.) Inc."

On 8 July 1960 a letter was sent out to Sappers known to be resident in Auckland. It came from Headquarters, Northern Military District, P.O. Box 2178, Auckland C.1. It was signed by C.A. Kibblewhite. Major, DCRE Northern Military District.

"Dear Sapper,

In all the main centres throughout N.Z. there is about to be established a Sappers' Association. The Auckland Sappers under the direction of the Colonel Commandant of the Corps of Royal N.Z. Engineers, Colonel Andrew Murray OBE, have drawn up a set of Rules for this proposed Association which will be known as Sappers' Association (Auckland) Inc.

It is not proposed that this Association will do away with any small committees set up to arrange functions on a Unit or Sub Unit basis but more so to further the following aims and objects:"

Here followed a list which became and still is RULE 2. (a) to (h) dealt with in detail in Chapters 2. to 8. of this History.

The letter then continued as follows:

"Membership of the proposed Association will be open to any person who has served or is serving in any Sapper Unit of Her Majesty's Forces for any period. For a member to become financial a small fee of five shillings per annum will be levied to defray expenses incurred in its running and such financial members will receive notification of all its activities.

"The inaugural meeting of the proposed Sappers Association will be held at Ponsonby Army Hall, Blake Street, on Thursday 21 July 1960 at 7.30 pm when the Rules will be presented and a Committee elected.

It is desired that as many Sappers as possible be present for this meeting but if it is not possible for you to attend and you desire to be a financial member then the fee could be forwarded to the above address and action will be taken to have you enrolled in the Association."

After Andrew Murray had read the above letter to the Meeting and had enlarged upon it, Bob Gilmour formally moved that "The Sappers Association (Auckland) Inc" be officially accepted as the Name, and that the Association be formed. The Motion was seconded by Col Laurie Rudd who expressed his personal thanks to those who had been responsible for the movement and for the work that had been put in to reach the present stage.

After the Motion had been carried, copies of the proposed Rules were distributed and Andrew Murray called on Maj George Bunce to outline them. George explained that the Sappers Day Reunion Committee had met on several occasions to discuss them, and to bring them to their present stage.

The Committee referred to consisted of: Maj C.A. Kibblewhite Chairman, Maj Edward Senior Secretary, SSgt Bob Crowe Treasurer, Messrs Sid Beers, Malcolm Bishop, Len Bradford-Smith, George Bunce, Lionel Faram, Eddie Farnell, Bob Gilmour, Rex Lane, Fred Penn, Bob Smith.

Although the name of the Association was not changed until 1984 the matter was considered. On 21/2/63 it was decided that Bob Gilmour as President should write to all known N.Z. Sapper Organizations regarding the forming of a National Sappers Association. The Colonel Commandant said he intended to speak on this matter at the forthcoming National Reunion in Christchurch.

On 30/7/64 the desire to create a National Body was again discussed. It was raised by Ted McQueen, but after a long discussion the Committee took no action.

On 20/4/66 Ted McQueen again brought up the matter and suggested a Notice of Motion to the next A.G.M., perhaps to drop the word (Auckland) from the Name.

On 19/5/66 the Committee agreed to put the matter of a National Association on the agenda for the coming A.G.M.

According to the Minutes of the A.G.M. held on 16/6/66 the matter was not raised. At the 11th AGM on 25/6/70 under the last call for "Any other business" Ted McQueen spoke of the need for a N.Z. Sappers Association. Ted Senior pointed out that the Sappers Association (Auckland) Inc was the only Incorporated and operational Sappers Association in N.Z. and that at the present rate of growth all over N.Z. it would soon be a simple matter to organise a change of Rules to have (Auckland) changed to (N.Z.).

On 17/3/71 Seymour Jack put it to the Committee that the time had come for a serious look at the change of name question. At the end of a long discussion it was moved by Fred Penn and seconded by Roy Wilson that the President should write to the Registrar of Incorporated Societies, and that later a sub-committee should be set up to consider the matter in depth. This was carried.

S.J. wrote to the Registrar on 27/3/71 and again on 3/5/71 and received a reply dated 7/5/71 advising that the name The Sappers Association (New Zealand) Inc was available, providing that a change of name was registered within three months. In NL40, June 1971, following the Notice re 12th AGM, members were given the following Notice of Motion. "That because of the widespread nature of our member-

ship, consideration shall be given to a change of name of the Association, and that a special sub-committee of no fewer than four members shall be elected at the AGM to assist the incoming Committee to look into the changes that would be required in the Rules."

Later in the same Newsletter a whole page was devoted to a discussion of the matter. Members who were unable to attend the AGM were invited to write in about it. The NL went out to over 700 members and potential members but only three wrote in. Ted Parker (5 FdPk Coy) said "I am all for it for the simple reason that it will bring in more members from outside Auckland. I know that I hesitated to join the Association being a Wellingtonian when I saw Auckland in the name. Not that I have that much against Auckland. Now I am glad I joined in spite of the Auckland part..." Colonel Ted Senior said he would like to sound a note of caution. "The time is coming, yes, but I fear it is not yet come. Let us grow in membership nationally, let us have a gathering of members with a National reunion of Sappers. Drop the subtitle Auckland if you must, but beyond this be sure your aim is clear and the objective attainable without too many casualties." Ted was writing from Thailand and he was worried about the effects of this move, at that time.

Colonel Russ Currie said "In my opinion and without hearing argument to the contrary I would support a change of name." He warned however that "the whole character of our National Reunions would change and suffer if the present ad hoc Committees were put out of business."

The Motion was put to the 12th A.G.M. on 24 June 1971. The President pointed out that the Motion was only a request from the executive for authority to examine the question. No actual change could be made at that meeting.

In spite of this a very long discussion ensued. Ted McQueen stated that there should be a N.Z. Executive and that it could be their duty to assist with advice the establishment of Local Sapper Associations. Jim Goodsir enquired why Wellington and Christchurch to name two did not have strong local Associations. He sounded a note of warning that if Auckland dropped its local name it could then become responsible for more than it could handle, particularly the organizing and financing of all national reunions. Ted McQueen said that the Wellington Association had folded up when it lost one or two key men and there had been no N.Z. Executive. Bob Gilmour spoke on the financial aspects of dropping Auckland from the name. Pat Boggs said the Levin Reunion Committee was financially sound, and would not be looking to the Sappers Association for financial support. The Motion to investigate the matter was carried with only one against. A subcommittee was then elected to put up firm proposals if thought advisable. viz Messrs Pat Boggs, Jim Goodsir, Seymour Jack, Arthur Kinsella, Andrew Murray, Edward Senior.

The financial membership in June 1971 was 623, of whom 391 lived in Auckland. 50 lived in the South Island, 5 were overseas, the rest all over the North Island. NL41/71 went out to 1140 Sappers and published a long article covering this matter. Members and potential members were invited to comment on this consideration of a change of name.

History of the Sappers Association New Zealand.

24/8/71 letter received from Christchurch Barrister & Solicitor member Kennedy Gough suggesting survey necessary of all Sapper Committees and Funds in existence in N.Z., also that the Rules of The Sappers Association (Auckland) Inc would have to be comprehensively amended to co-operate with all existing committees. The ultimate destination of all existing trust funds held would have to be considered. Some existing funds would have to remain or be rationalised into separate trust funds for the same purposes for which they had been accumulated. Further thought could be given to the welfare of Sappers.

1st NZEF Sapper J.W. Huggins, MBE of Christchurch said "...I do hope the change of name to N.Z. is adopted, I do enjoy your Newsletters...."

In February 1972 a circular was sent out by Southern Engineer Troop, Christchurch announcing the "Formation of Sappers Association (Canterbury)." It was sent to 500 sappers, mostly serving or retired recently serving sappers. Very few were sent to WW1 or WW2 Sappers. A meeting was called for 1 March 1972.

On 3 Mar Sgt Atkinson wrote to the Sappers Association (Auckland) advising the election of Capt E.A. Rogers as President and requesting a copy of the Rules of the Auckland Association.

On 16/3/72 a copy of the Auckland Rules was sent to Christchurch as requested along with best wishes for success from the Auckland Committee.

This naturally called for a temporary holding of proceedings in connection with any proposed adoption of the words New Zealand in the Auckland name.

On 9/4/72 Colonel Edward Senior wrote from HQ Field Force Command "Maj Jack Broadbent spoke with me about the enthusiasm developing in the establishment of a Sappers Association (Canterbury) and of the R.F. Unit support. I was particularly pleased to see your Committee's support given to them"

At the Committee Meeting on 17 May '72 Messrs Andrew Murray, Jim Goodsir and Seymour Jack reported to the Executive on the subcommittee's findings.

The main points considered were:

1. The implications of the proposal on Sappers who wish to set up their own local Associations, as they have just done in Christchurch, and as they may want to do at any time in the future in some other centre.
2. Who would administer what would be in effect a National body?
3. Is it feasible and in fact desirable to have a National Association with central control over membership so widely scattered?
4. Our Newsletter has been mainly responsible for the great out of Auckland interest in our Association. There has been an enormous amount of personal work put in on the preparation, production and distribution of these Newsletters. Will it be possible in the future to always be able to find the very few who are prepared to do so much work for so many. This is the vital link.
5. The very valid points raised by Kennedy Gough re a survey of all existing Sapper Committees and funds, and a comprehensive revision of the Rules.

After a long discussion of all the above points it was decided unanimously by the Executive that the proposal to change the name should not be proceeded with. On 22 June '72 the 13th A.G.M. was advised of the above decision.

NL46 of August 1972 advised all readers of the decision.

There the matter rested for eleven years until 1983 when Colonel Senior suggested that the time had come to have another look at it. Several members agreed and as Ted was to be out of town at the time of the A.G.M. George Bunce, Patron of the Association put up the necessary Notice of Motion. The matter was discussed at the 24th AGM on 24 Sept 1983. There was considerable interest in the proposal with the result that the following sub-committee was appointed to re-investigate the matter and to report back to the next A.G.M.: George Bunce-Convener, Seymour Jack, Rex Lane, Dick Pemberton, Guy Sanders.

With regard to the Canterbury Sappers Association whose existence had brought about a pause in the change-of-name investigations — On 14 April 1978 they advised they had changed their address from Riccarton Road Christchurch to 3 Fd Sqn Burnham Military Camp. Investigations finally revealed in Aug 1984 that they were actually defunct, and the Registrar was in the process of striking that Assoc. off the Register of Incorporated Societies.

Alternative names which have come into the discussions have been:

The Sappers Association (Auckland) Inc.

The Sappers Association (New Zealand) Inc.

The Sappers Association Inc.

The Sappers Association (R.N.Z.E.) Inc.

The R.N.Z.E. Sappers Association Inc.

The R.N.Z.E. Association Inc.

The Royal N.Z. Engineers Association Inc.

The last being as for - THE ROYAL ENGINEERS ASSOCIATION

Patron: Her Majesty The Queen

Headquarters

R.S.M.E.

CHATHAM, Kent.

Finally then, at the 25th A.G.M. on 15 September 1984, on behalf of the appointed sub-committee, George Bunce moved "That the name of the Association be changed to The Sappers Association (N.Z.) Inc." This was seconded by Joe Hollander, and after thorough discussion was carried unanimously. At last the change had been made.

Later in the meeting, on the recommendation of the change-of-name sub-committee, the A.G.M. received the following written personal submission:-

General Business 25th A.G.M.

SUBMISSION concerning the future of The Association.

1. Those of us who have been taking responsibility for The Sappers Association are

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fighting a losing battle against:-

(a) Time. (An age of over seventy years is quite common on the executive).

(b) Non involvement of the serving and the recently retired Sappers.

(For about 20 yrs the Assoc. has been run almost entirely by WW2 men.)

2. If it is to survive and grow the Association must soon be placed into the care of younger hands.

3. I feel that the time has come when we should invite Corps to set up a replacement Body, to be called perhaps:

The Royal N.Z. Engineers Association Inc.

Headquarters — S.M.E., Linton Camp.

4. This new Association could absorb both The Sappers Association (NZ) Inc, and The Engineer Corps Memorial Association Inc.

(With Life Members of either, becoming L.Ms. of the new Association.)

5. If the new Association was administered by the officers and staff of S.M.E., serving sappers would automatically become involved, and would hopefully carry their involvement through their service, and with them into retirement.

6. The Royal N.Z. Engineers Association would in effect be a part of The Engineer Corps Memorial Centre, whose life would be one of its interests.

7. The Royal N.Z. Engineers Association could have three National Reunion sub-committees, e.g. in Auckland, Levin and Christchurch.

8. The Silver Jubilee of The Sappers Association (NZ) Inc could be celebrated in 1985 by the publication of its History and by the submission of these or similar ideas to Corps.

9. We should not stagnate and spend the next few years quietly recording our own demise.

Should we in fact slowly fade away our remaining funds will automatically go to Corps, in accordance with our Rules. Better some positive action.

The submission was signed - Respectfully yours, Seymour Jack.

The ideas set out above were discussed and it was decided unanimously as follows:-
(a) To accept an offer made by Major Joe Hollander RNZE to write to the Chief Engineer and put the above submission as an introduction to discussions on the future of The Association.

(b) To accept offers made by Past Colonel Commandants Gordon Lindell and Dick Pemberton to follow the matter up at the RNZE Corps Triennial Conference at Linton Camp in November 1984.

In this way the future of The Association was put up for in-depth discussions between the Corps and the Association.

Promulgation by Chief Engineer — 15 January 1985

The efforts of the Auckland Sappers Association in keeping alive the Sapper spirit is to be commended. In addition, it is particularly encouraging that the Sappers Association (N.Z.) Inc has been formed from the ranks of the Sappers Association (Auckland) Inc to encourage Sapper fellowship on a National basis.

Serving Sappers, Sappers with service in more recent Campaigns of Korea, Malaya and Vietnam, and retired Regular and Territorial military engineers ARE ENCOURAGED TO JOIN THE SAPPERS ASSOCIATION (NZ) Inc and reap the rewards of continued contact with soldiers of similar calling. UBIQUE!

Lt Col S.D. Jameson, RNZE
CHIEF ENGINEER
Army General Staff Defence Headquarters
WELLINGTON

In April 1985 the Executive took the positive steps outlined in a Postscript to this History.

Whether or not the post world war Sappers will want to make another change to The Name of This Body remains to be seen, but at least, the N.Z. connection has at last been made.

From 1962 until 1967 the Newsletters began with a verse of "Sappers". It took five years to get to the punch line, so here is the poem all in one go. This is from the Fourth Edition of Rudyard Kipling's *Inclusive Verse*. 1885 - 1932. Hodder and Stoughton Ltd, London.

SAPPERS

(Royal Engineers)

When the Waters were dried an' the Earth did appear,
("It's all one," says the Sapper),
The Lord He created the Engineer,
Her Majesty's Royal Engineer,
With the rank and pay of a Sapper!

When the Flood come along for an extra monsoon,
'Twas Noah constructed the first pontoon
To the plans of Her Majesty's, etc.

But after fatigue in the wet an' the sun,
Old Noah got drunk, which he wouldn't ha' done
If he'd trained with, etc.

When the Tower o' Babel had mixed up men's *bat*,¹
Some clever civilian was managing that,
An' none of, etc.

When the Jews had a fight at the foot of a hill,
Young Joshua ordered the sun to stand still,
For he was a Captain of Engineers, etc.

¹ Talk

When the Children of Israel made bricks without straw,
They were learnin' the regular work of our Corps,
The work of, etc.

For ever since then, if a war they would wage,
Behold us a-shinin' on history's page —
First page for, etc.

We lay down their sidings an' help 'em entrain,
An' we sweep up their mess through the bloomin' campaign,
In the style of, etc.

They send us in front with a fuse an' a mine
To blow up the gates that are rushed by the Line,
But bent by, etc.

They send us behind with a pick an' a spade,
To dig for the guns of a bullock-brigade
Which has asked for, etc.

We work under escort in trousers and shirt,
An' the heathen they plug us tail-up in the dirt,
Annoying, etc.

We blast out the rock an' we shovel the mud,
We make 'em good roads an' — they roll down the *khud*,
Reporting, etc.

We make 'em their bridges, their wells, an' their huts,
An' the telegraph-wire the enemy cuts,
An' it's blamed on, etc.

An' when we return, an' from war we would cease,
They grudge us adornin' the billets of peace,
Which are kept for, etc.

We build 'em nice barracks — they swear they are bad,
That our Colonels are Methodist, married or mad,
Insultin', etc.

They haven't no manners nor gratitude too,
For the more that we help 'em, the less will they do,
But mock at, etc.

1. *The Name of this Body*

Now the Line's but a man with a gun in his hand,
An' Cavalry's only what horses can stand,
When helped by, etc.

Artillery moves by the leave o' the ground,
But *we* are the men that do something all round,
For *we* are, etc.

I have stated it plain, an' my argument's thus
("It's all one," says the Sapper)
There's only one Corps which is perfect — that's us;
An' they call us Her Majesty's Engineers,
Her Majesty's Royal Engineers,
With the rank and pay of a Sapper!

CHAPTER 2.

Aims and Objects

Esprit-de-Corps

RULE 2

AIMS AND OBJECTS

2. The aims and objects of the Association shall be:

(a) To keep alive the spirit of unity among all ranks of the Corps of Royal New Zealand Engineers, whether active or inactive, and thereby encourage the esprit-de-corps of the Corps.

At the beginning of our history a strict adherence to this Rule drew some rather adverse comments from prospective members. At the inaugural meeting in 1960 about one third of those present were active Regular or Territorial Force sappers, and reference to rank came fairly naturally. For the first year or so, many inactive officers were referred to at Meetings and in Minutes by their past rank. References such as Maj Gilmour, Maj Glasse, Maj Goodsir, Maj Bunce, Maj Malt, Maj Faram, Capt Farnell, Capt Penn, etc, appeared quite frequently. Most of these men had been members of the hard working Sappers Day Reunion Committees, and had served on these alongside the serving officers such as Maj Kiblewhite, Maj Senior, etc and under the influence of "the spirit of unity" this tendency began. It gave rise however to the following piece in NL2/62 —

"It is understood that some adverse comments have been made by members concerning the use of rank at gatherings of Sappers, whether at reunions or meetings. It has also been inferred that the Committee consists of officers only, and in short the whole Association is an officer clique. Let us dispel this notion once and for all. Every one of us is a Sapper and everyone has the same rights and obligations in the Association. Those who are entitled by appointment only, need be referred to by their rank. These are few in number and consist only of serving officers. The remaining members are fellow Sappers, and it is left to you as individuals to give respect to our members where respect is due. After all, over the gates of the RE School of Engineering at Chatham is the appropriate statement —

ONCE A SAPPER — ALWAYS A SAPPER

From this time on, there was no rank in the Association, but the fact remains that senior NCOs and officers continued to do most of the work.

The 1984-85 Executive of fifteen members includes for example two past Colonel Commandants of the Corps, three Majors, three Subalterns and at least four Senior NCOs.

Esprit-de-corps in the Services is tremendously boosted by the influence of Officers' Clubs and Messes. There is no denying that our Association has benefited

by this influence. His Excellency the Governor-General Sir David Beattie was President of The Auckland Officers' Club in 1962 and maintained a high standard. He was followed by George Davidson who became an Associate member of the Sappers Association. During these years a large number of our members joined the Club, and a Sapper Officers' Mess was established there. This Mess has had a formal dinner on the third Thursday of the month for well over twenty years, convened in the early days by Rex Lane and Eddie Farnell and in later years by Ted Senior and Bob Gilmour. Many of our members served on the Executive of the Club, Charles Kibblewhite, Ted Senior and Robin Francis on the Committee, Laurie Rudd, Eddie Farnell and Dick Everton, right through to President.

In 1965 Dick Pemberton addressed the Club on El Alamein night, and in 1971 at a special Sappers night, representatives of sister services joined a sixty member group for a not too serious discussion on the origins and offspring of some of the Arms, many of which had very close early connections with the Engineers. This was reported in NL41/71. Sapper influence has been strong in the Club. Eddie Farnell was chairman of the committee appointed to find new premises, resulting in the move from Queens Arcade to Edgerley Ave, and Laurie Rudd seconded the resolution to purchase the present property where already the Committee of the Sappers Association had held well over a hundred meetings.

They were happy days in the old Club premises — pot the black upstairs after dinner. We were all twenty years younger in those days. Ten times a year however for over twenty years Sappers have passed the Port to the left and toasted their Colonel-in-Chief Her Majesty the Queen, and in keeping with tradition that port decanter has not once touched the table in circuit. (Further reference in Chapter 7.) In spite of the comments quoted above from NL2 it was a fact that members did indeed remember their former officers in one way or another. In the report published in NL6/63 on the national reunion in Christchurch, Eddie Farnell said "Just a word to the ex officers before I close. There were only about 20 of us there, which in my opinion was a poor show, and what is more to the point, the men thought so too." After the 1965 Levin reunion Andrew Murray repeated the message.

First and Second War Sappers knew themselves as N.Z.E., and it took a bit of getting used to, that we were in truth part of The Corps of Royal N.Z. Engineers. No one had even told us that on 15 Oct 1902 King Edward VII had made us Royal. In our new found glory we began to celebrate Sappers Day from about 1954, and began to show an interest in the history of our Corps.

We were proud to purchase through the Association those handsome embossed Xmas cards put out each year by RNZE Corps Committee.

At the inaugural meeting the cost and availability of Corps ties and blazer pocket badges was discussed.

Questions were also asked as to the availability of sheet music or a recording of the Corps March "Wings".

In August 1960 the first discussion began as to the nature of the Banner to be

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produced for use by the Association on Parades and at functions. In June 1961 Laurie Rudd reported that he and Charles Kibblewhite had made some arrangement for the production of a Corps Banner as discussed.

It was decided to purchase terralene Corps ties in bulk from England, also to get pocket badges, and scarves if possible.

In August of 1961 W01 Andreason reported that the banner had been painted by ND Const Sqn and he believed it was now in the custody of The Disabled Servicemens' League. Fred Penn was asked to follow this up. In June 1962 Andrew Murray asked if the Corps Banner had been located. Fred Penn said he had been unable to track it down. Col Rudd asked Monty Banks to follow up the search. (See 1964 for resumption.) In 1961 supplies of the ties and badges were in demand, so orders were placed with the Corps Secretary Army HQ Wellington. In 1962 John Rayner was concerned he would not have enough stock to meet the expected demand for the next reunion. Corps ties were 12/- and blazer pocket badges 16/-.

In NL2/62 it was reported "Many Sappers were amongst the Crete Veterans who were presented with a certificate of commemoration and a replica of a German Parachutist's badge, both of which were presented on behalf of the German Parachute Battalion Association, West Germany. Amongst these German ex-parachutists are many who remember the fierce resistance put up by the stubborn defenders of Crete. This was their way of saying "we salute you."

In the same newsletter members were advised that Dugald Stevenson, one of the new members, had served with the REs and was later attached to Queen Victoria's Own Madras Sappers & Miners, Indian Engineers.

In June of 1962 Bruce Dow produced two silver cup trophies, the Webster Bros Cup, and the A.T. Dow Memorial Cup. These and some historic photographs were presented to the Association.

On 12-7-62 a vote of thanks was passed on to 1 FD Sqn in appreciation of the way they had prepared Ponsonby Army Hall for the A.G.M. of the Association. NL3/62 published a detailed specification for a reefer jacket. Material. Blue Bara-thea. Description. (a) to (d) from N.Z. Army Regulations & Standing Orders. And "What was the name of the very first CRE? he was Bishop Gundulphus, 1078." On 16-8-62 it was announced that in an endeavour to have ties available for the next reunion Maj Kibblewhite was arranging for a supply of Corps tie material to be flown out from England.

By Dec 1962 the Committee had some RNZE Corps Plaques for sale, consisting of an attractively finished replica of the Corps Badge, mounted on a polished timber shield. 35/-

NL7/63 Price List. Lapel Badges 5/-, Blazer Pocket Badges 17/6, Corps Ties 8/6, Corps Tankards ½ & 1 pt 62/6 & 72/6. Xmas Cards on good quality gloss paper bearing an embossed Corps Monogram with an insert photograph of some Sappers achievement and all for 1/-!

In Sept 63 it was decided to make arrangement with 1ZB for Andrew Murray and Laurie Rudd to make a broadcast on behalf of the Association, also to take out

insurance on stock held and to get some Corps transfers for use on windscreens etc. NL9/64 published a review of a four page article by Brig Fred Hanson in "NZ Engineering" entitled "NZ Field Engineers in two World Wars." The review gave many excerpts of which two portions are again quoted here : "Marshall Foch said to the Field Engineers 'Without you, without your co-operation, without your science, the war could not have been won.' "Field Marshall Alexander said 'Seldom have Engineers been faced with a more difficult task than in Italy. Feats of engineering without parallel in any other campaign have been performed. The NZ Div Engineers in their bridging and roading from the Senio to Trieste in three weeks of hard and continuous campaigning had set a military record which he was sure would stand for all time.'

In July 1964 the saga of the banner resumed. It was decided to start again. Bob Gilmour and George Bunce undertook the task. It was to be aluminium, to be 28" square with the cap badge and a background in Corps colours. To be complete with a leather carrier.

In August 1964 the Association paid for a Corps Flag and presented it to the Serving Units. Sappers took it with them to South Vietnam, later to Thailand. At the AGM in 1965 it was mentioned that the Corps Committee was introducing an alternative pocket badge with Corps monogram instead of badge. The Meeting decided that the Association would stick to the original, featuring the Cap Badge. NL12/65 advised "that there is a very smart Sapper badge being produced in metal for the front of your car. A colourful and true replica of the Corps badge".

In 1966 several members were anxious to obtain copies of "NZ Engineers Middle East 1939-45." An approach was made to the Dept of Internal Affairs, but the reply stated "over 2500 were printed but all have been distributed or sold and the book is now completely out of print. . ."

On 18-4-66 Lt Col Edward Senior CRE appealed to SME Linton to support the Association by injecting new blood and by supplying items of interest for the newsletters. He set an example by advising the newsletter subcommittee that the guns used by Edward III at Calais and the Battle of Crecy (1346) were directed by the Chief Engineer John Gruynard. The unbroken apostolic descent of Chief Engineers goes back to 1066. The cannon didn't appear on the military scene until the 14th century, so there is no point in wondering who came first, the Sappers or the Gunners. NL14/66 mentioned that two Sappers had to date been appointed as Aide-de-camp to His Excellency The Governor-General. Lt Col Edward Senior in 1966 and Col Guy Sanders earlier to Lt General Sir Bernard Freyberg VC.

On 2-6-66 The Association banner was taken by 1 Const Sqn on loan, for a display in Hamilton, in the care of Sgt J. Bryham.

At the 7th A.G.M. it was confirmed that the Association was sticking to the blazer pocket badge which featured the Corps Badge, not the RNZE monogram.

In August 66 discussions were being held with the ARA Civil Defence on possible involvement of members of the Sappers Association in the Civil Defence Organisation. The possibility of organising Xmas or Sappers Day parcels to sappers

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serving overseas was also investigated. It was also decided to invite Col Russ Currie to represent the Association on the Corps Committee, as it was becoming expensive to send someone from Auckland.

NL15/66 gave details of two Sapper paintings, one by Cuneo, done for the R.E. Officers' Mess at Chatham, shows Sappers opening the way through the minefields at El Alamein on the night of 23 Oct 1942. A copy used to hang in the Army Hall in Ponsonby. The other, the famous "Simpson and his Donkey" painted by Sapper H. Moore-Jones, one of the original "British Section New Zealanders" to enlist in 1914 in England. This Newsletter also gave details of the citation:

UNITED STATES MILITARY ASSISTANCE COMMAND VIETNAM
THIS CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT IS AWARDED TO
THE NEW ZEALAND ARMY ENGINEER TEAM VIETNAM
FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE FROM 29 JUNE 1964 TO 20 JULY 1965

There followed a very generous tribute in detail to the achievements of the team, their appearance, military bearing and conduct etc. The Roll Call of the members of the Team was attached. Signed W.C. Westmoreland, General, U.S. Army.

In Sept 66 when ordering blazer pocket badges from Kaiapoi Textiles, investigation was made into the possibility of the badges being reduced to $\frac{3}{4}$ size. NL16/66 advised that the Corps Christmas Card that year would bear an embossed Corps Monogram, be decorated with a Corps Ribbon and have an historical centre piece based on the surveys of the Auckland Engineer Volunteers who served in the Tauranga area about 1866.

NL17/66 reported "The following is the text of a message received by the Colonel Commandant: 'Please convey my sincere thanks to the Chief Engineer and all ranks of the Corps of Royal New Zealand Engineers who are celebrating Sappers Day. My warm thanks for their kind message of loyal greetings which I received with great pleasure.' Signed Elizabeth R. Colonel in Chief.

The Corps Christmas card for 1967 featured the painting Murphy and his donkey by Sapper H. Moore-Jones, and was so popular that supplies were exhausted.

At about this time quite a large percentage of the Membership consisted of Sappers who had joined the Army for the 1939 World War, and who had left it again smartly in 1946. Most of the prospective members on the lists were in this category also, and very few of them, including the newly appointed Editor, were terribly well clued up on matters of Corps History and Tradition. And so began a period of Continuing Education. The editor acquired as much Corps history and tradition as he could, and passed it on through the Newsletters. The system seemed to work and members enjoyed the course. WW1 and WW2 N.Z.E. Sappers began to feel at home in the Corps R.N.Z.E.

Another unifying element was the ever increasing use of members' names in the Newsletter reports of reunions and functions, and the publishing of some personal details about each new member as he was marched in. Reading through the old newsletters now is like looking through family photo albums. Every issue

contains some news about some members — their health, their activities or their achievements.

NL21/67 "On 15th October 1902 the No2 Service Coy NZ Permanent Forces was granted the name of Royal N.Z. Engineers. In the following year this was changed with Royal assent to The Corps of R.N.Z.E. This was in 1903."

NL22/67 "Specific battle honours are not granted to the Corps. Our motto Ubique (Everywhere) signifies that the Sapper has a finger in every pie." (Even, as was described in the same issue, in the building of the Crystal Palace for Prince Albert in 1851.) Up to 1946 the title used was "Corps of New Zealand Engineers." In 1953 the correct title was re-introduced i.e., "The Corps of Royal New Zealand Engineers."

NL23/68 gave an account of the Main Body of 8586 men who sailed from N.Z. in ten troopships on 16th October 1914., and an account of the formation of 4th Works Coy N.Z.E. in 1939 by Sapper Officers of WW1. (Messrs Glasse, Vickerman, Gray, Rabone.) At the 1968 AGM it was decided to make an annual donation to the RNZE Corps Committee funds, and to make arrangement so that the Corps Committee Minutes could be sighted so that Corps activities could be made known to members in the Newsletters.

NL26/68 gave a long account of the West Coast Sappers Association operating from N. of Westport to S. of Hokitika, all 1939-45 vintage.

In NL27/68 Sgt E.J.E. McQueen DCM was recounting his experiences after being wounded in Dec 1941, through ADS, MDS, then on to Tobruk Hospital with 109 wounded in one ward, then on a hospital ship to Alex. On Xmas eve — a visit from Tiny Freyberg, candle-light carols by nurses and staff. It was the small things which meant so much, that first bath and those clean sheets. How many returned men will remember those two items alone, like entrance to a new world. What lived most in Ted's article was the wonderful comradeship all around.

It was the discovery that so many returned sappers recalled with pleasure this very feeling of comradeship, so many years after their service had ended, that launched the very successful recruiting campaign of 1967-72. From 1968 to 1972 we added five hundred sappers to the membership, simply because this spirit was there — the spirit of unity among all ranks.

We struck the odd bod who reckoned he was too old or had turned anti-social, but all in all it was a pleasant crusade.

In NL30/69 we published a report by an RE member of the R.E. Training Depot which was involved in that epic of Sapper know-how and achievement, the Mulberry Harbour placed in France from D. Day onward. David Hills recalled some N.Z.E. officers who had been involved.

In August of 1969, negotiations with Parisian Ties re making a R.E. scarf. In NL31/69 appeared an article on "Honi Soit Qui Mal Y Pense". Having been asked by fellow Sappers so many times what it meant and why it was on our badge, the Editor did some research on King Edward III and how he came to set up the Order of the Garter, the premier Order of Great Britain, in 1347. Tradition states that when

the King picked up a lady's garter from the floor at a Court festival, in reply to the looks he got from some bystanders he said "Honi Soit Qui Mal y Pense" an old French saying for "Evil to him who evil thinks", or "Shame on him who thinks evil of it." See earlier reference "On 18-4-66" above for our early connection with Edward III at Calais.

In the same issue we gave explanation of why we celebrate Sappers Day, in N.Z. 15th October was the date when King Edward VII bestowed the title Royal to New Zealand Engineers.

The New Zealand Engineer companies that served in World Wars One and Two were designated NZE. After WW2 senior officers pressed for CORPS designation, with the result that in 1947 the then Governor-General Sir Bernard Freyberg, with the approval of His Majesty King George VI, brought into being a Corps of Engineers and changed the designation NZE to RNZE.

The Corps has two Latin mottoes. They are "Quo Fas Et Gloria Ducunt" meaning "Where Right and Glory Lead", and "Ubique", meaning "Everywhere."

These indicate the wide service of the Corps. The current badges and buttons are based on those of the Royal Engineers. The Engineer grenade badge has nine flames as distinct from the Artillery which has seven flames.

Such information was fed to the members through the Newsletters.

NL33/70 "In 1915 the 2nd Field Company left N.Z. for Port Tewfik Suez and the Anzac Peninsular under Maj George Barclay, formerly OC the Dunedin Engineers. Maj Barclay served with them in Gallipoli, Egypt, and France until 1918 when he was appointed OC the Reserve Depot in England. In those days on the south coast of England the N.Z.E trained at bridging on the river Stour. It is reported that the daily presence of local interested fair spectators is reputed to have had a stimulating effect on the susceptible sappers!! Billets were available in a suburb of Bournemouth and it was there that Mrs Barclay set herself to carve in teak hardwood the Cap Badge under which the N.Z. Engineers served. This 14" x 10" work beautifully carved by loving hands came down from the Barclay estate to one of our 1 NZEF members Alan Davis, and the Association has passed it on to the Corps Memorial Museum. QUO FAS ET GLORIA DUCUNT, N.Z.E.

Members of the Association purchased over two hundred of the 1969 Corps Christmas Cards which that year featured sketches of the proposed Memorial Centre, Linton. The Assoc received a Xmas Card from Ken Fenton featuring the official insignia for the Free World Forces Vietnam and the N.Z. Vietnam Force engaged in the war to preserve the Republic of Vietnam.

The 1970 Corps Xmas Card included a photograph of some of the Corps Silver.

NL37/70 published a long article based on information received from Bert Loudon one of our members who served with the Imperial War Graves Commission during the 1950s. "Their Name Liveth For Evermore". This is the quotation from Ecclesiasticus that Rudyard Kipling chose in 1918 for the now classical Stone Of Remembrance designed by architect Lutyens for the War Graves. This stone, and architect Blomfield's Cross of Sacrifice, honour the last resting places of N.Z.

Servicemen all over Europe and the Middle East, as well as elsewhere, in 147 countries, and 23,629 cemeteries, including over 3000 major war cemeteries.

In the same newsletter details were given about The Royal Engineers Association and their standing invitation to any of our members visiting England to contact them at their headquarters at the Royal School of Military Engineering at Chatham Kent.

For some time, members had been invited through the newsletters to send in any souvenirs or books which they would like to go into the proposed Corps Museum. Items began to trickle in, and arrangements were made with S.M.E. for their safe delivery. One member wrote "I have some suitable books here and have instructed my daughter to forward them when Old Nick claims me."

During 1970 Corps Committee decided to try and persuade Govt to do a reprint of "New Zealand Engineers, Middle East 1939-45". Members were circulated and names collected of those who had missed out on the initial distribution.

In this year also the Committee decided to proclaim that suitable dress for the Annual Church Parade and Anzac Day Parades etc would include blazer with the Engineer pocket badge. These were good occasions to publically show the flag.

NL38/71 gave an account of how the West Coast Sappers had been enjoying a visit by twenty three of the Serving Sappers from Christchurch.

One member had written from Invercargill to say "The Newsletters are very much appreciated. Even though most of the action seems to be up north it is nice to keep in touch, and it is the pleasant feeling of belonging that really counts. Grim digs who had been glad to see the last of the Army in 1946 were now beginning to catch the Corps bug. The R.E. tie, the flaming grenade lapel badge and the pocket badge began to appear around the country.

Early in 71 S.M.E. wrote to the Assoc asking for assistance in identifying a flag which turned out to have belonged to 22 Field Coy.

In April 71 it was noted that eleven members of one N.Z.E. Coy put in a dollar each to make one of their mates a Life Member of the Association.

In NL41/71 "Our Corps is importing some coloured reproductions of two R.E. Corps paintings by Terence Cuneo. One is of Sappers opening the way through the mine fields at the battle of El Alamein. The other is Bridging the Rapido River before Cassino. The prints are 12" x 17" or 15" x 25" over the mounts. Order from the office of the Chief Engineer, Army H.Q. Wellington."

NL42/71 "On the wearing of medals. When we have a Church Parade, or an Anzac Day etc it is good to wear your medals. This is what they are for, to identify you. If you are out of uniform you can get back into uniform quite simply this way. A formal dinner or dance arranged by the Services or some Patriotic League is lifted out of the ordinary, and given a touch of Service glamour by the wearing of miniature medals, and the bright medal ribbons on black, fitly supplement the evening dresses of the ladies. To wear your medals is just to put on uniform again, not to make out you were some sort of hero, as if you ever were. World War Two servicemen are beginning to see this point more clearly now, so we have secured the following

information from the Secretary of Defence for your assistance : " Then followed all the information necessary concerning WW2 and Korea medals. Then followed : "Two medals of historic significance have been presented to the Corps. There is a silver and a bronze. On the obverse is the NZE badge mounted over crossed Maori war weapons and the inscription TE HOKO WHITU A TU N.Z.E.F. On the reverse is a blank space encircled by the inscription "N.Z.E. RESERVE DEPOT. CHRISTCHURCH ENGLAND." Merv Stewart came up with quite a story which cannot be retold here, but it concerned a Maori Pioneer Battalion which sailed with 2 Fd Coy in 1915. Reinforcements were channelled through the Engineer Training Depot at Christchurch England where they became great favourites with the local people. In the same newsletter was published a review of "Boldness Be My Friend" by Richard Pape, dealing with a series of escape attempts out of Stalag VIII etc. made possible by the co-operation of a N.Z. sapper Winston Yeatman, one of our Christchurch members. Winston was captured in Crete in 40 and Richard Pape, a RAF Navigator spent 3½yrs in and out of Stalag VIII and with the Underground.

For good measure members were told that the first Soccer Cup Final played on Kennington Oval in 1872 was Wanderers v Royal Engineers. The first recorded accident was when Lt Cresswell RE broke his collar bone in the same game.

The 1971 Corps Xmas Card featured a photo of a forerunner of the Corps who won the N.Z. Cross in 1869.

In NL43/71 it was reported that Bruce Dow borrowed the wood carved NZE Corps Badge and had an aluminium casting made. He then polished the cast and enamelled it in the Corps colours. Emotions felt by Mrs Barclay so long ago were again expressed in the modern idiom. This plaque has also been sent to the Corps Museum.

Also printed was one of the contributions from veteran members. This was about the experience of two members during the battle of Messines when a German counter attack in close mass formation advanced to within 200 yds of the Allies artillery and was more than decimated.

During 1972 there were many more instances where deceased members left items specifically for the Corps Museum.

The Association wrote to Maj Rutherford RNZE who was on loan to RE, suggesting that as the Corps RNZE holds a copy of the WW2 Roll of Honour he might be able to investigate the possibility of getting a copy of the WW1 Engineers — ditto held in London.

On 15-6-72 the Association was advised that 2000 names would be needed to get a reprint of the NZE History M.E. and that only 100 had been received, including 23 submitted by the Association. Also that the Corps flag sent to Vietnam was now back from Thailand and was currently being held at S.M.E.

In NL47/72 Ted McQueen reported on his visit to Chatham and said that the Deputy Controller of The Royal Engineers Association had volunteered to have a car at the railway station to meet any New Zealand Sapper making a visit to the RSME.

In November 1972 after attending the Annual Church Parade with so many of

his old friends, Laurie Rudd our first President wrote a two page letter to the Association. He died the following March. During the First W.W. he had enlisted under age and served in France. In his letter he recalled his experiences as OC 6 Fd Coy in early 1940, and his later experiences as Military Secretary with Gen. Freyberg. He made comments embodying the experiences of a lifetime and in his covering letter he said of the last Church Parade. "The service of remembrance in which you made it possible for me to join with so many of my dearest companions, moved me deeply. I seemed to feel the presence beside me of many for whom the Last Post has sounded."

In NL49/73 tribute was paid to the memory of Colonel L.F. Rudd DSO, OBE, ED.

In NLs 49 & 50 publicity was given to the activities of the Canterbury Sappers Association.

NL51/73 published an appeal from S.M.E. for information, photographs or old documents on the Corps and its off-shoots in the earlier years.

In NL52/73 Guy Sanders published a poem called "Nostalgia". We cannot print it all here but it extolled the wide ranging achievements of Sappers in these terms:

For they're the babies who take the raps,
The boobs who probe for the booby-traps;
The scouts ahead of the scouting lines
Cutting the wire and hunting mines.
And they are the playboys, gay and bright,
Who crack pillboxes with dynamite,
And they are the fellows who fell the trees
While the bullets hum like a hive of bees.

In NL53/74 President Roy Wilson reported on his visit to The Royal Engineers Association. He and Mary were met at the station by Capt Thomas and later at lunch in the Officers' Mess they were introduced to Col R. Harradine, Controller of the R.E. Association. They saw the N.Z. native woods inlaid table which Andrew Murray presented from our Corps some years ago. Having spent the morning being escorted through the whole of R.S.M.E. including the new computer centre they were happy to relax beside the magnificent collection of Corps Silver, including some from the Tsar of Russia.

NL54/74 devoted two and a half pages to a report by Patron Andrew Murray on his return visit to those parts of the South Pacific where the 3rd N.Z. Division was engaged from late 1942 until mid 1944. Andrew spent some time in the N.Z. War Cemetery and took a note of the Sapper graves there.

On 22-1-75 Mrs Grace Surrell, widow of WO2 Buck Surrell went to S.M.E. to present to the Corps her late husband's medals and war souvenirs. Buck was one of the early founders of the Sappers Association and Grace attended all Association Services after his death. She also assisted when mixed functions were introduced. In

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Feb 1975 The Sappers Association was included in the Distribution List for the new inter-Unit Liaison Letter, instituted by the Corps R.N.Z.E.

NL58/75 gave some news from the Corps Historian Howard Chamberlain back from a tour of duty in Indonesia. He also visited the R.E. Museum at R.S.M.E. and wished that more New Zealanders had been there. He also put in the nips for some dummies or half dummies which he needed for the display of uniforms at our own Museum. In 1976 a member who had served with the R.E. in India and Ceylon, sent in some souvenirs from the Indian Mech Equip Training Battalion. He thought something from "the 'Forgotten Army' might be of interest in our Corps Museum.

In February 1976 a small group of retired Sapper officers joined the local serving Sapper officers to meet Maj Gen Foster, Engineer-in-Chief War Offices, for a function at the South Pacific Hotel Auckland. Shortly afterwards Lt Col Ken Rutherford, at that time Force Engineer stationed at Fort Cautley, wrote to George Bunce "Re RNZE Museum acquisitions. Would you be good enough to describe the items to me again, the wine rather drove the details into the hazy bits of my brain." George replied "... thank you for the hospitality, it was quite a night. The wine did flow rather freely and the next day was a trial for me. When will we ever learn!" George had called at SME with some items for the Museum, on his way back to Auckland one Saturday. The Memorial Centre was locked up so the items were left with a young RNZE officer but had not been formally acknowledged in the usual way. Better arrangements were later made and published in the Newsletters for weekend visiting. Members donating items to the Museum received a certificate suitably headed in Gothic script "The Museum of the Corps of Royal New Zealand Engineers Wishes to thank of for the gift of the items shown below received with thanks by Name, Signature, Date, Acc No Location Quo Fas et Gloria Ducunt.

One of the South Island members received a decoration in the 1977 New Year Honours and wrote re the investiture "Well yesterday was the Big Day in Wellington. The Royal Investiture was an unforgettable experience, the setting quiet and dignified, yet staged in glorious technicolour. Her Majesty truly Regal but charming and gracious. Altogether a Red Letter Day for this humble Sapper. Tomorrow there is a Civic Luncheon here for the Royal Guests and we have been invited. As my wife doesn't usually wear a hat, this outing will give me an opportunity to see where last week's pay went to!"

In March The President of the Association and his wife were invited to the Royal Garden Party held at Auckland Government House.

At the 18th A.G.M. the matter was again raised as to how to attract the younger Sappers into active participation in the affairs of the Association.

On 1-1-78 a Sapper wrote from Marton "Just to wish you all the very very best for the New Year. I am sure that while you have men like Andrew Murray, Russ Currie, Dick Pemberton and the like at the head of our Association you can't go wrong. Many like myself who are in small towns really enjoy getting the Newsletters. A little gift to help you on the way, you'll know to the best what to do with it."

The little gift was one hundred dollars.

In April Dick Pemberton was appointed Colonel Commandant to succeed Russ Currie.

NL70/78 praised these famous men, and the newly appointed Colonel Commandant gave as his message to the troops an article entitled "Records and Memories." "As our Association grows older, so do we, its members. The ranks of 1st World War veterans — few enough in numbers — are thinning. Current members are mainly 2nd World War vintage and, that war having ended a third of a century ago, vintage we now are indeed. The inevitable result of this situation is our gradual failure of sharpness of memory and decrease in individual energy and drive. Not many of the younger generation of postwar Sappers yet belong to this Association. Perhaps they are too busy living to bother joining what may seem to them to be an Old Boys' Association. Our aim must be to enlist serving sappers and those recently retired, making them feel part of the brotherhood of Sappers, whether old or young. . ." Dick went on to invite all members to sort over their museum-worthy bits and pieces and to identify everything before they themselves forget who, where or what the photos etc are. "Some day — maybe quite soon — your wife or children (and mine) are going to thumb through our souvenirs and wartime and territorial camp photographs and notes. They'll pick out one or two they'd like to keep and may wonder whether the Sappers Library — Museum would like the remainder. Gentlemen, unless they are annotated (even approx if you can't remember the details) they will be just a heap of old photographs of little interest or value." Dick concluded by reminding the older men of the Sapper history currently being built up by the present generation of serving Sappers.

NL72/78 with Gordon Lindell now President, gave a mini biography of Dick Pemberton. Dick volunteered as a Sapper in the Territorials as soon as he left school. In 1939 he was one of the youngest officers in the Engineers. After winning the M.C. twice in action he was acting C.R.E. during the campaign south of Florence.

IN NZ75/79 with Gordon Lindell now Editor, we had mini biographies of Brig Fred Hanson and Col C.W. Salmon who both died in July at the ages of 84 and 87. Both had served with distinction in the two world wars. They, together with many Sappers of lesser rank have passed into history, their memory to be recorded in The Corps Memorial of the Royal New Zealand Engineers at the School of Military Engineering in Linton Camp."

NL77/80 reported that a Memoir on Brig F.M.H. Hanson contributed by Russell Currie and Gordon Lindell was sent to the Royal Engineers at Chatham and has been published in the Dec 79 issue of the Royal Engineers Journal.

The Association received a brochure published in Napier containing tributes to Duncan White D.S.O. The Maori community said "The great white Totara has fallen, son of Aotearoa, companion of light, farewell noble spirit, farewell, farewell." All other sections of the community there included their tributes to Duncan and a copy will go to the Corps Memorial Library.

In June of 80 came a letter from The Chief Engineer's Office, Army General

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Staff requesting the Association to let all serving or retired Sapper officers know that they were welcome at 1630 hrs on the first Wednesday of each month to a Sapper Soiree in the Defence Mess, Freyberg Bldg Wellington.

In NL78/80 Dick Pemberton reported fully on his trip to England, where at RE HQ he attended a formal dinner" the first for a batch of newly commissioned officers and a farewell to older officers retiring. N.Z. was honoured by my being seated at the top table among a most distinguished company including seven Major-Generals and three Lieut-Generals. The following day a full tour of the R.S.M.E. Some of the training included syndicates booby-trapping houses for other syndicates to delouse. The Regimental Colonel presented me, as our Colonel-Commandant, with a fine bone china plate with the R.E. emblem, to bring back to R.N.Z.E. In Athens I visited the British War Cemetery and the 2 NZEF graves there, and the dignified plaques listing those killed in Greece and Crete. The people are still thoughtful and kind, and they welcome New Zealanders. The scars of war in Italy have all gone. Back in London we attended the impressive Anzac Day Service at Westminster Abbey." the above are just a few quotes from Dick's report.

In his 1979-80 President's Report Kent Purdie said "Continual efforts are being made to interest, and to maintain liaison with serving sappers, but regrettably this is proving to be an uphill fight. In spite of constant reminders it is seldom that a serving Sapper attends a meeting. When on occasion one does attend we are imbued with fresh hope and enthusiasm, but alas inattendance again soon brings despair." Comments from the newsletter gossip — Two of our members met by chance in Australia at an All Black rugby match. They were happy to get together when they saw they were both wearing the Association lapel badge. — Many members visiting Crete and Italy again claim to have found the same olive trees or grape vines under which they had their bivvies back in the war days.

NL80/80 published another contribution by a veteran member recalling the incident on Gallipoli when three N.Z.E. Sappers made signed statements about observing the disappearance of a British Regiment. The entire regiment was listed as missing.

Throughout the life of the Newsletters, regular mention has been made year by year of honours won by Sappers in the New Year or Queens Birthday Honours.

In NL81/81 members were given a look at the past. The Order of Battle of N.Z.E. in both the Middle East & Italy 1939-45, and in the Pacific Theatre, were given.

For the short time when the Association did have a serving RNZE secretary in Beven Inwood, he received a note saying "Bev, Trevor (name and details attached) would like to join the Association. Please send him the form, and let him know when the next old guys gathering is and where."

21-5-81 "Dear President, It was very good of you to send me best wishes from the Sappers Association. I know that we of the N.Z.E 1st world war are fast fading away, but as we fade, speaking for myself at 85, I still retain memories of my youthful days as a member of the 3rd Field Coy Engineers. I thank you for sending the

newletters for it is mainly through them that I get news of past Engineer mates." And another — "Thankyou for your welcome to me as a new member. Unfortunately the Christian name (Roy) will mean nothing to the many sappers who knew me, and of course neither will my initials S.R.T. help. I apologise for putting you wrong in my application for membership. The only handle I ever got whilst in the army was Nobby. Sure there are about 3000 Nobbys in N.Z. and that's why I went back to (Roy) after the war, but the sappers don't know that.

Therefore when my wife has advised you of my demise (must happen sooner or later) would you kindly use the handle "Nobby".

Thanking you in anticipation. Nobby Clarke (S.R.T) See NL89/83 "Escape from Surrender" by Roy Clarke (Nobby 'Skipper')

From 1962 to 1967 the Association sent representatives to meetings of the Unit Associations Liaison Committee.

Constant contact has been maintained with The Army Association, of which The Sappers Association is a Life Member and nominates a representative each year to attend Army Association Meetings. Support or backing has been given from time to time. Guy Sanders has been the representative for some time.

In 1966 the Sappers Association became affiliated with the Auckland R.S.A. and has had a Representative on the R.S.A. Council since then. In the early years George Bunce was on the RSA executive, and for fifteen years or so Bob Gilmuor has been elected annually to the RSA executive. As well as that, the Association has two representatives on the R.S.A. Council. These reps report back to the Association Committee where matters of concern to Sappers are discussed, and the reps briefed accordingly. Where necessary R.S.A. matters have been brought up in the Newsletters when opinions have been sought. Members who have served on the R.S.A. Council in this way have included George Bunce, George Hodgson, Chas Kibblewhite, Jim Goodsir, Eric Bullen, Kent Purdie, Hugh McDermit, Noel Martin and Jack Breingan.

The Association is always represented at the Annual R.S.A. Special Remembrance Day Commemoration Service at St Matthews in the City, and has run a stall on Poppy Day for many years, as described elsewhere.

In addition to the various Associations and Committees mentioned in this History the Sappers Association has maintained contact with most of the N.Z. Infantry Battalion Associations, The Gunners Association, P.O.W. Association, and the King's Empire Veterans Association.

The 24 N.Z. Infantry Battalion Association has had an interchange of News letters with us for years, and has invited Sappers to apply for use of their Manly Motel.

In Nov 1985 our (N.Z.) Association wrote to the following in Australia seeking closer contact with Australian Sappers, and suggesting an exchange of Newsletters and communications: R.A.E. Corps Memorial Museum/Library, S.M.E. Casula, Holsworthy, Syndey, N.S.W.; Sappers Association (N.S.W.) P.O. Box 536 Penrith, N.S.W Australia 2750.; R.A.E. Corps Committee, C/- Director of Engineers' Office,

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Defence H.Q. Central, Canberra, A.C.T., Australia.; R.A.E. Association S.A. Division, P.J. Lower Hon Secretary, 13 Hatswell St., Hackney, South Australia 5069.; Old Sappers Association, G.W. Carlile Hon Secretary, 76 Dunloe Ave., Box Hill North, Victoria, Australia 3129. The last mentioned sent us a wall calendar with a coloured "Good Morning Melbourne" picture over their Programme of 37 events for 1985. They also sent us a presentation shield of their Association. It has been our pleasure to reciprocate with one of our plaques, complete with a small presentation plate.

All the R.N.Z.E. Units stationed in N.Z. or Singapore or wheresoever, have extended an open invitation to retired Sappers. The Units want all Sappers to know that, as part of the family, you are welcome to make contact at any time, or to call in when passing.

They like to meet the older members of the family and it certainly is good to get to know the younger generation.

WO1 Howard Chamberlain who is Secretary/Treasurer/Curator of the RNZE Corps Memorial, School Of Military Engineering, Linton Camp, has recently advised that the Royal Engineers' gift stained glass window featuring the R.E. Cap Badge has just been installed in the Chapel above the altar, and that the Royal Australian Engineers have sent an Australian Hardwood prayer desk, now in constant use in the Chapel by the chaplains.

Regimental silver passed to the Corps Museum from 3 Field Squadron has been placed on display in the Kitchener Room. Now that the Government has approved the appointment of a civil servant to work in the Memorial Centre full time, it is hoped that interested travellers will put Linton Camp on their itineraries.

From time to time our members hand in some of their war or army souvenirs. These are presented by The Association to the appropriate military museum. If the items are of general interest rather than RNZE, they go to the Queen Elizabeth II Army Memorial Museum at Waiouru. Otherwise they go to our own Engineer Corps Memorial Centre at the School of Military Engineering in Linton Camp. The last item to be presented to the Queen Elizabeth Museum in this way was a seventy year old fully illustrated copy of the N.Z. World War I Roll Of Honour for 1915, in relatively good condition. In his letter of acknowledgement, the Director of the Museum spoke of how his staff set about caring for and preserving such articles. Many items are kept in controlled storage to ensure that they are preserved for posterity. They are produced on request when required for study, or for special display. As the years roll by, this flow of military memorabilia from our members will continue through The Association, and the items will find their final appropriate resting places, preserved for posterity rather than lost for ever.

A detailed piece of old Sapper history was given in NL98/85 relating how, 143 years ago a R.E. Lieut was sent out to govern the Falkland Islands and set up a permanent settlement there. He took a clerk of works Sgt and eleven sappers and they spent six years surveying, roading and building. "Sapper Hill" overlooking Port Stanley appeared on the early maps. At the end of the task, four of the sappers stayed behind with their wives and children and became permanent settlers there. After the

1982 Falklands War a memorial was erected on Sapper Hill for the Royal Engineers who fell in that campaign.

Finally let Sgt M.J.R. Walters end this section with some comments on the granting of the Freedom of the Borough of Petone to 6 Indep Fd Sqn., an ancient honour not lightly given by civic bodies. 8 Feb 1985 set as the day — Unit pride was the spur to sustained effort required to produce a high standard of drill and presentation. At 1530 Hrs SSM WO1 Oliver BEM handed the Parade over to Maj Tovey who lead 6 Indep Fd Sqn out the gates of Pattie Street Camp. A short distance from the camp the parade was halted by a member of the local constabulary who questioned the right of the Squadron to be marching through the streets in this manner. The challenge was answered that it was 6th Independent Field Squadron marching to receive the Freedom of the Borough. Then the final General Salute in the Petone Recreation Ground before the Charter Ceremony began. Towards the end of which, prayers by the padre (and by the instructors that the next movement "fix bayonets" would be creditable) and the final General Salute.

CHAPTER 3.

Support the Active Units

RULE 2 (b) To publicise the activities of the active Units within the Corps and foster local interest and pride as a stimulus to recruiting, thereby building up and maintaining these Units at strength.

RULE 2 (c) To promote interest by the control, encouragement and organisation of social functions which would assist in building up the esprit-de-corps of the active Units.

Sappers from Auckland were down at Scott Base in 1961 and NL1/62 mentioned that WO2 Keith Malloch of S.M.E. was preparing to lead some more sappers into the Antarctic.

In March of 1962 Laurie Rudd reported that Kings College Auckland had formed an attachment with the Corps RNZE. Maj Kibblewhite as DCRE NMD was able to give more details on how ND Const Sqn had accepted an affiliation from Kings College on behalf of the Corps.

In 1961 Fred Penn had reported that there was a sum of £109.12. 4 still held in trust ex 1 Fd Coy reunions. In 1962 it was decided to donate this to Corps Funds, Colonel Commandant Andrew Murray having explained how the Corps funds were obtained and the types of expenditure which had to be met. The donation was made in the name of the Sappers Association and the action was confirmed at the 3rd A.G.M. on 14/6/62.

Col Rudd requested the Committee to assist in an effort to locate certain RNZE trophies which had been unaccounted for for some time. Some mentioned were the Edney Bowl, Rhodes Cup, Abbotts Shield, Murray Kettle Drum, and the Impey Sapper Group Photographs.

Laurie Rudd presented the painting "Sappers At El Alamein" to the Officers Club, on behalf of The Sappers Association. At the A.G.M. in 1962 Col Rudd outlined the Regular Force representation in Laos. In NL1/62 Corps News included advice that Maj Fenton had been appointed CRE, Maj Velvin (formerly Chief Instructor SME & OC ND Const Sqn) had been appointed OC NZSAS and was off to S.E. Asia, Maj Ed Senior was handing over 1 Fd to Capt John Fitzmaurice.

NL4/62. The Chief Engineer Lt Col P. Hamilton has toured S.E. Asia and is at an Australian Conference. Maj Barry Brighthouse has handed over S.M.E. to Capt J. Kelly ex Malaya. Another party of sappers is due to leave Papakura for the Antarctic. NL5/62. Col Murray was host to Maj Gen Foulkes, Engineer in Chief War Office during his visit to N.Z. The General visited SME and inspected RNZE personnel of the Brigade Group. He showed much interest in the Sappers Association and in a letter sent best wishes to all members. It was decided to make contact with the R.E.

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Association with a view to strengthening ties. Auckland Sappers were hosts to eight R.E.s who had just completed ten months of reef blasting in the Island Territories. Fifteen RNZE personnel in Malaya (Assault Pioneer Platoon,) NL6/63 devoted half a page to the Territorial Force. 1 Fd Sqn in camp at Linton in January. An eight day tactical exercise on the Napier — Taihape Road. Then a weekend in March at Whangaparaoa. Command Maj J.R. Fitzmaurice.

A reef gapping team went to Tokolau Island to create navigable gaps in the reef. (Parties continued to go there until 1965).

NL8/64 gave a half page report of the annual camp of 1 Fd Engr Regt RNZE in the Ohakune/Waiouru area in January under command Maj K. Fenton.

RHQ, 2 & 3 Sqns, 1 Fd Sqn from Auckland under Maj J. Fitzmaurice. Engineer tasks plus role during 1 Inf Bde Gp four day exercise. Manpower supported by Plant Troop of 6 Indep Fd Sqn. Ohakune Borough gave Mayoral Reception in appreciation of the engineering works carried out. News also given re the amalgamation of the T.F. and R.F. News also re postings — Col P. Hamilton C.E. to become Commandant Waiouru Camp, Maj Fenton to be Chief Engineer, WO1 T. Dench from Linton to Papakura as a Troop Commander. Maj G. Butcher to be CRE, Lt P. Crowther a member of the Sappers Association Committee, moves to Linton Camp. Capt R. Treanor moves from Waiouru to Auckland.

Copies of the magazine "The Sapper" (Regimental Journal of the Corps of Royal Engineers and official organ of the Royal Engineers Association) were offered to members on loan. President of The Sappers Association invited to Regt Officers Mess Dinner at RHQ off the Ohakune Mountain Road, dinner jacket and miniatures. George Bunce accepted and attended meeting of RNZE Corps Committee held in the camp. It was noted on the accounts that the Auckland Sappers Association was supplying ties and plaques wholesale to Corps. Reciprocal presentations were arranged to R.E. and R.A.E. in response to gift of candelabra from R.E. and statue of The Sapper from R.A.E. NL9/64 told of RNZE building an air strip in Thailand, also about a group in Tokolau Islands working on underwater demolitions of coral reefs.

NL10/64 released some gossip about the serving sappers. Ex WO2 Earl Wells (1 Fd & 4 FdPkSqn) gets Tokyo Olympic Games selection, Flying Dutchman. Ex Spr A.A. Page (1 FdSqn) gets Tokyo Olympic Games selection, Rowing Cox. Lt David Pittman (1 Const Sqn) gets new baby at home. Maj C. Kibblewhite and Maj M. Velvin have both put away their uniforms for civvy suits. Maj R. Dickie is now DCRE NMD and Maj E. Senior holds the reins on 1 Const Sqn. WO1 T. Dench and S/Sgt Tom Hughes are recent arrivals in Auckland from Linton Camp.

N.Z. Aid Detachment RNZE sent to Vietnam in June 1964, first N.Z. presence in Vietnam. (Returned in 1965). RNZE personnel also in Malaysia-confrontation against Indonesians.

NL11/65 had a full page report on the sappers in Vietnam, on Fakaofu Atoll and in Thailand. There was also a quote from Packer's "History of Military and Royal Engineers" — "Thus we find after the rebellion of 1715 it was decided to

separate the Artillery from the Engineers, consequently the Gunners became the third arm of His Majesty's Sea and Land Forces, i.e. The Navy — Right of the Line — with the Sappers and Gunners 2nd and 3rd in regard to precedence.'

In NL12/65 the members were advised that Maj Rob Dickie had been transferred from DCRE NMD to DCRE CMD and that in his place they were asked to extend warm welcome to Capt John Edwards, an ex Canadian Engineer and former Spitfire pilot from the Battle of Britain days. Both these gentlemen served on the Committee of the Sappers Association at various times during their Service in Auckland-confrontation again against Indonesians in Borneo with 1 RNZIR and also with NZSAS.

NL13/66 advised that Edward (Ted) Senior had been promoted to Lt Col and had been appointed CRE, 1 CRE Wks, and Aide-de-Camp to H.E. The Governor-General. It also gave items of interest from 1 Const Sqn by Sgt R. Bryham on Physical Training to pass the Battle Efficiency Test. There was also some interesting information on sport in 1 Const Sqn. Out of a total of 40 men chosen to represent NMD at the Army's Inter-District tournament at Linton, 1 Const Sqn supplied 20. Also that Capt W.E.M. Stewart had returned from CMD to take over 1 Const Sqn at Papakura, vice Lt Col Senior. Also that Capt D. Moloney had vacated the 2IC chair on attachment to 1 Ranger Sqn N.Z.S.A.A. Some RNZE personnel in Borneo again.

In NL 14/66 readers were told that a farewell to WO1 and Mrs Dench was held by the combined Officers/Sergeants Mess at Papakura on 4 May and that a welcome guest had been Capt D.W.S. Moloney. Dave had dropped in while on his final leave before returning to Borneo to take command of the S.A.S. detachment.

In NL15/66 news was given of the Feeder Road project in Thailand. Wives and families were with members of the RNZE detachment serving there. A report was given on passing out parades of RNZE Trainees at the School of Military Engineering, on completion of National Service Training. The prizes presented were financed from Corp Funds.

There was also a report on the Corps Ball held in Palmerston North on 6 Aug and organized by 2 Const Sqn.

Particulars were given of a lecture to be given by Brigadier Pleasants and Col Spence at the Auckland R.S.A. on the N.Z. Army in Vietnam.

In NL17/66 particulars were given of the coming RNZE Engineer Group Concentration at Waiouru Training Area, from 14 to 28 January 1967. There was also an account of 2 Const Sqn's annual celebrations in the SME Social Rooms with wives and girl friends and even a garden party.

1 CRE Works were on a course at Linton so they had their annual celebration in the Junior Ranks Club.

Merve Stewart and 1 Const Sqn celebrated with a Ball at Sorrento on One Tree Hill, and a sports day in Papakura Camp.

Also published was a piece of verse about Lt Col Boddington R.E. (Bodd), who needed two ds to spell his name, when one was sufficient for God!

In NL18/67 members were advised that Brigadier Bullot had presented Long

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Service and Good Conduct Medals to WO1 J. Offord, WO2 R.B. Luscome, S/Sgt M.B. Meredith, S/Sgt J.K. Griffin and S/Sgt Ted Hobman. There was also a report on the January annual camp at Waiouru and a report on a ceremony held in Whakamarama Bay of Plenty, marking 100 years of active service by Auckland Engineer Volunteers. RNZE personnel involved with 1 RNZIR in Vietnam, and with 161 Battery, 16 Fd Regt., RNZA.

NL23/68 gave details of 5 Spec Team in N.E. Thailand assisting with the construction of a 90 mile road. This was a supervising and instructional group from RNZE with a preponderance of officers, warrant officers and sergeants, all Regular Force. (Maj Rutherford, Maj Dickie, and the Corps Flag sent by The Sappers Association). Also included was report on Maj M. Stewart's 1 Const Sqn based at Papakura, with a breakdown of the Establishment into ranks and Regular or Territorial. Then for good measure there was an account of the latest January camp at Helwan, Waiouru.

In NL26/68 some more news was published about 5 Specialist Team (Road Const) in Thailand. A 23 man team from RNZE with 400 men working on the project. The road was one third complete, including a concrete bridge. One Sapper NCO won a Fiat in a raffle in Bangkok.

NL27/68 gave a report of the Charter Parade in Levin on 14 October 1968. Maj K.H. Mitchell and 74 officers and men from RNZE. The parade was reviewed and complimented by the Mayor who said the town always looked forward to the parade which commemorated the granting of the Freedom of the Borough to the Corps. The sappers paraded as a squadron comprising three troops. These were drawn from the School of Military Engineering and 2 Const Sqn from Linton. The parade included three NCOs of the Royal Malaysian Engineers who were on a course of instruction at the School of Military Engineering.

In NL30/69 there was a report of 188 from 1 Const Sqn on a twenty day camp at Helwan Waiouru, also a further report from the Team in Thailand. In NL31/69 readers were also informed that there were 44 engineers from RNZE serving at that time in S.E. Asia. Those in Thailand were in an Engineering Unit, the others were attached to Infantry, Artillery, etc. Units.

In June, sapper deaths in Thailand had been reported, and in this issue there was that of Spr R.H. Brown who was killed in action by a mine in Vietnam.

At this time Capt P. Crowther was serving as United Nations Observer in Pakistan. Two RNZE were attached to HQ NZ Army Forces, Singapore. Most of the others were in Malaysia or South Vietnam.

This issue featured an article on mine warfare in Vietnam, particularly dealing with NZ Army and the Australian Army Engineers. It was based on information from Gordon Lindell and Ken Fenton.

In the same issue we gave an account of S.M.E., at that time running thirty courses with a staff of 3 officers and 38 ORs. Attached to the School of training and use as instructors were a further 3 officers. Practical work included demolition of a 3 span reinforced concrete bridge at Whitianga. etc. Major B.L. Hayhow later wrote to

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the Association to thank for the publicity given and interest shown. NL33/70 reported on the occasion when Andrew Murray welcomed General Sir Frank Simpson, Chief Royal Engineer for six years. There was also an article on the RNZE Corps Library at S.M.E. containing 600 books at that time. This included advice to members that the Library could do with a copy of "N.Z. Engineers Middle East 1939-45" which they had been unable to obtain.

Also published in this issue was a long account from Maj Merve Stewart on Sappers Day celebrations at Papakura. The NL even gave a detailed account of the Webb Spoon presented annually to the most improved strife stirrer upper within 1 Const Sqn. (Quoted from the Charter of the Award). (15 Oct 1960).

Then followed a list of the jobs being undertaken by the Sqn at that time. This was amplified by a full account by Lt Ian Harris of how 1 Const Sqn spent the main annual camp dismantling a building 300ft x 120ft built on Motutapu Island by 4th Works Coy or 34 Army Troops Coy in the 1941-43 era. 1 Const Sqn transported it to Papakura Camp and re-erected it as a vehicle garage and joinery workshop. This newsletter concluded with details of movements of RNZE personnel to and from Vietnam, Thailand, Singapore, Pakistan, etc.

In NL34/70 it was reported that Col G.A. Lindell had relinquished the appointment of Colonel Commandant which he had held for 7 years, and that he had been succeeded by Col J. Brooke-White. On behalf of all ranks of R.N.Z.E. the Chief Engineer Lt Col R.McL. Dickie offered thanks and congratulations.

Mention was made of several eminent Engineers whose deaths had been recorded over the year, with mention again of Sappers R.H. Brown and J.T. Barrett, both killed by mines in Vietnam in Aug and Nov of the previous year.

Fred Penn as President of the Association visited S.D. Const. Tp. in Christchurch. An account of his visit was reported in this issue.

In NL35/70 it was reported that Col Peter Hamilton and Lt Col Barry Brighthouse had arrived in Auckland to take up very senior positions, also that Lt Col Rob Dickie had returned from Thailand to be Chief Engineer and that Maj Bruce Hayhow had handed over SME and gone to work with explosives with I.C.I., Maj Ralph Bennett from Thailand to OC S.M.E. and Maj D.C. Nichols to civvy street. WO2 J.T. Bennett ex NZ V Force and then to SD Const Tp. was awarded a B.E.M. In this issue was given an account of the lives of RNZE wives and their children both in N.E. Thailand and in S. Vietnam.

This was followed by an account of a coming Open Day & Giant Gala Day at Papakura Military Camp on 29/8/70. "1 Const Sqn will put on a big Engineers' display including WW2 plant and equipment with the modern equivalent. One booth will display the Corps Silver and Rolls Of Honour, and a section will be devoted to the Engr Corps Memorial project. Major Stewart extends an invitation to all Sappers to meet at the close of the proceedings, in the Sqn Recreation Rooms." Many members were there and some of the Sappers Association Committee helped to man the Engineer booth.

Publicity was then given in the newsletter to the coming 21st Birthday Ball of 1

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Const Sqn at the Manhattan Lounge, Dominion Road. 10/9/70. Quite a party of members of the Association joined the serving sappers at this function.

Some even managed to make it to the Garrison Officers Ball with Capt S. Jameson on Friday 11th September 1970 at Peter Pan Cabaret.

By NL36 the Association was posting its Newsletter to 700 members and these items of news were going out all over N.Z. and to a few members who were serving overseas as well. By this time also copies were being received by the National Libraries in Wellington and Sydney at their request. There was little more that the Sappers Association could do to comply with Rule 2(b) than it was doing.

In NL36/70 S. Jack reported the day as follows:

"ENGINEER ESPRIT DE CORPS AT PAPAKURA CAMP.

That elusive intangible esprit de corps, that animating spirit of a collective body, was very much in evidence at Papakura Camp on Saturday 29 Aug 1970. For the Charter Parade and Camp Open Day the Serving Sappers of the Auckland area were given a job to do, and the fact that they succeeded in doing it exceedingly well was reflected in the satisfaction which they obviously felt at the end of the day. We all know the feeling, a moment in time when you feel really proud of being a part of it. At 1100 hrs on the Parade Ground it was clear that the Engineers knew that S.A.S. troops were assembled on their right flank and that what mattered was that it should be demonstrated that anything SAS could do, Sappers could do better. From the sideline we could see that this determination extended from Maj Stewart right through, and we enjoyed observing how everything fell into place and how they proved the point. Over at the exhibition area a sapper generator flicked power throughout the day into the multi lights which spelled out a king size RNZE Welcome to the Engineer display area. Hundreds of children formed up in an endless queue to contribute five cents each to the Corps Memorial fund and to be given a thrilling ride aloft and around on the extended jib of the Sappers' giant hydraulic crane, safely and cheerfully sapper operated all day long. Others similarly patronised the dummy mine field where with the help of the latest mine detectors they searched for screws buried in the turf and were rewarded with sweets. A very hygienic very clean engineer version of the old lolly scramble!! Working models of water purification and an example of water pumping to and from a large collapsible tank attracted a lot of attention, while countless boys climbed into control positions on huge earth-moving machines and similar equipment. Tents containing static displays and films of Combat Engineers were constantly occupied. The range of tools intrigued many a civvy tradesman while examples of modern anti-personnel mines reminded returned soldiers of the horrors of warfare. Attention to detail was evident throughout, even to a Medal of the Maori Wars borrowed by Merve Stewart from the Auckland Museum to grace the red coat of one of the historically uniformed models which kept us company in the booth where items of Engineer Corps and Sappers Association interest were displayed. The jaded parents and weary sightseers all found their way eventually to the bars and hot meal counters which were set up in the very large building demolished at Motutapu Island and brought up and erected at Papakura Camp by the Sappers last summer as described in our March newsletter. This building really has to be seen and entered for the magnitude of the task they did to be fully appreciated. This then was another good sapper day . . ."

The above report was followed by a contribution from WO1 D.R. Palmer, Office of the Chief Engineer. This gave the names and Units and movement orders of thirty RNZE personnel who had recently been posted from NZ to overseas Units or who had recently returned from overseas. This included S/Sgt A.R. King of 2 Works Sect

posted to NZ V Force attached to the NZ Medical Services Team as Clerk of Works on the Sir Walter Nash Memorial Wing for children, a project sponsored by CORSO in N.Z.

On 15/10/70 Sapper Officers met at The Officers' Club, Auckland, to formally thank Gordon Lindell for his seven year term as Colonel Commandant, and members of the Executive of the Association were out at Papakura by invitation to a Sappers Day celebration in B. Blk. Mess. with 1 Const Sqn.

NL37/70 of which 1000 copies were distributed, reported on the latest contact made by the Association with The Royal Engineers Association (Patron H.M. The Queen). "Should any members of your Association be visiting the old country we shall always be pleased to welcome them to Chatham and to show them around. They can contact us by telephone on arrival in Britain and we will arrange a suitable programme with them."

This issue also gave details of the latest Army Reorganization. "In 1870 there were 41 Military Districts in N.Z. With improved communications, this was reduced to 4 by 1911 and to three by 1921. Now, after another fifty years, these three familiar Military Districts have been abolished. NMD, CMD, SMD, are no more. Henceforth the Army will be divided into Home Command and Field Force. The Field Force HQ will be in Auckland (HQ FF Comd) while HQ Home Comd will be in Wellington. Three Sapper officers are currently posted to HQ FF Comd, Col Peter Hamilton is Chief of Staff, Lt Col Barrie Brighouse is Assistant Adjutant and Quartermaster General, and Maj Merv Stewart is SORE 2 to the Force Engineer (which is a T.F. appt occupied by Lt Col Ted Senior).

Engineer Units which come under Field Force are 6 Indep Fd Sqn, 3 Fd Sqn, 1 CRE Works, 2 Works Sect, 1 Const Sqn, 2 Const Sqn.

Engineer Units which come under Home Command are S.M.E., N.D. Const Tp, CD Const Tp, SD Const Tp, RNZE Apprentice Trg Wing & Camp Fire Stations. Soldiers employed permanently as firemen in Army Training Camps and establishments come under the direction of the Chief Engineer RNZE in regard to organization, staffing, equipment and training. Ken Fenton has been appointed Col Gen Staff, M.O.D. Wellington. And some personal items e.g. Sammy Martin (6 Fd Coy) has been appointed Executive General Manager Broken Hill Prop Co Ltd Melbourne, and Don Nichols (Maj RNZE just retired) now Wellington Harbour Board. Also, RNZE Construction Team departs for Vietnam.

The 1000 copies of NL38/71 included the editor's (Seymour Jack) report of the Engineer Group Annual Camp attended by 547 Sappers. (Officers 35, Senior NCOs 71, ORs 441.)

"As President of The Sappers Association I was invited to visit the Engr Group at Waiouru on 23 & 24 January, and to take part in the annual Formal Dinner of the RNZE Officers' Mess. Somehow I had a preconceived idea that Helwan Camp was a permanent establishment, due no doubt to the facts that my invitation stipulated "Dress : Dinner Suit & miniatures," and that vast sums have been spent on permanent buildings at Waiouru. On arrival by car from Auckland with Maj Merv Stewart I soon discovered that the only

permanent buildings were the latrine, ablution, and cookhouse blocks. (Later I discovered a small laboratory building). Having said goodbye to tents 25 years ago it came as a bit of a shock to be suddenly standing in an empty flapping tent, with an open suitcase on the waving green grass and a dinner suit to be hung up somewhere. The 25 year barrier was soon broken however with the remembrance that civilized life under canvas is not only possible but also extremely pleasant. Formal dinner that night in the Officers' Mess Tent lost none of the Service glamour associated with permanent establishments. Your President felt honoured to find himself in a line-up which included Brigadier Galloway, Col John Brooke-White (Colonel Commandant of the Corps), Col Ken Fenton (Formerly Commander NZ Vietnam Force), Lt Col Barrie Brighthouse (Asst Adj & QMG FF), Maj Ken Rutherford (CRE for the Group), Maj Grant Hardie (Mess President). My civilian partner was Mr Fuller, Mayor of Levin. Fullest appreciation of the cooking and service turned on by the sappers was freely expressed. The dominant impression of my stay was of activity. Helicopters plied a constant service moving men and materials to remote tasks, only the nearest of which we were able to visit in a staff car. The largest job on hand is the construction of an amphibious training facility for the new M 113 vehicles. Full engineering drawings for this project were prepared by 1 CRE Works Section (Edward Senior Lt Col CRE). The Const Sqns were well on with the work. Earthmoving equipment pooled from Engineer Units was fully engaged on the shifting of 59,000 cub yds of bulk excavation. Construction work was proceeding on the 200 yard long by 50 yard wide Pond, designed to give 8ft to 10ft depth of water to provide training in techniques in entering and exiting water obstacles. Training for up to three M 113 vehicles at a time is envisaged, with two vehicles in the water simultaneously, practising handling and manoeuvrability in water in association with other arms, particularly infantry. Concrete work includes main entry-exit ramps and a control weir. Metal recovery ramps, access roadway, hard standing area, earth dam, culverts etc make this an ideal training task for Engineers in camp, and a satisfying project to be completed to a strict 16 week overall construction programme by the Serving Sappers. Other work in progress was the construction of a further length of the Argo Road to give access to more of the back country required for Army training. Also under construction were five underground S.E. Asia style Command Posts for the coming Brigade exercises. One is intended as an aircraft target and others will face demolition by other arms. Other tasks include well drilling for geological survey, timber milling, camp building and drainage work, tank turning pads to protect camp roads, investigation of further access roads and for the formation of a Brigade Maintenance Area (BMA), a modern version of Advance Base with Air Support facilities, to be established out in the deserts of Waiouru. Heavy plant in use included 9 track dozers, 6 loaders, 7 scrapers, 5 cranes, 4 graders, 6 compactors, 7 heavy transport (3 tilt deck), and 17 tip trucks. Activity — synonymous with Engineer Corps. On Sunday morning, three services with Engr Padre G.S. Smith, sincerely serving the NZ Army as well as his own, two ASC drivers in hospital from a truck accident, (in the attached Tipper Sect), Clerk of Works of 2 Wks Sec preparing construction progress charts, 1 Wks Sec carrying our aggregate baking and sieve analysis tests and curing test blocks.

Retired sappers take note — your flaming torch is in good hands."

In NL41/71 details were given of the 27" oval chased and pierced silver tray with a stag hunt border which had been on display at the A.G.M. It was a piece from the Corps Silver which had been on loan from the Corps to the Association for a special occasion. It bore a presentation inscription to Field Marshall Lord Kitchener, and contained 12 lbs weight of pure silver. Lord Kitchener, an old R.E. Officer and the first Col-in-Chief (1911-1916) of the Corps RNZE, had left it (with other silver) to our Corps.

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In this Newsletter was also published a long article by Maj Merv Stewart on the N.Z. Sapper Effort In Korea. 1951-54. A copy of this newsletter was sent to every sapper who served in Korea, whose names and addresses could be obtained. 1150 copies of NL41 were distributed. Sgt. W.A. Kearny posted to Vietnam to join N.Z. Army Training Team.

In NL42/71 some space was devoted to Ray Burnett the very capable SSM of 1 Const Sqn. Ray was awarded the BEM in 1961 for flood relief work during Hauraki plains floods. He had served in the M.E. from 41 and in Thailand 66-69 and retired on 29/9/71 to take a job in Brisbane. Team posted to Gilbert & Ellis Islands. Capt. Dick Sampson. NL43/71 reported on Maj Colin Douglas formerly OC Southern Engineers posted to serve a two year term as an observer with U.N., then in Syria. Message also to Maj John Broadbent, Capt Geoff Stevenson and the sappers serving with them in Christchurch detachment posted to Fiji rebuilding hurricane damage to schools & housing.

In NL44/72 was quoted and endorsed the message from the Chief Engineer Lt Col Rob Dickie to Lt Col Edward Senior on the occasion of his promotion to Colonel and his appointment as Deputy Commander Field Force. "It will give all ranks a thrill to hear of the honour to yourself and the Corps and on behalf of all of us sporting an RNZE cap badge I offer congratulations and best wishes. You have served RNZE interests particularly well and recognition of this service with a red hat is very gratifying. I have no doubt that your interest in the Corps will in no way be diminished even though your involvement may be less than formerly."

This issue also advised young men to join the Corps and see the world. "Our new Chief Engineer Lt Col John Harman has just arrived from the R.Es to take over from Rob Dickie, Maj Ken Rutherford has just arrived on the Salisbury Plains on attachment to the R.E. for two years, Maj C. Douglas is in Israel, Maj K. Mitchell in Singapore. Maj B. Jenkin to Staff College Melbourne, Capt J. Kiff to Singapore, LtCol B. Brighthouse to Canberra, LCpl Avenell, Cpl Matiaha, Spr Burne & Spr Oakes to Singapore, and the following have just returned from Vietnam — Capt R. Radford, WO1 C. Chapman, WO2 J. Bingham, Sgt Kearney, Sgt Lock, Cpl Allnutt & Cpl Hawkins. The following have just returned from Thailand — Maj D.O'Brien, Capt D McLean, WO2 Luscombe, Sgt Evans, Sgt McDonald. Cpl Hammond has just returned from Singapore. Lt. R.A. Barrett to 2 N.Z. Army Training Team, Vietnam.

Then followed an article on RNZE in Tawara in the Gilbert & Ellice Islands supervising a water supply project, and a report on the completion of the Thai road. Also included was a report on how 1 Const Sqn converted the old YMCA building into the Papakura Camp Garrison Club, and an article about the Corps Historian.

In NL46/72 were extracts from letters from WO1 Dave Palmer and Maj Ken Rutherford giving news of happenings in the serving Corps. 118 RNZE personnel served in Vietnam.

NLs 49 & 50/73 reported on RNZE repair of hurricane damage in South Pacific Islands.

NL52/73 printed a long account from Ken Rutherford attached to R.E. and his

delivering of 3 lorries and 20 landrovers across the Sahara to central Africa.

NL54/74 told of 30 Sappers leaving for the Island of Atiu in the Cook Islands to build a harbour, this took over a year to complete. NL55/74 published details from Chief Engineer LtCol Ken Rutherford on the organization of the Corps, also a detailed account from Maj O'Brien of the harbour construction in the Cook Islands, and a report on the local activities of RNZE.

SSgt. H.E. Chamberlain in North Sumatra managing a soils laboratory for proposed liquid natural gas plant.

NL57/75 congratulations to LtCol Rob Dickie on his OBE, plus news about 3 Fd Sqn. Capt. R. Barrett to U.N as observer in Pakistan and India — Kashmir. Lt. S. Heaton takes 10 RNZE to Antarctica to construct laboratory at Scott Base.

NL62/76 gave news from Dave Cormack OC 1 Fd Sqn re the serving sappers, and incl. joint exercise with Australian and U.S. Forces.

In NL65/77 there were news reports from RNZE personnel serving in Fiji and Singapore. LtCol Bruce Jenkin also wrote from the Australian Staff College where he had been an Instructor for two years. He was the first Sapper officer to fill the position of N.Z. Instructor. Only three or four N.Z. officers attend the course each year, but RNZE has been represented in five of the past six years. Maj Beaver to R.A.E. on exchange for a year.

Sgt. J.J. Campbell killed in a rock fall in Papu — New Guinea whilst working on a road project for Volunteer Service Abroad.

NL71/78 gave an account of the Sappers building the Army Museum at Waiouru. At the 19th AGM of The Association Dick Pemberton gave details of preparations for the opening of the Army Museum at Waiouru. He also outlined arrangements for the Sappers Cabaret evening at Papakura to follow, and of the Church Parade to follow that. Then he introduced LtCol Keith Mitchell the Chief Engineer who addressed the Meeting on activities of the serving sappers in N.Z., in the Pacific Islands, at the N.Z. Embassy in Moscow, at Scott Base in the Antarctic, etc. Col Mitchell said that the RNZE would shortly be working with more modern bridging equipment and dump trucks and mechanical mine laying equipment. He drew the Meeting's attention to the very major construction project carried out by sappers on the Army Museum at Waiouru.

In NL72/78 was a report on the Army Museum at Waiouru built in record time by the Sappers during one of the worst winters on record. Colonel Commandant Dick Pemberton wrote a very artistic description of the opening, itself at the mercy of the elements.

In 1978 Maj John Bell and 3 Fd Sqn., some 160 persons, to Chatham Islands for Civil Aid Projects, mainly bridging. Lt W. Williams and RNZE Diving Team to Tuvalu (Gilbert & Ellis Islands) for reef gapping. WO1 E. Bruce and SSgt G. Findon to Moscow with 10 RNZE to refurbish the N.Z Embassy for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The building dated from the turn of the century, was four storey and the external appearance was sacrosanct. The team worked under very poor conditions through a -45 Clesius winter. 3 Fd Sqn mounted team for Scott Base reconstruction

works. RNZE party of 14 to Solomon Islands to investigate water supply.

In 1979 Second and third teams continued with the Moscow job. A Second team went to Tuvalu for reef gapping, and Second reconnaissance done at Solomons.

NL73/79 congratulated two serving Sappers on their New Year's Honours, Maj A. Anderson, MBE and Sergeant R.J. Hughes, BEM. It then reported on the Serving Sappers, covering Wairarapa, Chatham Islands, Tonga, Solomons, Milford Track, Pirongia and Maruia Springs, covering works on roading, bridging, causeway construction, hospital and museum building, water supply, etc. The new suspension bridge over the Clinton River near Glade House at the start of the Milford Track was built by our S.M.E., training Fijian Sappers. 1 Fd Sqn built two suspension bridges in the Pirongia State Forest. 3 Fd Sqn put up another near Maruia Springs.

NL74/79 congratulated Col R. McL. Dickie OBE, Director of Works, Ministry of Defence on his election to the Council of the N.Z. Institution of Engineers, the first serving RNZE rep on the Council. Also published is a report on the Causeway at Tonga, and a reference to the appearance of 6 Fd Sqn on TV1 building a bridge on Chatham Islands.

In Aug 79 Capt Steven Rouse, Senior Instructor S.M.E. recalled the very brief time when he had been able to act as Secretary of The Sappers Association. He said he was convinced the Association was the key link between serving and retired sappers and he volunteered to act as a recruiting agent for the Association with the many aspiring Sappers who passed through the School every year.

NL75/79 invited members to join with 1 Fd Sqn at Papakura Camp during the afternoon celebrations of Sappers Day. Gordon Lindell gave members another meaty article on the Serving Sappers. Corps establishments are being filled without the need of recruiting. The Press is giving publicity to RNZE tasks of a community nature. The Army Museum at Waiouru was well documented in Technical Journals. The building was designed to suit Army Engineer techniques, which the architect says they brought off very well. There were only three lost time accidents on the job in 170,000 man hours. The average in the N.Z. Construction industry is 15 per 100,000. Why should this be with 60 sappers on the site, long hours, dreadful weather, seven days a week? Because they are trained soldiers as well as technicians. The Waiouru Museum is a memorial to the armies of the past. It is also a memorial to the Corps R.N.Z.E. of the present. In spite of all this the Sappers found time to hold a rugby competition with six teams competing at Linton.

The King of Tonga opened an 800 metre causeway constructed by 1 Fd. Sqn.

NL76/79 reported on RNZE postings and Sappers Day celebrations.

NL77/80 congratulated Maj John Bell MBE, WO1 Ray Wills MBE and WO2 Allen Oliver B.M.E. Also a report on the formation of 7 Fd Sqn (T.F.) under Maj Peter Goldsmith (110 all ranks). Also details about the annual camps as submitted by Dick Pemberton.

NL79/80 contained lots of news about the serving sappers. WO1 H.E. Chamberlain put in a long plug for things for the Memorial Centre, jobs being done in the Solomons were mentioned i.e. water supply systems on eight islands, bridges and

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airfield survey on Guadalcanal, water well on Makaira, bomb disposal, etc.. Sgt Wally Morgan died of injuries accidentally received on Guadalcanal. He was cremated at Linton after a service in the Memorial Church. Also a report on 7 Fd Sqn which wants to encourage close association with 7 Fd Coy whom they see as their heritage. News also on 4 Fd Sqn (OC Maj Allan Beaver) on Raoul Island, then involvement with MOW for the nighttime erection of Bailey Bridging over the old Mangere Bridge. Cpl Alan Martin off from 7 Fd Sqn for a four month exchange T.O.D. in Britain.

NL80/80 contains a page of gossip about serving sappers, together with details of their work achievements. One passage called up a letter from H.Q. Army Training Group Waionuru wishing to correct the statement about their establishment because there are in fact fifty sappers posted to A.T.G. They laid a wreath on the Cenotaph in Waionuru on Sappers Day and found it satisfying to see all fifty on parade as a group. Units send personnel to Scott base again, and to Fiji again on hurricane tasks.

NL81/81 published over a page of news on the serving sappers. Four senior RNZE officers took part in a huge British Army Exercise conducted in Germany.

NL82/81 reported that LtCol K. Christie had succeeded Col R.C. Pemberton as Colonel Commandant. It was also mentioned that the Corps RNZE provided a Guard of Honour 100 strong, representing all units, for the Governor-General at the opening of Parliament. Then followed a resume of Sapper peactime activities since 1946.

All the locations have been mentioned above with the exception of the team monitoring the transfer of power in Zimbabwe/Rhodesia. Sgt Meade, Cpl Greening and Cpl Vincent were Sappers present in December 1979.

NL83/81 published a report from Maj Allan Beaver on a further reorganisation of the Corps to keep in line with the Australians. The Corps is averaging a reorganisation every five years or so. As part of this reorganisation 7 Fd Sqn is to be disbanded and absorbed into 1 Fd Sqn. Other news on serving sappers follows this item.

NL84/81 featured a report from Maj Geo Goldsworthy on the 1 Fd Sqn exchange with the U.S. Army at Hawaii. From Papakura to Waikiki beach. Military and other experience gained by all who took part. 45 from 1 Fd Sqn were attached to the 65th (US) Engr Bn based at Schofield Barracks. This was an Engr Combat Bn.

NL86/82 described the 1945-1980 RNZE History project and invited contributions from members. This was followed by a report from George Goldsworthy on the activities of 1 Fd Sqn. Then followed a delightful contribution quoted from the RNZE Liaison letter from Cpl Marty Martin on his Tour of Duty with 39 Engr Regt based north of Cambridge England. Sappers apparently haven't lost their magic touch with humour.

NL87/82 contained RNZE appointments, RNZE Golf Tournament raising \$1000 for the Corps Memorial Centre, construction of confidence obstacle course at Motutapu Island Camp (a mecca for Auckland School Children), a full report by Maj Joe Hollander on N.Z. Works Service Unit RNZE in Singapore. Capt Hague to Sinai

as Engineer Advisor to multinational force. In Sept 1982 in his Annual Report Roy Garrett gave a summary of the Engineer achievements of the serving sappers, covering a wide range of building construction techniques, as well as bridging, roading and the rest. More RNZE work in Tonga and Antarctica.

NL89/83 announced that Rob Dickie had accepted an appointment with the New Territories Development Dept, Hong Kong. In News from the Serving Sappers it was reported that 1 Fd Sqn was working on extensions to the Army Museum at Waiohuru and were erecting a new H.Q. Bldg for the Corps of Signals at Ngaruawahia. Major Beaver was posted to Sinai as Engineer Advisor.

NL91/83 gave more details of the Corps History "Sappers Of The South" and provided a tear-off slip for pre ordering. In 1983, as R.E. were fully committed with the Falklands War, RNZE was requested to assist with a reconnaissance of Pitcairn Island jetty damage. This was carried out by Maj G.R. Jason-Smith. Another two year exchange was made between RAE & RNZE Training Officers.

NL93/84 reported from a letter from Sgt Chris Henry on New Zealand Works Services Unit in Singapore. As at Oct 83 the Unit was under Command Major Joe Hollander, Force Engineer Singapore. Special duties were Works Mtce Officer, WO1 H. Gallagher. Works Contract Officer, WO1 T. Hawkins. Contracts Supervisor, Sgt C. Henry. Dieppe Depot Supervisor S. Sgt B. Clark. SQMS S.Sgt D. Greeks. Their responsibilities were similar to those of M.O.W. staff at Military Camps in N.Z. There are also 17 Sappers attached to 1 RNZIR, Dieppe Barracks. Sappers Day 1983 was celebrated in Singapore at the Ten Pin Bowling Alley, the famous Breweries, a massage and sauna, then a show with ping-pong-girls to entertain. A big makan consumed, then a champagne breakfast followed by a happy family picnic. Any Sappers visiting Singapore are invited to contact the Unit.

RULE 2 (c) quoted at the beginning of this Chapter is partly dealt with in Chapter 7 "Other Sapper Reunions and functions", but a few items are given here. On 12/5/65 a social function was organized at Ponsonby Army Hall to give thanks and a presentation to Colonel Commandant Andrew Murray on his retirement from that appointment.

In an effort to bring the social activities of the Sappers Association to the notice of the local serving sappers, a folder was made up containing Newsletters back to about 1967, together with an open invitation to all serving sappers to come to any Association function. Copies of all subsequent Newsletters were mailed to the local Units and Maj Merve Stewart undertook to have the folder kept up to date and to make it on issue at personal request and responsibility. In 1971 the Committee discussed at length ways and means of how best to get closer to the younger Sappers. Communications were circulated through all the Units. Tom Hughes assisted with addressing and distributing many such personal approaches from the Association to the serving sappers. A copy of a recent Newsletter would be included with such letters. 250 copies of NL41/71 were taken to Papakura by Tom for this purpose.

In August 1971 the Association made up a party of thirty members and joined the younger Sappers at their RNZE Manhattan Ball. Peter Skogstad as a result

invited the Association to consider involving itself in future planning of the event. The Committee agreed to cooperate any time requested.

Later that year representatives of the Association attended the Unit Formal Dinner 1 Const Sqn RNZE in the Combined Officers and Sergeants Mess Papakura, Dinner suit and miniatures.

NL94/84 advised that Major Goldsworthy had been transferred from 1 Fd Sqn to 1 T.F. Region (Transport Force), and Major E.G. Heaton had taken over command of 1 Fd Sqn at Papakura. 1 Fd Sqn took part in the Northern Safari 1984 on Great Barrier Island, with the NZ Sappers working with RAE constructing foot bridges, swing bridges, also exercise towers (jungle gyms) for the local schools. 1 Fd Sqn was also constructing a confidence exercise course for the boys at Owairaka Home, Auckland.

NL95/84 advised that LtCol Max Wedde a former Chief Engineer had been appointed Commander of the newly formed Force Maintenance Group with H.Q. at Linton Camp. The present Chief Engineer LtCol Jameson was Aide-de-Camp to His Excellency The Governor-General at the May 1984 Investiture at Government House.

Capt David Bedley RNZE posted to 7 Fd Sqn RAE on a two year exchange with Capt Trevor Walding RAE coming to S.M.E. at Linton Camp.

WO1 Clas Chamberlain posted back from Wellington to S.M.E. Linton. All Corps supplies being transferred there care of The Corps Memorial Association. Major Joe Hollander RNZE (Force Engineer, HQ Land Force Command, Takapuna) just elected National President of The NZ Institute of Management Services. Exercise Triad with the Americans and Australians meant that Sappers Day celebrations at Papakura, 82nd anniversary of the granting of the RNZE Charter, had to be low key. The Sqn had been heavily committed again in 1984 with personnel in Antarctica, Rarotonga, Tauranga and Waiouru.

Maj S.G. Ransley replaced Maj A.T. Beaver at MFO Sinai. Capt J.A. Look posted to United Nations as Observer in Golan area Israel. Capt B.J. Knowles and 2ic Sgt B.J. Hutton with team improving harbour in Cook Islands.

NL98/85 described 1 Fd Sqn involvement in Fiji hurricane and Thames-Te Aroha flood relief work. The Sqn will have four senior NCO supervisors attached to the Fiji Forces for the next five months. It was also reported that Cpl Darroch attended Exercise Long Look and was attached to 9 Para Regt for 4 months. This year Lt Richard Cassidy will be attached to 32 Armd Engr Regt based in Germany and Lt Chris Faulls will be attached to 18 Fd Sqn R.A.E. on Tasman Exchange.

Items to be covered in NL99/85 will include — Cook Islands. 1 Fd Sqn deployed a Scuba Diving Team to Rarotonga by RNZAF, complete with two landrovers, compressor and 10000 lbs of stores. Team was Capt Barry Knowles, Sgt G. Abernathy, Cpl R. Darroch, L/Cpl J. Simpson, L/Cpl A. Lawry, Spr C. Williams, Spr P. Kennedy. The task requires deepening the Avatiu Harbour to 6m. It entails moving 4000 cub metres of coral. On 7 May a second team of four, Sgt Shaw, Cpl Cook, Cpl Nicol, Cpl Masi, deployed to Fiji to assist the RFMF with cyclone relief. Follow up

cyclones have delayed the initial reconstruction programme on school buildings.

The RRF Tp. deployed on the night of 16/17 April on HMNZS "Unimog" (the new four wheel drive vehicles) as part of the RRF Bn in Exercise Herekino Safari. Tasks included damage control and an ambush which was not sprung.

Other tasks in hand include a confidence course at Waharau Outdoor Centre, new HQ Police Flight Whenuapai, squash courts Papakura Camp, golf club Papakura Camp, and start on a new HQ for 1 Fd Sqn at Papakura Camp.

1 Fd Sqn will be hosting the RNZE golf Tournament at Papakura Camp on 3 Oct 85 and will be holding a Sqn Cabaret on 5 Oct to celebrate Sappers Day.

CHAPTER 4.

Raising Funds for Special Purposes

RULE 2 (d) To assist in or organize the raising of funds for special purposes.

In 1969 The Association received an invitation from the Auckland R.S.A to give the names of volunteers who could assist on Poppy Day. The Association undertook to provide five voluntary helpers and these were detailed to Stall No 12 Vulcan Lane 7am to noon. This job was done by Col. & Mrs Andrew Murray, Tom Bassett, Seymour, Nancy and Catherine Jack. From this small beginning the Association accepted a permanent position in the Auckland R.S.A. Poppy Day Appeal. The time allocated to sapper volunteers was extended to 6.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. After Vulcan Lane there was a stint in Upper Symonds Street and then the Association settled into its regular position outside St Matthews Church, covering from Victoria Street to Pitt Street. The Sappers Assoc. still keeps this stall going, and the Committee is always looking for more helpers. Members are of course involved in their own areas as well, during this broad appeal. Those who collected were always surprised at the generous response of the public and especially by the younger members of the community. Roy and Mary Wilson seem to be the early birds who like to start at 6.30 a.m.

In 1976 the Association began giving publicity to the project to erect a Freyberg Memorial. In Nov 76 sculptor Robert Stone was working on a full size model of the 9 foot bronze statue of Tiny Freyberg as we of 2NZ Div remembered him, head up, broad shouldered, fit and strong. The bronze casting was being done by Ron Ranby who served in 24 Bn and who has made many renowned statues in N.Z. At the age of 75 he was making this his final effort. Every Newsletter from 64/76 to 68/77 gave support to the Auckland R.S.A.'s appeal for the necessary funds. General Freyberg was always proud of his Sappers and they were proud of their General. Sappers were urged by Dick Pemberton to contribute in his memory. Some sappers contributed directly to the RSA and others sent their donations to the Association. When these were finally forwarded to RSA they earned the reply "... your consistant support of this project has been encouraging and when it is completed your members will find satisfaction in having been connected with the project in such a helpful manner." A later reference stated "The statue is rapidly becoming accepted as an integral part of the environment of Auckland. Its artistic excellence plus the fact that the plaque proclaims that it has been donated by Returned Servicemen will be reflected in enhanced respect for the RSA. All who contributed will find satisfaction in such an impressive memorial to a great leader."

In Jan 1964 the RNZE Corps Committee was discussing proposals for a Corps Memorial Centre within Linton Camp. Colonel Commandant Andrew Murray, together with George Bunce (Auckland Sappers Association) and Maj Dowrick

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(Wellington Sappers Assoc) took part. In NL15/66 Gordon Lindell reported fully on the formation of the Corps Memorial Association established to see the project through. Through the Sappers Association newsletters members were invited to join the new body and support the scheme. By Aug 67 forty members of the Sappers Assoc were sending in annual subs to the Corps Memorial Association through the Sappers Assoc., which at that time also made a separate donation of \$50 directed to setting up suitable letterheads for the new Corps Memorial Association.

In Nov 67 Eddie Farnell and Charles Kibblewhite went to Linton to survey the site. By May 68 Dudley Roy had preliminary plans drawn up and estimate of \$81000. In June 68 Russ Currie was welcomed to the Sappers Association's 9th AGM and was appointed the Sappers Assoc Rep on the Memorial Assoc Executive. Andrew Murray exhibited the preliminary plans and it was reported that Laurie Rudd had solved problems of site ownership and access, from the legal side.

Aug 68 Letter from Engineer Corps Memorial Association thanks to The Sappers Assoc for its support and vigorous recruiting on behalf of the Memorial Association. NL26 & 27/68 carried long reports on progress with the planning.

On 11-1-69 The Association sent 550 names and addresses to Maj B. Hayhow in reply to his request and in Jan 69 wrote to Dept of Internal Affairs to see if the Sappers Assoc could conduct a raffle to raise funds for the Memorial project.

In March 69 arranged with RSA for publicity in 'Stand Easy' for the scheme and in May 69 agreed to assist with running a National Raffle.

At the 69 AGM, models of the proposed Memorial buildings and layout were put on display. One member gave a cheque for \$100 to save him remembering the \$1 annual sub. In Sept 69 Andrew Murray accepted the position of Auckland Area organizer for a proposed National Fund Raising Campaign.

NL32/69 published a long report from Andrew Murray on the Memorial project. 17/6/70 at a committee meeting, study was made of a map prepared by 1 Const Sqn to show the pockets of location of known sappers, for organization of the campaign.

The Memorial Assoc decided that the Fund Raising Campaign would run from Oct 1970 to October 1971, and as Andrew Murray had just left on an Overseas tour, Eddie Farnell took his place. On 15/7/70 at a Sappers Assoc Committee Meeting it was agreed that the Auckland Sappers Assoc/ 1 Const Sqn team would be responsible for the N.M.D. The following sub-committee was appointed: Eddie Farnell, Charles Kibblewhite and Malcolm Bishop. Support of the Regular Force was guaranteed by Ted Senior and Merve Stewart. In NL35, 36, and 38/71 reports on progress with planning were given. Eddie Farnell flew to Wellington at his own expense to attend meetings, and a 20 man Committee was set up, over half of whom were members of the Sappers Assoc Auckland. On 15/9/71 Andrew Murray, Eddie Farnell and Charles Kibblewhite were invited to speak to the Committee of the Sappers Assoc about progress with the Memorial scheme.

Eddie Farnell said that they were very worried at the lack of interest encountered. The fund raising appeal had not got off the ground. Material for the campaign

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had arrived in Auckland in Feb 71 and by that time the interest of intended canvassers had waned. A lot of detailed work had been done by the members of the subcommittee in Auckland, with most discouraging results. The particular appeal as envisaged was doomed to failure, and they did not feel justified in distributing any more material. Andrew Murray was going to Wellington within a week and would be back in Auckland by 1st Oct. The next Committee Meeting therefore was set up for 6 Oct so that the Sappers Association Executive could decide on a course of action.

Andrew Murray came back with the impression that the Sappers Association was expected to make a move and give a lead. Either the Memorial project would have to be scrapped or a more practical scheme adopted.

On 8 Oct 71 the Executive of The Sappers Association sent a letter to the Engineer Corps Memorial Association in time to catch its sixth annual General Meeting. Proposals were submitted for a reduction in the scope of the scheme by omitting the separate Hall and Sanctuary buildings and upgrading the Museum/Library building so that it could also house the Corps Rolls Of Honour. It was suggested also that there should be a greater involvement of Corps personnel and equipment in the design and project planning, and in the actual construction work. On 21 December 1971 Gordon Lindell replied on behalf of the Corps Memorial Assoc and advised that the Hall would be omitted, but that they would adhere to the idea of a separate Sanctuary building. The possible additional physical participation of serving sappers would be explored.

On 16/2/72 Andrew Murray and Charles Kibblewhite attended a Committee meeting and the Memorial project was discussed. It was decided that no further initiative could be taken by the Sappers Assoc and the only course was to await developments and cooperate when requested. At the 13th AGM of the Sappers Assoc on 22nd June 1972 Col Lindell advised the Meeting that a less ambitious scheme was being considered. Army had now come up with a proposal to move an old church building from Norswood to Linton. The move and renovation could be sponsored by the Corps RNZE and the building could be used as the nucleus of the Engineer Corps Memorial.

Andrew Murray and Lauri Rudd both supported the modified scheme and the Meeting agreed that the Sappers Association would be giving full support.

On 5/7/72 Eddie Farnell attended a Memorial Assoc committee meeting, and the site for the church was agreed upon. Army and Corps each put up \$2000 toward cost of moving the church.

NL49/73 Full report on progress and on gift items for the Museum.

After the old church building had been resited and the reconstruction work was in progress, delays were unavoidable because of the shortage of seasoned timbers of the sizes required. In the meantime plans were in hand for the new library building. Construction would have to compete with programmed work for official sanction.

In Dec 73 surplus funds from a Sappers Association executive dinner were sent down. NL53/74 reported fully on the moving and reconstruction of the church building.

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At the 15th A.G.M. of the Sappers Association 27 June 1974 Eddie Farnell reported that "the Memorial Church was complete, carpet down, pews installed. The old church looks beautiful, is a credit to the Corps and will be well used."

NL55/74 reported the opening and dedication of the RNZE Memorial Church and that the 200 present were very impressed. Historic value was added by having a church building originally constructed by the early pioneers. The most interesting service was quoted in detail in the Newsletter. A truly historic record.

At the 16th A.G.M. of the Sappers Association 12 June 1975 Andrew Murray reported that the drawings for Stage 2 were in the hands of the Director of Works and that working drawings and schedules of quantities were in preparation.

There had been offers of assistance with certain materials and services. NL67/77 was mainly devoted to a report on progress with Stage 2 and included a perspective drawing showing the Memorial Church completed in 1974 and the Memorial Library about to be commenced. On the reverse side was a floor plan of the library and a site plan of the Memorial Centre in relation to S.M.E., and Linton Camp.

At the 18th A.G.M. of the Sappers Association 6 September 1977 Maj Joe Hollander, Treasurer of the Corps Memorial Association, said it was proposed to organize a National Raffle in 78 and that on 15 Oct 77 Col Russ Currie would lay a foundation stone to mark the start of the Memorial Library building.

NL68/77 gave Gordon Lindell's report on the stone laying ceremony which he attended as the Sappers Association Official representative. He and President Dick Pemberton appealed for continued financial support to complete the project.

On 27/9/77 the President wrote to Eddie Farnell on behalf of the Sept A.G.M. to thank Eddie for all he had done for the Corps Memorial as The Sappers Association representative for so many years, and indeed right from the beginning in 1964.

In NL69/78 Russ Currie reported that the floor slab had been laid. Engineer effort at that time was being concentrated on the Waiouru Army Museum but the RNZE building was not being lost sight of.

NL73/79 mentioned that the 1 NZEF Engineers had wound up their Reunions account and had sent the balance as a donation to the Corps Memorial. A nationwide car raffle being organized by Maj Cliff Parker was about to be launched. Some building materials were being supplied on a cost basis. The Chief of General Staff accepts that the Corps may continue constructing the Library on a non priority basis. The car lottery was launched in NL74/79 and the publicity kept up in NL75.

NL76/79 reported that the Association had sold 940 tickets and knew that many members had bought tickets direct from the Corps sellers.

NL77/80 reported that the raffle resulted in a profit approaching \$26000 thanks to a tremendous effort by the serving sappers.

NL81/81 reported that the Library was complete except for internal fittings and floor coverings. Approx \$800 was contributed by sappers attending the Levin Reunion towards the funds still required.

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NL82/81 recorded the death of Col Andrew Murray and mentioned that "In lieu of flowers" donations of \$800 to the Corps Memorial Fund were received. Lt Col Ken Christie as President of the Engineer Corps Memorial Association sent a fine In Memoriam and thank you to those who had so contributed in tribute to Andrew. Ken quoted Pericles "And they received each for his own memory, praise that will never die. And with it the grandest of all sepulchres, not that in which their mortal remains are laid, but a home in the minds of men."

NL/83 & 84/81 reviewed the project and gave details of the coming official opening "our Corps can be proud that it has led the way in establishing a Corps Memorial Centre at the School of Military Engineering where the Sappers of today and the future are trained in the skills of military engineering."

Roy Wilson was appointed co-ordinator for the Association in connection with arrangements for Auckland members wishing to go to Linton for the opening. NL85/82 featured a full report of the Opening on 30 January 1982. This saw the CORPS MEMORIAL CENTRE at last completed. The Regimental Parade of all R.N.Z.E. Units numbered 574 O/Rs including some Sapperesses, and 31 Officers. There was also a Retired Sappers Contingent. Fourteen years had passed since the last full ceremonial parade of R.N.Z.E. Units and congratulations were extended to all the Sappers taking part in a splendid performance worthy of a great occasion in the history of the Corps. The historical records of the Corps and traditions of the past are now adequately cared for and housed with provision made for future Sappers to do likewise. The message from the Queen included "The successful completion of the chapel and museum/library reflects great credit on those who conceived twenty years ago the idea of such a memorial and have now seen it brought to fruition."

The Royal Engineers have presented a stained glass window for the Chapel. W01 H.E. (Clas) Chamberlain has been appointed Curator and members of The Sappers Association will continue to send souvenirs to the Museum as they clear their effects.

CHAPTER 5

Welfare

RULE 2 (e) To promote Sapper welfare in the Regular and Territorial Army and in civilian life.

Welfare Officers have been appointed by the Committee from its members as follows:

- 1960-61 Fred Penn, with power to co-opt the aid of any committee member.
- 1961-62 Fred Penn.
- 1962-63 Fred Penn and George Bunce.
- 1963-64 Fred Penn, Eddie Farnell, Buck Surrell.
- 1964-65 Fred Penn, Eddie Farnell, Buck Surrell and Charles Kibblewhite.
- 1965-66 Eddie Farnell and Mel Velvin.
- 1966-67 Eddie Farnell and George Ion.
- 1967-68 Eddie Farnell, Alby Veart and Bruce Dow.
- 1968-69 Alby Veart, Bruce Dow and Alex Wilson.
- 1969-70 Alby Veart and Alex Wilson.
- 1970-71 Brad Bradford-Smith, Fred Penn, Fred Dillon and Fred Cortesi.
- 1971-72 Brad Bradford-Smith, Roy Garrett and Guy Sanders.
- 1972-73 Brad Bradford-Smith, Fred Penn and Hugh McDermid.
- 1973-74 Brad Bradford-Smith, Fred Penn and Hugh McDermid.
- 1974-75 Brad Bradford-Smith, Fred Penn and Hugh McDermid.
- 1975-76 Brad Bradford-Smith, Fred Penn and Roy Garrett.
- 1976-77 Roy Garrett and Gordon Lindell.
- 1977-78 Roy Garrett and Gordon Lindell.
- 1978-79 Brad Bradford-Smith and Bill Darwen.
- 1979-80 Brad Bradford-Smith and Bill Darwen.
- 1980-81 Brad Bradford-Smith and Bill Darwen.
- 1981-82 Brad Bradford-Smith and Gordon Lindell.
- 1982-83 Brad Bradford-Smith and Gordon Lindell.
- 1983-84 Brad Bradford-Smith and Gordon Lindell.
- 1984-85 Brad Bradford-Smith, Gordon Lindell, Terry Chester and Noel Martin.

At the inaugural meeting on 21 July 1960 questions were raised about this Rule, and a desire was expressed that the intention should be more specific. No hard and fast guide lines were however laid down as to what could or should be attempted. Practical welfare was precluded by Rule 5(f) which stated that all funds should be used primarily to defray expenses incurred in notifying financial members of all the Association's activities.

In June 1961 Fred Penn reported that a fellow sapper was dying of cancer and asked if the Association could offer any help to the man's family. In July at the 2nd AGM Laurie Rudd pointed out the availability of committee members, and indeed the Association itself to assist in any member's welfare. The reply which Fred Penn got to his question was that he be allowed to act and do what he could with the assurance of the committee's backing. In March 1962 Laurie Rudd asked Fred Penn to arrange with the R.S.A. for the Association to be notified of any sappers who entered hospital. The Association began reporting cases in the Newsletters so that members would know when their friends would appreciate visitors. Welfare officers visited widows and made every effort to assist them with their applications for welfare grants and the like. Notices were put in the newsletters where members requested assistance in finding employment. Some members setting up in business were given a little plug. In Sept of 62 the possibility of setting up some form of fund within the Association to give financial welfare assistance was discussed but there seemed no way of doing this. It was decided to send a copy of the Rules to RSA and National Patriotic Fund Board to see if our desire to promote Sapper Welfare could be made use of in some of the established channels. At this stage Buck Surrell volunteered to join Fred Penn on visiting sick members. Throughout the previous year Buck himself had been a frequent hospital patient.

On the lighter side of welfare work it was reported that Len Bradford-Smith had handed the wrong bottle to his wife in an effort to assist in the mixing of the silver wedding cake. In NL6/63 it was reported that Buck Surrell had a stroke. In the middle of 63 both Fred Penn and Buck Surrell were forced by their own ill health to give their welfare work a rest. During this year £18 was spent on comforts for sapper hospital patients. Monty Banks the Secretary also had to relinquish his duties for a while for a major operation. On 12/9/63 it was decided to send a copy of our Rules to Golden Kiwi Grants Committee with an application for a grant for welfare work. In NL8/64 was printed an appeal for friendship from a R.E. who had come from Malacca to live in N.Z.

Consideration was being given to the printing of suitable cards to be sent to members who were not well, or alternatively to next of kin on the deaths of members. On 13/5/64 Bob Gilmour undertook to call on Dr McElroy about the application made to Golden Kiwi. In the meantime the Newsletters are constantly reporting on personal matters of illness or hardship and recording deaths with obituaries where warranted, along with appeals to members to advise the Secretary quickly about any sapper known to be in trouble.

During 1966 in spite of the regular publication of personal news the Committee was constantly worried about the operation of Rule 2(e). Illness, accidents and social problems being faced by members were difficult to find out about at the correct time, and were even more difficult to do anything very effective about, within the constitution of the Association. It was finally decided not to proceed with the idea of printing special welfare cards, nor to use the outers of the Corps cards with specially printed inserts. An attempt was made on practical assistance when George Ion

organized a working party to complete the exterior painting left unfinished by a deceased sapper. Material was procured through Sapper contact with a paint factory and an appeal was put in the Newsletter to members of the deceased sapper's Unit. The job was done in the end by five Committee members and one other. It was becoming obvious that the only course to follow was to make maximum use of regular newsletters to spread personal items about members in the hope that some of their friends or even just other sappers living in the same location would react. The problem here however was to persuade members to supply the information needed. The committee looked into the possibility of organizing parcels for sappers serving overseas. David Neal of Rotorua volunteered to visit sappers in Queen Elizabeth Hospital.

In 1969 the Association was reminded of the Welfare potential of the R.S.A. and that Unit Associations should not attempt financial assistance of any sort from their limited funds. Such bodies were urged to make the needs of their members known to the R.S.A. In NL30/69 it was reported how Wally Haora was the victim of a vicious robbery. The attacker kicked out Wally's only good eye and seriously injured his bad arm. Three weeks later he slipped out of Middlemore Hospital to attend the Anzac Parade and next day he was at the 2NZEF Engineers Renunion, before moving into the Homai College for The Blind. The Committees have made sure ever since that Wally is escorted safely to the annual reunion, and also to the A.G.Ms at his request. For some strange reason he seems to like the Annual General Meetings.

By 1970 the members were beginning to appreciate the family feeling being built up through the newsletters. Letters of appreciation were coming in quite frequently. One widow wrote "My husband was very proud of his Association and the Engineers. He always said the finest body of men he ever met were those in the army, they had a fellow feeling for each other never met anywhere else. Please convey my thanks to all your members."

Widows would write in for help in locating any sappers who had served with their husbands. An ex Royal Engineer over 100 years old was located and visited at a Home in Auckland. NL33/70 had notes about two of our Parliamentary members Logan Sloane and Hon A.E. Kinsella (Both 7 Fd Coy), Jack Ridley was another (6 Fd Coy). At the Committee Meeting on 19/8/70 the following policy was determined: "The appointed Welfare Officers are to be named in the Newsletters. Members generally and Committee Members in particular, are asked to contact the Welfare Officers or the President as soon as they learn of cases of sickness or death. The Welfare Officers are to check the daily papers for local deaths, and out of Auckland members are to be requested to advise the deaths of any members in their localities. A supply of poppies for use at funerals is to be held by the Welfare Officers and the President. A list of the full executive of the Association is to be issued to each member of the committee, complete with private and business phone numbers, so that a representative can be found to attend a funeral at short notice. A suggested form to be prepared, so that the Sapper representative can say a few words at the funeral after the committal and by prior arrangement with the undertaker, if this

seems appropriate at the time. Sapper representatives to make themselves known where possible to the next of kin so that they may be aware of the presence of the Corps R.N.Z.E. A copy of the Newsletter containing the Last Post reference to be sent to the next of kin. In the case of sickness or disability it is to be the aim of the whole committee and of members generally to spread the word and to ensure visitors."

Cooperation with the R.S.A. in these and similar matters was always stressed. Having no funds for financial assistance, the Association offers the time and attention of its members in welfare matters. Widows and next of kin are always invited to attend the Association's annual memorial church parade.

When calls for help are received, members of the executive involve themselves in negotiations with undertakers, the R.S.A., the Patriotic Council, the Social Security Department, or whatever, in order to assist the member or next of kin with their problem.

A few months before he died in 1970, one of the WW1 sappers wrote "Please keep on sending the newsletters, also a reminder when my sub is due."

One week before he died, a 7 Fd Coy L/Sgt gave his wife a message for the Sappers with whom he had served. She wrote "He says to tell you that they were wonderful days spent together, and all you chaps made it so. Also he says to please have a drink to him, and cheerio . . ."

Another widow wrote "I have enclosed one of Norm's most precious souvenirs. Any of the men who signed it may care to see that he has treasured it for all these years."

One widow wrote in, thanking for correspondence, and asking was there any way she could receive the newsletter in future, also could she be given the names and addresses of any of the boys who were in hospital with her husband, also an invitation for any sappers to visit her family if anyone was ever out their way. She was left on the mailing list, as any widows are, who make the request.

On 20/4/71 C.K. (Kingi) Otto wrote "I regret that I shall not be able to attend any sapper functions this year. Having recently retired, my wife and I are leaving on a world tour so will take this opportunity of wishing you all the best." Kingi died suddenly on 27/5/71 and was buried at sea.

Some sappers started buying Life Memberships for their less fortunate mates. Someone would send in a sub for a friend, or two together would do it. In one case at a reunion eleven sappers put in a dollar each.

First world war sappers were always writing letters of thanks and many came in also from young sappers serving overseas. In 71 a sapper wife living well out of Auckland wrote to say her husband would be in an Auckland hospital at a particular time. She could not come up, but at her request we were able to round up some of his old serving cobbles to visit him, much to his surprise and pleasure. NL41/71 reported the death of Rae Kerse along with a note "At the last Levin Reunion many will recall two sappers running around the racetrack on the Sunday morning, early. One of them was Rae Kerse."

In 1971 the Committee set up a special Roll Of Honour file, to be put on display at Sapper functions. Each page is a duplicate on the Association Letterhead of the communication sent by the President to the Widow or Next of Kin. The letter was set out as a Memorial to the Sapper who had died, and included his Regtl No and the Engineer Units in which he had served. It also contained expressions of sympathy and a short message of hope. It concludes with the words "We Shall Remember Him." In NL42/71 after the Last Post section in which the death of Spr R.N. Green was recorded was noted "Concerning Jock Green we quote from the history of The Sangro Battle — It is significant of the changed role of the engineers that a Sapper was awarded the MM before the infantry had fired a shot."

A chain reaction set in with the newsletters. For example we, having quoted a remark made by a Wellington Sapper, received a letter from a Christchurch member saying "Reading in the last issue that Jim Ellison asked "Please for gawd's sake make me a lifey, (this was with reference to a Life Membership sub.), I keep leaving you out of the hat," (the payment of his annual sub.) brought to mind a funny incident near Orsogna. I was in Jim's Section etc ... " Goodness knows whether or not Spr W.D. Scott and Jim Ellison had met again since coming out of the Italian Campaign. In the same letter Spr Scott mentioned Jim Taylor of Christchurch, Cyril Judd of Dunedin, Eddie Farnell of Auckland, Newt Ayson and Dave McElvie all of 8 Fd. Coy". That was the morning 6 Fd Coy got a direct hit on their pontoon bridge with tragic results. ... " Because of one small remark in a newsletter, these sappers had a reunion on paper. One remark published would lead to another remark published, and so on.

In 1972 the National Patriotic Fund Board decided to discontinue supplying comforts to psychiatric patients, so the Association advised the RSA that it was prepared to step up the amount of hospital visiting being done if the RSA could supply the details of some more sapper patients.

In acknowledgements of an invitation to a memorial service a widow wrote "Joe always enjoyed the Engineers' Reunions and I have seen him return home from them with Sapper "Flu" many times. Please give my regards to your members, your Assoc has been very good to me and I have met quite a few members over the years."

There were two rather nice examples of welfare work coming back in, which cannot be omitted. Twelve years ago the writer announced his retirement after a stint of five years in office, and mentioned that he was in this 60th year. One WW1 Sapper wrote his thanks and then said "and so I think you would like perhaps to make the change for me to Life Membership before you hand on the baton ... "

Another WW1 Sapper wrote "I am rapidly using up my 78th year. I had a partial stroke at 60 which set me back on my hunkers right there, but I'm managing quite well now at 77. I may yet manage to catch a glimpse of you one of these days ... " That was Doug Taylor of Rotorua, he died later that year.

In 1973 the daughters of a deceased WW1 sapper asked if the Association could tell them where they could find a copy of the 1NZEF Engineers War History. An appeal was put in a newsletter with the result that two members sent their copies in for the girls to have.

In 1976 the Committee included a circular with NL61 designed to give members a chance to put themselves in the picture welfare wise. Visiting could only be undertaken when the need was known, and so often the opportunity was lost. It was hoped that members would see the point, and a good response enabled a special file on the subject to be set up as a guide to the welfare officers. At this time Brad Bradford-Smith took up residence in Whangarei and undertook closer welfare liaison in the North.

In 1977 a letter was received from a lady whose sapper husband had been killed during the last day of the fighting in Italy. She had received a letter from his officer, but had not had time to reply before the war was over. Thirty two years later she was still worrying about it, so the Assoc was able to give her the name and address of the officer concerned.

Another comment from a widow ". . . he was proud to be a life member, thankyou for his happy reunions, times he cherished . . ."

Padre John Watson earned the respect of all who knew him in Italy, and at reunions and parades in post war years. He died 12/6/79, and several members went down to Thames to a well supported and memorable service. Wally Phillips wrote to say that the Levin Reunion Committee had sent an acknowledgement of respect and gratitude to his family on behalf of the hundreds who had appreciated John's part in the reunions over the years.

In June 1979 Dick Pemberton called on Fred Hanson in Wellington and found him in good heart despite a leg wound, incurred in Crete, now affecting his mobility. Bull was not then such a brisk walker as he used to be, and he died the following month. In 1980 Gordon Lindell suffered the loss of his wife, and received unbounded instant sympathy from President Kent Purdie and the members. Gordon added to the deep respect already felt for him by carrying on with unbroken service on the Committee, and with his preparation of the Newsletters.

Every now and then the newsletters would give the names of sappers living alone in Veterans' Homes and the like, as an additional encouragement to the visiting of members by members. In NL80/80 Gordon Lindell wrote "Our grateful thanks go to those members who have sent in items for the newsletters, especially on the health and activities of sappers. With the cooperation of members we hope to be able to keep you informed on matters of sapper interest during 1981."

On 18/2/81 Bill Darwen was working on welfare matters on the Committee, and a few days later he himself was dead. Roy Garrett was under doctor's orders while he was serving as President.

The years are beginning to tell on those who keep on keeping on. Jim McGregor suffered a serious fire which almost destroyed his liqueur business, and then had to face a possible leg amputation or hip operation, after all of which he plans to serves on the Committee. George Wakelin and Eric Gordon both attended the Christchurch Reunion in wheelchairs, Alan Begbie has a new leg. It's just as well that Eddie Farnell has been appointed to the Auckland Ranfurly Home Board Of Governors!

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In October 1983, soon after the 24th A.G.M., our immediate-past President Owen McCormac was attacked in his own home when he surprised two burglars breaking in. He was savagely kicked about, and spent a few weeks in hospital before being able to return to his voluntary work with the Artificial Limb Centre, (to which our member George O'Leary contributed so much).

Sappers helping sappers by an interchange of reports and the renewal of contacts between old friends per medium of the newsletters is now an important part of the life of the Association.

Recorded Sapper deaths are becoming more numerous, and the World War Two Sappers are inviting the next generation to take over the reins.

Sapper deaths have been recorded in the Newsletters as follows:

1962	2	1974	11
1963	2	1975	14
1964	6	1976	15
1965	1	1977	13
1966	4	1978	14
1967	1	1979	35
1968	18	1980	47
1969	20	1981	78
1970	30	1982	80
1971	29	1983	67
1972	17	1984	111
1973	10		

The 1985 figure will again show a considerable increase in the number of Sapper deaths recorded. World War Two members are now settling into a grand-father role, and there are still a few WWI members left to fill the great-grandfather part. We all now however look forward to seeing the post world war sappers, those who have retired from Engineer Units over the last 20 or 30 years, taking up the very enjoyable father role in the Corps. All we retired ones can be proud that the present generation of Serving Sappers are daily building up the already enviable reputation of The Corps of Royal New Zealand Engineers.

CHAPTER 6.

Association's Annual Reunions

RULE 2 (f) To hold an annual reunion in the form of a smoke concert or other similar function as the Annual General Meeting shall decide.

At the inaugural meeting of The Sappers Association on 21 July 1960 Col Murray stated that the existing Sappers Day Reunion Committee would organize and run the reunion for 15th October.

At the first Committee Meeting of The Sappers Association on 4 August 1960 Major Kibblewhite outlined the completion of preparations made to date by the Sappers Day Reunion Committee. He requested Col Rudd to chair the reunion. This Col Rudd agreed to do, and as a result of discussion on selecting guests to be invited it was agreed that Col Rudd would approach the following:

Sir James Fletcher

Mr Dickson (City Engineer)

Mr McKinnon (Commissioner Of Works, MOW)

In this manner the first reunion of the new Association was a follow up to the successful one run in the N.Z. Railways Social Hall, Middleton Road Newmarket. The 1959 reunion was run by Messrs Charles Kibblewhite, Edward Senior, Bob Crowe, Malcolm Bishop, Sid Beers, George Bunce, Lionel Faram, Bob Gilmour, Eddie Farnell, Rex Lane, Fred Penn, Bob Smith and Brad Bradford-Smith.

The Guests at the Reunions of 1959 and 1960 were: Colonel Commandant, Chief Engineer, Brig A.B. Bullen, Brig C.L. Pleasants, Mr I.W. McKinnon, Mr A.J. Dickson, Mr. R.C. Savory, Group Capt. A.P. Gainsford, Commodore J.O'C. Ross, OC ND Const Sqn, Mr C. Flood (Bugler), Mr T. Botterill, Mr Mac Vincent, LtCol G.L. Agar, President of Auckland RSA, OC SME Linton, Mr S.T. Carter, LtCol P.W. de B. Morgan CRE, Brigadier F.M. Hanson, and Brigadier S.F. Catchpole.

Recommended procedures on night (The voice of experience):

Put on vocals early before audience become talkative.

Put louder entertainment and visual entertainment on later.

Definitely restrict liquor consumption until artist entertainment is over.

Artists marked with an * are particularly recommended for a man show.

Do not let the agency sidetrack us onto unknown artists — all the above are tested and proven. The number of encores must be closely watched otherwise the time schedule gets seriously disrupted, and upsets subsequent entertainers.

Some of the artists used were Noel McKay Female Impersonator, Don Linden Miming, Les Andrews Storyteller & Singer, and Jimmy Fagg Visual act and patter & accompanist. Alby Veart and Ray Quinn would help to run the raffles.

The hall was packed to capacity and seating was soon at a premium. At the inaugural meeting in 1960 it was agreed that a separate function should be held at the Cenotaph on the Sunday morning following the Reunion. The committee was requested to action a Corps Banner. The first Memorial Service was a simple wreath laying ceremony and took place at 10 am on Sunday 16 October 1960. It was accompanied by a sounding of the Last Post and Reveille. This Service recalled the 9 pm Toast to Fallen Comrades proposed the previous evening by Syd Carter with The Ode and Mr C. Flood, bugler.

The second Reunion was held at the same place on 14 Oct 1961 and sappers were told to hold on to their tickets for the lucky number prize. Les Andrews and Jimmy Fagg each did two ten minute stands. 8.00 Loyal Toast. 8.02 Address of Welcome (Col Murray & Rex Lane). 8.25 Toast to the Corps by Brig Connolly, reply Maj Velvin. 9.00 Fallen Comrades, Tom Botterill and Mr Flood. 9.20 The Three Services, Pres. of Akd. RSA. Reply by Navy. 9.40 announce winner of lucky ticket number. Introduce tickets for raffle. 10.00 Supper. 10.30 draw raffle. Reunion till midnight. Members and their wives were invited to attend the brief Memorial Service at the Cenotaph at 10 next morning Sunday 15 October.

When organizing the 1961 reunion it was agreed that Pigs Trotters were not to be included in the menu as they had been in 1960. Maj Velvin arranged for the flags. Subscription for the reunion was £1. Brig S. Hartnell was also invited and Andrew Murray was Dining President. A disciplinary sub-committee was set up. The reunion was advertised on 1ZB Radio Station and in the Herald and Star. It showed a profit of £13.

The third reunion was again held at the N.Z.R. Social Hall, on 13 October 1962. £1. Same pattern as 59 (with George Bunce as Dining President) 60 and 61 as above. On this occasion Bob Gilmour was Dining President. The following guests were invited: Mr Rex Sayers 1ZB, Mr J.S. Hepburn Akd Star, LtCol Agar, Mr A.E. Kinsella Minister of Broadcasting (and a sapper), Mr J. Waters RSA, Brig Hanson, Brig Catchpole, Brig Bullen, Mr C. Flood Bugler, Mr T. Botterill Senior Member, LtCol J. Brooke-White, also reps from Crete Veterans Assoc, 18Bn, 21Bn, 24Bn, 28Bn, Sigs & Gunners Assocs and Auck Regt. John Rayner supplied the white table paper and crepe paper. Items by Des Gibson Singer, Alan Morton Trumpet. Toast to the Corps by Col Agar, reply by George Ion. Toast to the Services by Mr Waters, reply by brig Catchpole. Raffles by John Fitzmaurice. Reunion profit £30.2.6. The Sunday morning Memorial Service took place again at the Cenotaph on 14/10/62. Back at the reunion again, Des Gibson had a very fine voice and was very popular but many who were there will never forget the mighty sound of Alan Morton's trumpet resounding in the old Railway Social Hall. He used orchestral records with the trumpet part missing, and his playing of these parts was just superb. As good as Eddie Calvert! Alan had many times been Auckland and New Zealand Champion!

The fourth reunion was again held at the NZR Social Hall, on 12 October 1963. £1. and followed the same pattern as those reported above. George Bunce was Dining President. The entertainers selected were Rusty Greaves, John Zealando and

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Johnny Davidson. P.A. System was jacked up with NMD Const Sqn's help. Broadcast arranged over ZB to give publicity. Toast to the Corps by Paul Krause. Reply Ron Hicks. To Fallen Comrades again by Tom Botterill and Mr C. Flood. To The Three Services by Ted McQueen, reply Lt P. Crowther. Lucky ticket number and raffles.

Memorial Service at Cenotaph 10.30 Sunday 13 October 1963, short address included. Most who attended these reunions will remember the small flag which fluttered in the breeze from a fan on the table during the Toast to Fallen Comrades.

At this 1963 reunion there was a smaller attendance and a loss of £13.4.3. Some considered it should be held every second year, others thought the time had come to change the format and invite members' wives. After discussion at the 5th A.G.M. it was decided to continue with the smoko type for the coming year. Detailed arrangements were made as before, Les Andrews was requested to arrange the entertainment and Brig Sid Hartnell had agreed to be the principal speaker. The list of invited guests had been actioned when suddenly it was discovered that the Hall was not available, it had somehow been double booked. It was then too late for the Committee to find suitable alternatives, and so the 1964 Reunion was called off.

Arrangements had been made for a Memorial Service at the Cenotaph, October 1964 with a short address by the President, and a brief prayer by a Sapper Padre. Next of kin of deceased Sappers to be invited. The chances are that this was cancelled along with the reunion. It was agreed that the President should write to the NZR Hall Trustees to see if the familiar pattern could be resumed for the 1965 reunion. In the meantime the committee tried to arrange a December 1964 function in the Ponsonby Club Hotel, but this fell through, as did negotiations with the NZR Hall trustees. A fresh start was therefore made, and a new venue was found for 1965. At the 6th AGM on 10 June 65 it was decided that the programme for the October reunion should remain as for previous years.

After a dry 1964 the **fifth reunion** was held on 6th November 1965 at the Auckland Operatic Society's Hall in lower Grafton Road, with Charles Kibblewhite in the chair. The unused tickets from previous years were over-printed. Cliff Barnett agreed to provide some life from the piano. Mr Powlle was engaged as bugler. Ted McQueen assisted with the programme and Ding Dong Bell got loose on the piano. Eddie Farnell controlled the door. Mel Velvin and Bob Gilmour acted as hosts and Monty Banks produced the flags and gavel. George Hodgson arranged the liquor and Bill Noake the raffles. John Rayner organized catering for 100 at 8/6 per head maximum. Ted Senior arranged the decorations and obtained a wreath for the Memorial Service which was held at the Cenotaph on Sunday 7th November 1965.

The fifth reunion resulted in a loss of £23.3.2.

At the 7th A.G.M. on 16 June 1966 it was decided that the next Reunion would be a stag reunion at a city hotel.

The **sixth reunion** was held on 15th October 1966 in the Harbour View Lounge of The Ponsonby Club Hotel (The Glue Pot) with Alby Veart in the Chair. 30/- (\$3 NZ). Sgt N. Clarke of 1 Const Sqn agreed to play the trumpet honours, Bob Gilmour the Ode. Brig Catchpole proposed the toast to the Corps and John Edwards DCRE

replied. Ninety six attended and enjoyed the catering by Eden Park Caterers. This new style reunion was well received and much enjoyed and resulted in a profit of £7.13.3. A picture of H.M. The Queen, the Corps flag, the Assoc's banner, and the fan-flag, set the atmosphere. Eddie Farnell proposed the Royal toast and ran the raffles. Les Andrews and Cliff Barnett provided the entertainment.

A wreath was laid by Charles Kibblewhite at the Cenotaph on Sunday 16 October 1966.

The seventh reunion was held on 14th October 1967 at The Royal International Hotel. This came about due to the fact that it had been arranged for The Ponsonby Club Hotel as for the previous year, but at the last moment, ten o'clock closing came in, and the Glue Pot had to cancel the reunion plans. D.B. came to the rescue, and made the more luxurious accommodation available. Robin Francis was convenor and Rex Lane took the chair. Catering was arranged for 100, with George Langton, Eden Park.

In the July and September Newsletters the reunion was advertised as taking place at the Glue Pot and the last minute change to the Royal International created problems. D.B. offered to advise ticket holders at their own expense. On 9 Oct a Panic Stations Notice was sent out. "Reunion now to be in The New Bristro, Royal International, \$4." 112 attended, and all were provided with name tags. Brig Syd Hartnell proposed the toast to the Corps, and Col Rudd did the Ode, with bugler Sgt Clarke. Fred Cortesi looked after the raffles, and this time there was no formal entertainment. The Corps flag was sent up from S.M.E., and the Banner and fanned flag were again prominent. As the Hotel's bar staff were on strike, committee members manned the bar.

NL22/67 reported this reunion and listed all those present, also many who were unavoidably absent such as Dick Pemberton in Australia and Alby Veart in Canada. Cliff Barnett manned the piano again, and the reunion broke up with Auld Lang Syne at midnight. Decorum was helped by the atmosphere, and the Association made a profit of \$154. The Memorial Service took place at the Cenotaph at 10am Sunday 15 Oct 1967.

The eighth reunion was held on 12 October 1968 in the lounge bar of the Auckland R.S.A. Such luxurious accommodation as that of the previous year was no longer available, so the price went down to \$3.50. Robin Francis was convenor and Ted McQueen took the chair. George Langton again did the catering and 100 sappers came. Seven of the regulars were either in hospital or in plaster, and thirty apologies for unavoidable absence were received. One wrote "I will not be able to attend the reunion this year but enclose cheque for the amount. Please invite some sapper who may be a bit short. Regret very much reading of the passing of Ray Quinn." "The stream is shrunk, the pool is dry, and we were comrades, thou and I."

Brian Mahon did the Ode and Brigadier Bullot did the honours to the Corps. Having held the post-reunion Memorial Service at the Cenotaph for many years with increasing lack of active participation, it was decided to hold a Church Parade in St Davids Church instead. In NL26/68 a half page was devoted to an account of the



15th October 1967

Doug Roberts, Ted McQueen, Geo Ion, Seymour Jack, John Rayner, John Edwards, Rex Lane, Andrew Murray, Geo Bunce, Bob Gilmour, Fred Penn, Ted Senior and Laurie Rudd

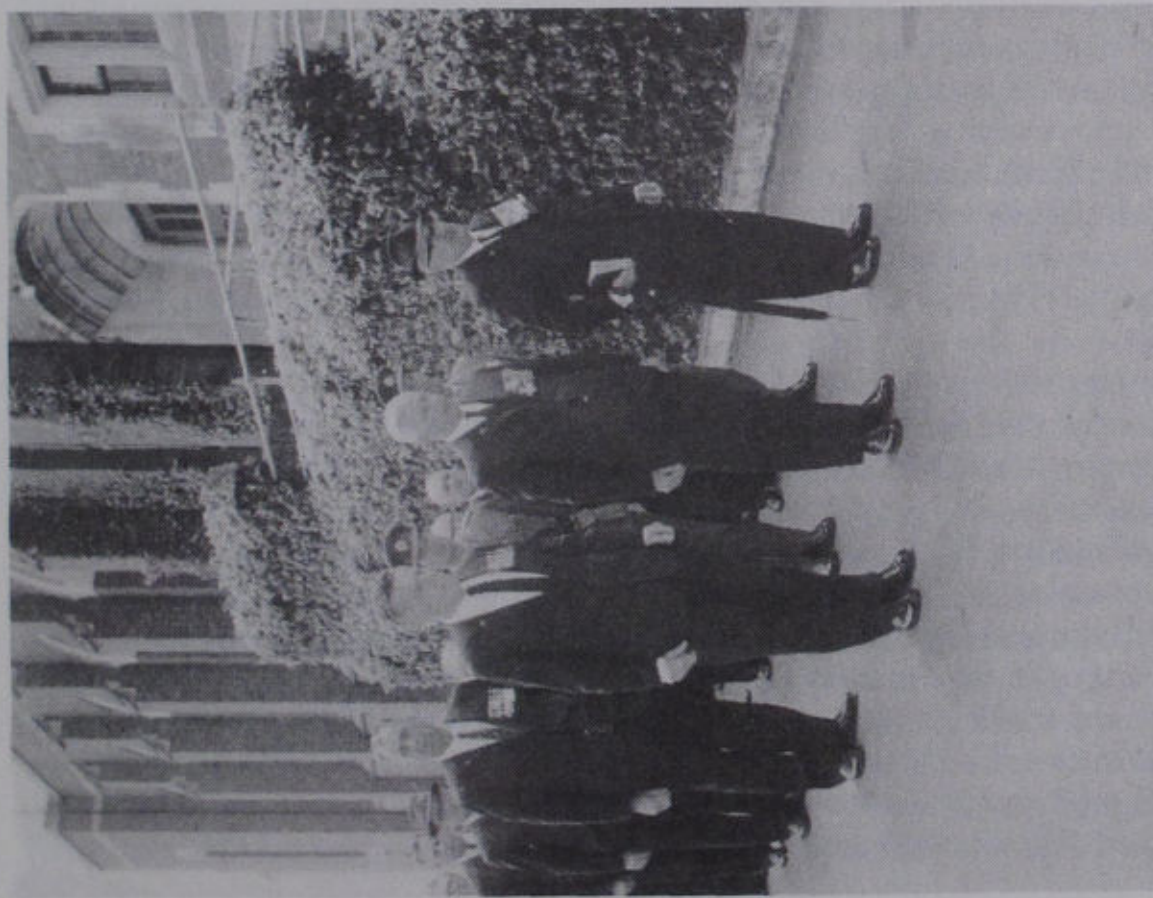
Engineer connections with this Soldiers' Memorial Church. On 3 May 1928 Field Engineers of the Corps unveiled a Memorial Tablet to Fallen Comrades. Rev Owen Baragwanath (Senior Presby Chaplain to 3 Div and Senior Chaplain to N.Z. Forces after the war) cooperated to the full. On Sunday 13 October 1968 therefore was held the first Sappers Association Church Parade. Medals were worn, as the detachment of Serving Sappers came from Papakura in uniform. The success of this service established it as an integral part of the annual Sappers Day Reunion celebrations.

NL27/68 reported both these events and named most members observed as present.

The ninth reunion was held on 18th October 1969 in the R.S.A. Chartered Club High St. The upstairs Social Hall and the downstairs main Lounge Bar were both used. As the Lounge Bar was open to RSA clients until 8.30, activities commenced upstairs at 7.30, where there was a bar for the thirsty, space for the conversationists, a display of Corps treasures, souvenirs and training items for the interested, and a short engineer training film at the far end of the hall. At 8.45 all went down stairs for the formal proceedings. Andrew Murray and Laurie Rudd were presented with Meritorious Service Badges. A Toast to the Colonel-in-Chief of the Corps, H.M. The Queen, a Toast to The Corps by Brig S.F. Hartnell, The Ode by Maj R.B. Reed, and the usual bugle calls. Supper was again served by George Langton. Gordon Lindell came up from Wellington. 142 attended, and all were listed in NL32/69. Blue Magnusson held the lucky ticket number. Maj Bruce Hayhow and Maj Merve Steward arranged the static display. A breast pocket clear plastic identification card holder was issued to every ticket purchaser, each prepared with name and Units served in. These were reused for many future reunions. Seymour Jack was convener and Fred Penn took the Chair.

The second Church Parade held on Sunday 19th October 1969 followed the successful pattern of the first. Gordon Lindell accepted the invitation to read the lesson, and must have got a shock when he was asked to read II Samuel Chapt 9, all about Mephibosheth and Ammiel in Machir. Letters were sent to seventeen sapper widows, inviting them to the Service, and many came. This also set a pattern for the future.

The tenth reunion was held on 17th October 1970 at The Danish House (Ex Liberty Theatre Parnell). When he agreed to be convener for this reunion Roy Wilson stressed that a change of venue was essential. Due to problems he had experienced behind the scenes at the last two reunions in the RSA premises it appeared that a change of venue was advisable. The Ellen Melville Hall and the Sailors' Mission Hall were both investigated before The Danish House was chosen. Formal enterainment had been dropped a couple of reunions back, and now it was decided that raffles were no longer popular, so they were dropped from the programme also. The Sqn set up a static display again, using some of the exhibits they had prepared for the recent Open Day at Papakura Camp. There was a separate room where some Sapper films were shown without disturbing those who were busy talking. 130 sappers attended and all were named in NL37/70, and as for the



18th October 1970 Seymour Jack, Syd Hartnell, Fred Penn,
Roy Wilson, Arthur Kinsella, Gordon Lindell, Laurie Rudd,
Peter Skogstad, Merve Stewart, Eddie Farnell



18th October 1970 S.S.M. WO1 Ray Burnett and from the front
— L/Cpl Steve McGee, L/Cpl Ken McEwen,
Sgt Bill Macnaughton, Spr Kevin Arnrsen

previous one, the profit was about \$55. Roy Wilson was convener and Seymour Jack took the Chair. Roy and Mary Wilson had made a marvellous job of setting up the Hall and the tables and had arranged special lighting of the stage and Roll Of Honour. Nothing but praise was heard in connection with this function. Letters were sent to 28 widows inviting them to the Church Parade on Sunday 18th October 1970. Almost two hundred Sappers took part in the Service at St Davids, along with many widows and wives. Col Laurie Rudd read the lesson the Lt Col Gordon Lindell represented the Colonel Commandant. The wreath was carried from the sanctuary by Sapper Alexander who was the youngest of the serving sappers present. He handed it to Tom Botterill who at 87 was the oldest member. Tom placed the wreath on the Engineer Memorial and once again, as on the previous night, the moving strains of Cpl Nathan Korovulavula's bugle carried thoughts along to the significant words "We shall remember them."

Seymour Jack and Roy Wilson worked very closely together in the organization of the 1969, 1970 and 1971 reunions, as is evidenced by a wad of paper well over an inch thick in the reunions file. They were exciting days. Our recruiting campaign was in full swing, and we were determined to get the correct name and address of every sapper who turned up at a reunion. Three members of the committee stationed at the door armed with lists and rolls did their best, but when four Sappers arrive in a group which has already been celebrating Sappers Day all afternoon, they have to be made to feel welcome, and not get the impression they have arrived at the police station. Roy Garrett looked after the sale of Corps ties, pocket badges etc and was supposed to get names and addresses on his receipts, but what can you do when a vaguely known sapper slaps a few dollars on the table, takes his tie and disappears into the smoke with a "she'll be right mate." Tom Bassett, Bruce Dow and Brad Bradford-Smith manned the entrance, Tom Hughes looked after liquid refreshments, Mr Nielsen of Danish House looked after the catering once the reunions came his way, Fred Penn looked after the WW1 vets, Jim Billing had another go at raffles and Jack Pearson was O.C. Security. Things in those days were organized like D.Day.

The eleventh reunion was held on 16th October 1971 at The Danish House again. Notices were sent to 17 RSAs for display on their notice boards. An RNZE pewter mug was raffled. 152 sappers attended. They were all listed in NL43/71. Toast to the Corps was proposed by Wing Commander Thompson, Gordon Lindell replied on behalf of Col Brooke-White. A Sapper training film was shown in a room aside and was well received by those who tore themselves away from the main body. The three barmen employed were covered by Employers Liability Insurance. Lloyd Thorn was bugler for Saturday night and Sunday morning and put up a very fine effort. Almost two hundred Sappers again took part in the Service at St Davids on Sunday 17th October 1971. Letters had been sent to 43 sapper widows, and most of them accepted the invitation to be present. Roy Wilson was convener for this reunion and Seymour Jack took the Chair. There was a profit to the Association of \$150.

The twelfth reunion was held on 14th October 1972 at The Danish House again. 109 sappers attended and the profit margin was about \$70. Owen Baragwanath proposed the Toast to the Corps and Andrew Murray replied. Roy Wilson organized and took The Chair. The Church Service on 15th October 1972 was marked by the attendance of Laurie Rudd just out of hospital after a major operation and in spite of frantic efforts of his doctor to stop him. Laurie Rudd died a few months later.

The thirteenth reunion was held on 13th October 1973 at The Danish House again. 135 sappers attended and it was reported to be a financial success. Mike Price, one-time Major in the Royal Artillery proposed the Toast to the Corps and gave an amusing and interesting address. This reunion was notable for the good muster of serving and recently serving sappers from Papakura. There was a good turnout again for the Church Parade on Sunday 14 October 1973 at St Davids. Lloyd Thorn again played the bugle and Brad Bradford-Smith again spoke the Ode between the calls. This Church Parade was the first to totally supersede what had been a regular May Service held in addition to the October one. Roy Wilson again organized and Chaired.

The fourteenth reunion was held on 12th October 1974 at The Danish House again. 116 sappers attended and the charge was \$6 per head, with a profit of \$14.58. Capt E.R. Ellison RN proposed the Toast to the Corps and Ken Rutherford Chief Engineer replied. As always a notice was placed in the Roll Of Honour spot in the Herald and Star. Tom Bassett was M.C. in the absence of the organizer Roy Wilson. Guy Sanders took The Chair. Unfortunately Army called a 24 hour exercise which prevented quite a large number of serving sappers from attending. The question was raised as to the invitation of wives to future reunions.

Annual Church Parade was held at St Davids on Sunday 13th October 1974.

The fifteenth reunion was held on 18th October 1975 at the Danish House again. Only 82 sappers attended this year. It was still a stag do, as no expression of opinion had been received with regard to the inclusion of wives. The Toast to the Corps was proposed by George Beca consulting engineer and one-time Wing Commander RNZAF. Tom Botterill was present at the age of 92.

Annual Church Parade was held at St Davids on Sunday 19th October 1975, invitations to widows had been incorporated in the notice in the papers. Some attended, plus about forty members and a detachment from 1 Fd Sqn. The lesson was read by George Bunce. The youngest serving sapper Ben Akari placed the wreath.

NL63/76 announced "Following widespread pressure from a number of members it was decided at the last AGM that the reunion for 1976 should be a mixed do. We realise that this is not going to find favour with everyone, but it seems to be the pattern these days. Over the last few years the reunion attendance has fallen to a point of being a financial disaster. This year we are committed to The Danish House, but knowing the capabilities of Mr Andersen the caterer we have no fears. We have the services of a first class band, and dancing both old and modern will be the order of the day.

The sixteenth reunion, the first mixed one, was held on 16th October 1976 again at the Danish House. 122 sappers and wives attended. Toasts and speeches were kept to a minimum, but Russ Currie proposed the Toast. It was a very enjoyable evening although many sappers regretted the passing of Reunions as they had known them. The Church Parade was again held in St Davids on 17th October 1976 and the Colonel Commandant Russ Currie read the lesson. Mr W. Richardson of the Boys Brigade sounded Last Post and Reville on a trumpet, a wonderful effort much appreciated and commented on by many. Later the Colonel Commandant wrote "The Auckland Sappers Association is doing a wonderful job in keeping alive the Corps spirit and fostering it in the serving sappers. My thanks to the Association for all it has done and for all it will do. I consider the Church Parade was very dignified and a solemn occasion and I was proud to be a part of it." Dick Pemberton recited the Ode at the reunion and Roy Wilson was organizer and in the Chair.

The Danish House was thus used for seven reunions from 1970 to the last in 1976. On 1/11/76 they were pencilled in for the coming year and in NL66/77 it was announced that the next reunion would be there. In the meantime however Maj Neil Bradley OC 1 Fd Sqn advised that they were arranging a special cabaret night at Papakura Camp to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the granting of the title Royal to the N.Z.E. Corps. He appealed to The Sappers Association to combine its October reunion with his. Arrangements with The Danish House were therefore cancelled and a suitable compensation was paid.

The seventeenth reunion was held on 15th October 1977 at Holloway Hall in Papakura Camp. Dick Pemberton was President of the Assoc and he urged all members to join the serving sappers. For those not wishing to drive to Papakura and back, a bus was arranged to leave from the Howick R.S.A. The church Parade was held in St Davids on Sunday 16th October 1977 and was the last one that Owen Baragwanath was able to conduct before his retirement.

In NL68/77 Dick Pemberton said "Sappers Day celebrations went extremely well. I was indeed proud of the number of old sappers who turned out to the three functions held locally, and very pleased and grateful for the co-operation of the serving sappers. We old boys enjoyed being with 1 Field Squadron at their stag get together on the Friday evening and such a lot of us and our wives thoroughly enjoyed the cabaret at Holloway Hall. The church service on Sunday was well attended by both young and old. The Service was taken by our good friend Padre Baragwanath, the wreath was laid by the youngest serving sapper present and Andrew Richardson's Last Post and Reville were faultless and a joy to hear."

The eighteenth reunion was held on Friday 20th October 1978 at Holloway Hall in Papakura Camp again in conjunction with 1 Fd Sqn. The date was slightly later than usual because the Waikato War Museum was being opened on Sappers Day weekend and the Sappers were providing the Guard of Honour. In NL72/78 President Gordon Lindell said "In spite of the inclement weather and Labour weekend the Sappers Association was very well represented at 1 Field Squadron's very successful cabaret evening. Members all enjoyed their get together with the younger

sappers. Our thanks go to Maj Neil Bradley and members of 1 Fd Sqn for the success of the reunion."

The Annual Church Parade at St Davids was held on Sunday 22 October 1978 with Dr Scott McPheat officiating.

It was good to see several widows of passed comrades at the service. Padre John Watson who served with the Engineers in Italy came up from Thames to be on parade. Once again the bugler came from the Boys Brigade. A letter was sent to Very Rev. Owen Baragwanath on his retirement from St Davids, thus ending a long association with Sapper Parades in that church.

The nineteenth reunion was held on Friday 12th October 1979 for the third time at Holloway Hall in Papakura Camp in conjunction with 1 Fd Sqn. It was preceeded by the usual sparkling half hour followed by dancing, floor show and splendid supper, again as usual. President Kent Purdie had urged as many members as possible to attend and to bring their wives or partners. Andrew Murray (Patron) and Dick Pemberton (Colonel Commandant) were there with their wives and a goodly attendance of other members, some from out of Auckland, with their wives, at a lively and enjoyable evening. The church Parade on Sunday 14 October 1979 was attended by twenty five members and a detachment from 1 Fd Sqn., together with wives, widows and friends. The Boys' Brigade trio rendered the Last Post and Reveille exceedingly well. John Gunn recited the Ode, Kent Purdie read the lesson. Dr Scott McPheat officiated.

The twentieth reunion was held on Friday 10th October 1980 for the fourth time in conjunction with 1 Fd Sqn but this time at Sorrento, One Tree Hill. In NL80/80 Kent Purdie reported "1 Fd Sqn held their annual function at Sorrento Cabaret and were supported by a number of our older sappers. The annual Church Parade was held on Sunday 12th October 1980 with twenty nine members attending, including eleven serving sappers. The service was conducted by Rev Dr Scott McPheat and Last Post and Reveille were ably blown by two members of the Boys Brigade." At the 21st A.G.M. the Annual Reunion was discussed fully and it was decided that the Association should revert to the old style rather than the modern cabaret type function, the womenfolk still to be invited however.

The twentyfirst reunion was held on Friday 9th October 1981 at The Crystal Room, Commercial Travellers Club Remuera. The date was altered from the 16th because at that time it had been intended to open the RNZE Corps Memorial Centre on 15th.

NL82/81 said "Members have felt it desirable that our Association should celebrate Sappers Day this year as of old." \$12 single or \$24 double. NL84/81 reported "There were 44 members present, 26 being accompanied by their wives and 5 by partners. A very pleasant time was enjoyed by all present. The object of bringing old comrades together once again was truly achieved. The names of all those present were listed, along with those from whom apologies had been received. Kent Purdie was organizer and Roy Garrett took the Chair. The Church Parade on Sunday 11th October 1981 was not as well attended as in past years and the support

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of the serving sappers who outnumbered those from the Association was much welcomed. George Bunce read the lesson, Dr Scott McPheat officiated and Last Post, Reveille and Lest We Forget gave solemn dignity to the occasion. The Boys Brigade again supplied the buglers." At the first Committee Meeting after the reunion it was decided to look for a different venue for the next year.

The twenty second reunion was held on Sunday 17th October 1982 at the Onehunga RSA after the Memorial Service held as usual in the morning at St Davids. At the Committee Meeting on 25/2/82 chaired by President Roy Garrett it was decided that the Reunion would be held on the same day as the Church Parade, and Roy Wilson, Kent Purdie and Noel Martin were appointed to be the Reunion Committee. The reunion was arranged to take place in the Onehunga R.S.A. lounge, to run from 1200 hrs to 1700 hrs. They were comfortable surroundings with a good buffet meal and drinks at chartered club prices. Womenfolk invited. Single \$10 double \$20.

NL88/82 reported "Our annual Church Parade was attended by twenty five members and five serving sappers. Their support is always most welcome. The service was conducted by Dr Scott McPheat and George Bunce read the lesson. The Bugler came from the Boys Brigade. Coffee in the church hall as usual at the conclusion of the service gave members a chance to meet up and to discuss the reunion which was to follow at Onehunga. 48 members, together with wives and friends, 87 in all, enjoyed the function. A few were encouraged by the pianist to try the dance floor." Some members had come from well out of Auckland and all present were listed along with the apologies which had been sent in. The books balanced with about \$30 to spare. Roy Wilson was convenor and Owen McCormac took the Chair.

The twenty third reunion was held on Sunday 16th October 1983 as on the previous year at the Onehunga R.S.A. after the church parade. The Memorial Service was well attended and the strong support of the detachment from 1 Fd Sqn Papakura Camp was greatly appreciated. Details of the service were as for the last. The reunion price was increased to \$12 and a happy hour with a dry till was provided from 1200 hrs. 43 members, together with wives and friends, 85 in all, attended. NL92/83 listed the names of all members present, together with the apologies received. Roy Wilson was convenor and Terry Chester took the Chair. The accounts just about broke even.

The twenty fourth reunion was held on Sunday 14th October 1984 at St. Davids Church Auckland in the morning, and at the Onehunga RSA in the afternoon. 75 Sappers fell in for the Church Parade, 40 oldies and 35 magnificent young men from 1 Field Squadron RNZE. W02 Gregg Findon commanded the fall-in and march, in the absence of all the Sqn officers, who were overseas or about the country on duty. Seymour Jack and Spr Mike Newdick placed the wreath and Terry Chester read the lesson at a service conducted by Dr Scott McPheat. After church, group photographs were taken in the Hall, including one of 15 of the ladies who were also attending. Richard Andrews from 58 Coy Boys Brigade sounded the Last Post and Reveille and Len Bradford-Smith recited the Ode. 60 Sappers plus 33 wives and

friends enjoyed the afternoon reunion. Studio 69 Photography (Judy and Tony Paterson) of Tauranga recorded both events, and presented the Association with a complete Album. During the afternoon thirteen members who had served in 7 Fd Coy posed as a group. A toast to our Colonel-In-Chief Her Majesty The Queen was followed by one to The Corps, proposed by Colonel Gordon Lindell.

The twenty fifth reunion will be held in Auckland on Sunday 13th October 1985 at St. Davids Church in the morning, and at the Onehunga R.S.A. in the afternoon. The World War Two Sappers who have mainly made up the "retired" group are looking forward this year to being joined by the next generation of retired sappers who are now beginning to join the Association in strength, to secure its future.

CHAPTER 7.

Other Sapper Reunions and Functions

RULE 2 (g) To support and foster all Sapper reunions and functions held in Metropolitan Auckland. Type and form of assistance to be decided by the Committee. N.B. On 15-9-84 "Metropolitan Auckland" was changed to read "N.Z."

The Association has supported Sapper reunions and functions held all over N.Z. In some cases the Association has been actively involved, and in others it has given assistance by means of advance publicity in the Newsletters, and by giving reports of the events.

In addition to the annual Association reunions and services dealt with in the last Chapter, the Association has organized the following reunions, functions and activities:

A. The May reunion and memorial church service for the 1 Fd Coy, 3 Fd Coy, 1 Fd Sqn, 1 Const Sqn, group.

B. Local social events for members and their womenfolk.

C. Annual dinners for the current executives and past presidents.

D. Involvement in Auckland City Anzac Day parades and dawn breakfasts.

E. At one stage Tom Malt was involved in getting an Assoc Bowling Team together for a Fours Challenge with the Auckland R.S.A.

Eric Bullen organized a Sapper party to attend the Anzac Day parade in Sydney at the invitation of the Sydney S.M.E. (That was in Feb 1976.)

In NL90/83 on behalf of Joan Russell (Sister Robertson), the Assoc put out a call to personnel of 1st N.Z. General Hospital 1939-45 who may have been interested in holding a reunion in 1984.

The Association has given assistance by way of advance publicity and full reports after the events to the following:

LOCATION REUNIONS.

1. The returned Engineers of 1NZEF held an annual reunion in Auckland from 1925 until 1979. It was normally held on the nearest Saturday to the anniversary of the first Battle of the Somme, in September.

2. The returned Engineers of 2NZEF held an annual reunion in Auckland from 1954 until 1971 when they were discontinued in favour of the annual reunions of the Sappers Association, dealt with in the last chapter.

3. The national reunions began in Levin in 1954 and have continued to the present, alternating with Christchurch.

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5. The returned Engineers of 2NZE began to hold reunions in Whangarei, Northland in 1966 and have been doing so periodically since.

6. The returned Engineers of 2NZE began to hold reunions and functions in Westland.

UNIT REUNIONS.

7. 20 & 23 Fd Coys.

8. 3 Div Assoc.

9. 37 Fd Pk Coy.

10. Crete Veterans' Assoc.

11. Railway Operating or Railway Group.

12. 18 Army Troops Coy.

13. 7 Fd Coy.

14. Forestry Group.

R.N.Z.E. FUNCTIONS.

15. RNZE Ball.

16. Sappers Day At Papakura Camp.

17. S.M.E. Sappers Ball.

18. 6 Fd Sqn RNZE Reunion.

REUNIONS, FUNCTIONS, ACTIVITIES, ORGANIZED BY THE ASSOCIATION

A. The May reunion and memorial church service for the 1 Fd Coy, 3 Fd Coy group.

NL1/62 "The reunion of 1 Fd Coy and Volunteers will be held in the RSA Cafeteria on Saturday 5 May 1962. A Memorial service will be held in conjunction with the reunion at St Davids Church at 10.30 am on the 6th May."

NL4/62 "When the boys assembled they found that the piano had gone AWOL. Now, there is nothing like a lost piano to stir up the fighting spirit of a good Sapper, especially when he has paid for its hire. So off went 1 Fd Coy on a recce and discovered a piano up several flights of stairs, captured it and took it prisoner. A removal firm had to be employed to have the piano returned to its original position."!!

NL6/63 "The piano movers are swinging into action again on 4 May 1963. The scene of battle once again RSA Cafeteria, High Street. A memorial service will be held again on Sunday 5 May at St Davids and members are asked to assemble at the junction of Khyber Pass and Grafton Road at 10.45 am."

NL7/63 "In the wee sma' hours of Sunday morning 5 May, a group of sweepers and dish washers filed out from the RSA, marking the close of yet another successful 1 Fd Coy — 1 Fd Sqn — 3 Fd Coy reunion. A special welcome to the lads from Whangarei. Andy Murray in the Chair steered the formal proceedings to an early conclusion, leaving loads of time for Sapper re-engagements. John Fitzmaurice is still wondering how he and Ted Senior got squeezed into one chair to assist Fred Penn and Frank Astley with the organization of next year's reunion. The Memorial

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Kirk Service was well attended and was a memorable occasion. Lt. Col. Tom Rabone placed the wreath at the Roll of Honour Tablets and Padre Baragwanath conducted the Service. How many Sappers know that the 1 Fd Coy (1914-1918) and 3 Fd Coy NZE (1939-1946) Rolls of Honour have been mounted and dedicated in St Davids.? A most "ubiquitous" group of Sappers you ne're hae met — and fully deserving of a full turn out "On Parade" the First Sunday in May each year, following the Saturday reunion. Wives and loved ones are especially welcomed at this Service."

NL13/66 "1 Fd Coy, 1 Fd Sqn, 1 Const Sqn Reunion is programmed for Sat 7 May 1966, with a Memorial Church Parade at St Davids. Capt C.R. Francis is the organizer."

NL14/66 "The reunion of one of Auckland's oldest Volunteer Units and its successors was held on 7 May. The Units descended from the Auckland Engineer Volunteers (1885) are 3 Fd Coy NZE, 1 Fd Coy NZE, 1 Fd Sqn RNZE, 4 Fd Pk Sqn RNZE and now 1 Const Sqn RNZE. These Units cover a span of nearly 100 years and have taken part in historic exploits of our Corps in five major wars and two World Wars, from the Whakamarama engagement (1867) of the Maori Wars to the present conflicts in South Vietnam and in Borneo.

Attendance at the reunion was 30 old sweats, with not too much emphasis on the old, and 52 serving sappers. A goodly number of Notable Personalities present included Sgt Tom Botterill aged 83 who proposed the toast to the Corps. This was replied to by the current CRE and former Commander, LT Col E. (Ted) Senior. Cpl. Ralph Flavell, a Vietnam veteran, proposed a toast to fallen comrades.

It gives the older Sappers food for thought when they realize that among the young members at the reunion were nine veterans of the wars in South Vietnam and Malaysia. The annual church parade was held at St Davids on 8th May. The Association's Patron, LtCol Andrew Murray, led the parade of 42 of the oldies with Capt Robin Francis heading the column of 50 from 1 Const Sqn. His Excellency the Governor-General laid a wreath on the Engineer Memorial in the Church. Also present were Her Excellency Lady Ferguson, Geordie and Members of the House hold. The family of Spr W. Toni, who was killed on service in Malaya, were presented to Their Excellencies after the service, at coffee." At the 7th AGM 1966 the Meeting considered that the 1 Fd Coy Reunion satisfied the Papakura interest, and was enthusiastic that the last function should be held again in the coming year.

NL18/67 "1 Fd Coy NZE, 3 Fd Coy NZE, 1 Fd Sqn RNZE. Annual reunion 5/5/67. Masonic Hall, Papakura. 7.30 pm. Church Parade St Davids 7/5/67".

NL19/67 "This years May day turnout organized by men of 1 Const Sqn and held at Papakura was well attended by the auld gang and by the younger serving sappers. The change to Friday night was regrettably unavoidable but didn't affect the attendance. Fred Penn was overheard to offer his Reunion Apron to Ted Senior. At the Church Parade the combined parade of ex-servicement and 1 Const Sqn RNZE was led by Lt Col Edward Senior ED."

NL28/69 "The Engineer Memorial Service will be held at St Davids on 4th May, 69. "When the time came to organize this, Fred Penn was of the opinion that

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the May Service was not getting enough support to warrant it, and that it should be dropped in favour of a combined October Service, with a once a year only Church parade thereafter. As the Service had already been advertised it was decided to continue with the arrangements. The May reunion formerly associated with it had already changed from May to October to coincide with the Association's arrangements. As the May Service had been held in St Davids for over forty years, the Assoc felt an effort should be made to keep it going for a few more years if possible. It was held, and about thirty ex-servicemen attended. The Association had sent out invitation letters to eleven widows, and many of them were at the Service.

NL/33/70 "Sunday 3 May. Memorial Service at St Davids Soldiers Memorial Church." "The Engineer Memorial Service will be held at St Davids as above. We shall assemble at 10.30 at the Church Hall for coffee at the invitation of Rev O.T. Baragwanath. This is a traditional annual service dating from May 1928 when the first Engineer Memorial Tablet was unveiled in St Davids. All Engineers past or present are invited, either in uniform or mufti with medals, if you have them."

NL38/71 "Sunday 2 May. Memorial Service at St Davids Soldiers Memorial Church." NL39/71 "May Memorial Service — " notice details as in NL33 above. It was noted that the majority of those who attended this Service were in favour of the two services being retained, i.e. the May and the October in each year.

NL44/72 "Sunday 7th May: 10.30 am. at St Davids Church, Khyber Pass Road." Note handed to Rev Owen Baragwanath before the Service. "The wreath was to have been placed by Bill Todd, President of the First World War N.Z. Engineers Reunion Committee, but as he has just suffered a heart attack the wreath will be placed by Alan Davis of the same Committee." Bill Todd died four years later.

In April of 1973 the decision was made to discontinue the May Memorial Service and to concentrate on one Memorial Service per year i.e. in October.

B. Local social events for members and their womenfolk.

15/3/62 Andrew Murray suggested that consideration should be given for a social in Auckland, to which Members and their wives could be invited, to promote closer association between members. Bob Gilmour offered the use of his grounds for a social gathering. A sub-Committee was appointed to organize a social event and to report to the coming AGM. Col Rudd suggested an evening social in the Royal Commonwealth Society Rooms in Queens Arcade.

NL2/62 "Many members will be pleased to hear that plans are being made for a social evening to be held in **The Royal Commonwealth Society Rooms, Queen's Arcade on 4 August 1962.** We can guarantee both you and your partner will enjoy the event. We have the hall, we have the band — will we have your support?"

NL3/62 "Social and Dance. Music and entertainment will be provided by five professional musicians from the Royal Marine Band, based on HMNZS Philomel. Supper and refreshments will be provided. Dress semi-formal. The Committee will welcome all sappers and their friends so don't hesitate to make up a party and all come along. Admission will be by ticket only. The cost £2.2.0 a double. Please obtain

or reserve your tickets now from the Secretary, to assist us in planning the function. Success depends on your support, please act now."

This event resulted in a loss of £20, and it was decided to put it to the next AGM if a further one should be attempted.

NL6/63 "Here is an opportunity to bring your wife and friends along for a pleasant and profitable evening of entertainment. On **Saturday 18 May 1963** your Committee will provide some relaxation in the form of a film show followed by a few rounds of Housie. Refreshments will be available too, so come along with your guests and join the happy atmosphere of a good night of fun." "**The Army Hall, Blake Street, Ponsonby. 7.45pm.** Please fill in the attached form and return to the Secretary before 30 April to assist the Committee in planning the function."

NL7/63 "The social evening held on 18 May proved to be a popular event and the Committee has been requested by many members to provide an encore. Start getting your party together now and make a date for **Saturday 21 September**. The programme will be as before with Housie, films, supper, and of course refreshments. 8p.m., Army Hall, Blake Street, Ponsonby. Bring your friends and relations."

On 18/3/63 a gathering was held at the **Ponsonby Army Hall** to farewell Andrew Murray and wish him God's Speed on an overseas trip. Andrew retired from his position as Col Commandant to which he was appointed in 1957. There was a small presentation to him.

NL9/64 "Want a good night with your family, friends and old coppers?. Then come along to **The NZ Breweries Cafeteria Khyber Pass Road on 20 May**. Full details are on the enclosed invitation. Some excellent films are booked for this night, including the technicolour Man In Space record of Col Glenn's epic adventure. Bring your family or neighbours, supper provided free. Everybody will be welcome."

April 1964. The number of members present at the Housie or film evenings was very disappointing.

Wednesday 25/8/65 A social evening was held in the **Royal Overseas League Rooms, Queens Arcade**. There were films and Housie, and a loss of £7.

NL12/65. Another film evening on 8/12/65 at the N.Z. Breweries social Hall.

N.L13/66. Another **Housie and film evening** at The Royal Commonwealth Society Rooms Queens Arcade, Wed 23 March 1966 at 7.30 pm. Attached to the same Newsletter was a slip saying "Please note — Housie and film evening has had to be cancelled."

NL14/66 "A grand social and dance will be held on **Saturday 28 May** at 8pm. Bring your friends and relatives along and make a good night out. With music for young and old, and the friendly warmth of good companions, this will make a welcome break from the monotony of watching repeats on TV. So form a party and bring yourselves along to **The Royal Commonwealth Society Rooms, Queens Arcade**." Housie was played at the above also, and the resulting profit was £1.18.0. On 7/6/66 arrangements were being made with the Auckland Central Police instead of with the Dept of Internal Affairs, for a Housie Permit to suit each occasion. At the 7th AGM 1966, it was decided to have at least one mixed film evening during the

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coming year.

NL16/66 **Film and social evening** at N.Z. breweries on **Wed 9 Nov 1966** at 7.45 pm.

NL17/66 There were many AWOL and absentees from the Film Evening. The arrangement was 5/- and ladies a plate. Tickets were mailed out to all the financial members, only 20 sappers attended.

In Feb 1967 Eric Bullen was arranging an At Home for 8 April at Auckland R.S.A. In March it was decided not to have that, but to have a **film evening** in **May** at the **Building Centre**. This was arranged for 31/5/67.

NL21/67 "A **film evening** is to be held at the N.Z. Breweries Theatre and Hall, Khyber Pass, on **Tues November 28th**. A first class programme has been planned by Eric Bullen and Charlie Duffy. Admission Sappers 50 cents, ladies something for supper. Friends and family all welcome."

NL22/67 "It was an enjoyable evening. 20 sappers and 32 others attended. The adults coped during the sponsors' requests for expert opinion in tasting six brews. Andrew Murray and Mrs Murray, also Fred Penn and family were present."

At the A.G.M. on 27/6/68 in his President's Report, Rex Lane stated that after years of experimenting with various forms of social activities, and with due consideration of all the factors involved, it was the firm opinion of the Executive that The Sappers Assoc. should **limit its social activities** to the running of an Annual Reunion and a social get together at the conclusion of business at the AGM.

In Sept 1968, after a considerable amount of Secretarial discussion with Dept of Internal Affairs and The Police re Housie Licence, it was decided to return the Association's licence for cancellation. The District Officer for the Dept replied "Thank you for returning your Housie declaration for cancellation. Please feel free to reapply should your Committee wish to commence playing housie again."

In Feb 69 The Assoc had a sign painted, hardboard panel 24"x12" with Name of Assoc and P.O. Box No, and the flaming grenade badge. The sign board was used to good effect at the next Levin Reunion and at all subsequent gatherings, until the P.O. Box was moved out to Penrose, calling for some revised signwriting.

Having decided to limit social activities to the annual reunion and a get together at the conclusion of business at the A.G.M., the Committee had to decide what to do about the participation of the ladies. It was decided to try first with the AGM night, and to make full use of the new Royal Commonwealth Society Rooms in the Town Hall Building. Members enjoyed the presence of the ladies in the Rooms which were next door to the A.C.C. Committee Room used for the business of the A.G.M. and a programme was arranged for them for the first hour and a half or so. This worked well for three or four years, until the fifth one, when the Meeting ended rather late. On the sixth occasion, in 1974, the meeting closed at 11 pm, so it was decided to try something different for the ladies in 1975. The above social evenings are reported in detail in Chapter 16, under Annual General Meetings.

NL58/75 "31 May, **Wine & Cheese Evening & Fashion Parade** in the Remuera Room of the Commercial Travellers' Club. Open to members and their friends."

This was a resounding success. The Fashion Parade was particularly well received and the sappers from Papakura Camp did full justice to the wine ration." NL59. 158 people were present, including 32 from Papakura.

NL61/76 "A Mixed Social will be held on **Saturday 17 April** at the Ex Naval Men's Club, Broadway. The sub will be \$1.50 payable at the door. Drinks will be available at bar prices and a light supper will be provided. Dress informal and a good band has been arranged. Sappers and wives, girl friends and friends are welcome."

This was the last of the separate social events arranged so that Members could share their activities with the ladies, because from 1977 the big breakthrough had been achieved, and the ladies were invited to the Annual Reunions.

C. Executive Dinners.

The hard working Executive decided to have a night out and organized for itself a dinner for executive members, their wives, and the past Presidents and their wives. The first was enjoyed by 24, and was held at the Star Hotel on 5 Dec 1969. The second was attended by 32 at the Star Hotel again, on 27 Nov 1970. The third produced a reduced number of 18, again at the Star Hotel on 26 Nov 1971. For the fourth the sitting increased to 28 at the Star again on 17 Nov 1972. The fifth saw a change of venue, and 32 sat down for dinner at The Officers' Club. 17 Nov 1973. The sixth was held again at The Officers' Club in Nov 1974. The seventh was held again at the Officers' Club on 14 Nov 1975. The eighth was held at the Officers' Club in Nov 1976. The ninth was held again at the Officers' Club in Nov 1977. The tenth was held again at the Officers' Club on 1 Dec 1978. The eleventh saw a change of venue to Orakei R.S.A., 28 Nov 1979. The twelfth-night was to have been at Orakei RSA but was cancelled. That was the end of the series.

(i) Sapper Officers' Mess.

The third Thursday monthly evening formal dinner held in the Officers club from 1962 was described in Chapter 2, under "Esprit-de-Corps."

By the end of 1984 many officers had 220 of these dinners under their belts, but difficulties and costs involved in arranging relatively small evening dinners in the Club, bracketed with the growing reluctance of many members to leave their wives at home alone at night, at increasing risk of attack by intruders, gradually made it necessary for changes to be considered. The 1985 programme for the Sapper Officers Mess includes only four such dinners. One of these to be a combined Mess with the Gunners, and to the other three the ladies to be invited. The remaining six events for the year to be luncheons only, ladies welcome.

(ii) Sapper Officers Mess and Executive Committee.

Members of the Sapper Officers Mess and the Executive Committee of the Sappers Association combined to receive His Excellency The Governor General, Sir David Beattie and members of his Staff at a formal dinner in The Auckland Officers' Club on 16th February 1984. Colonel Gordon Lindell was Dining President with Bob Gilmour and George Bunce as hosts. One of the photographs at the end of this history will remind those who were present of this very pleasant occasion.

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D. Involvement in Auckland City Anzac Days.

NL1/62 "The turn out of Sappers at the Anzac Day parades should be worthy of our comrades who we left overseas. I (Col Rudd) will be out of Auckland attending a country ceremony but the Col Commandant (Andrew Murray) will lead the Engineers at the main Auckland parade. Will you be behind him?"

NL9/64 "I heard some complimentary remarks concerning our boys on Anzac Day, and some complaints at the lack of a banner to march behind."

16/4/64. At a Meeting on 3 Oct 63 Lt Crowther produced a drawing of the proposed new banner. It was decided it would be produced as illustrated 28" square of aluminium on hardboard with the background in Corps colours and the badge in its own colours. A leather carrier to be included. At the Mar 64 Meeting the Secretary was requested to obtain the banner and place it with DCRE for safe keeping. On 16th April the Secretary reported that he had contacted Lt Crowther and had discovered that the banner had not in fact been produced. George Bunce (President) led a discussion on how to have the banner ready for Anzac Day. On 13 May 1964 Bob Gilmour gave details of the manufacture of the banner and it was hoped to have it anodised before 20th June.

27 Aug 64 Ted Senior (President) outlined the progress to date on the production of the banner and thanked Messrs Bunce and Gilmour for their assistance.

23 Sept 64 George Bunce produced the Banner and suggested that a strong plastic cover and a canvas container should be provided for its protection. A letter of appreciation was sent to Blomfield Signs Ltd.

NL10/64 "Friday 16 Oct will see a parade of World War 1 veterans who sailed from our shores 50 years ago. The parade will proceed up Queen Street between ranks of World War 11 veterans, many of whom went into camp 25 years ago this month. Many sappers will be on parade and other members of our Association are urged to give their support in paying respect to these veterans of the first World War. Look for our new Banner as the rallying point, and help swell the numbers wearing our Corps tie and pocket badge."

NL14/66 "Congratulations to the sapper stalwarts who joined Andrew Murray on parade at the Centopah 11 o'clock service and proudly bore our banner onto the concourse. The bearer was seen to be having a struggle to keep it held firmly aloft. Perhaps he would have had less trouble if someone had brought the leather carrier!! There were about as many Sappers seen at the Dawn Parade also." Quite a few Sappers had built up a tradition of attending the Dawn Breakfast in the old Drill Hall after the Dawn Parade. Some of them missed the 11 o'clock as a result.

"The Dawn Parade was over, and the veterans went their ways,
But three I know sat down to drink, and talked of other days.
The sun arose and with its warmth bid morning fog be gone,
Yet like the warmth these Sappers stayed, and drank; their memories long.

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The sparkle on the Waitemata soon lured these men from shore
And so they staggered to a boat, to fish; and talk some more.
Their wake across the harbour wide was marked so clear and straight,
Yet still they drank and talked a bit, but not of fish nor bait.
They talked of the previous Dawn Parade. Of how they beat the fog,
And spent their day a-fishing, but couldn't beat the grog.
For the more they talked the more they drank, and the grog gave way to Fog.
Until at last, their bait untouched, the three slept like a log.
But this time Eddie swore revenge, and gave the boat full throttle,
We'll catch some fish *this* year, cried he — reaching for a Bottle.

"Monty"

Anzac Day 1967 was advertised in two Newsletters plus the Herald and Star, but only 15 Sappers fell in behind the Banner. A dozen went to the Dawn Service and Breakfast Reunion in the Drill Hall.

NL23/68

**"THE WHOLE EARTH IS THE SEPULCHRE OF FAMOUS MEN
THEY ARE COMMEMORATED NOT ONLY BY COLUMNS AND INSCRIPT-
IONS
IN THEIR OWN COUNTRY
BUT IN FOREIGN LANDS ALSO BY MEMORIALS GRAVEN NOT ON STONE
BUT ON THE HEARTS OF MEN."**

"The Sappers Association Banner will be carried with the Second War group as they have the longer march. Assemble at the corner of Grafton Road and Park Rd at 10.00 hrs. Anzac Day gives us another opportunity of meeting up with Sapper friends, as well as the privilege of participating in the historical commemoration of those who lost their lives and of whom the country has said —

**THEY WERE A WALL UNTO US
BOTH BY NIGHT AND BY DAY.**

On 16th October 1914 an army of 8586 men sailed from N.Z. in ten troopships under Navy escort. The first major battle was fought on Gallipoli on 25th April 1915. In eight months 2721 were killed." When NL23 was written there were at least 2200 of the original troops still living, 53 years after Gallipoli.

NL26/68 "The 29th Dawn Ceremony of Remembrance was attended by many Sappers who were struck by the incongruity of the word "Forget" which had overnight been slashed in vandal paint across the face of the Cenotaph. Those who saw it were however strengthened in their belief that there is good value in remembering and pondering the lessons of history. Later in the morning, as guests of The Australian Imperial Force Ex-Servicemens' Assoc, quite a few Sappers enjoyed an army breakfast in the now defunct old Drill Hall. By 9 am members of the Sappers Association had won both raffles and had assisted with the sweeping out of





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the old Hall, under a cooling-off spray as the veteran roof let a rain storm through ..."

NL28/69 Twenty places were reserved for members of the Sappers Association at the A.I.F. Dawn Breakfast Reunion on Anzac Day 1969. The 11 o'clock Parade was attended also. 25/4/70 There were 18 Sappers at the Dawn Breakfast and 21 in the 10.30 Parade.

NL39/71 "Again we plan to remember those who **LEFT ALL THAT WAS DEAR TO THEM, ENDURED HARDNESS, FACED DANGER, AND FINALLY PASSED OUT OF THE SIGHT OF MEN BY THE PATH OF DUTY AND SELF SACRIFICE, THAT OTHERS MIGHT LIVE IN FREEDOM**"

Arrangements were made as for the previous years, excepting that it was an afternoon Parade. Anzac Day 1972 — Arrangements as before, excepting Dawn Breakfast now in A.T.I. Cafeteria. Anzac Day 1973 — Only ten sappers attended the normal 11 am Parade — Anzac Day 1974 — Only five paraded.

In 1975, owing to lack of support, no call was put out. (Members were supporting local parades). NL65/77 "25/4/77 Anzac Day Breakfast Reunion, HMNZS Ngaponga, St Mary's Road."

In 1981 members were invited to the Dawn Breakfast Reunion now at The Officers' Club.

It was decided to call for a party to march to the Cenotaph in the Auckland Domain on 25th April 1985 in remembrance of past Sappers, and to mark the Association's 25th year.

All those who marched agreed that this should once again become an annual pilgrimage.

From next year a wreath will be carried on the march, in memory of past sappers, and it will be placed on the Cenotaph at the appropriate time set aside for wreaths to be placed by Units.

Major Joe Hollander RNZE marched as escort and President Terry Chester carried the R.N.Z.E. Banner, followed by: Frank Allen, Len Bradford-Smith, Jack Breingan, Jim Brown, Tom Cawte, Lyn Evans, Allan Field, Frank Gaelic, Seymour Jack, Albert Jonson, Noel Martin, Kent Purdie, Vern Veale, Roy Wilson. Absent with apologies were: Gordon Lindell (health), George Bunce (speaker at Papatoetoe RSA Service), Bob Gilmour (official RSA duty at the Cenotaph). The party had opportunities to pay tribute to fallen comrades during the slow lowering and raising of the Banner for Last Post and Reveille, and with a smart "Eyes Right" on the march off past the Cenotaph.

LOCATION REUNIONS.

1. The returned Engineers of 1 NZEF. 1914/18 War.

NL11/65 "World War 1 veteran Mr S.T. Carter MBE deserves a special mention because Syd has organized 38 out of the last 39 1NZEF Sapper Reunions. With Syd's enthusiasm is it any wonder that our older comrades always have such an enjoyable time at their reunions"?

NL21/67 This Newlsetter reported the 42nd such reunion and paid tribute to the

sixty veterans of the 1914/18 War. "NZE Quo Fas Et Gloria Ducunt" (Where Right and Glory Lead). When first seen at this reunion by the writer, they were all attentively listening to Brig R.B. Bullock speaking on "The N.Z. Army Today". (1967)

NL27/68 "The 43rd Reunion on 14/9/68 was attended by sixty WW1 Sappers from all parts of N.Z., including three members of the original Field Troop which left with the Main Body in 1914, Jim Dagg (Dunedin), George Grieve (Whangarei) and Bill Fix (Auckland). Secretary Syd Carter at the Toast To Fallen Comrades read the names of 25 members who had answered the call of Last Post during the year . . ."

NL36/70 "On 12 & 13/9/70 the 1st NZEF Engineers held their 45th Annual Reunion. Their ages ranged from 73 to 89 and the conversation covered Samoa, Egypt, Gallipoli, Palestine, France, Belgium, Germany, England etc. At Papakura on the previous Sat, the writer had seen in the RNZE display, a photograph of Sgt S. Forsyth of 3rd Fd Coy NZE who won the VC in 1918. At the time one had regarded this as a bit of old N.Z. history, but within a week here was one engaged in conversation with Sgt Bill Fix of 3 Fd Coy (who won the MM.), Bill Fix and a friend who were discussing Sam Forsythe and some of his very human characteristics. This showed that Messines, Ypres and Armentieres are still very clear in the minds of many people even today . . . In a speech of welcome to Seymour Jack, President of The Sappers Association, Alan Davis (who has been on the reunion committee for 40 years) reminded his colleagues of the statement over the gates of the RE School of Engineering at Chatham "ONCE A SAPPER — ALWAYS A SAPPER" and urged them to join the Assoc. It was announced that many of the WW1 sappers intended to hand their souvenirs over to the Corps Memorial in the course of time. The Association offered assistance with the running of the 1NZEF reunion if it was wanted . . ."

NL37/70 In this Newsletter was published the first half of a detailed history contributed by Alan Davis dealing with the reunion activities of the 1NZEF Sappers. In the early days, most wanted to forget the immediate past, but after having settled back into civvy life they began to think of reunions. A few reunions were held in 1920 & 21, but it was not until 1926 that the Committee was formed which went on to hold its 45th in 1970. The first saw a muster of 250 sappers at the Tiffin Dining Rooms, Auckland, with Col Barclay presiding.

NL38/71 carried the last half of the above contribution describing annual weekends at Okoroire Hot Springs Hotel and at Thames, including bowls for a trophy which originated in the Salisbury Bowling Club near Sling Camp in WW1.

N.L.42/71 "At the 46th on 11/9/71 close on forty 1914/18 Sappers spent two hours reminding one another of the characters they had shared their war experiences with. The strongest memories were of incidents which involved humour or courage. The humour had helped to make life more livable during those years. Incidents when humour or courage had been shown at the opportune moment lived on in their minds clearly, these fifty five years later. We of the 1939/45 war can be doing this in 1999, or well into the two thousands." The report in this Newsletter related some of the incidents they remembered and also gave the names of all who

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had been able to make it to the reunion. Those present were from many parts of N.Z.

NL47/72 "At the 47th on 16/9/72 35 made the grade. Jim Stewart from Christchurch held the distance record. Once again we pay tribute to, and take inspiration from, the spirit of the veterans of World War One."

The 48th was held on 15/9/73 and the 49th on 14/9/74 but by this time the reunion had changed to an afternoon one and wives were invited. Mrs Sanders joined Colonel Guy as official reps of the Sappers Association. 24 WW1 veteran sappers attended, accompanied by 21 wives or daughters. 60 telegrams came from sappers unable to make it, but Alex Murray aged 81 came up from Dunedin. NL56/74 paid tribute to this reunion and some more details about Syd Carter.

NL60/75 The Golden Jubilee, 50th Annual Reunion 13/9/75 was attended by 43 of the WW1 veterans. The President of the Sappers Association Roy Wilson and his wife Mary were among the invited guests. It was held in the Takapuna Memorial Hall at 2 p.m. Over 100 people were there including wives, sons and daughters and guests. "Syd Carter has handed to us for the Corps Museum a dinner gong. Syd made it in the trenches from oak timber salvaged from the altar of the Cathedral at Sailley au Bois. The gong is the shell case of a German whizbang and the striker is a rosary bead which was found in the debris of the same Cathedral."

NL64/76 The 51st was held on 18/9/76 and over 20 of the regulars made it. Alan Davis and members of the bowling team presented to the Corps Museum through The Sappers Association, a Bowling Trophy. It was received by Vice Patron George Bunce.

NL68/77 The 52nd Reunion was held on 3/9/77 at 2 p.m. and the Takapuna R.S.A. hosted a very successful function in the Takapuna Memorial Hall. Several members of the Sappers Assoc committee were invited along. Dick Pemberton replied to the Toast to "Our Visitors."

In his Annual Report to the Sappers Assoc. A.G.M. on 28/9/78 President Dick Pemberton included the following: "Another change this year was that 1 NZEF Sappers who for so many years have held such memorable reunions, decided this year to give it up. I gather that these grand old men were relieved at not having to make the effort to assemble and find their ranks still fewer. Our Hon Auditor, Syd Carter, now 84, was relieved too at being excused from organising yet another reunion. In Levin recently I saw again their drums and trumpet which, as the then OC of 1 Fd Sqn RNZE, I received from them on behalf of the younger generation nearly a quarter of a century ago!"

In NL73 of March 1979 President Gordon Lindell wrote: "The reunions of N.Z Engineers 1st NZEF, held for over a half-century have come to an end. As our thoughts and best wishes go out to the few old Sappers who are left, we are reminded that the years pass all too quickly, and that the interest and traditions of our Corps are beginning to rest on the shoulders of the younger generation of Sappers. "Her Majesty's Royal New Zealand Engineers." Syd Carter died 1981, and Alan Davis died 1984.

2. The returned Engineers of 2 NZEF. 1939/45 War.

On 15/3/62 Bill Noake, speaking on behalf of the Auckland 2NZEF Engineers' Annual Reunion Committee, requested advertising in the Sappers Association Newsletter. This was readily agreed to, and in NL2/62 appeared a notice "Calling all 2 NZEF Sappers. Your Reunion will take place at **The RSA Cafeteria, High St, on 21/7/62.** "Contact George Hodgson. This is one Saturday Night you must keep free." This was followed up with a reminder in NL3. and a report of the function in NL4. "The most outstanding feature of this reunion was the very friendly atmosphere that prevailed. It was sincere, yet quietly impressive. Sappers came from some quite distant places. NL6 advertised the next do for 27/7/63, and NL7 gave the report. Numbers down to sixty odd this time. NL9 advertised the 18/7/64 reunion and an offer was made to arrange overnight accommodation if required.

NL11/65 "The reunion on 17/7/65 was an evening I shall not forget for a long time. As far as attendance figures go it wasn't a record but what these boys lacked in support they made up in enthusiasm. "(The Committee decided to put this one on free to all those who turned up, as a memorial to Alf Saxon who had been their secretary since the beginning in 1953. Alf served with 7 Fd Coy. and died in 1960. "Impressed on my mind was Ted McQueen's face when Lloyd Hutton walked into the room. The last time these two saw each other was in Crete. Also the grand old warrior who climbed out of his hospital bed and limped into town to be with his old mates. The silence so heavy with memories, broken only by the distant chiming of the clock at 9 p.m. as we remembered those who, though unseen, were with us then."

NL20 advertised the "do" for 29/7/67 and NL21 reported. "In the RSA Hall in High St this was the 15th such reunion put on by George Lawrence, George Hodgson, George Ion, Bill Noake and Ernie Jones. The small committee which runs this reunion is a voluntary group which undertook the task many years before the Sappers Assoc was formed. They put in a lot of hard work to keep costs down and held themselves personally liable should they run into debt. In the early days they took a very real risk and their courage is to be admired. They intend to continue with their efforts for as long as this additional reunion is wanted. About 55 present. NL25 advertised the 16th for 27/7/68 and NL26 reported "This was attended by over fifty who came from all over the Province. They had served in 7Fd Coy (16), 6Fd Coy (13), 8Fd Coy (11), 5Fd PkCoy (9), together with 18 & 19 Army Troops Coy, 28 Assault Sqn, 38 Fd PkCoy, 20 & 26 Fd Coys, 16 RylOp and 10 Rly ConstCoys.

NL30. The 17th was held on 26/7/69 during a flu epidemic in Auckland with attendance down to about fifty. Those who made it were greeted with a notice "No charge Tonight". George Lawrence explained that they had saved sufficient from some of the earlier reunions to make it possible to give the regulars the benefit in this way. Those present were sorry to learn that Bill Noake, one of the original six, had suffered a heart attack.

NL41. The 19th was held on 19/6/71 with the numbers down to forty odd. They were surprised again on arrival to see the "Free Tonight" notice out. George Lawrence announced later that this would be the last of the series. The 2NZEF



At the 16th 2 NZEF Engineers' Reunion in Auckland, 1968.

Reunion had started and flourished during the nine years before the Sappers Association was formed. Now the Sappers Day Reunion tended to be the one reunion night of the year. Among those whose presence was noted at this last of the 2NZEF series were: Cyril Battman, Doug Benseman, Dagwood Bigwood, Brad Bradford-Smith, Jack Breingan, Jack Burke, Dave Carter, Ron Deeming, Noel Duggan, Vern Francis, Ray Garland, George Hodgson, Nugget Howe, Colin Hun-kin, George Ion, Seymour Jack, Ernie Jones, Cyril Knight, George Lawrence, Ab Lloyd, Bill Lobban, Owen McCormac, George McKinley, Blue Magnusson, Ray Scelly, Dave Stanaway, George Tarrant, Frank Tye, Pat Urwin, George Wakelin, Bill Weatherall, Dick Welham, Stan White, Eddie Young, and the time honoured helpers of the committee Jack Cummings, Alf Parker and Ralph Petterson. After the nine o'clock observance a hearty vote of thanks was passed to George Lawrence, George Hodgson, George Ion, Bill Noake and Ernie Jones and also to their wives who has assisted with supper preparations on many occasions. Bill Noake died in 1972.

3. and 4. NATIONAL REUNIONS. LEVIN & CHRISTCHURCH.

NL5/62 "The 5th National Reunion of Sappers will be held on 8 - 10 March 1963. It will be held in Christchurch and therefore in the South Island for the first time. Here is your chance to taste Southern Hospitality. If enough sappers are interested your committee is prepared to arrange for the charter of a plane but we would need at least 35 names. Please let the secretary have your name by early Jan."

NL6/63 "Held at Addington Show Grounds. Invitations sent to 3500 sappers. Max Glue and Ken Carpenter chief organisers. Report by Eddie Farnell. "Auckland Sappers were not well represented numerically which was a pity as the Committee led by Sticky Glue did a grand job in every way other than for the weather. One sapper remarked on Sunday morning "Why hold it in winter?". Sufficient was provided to keep the inner man warm all weekend. We arrived by air on Friday night and were duly installed in the 'pub'. Ken Carpenter the secretary and the House Committee headed by Alan Almond welcomed us. Each armed with 10' of 6d refreshment tickets, retired to the 'bar', where the Mainlanders greeted us in no uncertain terms. Johnny Morgan was looking as tough and young as he was twenty years ago. What a whopper of an evening. I was delivered back to the 'pub' in the early hours of Saturday by a milkman's van, but was on deck for an 8 am breakfast and free refreshments all day. It was great to see small groups of Sappers form, drift apart, and reform to discuss another battle. Armoured car crews of three or four, platoon groups of ten or so, Companies of up to eighty in a group. Mech Eqpt led by dynamic George Armstrong, etc. In all 547 sat down to dinner which was a huge success, and the toast to Absent Comrades was most impressive. Sunday morning we attended Church Parade, this time with the warmth of the sun to bless us. Padre John Watson M.C. officiating. The laying of the wreath on the Cenotaph in Cathedral Square was delightfully informal yet dignified. At the usual meeting which follows the service, the Chairman introduced his Christchurch Committee, who were given a

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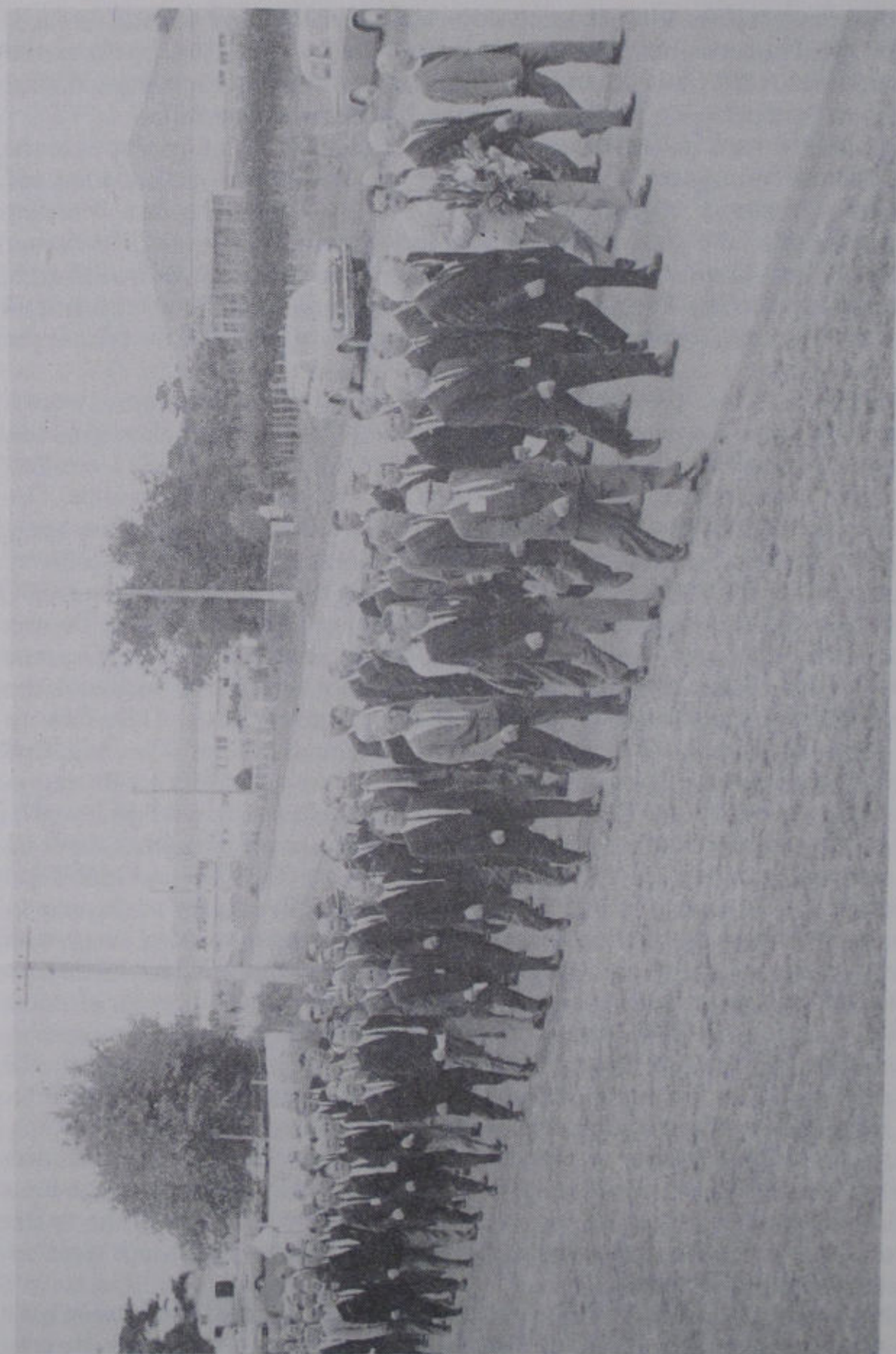
resounding Sapper cheer; they certainly deserved our thanks and praise."

The 6th National Reunion was held back in Levin in 1965, again at the Racecourse and A.&P. Showgrounds with the Levin Reunion Committee, Walley Phillips, Jim Cockburn, Jim Fowler, Pat Boggs, Pat Stewart, Bob Bell.

The 7th was back in Christchurch, 10-12 March 1967. Accommodation at the Show Grounds Motor Camp. (6/- a night, bring own blankets.) Ken Carpenter and Ian Sanders organizers. 502 Sappers attended. NL18/67 reported. Bert Woodley acted as host, Max Glue attended to catering, Jim Sherwood transport. The dinner held in Canterbury Court was a grand occasion. Mr Manning, Mayor of Christchurch, welcomed the gathering. The toast to the Corps was proposed by Peter Scoullar and was replied to by Geo Armstrong. Russ Currie and Gordon Lindell both spoke at the forum.

The 8th, 7-9 Feb., 1969 at Levin. Accommodation at the Racecourse, wreath laying at RSA Lawn Cemetery. Dinner in Industrial Hall in A.&P. Showgrounds. Bring your own sleeping and toilet gear. In NL28/69 the writer (S.J.) recalled. "Racecourse, showgrounds, lovely Levin sunshine over peaceful countryside. The cars rolling in, Jaguars and caravans de luxe. Bombs to Bentleys. Car doors open, who'll emerge?. Surprise meetings, "Hello Syd, haven't seen you since we had sherry and shrapnel on the Senio in Feb 45, 24 yrs, have you ever seen Lofty again?" Conversation, the bar, meals together again. The setting sun glorifying the Tararua Ranges. Music in the bar. "The bar will close in ten minutes". (Fair enough, it must be nearly three in the morning anyhow). Early morning walks, music in the cowshed. Whisky and milk before breakfast. Bacon, eggs, sausages, the Life. Rest up out of camp for a while (Out of trouble). Back for the afternoon. The Brig, Bull Hanson — still strong, still interested. The Colonels, Currie, Lindell and Murray — still working for the Corps. The static display. (Maj Hayhow and his S.M.E. staff). Model of the proposed Sappers Memorial Centre. Silver candelabra from the R.E., silver statuary from the R.A.E., silver plate from our first Col-in-Chief Field Marshall Lord Kitchener, Roll of Honour 2nd World War (same as the one in Westminster Abbey). New army weapons, the latest in mine-clearing shoes with sponge soles to not set off mines with, mine detector, mine prodder, barbarous barbed steel tape, recce boat, motor, survey equip, pumps, chain saws, a rocket propelled anchorage with 600 yds of wire rope and a 5 ton hold, etc... Photographs, conversations, the bar. Sad Sapper in the sack, snore off till the next round. 320 Sappers dropping in for dinner. Mayor, M.P., Air Commodore, RSA President, Padre John Watson 5 mns late direct from a wedding, Absent Comrades, The Corps. Messages from Dick Pemberton, Morrie Kemp, Arthur Kinsella, etc., souvenirs produced — "Can I get a copy of that?" Back to camp, broken sleep, "anyone for a leak?" Racehorses exercising on the track —sappers exercising. Marching to the Soldiers' Cemetery. Levin Silver Band, the years fall away as you march together again, memories flood back.

The wreath with Eddie Young (arm left in Tunisia) placing it. The sermon with Padre Watson (finger left in Italy) giving some Middle east history, then the only



At the 8th Reunion at Levin, February 1969.

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light rain of the weekend. Col Andrew Murray — "Parade MOVE?" Sunshine again, march back to camp, lunch, roll up the bed and away. "Its been great, see you in Christchurch next time". Quietness again, what a mess, but it will soon be cleaned up and forgotten. The memories, they remain. The spirit of unity has been carried back to all parts of N.Z. and will live on as long as Sappers do. Sincere thanks to the Levin Reunion Committee President Pat Stewart, Hon Secretary Wally Phillips, Pat Boggs, Jack Ballinger, Geo Lee, Jim Cockburn, Les Malcolm, Bub Bell, Rex Watson, Eddie Cousins, Jim Fowler, Arthur Free, Bill Batten, Jim Crooks, Tom Poole, Bill Wisnofski, Jack Breeze, Russ Currie, Len Milne, Joe Dobson. Also the Levin RSA and the Racecourse and Showgrounds people.

Among those seen at this reunion were : Eric Aiken, Bert Ainsworth, Lionel Alford, Alan Almond, A.J. Andrew, Clive Arbon, George Armstrong, Jim Armstrong, Jack Armstrong, Leonard Ashford, L.R. Baigent, Ralph Bailey, Jack Ballinger, Frank Ballock, Frank Barlow, Trevor Barrowman, Frank Bates, Bill Batten, Henry Bean, George Bee, Bub Bell, Bob Bending, Noel Bethell, Vern Betts, John Bickers, Tom Biddulph, George Bigwood, Chas Bilby, Len Billington, Clement Bird, Jim Bodley, John Bodley, Pat Boggs, Joe Borg, Sid Bowen, Clarrie Boyd, Jack Bradley, S. Bradley, Ernie Brady, Norm Brennan, Jack Breeze, Morton Brown, Percy Brown, Alex Bruning, Hank Burge, John Burgham, Ben Burn, Chas Burnett, L.G. Burnett, Gordon Burrows, Jim Byford, Geo Calder, Walter Calder, C.J. Campbell, Mick Carlton, Noel Carney, C.L. Carpenter, Stan Carson, L.F. Carter, Tom Cawte, Albert Cayless, W.J. Chambers, Ray Chapman, Roy Check, Joe Clements, Jim Cockburn, Fred Cooper, Fred Cortesi, C.L. Couchman, Tom Court, Lewis Courtney, Eddie Cousins, Jim Crallan, Bill Crombie, Bill Cromie, Jim Crooks, Cliff Cullen, Russ Currie, John Dent, Miles Dickson, Ian Dixon, Joe Dobson, Bill Dodd, John Dodd, Alex Downes, Alfred Downs, Harold Dowrick, Tim Dreadon, Desmond Duncan, Roy Earles, Alex Easton, Rex Edgar, Geo Edhouse, Jim Ellery, Robert Ellery, Michael Ellery, John Elwell, Geoff Entrican, Teddy Estall, Eddie Farnell, Geo Faulknor, Tom Feaver, Joe Firmin, John Foley, David Foster, Jim Fowler, Max Fraser, Arthur Free, Eric Frew, F.T. Fullwood, Lionell Funnell, J. Gerrard, Claude Gibson, S. Gilmour, Ted Greenall, Philip Greenfield, Tom Griffin, Ray Gunthorp, Roy Hampton, Brig Bull Hanson, Henry Hart, Les Harwood, Roy Hastings, Frank Hight, Ben Hill, Jack Hill, Walter Hoban, Tom Hobbs, George Hodgson, L.L. Hood, Francis Hopkins, Ray Horsfall, Arthur Horton, Andrew Hudson, Colin Hunkin, Douglas Hunt, Tom Hura, Geoff Insley, George Ion, Seymout Jack, Ray Jarvis, Tom Jeffares, Clyde Johnston, Ernie Jones, Francis Jones, Norman Keating, Pat Keogh, Roland Kerr, Rae Kerse, Wally Kerse, H.L. Kini, Alex Kirkwood, Allan Kitto, Bill Klink, Syd Knight, B.C. Knupp, John Kuzman, Ernest Lamont, George Lawrence, George Lee, Jack Lemmon, Gordon Lindell, Leslie Lines, Bill Lister, Ab Lloyd, J. Lobb, Bob McCarthy, Jack McCartie, Owen McCormac, Bill McCutcheon, Ian MacDonald, Alex McDonald, Clarrie McDonald, James MacGregor, Ray McFarlane, Sam McInnes, John MacKay, Lauri Mackeson, J.H. McKay, Bill McGreevy, Alex McKinlay, Forsyth McNair, Ted McQueen, Robert Maddern, Les Malcolm, Eddie Marshall, Jack Mar-

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shall, George Marshall, Robert Marshall, Clarrie Mason, Ray Mikkelson, Stuart Mills, Len Milne, Lauri Moody, Allan Moore, Fred Mumme, Andrew Murray, Linton Neale, Morrie Nelson, John Nicholls, Bill Noake, Owen Nolan, Ernest Nye, J.M. O'Connor, Maurice Olsen, Gavin Paterson, Brian Pearce, John Pearson, Syd Petersen, Wally Phillips, Bob Polglase, Tom Poole, John Powell, Ernie Prosser, Maurice Pullen, John Redpath, Lawrence Reisima, Derek Richardson, David Roberts, Keith Roberts, Robbie Roberts, Boyd Robinson, Victor Robinson, Ian Ross, John Ross, N. Sammit, James Scholes, Squib Shaw, Richard Short, Ray Skelly, Phil Small, Pat Stewart, Ivan Straal, James Taplin, John Tidey, Henry Tinsley, Stanely Tippet, John Trask, Shorty Turner, Frank Tye, Bill Valentine, George Wakelin, Sid Walker, Stan Walker, Bill Warnock, Charles Watson, John Watson, Rex Watson, Cecil Watt, Tim Welham, Stan White, Albert Willis, Alex Wilson, Les Wilson, Norman Wilson, Ron Wilson, Roy Wilson, Bill Wisnofski, Roy Witting, George Wood, Bert Woodley, C Woods, Allan Woodward, Douglas Woolliams, Cowan Wright, Winston Bill Yeatman, Eddie Young, Leo Young.

Of those recorded, the Units represented were in the following strengths : 6 Fd.Coy 52, 8 Fd, 50, 7 Fd 48, 5 FdPk 25, 19 A.T. 21, Rly 19, 20 Fd 18, Mech Equip 15, 18 A.T. 7, 26 Fd 6, CRE 5, 28 Asslt 3, Forestry 3.

NL34/70 Ian Sanders advised that the Christchurch Reunion Committee should be meeting in June to consider the proposed 1971 do. NL35/70 No news yet but up at Whangarei Pat Furey has announced that he will arrange Air Travel down.

NL36/70 announced the dates 6 & 7 March 1971. Also a few details from Ian Sanders.

NL37/70 "5th, 6th 7th March. Sappers 9th Reunion, Christchurch 1971".

NL38/71 Full details as provided by the reunion committee were published. The Sappers Association made arrangements to charter a Friendship aircraft for \$1720. We announced that the first 40 applications received would be booked on the chartered plane. Wives could be included as passengers. Had to cancel the charter flight on 18 Feb, having filled only ten seats.

NL39/71 devoted half the newsletter to reporting on the reunion and on the Open Forum discussion. Also gave a complete list of all the Sappers who attended. (371) Some brought their wives to Christchurch so they were invited on the Sat afternoon Coach Tour and to the wreath laying ceremony. At the open forum two points were well thrashed out, one being a fuller involvement of the ladies, and the other being should the next be held in Auckland. The reasons why Levin and Christchurch had been chosen were explained, the nature of the reunions was stressed. It was fully agreed not to get over-organized, not to get sophisticated, to retain the famous Lost Weekend of army memories in Levin and Christchurch.

NL47/72 & NL48/72 advertised the 10th for 2-3-4 Feb 1973 at Levin. NL49/73 Reported. Over 350 attended. A wet Sunday for the march to the Cemetery.

NL56 & 57 advertised the 11th for 14-15-16 March 1975 at Christchurch. NL58/75 reported. "An outstanding success, 384 sappers attended. Jim Scholes and

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his committee again given full marks. (Jim Scholes was blinded in the War by a mine, and only recently got partial sight back from an operation.)"

NL63 & 64 advertised the 12th for 19-20-21 February 1977 at Levin. NL65/77 reported. "Over 270 sappers attended. It was very pleasing to see a number of former officers attending, and this is a very good thing."

NL71 & 72 advertised the 13th for 23-24-25 February 1979 at Christchurch, and offer made to arrange a chartered plane if there was sufficient demand. NL73/79 reported. Organizing committee under Ken Carpenter. At the dinner in Canterbury Court Andrew Murray proposed the toast to the Corps to which Russ Currie replied. Padre John Watson again officiated at Cathedral Square. Col-Comdt Dick Pemberton spoke at the Open Forum. 294 attended and these were all listed. The reunion committee was President Ken Carpenter, Secretary Ian Sahders, plus Alan Almond, Des Niethe, Ivan Dow, Vern Blakeway, Jim Sherwood, Max Glue, Jim Scholes.

NL79 & 80 advertised the 14th for 13-14-15 February 1981 at Levin. NL81/81 reported. 260 sappers attended, many accompanied by their wives. Alex Murray, a WW1 Sapper aged 86, was present. It being the 75th Jubilee Year, the Mayor of Levin presented Pat Stewart, President of the Reunion Committee, with a jubilee booklet containing a photograph of the Charter giving the Corps of RNZE the Freedom of Levin on 7th February 1959.

NL87 & 88 advertised the 15th for 25-26-27 February 1983 at Christchurch. This time in the Members Lounge and Cafeteria of the Addington Raceway, with wives invited to all functions except the Open Forum, full details were given about fares. NL89/83 reports. A total of 317 attended. (220 Sappers and 97 ladies). The President of the Reunion Committee Ken Gough commented on the inclusion of the womenfolk at last. In previous reunions every attempt had been made to recreate an atmosphere reminiscent of the lighter side of N.Z. mobilization camps or bases such as Maadi or Bari. Social changes had now brought about the introduction of wives and friends to the reunion. (The time is now coming when husbands will be married to Sappers.) The Sappers Assoc has now enrolled its first lady member, Denise Tanner of Palmerston North. NL90/83 published a list of all the Sappers who attended the reunion. The home town of each was also given.

NL92/83 advertised the 16th, (a special), for 2-3-4 March 1984 at Levin. This one was organized to concur with the Borough of Levin commemoration of the Granting of the Freedom of the Borough of Levin to the Corps of Royal N.Z. Engineers in 1959. Registration forms were printed in two issues of the R.S.A. Review. NL93/84 reported. The 25th anniversary of the Granting of the Freedom was celebrated by a parade of serving Sappers consisting of 2 Field Squadron, 5 Support Squadron, together with School of Military Engineering and other Sapper personnel based at Linton Camp. They paraded at 1100 hrs on the central carpark under perfect weather conditions. Seating was provided on either side of a bay of Bailey Bridge. After the Mayor's address the parade marched through the main streets of Levin supported by the Levin Municipal Band.

Prior to the Parade there was an opportunity to inspect some of the latest

Sapper equipment including assault bridging, assault boats, mine laying and detecting equipment, transport, plant etc. all of which was of considerable interest to the Reunion Sappers attending the Parade. On The Saturday afternoon two bus loads of sappers and womenfolk went to Linton Camp to visit the Corps Memorial Centre and S.M.E. The dinner at the Race Course was attended by 198 sappers and 22 ladies "Stock" Baigent was toastmaster. The toast to the Corps was proposed by Mr Geoff Thompson, MP for Horowhenua. Reply by Russ Currie, The memorial service was conducted by Archdeacon John Orchard, Chaplain to the Forces and son of a WW1 Sapper.

NL99/85 advised that the 17th National Reunion would be at Christchurch in February 1986. Bert Hay, Hon Secretary of the Christchurch Reunion Committee, advised that "it will be held in the Students' Association complex at Ilam University from Friday 7th February to Sunday 9th February 1986. As last time, wives and friends are invited to all functions. Accommodation will be available at the University Halls of Residence, which are just over the road from the venue. The last Crete Veterans National Reunion was held in this complex and everyone was highly delighted with it. Contact R.J. Hay, 20 Elmwood Road, Bryndwr, Christchurch."

5. WHANGAREI AND NORTHLAND ENGINEERS

On 16/6/66 at the 7th AGM George Hodgson advised that the Whangarei Sappers were organizing themselves into an active group. The Sappers Association immediately offered support. NL15/66 "Northland Returned Engineers Reunion. Alf Baker the Treasurer invites all returned engineers to assemble at **Whangarei. At the RSA. Sat 24 Sept 1966 at 7 pm. Buffet tea. "Get Together" Charge £1.10.0**

NL16/66 reported "Congratulations must go to Pat Furey, Snow Baker, Tom Allen and their hard working committee, to the Chairman Ken King and guest speaker Jim Goodsir, also to the other 130 keen Sappers who gathered to reminisce.

NL25/68 advertised "Northland Returned Engineers reunion will be held **Sat 24 Aug 1968 at 5 pm for buffet tea at 6.30 at La Reine Reception, Whangarei.** What about a team from Auckland? Write R.B. Cleverly P.O. Box 42 Whangarei, or Ted Senior." NL28/69 reported. "The Reunion was attended by over eighty returned engineers 17 from Rly Const, 12 from 8 Fd, 11 from 5 Fd Pk, 10 from 18 Army Tps, 9 from 7 Fd Coy, 8 Rly Op, 7 from Forestry, 8 from 6 Fd Coy, 7 from 20 & 26 Fd Coys, plus from 19 Army Tps, 21 Mech Equip, 23, 29, 31 Fd Coys, 37 and 38 Fd Pk Coys, Works Services, N. Force, HQ Div Engrs, and R.E. Units". All those present were listed, along with their home towns. NL35/70 reported "Brent Cleverly has sent us a list of the 76 who attended the Reunion at **Whangarei on 20th June 1970.** LtCol Henare, CO 28 (Maori) Bn, proposed the toast to the Corps RNZE. He recounted many exploits he had shared with the Sappers, and mentioned that it had taken him over 25 years to catch up with some of them to thank them." All those present were listed. 46 wives also attended.

NL61/76 advertised "The Northland Returned Engineers Reunion Committee advise that they will be celebrating a Mixed Social and Dance at **La Reine,**

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Whangarei, on 26 June 1976. \$12 per double and \$6 single. R.T. Frost treasurer." NL63/76 reported "One hundred and thirty two persons attended. A large number from Auckland made the journey and the whole evening was a rip roaring success and a credit to the organizers.

NL69/78 advertised the reunion for 24 June 1978 in Whangarei, to be in the RSA Clubrooms \$3.50 single or \$7 double and buy your own grog. Substantial supper laid on, and a three-piece orchestra. Chairman Steve Knightley, Secretary Ken King. NL70/78 reported "It was pleasing to see a large muster of wives, and to see that several Sappers' widows, at least five of them, enjoyed the evening." The names of fifty sappers remembered as having been seen there were listed.

6. WEST COST SAPPERS.

NL25/68 "In our next Newsletter we shall feature a report from M.G. Taft secretary of the West Coast Sappers Association."

NL26/68 "Down on the West Coast of the South Island, from north of Westport to south of Hokitika the RNZE flag is kept flying by the West Coast Sappers Assoc. In spite of distance apart they are held together by bonds forged during the 1939-46 years. They keep in touch by getting together when combined Services activities are planned, such as at an RSA pre-Xmas social in Greymouth, or Anzac Day services at Greymouth or Hokitika, when they parade in Sapper reefer jackets with their medals. They also manage to arrange a mid-year dinner and social evening with wives invited. The proprietor of the Paroa Hotel is Ham Monk, 19 Army Troops, and there they have enjoyed Mrs Monk's famous curry and rice." The names of fifty of their members were listed, along with their home towns. Ten of them were from Forestry Coys, and the remainder from 8 Fd Coy, Rly Coys, 6 & 7 Fd Coys, 20 & 26 Fd Coys, 19 Army Tps, 3 & 33 Fd Coys, 5 FdPk, HQ Div Engrs & R.E. etc.. Secretary — Maurice Taft of Runanga.

UNIT REUNIONS

7. 20 & 23 Fd Coys.

NL6/63 advertised "1963 will mark the 21st anniversary of the forming of 23 Fd Coy and there will be a get-together of the men and their wives on 20 & 30 June. This will take place at Wairakei 1963, and will include a tour, dinner, dancing, tombola, a Sunday tour for the ladies and a meeting for the men. Peter Lenihan, Auckland." NL7/63 reported "Since 1954 the 23 Fd Coy 2 NZEFIP have held biennial reunions organized by Inky Lenhinan and Ian Boyd. At the June 63 one, wives were invited as an experiment. Approx 65 men and 55 wives attended from Kaitaia to Stewart Island. At the mens' Sunday meeting it was decided unanimously to ask wives to be present at following reunions. Surplus funds were used to send ten school desks to the new school at Falamai. An endeavour was also being made to organize funds so that a youth from the Treasury Group could come to N.Z. to train as a teacher." NL29/69 advertised "Calling 20 & 23 Fd Coys. Your husband and wife reunion is being held in Rotorua on 21 & 22 June 1969. Ring Hugh McDermit for

details."

NL39 & 40/71 advertised the reunion to be held at **Rotorua on 19 & 20 June 1971**. NL43/71 reported "Hugh McDermit has taken the flaming grenade badge featured on the heading of our Newsletter and has had it blown up in the same colours into display signs 30" x 19". These were much admired at our Sappers Day Reunion in Auckland. Before giving them to us Hugh used them at **the 10th reunion 23 Fd Coy (and 2nd reunion 20 Fd Coy)** held in Rotorua in June. The 65 sappers who attended and their wives are looking forward to the next in Rotorua again in 1973."

NL49/73 advertised the reunion for **16 & 17 June 1973**. For 23 and 26 Fd Coys. NL50/73 corrected this to 20 & 23 Fd Coys, to be held in **Rotorua**. NLs57 & 58 advertised the Rotorua reunion for **21 & 22 June 1975**, and it was later reported that 129 sappers and wives had attended.

NL66/77 advertised the June reunion at the **DB Hotel in Rotorua 1977**. Contact C.L. Shaw. NL74/79 reported "The biennial reunion was held in the **D.B. Hotel Rotorua on 23 & 24 June 1979**. (These two Coys have held reunions at two-yearly intervals since **the first in Taupo in 1954**.) There were 98 sappers present, most of them with their wives. Andrew Murray reports that all enjoyed the experience of comradeship renewed in comfortable surroundings . . . Colin Shaw is Chairman and Ian Boyd, organizer of the 1954 reunion, vice chairman."

NLs81 & 82/81 advertised the reunion for **27 & 28 June 1981 again in Rotorua**. NLs 89 & 90/83 advertised the reunion for **25 & 26 June 1983 again in Rotorua**. NL91/83 reported "Ray Bodger reported that **the 16th biennial reunion** was held again at the D.B. Rotorua Hotel and that in spite of reduced numbers due to the passing years the general comment was "good show and I'll be back for the next one," which will be on **25 & 26 May 1985 in Palmerston North**..

8. 3 DIV ASSOC.

NL6/63 advised sappers who had served in 20 Fd Coy, 23 & 26 Fd Coys, 37 Fd Pk, HQ 3 Div etc that 3 Div was being born again in the form of a 3 Div Assoc. NL7/63 repeated the message and the Sappers Assoc offered to help the Secretary of the 3 Div Assoc in his efforts to locate sappers who had served in the Pacific.

NL8/64 advertised a **National Reunion** of the 3 Div Assoc to be held in **Auckland** over the Labour Weekend. Paul Krause President, Leo Hand Treasurer.

NL9/64 "Enclosed with this Newsletter is a questionnaire from 3 Div Assoc. If you served with 3 Div you will find it of special interest but if you were one of the many who served in other parts please don't throw it out but try to pass it on and assist this new Assoc to make a success of their venture." NL10/64 "Final call for all sappers who served in the 3rd Division. Your **first (1964) National Reunion** takes place over Labour Weekend and from all reports the programme is ambitious and varied. The committee has worked hard for a long period to make a success of this reunion so you won't want to miss out on this event."

NL19/67 "George Bunce kept the Sappers to the fore at 3 Divs welcome to the

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New Caledonian delegation on Anzac Day 1967. Included in the party was M. Goussard who gave six acres of land in New Caledonia which is now N.Z. territory and houses the cemetery where 517 N.Z. Servicemen are laid to rest. M. Queneville who has been caretaker at the cemetery since the day it was opened in 1947 was also in the party. He is reported to keep the cemetery in immaculate condition."

NLs90 & 91/83 advertised the **3 Div National Reunion** for Labour Weekend in Auckland 1983. NL92/83 reported the 486 members registered, slightly down on previous years. There was dinner and dancing at Ellerslie Racecourse on 22 Oct and Church Parade in the War Memorial Museum on 23rd. followed by an afternoon and evening back in the Leger Room. **The next to be in Christchurch in 1985."**

9. 37 Fd Pk Coy.

The only reference here was in connection with formation of 3 Div Assoc.

10. CRETE VETERANS ASSOCIATION.

NL8/64 advertised the **2nd National Reunion** to be held at New Plymouth on 22-24 May 1964. Contact Reg Nixon, Auckland.

NL14/66 "The 25th anniversary of the Crete show will be celebrated with a dinner on 21 May 1966 and a parade at the Cenotaph on 22nd. All Sapper members are advised to contact Buck Surrell or G. Gilbert-Smith both of Auckland. (Buck Surrell died 1972).

NL85/82 advertised a **National Reunion in Hamilton** on 21-23 May 1982.

11. RAILWAY OPERATING OR RAILWAY GROUP.

NL11/65 advertised a reunion to be held on 9-10 October 1965 in Wellington. This to mark the 25th anniversary of the Group's formation. Report to Railway Social Hall, Waterloo Quay. Auckland contact is Len Bradford-Smith.

NL37/70 advertised a reunion to be held in Wellington on 24-25 April 1971. NL39/71 gave further details, including Saturday night at the National Party Rooms and Sunday morning at the Flag Staff, Petone Railway Station. NL40/71 reported "This was a great success, 170 attended the dinner and all who went to the various functions were most grateful to the Wellington based committee. Auckland members of the Group are arranging to billet some Wellington members so they can take part in the Auckland Sappers Day reunion activities."

NLs 50 & 51/73 advertised the reunion for 6-7 October 1973 in Wellington. NL60/75 reported "The Railway Operating Group reunion was celebrated on 11-12 October at Christchurch 1975. 240 members attended together with 60 wives. Col Sage (age 82) marched at the head of the parade to the Cenotaph. He was followed by Maj Aickin (age 81) of 16 Rly Op Coy. The next will be back in Wellington."

NLs66 & 67/77 advertised the reunion for 8-9 Oct 1977 in Wellington. It was reported later that 150 members attended.

NLs81, 82 & 83/81 advertised the reunion for 3-4 October 1981 in Wellington.

NLS89/90 & 91/83 advertised the reunion for 1-2 October 1983 in Wellington. "On 2 Oct march from No.9 Platform to the Cenotaph, then return to Main Entrance Wellington Railway Station where a Memorial Plaque commemorating all Railway Personnel who served in the armed forces during World War 2 will be unveiled." NL92/83 reported "It was a memorable weekend 43 years after the Group's formation." Next reunion will be in Wellington 5 & 6 Oct. 1985.

12. 18 ARMY TROOPS COY.

NL35/70 "This Coy had one of its best reunions on May 30-31 1970 in Whangarei.

75 who served with the Coy attended, 46 being accompanied by their wives. They came from all over N.Z. On the Sunday morning they paraded with the 18th Battalion and Armoured Regiment Association who were holding a national reunion at the same time." Jack Driscoll sent a list of all the sappers present and they were all named in the Newsletter. "Two who were not there were John Wilson and Alex Wilson. Scotty was seriously ill at his home in Temuka, and Alex was at his side, just as they had served together. Scotty died two weeks later."

NL69/78 advertised another reunion for Queen's Birthday weekend 1978 in Tokoroa. NL92/83 advertised another reunion for 24-25 March 1984 in Hamilton. NL93/84 repeated the above.

13. 7 Fd Coy.

NL77/80 advertised a 40th Anniversary reunion for 3 May 1980 in Auckland. NL78/80 reported "Roy Wilson organized a most successful reunion in the relaxed atmosphere of the Officers Club to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the sailing of 7 Fd Coy from N.Z. on Aquitania on 2 May 1940. A total of fifty one sappers together with their wives, where possible, attended. They came from all over N.Z. and ten or so had to cancel out at the last moment for reasons beyond their control." All those who attended were listed in the Newsletter and \$50 surplus was donated to the Sappers Association.

14. FORESTRY GROUP.

NL80/80 & 81/81 advertised a reunion for 20-22 March 1981 at Nelson. NLs 87 & 88/82 & 89/83 advertised a reunion for 11-13 March 1983 Napier. NLs 96 & 97/85 advertised a reunion for 8-10 March 1985 at Blenheim.

Contributed by A.J. (Bert) Collett and Jack Coogan.):-

"The Forestry Group, N.Z.E., which served from 1940 to 1943 in England, and one Coy. of which served during 1943-1944 in Algeria and Italy, had returned to New Zealand by the end of 1944

A Reunion was held in Hamilton in 1948, but apart from that one, there was no National get-together for nearly 30 years. And as our members were drawn from almost the North Cape to the Bluff, it can easily be understood that we had nearly completely lost contact with each other. In Rotorua, two men who had served

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together in the same Coy., had lived in the same Avenue of a suburb, but neither knew that the other was living there.

In 1975 one of our members from Whakatane spent a week in Wellington, and at the Defence Office went through some 24,000 names on the Embarkation Rolls of 2 N.Z.E.F., to find the names of our members who had served overseas.

All our Coy's Rolls and Records from England had been sunk in the Mediterranean en route to the 2 N.Z.E.F. Div. H.Q. at Cairo in 1943.

After securing the names, a period of about a year was spent finding the addresses of most of those still living. (Many had passed away in the 30 years prior to 1975).

By 1976 all those found had been contacted, and members asked their views re a possible Reunion, and where it should be held. The result was the forming of a Reunion Committee at Rotorua, and the holding of a Reunion there for the members and their wives at the R.S.A. Clubrooms on 7-8 May 1977, which was very successful and so very much enjoyed. Meeting old mates again, many of whom we had not seen for over 30 years, was a tremendous joy and pleasure.

Wives were included, as so many of them were from the U.K. and had been married during the years that we had served there. Most had also come to N.Z. on the same ship, so this was a Reunion for them too.

On 20-21 May 1978, the first Reunion in the South Island was held at the Brevet Club, Harewood, Christchurch, and again it was a well attended and a very successful occasion.

In the next year, on 6-7 Oct. 1979, another Reunion was held in Rotorua, again at the R.S.A. Clubrooms, which was well attended and very much enjoyed.

Nelson hosted the second South Island function on 20-22 March 1981, at the Rutherford Hotel, which again was a very happy one. A highlight was a bus tour through Riwaka, Kaiteri, Motueka, and Moutere, which included visits to a pack-house, a Winery, a Vineyard, a Steam Museum, and to an old time Sawmill.

On 11-13 March 1983, the third North Island get-together was held at the War Memorial Hall at Napier, and was a very friendly one, almost like a large family gathering. Included also was an all day tour of the Napier and Hastings area, with a lunch at Te Mata peak, and a visit to Marineland on Marine Parade.

At each venue, a working Committee was formed to organise and promote the Reunion which was to be held there.

In addition to the usual dinners etc, all Reunions held Memorial Services, followed by the laying of a wreath in honour of the Departed.

So in a period of 7 years, five Reunions have been held, with another one due to be held at Blenheim on 8-10 March 1985. So perhaps; we have made up a little for the long spell of years during which none was held at all."

R.N.Z.E. FUNCTIONS

15. R.N.Z.E. Balls.

NL2/62 "Palmerston North is the setting for The Corps' 3rd Annual Ball this

year. Astoria Ballroom on 20 July 1962. Dress formal. If you plan to be near P.N. you really won't want to miss the spectacle of a Military Ball. Tickets from Linton Camp." NL26/68 "1968 Sappers Ball. New Astoria Ballroom **Palmerston North**, 18 October. Dancing 9 pm to 2 am. Contact Capt J.D. Broadbent, HQ S.M.E., Linton Camp."

NL44/72 & NL45 advertised an Engineers' Ball with RNZE on 4 Aug 72 at Manhattan Lounge **Auckland**. Publicity was given to the following functions: 1 Const Sqn RNZE Ball. Sorrento, One Tree Hill, 10 Aug 1973. **Auckland**. Fd Sqn RNZE Ball. At Papatoetoe. 16 Aug 1974. **Auckland**. 1 Field Sqn RNZE Ball. At Papatoetoe 4 July 75. **Auckland**. 1 Field Sqn RNZE Ball. At Sorrento. 20 Aug 76. **Auckland**. 1 Field Sqn RNZE Ball. At Holloway Hall (Cabaret) 2 July 83. At **Papakura Camp** to celebrate return from Waiouru after stage 2 of the Army Museum construction.

Centennial Celebrations of formation of Dunedin Engineers. 3 Fd. Sqn. 30/4/85
"1 Fd. Sqn. cabaret planned for 5 Oct 1985."

16. **SAPPERS DAY AT PAPAKURA CAMP.**

NL22/67 reported on the 1 Const Sqn and visitors activities at Papakura and on conducted tours on Friday 13th October 1967. Members were invited annually to attend these celebrations. Particularly mentioned were the 1 Fd Sqn Unit Picnic and Xmas Social 1974 and the Wine and Cheese evening in 1975. NL60/75 reported on the 15th October activities.

17. **S.M.E. SAPPERS BALL.**

18. **6 Fd Sqn RNZE REUNION.** (Formerly 6 Independent Fd Sqn)

NL78/80 Twenty first anniversary 1959-1980. It is proposed to hold a 21st birthday function at the Squadron, Pattie Street, Petone, during Labour weekend 25-27 Oct 1980. Present and former Squadron members are invited to apply for registration.

CHAPTER 8

Acquisition of Property

Rule 2 (h) To purchase, take on lease, or otherwise acquire any real or personal property and to hold, sell, mortgage, charge, or otherwise dispose of any such property.

There was no clause (h) in the original Rule 2.

The procedure dealt with in the above Rule was covered in the original Rules by Rule 35. Rule 35 appears again in the current set of Rules and has been dealt with in Chapter 20 of this history.

Why it has been included as an extra "Aim and Object" in the current Rules can only be answered by The Association's Honorary Solicitor. The Association is deeply indebted to the gentlemen of the legal profession who have assisted in the drafting of these Rules, and we have no desire to waste their time by asking academic questions to satisfy idle curiosity.

CHAPTER 9

Membership.

Rule 3. Membership. The Association shall consist of:

(a) Members, being persons who have served or are serving in any Sapper Unit of Her Majesty's Forces, in war or in peace, for any period and shall include Veteran Members and Life Members.

(b) Veteran Members, being members, or persons entitled to become Members, who have reached the age of 70 years and apply to become so in writing to the Committee.

(c) Life Members, being members who have paid a subscription entitling them to Life Membership as provided for in Rule 5.

(d) Associates, being persons who are interested in the furtherance of the aims and objects of the Association and who have been elected Associates at a General Meeting of the Association. Names of prospective Associates shall in the first instance be submitted to the Committee for recommendation and if so recommended shall be circulated to members before the next General Meeting of the Association.

(a). The words "and shall include Veteran Members and Life Members." were added to the original Rule.

This Rule caused a bit of confusion in the beginning, and possibly still does. In NL 2/62 Laurie Rudd wrote "The second common misunderstanding in some members' minds appears to be the grades of membership. A Sapper is a member of the Association by virtue of the fact he is or has been a Sapper. However, we have Financial Members who are placed on our mailing lists and these members receive all newsletters and notices of functions and meetings."

(b). This section did not appear in the original Rule but the idea of getting some of the WW1 Sappers into the Association had been in mind since 1967.

On 16/9/70 as a result of the President's report on the 45th Annual Reunion of the 1st NZEF Engineers it was agreed by the Committee that 47 WW1 Sappers who were not already members be offered an option of special financial membership of the Association. The President sent a suitable letter of explanation to each of them, on the Association's letterhead with the embossed hat badge and lapel badge in red and blue. "You will see that in the enclosed Newsletter (No 36 Oct 70) we have marched you in as a financial member of this Association." The letter went on to detail what the Association had in mind, mainly that as they had personally supported their own Reunion Committee for so long, the Sappers Assoc would be

proud to have them as financial members, even on a no-sub basis. By the next Newsletter over a dozen had shown their appreciation by requesting to be made run-of-the-mill financial members, some even chose to become Life Members. The Association received congratulations from LtCol Fred Glasse and LtCol Neville Vickerman, both 1NZEF men and both former CRE NMD, 1941 & 42. By June 1971 of the 47 WW1 Sappers approached, 18 had elected to join as ordinary financial members and the remaining 29 had accepted the "Veteran" offer with thanks, and later with letters expressing enjoyment from their membership.

April 1972 — a nice letter from Rotorua from a sapper who left with 2nd reinforcements in 1914. "Now then, reckon it may be better late than never, so enquire regarding possibility of me joining the outfit, and cost of such a move on my part. As I am rapidly using up my 78th year, will you please reply soon lest it be too late to add yet another to that roll which stands so near to the grand total of 700..." And on 19/6/72 from R.S.M. J.N. Thompson N.Z. Field Engineers 1NZEF, m.i.d., 80 yrs of age, South Canterbury — "Thank you for your Newsletters, I find them most interesting and I do like your many personal touches. They make me feel I really know you as one of the family. One day with a bit of luck on my part we may meet at a reunion. It was very kind of your Association to make me an honorary member but I feel I'd like to be a proper Life Member and pay my way, so enclosed is \$11 to cover this, and now I feel I am a Member. Yours most sincerely, J. Norman Thompson. 1 Fd Coy." Norman died in Waimate in 1980.

(c). The addition of this type of membership, (Life Members) to the Rules is reported in Chapter 11, but a few additional facts are given here.

In July 1962 Maj Kibblewhite mentioned problems in accounting the Life subscriptions. Bob Gilmour suggested opening an Accumulated Fund Account from which an amount should be transferred annually to the General Funds. A sub-committee was formed to investigate the best procedure. In August 62 it was decided that 5/- per life member (or annual member paying in advance) be withdrawn per annum from the National Savings Account where the Life subs were held at compound interest, these withdrawals to be paid into the current trading account.

In a list published with NL4/62 there were 33 Life Members viz: Jim Billing, Malcolm Bishop, Tom Botterill, George Bunce, Frank Carter, A.C. Clarke, Foster Clark, David Craig, F.L. Donaldson, Henry Edwards, Eddie Farnell, John Ferguson, Bob Gilmour, Jim Goodsir, Chas Kibblewhite, Rex Lane, David Leach, Les Lincoln, Andrew Murray, Hugh McDermit, Geo McKinley, David Neal, Bill Noake, Mit Page, Jim Poulter, John Rayner, C.H. Richards, Edward Senior, Stan Tremain, N.R. Waite, Harold Wallace, Ron Wilson, Joe Wood. At the same time there were 164 currently financial annually subscribing members.

By 20/9/62 £118 had been paid into the holding National Savings Account. It was pointed out that the £3.3.0 Life fee was not intended to cover the free issue of a lapel badge.

Every effort was being made to have Life Membership Cards ready for early

1963 and to encourage members to take out life membership. On 21/2/63 Ted Senior gave details of the design and cost of the cards. It was agreed that the lettering on the outside would be gilt instead of black print. 300 cards were ordered at a cost of £21.

(d). In the original Rule these "Associates" were called "Honorary Members", so a change of name was involved in the altered Rule, together with a tightening up in the election procedure to avoid snap nominations from the floor at an AGM. At the 16th AGM in June 1975 this classification was used for the first time. Several honorary members of the Sapper Officers Mess were elected viz; Pat Bullot, Horace Curtis, George Davidson, Bernie Graham, Syd Hartnell, Lin Lucena, Mike Price and Jim Triggs. Also elected were Alec Barrie ex RAF and J. Hillis ex Argyle Highlanders. It was ruled by the Chief Engineer that Associate Members could not be issued with the Sappers Association lapel badge. It was discovered later that Bernie Graham had served in a Sapper unit also, so he transferred to Life Membership.

CHAPTER 10

Roll of Members

Rule 4. Roll of Members shall be kept by the Secretary elected as such from time to time under the supervision of the Officers of the Association as follows:

- (a) **Roll of Members** consisting of all present and past members showing his full name, present or past rank, number and address, together with a brief summary of all Units served with and a record of all honours and awards earned.
- (b) **Roll of Associates** consisting of persons elected as such at a General Meeting of the Association showing his full name and address at the time of entry on the Roll of Associates.

In its original form this Rule read as follows:

4. Roll of Members shall be kept at the office of the senior serving Regular Sapper Officer of the District as under:

- (a) Roll of Members consisting of all known Sappers in Northern Military District showing the full name, rank, number and address of each, together with a brief summary of all Units served with and a record of all honours and awards earned.
- (b) Roll of Honorary Members consisting of persons elected as such at a General Meeting of the Association.

In September 1969 when the roll of financial members had reached 409 it was felt that the Roll Cards should be checked over to ensure that the entries recorded on them were complete and correct. A Registration 1969 form was designed to achieve this check and to be used as an application for a ticket to the annual reunion that year.

Fortunately the completed forms came rolling in and hundreds of Cards were brought up to date. These Cards are kept in a metal cabinet and are in effect The Roll. 520 Registration Forms were posted out with NL 31/69.

As well as asking for surname, initials, and Christian name we asked for nickname. (if any, or if well known) When Rev John K. Watson MC returned his form he explained "The nickname Toorak goes back to the end of 1940 when I was a private and found myself charged with breaking and entry in a suburb named Toorak, Suva, Fiji." These Registration Forms and the later Application For Membership forms were kept in a separate file, and in a different location from the main records. This meant that two complete Rolls of Members were available at different locations.

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Two interesting analyses of the Roll as at June 1972 were:

Auckland	405		
Northland	50		
Wellington	43		
Waikato	33	World War Two	511
Canterbury	30	Others	98
Bay of Plenty	25	RNZE, RF, TF	43
Manawatu	25	World War One	33
Overseas	18	Vietnam	3
Otago	15		<hr/> 688
Hawkes Bay	13		
Southland	11		
Taranaki	8		
Nelson & Marlborough	5		
Westland	5		
Gisborne	2		
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CHAPTER 11

Financial Members

Rule 5. Financial Members

(a) **Financial Members** shall be those persons on the Roll of Members who, after paying an initial entry fee, thereafter pay annual subscriptions prior to the date of the Annual General Meeting in each year.

(b) Those members on the Roll of Members who have paid a Life Subscription shall be deemed to have paid the annual subscription in each year and shall be deemed to be Financial Members for the purpose of the Rules of the Association.

(c) Any member who is or becomes a Veteran Member as provided for in Rule 3(b) of the Rules of the Association shall be deemed to be a Financial member and shall not be required to pay an entry fee or any subsequent annual subscription fee.

(d) **Financial Associates** shall be those persons on the Roll of Associates who, after paying an initial entry fee, thereafter pay annual subscriptions prior to the date of the Annual General Meeting in each year.

(e) The amount of entry fees and annual subscriptions for Members and Associates and the amount of subscriptions for Life Membership shall be fixed at each Annual General Meeting and such entry fees and subscriptions so fixed shall be and shall be deemed to be the entry fees and subscriptions payable by Members, Associates and Life Members unless and until those entry fees and subscriptions are altered at any subsequent Annual General Meeting or at any Special General Meeting called for that purpose.

(f) All funds received by way of entry fees and subscriptions shall be used primarily to defray expenses incurred in notifying Financial Members and Financial Associates individually at his last known place of residence of all the Association's activities.

In the original Rules No 5. read as follows:

"5. **Financial Members** shall be those on the Roll of Members, by the payment of a subscription of five shillings per annum on or before the date of the A.G.M. in each year. This subscription shall be used primarily to defray expenses incurred in notifying financial members individually of all the Association's activities." Over the years No 5 was altered and expanded into the sections (a) to (f) as above.

(a). At the second A.G.M. Maj Senior as Treasurer advised that there were 171 financial members, and that most of them had separately bought a lapel badge. It was agreed to add to the Rule that a new member would pay an initial sub of 10/- (to include the lapel badge), and thereafter the payment of the 5/- per annum sub. This inclusion was made to the Rules just before they were submitted for Registration.

Maj Senior asked that members cooperate by paying their subs if possible by 1st June each year. Maj Goodsir suggested that a list of the members who were actually financial should be put in a newsletter.

By 7/9/61 15 new members had raised the roll to 186, but only 53 of these were actually financial, viz Messrs Andreason, Banks, Bolt, Bradford-Smith, Bunce, Dodd, Dow, Earl, Gilmour, Goodsir, Green, Hicks, Hodgson, Hunkin, Ion, S. Jack, E. Jones, Kennedy, Lane, Lloyd, Lord, Mackinven, McIntosh, Mellor, Milne, Murphy, Murray, Mynott, Magnuson, McQueen, Noake, Pemberton, Penn, Poulter, Rabone, Ramsay, Rayner, Reid, A. Rhodes, T. Roy, Rudd, Ruha, Scott, Senior, C. Smith, Stephens, Surrell, Thompson, Velvin, A. Wilson, Witting and Woodhall.

By 17/5/62 the Secretary and the Treasurer began to see that the collection of an annual sub was fraught with difficulties. It was so easy for a member to forget to pay his 5/- and once he did that he was non-financial but his intention was not known. Had he lost interest and did he regard the non payment as a form of resignation, or had he just overlooked it? The records in the office were in jeopardy, because there were so many names of prospective members on the lists, and what was to be done with the names of the unfinancial-for-a-few-years types? Before long this led to the introduction of Life Membership, see (b) below and in Chapter 9.

NL3/62 "We have approx 1100 sappers on our mailing list, but only about 100 are financial members." In a list published later in 1962 there were 33 Life Members and 164 annually subscribing Members. By 20/6/63 the total financial membership was 320, and the annual sub was increased from 5/- to 10/-.

For the next five years the executive struggled with the problem described above. The roll of financial members gradually slipped down to 300, and then dived down to a low of 202. The number of Life Members was increasing, but annually subscribing members were becoming more and more difficult to cope with.

NL11/65 "Do you know that at the date of writing we have only 157 Life Members and 41 Annually-subscribing Members." (Total of 198 financial).

On 10/8/66 it was agreed that formal invoices would have to be printed for the annual subscriptions. It was hoped to design the invoice in a form which would attract a larger membership. 135 accounts were sent out in an endeavour to collect outstanding subs. In March 67 unpaid subs went back three or four years, and the Roll on 3/10/67 was: Life Members 168, Financial annual 61, unfinancial annual 76, Total 305. (Total of 229 financial).

In July of 1968 there were only 20 annually subscribing members who were financial. (Total of 201 financial). At that time Seymour Jack had been doing the Newsletters for a year and had just taken on the job of Secretary also, so in order to stop the decline he set out on a four year crusade. By July 1972 the Life Membership had increased to 520 with enough financial annually subscribing members to give an active roll around the 700 mark. Over the same period the deaths of over a hundred members were recorded, so progress was made against the current of members' deaths. NL37/70, half way through the crusade, :

"AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE TO NON FINANCIAL OR PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS

If you served as a sapper in the First World War please ignore the following message because we do not ask 1914-1919 sappers for subs. But the rest of you please read on. This Newsletter is going out to 1000 sappers at the expense of 500. The five hundred are financial members of the Sappers Association who are reaching out to you simply because they still remember the comradeship of Service years. All they ask is that you will respond. The Association is steadily growing. Following is our Life Membership record — May 1968, 181. April 1969, 239. April 1970, 298. December 1970, 371.

All we ask is that you make a decision, and preferably make it now. If you have any feelings for the Corps and would like to restore some past friendships please join us. What do the few dollars really mean to you when all is said and done. If you are not interested and cannot imagine yourself getting interested please do one little thing for us, and do it now. Write on the envelope of this Newsletter "Return to Sender" and put it back in the mail. You will not hurt our feelings. We just want to know where we stand with you. If you will do this we can cross your name off our list of prospective members and replace it with another. Alternatively of course we invite you to fill in the enclosed Application For Membership form and throw in your lot with us for better or for worse."

In NL 38/71 — 28 new members were marched in, each with details of his Units. In NL 39/71 — 46, NL 40/71 — 34, NL 41/71 — 32, NL 42/71 — 18, NL 43/71 — 34, NL 44/72 — 14, NL 45/72 — 9, NL 46/72 — 16.

This burst brought the totals to Life Members 520, Annual Subscribing 184, Total 704.

One of the annually subscribing members sent in the necessary and said "Please for gawd's sake make me a lifey. I keep leaving you out of the hat. Regards." In reply to an appeal for the annuals to please pay up outstanding subs one wrote "Dear Sir, I have never payed any subs and I do not intend to. Signed."

On 28/4/77 it was decided that thirty members who had not paid their subs for three years would be struck off the roll of financial members in accordance with Rule 33(c) In NL70/78 — the Treasurer advised that there were over forty unfinancial members, also that the cost of producing and posting the newsletters had risen by over 60% in three years.

(b). At a committee meeting on 17/5/62 the Secretary and the Treasurer mentioned the problems being experienced in collecting the 5/- annual sub. It was obvious that this would get worse as the years went by, and that the lists of prospective and allegedly financial members would get very confused. A Notice of Motion to alter Rule 5 as follows was put by WO2 Banks and Edward Senior — Add "Life Members shall be those who on payment of £3.3.0 shall be enrolled as Life Members." This was assessed on the basis of approx thirteen years @ 5/-. At the A.G.M. Ted Senior suggested that perhaps the figure was too low. This was thoroughly discussed by 38 members present. Buck Surrell was for deferring the matter, Rex Lane urged the Meeting to decide there and then, George Bunce supported £3.3.0 Andrew Murray

asked how the income would be shown and urged the need for caution in accounting. After further discussion the Motion was put and carried.

In a list published with NL4/62 three months later there were 33 Life Members and 164 annually subscribing. On 20/6/63 the Life subscription was raised to £5.10.0. At a committee meeting on 4/6/68 it was agreed that the time had come to acknowledge the Life Members. The annually subscribing membership was variable, with subs being left unpaid year after year, it was as fact that the Lifers were the backbone of the Association.

NL24/68 therefore listed the 181 Life Members giving surname, initials, Christian name, engineer units, location of Service and residential address. It was felt that these details would assist members in recalling past associations and thus strengthen the ties which would pull the membership together. This policy was adhered to in the years to come, and every newsletter from No 24 on carried this detailed information about new members, or about those who changed from annual to life membership.

As a result of the research which went into the preparation of NL24 the Secretary was able to purge the records and fifty new addressograph plates were ordered as a result.

It was decided to produce some suitable Life Membership Cards, and on 14/4/69 quotations were received per one hundred. The job was given to Kennedy Lock who put in the best quote and were printing the newsletter also. The inside in three colours was mounted in red linen covers gold blocked on the front. It contained the words "This is to certify that _____ has served as a Sapper with _____ and is LIFE MEMBER of the SAPPERS ASSOCIATION (Auckland) INC."

It featured a R.N.Z.E. Lapel Badge, and was the size of a driving Licence.

(c). The Veteran Member classification was introduced after the Newsletter Editor attended the 42'nd annual reunion of the 1'st NZEF Engineers. This was reported in NL21/67 and the writer was so impressed by the esprit-de-corps shown by the World War One Sappers that it was obvious they would have to be given the opportunity of joining the Association if they wished, and at no cost if possible. How the W.W.1 Sappers responded to the invitation to join has been reported in Chapter 9.

(e). At the A.G.M. on 29/6/76 it was decided as follows:

Annually subscribing members —

Joining Fee \$2 (including lapel badge). Sub \$4 per year.

Life Membership —

Joining Fee \$2 (including lapel badge and L.M. Card). Fee \$15.

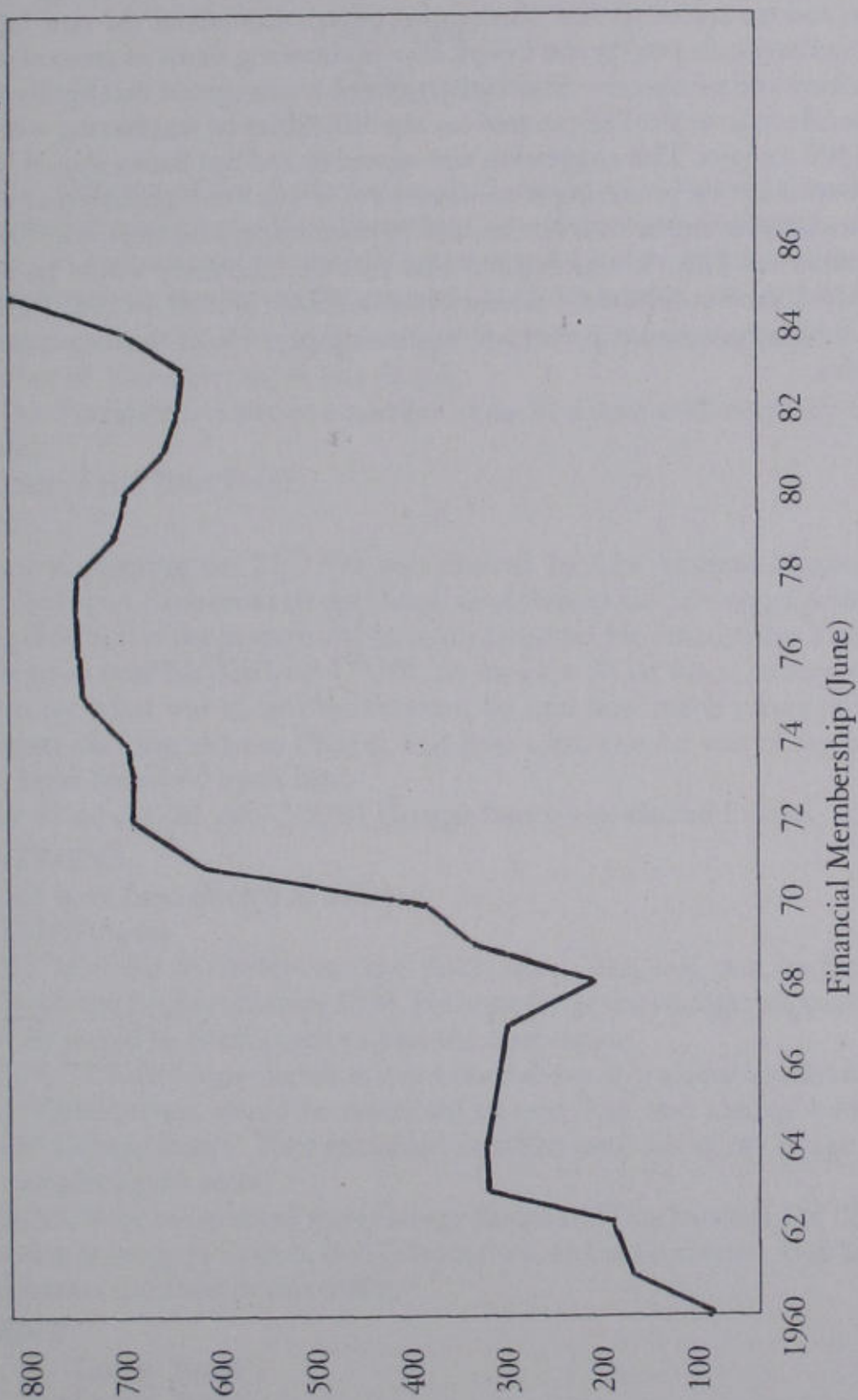
Associate members — Sub \$2 per year.

At the A.G.M. on 6/9/77 it was decided as follows:

Joining Fees to be increased from \$2 to \$3

The subs and fees have remained as above to date i.e. incl AGM 15/9/84.

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(f). At the first committee meeting in Aug 1960 Sgt Banks suggested that the Assoc should produce something like a newsletter as a medium of advertising the coming reunion and memorial service, also to give information about the new lapel badge which had been accepted by the Corps, also announcing items of general interest to all members and prospective financial members. It was agreed that Sgt Banks got on with the job. In June 1961 he pointed out the difficulties he was having with an open list of 1300 sappers. This suggestion was agreed to and Sgt Banks should liaise with Maj Gilmour for the procuring of stationery etc. It was then agreed to place financial members only on the newsletter list, and to place those who were non-financial on the reunion list only. It was decided also that the Secretary would be appointed convenor of a sub-committee to assist in the despatch of mail. In 1961 the Newsletter consisted of one foolscap sheet of duplicating paper with the data cyclostyled on both sides.

CHAPTER 12

Officers

Rule 6. The Officers of the Association shall consist of a Patron, a number of Vice-Patrons, a President, two Vice-Presidents (one of whom shall normally succeed to the chair), a Committee of not more than twelve in number, and three Guardians of the Trust Funds to watch over the investment of funds surplus to requirements.

This Rule incorporates the following changes which have been made over the years:

(a) A number of Vice-Patrons, in lieu of one.

(b) Two Vice-Presidents, in lieu of a number. (One of whom shall normally succeed to the chair).

(c) Guardians of the Trust Fund.

PATRON

The inaugural meeting on 21/7/60 was chaired by Col Andrew Murray. The Meeting called upon Andrew to accept the office of Patron. Col Murray expressed his sincere appreciation of the gesture and formally accepted. He remained as Patron for twenty one years until his death on 4/5/81. At the 21'st AGM when he accepted the nomination for what was to be the last time, he said how much pleasure he had received from his long term as Patron, and how conscious he was of the honour which had been bestowed upon him.

At the 22'nd A.G.M. on 12/9/81 George Bunce was elected Patron.

VICE-PATRONS

Vice-Patrons have been elected as follows:

14/6/62 Tom Botterill.

On 14/6/71 after his re-election for the ninth time, Tom said that he had been associated with the Engineers since 1898. He hoped that the younger sappers in the serving Units would be encouraged to join the Association.

On 22/6/72 Rule 6. was altered as mentioned above. It was also decided that the number of Vice-Patrons would be restricted to two. The two elected were Tom Botterill and George Bunce. Tom remained in office until his death at age 95 on 19/2/78, completing 16 years.

On 28/9/78 the two elected were George Bunce and Guy Sanders. On 12/9/81 George having gone up to Patron, Bob Gilmour was elected successor. Guy Sanders and Bob Gilmour continue in this office.

PRESIDENT

1960/61	Laurie Rudd
1961/62	Laurie Rudd
1962/63	Bob Gilmour



Andrew Murray, Patron 1960-1981, receiving Levin Freedom for the corp in 1959.

1963/64	George Bunce
1964/65	Ted Senior
1965/66	Charles Kibblewhite
1966/67	Charles Kibblewhite
1967/68	Rex Lane
1968/69	Ted McQueen
1969/70	Fred Penn
1970/71	Seymour Jack
1971/72	Seymour Jack
1972/73	Roy Wilson
1973/74	Roy Wilson
1974/75	Guy Sanders
1975/76	Roy Wilson
1876/77	Roy Wilson
1977/78	Dick Pemberton
1978/79	Gordon Lindell
1979/80	Kent Purdie
1980/81	Kent Purdie
1981/82	Roy Garrett
1982/83	Owen McCormac
1983/84	Terry Chester
1984/85	Terry Chester



George Bunce, Patron 1981- (Photographed in 1970)

DEPUTY PRESIDENT (Incorporated in the Rule at A.G.M. 27/6/68)

1968/69	Seymour Jack
1969/70	Seymour Jack
1970/71	Appointment lapsed

VICE-PRESIDENTS

From 1960 until 1972 the Vice Presidents were elected as supporters only.

1960/61	Eric Rhodes, Noel Cole, J.B. (Tim) Ferguson, Reg Savory, Les Lincoln, Brig Clifton, who later resigned due to living so far from Auckland.
1961/62	As last plus Fred Glasse.
1962/63	As last plus Brig Hanson, Mr Higginson.
1963/64	As last plus Laurie Rudd, Fred Penn, Rex Lane, in lieu Mr Higginson.
1964/65	As last plus Jim Goodsir, Russ Currie, Malcolm Bishop, in lieu N. Cole.
1965/66	As last plus D.E. (Doug) Trevarthen, George Bunce.
1966/67	Eric Rhodes, J.B. (Tim) Ferguson, Les Lincoln, Laurie Rudd, Fred Penn, Jim Goodsir, Russ Currie, Mal. Bishop, Doug Trevathen, Geo Bunce, Ted McQueen, Tom Malt, Bob Gilmour, (Eric Rhodes died during the year.)

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1967/68	As last year with the exception of Eric Rhodes.
1968/69	As last year plus Rex Lane, Charles Kibblewhite in lieu Ted McQueen.
1969/70	As last year plus Ted Senior in lieu Fred Penn.
1970/71	As last year plus Ted McQueen.
1971/72	As last year plus Bruce Dow.

From now on the Vice-Presidents become part of the Executive, and are two only.

1972/73	Bruce Dow and Guy Sanders
1973/74	Bruce Dow and Guy Sanders
1974/75	Fred Penn and Tom Malt
1975/76	Tom Bassett and Kent Purdie
1976/77	Dick Pemberton and Gordon Lindell
1977/78	Gordon Lindell and Kent Purdie
1978/79	Kent Purdie and Bryce Hadfield
1979/80	Bryce Hadfield and Bill Darwen
1980/81	Bryce Hadfield and Bill Darwen
1981/82	Peter Goldsmith and Bryce Hadfield
1982/83	Peter Goldsmith and Len Bradford-Smith
1983/84	Peter Goldsmith and Len Bradford-Smith
1984/85	Len Bradford-Smith and Noel Martin

A COMMITTEE OF NOT MORE THAN TWELVE IN NUMBER

In order that the complete executive for any year will be apparent at a glance, the names of the President, the two vice-Presidents (after 1972) and the immediate-past-President are included with their Committees.

1960/61	Laurie Rudd, Monty Banks, Bill Noake, Fred Penn, Fred Glasse, W.O. Andreason, John Rayner, Len Bradford-Smith, Rex Lane, Bob Gilmour, Charles Kibblewhite, George Bunce, Ted Senior.
1961/62	Laurie Rudd, Monty Banks, Bill Noake, Fred Penn, Fred Glasse, W.O. Andreason, John Rayner, Brad Bradford-Smith, Rex Lane, Bob Gilmour, Mal. Velvin, George Bunce, Ted Senior.
1962/63	Bob Gilmour, Laurie Rudd, Monty Banks, Bill Noake, Fred Penn, W.O. Andreason, John Rayner, Brad Bradford-Smith, Rex Lane, Charles Kibblewhite, George Bunce, Ted Senior, Buck Surrell, John Fitzmaurice.
1963/64	George Bunce, Bob Gilmour, Monty Banks, Bill Noake, John Rayner, Brad Bradford-Smith, Chas Kibblewhite, John Fitzmaurice, George Hodgson, George Ion, Eddie Farnell, Ted McQueen, Ray Ellison, Peter Crowther.
1964/65	Ted Senior, George Bunce, Monty Banks, Bill Noake, John Rayner, Chas Kibblewhite, George Hodgson, George Ion, Eddie Farnell, Ted McQueen, Rob Dickie, Ron Wilson, J. Leach, W.O. P. Webb.



Some of the members of the 1966-67 Committee. From left, back: George Ion, Jim Billing, Peter Fraser; Front: Ted Senior, Seymour Jack, Charles Kibblewhite, Eddie Farnell.

- 1965/66 Charles Kibblewhite, Ted Senior, Monty Banks, Bill Noake, John Rayner, George Hodgson, George Ion, Eddie Farnell, Ted McQueen, Rob Dickie, Ron Wilson, Mal Velvin, Bob Gilmour.
- 1966/67 Charles Kibblewhite, Ted Senior, George Ion, Eddie Farnell, Mal Velvin, Seymour Jack, Peter Fraser, Alby Veart, Eric Bullen, Rex Lane, Jim Billing, John Edwards, Charlie Duffy.
- 1967/68 Rex Lane, Chas Kibblewhite, Ted Senior, Eddie Farnell, Seymour Jack, Peter Fraser, Alby Veart, Eric Bullen, John Edwards, Charlie Duffy, Doug Roberts, Bruce Dow, Fred Cortesi, Robin Francis.
- 1968/69 Ted McQueen, Rex Lane, Ted Senior, Seymour Jack, Alby Veart, Eric Bullen, Charlie Duff, Doug Roberts, Bruce Dow, Fred Cortesi, Robin Francis, Alex Wilson, Roy Wilson, Jim Billing.
- 1969/70 Fred Penn, Ted McQueen, Seymour Jack, Alby Veart, Eric Bullen, Charlie Duffy, Bruce Dow, Fred Cortesi, Alex Wilson, Roy Wilson, Jim Billing, Tom Hughes, Joe Condon, Fred Dillon.
- 1970/71 Seymour Jack, Fred Penn, Bruce Dow, Fred Cortesi, Alex Wilson, Roy Wilson, Jim Billing, Tom Hughes, Fred Dillon, Tom Bassett, Brad Bradford-Smith, Roy Garrett, Arthur Kinsella, Jack Pearson.
- 1971/72 Seymour Jack, Fred Penn, Bruce Dow, Roy Wilson, Jim Billing, Tom Hughes, Fred Dillon, Tom Bassett, Brad Bradford-Smith, Roy Garrett, Arthur Kinsella, Bruce Hayhow, John Rayner, Guy Sanders.

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- 1972/73 Roy Wilson, Seymour Jack, Bruce Dow, Guy Sanders, Fred Penn, Jim Billing, Tom Hughes, Brad Bradford-Smith, Roy Garrett, John Rayner, Tom Bassett, Dick Pemberton, Kent Purdie, Hugh McDermit, Jim Brown, Pat Boggs.
- 1973/74 Roy Wilson, Seymour Jack, Bruce Dow, Guy Sanders, Fred Penn, Jim Billing, Len Bradford-Smith, Roy Garrett, Tom Bassett, Dick Pemberton, Kent Purdie, Hugh McDermit, Jim Brown, Vern Francis, Arthur Gardiner.
- 1974/75 Guy Sanders, Roy Wilson, Fred Penn, Tom Malt, Jim Billing, Brad Bradford-Smith, Roy Garrett, Tom Bassett, Kent Purdie, Hugh McDermit, Jim Brown, Arthur Gardiner, Beven Inwood, Theo Roland, Noel Martin, David Futter.
- 1975/76 Roy Wilson, Guy Sanders, Tom Bassett, Kent Purdie, Fred Penn, Tom Malt, Jim Billing, Brad Bradford-Smith, Roy Garrett, Hugh McDermit, Arthur Gardiner, Beven Inwood, Theo Roland, Noel Martin, David Futter, Chris Henry. Before the end of the year Messrs Penn, Bradford-Smith, and McDermit had to resign. On 26/2/76 Jack Breingan was appointed.
- 1976/77 Roy Wilson, Guy Sanders, Dick Pemberton, Gordon Lindell, Kent Purdie, Jim Billing, Roy Garrett, Theo Roland, Jack Breingan, Cliff Sharples, Jack Pearson, Peter Burke, Bryce Hadfield, Bill Morrison.
- 1977/78 Dick Pemberton, Roy Wilson, Gordon Lindell, Kent Purdie, Roy Garrett, Jack Breingan, Cliff Sharples, Peter Burke, Bryce Hadfield, Bill Morrison, Brad Bradford-Smith, Ray Garland, Bill Darwen, Ron Prentice (1 Fd Sqn) attended the Meetings for four months, and John Carlin (1 Fd Sqn) joined at the last meeting of the current year.
- 1978/79 Gordon Lindell, Dick Pemberton, Kent Purdie, Bryce Hadfield, Roy Garrett, Jack Breingan, Cliff Sharples, Peter Burke, Bill Morrison, Brad Bradford-Smith, Bill Darwen, Ron Prentice, John Carlin. 23/7/79 Peter Burke had to resign because of ill health.
- 1979/80 Kent Purdie, Gordon Lindell, Bryce Hadfield, Bill Darwen, Roy Garrett, Jack Breingan, Cliff Sharples, Bill Morrison, Brad Bradford-Smith, Ron Prentice, John Gunn, Noel Martin.
- 1980/81 Kent Purdie, Gordon Lindell, Bryce Hadfield, Bill Darwen, Roy Garrett, Jack Breingan, Cliff Sharples, Bill Morrison, Brad Bradford-Smith, John Gunn, Noel Martin, Beven Inwood, Peter Goldsmith, Roy Wilson, Owen McCormac. 18/2/81 Bill Darwen accepted a sub-committee job for the coming week. He died on 21/2/81 at age 59.
- 1981/82 Roy Garrett, Kent Purdie, Peter Goldsmith, Bryce Hadfield, Jack Breingan, Brad Bradford-Smith, Noel Martin, Roy Wilson, Owen McCormac, Gordon Lindell, David Futter, Cyril Collins, Lou Mumford, Terry Chester.



CHURCH PARADE 1984

Hon. Secretary briefing Squadron Sergeant Major and Sapper on wreath placing drill to come. W02 Greg Findon and Sapper Mike Newdick.



Retired Sappers Assembling



Retired and Serving Sappers Falling in

CHURCH PARADE 1984



President reading the lesson



Vice President and Bugler. The Ode,
Last Post, Reveille



Hon Secretary and Serving Sapper moving the wreath to the Rolls of Honour



Members of the Committee for the year 1984-1985.

Back row: Major S.G. Heaton RNZE, David Thurlow, Lou Mumford, Len Bradford-Smith, Rex Lane, Cyril Collins, Bob Gilmour, Noel Martin, Roy Garrett, Major J.S. Hollander RNZE.

Front row: Colonel Gordon Lindell, Seymour Jack, Terry Chester, George Bunce, Jack Breingan.

Absent: Colonel Dick Pemberton.



Back row: Cpl Cook, Lcpl Simson, Ssgt Maber, Spr Leach, Cpl Gallagher, Spr Ross, Cpl Fischer, Spr Simmonds, Spr Davies,
 Spr Mikoz
 3rd row: Spr Morgan, Spr Trodd, Spr Reilly, Spr Appleton, Spr Forbes, Spr Allan, Spr Rye, Spr Walker, Spr Mohi, Cpl Stowers
 2nd row: Spr McAlley, Ssgt Greeks, Sgt Shaw, Sgt Wilson, W02 Findon, W02 Oliver, Sgt Sinclair, Sgt Graham, Lcpl Robinson
 Front row: Spr Newdick, Spr Manion, Spr Bruntion, Spr Wharehinga, Spr Henderson, Lcpl Winter
 Absent: Maj Heaton (Course in Australia), Capt Knowles, Sgt Hutton, Cpl Cooper (RNZE Dive Team on task in Rarotonga),
 Spr Hall, Spr Lynch
 Absent on Exercise TRIAD: Lt Cassidy, 2Lt Faulls, Ssgt Evans, Sgt White, Sgt Oakes, Cpl Mason, Cpl Payne, Lcpl Dimond,
 Lcpl Guthrie, Spr Alexander, Spr Homer, Spr Little, Spr Morey, Spr Paul, Spr Trodd, Spr Williams, Spr Nicol
 Absent at Scott Base Antarctica: Lcpl Henderson, Spr Edwards





A group of 7 Field Company 2 N.Z.Div Engineers, Middle East & Italy 1939-45.
 (Engineers have been trained to protect their most vital parts)
 Back row: Les Kilworth, Peter Burk, Tom Cawte, Roy Wilson, Terry Chester, Bill Weatherall, Alex Wilson
 Front row: Gordon Lindell, Gordon Orchiston, Seymour Jack, Mit Page, George Lawrence, Harold Fraser
 AT THE REUNION IN ONEHUNGA R.S.A. October 1984



Assembling in the Auckland Domain for the march to the Cenotaph, Anzac Day 1985.

1982/83	Owen McCormac, Roy Garrett, Peter Goldsmith, Brad Bradford-Smith, Jack Breingan, Roy Wilson, Gordon Lindell, Cyril Collins, Lou Mumford, Terry Chester, Bryce Hadfield, Kent Purdie.
1983/84	Terry Chester, Owen McCormac, Peter Goldsmith, Len Bradford-Smith, Jack Breingan, Gordon Lindell, Cyril Collins, Lou Mumford, George Bunce, Roy Garrett, Bob Gilmour, Beven Inwood, Seymour Jack, Rex Lane, Dick Pemberton.
1984/85	Terry Chester, Len Bradford-Smith, Noel Martin, Jack Breingan, George Bunce, Cyril Collins, Roy Garrett, Bob Gilmour, Joe Hollander, Seymour Jack, Rex Lane, Gordon Lindell, Lou Mumford, Dick Pemberton, David Thurlow, and a rep. of 1 Fd Sqn. RNZE.

Three Guardians of the Trust Funds : (This appointment is for three years)

1970/73	Bob Gilmour, George Bunce, Arthur Kinsella.
1973/76	Bob Gilmour, George Bunce, Arthur Kinsella.
1974/76	Tom Malt replaced Arthur Kinsella who transferred to Wellington. (Tom Malt died 5/5/76)
1976/79	Bob Gilmour, George Bunce, Bryce Hadfield.
1979/82	Bob Gilmour, George Bunce, Bryce Hadfield.
1982/85	Bob Gilmour, George Bunce, Bryce Hadfield.

Rule 6. The Officers of the Association is being investigated, along with the rest of the Rules, at the time of going to press.

A working party consisting of Len Bradford-Smith, George Bunce, Terry Chester, Bob Gilmour, Joe Hollander, Seymour Jack and David Thurlow will be reporting to the 1985 A.G.M.

It is hoped that the 1986 A.G.M. will be able to adopt whatever alterations may be seen fit for the operation of a N.Z. Association.

CHAPTER 13

Management — The Executive

Rule 7. All Executive Functions of the Association shall be vested in the President, the two Vice-Presidents, the immediate past President and the Committee. All officers shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting from Financial Members who signify their willingness to accept office and who are resident in Auckland. The President shall be the Chairman of the Committee. The immediate past President shall be ex-officio member of the Committee.

Management has been in the hands of the following members, listed in the order of their appearance on the Executive.

- P. = President (With number of years in position).
- D.P. = Deputy President (Executive)
- V.P. = Vice President (Executive)
- C. = Committee. Including years served on committee as P., I.P.P., D.P. or V.P.
- S. = Secretary
- T. = Treasurer
- N.E. = Newsletter Editor
- N.D. = Newsletter Distributor
- W. = Welfare Officer
- G. = Guardian of the trust funds

Awards For Meritorious Service To The Association have been made as follows:

- 1969 Andrew Murray (Patron for twenty one years)
- 1969 Laurie Rudd
- 1972 Seymour Jack
- 1976 Fred Penn
- 1977 Roy Wilson
- 1983 Len Bradford-Smith
- Roy Garrett
- Bob Gilmour
- Gordon Lindell
- 1984 George Bunce
- Dick Pemberton

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Name	President	Deputy or Exec Vice President	Committee incl as P. IPP or VP.	Secretary	Treasurer	Newsletter Editor or Assoc. Ed.	Newsletter Distributor	Welfare Officer	Guardian of trust funds	Meetings Involved
60 Laurie Rudd (Hon. Solicitor)	2		3							19
W.O. Andreason			3							19
Monty Banks			6	5¾		4	4			47
Len Bradford-Smith		3	18					13		182
George Bunce	1		7					1	15	65
Bob Gilmour	1		7						15	65
Fred Glasse			2							10
Charles Kibblewhite	2		7		5			1		59
Rex Lane	1		7							54
Bill Noake			6							47
Fred Penn	1	1	10					10		99
John Rayner			8							69
Ted Senior	1		8	2½	¾	1½	1½			68
61 Mel Velvin			3					1		28
62 John Fitzmaurice			2							16
Buck Surrell			1					2		9
1963										
Peter Crowther			1							7
Ray Ellison			1							7
Eddie Farnell			5					5		46
George Hodgson			3		1					28
George Ion			4					1		38
Ted McQueen	1		5							52
64 Rob Dickie			2		1					21
J. Leach			1							9
Peter Webb			1							9
Ron Wilson			2							21
Jack Geldard			1							9
66 Jim Billing			10							113
Eric Bullen			4							42
Charlie Duffy			4		1					42
John Edwards			2							18
Peter Fraser			2							18
Seymour Jack	2	2	10	5¼	3¼	6	6			108

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Name	President	Deputy or Exec Vice President	Committee incl as P. IPP or VP.	Secretary	Treasurer	Newsletter Editor or Assoc. Ed.	Newsletter Distribui	Welfare Officer	Guardian of trust fui	Meetings Involved
Alby Veart			4					3		42
1967 Doug Roberts			2							18
Bruce Dow	1/4	2	7					2		76
Fred Cortesi			4					1		43
Robin Francis			2							18
1968 Alex Wilson			3					2		35
Roy Wilson	3 3/4		13	4	1 3/4	4 1/2				151
1969 Joe Condon			1							14
Fred Dillon			3					1		36
Tom Hughes			4							47
1970 Tom Bassett		1	6							66
Roy Garrett	1		15				9 1/2	4		169
Arthur Kinsella			2						4	22
Jack Pearson			2							24
1971 Bruce Hayhow			1							11
Guy Sanders	1	2	6	1/4		2		1		68
1972 Pat Boggs			1							11
Jim Brown			3		1/4					32
Laurie Mackeson							4			
Hugh McDermitt			4					3		44
Dick Pemberton	1	1	7	1/4	1/4					78
Kent Purdie	2	3	11							125
1973 Vern Francis			1							11
Arthur Gardiner			3							33
1974 Tom Malt		1	2						2	22
David Futter			2	3/4						22
Beven Inwood			4	2	1/2					45
Steven Rouse			1/4		1/4					3
Theo Roland			3		2 1/4					35
Noel Martin		1	6					1		65
1975 Chris Henry			1							12
1976 Jack Breingan			10		8					112
Peter Burke			3							33
Bryce Hadfield		4	7	1					9	81

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Name	President	Deputy or Exec Vice President	Committee incl as P. IPP or VP.	Secretary	Treasurer	Newsletter Editor or Assoc. Ed.	Newsletter Distribut	Welfare Officer	Guardian of trust fu	Meetings Involved
Gordon Lindell	1	2	9		Assoc Editor	4	Editor 3	6		103
Bill Morrison			5							55
Cliff Sharples			5	3¼						55
77 John Carlin			1							11
Bill Darwen		2	4					3		42
Ray Garland			1							11
Ron Prentice			2½							24
79 John Gunn			2							21
80 Peter Goldsmith		3	4		Assoc Editor	4				49
Owen McCormac	1		4							49
81 Terry Chester	2		4					2		48
Cyril Collins			4							48
Lou Mumford			3							38
84 Joe Hollander			1							10
David Thurlow			1							10
85 Sel. Heaton (or Barry Knowles, or Greg Findon). Representing 1 Fd, Sqn. RNZE			1							8

CHAPTER 14

Management

Rule 8. At its first meeting the Committee shall appoint from its members a Secretary, a Treasurer and Welfare Officers who shall continue in these offices until the election of a new Committee at the next Annual General Meeting.

Rule 9. All Members of the Committee shall resign at the time of annual election, but all may be nominated for re-election.

Rule 10. The President for the time being shall have authority to co-opt any Financial Member or Financial Associate of the Association for assistance or work in connection with the Associations' activities PROVIDED THAT consent of any Members or Associate co-opted is obtained.

At its first meeting the Committee shall appoint from its members a Secretary. The Association could not have been managed under this Rule had it not been for the safety valve provided in Rule 10. The Secretarial burden has been carried by:

- 1960/61 Sgt R.D. Banks, (Monty).
- 1961/62 S.Sgt R.D. (Monty) Banks.
- 1962/63 W.O.2 R.D. Banks. (Including Newsletter).
- 1963/64 W.O.2 R.D. Banks. (Including Newsletter).
- 1964/65 W.O.2 R.D. Banks. (Including Newsletter).
- 1965/66 W.O.2 R.D. Banks for 9 months, Edward (Ted) Senior for 3 months.
- 1966/67 Ted Senior. (Including Newsletter).
- 1967/68 Ted Senior. Secretary. Seymour Jack. Newsletter.
- 1968/69 Ted Senior for 3 months secretary, Seymour Jack 9 months both jobs.
- 1969/70 Seymour Jack (Including Newsletter), (and Treasurer also).
- 1970/71 Seymour Jack (Including Newsletter), (and Treasurer also).
- 1971/72 Seymour Jack (Including Newsletter), (and Treasurer also).
- 1972/73 Roy Wilson secretary, Guy Sanders newsletter, Laurie Mackeson distributor.
- 1973/74 Roy Wilson secretary for 9 months, Dick Pemberton secretary for 3 months, Guy Sanders newsletter editor, Laurie Mackeson newsletter distributor.
- 1974/75 Guy Sanders and Jim Brown secretaries for 3 months, Steven Rouse and Beven Inwood secretaries for 9 months, Roy Wilson newsletter editor, Laurie Mackeson newsletter distributor.
- 1973/74 Beven Inwood secretary for 9 months, Roy Wilson secretary for 3 months, Roy Wilson newsletter editor, Laurie Mackeson newsletter distributor.
- 1976/77 Roy Wilson secretary, Cliff Sharples minutes secretary for 9 months.

- 1977/78 Roy Wilson newsletter editor, Roy Garrett newsletter distributor.
Cliff Sharples secretary,
Roy Wilson newsletter editor, Roy Garrett newsletter distributor.
- 1978/79 Cliff Sharples secretary for 9 months, Bryce Hadfield sec for 3 months.
Gordon Lindell newsletter editor, Roy Garrett newsletter distributor.
- 1979/80 Cliff Sharples secretary for 9 months, Bryce Hadfield secretary 3 months.
Peter Goldsmith and Gordon Lindell associate editors for newsletter.
Roy Garrett newsletter distributor and membership roll maintenance.
- 1980/81 Bryce Hadfield secretary for 5 months, Beven Inwood secretary for 7 months.
Peter Goldsmith and Gordon Lindell associate editors for newsletter.
Roy Garrett newsletter distributor and membership roll maintenance.
- 1981/82 David Futter secretary for 9 months, Roy Wilson secretary for 3 months.
Peter Goldsmith and Gordon Lindell associate editors for newsletter.
- 1982/83 Roy Wilson secretary 9 months, Bryce Hadfield 2 months, Jack Breingan 1 month.
Peter Goldsmith and Gordon Lindell associate editors for newsletter.
Roy Garrett newsletter distributor and membership roll maintenance.
- 1983/84 A trial further spread of secretarial duties:
Terry Chester. Bereavement letters of sympathy.
Brad Bradford-Smith. Secretarial matters on welfare.
Peter Goldsmith and Gordon Lindell associate editors of newsletter.
Roy Garrett. Membership Secretary and distributor of newsletters.
Cyril Collins. Minutes Secretary.
Dick Pemberton for all secretarial contacts with the Corps RNZE.
Seymour Jack. Records secretary and historian.
- 1984/85 Seymour Jack. Honorary Secretary.
Gordon Lindell. Newsletter Editor.
Roy Garrett. Newsletter Distributor.
Jack Breingan. Treasurer.

Details of the appointment of Treasurers will be given after we have had a closer look at secretarial management.

The appointment of Welfare Officers has been dealt with in Chapter 5.

On 4/8/60 at the first Committee Meeting Sgt R.D. Banks MM was appointed Secretary, and Major Kibblewhite was appointed Treasurer. The official address for the Association was The Office of the D.C.R.E., HQ N.M.D., Quay Street, Auckland. Ten months later on 22/6/61 Major Kibblewhite was posted away from the District and Major Senior was appointed Treasurer. At the first Meeting of the Association, on the nomination of Col Murray, the Bank of New Zealand, Customs Street Branch, had been chosen as the Trading Bank to be used.

On 25/7/61 W.O.11 Monty Banks was appointed Secretary for a second year. At the same meeting it was decided to start using an Addressograph system. The

secretary was asked to write a letter of appreciation to the Auckland Metropolitan Drainage Board expressing appreciation for the use of their Board Room for Meetings. Major Senior then asked if consideration could be given to the printing of letter heading for the Association. Major Bunce was requested to investigate. On 5/10/61 Major Bunce tabled his proposals for the production of headed stationery. Various alternatives were discussed and 500 of the chosen were ordered. George Collins of J. Ilott Ltd had a cap badge and a lapel badge on hand to do the necessary work, including cameo embossing of the RNZE badge to reproduce it as in real life with all its relief and true colours, including the silver laurel leaves.

It was decided that the Secretary and the Treasurer, assisted by Major Bunce would be empowered to produce a Newsletter. The first one was dated April 1962 and was printed in one colour, navy blue. It was headed with a copy of the new letter heading but the effect bore no resemblance to the letter head itself, particularly with reference to the very detailed RNZE badge. This was corrected in Newsletter No 2 when a two colour heading was introduced with the simpler RNZE lapel badge featured instead of the cap badge. The introduction of red on the badge and in the heading set the style which has been used now on a fine collection of a hundred Newsletters.

On 17/5/62 Col Rudd asked Major Kibblewhite if he would write up the new organisation of RNZE Corps for inclusion in the next newsletter. Bill Noake asked if specifications of the Reefer Jacket could also be included, as so many members were now buying pocket badges. At the AGM 1962 Col Rudd spoke of the appreciation of members for the introduction of the Newsletters and thanked the Secretary for all the work put into the production and distribution.

On 12/7/62 it was agreed to produce four newsletters a year. These were to be before and after the A.G.M., before the Reunion, and before Christmas.

On 16/8/62 it was decided that along with the newsletter just prior to the reunion a list be published naming the Life Members, and the currently financial annually-subscribing members. This was to be accompanied with a statement that these were the only members entitled to receive regular issues of the Newsletters. This action was made necessary because of the large number of sappers who were on the mailing lists but who were not paying subs. The "gone-no-address" problem was even at this stage becoming a problem, so the warning was added that it was the responsibility for every member to ensure the accuracy of his address as held by the Secretary.

It was also decided that in future the Secretary should post a copy of the Minutes of the previous Meeting to each member of the executive, before the next Meeting. It was agreed this would lead to greater efficiency in the running of the affairs of the Association.

On 20/9/62 it was resolved to send an individual letter to each of the many sappers who were still receiving newsletters but who had made no attempt to become financial. The letter was to inform them of the costs and work involved, and that if no action was forthcoming they would be removed from the mailing list.

Purchase of the Addressograph machine and plates for all financial members was complete before the end of 1962. The machine was a hand operated "Pump Handle" type for single embossed plates, each plate slid into its own frame.

A discussion was held on the amount of work being done by the Secretary and Treasurer, both of whom, being members of the Regular Army, were likely to be posted out of the District. On 15/3/62 Major Senior had requested release from his appointment as Treasurer due to pressure of other commitments. Major Kibblewhite had just returned to N.Z. and agreed to resume the job he had left on 22/6/61.

On 21/2/63 Col Murray undertook to visit the Officer Commanding Northern District concerning the problem of replacing the Secretary or Treasurer when that became necessary. A few months later when writing to The Chief Engineer Major Bunce mentioned that The Association believed it was both in the interest of the Corps and the Assoc to have Regular Force personnel as Secretary and Treasurer of the Association; preferably men who were located at or had ready access to the DCRE's Office.

Newsletter No. 7 was issued in August 1963 and No. 8 in January 1964. The time lapse was attributed to failure of members to send in information, comments, or news for inclusion. On 13/5/64 the duties of secretary and treasurer were combined temporarily as Major Kibblewhite was unable to carry on as treasurer.

25/2/65 a subcommittee consisting of Messrs Banks, Bunce and Kibblewhite was set up to collect and collate material for the newsletters. On 10/6/65 at AGM it was requested that the newsletters be published more frequently. The record to date had been 1961/62 two, 62/63 four, 63/64 three, 64/65 one. It was suggested that they be printed in one colour, to save cost, but the Meeting decided that the Newsletter should be left in its accustomed style. Mr Tom Botterill urged the Association to pay an honorarium to the Secretary in view of the amount of work involved. The President pointed out that such a move would required a Notice Of Motion to the next AGM or to a Special GM. On 24/6/65 the sub-committee to produce the newsletter was Messrs Banks, Kibblewhite and Bill Noake. It was agreed again that four newsletters per year should be produced. There was a six month gap between Newsletters 12 and 13. The delay seemed to be due to the formation of a sub-committee to produce newsletters. One person can frequently get better results than three. Difficulties were also caused by the printer losing track of the dies, and overcharging.

The Secretary stated that he had not been sending out copies of the Minutes to all executive members, because of the time and cost involved. It was decided again that copies of minutes and notices of meetings must be sent. At this stage the Secretary requested the Committee to appoint another Secretary at the next Committee Meeting.

NL13/66 contained the following farewell message from Monty Banks: "This is the last time I shall write this Newsletter as your Secretary, that role will be filled by another within a few days... and to all members everywhere my sincere best wishes to you and your families for the future." 350 copied issued.

16/3/66 Ted Senior appointed Acting Secretary for the remaining 3 months of the year, with Bill Noake to assist with the newsletters.

12/5/66 Letter from Edward Senior to Mr F.R. Wilson. "Dear Roy, I have been asked to forward a copy of our March Newsletter, and details of membership for your information. Please let me know the Units with which you served, and your Regimental No. We look forward to seeing you again at our next functions. Regards." Anyone reading this history will know how this letter paid off. (A letter on the same strain went on the same day to Mr (Capt) M.H. Kemp, c/- Dick Pemberton.) The secretarial base of the Association having now moved from the Office of the DCRE HQNMD to that of Edward Senior, Consulting Engineer, Hampton Court Wellesley St., it was decided to open a P.O. Box in the Wellesley St P.O., P.O. Box 6104. This remained the official address for many years. 12/10/66 Peter Fraser appointed to assist Ted Senior with the Newsletters. NL14 to NL19 were prepared by Ted Senior and Peter Fraser, 350 to 400 being the circulation.

Seymour Jack took over the Newsletters from No. 20 July 1967 and kept them going until No. 45 June 1972, with a circulation ranging from 450 to 1400.

Work for the secretary began to build up as interest grew. Sappers would hand in a name and say that so and so would be interested, send them the gen. Occasionally a letter would come from a distressed widow saying that her husband had died but the mail was still coming. This called for an immediate response with apology, explanation, reassurance and affection. The deceased member's name had to be for sure in the next Roll of Honour list in the Newsletter and his addressograph plate had to be destroyed. With the membership beginning to spread all over N.Z. this problem was to grow with the years. To lighten the burden, the secretary would get letters in a lighter vein. e.g. "Enclosed \$1 for a Corps tie (I rarely wear one when I can get out of it) Sorry I could not make the annual reunion, bad health and long mileage. Really enjoy your newsletters though and like to know how things are going. All the best to you and all the boys."

In October 1968 Seymour Jack was appointed Secretary as well as Newsletter Editor. Ted Senior had been compelled to give up the job due to professional and military pressures. At this time Seymour was Deputy President of the Association. The physical address of the Registered Office thus changed for the third time, now to Epsom, gradually moving away from the centre of the city. The P.O. Box 6104 remained the same.

13/3/69 At the bottom of a memo to Ted McQueen (President) Seymour wrote "Haven't read a book since I took this job on!" Tension was relieved next day on receipt of another human letter — "Your newsletter No. 28 to hand, full of interesting information as they all are. Enclosed \$2, please send me another lapel badge, some unmentionable, flogged mine at Levin. If anything is left, put it in the Corps Memorial fund."

The graph included in Chapter 11 shows that from June 1968 to June 1972 the Financial Membership increased from 202 to 692. Not long after this movement started, it became obvious that strict rules of admin procedure would have to be written

up, and meticulously followed. This resulted in the following:

Processing a new member. On receipt of application form and subscription.

1. Make out receipt in official duplicate Cash Receipt Book retained for this purpose. Enter name and address and type of membership. Cheque or cash etc.
2. Prepare personal Record Card. Enter Surname, initials, Christian name, nick-name if well known, rank (if volunteered) or particularly if Lt Col or above, decorations, Engineer Units served in, address, postal zone.
3. Alter running Roll Total by addition of this new member. State Receipt No.
4. Fill in a Life Membership Card, where applicable. Check on stock of same and on number on hand signed by President.
5. Mail receipt, plus Life Membership Card, plus Lapel Pin to new member. Check on stock of lapel pins.
6. Prepare entry for next newsletter, quoting from the Personal Record Card.
7. Add name, address incl postal zone to roll for newsletter distribution.
8. Procure Addressograph plate for new member and get same into position in box.
9. File the Application For Membership Form away, after noting "Processed".
10. Tie-in issue of receipt and disposal of remittance with Treasurer's procedures.

Transferring an Annually-subscribing member to Life Membership.

An appropriate list of things to be done was similarly prepared.

Resignations and Deaths.

Ditto for each case, including for deaths a letter of condolence to next of kin, and the addition of a widow's name and address to list for invitation to next Church Parade Memorial Service. Memorial Record in Roll Of Honour.

Change Of Address of existing Member.

An appropriate list of things to be done, including a new Addressograph plate. As well as attending to the above activities, the Secretary was taking the Minutes at all Meetings, writing them up, typing them out and posting to each member of the Executive (plus to the Patron, plus when applicable to the Guardians of the Trust Funds). Added to this was the writing and typing up of the Newsletters and arranging the printing. Then came folding after collection, addressing the envelopes, filling them (with the assistance of wife Nancy, daughter Catherine and future son-in-law John Tollemache, also with the dog scattering the lot around the room occasionally).

16/7/69 Fred Penn (President) asked "How was the Secretary to be compensated for the hours of work involved in doing his job." Fred Dillon said he felt very strongly on this point. "The Association is held together by correspondence and by the Newsletters. The continuing success of the Association depends on the quality of the secretarial work involved. No matter how willing the Committee may be to assist it has to accept the fact that this particular work is a one-man job. This puts a disproportionate share of the work on the Secretary, and no matter how willing he may be to do it, there should be some compensation.

Ted McQueen (Immediate Past President) said that he too had worried about the same thing, because there was nothing in the Rules to cover the problem. Fred Dillon said he was prepared to put up a Notice Of Motion even if it meant calling a Special

General Meeting to deal with it. It was felt however that it would be impossible to get a quorum of 25 members. The President then stated it was his intention to discuss the problem with Laurie Rudd.

Seymour Jack then said that when he took the job on he knew the amount of work which was involved, but as results were being obtained he was enjoying doing it in an honorary capacity. If the Association had to pay on a professional basis it would be out of funds within a year. With subs at \$1 per year or \$11 for life there was only sufficient money to pay the cost of stationery, printing, postage, etc for which the sub had been designed. If the sub was increased it would be still more difficult to persuade sappers to join. The Association simply could not afford any form of monetary compensation. A token payment would do more harm than good. There was one thing however for which he would like authority, — that was to make use of a commercial typist once in a while when he got into a jam. For example, after the Committee Meeting on 22 April there was a lot to be done in a short time, including twelve personal letters to invite widows to the 4th May Memorial Service. He wanted to get the Minutes to 24 people before 3 May. By 27 April he had typed a draft which ran to five single spaced foolscap sheets. He got a commercial typist to do 5 stencils and to duplicate 25 copies. The charge for this had been \$10.45 and he had felt guilty about involving the Association in such expense. It was agreed by the Meeting that he certainly could do this sort of thing when in a jam without feeling guilty." (All of the above is a long quote from the Minutes.)

In those days the Secretary was typing the Minutes etc on an old typewriter he had bought second-hand back in 1934. It could manage six copies on thin paper, so he only had to type the document three times to get enough copies for distribution! The third go was pretty free of mistakes, and those six could go to the most deserving cases. All of the above discussion comes direct from the Minutes of the Meeting held on 16 July 1969 in the RSA Board Room. An effort was always made to record the proceedings as they were, and were usually done on the following night. Rule 29 states "Minutes of all Meetings shall be faithfully recorded by the Secretary and they shall be preserved so that they can be inspected and referred to at any time by authorised persons."

And so Seymour carried on, and shortly added the job of Treasurer to his list, in an endeavour to make the above operations a bit more streamlined. There was no photocopying in those days. It was a matter of cut a stencil and then duplicate on Gestetner.

In Sept 1969 a specimen Newsletter was submitted to the Chief Postmaster, with a list of names and addresses of 550 sappers. A request was made for registration of the Newsletter as a magazine, with appropriate postage discount. The P.O. accepted that the Newsletter met the requirements for registration, and the Association was given a list of 14 zones, and details of how each bundle of envelopes was to be labelled. The 1 Dec 1969 mailing of Newsletter No. 32, sorted into 14 postal zones was 501 @ 2½c \$12.53 Less 33.33% special discount.

5/9/69 another happy letter to brighten up the job, from Reg Hermans, who had just got the Kaimai rail tunnel started — "I submit!..." This was in reply to an appeal sent to him asking if we could march-him-in as a new member alongside Bull Hanson,

our old C.R.E., who had just sent in his Life Membership sub. Reg finished up with — "I'll look forward to getting my copy of the newsletter now without having a guilty conscience."

With NL31, were sent out 520 Registration Forms, so that all the personal record cards could be checked and brought up to date. "Please Print" was an optimistic request but some sheets still came back full of information which could not be deciphered. Oct 69 came a request from the General Assembly Library, Parliament House, requesting two copies of the last, and all subsequent Newsletters. Newsletter No. 31 was named Vol. 1 No. 1, and No. 32 became Vol. 1 No. 2, all in accordance with Section 64 of the Copyright Act 1962.

24/9/69 from a member — "I received your ever welcome Newsletter in the mail this morning. While I'm on the job would you please put me on your list of Life Members, appropriate subenclosed." Oct 22 from Timaru — "The Newsletter is a most interesting publication, and I look forward to it..." By NL34 the circulation was up to 570 copies.

1/12/69 One of the Committee members, Joe Condon, was working for Dominion Motors Showrooms in Newmarket, and through him the Association was able to purchase a Remington Standard typewriter for \$30, much to the Secretary's delight. Joe returned to South Africa a few months later. (This same machine is being used at the moment.) 3/4/70 came a request from The Public Library of N.S.W. Sydney. "We have recently become aware of your publication and would like to build up a complete file from No. 31 Sept 1969 . . . and all your future publications."

At this stage the Association was printing more newsletters than the total number of members, and copies were being sent to selected prospective members as part of a recruiting campaign. This policy was endorsed at the eleventh A.G.M. 25/6/70. Time was saved at that AGM as the Secretary had during the weeks before the meeting circulated copies of the Minutes of the previous AGM to all members who had been in attendance. The annual report and annual financial statement had both been published in the previous newsletter, and all these documents were taken as read and were open for immediate discussion at the Meeting.

At his first Committee Meeting as President on 15/7/70 Seymour Jack had to put Rule 8 to the meeting. It was decided that as the President was in the middle of his recruitment campaign and wished it, his appointment also as Secretary-Treasurer be confirmed for another year. Fred Penn was appointed to record the Minutes and to sign, along with the President, on all documents requiring two signatures. A new type of Application For Membership form was introduced. These were included with NLs35 sent out to prospective members. Circulation of NL35 was 660, and it transpired that sappers' wives were also avid readers of the Newsletters. "Keep up the good work on your newsy newsletter," one wrote.

19/8/70 a discussion on printing costs for forms in use and the possibility of owning a duplicator. Arthur Kinsella mentioned that his two companies used a nearby Secretarial Aid for duplicating work, rather than buying a machine for the amount of work involved. Seymour explained that the present system for Minutes was that he

gave his typescript to Bob Gilmour who got the stencils cut at his office, S.J. then got them duplicated in his office.

15/9/70 What faith some members had in the Association! Received phone call — "Can you tell me the name of the ship I went to Fiji in, on 18 Aug 41?" and another from a widow — "Can you please send me the names and addresses of some of the men my husband served with in x."

NL36/70, 752 mailed out, also copies and Application For Membership forms sent out to 86 R.S.A.s throughout the country, for their possible use in recruiting for us. NL37 and NL38/71 1000 printed in each case. Roy Wilson explained to the Committee how he had been co-opted by Seymour to help with the despatch of the 1000 odd newsletters in Feb. He had been amazed at the work involved, and suggested that the Committee should see for themselves. It was agreed the executive would have a trial run with the next newsletter. The newsletters came as a bundle of flat sheets. They each had to be folded twice. The envelopes had to be addressed with the hand operated machine where plates were prepared, or by hand for all others, including prospective members, who would also have folded forms included (in case they decided to make applications for membership). Accounts had to be included for all the Annually-subscribing members who were not up to date, copies of Minutes had to go into all the executive envelopes. Finally all the envelopes had to be sorted into 14 specific postal zones and tied into bundles.

17/3/71 It was decided to print 1400 of NL39/71 and to make it the last of the recruiting series for a while. Copies of past newsletters were now unobtainable, all having been put to good use. Seymour advised the Committee that he had to organize his daughter's wedding at the same time as he would be getting the newsletter ready for the printer. Roy Wilson offered to address the envelopes for the members, using the addressograph machine, Alex Wilson and Fred Penn offered to write the addresses for all the prospective members and R.S.A.s selected. It was agreed that the next Committee Meeting date would be determined by when the newsletters were printed. The aim was for 15 April, Catherine Jack's wedding 12 April. The Minutes of the Meeting held on 15/4/71 record that Roy Wilson addressed 585 envelopes, Fred Penn and Alex Wilson addressed 800 to prospective members and 90 to R.S.A.s GENERAL BUSINESS. Everyone being so wrapped up in processing the newsletter for mailing, formal business lapsed, and the Meeting as such was declared closed.

17/5/71 from South Canterbury — "I receive your interesting newsletters. I am 80 years of age and I do thank you most sincerely. I did not want this one to go unanswered, or without some acknowledgement. I shall be glad if you will accept the enclosed \$2 towards newsletter expenses. Yours most sincerely xx R.S.M. NZ Field Engineers 1st NZ Expeditionary Force."

24/5/71 To Fred Dillon from S.J. "Many thanks for your offer to do the next lot of envelopes, Herewith are the addressograph machine and plates plus 1000 envelopes, and some lists." Then a list of special instructions then — "You may run out of envelopes, but there are some more coming this week. Happy punch-up with the machine . . Seymour." (Received the finished job on 30 May, and was surprised to see

that all the envelopes had been hand written.) The old hand operated machine had a habit of playing up with strangers, and had to be put in for service on several occasions in the years to come. NL40/71 Over 700 posted out. NL41/71 1150 posted out.

In the 1970/71 year five Newsletters were published instead of the usual four, to give further strength to the recruiting campaign.

21/7/71 at the first Meeting of the new Committee it was decided that as Seymour was prepared to carry on for another year as President, Secretary, Treasurer, Editor, the same arrangements as last year should continue. Fred Penn pointed out that this would be the fourth year of S.J.'s concentrated crusade, with the entire records of the Association held in his study in Epsom. Several committee members offered to get stencils cut when required, and two could get duplicating done occasionally.

18/8/71 The Committee agreed to supply data to Dept of Statistics as requested so that they could "judge the extent to which The Association influenced the major financial flows of the economy!"

Two committee members were also following up a request from the Mayor of Auckland for The Association to become involved in the "Join A Club" scheme, as a long term means of combating the increasing outbreaks of anti-social behaviour in Auckland. A second box was needed to hold addressograph plates. Guy Sanders set to work and made one, and a beautiful piece of joinery it was too.

NL42/71 — over 1000 sent out. John Rayner did the envelopes to members and had trouble with the machine which then got a new ribbon and platen. 1050 copies of No. 43 were posted, and 750 of No. 44.

In May 1972 Bert Loudon advised the President of a retired Major who had expressed interest in the job of Secretary. On 19 May S.J. sent him some newsletters, minutes, application for membership forms, list of current executive, etc, and an invitation to attend the next Committee meeting. By 31 May, having had (or received) no reply, S.J. wrote to him again and invited him to stand for the Committee at the AGM in three weeks. Also were included some more details for his information on the duties of The Secretary, concluding with the words "I hope you have a stout heart. Regards, . ." Having received no reply to this second letter either, S.J. rang him, to be told — "He is suffering from a heart attack, maybe his health will put him out of the running." The postings for NLs 45, 46, 47, 48 were 830, 785, 724, 709. Seymour Jack signed off in NL45/72, his twentysixth newsletter.

Guy Sanders took over with NL46, and produced the Newsletters up to and including No. 54 of June 1974, when he became President. In his NL46/72 Guy quoted from the speech of thanks which Seymour made to the members and their wives in the Rooms of The Royal Commonwealth Society, after having been presented with the Association's award for Meritorious Service. Seymour paid the following tribute to his wife Nancy. "When a man devotes himself to a project of this nature he automatically involves his wife. When Nan saw my enthusiasm she reinforced it with her own, as indeed did our daughter Catherine until she married. Nan has helped in every possible way. She has cleared the P.O. Box at Wellesley Street on hundreds of occasions, and has regularly gone over to Takapuna to sit on the doorstep of the printers to ensure that the

newsletters were printed on the day promised. She would get them hot off the press and take them home and start folding. She has folded newsletters by the thousand. Together we have shared and enjoyed the human contacts and incidents which came to light. I appreciate the fact that by presenting this award at a mixed gathering, and by your gift of flowers to Nan, you are thanking her also."

And so the deck was cleared, and Roy Wilson moved in to tackle the job of President plus official Secretary-Treasurer. Laurie Mackeson, who several months previously had lost a leg, volunteered to look after newsletter distribution.

After four years in Epsom, the physical address of the Registered Office changed for the fourth time, now to Penrose, another move further away from the centre of the city. The postings for NL49/73 and 50/73 were 712 and 743.

In June 1973 Bruce Dow and Dick Pemberton undertook to act as President and Secretary-Treasurer respectively for three months during Roy Wilson's absence overseas. In accepting a second term as President plus secretary-treasurer, Roy Wilson said that the job would have been impossible without Mary his wife, who had been a wonderful help in the year just finished.

The postings for NL52/73, 53/74 and 54/74 were 691, 656 and 733.

At the end of his second year Roy stated that Mary had spent two years helping him and had typed all the minutes and correspondence, and had arranged their duplication and distribution. He could not have managed without her. 25/7/74 When Guy Sanders took over as President he agreed to do basic secretarial work for a while, but Jim Brown was appointed Minutes Secretary and Treasurer. Roy Wilson was appointed Newsletter Editor, he started with NL55/74 and kept it up to and including NL72/78.

After a short time in office Jim Brown was obliged to resign, so Beven Inwood and David Futter moved into the secretarial activities.

24/4/75 Beven reported that he and his wife had compiled a Roll of Members and that copies were available. Guy Sanders introduced a new member, Lt Steven Rouse RNZE, and said that Steven had consented to take on the duties of Secretary. "Moved Kent Purdie seconded Roy Wilson that Lt Rouse be co-opted as Secretary/-Treasurer of The Sappers Association."

9/5/75 After almost three years in Penrose the physical address of the Registered Office changed for the fifth time, now out to Papakura. Back into the Army. In 1960 the records were at the DCRE's Office, HQ NMD Quay St., now they were at HQ 1 Field Squadron, Papakura Camp. Three serving sappers were on the Committee. — Lt Steven Rouse, SSgt David Futter, Sgt Beven Inwood. After seven years in the hands of civilians, the records were back with the military. Eight years army and seven years civilian control, was the record to date. The following records etc were handed to Steven Rouse:

1. Membership Record Cards in cabinet. Life Members and Annually-subscribing Members.
2. Correspondence file from 1 July 1973 onwards.
3. File of miscellaneous records, and changes of addresses etc of Members.

4. Roll of Honour.
5. File of cards of deceased members or members temporarily gone — no-address.
6. Files of Committee Minutes 1973/74/75.
7. Files of Committee Minutes 1968 to 1973.
8. Files of correspondence from 1966 to June 1973.
9. Roll of widows' names and addresses.
10. Financial Files from 1970 to April 1974.
11. Steel cash box containing Association Seal, Meritorious Service Badges, old Bank Books (closed), etc.
12. Supply of blank Life Membership Cards.
13. Key to P.O. Box 6104 at Wellesley Street Post Office.
14. Rules as amended to 15th A.G.M.
15. Stationery, office equipment (small scale), postage stamps.
16. List of officer members.
17. 3 N.Z.Div. list.
18. Reunion personal identity tags in plastic holders.
19. Stock of ties, pocket badges, lapel badges, transfers, etc.
20. Army Association and R.S.A. Files.
21. Corps Memorial Assoc. File.
22. Remington Standard typewriter.

26/6/75 Seven weeks later, the President was advised that Steven Rouse had to attend a course in Australia for several months and that upon his return his future movements would be uncertain. This left S.Sgt Futter and Sgt Inwood holding the baby. Beven Inwood accepted the position of acting secretary until Steven's return. In August 75 the old P.O. Box 6104 in Wellesley St was closed and a new postal address was established at P.O. Box 12566 Penrose.

The typewriter now had a rest, and most of the correspondence was carried out by hand, on duplicate manifold-book plain numbered sheets. Laurie Mackeson still held the addressograph plates and was still distributing the Newsletters. 23/10/75 S.Sgt David Futter had to resign from the Committee having been posted to Fiji.

5/11/75 Fred Penn and Len Bradford-Smith both had to resign from the Committee due to ill-health. Both of them were actively engaged on welfare work for the Association at the time.

In February 76 Laurie Mackeson due to poor health had to give up the job he had been doing for four years folding and mailing the newsletters. Roy Garrett was appointed a welfare officer, and also offered to have a go at the job Laurie had been doing, i.e. distribution of the Newsletters.

26/3/76 Nothing had been heard from Steven Rouse or Bevan Inwood for three months, and concern was felt that the records would be falling behind. It was decided that Roy Wilson and Guy Sanders would investigate and report back to the next meeting. Some time later in the year it was discovered that Beven had been posted to Singapore many months previously, that after serving as acting secretary for six months he had handed over to the secretary elect. Somehow that did not eventuate, nor

did the executive receive any formal resignations from the Secretaries designate. 22/4/76 Completely unaware of what had actually happened, the President and the Treasurer went out to Papakura Camp and picked up all the Association records etc., just a bare year after they had been taken out there. Roy and Mary Wilson at once got to work and checked over all the membership records. This resulted in 136 new addressograph plates being ordered, and numerous letters etc being sent out to members clearing up unfinished business. It was now time again also to advise members who had been unfinancial for several years that in accordance with the Rules they would have to be removed from the mailing list. Roy Garrett and his wife Greta were now getting well into the job of folding newsletters, addressing envelopes and posting them. The addressograph system was beginning to give cause for concern. So many changes of addresses requiring new embossed plates to be made, and the pump handle hand operated machine giving all sorts of trouble.

25/11/76 saw both Roy Wilson and Roy Garrett in hospital. Mary and Greta both carried on with their husbands' jobs, so that the Members would not be let down.

On 6 Sept 1977 Dick Pemberton, the newly elected President, spoke to the 18th AGM on the untiring effort and excellent work Roy Wilson had put into the Association. He then called on Andrew Murray to present Roy with the badge for Meritorious Service. A letter of appreciation, signed by the Patron and the President, was then presented to Mary Wilson expressing appreciation from the Sappers for her assistance to Roy in his duties to the Association over the years.

In Aug 1977 advice was received that the postal category of "Registered Magazine" would cease as from 30 Sept. A new category "Registered Publication" was introduced, and a \$5 annual fee fixed. The items were to be posted from a nominated P.O. only. When the application was made and a copy of the latest Newsletter was enclosed, the Chief Postmast replied — "the drawing and plan of the memorial library and church would need to be attached to the newsletter, to qualify for registration, otherwise they would be treated as an unauthorised enclosure." On 21 Feb 78 registration was completed and a Postage In Cash permit was completed at the authorised P.O. of posting, namely Mangere Bridge P.O.

On 9/3/78 The Association was registered at Civic Centre Auckland for the "Directory Of Recreation".

On 18/3/78 one of the Life Members LtCol Dick Richards, moved to El Granada Circle Novata California, and requested a six monthly surface despatch of Newsletters. NL69/78 advised that the previous bulk delivery of newsletters had been late in arriving, as the carrier had been unable to find Roy Garrett's address in Mangere, and the parcel had lain at the depot for over a week before anyone was advised. When it was located Roy Garrett was having heart trouble, so Dick and Mary Pemberton stepped into the breach. In NL/72/78 Roy Wilson signed off as editor, and Gordon Lindell started with No. 73 in March 1979. Gordon continued with 74, 75 and 76 and was joined by Peter Goldsmith for Newsletter No. 77 in March 1980. The Goldsmith/Lindell combination carried on until March 1984 when Gordon went it alone. Roy Garrett and his wife Greta have carried on with the distribution to the present day. Bryce

Hadfield and his wife and daughter got involved with typing and assistance in the preparation of NL73/Mar79. (The No.s 72 & 73 got down in error as 71 & 72.) 28/6/79 The Committee was worried at the rapidly increasing costs of producing the newsletters and decided to put out an appeal to members in an endeavour to mop up any spare funds they may have. Many members had stated at odd times that they felt they had got their life memberships pretty cheaply in the early days, and that they would make a donation one of these days. The time had come, so NL74/79 brought the matter to the attention of members.

At the AGM on 4/9/79 this action was approved, but it was decided that once having been done, the exercise should not be repeated in the near future. Future executives were advised to think about selling some of the investments, to make up the shortfall in income. The investments came from money which was surplus at the time, and the funds so invested were actually available for the legitimate purpose for which they had been raised. The appeal in the July newsletter however met with a response of \$187 from 19 members, before the Sept issue went to press. Alby Veart, who wound up 7 Fd Coy in Italy wrote: "I note your comments on the ever increasing costs of producing the newsletters. Not always having the opportunity to attend the meetings and reunions, I find the Newsletter a most essential service of communication. Having received my Newsletter regularly over all these years without ever being asked to contribute further to the original Life Member subscription, makes one appreciate the astute handling of the Association's finances. I enclose a donation of \$15 and ask other Life Members to think of any other organisation where the sum of \$15 would cover nearly 20 years of service. I appreciate that there could be members who are not in a financial position to contribute, but I'm sure there are enough of us to help ensure we meet a good average donation."

11/10/79 Gordon Lindell introduced Peter Goldsmith, who had volunteered to assist with the editorial work. Peter and one of his partners Peter Fraser (a 1966-68 member of the Committee), consulting Engineers of Papatoetoe, had also offered to help with the printing of the Newsletters.

22/11/79 Grateful acceptance of an offer from Peter Fraser and Peter Goldsmith to print the four 1980 newsletters free of charge, and to negotiate a price for the printing of subsequent issues. John Gunn was appointed to assist Gordon Lindell for a short time on editorial work.

By March 1980 \$467 had been donated by 40 members, to the newsletter appeal. There had also been an encouraging response to the request for news from members to enable the newsletters "to help sappers to help sappers." 3/12/79 Wrote to the Postmaster General with an appeal for some reduction in the cost of postage on newsletters, considering the nature of the Association. 11/12/79 Received a two page reply from The Minister saying — "No". At this time the annual charge to register for postal concession had gone up to \$7, originally no charge, and the P.O. Box had gone up from \$5 to \$21 per year.

24/4/80 Decided to make use of R.S.A. Review in an effort to locate some of the Gone-No-Address members. Over the years this problem had been increasing. From

1962 to 1972 an average number of 9 or so would represent the G.N.A. members. From then on it began to snowball. In NL73/79 the names and last known addresses of 81 members were published. By NL83/81 it was still 54.

1/7/80 "Dear Sir, This morning I received the envelope which had contained the newsletter. The letter must have been lost somewhere in transit. If another one is available I would very much appreciate a copy, as like most of us I look forward to it immensely. My sincere thanks to all concerned."

21/7/80 Bryce Hadfield took over as acting Secretary when Cliff Sharples and Molly announced their arrangements for a three month trip overseas. Unfortunately Cliff went into hospital instead, and had a long spell of illness ahead. By the 21st AGM 13/9/80 it was clear that Cliff Sharples would be unable to carry on as Secretary because of his illness. Bryce Hadfield was senior vice-president at the time, but as he was acting-secretary and no replacement was in sight, he chose to carry on in that capacity, rather than consider nomination as President. On 24/8/80 Gordon Lindell's wife died. Syd Carter was unable to audit the annual accounts because of failing health, so Dick Pemberton stepped into the breach as auditor. Cliff and Molly Sharples were thanked for the professional job they had done together, also Bryce Hadfield and his daughter Margaret, for handling the typing and minutes etc and standing in over the last few months of Cliff's last year as Secretary, when his health broke down.

In June the members were advised that probable changes were pending in the mailing procedure. Everyone was asked to check the address on their envelope in detail. This message was also put in the R.S.A. Review. At this time it was reported that \$521 had been received from 50 members in response to the earlier appeal concerning newsletter costs. 27/1/81 Started investigations into use of Quick-stik labels instead of the old Addressograph Machine, with all those embossed plates being constantly changed.

26/3/81 Decided to accept quotations from Du Print Ltd for "preparing master for 800 labels, photo-copying 4 sets onto the labels, removing and adhering 800 labels to envelopes, folding 800 newsletters". Roy Garrett would still do the inserting into the envelopes, the sorting into postal zones and the posting out. At the next Meeting it was decided however to delete the item "removing and adhering labels", as Roy and Greta Garrett volunteered to do that also.

24/6/81 Roy Garrett reported on the success of the new method. He and his wife had coped with it. The addressograph machine and the two cabinets of plates were put to one side for a trial period.

24/6/81 Beven Inwood collected the remainder of the records and typewriter from Cliff Sharples. 12/9/81 WO11 David Futter took over as Secretary. 24/9/81 Decided to advise addressograph people that the equipment was for sale. 22/4/82 David Futter advised that after the June meeting he would be resigning as Secretary, after 9 months. 24/6/82 Roy Wilson agreed to fill the post until a replacement could be found. 16/7/82 Col Ken Rutherford was requested to try and find a RNZE/RF secretary replacement. 13/8/82 The Committee was advised that WO1 Alan Sinclair was replacing WO1 David Futter at RNZE and that he would probably take over the

job of secretary to the Association. At this stage Roy Garrett and his wife Greta were cross checking membership cards and mailing lists, and correcting mistakes and omissions.

Alan Sinclair attended the Meeting on 25/8/82 as acting secretary. He had collected typewriter and files from David Futter but there was some confusion where the rest of the items were. On 15/9/82 the Executive received the following: "From WO1 A.J. Sinclair, HQ NZ Land Force Takapuna. Resignation Of Acting Secretary. It is with regret that I tender my resignation as acting secretary. My reasons in summary are as follows:

- a. I was pressured into the job against my better judgment and wishes.
- b. I am in the initial stages of building a new home and starting a new job.
- c. I live in Papakura and consider the time and travel prohibitive.
- d. Having been introduced to the job I can see it is much more involved than I imagined or am prepared to take on.

Notwithstanding the above I could not help but be impressed with the calibre of the members of your executive and I wish you all the best for the future. P.S. Items I have in my possession at NZLF are typewriter and a box of Files."

Once again Roy Wilson came to the rescue and on 23/9/82 he was appointed Secretary with Bryce Hadfield again standing in for Oct and Nov while Roy and Mary took another trip overseas.

Three firsts for the Newsletters:

NL67/77 Drawings of the Corps Memorial Centre, Church & Library.

NL72/78 Photographs of 8 Fd Coy sappers mine clearing at Nofilia, Xmas 1942, and a group of reputedly 7 Fd Coy sappers yet to be identified.

NL89/83 A 7000 word contribution from a member S.R.T. (Nobby) Clarke of Otaki, being an account of his escape from Singapore in mid Feb 1942 just hours after the British had capitulated. Nobby served later with 20 Fd Coy and 27 Mech Equip.

On the subject of the Committee Minutes:- On several occasions over the years the question has been asked "Is it necessary to post a copy of the Minutes Of The Last Meeting to every member of the Executive." The answer on every occasion has been "yes". Executive members cannot always be present at every meeting, but they take the job seriously, and with a record of every meeting in hand, efficiency is maintained by consensus. The need to print some more letterheads with the very successful engineer badge heading, started off a search for the printing blocks. It turned out that these had been loaned to RNZE Corps. They had been used in printing for the Corps Memorial Association. The Sapper Officers Mess Auckland had an urgent need for some letterheads also, so Bob Gilmour and George Bunce got to work on the problem. At last the old blocks were located at Army in Wellington, but the dies had outlived their usefulness. (Ted Senior had prepared the original art work of the Corps Badge for the printing processes of the original letterheads.) A fresh start now had to be made. For photo-colour printing plates, the total cost would be \$361. In order to get the work started the Executive decided to pay the full cost, and to discuss final allocation of same between the Sappers Association, the Sapper

Officers Mess Auckland and the RNZE Corps. It was finally agreed to split the cost evenly three ways. The plates will be stored in the name of The Sappers Association by Messrs Alpe Mastercraft Ltd. (Philip Burns) Auckland. 25/8/83 Roy Wilson tendered his resignation as Secretary. This was accepted with regret, and another letter was sent to Roy and Mary expressing gratitude for years of service beyond the call of duty. Treasurer Jack Breingan volunteered as acting secretary until arrangements could be made by the Executive to be elected on 24/9/83.

Rule 8. says "At its first meeting the Committee shall appoint from its members a Secretary". **It will by now have become apparent that this is easier said than done.**

6/10/83 Beven Inwood had taken down the Minutes of the AGM, and it was hoped that he would take on the job of Secretary, with Cyril Collins to assist. As neither of them had been able to attend the first committee meeting the matter was held over till the next. 27/10/83 Beven Inwood advised that he would be unable to accept any secretarial duties as he was in the throes of establishing a business for himself. No one on the Executive was available for the full job. The possibility of the Association engaging professional help was again brought up, but once again it was realized that such a matter would have to be put to a Special General Meeting, or to the Annual General Meeting. It was decided that the Secretarial Duties would be allocated as follows:

Roy Garrett: Membership matters.

Terry Chester and Brad Bradford-Smith: Welfare.

Gordon Lindell and Peter Goldsmith: Newsletter.

Cyril Collins: Minutes.

Dick Pemberton: RNZE Corps matters.

Seymour Jack: Correspondence and the "History".

It was agreed that all Minutes would be typed commercially in the meantime. 24/11/83 Seymour Jack reported that he had collected the Association Records and bits and pieces from Owen McCormac. He tabled a list of items now held at his home, and a list of the records concerning Members which he had delivered to Roy Garrett. Items of stationery were delivered to the committee for distribution to those concerned, and items of Historical Interest were routed through Dick Pemberton to Corps. We have in this History temporarily lost sight of the "physical address of the registered office". The last time we mentioned it was 9/5/75 when it moved for the fifth time, then out to Papakura Camp. On 22/4/76 it moved for the sixth time back to Roy Wilson. On 6/9/77 it was off again for the seventh time over to Cliff Sharples at Pakuranga, where it came to rest until 24/6/81, when Beven Inwood made the 8th move. On 23/9/82 it moved for the 9th time, again back to Roy Wilson for another year. The tenth move brought it back to Epsom to Seymour Jack, where it had been from 30 October 1968 until 15 July 1972.

It is the hope of the present executive that by the time work on this History has been completed, it will have been possible to find a permanent resting place for the old records. (See later.) The Records at the time of writing, which were held in the writer's study were:

Certificate Of Incorporation dated 28/7/61 signed by Assistant Registrar of Incorporated Societies. Auckland.

Rules of the Association as registered to date with the Assistant Registrar.

Minutes of twenty four Annual General Meetings held since 21/7/60.

Minutes of two hundred and twenty five Meetings of the Executive from 4/8/60.

Presidents' Reports and Treasurers' Reports from 1968 to 1983.

Correspondence Files inward and outward from 1966 to 1984.

Recommendations from the Guardians of the trust funds, and investments made.

Miscellaneous records of the organisation of Reunions over the years.

Newsletters issued since April 1962.

Receipt Books for all monies received since the beginning in 1960.

Invoices, receipts for payments, financial statements, annual audits.

The Association's Remington Standard Typewriter (being used for this History).

Delivered to Roy Garrett by S.J. were:

Steel Cabinet containing 705 Members Cards. (This was passed on to Jack Breingan.)

Files containing Registrations of, or Applications for, membership.

File containing deceased Members Cards and records.

Roll Of Honour. (These last two were passed on to Terry Chester.)

A supply of Life Membership Cards for issue to new Members.

In addition to the above Roy Garrett was already holding whatever it was he needed to enable him to distribute the Newsletters and keep his mailing list up to date.

Quotes from The Incorporated Societies Act: (1953 reprinted 1974)

"A society must act within the scope of its rules. It is expressly forbidden by the Act for a society to carry on any operations which are beyond the scope of its objectives as defined in its rules."

"Any alterations to rules must be presented for registration as detailed."

"Every society must deliver a financial statement annually as detailed."

"Every society shall have a registered office. Notice of the situation of that office, and of any change therein, shall be given to the Registrar. If any society carries on its operations without having a registered office, every officer of the society and every member of the committee shall be liable to a fine not exceeding one shilling for every day during which those operations are carried on."

A more permanent resting place for the records was at last found when The Officers' Club agreed to rent The Association a locked cupboard in the upstairs back room, where The Association's Committee Meetings are held. The Club also agreed to the request that The Association could notify The Registrar Of Incorporated Societies that for legal purposes the Registered Office of The Association was situated in The Officers' Club, Auckland. Toward the end of 1984 the Hon Secretary was authorized to increase expenditure on publicity to spread the word about the formation of The (N.Z.) Association. Membership recruiting material was then sent to N.Z. Herald, Auckland Star, N.Z. RSA Review, 139 R.S.A.s, 14 Officers' Clubs, and 224 Public Libraries all over NZ. In the January 1985 Newsletter, members were asked to commence personal recruiting campaigns all over the country. Each member was

supplied with an "Application For Membership" form, to assist him or her. The point was stressed that The Association's problem is one of communication. There are so many men and women who have served in a Sapper Unit of Her Majesty's Forces, in war or in peace, for some period. The problem is to let them know how to regain contact with old friends, and with the Corps of Royal N.Z. Engineers.

One cannot conclude this Chapter on Management without applying one of the main reasons for the publication of this book, namely to learn from experience. Rule 8. quoted at the head of this Chapter states "At its first Meeting the Committee shall appoint from its members a Secretary . . ."

Over the 1969-1972 period all admin work was in fact done by the one person (even including the duties of Treasurer), but this was done voluntarily for a specific reason, namely to arrest a declining interest, and to re-establish a strong growth pattern in the Membership.

The overall history however shows clearly that the work involved is too much for one person. An alternative application of Rule 8 has therefore been adopted. It is based on a more practical distribution of the work load. This is:-

- (a) **An Hon Secretary**, responsible for admin generally, including correspondence, minutes, reports and permanent records.
- (b) **A Newsletter Editor**, responsible for putting the Newsletter together and getting it to the printer.
- (c) **A Newsletter Distributor**, responsible for getting the Newsletters from the printer and mailing them out.
- (d) **An extension of the Treasurer's duties** to include the clearing of the P.O. Box and the immediate processing of new members, changes of addresses and deceased members. The Treasurer holds the Record Cards of Members, for this reason. It is stressed that these four officers must work very closely together. Membership Rolls particularly must be kept right up to date.

SPECIAL MESSAGE TO ALL MEMBERS.

Throughout this History the writer has tried hard not to make personal comments on the issues being recorded. We have however now come to a point in the history when this silence must be broken. The above detailed distribution of the work-load is the crux of the whole matter.

Continued success or possible failure rests almost entirely in the hands of the four (a) — (d) officers. A word of warning must be sounded. We all know that life has some unexpected things in store for us. None of us knows what is around the corner.

The (a) — (d) officers fit their sapper duties into their daily lives in whatever way enables them to cope. When disruptions come, in the form of personal or family deaths, health problems, or whatever, something will be left undone. If the Hon. Secretary of the Association wants to do a first-class job there will be Sapper business to attend to on at least five days a week, practically through the year. The average Member can be forgiven for not believing this, but one who has done it for many years can guarantee that it is so. The Association is lucky to have had at least two Members who have been mad enough to think about and to attend to Sapper matters for even up to seven days a

week at times over many years. With his extended duties, the Treasurer is faced with about three hours a day, on many days of the week.

Unless the matter is especially pointed out clearly now, the rank and file of the Membership will never know what has actually gone on behind the scenes. The Association has stressed to its members that written words are its life blood. We are so scattered geographically that we can seldom meet physically. There is nothing more discouraging to a Committee than to find itself addressing a silent membership. Members are encouraged to write in with suggestions, comments, news items, etc. This life blood of written words has to circulate from the members to the committee and back again to the members. The four (a)-(d) men who process these written words are the pumping heart of the Association.

Other members of the Executive Committee keep a watchful eye on what is happening and are always ready to lend a hand with the paper work when required. It is not a simple matter to help however, because of the way the work has been meshed in with the domestic scene in each of the (a)-(d) cases. When you've got a job to do, and you are enjoying doing it, you don't want an understudy looking over your shoulder all the time. Your sapper work is so woven into the domestic scene, and is so much a part of your daily life that it is not often possible to call for assistance on a casual basis. There is nothing that the members can do about this, and only a limited amount that the rest of the committee can do. All members should however be aware of the way it is. Speaking on behalf of the written word processors the last word must be — Keep that life blood (the written word) circulating. Written feed-back from Members is the TONIC which this Body must have, over and over.

For the appointment of Treasurers, see the next Chapter 15 FUNDS.

CHAPTER 15

Funds

Rule 11. The Association shall raise funds sufficient only for the requirements of its activities from amongst its members and from any other source authorised by the Committee.

Rule 12. The Committee shall accept full responsibility for the control of Association funds. All moneys received by the Association shall be banked regularly in a trading bank and the Treasurer shall record all amounts by issuing signed receipts therefor.

12.A The Guardians of the Trust Funds shall be responsible for advising the Committee on the proper investment of the Trust Funds. They shall maintain and from time to time review a port-folio of investments, and shall advise the Committee of their recommendations on investment, or realization and re-investment. The Guardians shall appoint one of their number to be Convenor and he, if not already an elected member of the Executive Committee, shall attend Committee meeting when called upon to do so. All income from Trustee investments shall be paid into and become part of the Sappers Association General Funds. Each Guardian of the Trust Funds, original or replacement, shall be appointed for a term of three years.

Rule 13. The Treasurer shall be authorised to maintain a Petty Cash Account. All expenditure from this account shall be faithfully recorded in a Petty Cash Book and the amount held in this account shall not exceed the sum of \$10.00 at any time.

Rule 14. The Treasurer shall present at each Committee Meeting a statement of accounts due for payment and at each Annual General Meeting a certified and fully audited Balance Sheet and Statement of Accounts of Association Funds.

Rule 15. Payment of Accounts, except for those authorised to be settled from Petty Cash, shall be by cheque issued only as the result of a resolution passed by and recorded in the Minutes of the Committee in regular meeting.

Rule 16. The Committee shall nominate its Treasurer and two others from its numbers to act as banking officers for the ensuing year. All cheques in payment of accounts shall be signed by at least two of these officers. Endorsement on cheques for payment into the bank may be by any one of the banking officers.

Rule 17. The Financial year of the Association shall close on the 30th day of June in each year.

Rule 18. An Honorary Auditor shall be appointed by the Annual General Meeting each year. The Auditor shall carry out a detailed examination of the accounts and financial activities of the Association not less than once a year. He

shall certify on the annual balance sheet and statement of accounts that they are correct and have been examined by him.

GRANTS AND LOANS

Rule 19. The Committee shall have authority to advance money up to 10% of the amount held in the Association's banking account in the form of a free grant or a no-interest loan to any properly accredited Sapper organisation which calls for this assistance to conduct any approved social function.

Rule 20. Terms of no-interest loans must be determined by the Committee at the time any loan is approved and these terms notified to the accredited Sapper organisation when advising them of the loan approval.

"At its first meeting the Committee shall appoint from its members a Treasurer who shall continue in this office until the election of a new Committee at the next Annual General Meeting." The appointments have been:

1960/61 Charles Kibblewhite for 11 months. Ted Senior for 1 month.

1961/62 Ted Senior for 8 months. Charles Kibblewhite for 4 months.

1962/63 Charles Kibblewhite.

1963/64 Charles Kibblewhite for 11 months. Monty Banks for 1 month.

1964/65 Rob Dickie.

1965/66 George Hodgson.

1966/67 Charles Kibblewhite.

1967/68 Charles Kibblewhite for 9 months. Charlie Duffy for 3 months.

1968/69 Charlie Duffy for 9 months. Seymour Jack for 3 months.

1969/70 Seymour Jack.

1970/71 Seymour Jack.

1971/72 Seymour Jack.

1972/73 Roy Wilson.

1973/74 Roy Wilson for 9 months. Dick Pemberton for 3 months.

1974/75 Jim Brown for 3 months. Steven Rouse & Beven Inwood for 6 months. Theo Roland for 3 months.

1975/76 Theo Roland.

1976/77 Theo Roland.

1977/78 Jack Breingan.

1978/79 Jack Breingan.

1979/80 Jack Breingan.

1980/81 Jack Breingan.

1981/82 Jack Breingan.

1982/83 Jack Breingan.

1983/84 Jack Breingan.

1984/85 Jack Breingan.

On 22/6/61 Major C.A. Kibblewhite RNZE had to resign from the position of Treasurer due to his being posted away from the District. Major Edward Senior RNZE was appointed to succeed him. On 15/3/62 Ted Senior had to request release

from his appointment due to pressure of work. Charles Kibblewhite had just returned to N.Z. and he agreed to resume the job.

In his report at the end of the first year Ted Senior pointed out that the Assoc had obtained a fairly healthy credit balance primarily due to the transfer of funds from the Sappers Day reunions account, which was thereby closed. On 10/8/61 £7-4-11 was received into the funds from a 6 Fd Coy reunion. The Association's 1961 Reunion yielded a profit of £13.

By March 1963 Charles Kibblewhite was warning the executive that expenditure was in excess of income. At a meeting which lasted until 11.15 pm the question of trading in Corps insignia was discussed. The sale of lapel badges, ties, pocket badges, plaques etc. was supposed to be a source of income for the Assoc but the system was breaking down when one body distributed in bulk to another body at the price it sells to individuals. The Auckland Sappers Association was without doubt the main purchaser and distributor and was seeking the right to purchase direct from the manufacturers and to sell in bulk to Units etc at 33% on cost with an individual sale price of from 20% to 33% on the wholesale price.

In order that the matter could be resolved prior to the AGM Bob Gilmour as President wrote to RNZE Corps Funds Committee with proposals and requesting a decision before April. On 24 April the Sec/Treas RNZE Corps Funds Committee advised that C.E. said the subject would be fully discussed about 28 May. On 13/5/63 Bob wrote to C.E. with regard to an interim meeting held in the DCRE's office with Lt Bridge of Corps Funds Committee. George Bunce had been detailed to carry the discussions through, and on 12/6/63 he wrote to Col Hamilton, Chairman C.F.C. setting out the provisional prices arrived at. With regard to ties and corps plaques it was agreed that the Sappers Assoc would act as purchasing agent for Corps. A tremendous amount of work was done by the Committee in an endeavour to establish a source of income, while at the same time leaving a fair deal for the Units and allied Associations and Sapper Reunion Committees out of Auckland. The next question to be looked at was the subscription scale. A Notice Of Motion was prepared for the 4th AGM on 20/6/63 that Life Membership be increased to £5-10-0 and the Annual Sub to 10/-.

30/7/64 The executive in effect appointed "trustees" when it was decided that the signatories of the National Savings Account should remain as for the previous year, viz Messrs Gilmour, Kibblewhite and Banks. These three then became "trustees" as distinct from office bearers in the current executive. They were requested to examine the ways money not required for current expenses could best be invested to increase earning power without loss of security.

AGM 10/6/65 — a lot of time spent discussing the financial statements because 5/- per Life Member had not been transferred from the trust account into the current account in accordance with a previously expressed intention. Then it was realized that now it should be 5/- for some and 10/- for the later ones. Finally it was agreed that the discussion should be taken notice of by the incoming committee. The idea of making annual transfers per life member was never pursued. In Feb 67

Charles Kibblewhite as President and Treasurer said that he felt half the amount, then approx £600, held in the National Savings Account should be put into an investment loan.

In April 67 the executive appointed George Bunce to replace Monty Banks in the groups of three "trustees".

On 4/4/68 The "trustees" agreed that George should make application for an investment of \$1000 in Fletchers' 6 year Debenture Stock at 6½%. A receipt for this was issued by Fletcher Holdings on 26/4/68. In Nov 1968 copies of the financial statements for the year were sent as usual to the District Registrar of Incorporated Societies, together with the Filing Fee of 50c. Shortly, under the Coat-of Arms of the Dept of Justice, came the reply "Dear Sir, I return herewith the 50c. You are advised that the fee payable on filing the Annual Financial Statement is abolished as from 1 Jan 1968."!!

Well before the 22/4/69 Committee Meeting, the Secretary advised the "trustees" that the Committee intended to discuss closing the National Savings Account and to reinvest same, together with other funds from the current B.N.Z. Account. The National Savings Account was in the names of the "trustees" appointed for convenience at the time. Part of Rule 12 was pointed out viz. "The Committee shall accept full responsibility for the control of Association funds." None of the named "trustees" were at this stage members of the Committee.

At the executive Meeting on 22/4/69 attended by twelve members it was decided to close the National Savings Investment account, then approx \$225 and to use the funds together with some from the B.N.Z. account to make an investment of \$600 in the Post Office Investment Account paying 4½%.

18/2/70. The Secretary/Treasurer advised the Committee that the balance in the B.N.Z. account (paying only 3%) had reached \$1040 and the time had come to consider a further investment. When it was proposed to take similar action in 1969 the question of "trustees" was raised, and had never been tidied up. It was agreed that this matter would be dealt with at the next Committee Meeting and that the Secretary would present all the facts concerning the appointment of "trustees" by a previous Committee. The financial position at this time was:

\$1000 in Fletcher Holdings maturing 30/4/72.

\$600 in P.O. Savings Bank Investment maturing 30/4/70.

\$1040 in Bank Of New Zealand current account.

As Rule 12 put the full responsibility for the control of funds on the Committee, the members all felt that if somewhere along the line "trustees" had been appointed, the matter had to be settled.

18/3/70. The matter was again discussed and it was decided to come to a final decision at the April Meeting after discussions in the meantime with the three existing "trustees", and with Laurie Rudd, the Association's solicitor. At the October Reunion in 1967 the Associations Vice Patron Tom Botterill had said he would like to see the Sappers do something for the Auckland Hospital in memory of the service given by the medics and nurses during the War. When it came to considering a suitable security

investment for \$1100 on 25/3/70 the Auckland Hospital Board won the day. In their acknowledgement it was said: "Would you kindly convey to your Members the deep appreciation of The Board in their selecting The Auckland Hospital for this investment."

The \$1100 invested came from the \$600 P.O. Investment, and from the BNZ account. Being in receipt of a Notice Of Motion for the AGM, submitted by Bob Gilmour and George Bunce re Trustees, and having also received a letter of advice on the subject from Laurie Rudd, a Special Committee Meeting was called for 20/5/70 with Messrs Bunce, Gilmour, Kibblewhite, Rudd and Senior invited. Messrs Rudd & Kibblewhite were unable to attend but submitted written opinions. The outcome of the Meeting which lasted for nearly two hours was that everyone agreed with the suggestion from Laurie Rudd that the Executive should consider having a subcommittee of co-opted experts to advise on investment matters. It was felt however that this sub-committee should be named Guardians Of The Trust Funds as distinct from "trustees". Trustees manage rather than advise.

At its next Meeting immediately prior to the A.G.M. the Committee decided to move an amendment at the AGM in which the words "Guardians of the trust funds" would be used instead of the word Trustees. Also in which the words "to watch over" would be used instead of "to be responsible for." If the Committee's amendment was carried, the motion before the AGM would then be: "That the Association shall appoint three Guardians of The Trust Funds to watch over the investments of funds surplus to current requirements."

At the AGM on 25/6/70 the above amendment was carried. A second amendment was also carried to the effect that each Guardian would be appointed for a period of three years. The Meeting also carried a third amendment changing the words "a set of rules" to "a policy" (for the operation and relationship between the Guardians and the executive committee).

While on the subject of investments, the Meeting resolved that the investment of \$1100 at 5½% with the Auckland Hospital Board be approved. Together with the \$1000 at Fletcher Holdings at 6½% maturing 30/4/72, it made a balanced investment of funds in terms of security, and income.

APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIANS

Three Guardians of the trust funds to watch over the investment of funds surplus to current requirements.

1970/73 Bob Gilmour, George Bunce, Arthur Kinsella.

1973/76 Bob Gilmour, George Bunce, Arthur Kinsella, until he moved to Wellington.

1974/77 Tom Malt replaced A.E. Kinsella and served until he died in May 1976.

1976/79 Bob Gilmour, George Bunce, Bryce Hadfield.

1979/82 Bob Gilmour, George Bunce, Bryce Hadfield.

1982/85 Bob Gilmour, George Bunce, Bryce Hadfield.

On 24/8/70 the Committee advised the Guardians the B.N.Z. balance had grown again, to \$1098 and that some advice would be welcome for the Sept Meeting. 16/9/70.

The three guardians had discussed the matter and Arthur Kinsella reported as follows: Each year inflation is robbing the capital sum of its value. The current inflation was 7½%. Part of our capital should be invested where it will produce a growth of capital besides no loss of annual income. Good securities gain in capital value faster than inflation. Questioned on the legal position with regard to investing Trust Funds in other than gilt-edged stock, Arthur assured the Committee that this had been made possible by recent legislation.

It was decided that the next investment would be of the "blue-chip" Industrial type with a growth history. The Guardians were invited to investigate the market and to come up with recommendations for the investment of half the B.N.Z. balance.

14/10/70 Seymour Jack received a letter from Arthur Kinsella concerning the possible investment of \$495 in a cash issue with United Dominions Corporation Group Holdings. By the next day S.J. had received written agreement from Messrs Gilmour and Bunce. By 17 Oct every member of the Committee had a copy of the information for the Meeting on 21/10/70. At the meeting Arthur Kinsella advised that the particular investment no longer existed, as it had been over-subscribed within 15 minutes of opening. It was decided that the investment of the \$500 be left in the hands of the three guardians and the President, and that those four be given power to act.

18/11/70 A purchase of Auckland Gas Coy shares was being given consideration. This was given the blessing of the Committee. Seymour Jack advised that the B.N.Z. balance had grown to \$1576 and that after the last Resolution had been dealt with there would still be sufficient to warrant further immediate action. Arthur Kinsella mentioned certain safe short term investments such as JBL Consolidated 10% to 12%. It was decided that a further \$500 would be invested, this time in short term (min 12 mths) and that the four previously named in the October Resolution be given power to act.

3/12/70 Two investments were made. These were actioned by A.E. Kinsella and approved by Bob Gilmour and George Bunce, processed by S.J. the President. Viz.: 600 ordinary shares in Auckland Gas Coy. (Cost \$465.18). Debentures in J.B.L. Properties Ltd. 12 mths call at 10%. \$500. The President received the following letter from Sir Alex McKenzie K.B.E., Sharebroker. "Dear Mr Jack, re Sappers Association (Auckland) Inc. At the request of the Hon. A.E. Kinsella we enclose herewith transfer 1 x 400 and 2 x 100 Auckland Gas Company shares purchased recently on behalf of the above Association. Mr Kinsella advised these would be registered in your name and we would be pleased if you would sign each form where indicated as buyer and return for stamping and registration."

Being a dutiful Secretary/Treasurer as well as President, Seymour duly signed the forms as requested by the illustrious personages named. About four years later, when he was still serving as Immediate Past President, Seymour got a rap over the knuckles for doing this!!

17/3/71 It was decided to request the Guardians to recommend a suitable further investment of \$500. As a result of this an investment was made in Dominion

Breweries Ltd on 22/4/71 at a cost of \$503.59

On 15/9/71 it was decided to request the guardians to advise re uplifting the \$500 on deposit with J.B.L., and with reinvestment of the proceeds. On 6/10/71 Arthur Kinsella agreed to secure a copy of the Trustee Act so that the executive could be satisfied that all investments being considered qualified. It was agreed to uplift the \$500 J.B.L. deposit at the earliest opportunity. The guardians were also requested to recommend suitable investments of up to \$1250 in early December. As a result of this, on 26/11/71 an investment was made in N.Z. Forest Products Ltd at a cost of \$1359.46 (\$500 received from J.B.L.) 30/4/72 received cash repayment of \$1000 from Fletcher Holdings.

By 12/5/72 the purchase was completed of another 300 N.Z. Forest Products shares. At the Nov Meeting the executive decided to request Guardian advice for the investment of \$700, the matter to be discussed at the 22/2/73 Meeting. As a result of this 500 Dominion Breweries shares were purchased on 29/3/73.

On 24/5/73 it was decided to keep a Register of Investments and to deposit all share script with B.N.Z. in safe deposit. The committee appointed Roy Garrett to act as liason officer between the executive and the guardians in matters of urgency such as bonus share issues coming up between committee meetings.

On 26/7/73 the Guardians wrote in requesting more control over the administration of the investments. It was decided to discuss this with them on the first meeting after the return of the President from overseas.

On 22/11/73 the executive and the Guardians discussed this matter for an hour. Arthur Kinsella was unable to be present having just had an eye operation.

On 28/2/74 the executive approved a letter of reply to the Guardians promising better communications and photo copies of all investment documents.

On 28/3/74 the committee decided that there was no further need to have a liason officer to act between the executive and the Guardians.

A summary of investments held at that time:

Auckland Hospital Board Debentures \$1100 maturing 1/3/76.

Auckland Gas Goy Ltd 600 Shares

Dominion Breweries Ltd 900 Shares

N.Z. Forest Products Ltd 700 Shares

On 23/8/73 Dick Pemberton as acting secretary, wrote to Sir Alex McKenzie in connection with the shares which has been registered in error in the name of the President, enclosing transfers signed by Seymour Jack, also a request that the Association should be excused paying stamp duty a second time as the error was not made by the Association.

10/9/73 the Inland Revenue Department refunded \$5.60 for stamp duty overcharged. At the AGM on 27/6/74 the Guardians put certain motions to the Meeting in search of a better definition of the responsibilities of the Committee on the one hand and the Guardians on the other. After considerable discussion it was clear that the matter would be better referred back to the incoming committee so that an alternative and simpler motion could be put to the next A.G.M. The Motions under

discussion were withdrawn.

At the AGM of Dominion Breweries on 9/8/74 it was decided to make an issue of 7% notes of one dollar each on a 1 for 6 basis, such notes to convert to two fully paid ordinary shares of 50 cents each on 1 April 1978. As the Association had 900 shares its entitlement was 225 notes. The Guardians recommended that these should be taken up by payment of \$225 before 31/8/74. This was done. 26/9/74 received N.Z. Forest Products Ltd 1974 Bonus Issue of 140 fully paid Ordinary Shares of \$1 each.

On 27/3/75 the committee advised the Guardians that another investment should be considered. As a result of the advice another 500 ordinary shares were purchased in Dominion Breweries Ltd. on 28/4/75. Messrs Buttle, Wilson, Rutherford & Co were engaged as sharebrokers. 2/10/75 purchased another 300 shares in Dominion Breweries.

On 19/2/76 Tom Malt who had been convenor of the Guardians since August 74 wrote about his supervoltage cobalt treatment and warned that he would have to resign at the end of the financial year.

13/4/76 Messrs Gilmour and Bunce wrote to the executive that Tom Malt was seriously ill in hospital and that with \$1100 available from the Hospital Board Debentures some urgent action was necessary. On 22/4/76 it was decided to action the Guardians' recommendations and up-lift an entitlement to 537 D.B. shares, to purchase 563 additional shares to make a new holding of 1100 redeemable specified preference shares, and also to purchase 350 shares in Tappendens Industries Ltd. This was all done. Tom Malt died on 5/5/76. On 22/9/76 the executive considered a N.Z. Forest Products share offer giving the Association an entitlement of 105 shares on a holding of 840. These would cost \$231 and it was decided to close the deal.

On 9/11/76 Theo Roland the Treasurer supplied the Guardians with photocopies of all scripts held by the Association, together with details of the share holdings:

Auckland Gas Company Ltd	600 Shares
Dominion Breweries Ltd	1700 Shares
Ditto Specified Preference	1100 Shares
Ditto Convertible Notes	225 Notes (convertible to 450 shares in 1978)
N.Z. Forest Products Ltd	840 Shares
Tappenden Industries Ltd	350 Shares

On 5/9/77 after considering detailed advice from the Guardians it was decided to invest in a short term investment, and \$500 was placed for 3 mths at 10% with Australian Guarantee Corporation (NZ) Ltd. A.G.C. (At call after three months.) On 3/3/78 advice was received from Dominion Breweries that the 225 Notes held by the Assoc would convert to 450 ordinary shares on 1/4/78. The certificate for the Notes was returned to enable the transaction to be completed. 4/5/78 new D.B. Share certificate put in B.N.Z. Safe Deposit. Decided that the \$500 on call with A.G.C. be left on call.

29/4/79 on the recommendation of the Guardians the Assoc accepted an offer of one Ceramco Share, plus \$1.92 for every two Tappenden Shares held.

22/11/79 It was decided to put a further \$500 with A.G.C., on call.

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26/8/80 \$500 was deposited for 6 mths in a B.N.Z. Investment Account.

23/10/80 \$500 was reinvested with A.G.C. for 12 months at 14.75%

Decided on 1/12/80 to sell for \$350.36 the Association's rights over 275 Auckland Gas Coy Shares.

20/8/81 received a bonus issue of 430 shares in Dominion Breweries Ltd.

27/8/81 decided to accept offer from Ceramco of 52 shares for \$117.

12/9/81 decided to redeem A.G.C. debentures and purchased Auckland Gas Coy cash issue offer 413 shares for \$929.25

5/10/81 decided to decline offer of 135 shares in N.Z. Forest Products and to sell the rights for \$43.55

22/10/81 it was decided that the \$500 maturing from A.G.C. be reinvested for a further 12 mths at 14.75%, also that a further \$500 from the B.N.Z. Account be invested in a two year debenture at 16.75% with A.G.C. (Special offer).

In March 83 the offer from D.B. to convert 1100 redeemable specified preference shares into 880 Ordinary Shares was accepted. Shares to be allotted on 1/10/83.

The executive made use of the state of the money market by depositing surplus money into specific accounts where although on call, good interest was earned. e.g. 4/5/83 \$800 with A.G.C. for 3 mths at 13%. (Another \$500 maturing on 6/6/83.) At this time the Auckland Gas Coy were putting up a 1 for 3 cash issue and the time was right to have a close look at the Gas Coy investment. Acting on the recommendation of the Guardians, the rights to this issue were sold for \$617.14 and the 2063 Gas Coy shares held were sold for \$6732.11, giving total proceeds of \$7349.25 which was deposited in an at-call-after-30-day account. The intention was to invest this sum, plus the amounts on short term deposits, for 3 — 5 years at about 15% in a Guaranteed Debenture Stock to produce income to help cover Association running costs. It was not possible to achieve quite this because at this very time the Prime Minister put pressure on for a lower interest rate structure. Later in August \$7500 was deposited with A.G.C. for two years at 11.5%, and again in September \$500 was deposited at the same terms.

The Auckland Gas Coy story was as follows:

		cost
8/12/70 Buy 600 shares for \$465.18	600	465.18
May 78 Receive 1 ; 4 bonus issue.	150	
1980 Receive 1 : 10 bonus issue.	75	
Total of \$1.00 shares held.	825	
Shares changed by Gas Coy from \$1 to .50 cents		
Total of fifty cent shares held therefore —	1650	
12/9/81 Buy 413 (1 : 4 issue) for \$929.25	413	929.25
	2063	1394.43

The 2063 shares which were sold for \$6732.11 as mentioned above actually cost the Association \$1394.43 as just set out. This gave a capital gain of \$5337.68. If you add the \$617.14 to this for the sale of rights made at the same time, the capital gain is

\$5954.82 on the total deal. This last figure is part of the \$8862 given in the next set of figures as capital gain to 30/6/83.

Total value of ASSETS as given in the Annual Financial Statements, as at 30 June each year.

	£	s	d	\$	
1961	271	-	1 - 11	544	
1962	263	-	19 - 7	528	
1963	555			1110	
1964	775	-	9 - 5	1550	
1965	812	-	19 - 0	1626	
1966	819	-	2 - 7	1638	
1967	842	-	18 - 11	1686	
1968				1703	
1969				2383	
1970				3015	
1971				4369	Including Auckland Gas Coy & D.B. shares
1972				5372	Incl Akd Gas, D.B., & N.Z. Forest Products shares
1973				5903	Incl Akd Gas, D.B., & Forest Products shares
1974				6358	Incl Akd Gas, D.B., & Forest Products shares
1975				6971	Incl \$349 capital gain on shares
1976				7347	Incl \$721 capital gain on shares
1977				7184	Incl — capital gain on shares
1978				8865	Incl \$1212 capital gain on shares
1979				10275	Incl \$2135 capital gain on shares
1980				11846	Incl \$3359 capital gain on shares
1981				16051	Incl \$6008 capital gain on shares
1982				15969	Incl \$5217 capital gain on shares
1983				19153	Incl \$8862 capital gain on shares
1984				24480	Incl \$7750 capital gain on shares, (Ceramco, D.B., Forest Products.)
1985				28204	Incl 10282 capital gain on same shares.

The assets as listed include the shares at the market value at the time. The difference between the market value at the time and the actual cost of the shares to the Association is shown above as capital gain.

The 1984-85 Committee has continued with the policy of making use of the state of the money market, by placing surplus money at call, where security was protected, but high interest was being earned.

RULE 18 The elected auditors have been:

1960/1979	Syd Carter MBE JP (Died 22/7/81)
1979/1983	Dick Pemberton
1983/1985	Guy Sanders

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RULES 19 & 20 21/2/63 Paul Kraus chairman of the newly formed 3 Div Assoc requested assistance in forming a Reunion Committee. It was agreed that George Bunce should be the official Sapper representative and that the sum of £10 be forwarded as a loan to that Association.

CHAPTER 16

General Meetings

Rule 21. The Annual General Meeting of the Association shall be held in Auckland within three months of the end of the financial year in each year.

Rule 22. Special General Meetings of the Association may be called on the authority of the Committee whenever such action is considered to be warranted in the interest of Members. Within 14 days of the receipt by the Secretary of a requisition signed by not less than twenty (20) financial members of the Association, the Committee shall convene a Special General Meeting for the purpose of discussing the matters defined in the requisition. Notice calling such a meeting shall be given as detailed in Rule 24 hereof.

Rule 23. Twenty (20) Financial Members shall be a quorum for General Meetings held pursuant to Rules 21 and 22 of the Rules of the Association provided that if a quorum is not attained at any General Meeting so held then that meeting shall be deemed adjourned for such period and to such place in Auckland and at such time as the Committee so soon thereafter as is reasonably practical may determine and at the resumed meeting the financial members present shall be deemed to constitute a quorum for that meeting.

Rule 24. Notice of the Annual General and of any Special General Meetings giving the date, time and place of meeting shall be notified to Members by the Secretary not less than fourteen (14) days before such meeting in the following manner:

In writing to the last known address of all financial Members of the Association.

Rule 25. Notices of Motion must be in the hands of the Secretary at least 21 days prior to any General Meeting in order that they may be included in the agenda.

Rule 26. The Chairman of the Annual General Meeting and of any Special General Meeting shall be the President of the Association or his nominee.

Twenty five Annual General Meetings have been held.

No.	Date	Location	Chairman	Duration in Hours	Number present
1.	21/7/60	Army Hall, Blake Street.	Andrew Murray.	2¼	65
2.	25/7/61	" "	Laurie Rudd.	1	34
3.	14/6/62	" "	Laurie Rudd.	1¾	38
4.	20/6/63	" "	Bob Gilmour.	2	39
5.	9/7/64	" "	George Bunce.	2¼	37
6.	10/6/65	" "	Ted Senior.	2	24
7.	16/6/66	" "	Charles Kibblewhite	2	30

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8.	14/6/67	Army Hall, Rutland St.	Charles Kibblewhite	2¼	22
9.	27/6/68	" "	Rex Lane.	1¾	34
10.	26/6/69	A.C.C. Room Town Hall.	Ted McQueen.	1½	33
11.	25/6/70	" "	Fred Penn.	1¾	44
12.	24/6/71	" "	Seymour Jack.	1½	45
13.	22/6/72	" "	Seymour Jack.	2	46
14.	28/6/73	" "	Roy Wilson.	1¾	38
15.	27/6/74	" "	Roy Wilson.	2¾	38
16.	12/6/75	" "	Guy Sanders.	3	32
17.	29/6/76	" "	Roy Wilson.		
18.	6/9/77	" "	Roy Wilson.	2¼	32
(This meeting was called for 28/6/77 but only 20 were present.)					
19.	28/9/78	A.C.C. Room, Town Hall.	Dick Pemberton.	2¼	26
20.	4/9/79	" "	Gordon Lindell.	2¾	24
21.	13/9/80	Auckland R.S.A. High St.	Kent Purdie.		27
22.	12/9/81	" "	Kent Purdie.	1¾	19
23.	18/9/82	" "	Roy Garrett.	2	17
24.	24/9/83	" "	Owen McCormac.	3	26
25.	15/9/84	" "	Terry Chester.	2¾	30
26.	14/9/85	" "	Terry Chester		

No. 1 was the Inaugural Meeting called by circular to known Sappers resident in Auckland who had been attending the early Sappers Day Reunions.

On 17/6/62 the committee agreed that £10 be made available to cover the cost of providing supper after the A.G.M., and that the A.G.M. be advertised not only in the Herald and Star but also on the 1ZB "Diggers Session".

NL 10/64 "There appears to be a feeling of apathy creeping into our Association if one is to gauge members' interest by the numbers attending the AGM... 37 out of a membership of 324." Actually, the number attending was considerably less than this for the following five years.

At the sixth AGM Jim Goodsir suggested that the AGMs should be held at Papakura as a means of encouraging the serving sappers to attend. Ted Senior confirmed the lack of interest apparent in the serving sappers. Maj Rob Dickie DCRE spoke similarly. Charles Kibblewhite as President agreed to examine the idea. The suggestion was never adopted, however.

NL 13/66 "Do you realise, that most of your committee members have served for the past seven years or more? It is time for some fresh ideas, some new voices and some new character to be injected into the Association."

NL 14/66 "Without your active interest, the members of your committee find their task rewardless... supper and refreshments will be provided after the AGM." Even after this, the total attendance at the 7th AGM was only 30, of whom 12 were members of the executive. Jim Goodsir again raised the question of holding the AGM at Papakura. Social functions for the year had resulted in an overall loss of £4.14. The security of stock held was questioned, and the method of accounting and control was

explained; covering lapel badges, pocket badges, Corps ties, plaques, monogram transfers, tankards and Christmas cards.

Notice of the AGM for 1967 was published several times in the Herald and Star as well as in NL19. In spite of this, the Meeting opened with only 19 members present. This increased later to 22.

In an endeavour to get a better attendance at the 9th AGM NL24/68 was devoted to one page of details about the coming meeting, and three pages listing unit, etc., information about each of the 181 Life Members of the day. With very few exceptions the members so listed lived in Auckland, withing reasonable distance of the Rutland Street Drill Hall. This action achieved a 50% increase from 22 to 34, so that was some encouragement at least. S. Jack reported.

NL25/68 "A cold wet night was unable to keep thirty four stalwart supporters away from the AGM. Those who weaved their way between puddles and climbed the old wooden stairs to the cafeteria over the newly deserted Drill Hall were; Eric Bullen, George Bunce, Les Collins, Fred Cortesi, Russ Currie, Bruce Dow, Eddie Farnell, Robin Francis, Vernon Francis, Bob Gilmour, Jim Goodsir, Colin Hunkin, George Ion, Seymour Jack, Chas Kibblewhite, Rex Lane, Les Lincoln, Ab. Lloyd, Athol MacKinven, Blue Magnusson, Ted McQueen, Lou Mumford, Andrew Murray, Bill Noake, John Rayner, Doug Roberts, Laurie Rudd, George Tarrant, Lionel Trotman, Frank Tye, Stan White, Alex Wilson, Roy Wilson, Ted Young. Those who were unable to attend and sent in their good wishes and apologies were: Leo Alcock, Jim Billing, Tom Botterill, Chas Duffy, John Fitzmaurice, Peter Fraser, Fred Glasse, Jim Gunthorpe, Merve Hart, Jack Malcolm, Barry Rudd, Ted Senior, Ken Stemson, Ivan Watson, Ian Wellstead.

The Army moved out of the old Drill Hall three days after this meeting. A splendid 6'0" x 3'0" Flag, The Corps of Royal New Zealand Engineers, recently presented to the Corps by The N.Z. Institution of Engineers, together with The Association's Banner, carried on Anzac Day, brightened up the old cafeteria. Rex Lane was in the chair, and as Ted Senior was at Burnham, Seymour Jack the Newsletter Editor, acted as Secretary. Notice had been sent out to the last known address of 350 financial and not so financial members."

22/4/69 it was decided to publish the Annual Report and the Financial Statement in the Newsletter instead of tabling them at the A.G.M. This would save time at the meeting and also give the information to the many members living outside Auckland. It was also decided to hold the Meeting in the rooms of the Royal Commonwealth Society in the Town Hall and to make it a social occasion. The ladies were invited to meet together in the Commonwealth Rooms while the AGM was in progress in the adjacent A.C.C. Committee Room. This to be followed by a social evening together after the business was concluded. To create a suitable atmosphere Ted McQueen and Seymour Jack selected eighteen military paintings from the Auckland Institute and Museum and arranged for them to be hung by the Keeper of the Art Gallery. One of the paintings was of Col Rudd, and there were several others by Peter McIntyre, also some from the Pacific theatre. Maj Bruce Hayhow sent a display of Corps treasures and souvenirs up from S.M.E. and these were guarded by two

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members from 1 Const. Sqn. About fifty people came to the evening, and the wives who risked the experiment were very happy indeed. They loved seeing the Corps plate and silver etc. One of the members present, R.A. (Roy) Bradshaw-Smith, quietly presented a cheque for one hundred dollars for the Corps Memorial Centre.

The function was run at no expense to the Association on a bring a plate basis, with a donation box at the bar. Greetings were received from the Colonel Commandant Gordon Lindell.

For the 11th AGM in 1970 it was decided to repeat the function, and WO1 Ray Burnett agreed to give the ladies an illustrated talk on army life in Thailand while the AGM was in progress. Forty four sappers and twenty ladies enjoyed the evening. In the foyer on a table draped with the Corps Flag was displayed the Association Roll Of Honour within a wreath. Beside it was the Corps duplicate of the Roll Of Honour 1939-45 which is lodged in St. Pauls Cathedral in London.

In at the actual Meeting, Seymour Jack the Newsletter Editor, Secretary, Treasurer and newly elected President, put a large map of N.Z. up on the wall and pointed out the general areas where 450 members lived. Seymour said he was in the middle of a recruitment crusade, and that the membership would be up to 700 before he was finished.

The 12th and 13th A.G.M.s followed the same pattern with 45 and 46 members present out of 696 members living all over N.Z. Seymour with a sigh of relief, passed the baton on to Roy Wilson.

NL45/72 gave a two page spread of Financial Statements year by year from 1963 to 1972 showing assets growing from \$1550 to \$5373. The social pattern for A.G.M.s lasted for only two more evenings. It was O.K. for the fifth time in 1973, but on the sixth occasion in 1974 the Meeting closed at 11 p.m!, when the members joined the waiting ladies. Goodness knows what Mrs Guy Sanders and Mary Wilson and their party of ten wives had to say!! Atrocious weather too, as was usual for these June meetings.

For the 16th A.G.M. in 1975 the wives were not invited, but a wine and cheese evening was arranged instead for 31 May. This A.G.M. finished at 11 p.m. also, but this time Mesdames Sanders and Wilson had prepared supper for the men only. The 18th AGM assembled on 28/6/77 but only 20 members turned up, and as this was 5 short of the then quorum, and as a revision of the Rules was on the agenda, the Meeting could not proceed. Those present had a useful discussion with the Hon. Solicitor who was present, and the A.G.M. was set up for 6/9/77. From then on all A.G.M.s have been held in September.

At a committee meeting on 22/11/79 it was decided that with the A.G.M. attendance now down to 24, the time had come to change the venue to a smaller and cheaper location. It was also decided to try Saturday morning at the Auckland R.S.A., rather than an evening as in the past.

Five A.G.M.s have now been held on Saturday mornings in the Auckland R.S.A. Board Room, and the 1985 A.G.M. will be held there also, on 14th September, at 1000 HRS.

CHAPTER 17

Committee Meetings

Rule 27. Committee Meetings shall be convened at such times as the President of the Association considers necessary for the satisfactory conduct of the Association's business. Any member of the Executive Committee who fails to attend four consecutive Committee meetings without prior apology or leave-of-absence shall be deemed no longer to be a member of the Committee.

Rule 28. Five (5) Members of the Committee shall form a quorum.

Rule 29. Minutes of all Meetings of the Association and of its Committees shall be faithfully recorded by the Secretary and they shall be preserved so that they can be inspected and referred to at any time by authorised persons.

Rule 30. Voting at all Meetings shall be by voice unless the Chairman of the meetings shall otherwise rule, in which case the decision shall be taken on a show of hands. The Chairman shall have a deliberate and, if necessary, a casting vote.

Rule 30a. Associates shall not be entitled to attend meetings of the Association or to be heard unless, at the commencement of the meeting, a majority of Members present resolves to allow Associates to be present and to be heard. No Associate shall be entitled to vote at any meeting of the Association.

Two hundred and thirty six (236) meetings of the Executive Committee have been held as follows:-

No.	Date	Location	Chairman	Duration in Hours	Number Present
1.	4/8/60	Auckland Metropolitan	Laurie Rudd	1	10
2.	22/6/61	Drainage Board, Quay St.	" "	1	11
3.	3/7/61	" "	" "	¼	8
4.	10/8/61	" "	" "	1½	11
5.	7/9/61	" "	" "	1	9
6.	5/10/61	" "	" "	1	11
7.	15/3/62	" "	" "	1¾	11
8.	17/5/62	" "	" "	2¼	10
9.	12/7/62	" "	Bob Gilmour	2	10
10.	16/8/62	" "	" "	2¼	10
11.	20/9/62	" "	" "	2¼	8
12.	11/10/62	" "	" "		
13.	13/12/62	" "	" "	1¾	7
14.	21/2/63	" "	" "	2½	12
15.	21/3/63	" "	" "	3	10
16.	23/5/63	" "	" "	2¼	7

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No.	Date	Location	Chairman	Duration in Hours	Number Present
17.	15/8/63	Auckland Metropolitan	George Bunce	2½	12
18.	12/9/63	Drainage Board, Quay St.	" "	3	9
19.	3/10/63	" "	" "	1½	7
20.	5/3/64	" "	" "	2¾	9
21.	16/4/64	HQ Northern Military District, Quay St	" "	2½	8
22.	13/5/64	A.M. Drainage Board	" "	2¾	9
23.	30/7/64	Army Hall, Blake Street, Ponsonby	Ted Senior	2½	9
24.	27/8/64	" "	" "	2	7
25.	23/9/64	Army Hall, Blake Street	Ted Senior		8
26.	7/10/64	Ponsonby	" "		
27.	23/10/64	" "	" "		
28.	25/2/65	" "	" "	3¼	8
29.	4/3/65	H.Q. N.M.D. Quay Street	" "	1½	7
30.	7/4/65	Army Hall, Blake Street	" "	3	10
31.	20/5/65	" "	" "	2	6
32.	24/6/65	Auckland Metropolitan	Charles	2¼	10
33.	15/7/65	Drainage Board, Quay St.	Kibblewhite	2¼	9
34.	19/8/65	" "	" "	2¼	10
35.	16/9/65	" "	" "	3¼	9
36.	28/10/65	" "	" "		
37.	17/11/65	A.R.A. Drainage Division	Bob Gilmour	1½	7
38.	24/2/66	Quay Street	" "	2¼	7
39.	16/3/66	" "	Ted Senior	3¼	6
40.	20/4/66	" "	Charles	1	11
41.	20/4/66	" "	Kibblewhite	2¾	11
42.	19/5/66	" "	" "		9
43.	13/7/66	H.Q. Area 1. Rutland St.	" "	2	8
44.	10/8/66	" "	" "	2¼	9
45.	14/9/66	" "	" "	2½	10
46.	12/10/66	" "	" "	1¾	7
47.	26/10/66	" "	" "	1¼	9
48.	23/11/66	" "	Ted Senior		
49.	15/2/67	" "	Charles	1½	5
50.	15/3/67	" "	Kibblewhite	2	6
51.	12/4/67	" "	" "	1½	5
52.	17/5/67	" "	Eddie Farnell	2	8
53.	28/6/67	" "	Rex Lane	3	11
54.	18/7/67	" "	" "	1½	10
55.	19/9/67	" "	Seymour Jack	1½	6

17. Committee Meetings

No.	Date	Location	Chairman	Duration in Hours	Number Present
56.	3/10/67	H.Q. Area 1. Rutland St.	Rex Lane	2	9
57.	14/11/67	" "	" "	1¼	6
58.	12/3/68	" "	" "		
59.	4/6/68	" "	" "	2	10
60.	16/7/68	Auck. R.S.A. Board Room.	Ted McQueen	2	8
61.	1/8/68	" "	" "		
62.	22/8/68	" "	" "		
63.	26/9/68	" "	" "		
64.	8/10/68	" "	" "		
65.	26/11/68	" "	" "		12
66.	22/4/69	" "	" "	2	12
67.	27/5/69	" "	" "	2	12
68.	17/6/69	" "	" "	1½	9
69.	26/6/69	A.C.C. Committee Room	Fred Penn	¼	12
70.	16/7/69	Auck. R.S.A. Board Room	" "	1¾	10
71.	20/8/69	" "	Ted McQueen	2½	8
72.	26/8/69	Hampton Court Federal St	Roy Wilson	1¼	5
73.	17/9/69	Auck. R.S.A. Board Room	Fred Penn	1¾	9
74.	15/10/69	" "	" "	1½	9
75.	19/11/69	" "	" "	1¾	10
76.	18/2/70	" "	" "	1¾	9
77.	18/3/70	" "	" "	2¼	6
78.	15/4/70	" "	" "	2	9
79.	20/5/70	" "	" "	1¼	8
80.	20/5/70	" "	" "	1¾	11
81.	17/6/70	" "	" "	2¼	7
82.	15/7/70	" "	Seymour Jack	1¾	11
83.	19/8/70	" "	" "	2	11
84.	16/9/70	Kinsella Consultants Board	" "	2	10
85.	21/10/70	Room Parnell Road	" "	2	7
86.	18/11/70	" "	" "	1¼	11
87.	17/2/71	" "	" "	1½	12
88.	17/3/71	" "	" "	2¼	8
89.	15/4/71	" "	" "	2	10
90.	19/5/71	" "	" "	2¼	9
91.	16/6/71	" "	" "	2	10
92.	21/7/71	" "	" "	1½	11
93.	18/8/71	" "	" "	1¾	11
94.	15/9/71	" "	" "	2¼	9
95.	6/10/71	" "	" "	2¾	12
96.	17/11/71	" "	" "	2	11

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No.	Date	Location	Chairman	Duration in Hours	Number Present
97.	16/2/72	Kinsella Consultants	Seymour Jack	2¾	9
98.	15/3/72	Board Room Parnell Road	" "	2¼	7
99.	19/4/72	" "	" "	2	9
100.	17/5/72	" "	" "	2½	11
101.	14/6/72	" "	" "	1¾	10
102.	19/7/72	" "	Roy Wilson	2	13
103.	24/8/72	" "	" "	2¼	10
104.	28/9/72	" "	" "	2½	12
105.	26/10/72	" "	" "	1½	11
106.	23/11/72	" "	" "	1¾	10
107.	22/2/73	" "	" "	1¾	12
108.	29/3/73	Auckland Officers Club	" "	1¾	13
109.	26/4/73	Newmarket	" "	2	10
110.	24/5/73	" "	" "	2¼	10
111.	14/6/73	" "	" "	1	9
112.	26/7/73	" "	" "		11
113.	23/8/73	" "	Bruce Dow	2	10
114.	27/9/73	" "	" "	1¾	10
115.	25/10/73	" "	Roy Wilson	2½	12
116.	22/11/73	" "	" "	2¼	10
117.	28/2/74	" "	Roy Wilson	3	8
118.	28/3/74	" "	" "	2	9
119.	18/4/74	" "	" "	1½	8
120.	23/5/74	" "	" "	2¾	10
121.	20/6/74	" "	" "	1½	11
122.	25/7/74	" "	Guy Sanders	1¾	13
123.	22/8/74	" "	" "	2½	9
124.	26/9/74	" "	" "	2¼	13
125.	24/10/74	" "	" "	2½	13
126.	28/11/74	" "	" "	1½	10
127.	27/2/75	" "	" "	1¾	11
128.	27/3/75	" "	" "	1¾	8
129.	24/4/75	" "	" "	3½	9
130.	22/5/75	" "	" "	2	15
131.	26/6/75	" "	Roy Wilson	1½	6
132.	24/7/75	" "	" "	2½	11
133.	28/8/75	" "	" "	2¼	8
134.	25/9/75	" "	Kent Purdie	1¾	14
135.	23/10/75	" "	Roy Wilson	2¾	9
136.	27/11/75	" "	Kent Purdie	1¼	7
137.	26/2/76	" "	Roy Wilson	2½	6

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No.	Date	Location	Chairman	Duration in Hours	Number Present
138.	26/3/76	Auckland Officers Club	Roy Wilson	2¾	6
139.	22/4/76	Newmarket	" "	3	5
140.	27/5/76	" "	" "	2½	7
141.	16/6/76	" "	" "	1½	6
142.	22/7/76	" "	" "	1½	9
143.	26/8/76	" "	" "	2	8
144.	23/9/76	" "	" "		11
145.	28/10/76	" "	" "	2¾	9
146.	25/11/76	" "	Dick Pemberton	1¼	8
147.	24/2/77	" "	Roy Wilson	1¼	6
148.	24/3/77	" "	" "	1½	9
149.	28/4/77	" "	" "	2	12
150.	26/5/77	" "	" "		11
151.	23/6/77	" "	" "	1½	7
152.	28/7/77	" "	" "	1¾	10
153.	25/8/77	" "	Gordon Lindell	1	5
154.	22/9/77	" "	Dick	2¾	8
155.	27/10/77	" "	Pemberton	2½	8
156.	24/11/77	" "	" "	1½	8
157.	23/2/78	" "	" "	2½	11
158.	23/3/78	" "	" "	2¼	10
159.	27/4/78	" "	" "	1½	9
160.	25/5/78	" "	" "	1¼	12
161.	22/6/78	" "	" "	1¾	9
162.	27/7/78	" "	" "	2¼	9
163.	24/8/78	" "	Gordon Lindell	2¼	7
164.	26/10/78	" "	" "	2½	10
165.	23/11/78	" "	" "	2½	8
166.	8/2/79	" "	" "	3	9
167.	22/3/79	" "	" "	2¾	5
168.	26/4/79	" "	" "	2½	8
169.	24/5/79	" "	" "	2¾	10
170.	28/6/79	" "	" "	2½	9
171.	26/7/79	" "	" "	2	9
172.	23/8/79	" "	" "	2½	8
173.	11/10/79	" "	Kent Purdie	2	10
174.	22/11/79	" "	" "	2	7
175.	28/2/80	" "	Bryce Hadfield	2	8
176.	27/3/80	" "	Kent Purdie	2½	8
177.	24/4/80	" "	" "	2	6

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No.	Date	Location	Chairman	Duration in Hours	Number Present
178.	22/5/80	Auckland Officers Club	Kent Purdie	2¾	9
179.	26/6/80	Newmarket	" "	1¾	8
180.	24/7/80	" "	" "	2	8
181.	26/8/80	" "	Bryce Hadfield	2	7
182.	25/9/80	" "	Kent Purdie	2½	9
183.	23/10/80	" "	" "	2	10
184.	11/12/80	" "	" "	2	9
185.	18/2/81	" "	" "	1½	8
186.	26/3/81	" "	Bryce Hadfield	2	7
187.	23/4/81	" "	Kent Purdie	1	10
188.	28/5/81	" "	" "	1½	6
189.	24/6/81	" "	" "	1	6
190.	23/7/81	" "	Bryce Hadfield	1½	7
191.	27/8/81	" "	Kent Purdie	2	10
192.	12/9/81	Auckland R.S.A.	" "	½	13
193.	24/9/81	Auckland Officers Club	" "	2½	8
194.	22/10/81	" "	Bryce Hadfield	2¼	9
195.	26/11/81	" "	Roy Wilson	2½	8
196.	25/2/82	" "	Roy Garrett	2¾	9
197.	24/3/82	" "	" "	2¼	8
198.	22/4/82	" "	Roy Wilson	2	8
199.	27/5/82	" "	Roy Garrett	2	10
200.	24/6/82	" "	" "	1½	9
201.	22/7/82	" "	" "	1¼	7
202.	25/8/82	" "	Roy Wilson	2	9
203.	23/9/82	" "	Owen	1½	7
204.	27/10/82	" "	McCormac	1¾	7
205.	25/11/82	" "	" "	1¾	8
206.	10/2/83	" "	" "	2½	7
207.	24/3/83	" "	" "	2	7
208.	28/4/83	" "	Len Bradford-Smith	1½	9
209.	26/5/83	" "	Owen	¼	7
210.	26/5/83	" "	McCormac	2¼	10
211.	16/6/83	" "	" "	½	10
212.	23/6/83	" "	" "	1	11
213.	28/7/83	" "	" "	2	12
214.	28/7/83	" "	" "	½	9
215.	25/8/83	" "	" "	1½	7
216.	22/9/83	" "	" "		
217.	6/10/83	" "	Terry Chester	2	8

17. Committee Meetings

No.	Date	Location	Chairman	Duration in Hours	Number Present
218.	27/10/83	Auckland Officers Club	Terry Chester	2¼	10
219.	24/11/83	" "	" "	2½	10
220.	23/2/84	" "	" "	3¼	10
221.	22/3/84	" "	" "	2	9
222.	26/4/84	" "	" "	1½	8
223.	24/5/84	" "	" "	2	12
224.	28/6/84	" "	Len Bradford-Smith	1¼	12
225.	26/7/84	" "	Terry Chester	2¼	9
226.	23/8/84	" "	" "	2½	11
227.	27/9/84	" "	" "	2¾	11
228.	25/10/84	" "	" "	2½	11
229.	22/11/84	" "	" "	2¾	8
230.	28/2/85	" "	" "	2¾	13
231.	28/3/85	" "	" "	2¾	12
232.	24/4/85	" "	" "	2¾	13
233.	23/5/85	" "	" "	3¼	13
234.	27/6/85	" "	" "	2½	15
235.	25/7/85	" "	" "	1¾	10
236.	22/8/85				

By April 1966 the Executive became aware of problems in the management of the Association. On 20/4/66 a special meeting was called to discuss management and the functions of the Committee. There were two major problems One was how to handle the Rule requirement "To promote Sapper Welfare", the other was how to get things done. The appointment of sub-committees was questioned. Some social functions and a reunion had been cancelled due to administrative breakdowns in communication. There had been a breakdown in the production of the Newsletters. With the best of intentions things were not working out. The sub-committee approach broke down when members were not available at a crucial time, and without a strong convenor the sub-committee did not deliver. Everything seemed to come back to more demands being made on the Secretary. The Rules of the Association are very demanding, and the Committee, especially the Secretary (who in those days was the Newsletter producer), the Treasurer and the Welfare Officers, needed to be men of very high calibre. It was becoming clear at this point that the success of the Association would depend on the strength of its Executive. Those present had no choice but to gird their loins and get on with the job. The Meeting ended at 23.25, so they probably just made it home by 23.59.

On 19/8/70 after holding 22 committee meetings in the Auckland R.S.A. Board Room it was decided to accept an offer from committee member Hon A.E. Kinsella to

use his Board Room in Parnell. An exchange of letters with the R.S.A. will remind committee members of those days.

"Dear Mr Olsson, Further to our letter of 22 July re the use of your Board Room for our Committee Meetings. At the meeting on 19 Aug it was resolved that future committee meetings would be held elsewhere. We wish to thank you very much for having allowed us to use your premises. Unfortunately however the caretaker of your building has put us in the invidious position of having to look a gift horse in the mouth. Our Meetings have become rather like the Victorian Stage plays in which the butler appears at the door with a pronouncement. We cannot remember a meeting when your caretaker has not appeared at the door, broom in hand, to rudely interrupt someone in the middle of a sentence to announce that we will have to be out of the room within half an hour, or that we could not have booked the room, or some such similar statement. Some of our members felt like beating him at his own game, but life being short, and we being busy, it was decided instead to retire gracefully from the field. Maybe he has a thing about Sappers, but we are sure you have not, so thanks again and best wishes for the future. Yours sincerely Seymour Jack." "Dear Mr Jack, Please accept our sincere apology for any inconvenience caused by our caretaker during your meetings. Our caretaker states that he has nothing against the Sappers ... etc." "We assure you that it has been a pleasure to allow the use of our Board Room to your Association, and at any time we can be of assistance please do not hesitate to let us know. Best wishes, G.E. Olsson."

Early in 1973 someone on the Committee suggested fewer meetings, but the idea received no support.

In May 1973 someone suggested a smaller Committee, but that idea received no support either. There are many committee members who cannot attend all the meetings but who can make very valuable contributions on the occasions when they are able to be present, and by receiving the Minutes they are able to give their opinions indirectly where necessary.

CHAPTER 18

Winding Up: if and when

Rule 31. If and when it comes necessary to terminate the activities of the Association, any funds remaining to its credit at that time shall be transferred to the R.N.Z.E. Corps Fund Account for general Corps purposes.

The Library and Museum buildings were officially opened at the Corps Memorial Centre Linton Camp on 30 Jan 1982.

At the next Committee Meeting of the Sappers Association on 22 April 1983 Roy Wilson spoke on Rule 31, and suggested to the Committee that possible alterations to this Rule could be considered. Gordon Lindell informed the Meeting of the Insurance and Security requirements of the Corps Memorial Centre.

At the next Meeting on 27/5/82 it was decided to leave the consideration of the above matter in the meantime. Kent Purdie/Gordon Lindell, 10 present.

CHAPTER 19

Amendments to Rules

Rule 32. Amendments and/or additions to these rules may only be made at the Annual General or Special Meeting of the Association. The appropriate notice of motion and adequate time for consideration by members in accordance with Rule 25 must be given.

No alterations have been made to the following Rules:

2. (a) to (f), 8., 9., 10., 11., 12., 13., 14., 15., 16., 18., 19., 20., 22., 25., 26., 28., 29., 30., 31., 32., 33., 34., 35.

ALTERATIONS have been made in the following cases:

1. At the 25th A.G.M. on 15 September 1984 the Name of the Association was changed to THE SAPPERS ASSOCIATION (NZ) INC.

2. (g) As a consequence of the Name change, this Rule was altered to read "To support and foster all Sapper reunions and functions held in N.Z."

2. (h) has been added. (To acquire property) but this was covered in 35.

3. (a) has had the addition of "and shall include Veteran and Life members."

(b) and (c) definitions of Veteran and Life members added.

(d) Associates. This is a rehash of the original class called Honorary Members.

4. Roll of Members originally to be kept at the office of the senior serving Regular Sapper Officer of the District. Now to be kept by the Secretary of the Association.

(a) Roll of Members "consisting of all known Sappers in the Northern Military District "is now" consisting of all present and past members."

5. Originally this Rule stated the amounts, i.e. initial sub of 10/- and 5/- per annum. This rule has been expanded into six clauses to cover Life, Veteran, and Associate members, and to make the fees to be fixed at each A.G.M.

6. The Rule concerning the Officers of the Association has been altered to eliminate a list of non-executive vice presidents and to replace them with two vice presidents who are on the executive. Elasticity is given in the non-executive category of Vice-Patrons. Guardians of the trust funds have also been introduced.

7. The two vice presidents included in the executive. To be resident in "Auckland" was previously in "Metropolitan Auckland". The words "for one year" have been omitted after the statement that the Immediate Past President shall be ex-officio a member of the Committee.

12.A. Is a new rule dealing with The Guardians of the Trust Funds.

17 Close of Financial year changed from 30 April to 30 June.

21. A.G.M. changed from June to "within 3 mths of end of financial year."

- 23. Quorum reduced from 25 to 20 with provisions to overcome the quorum problem.
- 24. Requirement to advertise General Meetings in the daily newspapers, deleted.
- 27. Penal clause added re non attendance at Committee Meetings.
- 30.A. A new Rule to cover Associates and Meetings.
- 36. "Vacancies in any office **Shall** be "has been altered to **May** be.
- 37. A new Rule added to enable the recognition of meritorious service.

The original Rules were prepared by Colonel Laurence Frederick Rudd, Barrister and Solicitor, in conjunction with members of the Sappers Day reunion Committee. In 1959 this Committee comprised: Maj C.A. Kibblewhite chairman, Maj Edward Senior secretary, S. Sgt Bob Crowe treasurer, Malcolm Bishop, Lionel Faram, Rex Lane, Bob Gilmour, Len Bradford-Smith, Syd Beers, Eddie Farnell, George Bunce, Fred Penn, Bob Smith.

A draft copy of the Rules was discussed at the Inaugural Meeting on 21 July 1960. The only alteration made at the meeting was the introduction of the appointment of Welfare Officers. Those who moved for this were Eddie Farnell, George Ion, Fred Penn, Bob Gilmour, Ted Senior and Bill Noake. The Motion that the Rules as amended be accepted came from George Bunce and Capt Foster Clarke.

Between 1960 and 61 Rule 5 was altered to make it an initial sub of 10/- for a new member (to include the lapel badge), and the Rules were stamped by the Assistant Registrar of Incorporated Societies on 28 July 1961, initiated by Laurie Rudd. The formal application for the incorporation of the Association under the Rules as submitted was accompanied by a list of members' signatures dated 30/6/61 including: Laurie Rudd, WO1 Gerrard, Maj Merve Velvin, DCRE, WO2 Andreason, Dick Pemberton, Jim Goodsir, Bob Gilmour, Bill Mynott, George Hodgson, B.W. Wilson, John Rayner, Ted Senior, SSgt R. Crowe, Ssgt Banks, P. Webb and several other serving sappers of Papakura Camp and H.Q. N.M.D., resulting in:

CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION OF

SAPPERS' ASSOCIATION (AUCKLAND) INCORPORATED

Under the Incorporated Societies Act 1980

I certify that Sappers Association (Auckland) Inc is incorporated under the Incorporated Societies Act 1908. Dated at Auckland this twenty eighth day of July 1961. Signed and Sealed by the Assistant Registrar of Incorporated Societies. (Under the New Zealand Government Coat of Arms) No. A 1961/100

The first alteration to the Rules as registered came from the resolution on 14/6/62 that provision be made for Life Members on payment of £3.3.0

The second alteration came from the 4th AGM when Life Membership was increased to £5.10.0, initial sub increased to 15/-, annual sub to 10/-.

At the AGM on 27/6/68 the initial sub was increased to \$3. At the same Meeting an addition was made to the Rules requiring the Committee at its first meeting to

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appoint one of its members as Deputy President. At the same Meeting the requirement was deleted that General Meetings be advertised "in both the Auckland Metropolitan daily newspapers on three consecutive occasions." It was felt that the Association Newsletters were adequate.

On 25/6/70 the Rules were altered to cover the appointment of Guardians of trust funds.

On 22/6/72 the Rules were altered to put two Vice Presidents on the Executive, in lieu of appointing a Deputy President, and in lieu of having a list of non-executive vice presidents. Rule 4 was altered re keeping the Roll of Members. New Rule was added re award for Meritorious Service.

On 27/6/74 the penal clause was added to Rule 27, and it was decided that sub fees would be fixed at each A.G.M.

On 25/7/74 Guy Sanders, Roy Wilson, Kent Purdie and Seymour Jack were appointed to have all the above alterations incorporated in formally registered alterations to the Rules. Peter Hermans who was a member, and also a solicitor, agreed to work with the sub-committee. Work proceeded on the revisions and meetings were held with the Guardians. At the A.G.M. on 12/6/75 draft alterations to the Rules were discussed, but nothing could be finalized because due to ill-health Peter Hermans had to resign as Hon Solicitor. It was decided to approach the firm of Rudd, Garland and Horrocks in the hope of finding another honorary solicitor.

In February 1976 that firm agreed to act in an honorary capacity in the exercise of bringing the Rules up to date. Mr Alan Stones undertook to have a report ready for the next A.G.M. In June, Alan submitted a six page letter and attended the A.G.M. to run over the alterations. It was not possible to finalize the matter at that Meeting, but the matter was well discussed and left in the hands of the incoming executive. By December, Alan had produced a document incorporating all points raised during the A.G.M. discussions. By March 1977 the executive were in agreement and Alan Stones prepared the Motion "That the present Rules of the Association as amended from time to time be revoked, and that the amended Rules now deposited with the Secretary of the Association, initialled by him for identification, be adopted as the Rules of the Association."

This Motion, together with an explanatory addition by Mr Stones, were sent out with the A.G.M. Notice of Meeting. The Rules were approved at the 18th A.G.M. on 6th Sept 1977, signed by President Dick Pemberton. The Registered copy was signed by Dick Pemberton, Gordon Lindell and Secretary Cliff Sharples, on 31/3/78. At a subsequent executive dinner Alan Stones was thanked for bringing the matter to a successful conclusion.

There were no further changes to the Rules until 1983 when at the 24th A.G.M. Rule 37 was altered to read as quoted in Chapter 21 of this History. Finally, at the 25th A.G.M. the Name of the Association was changed to THE SAPPERS ASSOCIATION (NZ) INC., with a consequential change to Rule 2(g) to read "To support and foster all Sapper reunions and functions held in N.Z."

The Rules, as so developed to date, have been quoted in their entirety in this History.

It must be realized however that these Rules were written in the first instance for an Auckland Association, which was intended to be just one of many such bodies throughout N.Z.

Now that this is a National body, it is the responsibility of the Executive to see that the Rules cover the new situation.

A working party has been set up to examine them, and it will report to the 1985 A.G.M. on this subject.

It is hoped also that some post-war sappers will come forward to express their ideas for the future, so that whatever alterations appear to be advisable can be made at the 1986 A.G.M.

CHAPTER 20

Cessation of Membership etc.

Rule 33. (a) Any Member or Associate intending to withdraw from financial membership must signify his intention so to do in writing to the Secretary but no resignation shall relieve any Member from the payment of any subscription due by him at the time of such resignation.

(b) Any Member or Associate wilfully infringing the Rules of the Association shall be given an opportunity of explaining his conduct to a meeting of the Committee called for that purpose and if such Member fails to appear after notice sent by registered post to his last known place of address, or if at his appearance his explanation fails to satisfy a majority of the Committee present at such meeting, he shall be liable to expulsion.

(c) Any Financial Member or Associate in arrears without good reason addressed to the Committee for two years in payment of his annual subscription shall cease to be a Member of the Association but shall be eligible for re-admission on terms to be fixed in each case by the Committee.

COMMON SEAL

Rule 34. The Committee shall provide for the safe custody of the Seal, which shall be affixed only after resolution in that behalf of the Committee and its affixing shall be attested by the signatures of such members as the Committee shall appoint from time to time for that purpose.

POWER TO PURCHASE, SELL OR BORROW

Rule 35. The Association shall have power from time to time to purchase or otherwise acquire and to sell, lease or otherwise dispose of real and/or personal property of every and any sort AND to borrow money with or without security. The powers conferred by this Rule shall be exercisable in each and every case only after a resolution in that behalf passed at a specially convened meeting of the Committee at which a majority of the members of the Committee are present in person.

CASUAL VACANCIES

Rule 36. All vacancies in any office may be temporarily filled by the Committee, and any person who may be appointed to fill such vacancy shall continue in office until the next Annual General Meeting, when the vacancy shall be filled by such meeting in due course.

CESSOR in the original Rules read CESSER. The word was a puzzle to many and finally in 1978 when considering the revised set of Rules the Assistant Registrar wrote "Rule 33 Cessor of Membership. This appears to be a typographical error." Alan

Stones advised us to substitute the word CESSATION, and at the next A.G.M. this detail was formally approved. The Registrar was formally advised.

Over the years we have had the odd case when a member has resigned. One such letter, not strictly in accordance with the legal requirements of Rule 33 read: "I have never "payed" any subs in my life, and I do not intend to start now." In some cases a proffered resignation was smoothed over after correspondence in which some minor misunderstanding was cleared up.

The majority of cessations of membership have followed the path of gone-no-address. There have been an amazing number of these. At the beginning it was the annually subscribing members with whom contact was lost. Later, even Life Members would forget to advise a change of address, and their newsletters would be returned marked "not at this address", until finally the newsletter distributor has been obliged to set their cards aside with the G—N—A pile.

In Appendix I, Roll Of Financial Members, we have indicated those who are currently in this predicament. It is hoped that the circulation of this History will help to get them back on the mailing list. In the first draft of this history there were 103 names on the gone-no-address list. In an effort to reduce this, a sub-committee was set up to tackle the problem. The list was reduced to 73 by writing off 30 members who had been annually subscribing but whose subs had not been paid for years. The shortened list of 73 was submitted to the War Graves section of the Dept of Internal Affairs. They sent up photocopies of Non War Grave deaths of ten. A search then began for the remaining 63 on the list. A systematic search through the 95 N.Z. Electoral Rolls brought up many possible addresses. Some have been verified and old members restored to the mailing list. Others are currently being tested out in a serious effort to relocate all the lost members, practically all of whom are life members who have failed to notify the Association when they have changed their addresses. Readers are invited to check the names of the gone-no-address members so indicated in Appendix I and to send in any clues which may be useful.

COMMONSEAL. "As an incorporated society, your society has a separate legal identity, with perpetual succession and a common seal, and subject to the Act and the rules is henceforth capable of exercising all the functions of a body corporate." The Common Seal of the Association has been placed on the share transfer in the case of each purchase of shares. The Share Registrar is also required to sight the Rules with each transaction.

POWER TO PURCHASE has been exercised in the maintenance of stock of items for resale such as Corps ties, lapel badges, pocket badges, transfers, Christmas Cards, plaques, etc. and in the purchase of shares, debentures etc for investments. The only other property is the typewriter and minor equipment necessary to the performance of secretarial duties.

CASUAL VACANCIES have occurred from time to time due to the death of a member of the executive, or to transfer or movement out of Auckland. Depending upon the position which was being filled, or the time of the year in relation to the next A.G.M., such positions have been filled in accordance with the Rules.

CHAPTER 21

Award for Meritorious Service to the Association

Rule 37. Award For Meritorious Service To The Association.

(a) The Association shall have a Special Meritorious Service Badge, to be awarded at an Annual General Meeting on the recommendation of the Merit Award Committee.

(b) Up to three months prior to an Annual General Meeting any member may submit a detailed written nomination of another member for the Award.

(c) The Merit Award Committee shall comprise the Patron, Vice Patrons, President, Secretary, and current holders of the Meritorious Service Award.

(d) The Award shall be made for outstanding and high quality service to the Association. The standard is to be jealously guarded to ensure that the awards are kept on a very high plane.

This revised Rule was established at the Annual General Meeting on 24 Sept 1983.

The Rule which preceeded it was worded simply:

37. The Association shall have a special Merit Badge for Meritorious Service to be awarded at an Annual General Meeting on the recommendation of the Executive Committee.

For the first twelve years in the life of the Association, Rule 37 did not exist. What led up to it was the fact that at the A.G.M. on 26/6/69 it was decided: "That on this Tenth AGM we bestow the title of Honorary Life Member on both Andrew Murray and Laurie Rudd."

It was also decided that the Committee should devise a special badge for the honour, and that the badges be presented at the next Sappers' Day Reunion on 18/10/69. This was all duly done, and the two badges presented were standard Association lapel badges with the addition of a gold outlined scroll below, bearing the words "Life Member" in gold on a blue enamel background. Three years later, at the A.G.M. on 22/6/72 the new Rule 37 was established in the terms reported by Guy Sanders in NL46/72, i.e. including (d) above, (which portion was inadvertently omitted from the formal Rule as registered.)

At the same AGM, and in accordance with the New Rule, it was decided: "That the Meritorious Service Badge be awarded to Seymour Jack." The new award was now officially established, and the current holders were:

Andrew Murray. 1969

Laurie Rudd. 1969

Seymour Jack. 1972

Four years later, at the A.G.M. on 29/6/76 the Badge was awarded to Fred Penn.
Fred Penn. 1976

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Colonel Andrew Murray, OBE.



Colonel Laurie Rudd, DSO, OBE, ED.



Seymour Jack.

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In the meantime, Andrew Murray reported that he was occasionally being embarrassed at functions by sappers spotting his badge, complete with the scroll saying "Life Member", and asking him where they could get hold of one, as they were Life Members also.

In March 1977 the Executive decided to correct this, and ordered six badges, this time with the scroll bearing the words "For Service". This then became the Badge of the Award.

At the A.G.M. on 6/9/77 the Badge was awarded to Roy Wilson. Roy was presented with the new badge, and at the same Meeting Andrew Murray and Seymour Jack were given replacement badges for their original "Life Member" varieties.

Laurie Rudd had died on 15/3/73 and Fred Penn died on 13/9/77, not much more than a year after receiving his award.

The surviving holders of the award were then:

Andrew Murray	1969
Seymour Jack	1972
Roy Wilson	1977

Andrew Murray died on 4/5/81, leaving just two holders of the Award.

At the opening of the A.G.M. on 24/9/83 on the recommendation of the Executive Committee, the Badge was awarded to:

Len (Brad) Bradford-Smith	1983
Roy Garrett	1983
Bob Gilmour	1983
Gordon Lindell	1983

At the 25th A.G.M. on 15/9/84 on the recommendation of the Merit Award Committee, the Special Meritorious Service Badge was awarded to:

George Bunce	1984
Dick Pemberton	1984

The Association therefore has eight members currently wearing its token of thanks.

At the time of writing this, it is known that two nominations have been submitted to the Merit Award Committee for 1985 consideration, viz.

Kent Purdie and Jack Breingan.

All of the recipients and nominees of this Award to date have been WW2 veterans, war time service having been the spur.

Over the next few years however the Merit Award Committee will have the pleasure of watching the achievements of the post world war Sappers as they, in their turn, take over the father role.

Apart from the Postscript and the Rolls which follow, here ends this history. So many of those who have been named throughout, have progressively been transferred to the Last Roll. What are the thoughts of those of us who soldier on, the young and the old? Pretty much the same, I guess.

Perhaps some are expressed in the words of the RNZE March "Wings". (This is also the march of the Royal Engineers and the Royal Australian Engineers). The R.E.

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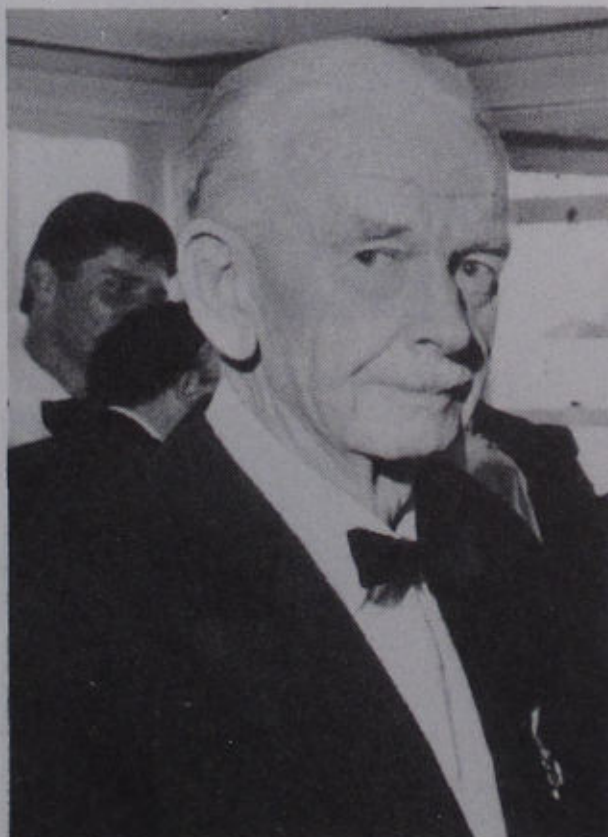
Fred Penn, MBE.



Roy Wilson, EM.



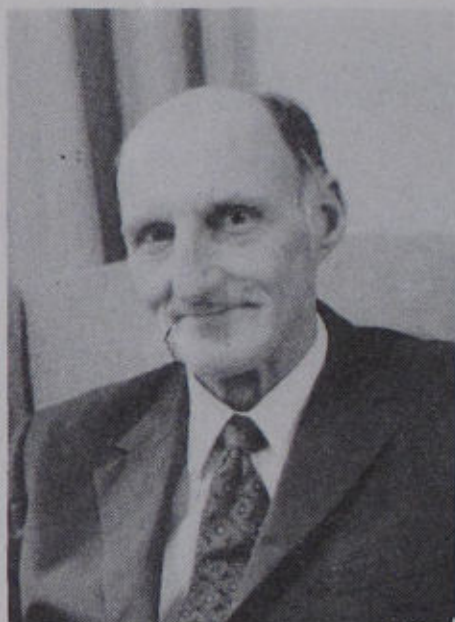
Len Bradford-Smith, EM.



Bob Gilmour, ED.



Roy Garrett.



Colonel Dick Pemberton, MC
and Bar, ED.



George Bunce, QSM; Colonel Lindell, DSO, OBE, ED.



Jack Breingan



Kent Purdie

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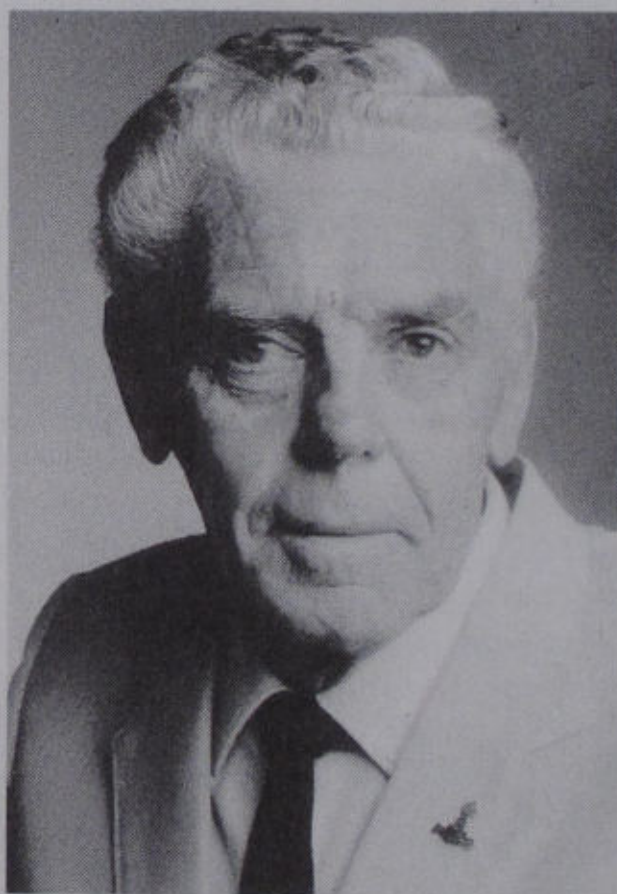
adopted it in 1870, and according to the 1 Field Squadron "Sappers Day Celebrations" Programme for 15 Oct 1976 — coffee was served at 0615 hrs to the living-in sappers in the RNZE Barracks at Papakura Camp, and "Wings" was played over the Camp speaker system.

Also at 0800 hrs on the Sqn Parade — "One minute Silence for past Sappers."

Wings to bear me over mountain and vale away,
Wings to bathe my spirit in morning's sunny ray,
Wings that I may hover at morn above the sea,
Wings through life to bear me; and death triumphantly.

Wings like youth's fleet moments which swiftly o'er me passed,
Wings like my early visions, too bright, too fair to last,
Wings that I might recall them, the loved, the lost, the dead,
Wings that I might fly after the past, long vanished.

Wings to lift me upward, soaring with eagle flight,
Wings to waft me heav'nward to bask in realms of light,
Wings to be no more wearied, lulled in eternal rest,
Wings to be sweetly folded where Faith and Love are blessed.



The Author.

Postscript to this History

On 24th April 1985 the writer advised the Committee that he had written the following Postscript in order to underline the main reason why the History had been written.

He suggested that the Postscript could be the basis of a Special Newsletter, to be sent out to the second-generation of Sappers, who would have to run the Association from 1986 — 2011, i.e. **the next** twenty five years.

POSTSCRIPT

The main drives of our strategy for this year are:

1. To establish the (N.Z.) Association.
2. To publish our History 1960 — 1985.
3. To get the recently retired Sappers involved.

The time has come for urgent and positive action on 3. This production is a challenge from our generation which, consisting mainly of old soldiers, is simply fading away. The challenge goes out to the younger generation of post-world-war Sappers.

Here then you have the History of The Sappers Association (NZ), and it is
"YOUR HISTORY 1960-1985 YOUR HERITAGE"

It comes from the Sappers of our generation, and it goes out to the Sappers of yours, as a challenge. It is as though we were running a Marathon Relay together, our two generations being one team. A fifty-year-long relay. We are just now finishing the first 25 year leg of the race, and as we sprint up the final straight to the line where you have been waiting to take the baton, we feel our legs getting weaker, and our hearts feeling the strain.

We started out on our leg of the journey at about age 45, and most of us are now looking forward to or backward at age 70.

We sincerely hope that your generation is now ready to take the baton from us, and that you are braced to take off on your own to make the history which can be recorded in the year 2011.

We have laid the ground rules, and now we invite you to study them, and our efforts, and then to take over.

At the moment our plan is to publish 500 copies of this book. We have already pre-sold over 270 copies to the Sappers of our own generation and now we look to you.

This History is a factual account of the 25 years we have enjoyed. We were the retired sappers of our day. We were obliged to use what are now old fashioned and outdated methods of duplicating, communicating, entertaining, etc. You on the other hand are sappers of *your* generation, of the computer age. Your performance will be

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different from ours, but at least we offer you the take-over of a going concern, with a good reputation, good contacts and an enviable capital. Methods will differ, but the spirit will be the same; to help mould younger lives, to give them added strength to withstand the chill winds of change, to keep alive the spirit of unity which exists amongst sappers.

Our challenge to you therefore is:-

- (a) Place an order for your own copy of this History, your required reading.
- (b) Study it and think about the future of The Corps.
- (c) Fill in your Application For Membership of The Sappers Association (NZ) Inc
- (d) Elect your executive, starting at the next A.G.M., and take command of the next twenty five years in the life of this Association.

THERE IS PLENTY OF SCOPE FOR YOUR ENERGIES.

Earlier this year we extended the hand of friendship to several Australian Sapper Associations. The "Old Sappers Association" sent us a large calendar featuring Melbourne in colour and setting out their programme for 1985, covering 37 planned events such as meetings, Unit Reunions, social gatherings. They also sent us a wall plaque, with their Badge and a brass plate inscribed "Presented to The Sappers Association New Zealand by The Old Sappers Association Victoria, Australia".

The "Sappers Association N.S.W." sent us from Penrith a copy of their Constitution and Rules, ("Joining Fee \$5. Annual sub determined at each AGM, Permanent Membership — up to 40 yrs \$100., 41 to 65 yrs \$50., over 65 yrs \$25.") They also sent sundry pamphlets, an invitation to a "Second Honeymoon 25-26 May". They look forward to "long and mutually satisfying acquaintance." They also say — ... "with a little bit of luck, and the interest now shown by the R.N.Z.E., we may ourselves eventually grown into a Nation-wide organization . . . and "Although we do have several members of WW2 vintage, the majority are in the age group BCOF to the present time." So now, as we oldies move into the 70 to 95 age bracket we want to be your guests, to cheer you on from the sideline.

FROM THE 1984-1985 Executive Committee:

Len Bradford-Smith WW2, Jack Breingan WW2, George Bunce WW2, Terry Chester WW2, Cyril Collins WW2, Roy Garrett WW2, Bob Gilmour WW2, Joe Hollander Major RNZE, Seymour Jack WW2, Rex Lane WW2, Gordon Lindell WW2, Noel Martin WW2, Lou Mumford WW2, Dick Pemberton WW2, David Thurlow WW2. and the reps from 1 Fd Sqn :-

Major Heaton RNZE, Capt Knowles RNZE, WO2 Findon RNZE.

HERE IS A MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF ENGINEER:-

"The efforts of The Sappers Association (Auckland) in keeping alive the Sapper spirit are to be commended. In addition, it is particularly encouraging that The Sappers Association (NZ) Inc has been formed from the ranks of the Auckland Assoc. to encourage Sapper fellowship on a National basis.

Serving Sappers, Sappers with service in more recent Campaigns of Korea,

Malaya, and Vietnam, and retired Regular and Territorial military engineers are encouraged to join the Sappers Association (NZ) Inc and reap the rewards of continued contact with soldiers of similar calling.

UBIQUE!

Lt. Col. Jameson RNZE and Major Barrett RNZE."

After the above suggestion from your author had been discussed, Major Joe Hollander RNZE volunteered to write the special letter (in second-generation English), and Major Sel Heaton agreed with proposals that the Units would help with providing the necessary addresses, and with the mailing out. The Committee endorsed all these suggestions, and "Operation Retired Sapper" was launched.

On 1st May, at Land Force Command H.Q. Takapuna, Major Hollander (Force Engineer) handed over 1000 special letters with attached application forms for membership and/or History. On 2nd May the Hon Secretary made a delivery to 1 Fd Sqn., together with a list of those of the 229 names already submitted (by 1 Fd.Sqn.) who were already Members of the Assoc. Following is the letter which thus started out to contact a planned thousand second generation retired Sappers:

Dear Sapper,

We are aware that you served with a RNZE unit during the past 20-30 years and are most concerned at the fact that we are not looking towards your interest or welfare, at all. The main reason being that you are not a member of The Sappers Association (NZ) Inc and that at the time of your departure from the Service, a national Sapper organization did not exist.

Well, that situation has changed and now our organization does exist to look after the interests of the Sappers of NZ, both serving and retired. The Association (Assn) evolved from the Sappers Assn (Auckland) Inc, with a membership of 700 strong, NZ-wide. Since becoming the national Assn in late 1984, the membership has crept towards 800 and 20 to 30 new members are joining each month. However, we are mindful of the fact that over 1200 members of the Corps have retired from the Army, since the 1960's.

Most of you have disappeared into obscurity, seeking a break from the good and bad memories of your service and establishing a second career. But what about all those friends you made, good times you had and the goals and satisfactions you achieved during your term as a Sapper? Remember the saying, "Once a Sapper, always a Sapper", and it is doubtful you will forget these times during your life span. However, you do run the risk of losing contact and your record of these important events in your life, by "cutting the cord" with the Corps.

We can help you, particularly as you get older, and want you to know that we are committed to the "esprit-de-corps" and welfare of ex-members of the RNZE. By parting with a very meagre sum (\$18), you will receive Life Membership of the Assn, ie you pay no more than your initial membership and joining fee. For this one-time subscription, you will receive: a membership card; lapel badge; be entered on the

membership rolls; receive a quarterly newsletter with news and information of your colleagues and Sapper activities and events; be informed of various reunions, news from about NZ and overseas, plans for Sappers' Day (15 October, celebrated on that date, or the nearest weekend each year); contact with Australian Sapper organizations; have recourse to welfare calls and contact, and much more. Not bad for \$18 these days!

The Assn has been very ably run by an active group of senior Sappers, senior only by age, as most are WWII veterans. Their immediate concern, arises out of the fact that they are not getting any younger. The successful and financially sound organization they have built up over the past 25 years, needs to be carried on by younger Sappers. This flourishing camaraderie and tremendous goodwill must continue, and to do this, we need the support of each and every Sapper, particularly you the retired ones. Now that we have a growing national organization, there is a need to have the old and the young, the serving and retired members of the RNZE. This will ensure that all members of the Corps are catered for properly. By the way, membership of the Assn is open to all ranks, that is, all Sappers.

As a sign of success, and to commemorate the Assn's Silver Jubille, we have produced a record of the first 25 years of its existence. A book entitled "Your History 1960 — 1985 Your Heritage", is being printed and will be available for sale in about October 1985. This book covers all the Sappers and Sapper events during the past 25 years, as they pertain to the Assn. There are the membership rolls, as well as the aims, objectives, management, reunion records, photos, to name but a few sections of this excellent history of NZ Sappers at home and abroad, throughout the past 25 years. Every Sapper home would be graced by such a publication and we urge you to order your copy now, so that you are guaranteed of your history record. You will not be disappointed, this book is a very readable and interesting account of our lives, our history and heritage.

Enclosed please find an application for membership, backed with an order form for "Your History 1960 — 1985 Your Heritage." Help us to help you recall your service with the Sappers and reacquaint you with your Corps and its close family of members. Complete these forms now and send them promptly to the address shown above. If you have any queries or suggestions you would like to make about the Assn, please do not hesitate to drop us a note. Become actively involved in "Operation Retired Sapper" and relive those trying and enjoyable times with your colleagues and friends.

UBIQUE"

Now, at going to press time, it is good to be able to say that the post world war Sappers have taken up our challenge. 1 Fd Sqn mailed out the first "Operation Retired Sapper" letters on 8th May and by 8th Sept 40 applications for Life Membership had bounced back from them. At the Committee Meeting on 23rd May, Major Joe Hollander tabled detailed suggestions for a new National Executive structure, and spoke on future strategy. A new crusader has emerged, and as he gathers some of his enthusiastic colleagues around him, we oldies will be able to start enjoying our second retirement.

Appendices

APPENDIX I **ROLL OF FINANCIAL MEMBERS** Totalling 783
at the time of going to press this Roll
stood at 804 financial members.

APPENDIX II **ROLL OF HONOUR.** Totalling 750
Members whose deaths have been recorded in the
Association's Records.

WITH REGARD TO THESE ROLLS:

Jack Breingan prepared the initial roll of Financial Members, and his daughter Sandra typed it up

* Means this member has "gone-no-address".

Roy Garrett and Seymour Jack prepared the initial Roll Of Honour.

At the end, Roy and Mary Wilson were co-opted to check over the lot, and to bring both rolls right up to date ready for the printer.

We all hope that they are now correct, and we ask anyone's forgiveness who finds himself omitted, or in the Roll Of Honour before his time.

E. & O.E.

10 AUGUST 1985.

Financial Members

Adams C.H.W. (Chas) 7 Fd Coy	HUNTLY
Addis S.F. (Tim) HQ Coy	HAWKES BAY
Addison C.W. (Colin) 4 Fd Pk Sqn, 1 Fd Sqn	AUCKLAND
Adkin C.G. (Lofty) 7 Fd Coy	AUCKLAND
Aitken L.A. (Lloyd) 6 Fd Coy	GORE
Alcock D.F. (Dave) 10 Rly Const Coy, 1 NZ Bridging Detachment.	AUCKLAND
Alcock L.D. (Leo) m.i.d. 2 Art Wks Coy RIE, 2 Hvy Bge Coy RIE, MT Trg Ctr, SORE 111 War Office, Engr Base (Germany)	AUCKLAND*
Alcock W.H. (Bill) 6 Indep Fd. Sqn.	WELLINGTON
Allan L.G. (Laurie) 1 Fd Coy, 26 Fd Coy, 8 Fd Coy, 20 Fd Coy, 3 Div HQ,	OREWA
Allen C.W. (Frank) 6 Fd Coy	AUCKLAND
Allen J.C. (Daddy) 8 Fd Coy	NAPIER
Anderson C.D. (Colin) (Andy) 1 Const Sqn, N.D. Const Tp.	PAPAKURA
Andrews L.A. (Les) 16 Rly Op Coy	AUCKLAND
Angove J.A. (John) 5 Fd Pk Coy, 5 NZ Engr Coy, ("J" Force)	AUCKLAND
Anisy J.J. (John) 16 Rly Op Coy	GREYMOUTH
Ansley F.H. (Fred) 16 Rly Op Coy	HOWICK
Appleton E.T. (Snow) 20 Fd Coy, 23 Fd Coy, 28 Aslt Sqn	AUCKLAND
Appleton L.R. (Jock) 8 Fd Coy	CLEVEDON
Arbon C.S. (Clive) 10 Rly Const Coy, 7 Fd Coy	OPOTIKI
Archibald E.B. (Archie) MM, mid, 1 Fd Coy, 7 Fd Coy	AUCKLAND
Armstrong G.E. (George) MM, 5 Fd Pk Coy, 27 Mech Equip Coy,	BUNNYTHORPE
Ashford L.H. (Len) 21 Mech Equip Coy, 5 Fd Pk Coy	PALMERSTON
Askin F.R. (Frank) Rly C & M Group NZE, 21 Mech Equip Coy, 5 Fd Pk Coy	NORTH
Audain F.J. (Frank) 1 Fd Coy, 26 Fd Coy, 20 Fd Coy, 8 Fd Coy	WELLINGTON
	AUCKLAND

Baigent L.R. (Stock) MBE, 19 Army Tps Coy, HQ 2 NZ Div Engr, NZ Regular Forces	HAMILTON DUNEDIN
Baird J.N. (Jock) 8 Fd Coy	
Bakalich J.E.M. (Digger) 18 Army Tps Coy 5 Fd Pk	AUCKLAND WHANGAREI MANGAWHAI TAURANGA AUCKLAND AUCKLAND*
Bale R.J. (Jack) 6 Fd Coy	
Ball C.L. (Lynn) 19 Army Tps Coy	
Balloch F.B. (Frank) 6 Fd Coy	
Bancroft A.R. (Roy) 19 Army Tps Coy	
Barbour A.M. (Ali) 20 Fd Coy, 8 Fd Coy	
Barker P.A. (Percy) 20 Fd Coy, 6 Fd Coy, HQ 2 NZ Div Engr	MORRINSVILLE AUCKLAND AUCKLAND
Barnett C.R. (Cliff) 1 Fd Sqn, 4 Fd Pk Sqdn	
Barnett F.J. (Fred) 7 Fd Coy	
Barrett R.A. (Reg) 1 Const Sqn, SME, OC, SME Linton, Att/For Courses, RAE & RE	LINTON
Bartlett D.C. (Dennis) 604 Rly Const Coy, RE, Trg Camp Longmoor	AUCKLAND* WAIUKU
Barton C.V. (Vic) 16 Rly Op Coy	
Bassett T. (Tom) HQ 3 NZ Div Engr, 20 Fd Coy, 23 Fd Coy, 7 Fd Coy, 1 Fd Coy	KAITAIA TAURANGA AUCKLAND MANUREWA AUCKLAND NAPIER
Bates F.L. (Frank) 8 Fd Coy, 34 Army Tps Coy,	
Bates S.A. (Alan) 16 Rly Op Coy	
Battman C.N. (Cyril) 6 Fd Coy	
Baxby N. (Norm) 326 Wks Sec, RE, SME	
Bee G. (George) 10 Rly Const Coy, 6 Fd Coy	
Begbie A.A. (Alan) 8 & 6 Fd Coy's, 18 Army Tps Coy, 1 Fd Regt	WHITIANGA AUCKLAND PUKEKOHE AUCKLAND LEVIN
Belch H.J. (Lofty) 1 Fd Coy	
Belcher T.H. (Bill) 8 Fd Coy	
Bell G.F. (George) 1 Fd Coy, 7 Fd Coy	
Bell H.J. (Henry) 8 Fd Coy	
Bell L.G. (Lyn) 21 Mech Equip Coy, 751 Mech Equip Coy, IE	AUCKLAND MARTON
Bending R.H.P (Robert) 8 Fd Coy	
Bennett R.T. (Ralph) Lt. Col., 6 Indp Fd Sqn, 2 Plant Tp, Op, Gp, Army HQ 2 Const, Sqn, 5 Spec Team, OC SME.	AUSTRALIA
Bennett W.E. (Bill) 19 Army Tps Coy, 8 Fd Coy, 5 Fd Pk Coy	NELSON WAIHI WELLINGTON
Bennie H.J. (Harry) 18 Army Tps Coy	
Bethell N.E. (Noel) 6 Fd Coy	
Bickers J.T. (Trevor) 19 Army Tps Coy, 8 Fd Coy	HOWICK TE PUKE
Bigwood G.R. (George) (Dagwood) 6 Fd Coy	
Billing J.A. (Jim) 1 Fd Coy, 24 & 34 Armys Tps Coy's, 38 Fd Pk Coy	AUCKLAND

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Billings H.C. (Hec) 18 Army Tps Coy, 5 Fd Pk Coy Waitakaruru	HAURAKI PLAINS
Black J. (John) 18 Army Tps Coy, 6 Fd Coy	AUCKLAND
Blackburn G.J. (Geoff) MBE, Fire Stations RNZE	LEVIN
Blackie J. (Jim) 7 Fd Coy	INVERCARGILL
Blackmore G.C. (George) 20 Fd Coy, 8 Fd Coy	INVERCARGILL
Blacktopp M.R. (Blackie) MM 27 Mech Equip Coy 5 NZ Engr Coy ("J" Force)	TAURANGA
Blake C.A.H. (Cliff) Reg Force: NMD & 1 Const Sqn ND Const Sqn	PAPAKURA
Blanchfield J.F. (Jack) 35 Army Tps Coy, 20 Fd Coy	UPPER HUTT
Blann R.A. (Roy) R.N.Z.E.	AUCKLAND
Blofield E.C. (Ernie) 5 Fd Pk Coy	AUCKLAND
Blue E.R. (Ross) 1 Fd Coy, 6 Fd Coy	OPOTIKI
Bodley J.A. (Jack) 7 Fd Coy	WAIROA*
Bodman G.S. (Ginger) 6 Fd Coy	AUCKLAND
Boggs G.P. (Pat) 7 Fd Coy	AUCKLAND
Bolt P.A. (Peter) 1 Fd Coy	BRISBANE*
Booth S.E. (Stan) 2/8 Fd Coy RAE, Water Transport Coy RAE	CHRISTCHURCH
Boreham D.W. (Lofty) 20 Fd Coy, 8 Fd Coy	KAWERAU
Borlase J.W. (Jim) 2 Fd Coy	PAUANUI
Borthwick (Alan) 1 Tp, 3 Fd Sqn. RNZE	CHRISTCHURCH
Bowan C.E. (Sid) 7 Fd Coy	TURANGI
Bradford-Smith L. (Brad) EM, 16 Rly Op Coy, 8 Fd Coy, 4 Fd Sqn	WHANGAREI
Bradley J.R. (Jim) 4 Fd Sqn	AUCKLAND*
Bradley N.A. (Neil) 1 Fd Sqn	WAIOURU
Bradley S. (Sam) 18 Army Tps Coy	MANUREWA
Brady N.R. (Noel) 6 & 7 Fd Coys	PAUANUI*
Bragg W.D. (Willie) 23 Fd Coy	DUNEDIN*
Breen J.J. (Jack) 17 Rly Op Coy	LOWER HUTT
Breingan A.E.J. (Jack) 20 Fd Coy, 6 Fd Coy, 5 Fd Pk Coy	AUCKLAND
Breingan G.A.W. (Gordon) 6 Fd Coy	AUCKLAND
Brighouse B.W. (Barrie) Lt. Col. SME, ND & CD Const Sqn, 1 & 2 Const Sqn, 6 Indep Fd Sqn, CE Branch, 28 Commonwealth Brigade, Newzad Spec Team (Vietnam)	AUCKLAND
Brinsdon R.E. (Ray) 21 Mech Equip Coy	NELSON
Brooker A.S. (Alan) 1 Fd Sqn	WAIKERIA
Brooker D. (Don) 1 Fd Coy, Wks Service	HAMILTON
Brooke-White J. (John) Col. OBE, 3 Fd Coy, Rly Const, 28 Aslt Sqn, CRE 3 NZ Div, Asst Adj 2 NZE HQ, Col Commdt RNZE	WELLINGTON
Brosnan D.B. (Dennis) 5 Fd Pk Coy, 27 Mech Equip Coy	AUCKLAND

Brown E.A. (Ted) 7 & 8 Fd Coys	AUCKLAND
Brown G.I. (George) 19 Army Tps Coy	AUCKLAND
Brown H.W. (Jim) 4 Fd Pk Sqn	AUCKLAND
Brown M.K. (Mort) 8 Fd Coy, 5 Fd Pk Coy	AUCKLAND
Brown R.L. (Bob) 6 Fd Coy	MOTUEKA
Browning W.T. (Wes) 10 Rly Const Coy	TIMARU
Bryham J.R. (Dick) 1 & ND Const Sqns, Display Artist NMD, Recruiting	WHANGAREI
Buchanan R.K. (Ron) 7 Fd Coy	AUCKLAND
Bull S.W. (Steven) 1 Fd. Sqn.	PAPAKURA
Bullen E.S. (Eric) m.i.d. 1 Fd Coy, 7 Fd Coy 38 Fd Pk Coy	AUCKLAND
Bunce G.K. (George) QSM, Engr Wing ASI, 20 Fd Coy, 37 Fd Pk Coy, 27 Mech Equip Coy, 5 NZ Engr Coy "J" Force, SORE, Army HQ, Engr Training Depot	AUCKLAND
Bunt J.M. (Jack) 3 Trg Regt, 7 & 9 Trg Regt R.E.	MANUREWA
Burgess R.I. (Ron) 18 Army Tps, 8 Fd Coy	MAUNGATAPERE
Burgham J. (John) 8 Fd Coy	ELTHAM
Burke J.I. (John) 6 Fd Coy	PALMERSTON
	NORTH
Burke P. (Peter) 7 Fd Coy	AUCKLAND
Burn B.L. (Bernie) 8 Fd Coy, 5 Fd Pk Coy	HASTINGS
Burnett R.A.A. (Ray) BEM, 1 Const Sqn	PAPAKURA
Burnett W.A. (Bill) 7 Fd Coy, Works Const Coy IP	AUCKLAND*
Burns F. (Frank) 1 Fd Coy, 23 Fd Coy, 37 Fd Pk Coy	AUCKLAND
Buxton R. (Ray) (Buck) 20 Fd Coy, 8 Fd Coy	WANGANUI
Byron G.P.T. (Gordon) 6 Indep Fd Sqn, 2 Const Sqn, 2 Tp & 5 Spec Team (Thailand)	TOKOROA
Cahill C.D. (Cyril) 7 Fd Coy	AUCKLAND
Calder G. (George) 18 Army Tps Coy, 5 Fd Pk Coy	DUNEDIN
Calder G.K. (George) 1 Fd Coy	PUKEKOHE
Cameron A.E. (Blackie) HQ 2 NZ Div Engrs	TIMARU
Campbell C.A. (Fred) 1 & 2 Const Sqns	PAPAKURA*
Campton T.R. 1 Fd Sqn	TAKANINI
Cantrick J. (James) 10 Rly Const Coy	TIMARU*
Carlin J. McL. (John) 2 Fd Sqn, SME, 6 Indep Sqn, 2 Const Sqn, 2 Plt Tp Thailand	PAPAKURA*
Carmine I.D. (Bambino) 6 Fd Coy	CHRISTCHURCH
Carroll J.A. (Jack) 10 Rly Const Coy	AUCKLAND
Carroll T.A. (Tom) 6 Fd Coy	AUCKLAND
Carroll W.P. (Bill) 16 Rly Op Coy	AUCKLAND
Carson S.E. (Stan) m.i.d. 6 Fd Coy	LYTTELTON
Carter D.J. (Dave) 6 Fd Coy	MANUREWA
Casey J.R. (John) Const Sqn	ONEWHERO
Castles T. (Thomas) 7 Fd Coy	NELSON

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Cawte T.G. (Tom) 7 Fd Coy	AUCKLAND
Chamberlain H.E. (Clas) 1 Fd Sqn, SME, 2 Const Sqn, SME, 2 Fd Sqn, Chief Engineer's Office, SME.	PALMERSTON NORTH
Chambers W.J.O. (Jack) 21 Mech Equip Coy, 5 Fd Pk Coy	FIELDING
Chapman C.B. (Chappie) LS GCM, MSM. SME, 2 Fd Sqn, 6 Indp Sqn, 2 Plant Tp (Thailand) HQ CRE Wks, 1 Const Sqn, HQ "V" Force, 1 Fd Sqn, NSWSU (Singapore)	PAPAKURA PUKEKOHE
Chapman R.J. (Ray) 20 Fd Coy, 8 Fd Coy	PALMERSTON NORTH
Check R.A. 8 Fd Coy	AUCKLAND
Chester T.J.L. (Terry) (Snow) 20 Fd Coy, 7 Fd Coy	AUCKLAND
Child E.A. (Ern) 16 Rly Op Coy	AUCKLAND
Chitty D. (Doug) 7 Fd Coy	AUCKLAND
Chitty F.P. (Frank) 6 Fd Coy	AUCKLAND
Christie (Ken) Colonel Commandant, MBE, ED, 21 Mech Equip Coy.	WELLINGTON
Church I.J. (Ivan) 2 Fd Coy, 5 Fd Coy, "J" Force	LOWER HUTT
Clark B.J. (BJ) 1 Fd Sqn, 3 Fd Sqn	PAPAKURA
Clark D.J. (David) 2 Fd Sqn, 6 Ind Fd Sqn	PARAPARAUMU
Clark G.M. (George) 10 Rly Const Coy, 7 Fd Coy	SHANNON
Clarke J.J. (John) 1 Fd Sqn, 38 Fd Pk Coy, 7 Fd Coy	AUCKLAND
Clarke S.R.J. (Nobby) 20 & 26 Fd Coys, 27 Mech Equip Coy	OTAKI
Clements C.G. (Cliff) 7 Fd Coy	MATAMATA
Clements J.R.H. (Joe) 30 Army Tps, 36 Engr Regt, 38 Engr Regt, 66 Ind Fd Sqn, SME, 1 & 3 Train Regt	BRIKDALE*
Clevely J.W. (Jim) 21 Mech Equip Coy	FEILDING
Cobb W.B. (Bruce) SME, 2 Const Sqn, 6 Indp Fd Sqn, RNZE, 29 RE Brigade	UNITED KINGDOM
Cobbald M.E. (Mac) 11 & 14 Forestry Gp	WHANGAREI
Cochrane C.D. (Colin) ND Const Sqn, 6 Indp Fd Sqn, 1 Const Sqn	PAPAKURA
Coggins J.A. (Jack) 13 Rly Const Coy, 6 Fd Coy, 5 Fd Pk Coy	AUCKLAND
Cole G.A. (George) 18 Army Tps, 13 Rly Const Coy, 6 Fd Coy	HAMILTON
Coles F.H. (Frank) 7 Fd Coy	TIMARU
Collins C. (Cyril) 2 Fd Coy	MANUREWA
Collins E.L. (Les) 20 Fd Coy	AUCKLAND
Colman L.A. (Lawry) 8 Fd Coy, 5 NZ Eng Coy (J Force)	WANGANUI

Condon N.J. (Joe) 7 Fd Coy Orere Point	CLEVEDON
Conley C.J. (Chas) 8 Fd Coy, 27 Mech Equip Coy Patearoa	CENTRAL OTAGO
Coogan J.D. (Jack) 11 & 15 Forestry Coys, HQ NZE Forestry Gp (UK)	ROTORUA
Cooper D.F.J. (Duff) 54 and 55 Fd Coys RE 3 Trg Regt RE	NELSON
Cooper R. (Ronald) ND Const Coy	PUKEKOHE
Corbett J.H. (Jim) 8 Fd Coy	DUNEDIN
Cortesi C.F. (Fred) 20 Fd Coy, 7 Fd Coy, 4 Fd Pk Sqn, 1 Fd Coy	AUCKLAND
Cottrell W.P. (Blue) M.M., 8 Fd Coy	WHANGAREI
Court H.D. (Aussie) 1 Fd Coy, 38 Fd Pk Coy	ROTORUA
Craig A.J. (Jack) 10 Rly Const Coy	HAMILTON
Crocker M.C. (Merve) 1 Fd Coy	AUCKLAND
Crombie F.H. (Bill) 20 Fd Coy, 8 Fd Coy	ROTORUA
Crowley H. (Howard) 16 Rly Op Coy	AUCKLAND
Crowther P. (Peter) BEM 1 & 2 ND CD Const Sqns, 6 Indp Fd Sqn	CHRISTCHURCH
Cullen C.J. (Cliff) 8 Fd Coy	HOWICK
Cullen C.J. (Spook) 3 Fd Sqn	DUNEDIN
Cullen J.T. (John) 6 Fd Coy	AUCKLAND
Currie A.R. Col. (Russ) DSO, OBE, 7 & 8 Fd Coys, Eng Trg Depot MAADI, HQ 2 NZ Div Engrs, Chief Engr NZ Army HQ	LOWER HUTT
Curtis A.J.H. (Archie) 19 Army Tps Co, 27 Mech Equip Coy	OAMURU*
Cutler B. (Bryce) 1 Const Sqn	TAUMARANUI
Darrow J.S. (Jack) 7 Fd Coy	RAGLAN
Davey J.P. (Jim) 6 Fd Coy, 7 Fd Coy	HAMILTON
Davis S.P. (Stan) Rly Gp HQ	AUCKLAND
Dean E.G. (Graham) 22 Fd Coy	AUCKLAND
Dean M.F. (Frank) 20 Fd Coy, 8 Fd Coy	AWANUI
Debreceeny R.M. (Ron) 20 Fd Coy, 5 Fd Pk Coy	PLIMMERTON
Deeming A.L. (Ron) 7 Fd Coy	AUCKLAND
De Lore W.H. (Bill) 7 Fd Coy, 5 Fd Pk Coy	CHRISTCHURCH
Delaney G.E. (Gavin) 6 Indep. Fd. Sqn.	LOWER HUTT
Denham J.M. (John) 7 Fd Coy	WHAKATANE
Denning A.T. (Aussie) 19 Army Tps Coy	AUCKLAND
Dent J.W. (John) 6 Fd Coy	PORT OHOPE
Derig R. (Bob) 1 Fd Coy	AUCKLAND
De Silva L.F.M. (Brasso) 5 Fd Engr Coy "J" Force	TE AWAMUTU

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Dick W.M. (Moby) 5 Fd Sqn	CHRISTCHURCH
Dickie R. McL. Col (Rob) OBE, 5 Indp Sqn, 1 Fd Eng Regt, 1 Fd Sqn (Fiji), 5 Spec Team (Thailand), DCRE NMD & CMD, CE NZ Army HQ	HONG KONG AUCKLAND
Dickson M.O. (Miles) 21 Mech Equip Coy	LOWER HUTT
Dixon D.E. (Dickie) 20 Fd Cly, 5 Fd Pk Coy, Div Engrs	GORE
Dixon I.C. (Ian) 27 Mech Equip Coy	AUCKLAND
Dodd S. (Sam) 3 Airborne Sqn RE	TIMARU
Dodd W.T. (Bill) 8 Fd Coy	
Docherty G.F. (Paddy) 7 Fd Coy, 21 & 27 Mech Equip Coys	TWIZEL*
Doherty W.H. (Doc) 2 Fd Coy, 5 & 39 Fd Pk Coys	MT. MAUNGANUI
Donaldson A.K. (Andy) 6 Fd Coy	HIKURANGI
Douglas C.M. (Colin) 2 Const Sqn, SME, DCRE SMD, S.D. Const Tp, U/N Unit (Syria) (Damascus)	PALMERSTON
Downes D.G. (Des) 8 Fd Coy	NORTH WELLINGTON
Dowrick H.I. (Fritz) 5 Fd Pk Coy, 6 Fd Coy, 1 Fd Eng Regt	WAIHI
Dudson W.L. (Lou) 7 Fd Coy	MOSGIEL*
Duff H.G. (Harold) 10 Rly Const, 7 Fd Coy	OTAGO
Duncan J.F. (John) 6 Fd Coy	PUKEKOHE
Dunning D.J. (Don) 1 Fd Coy	WHANGAREI
Durrant P.F. (Pat) 18 Army Tps Coy, 6 Fd Coy	WHANGAMATA
Duxbury X.E.Q. (Xavier) 14 W/P Coy attached 17 C.R.E. A.I.F. R.A.E.	AUCKLAND
Dyson C.O. (Charlie) 7 Fd Coy	PAPATOETOE
Eady N.R. (Norm) 1 Fd Coy, 1 Fd Regt, Indp Coy, 7 Fd Coy	AUCKLAND*
Eathorne M.H. (Lofty) 8 Fd Coy	CHRISTCHURCH
Edwards C.R. (Chas) 6 Fd Coy, 38 Fd Pk Coy, 20 Fd Coy	AUCKLAND
Edwards J.D. (John) DCRE, NMD, 13 Fd Coy RCE	WAIHEKE ISLAND
Edwards J.V. (John) 1 Fd Sqn	TE AROHA
Elder C.D. (Bunny) 1 Fd Coy	WAIHI BEACH
Ellery M.C. (Mick) 20 Fd Coy, 8 Fd Coy	GREYMOUTH
Ellis E.A. (Lofty) 13 & 15 Forestry Coys	AUCKLAND
Ellis J.R. (John) 1 Const Sqn	PAPATOETOE*
Ellison J.C. (Jas) 8 Fd Coy	TE AROHA
Elwell J.O. (John) 11 Forestry Coy	AWANUI
Entrician G.C. (Geoff) 6 Fd Coy, 34 Army Tps Coy	HOWICK
Erickson R. (Bob) 11 & 15 Forestry Coy's 6, 7, 8 Fd Coy's	AUCKLAND

Ernest O.T. (Thomas) 5 Fd Pk Coy	WHAKATANE
Evans L.E. (Lyn) 16 Rly Op Coy	PAPATOETOE
Everton R.E. (Dick) m.i.d. 72 Fd Sqn RE 29 Fd Sqn RE	AUCKLAND
Facer T.R. (Thomas) 5 Fd Pk Coy, 5 NZ Eng Coy (J Force)	DUNEDIN
Fallow G.O. (Ossie) 7 Fd Coy	INVERCARGILL
Fanning S.G. (Steve) 5 Fd Pk Coy	NAPIER
Faram L.F. (Lionel) 10 Rly Const, 5 Fd. Pk, 19 Army Tps Coy, 6 Fd Coy, 27 Mech Equip Coy	AUCKLAND
Farnell E. (Eddie) MC, m.i.d., 1 Fd Coy, 5 Fd Pk Coy, 6, 7, 8 Fd Coy's, 28 Aslt Sqn, 1 Fd Eng Regt	PUKEKOHE
Farrel R.M. (Bob) 10 Rly Const Coy	WHANGAPAROA
Farrell W.J. (Bill) 1 Const Sqn	BRISBANE*
Faulknor G.A. (George) MBE, 6 Fd Coy,	TARADALE
Fauls C.J. (Chris) 6 Fd. Sqn. 1 Fd Sqn, 18 Fd. Sqn. R.A.E.	PAPAKURA
Fauls M.H. (Malcolm) 1 Fd Engr Regt	WELLINGTON
Feaver T.C. (Tom) 7 Fd Coy	OPUNAKE
Favel J.V. (Basher) 17 Rly Op Coy	AUCKLAND
Fenton F. (Frank) DCM, 1 Fd Coy, 8 Fd Coy	AUCKLAND
Fenton J.L. (John) 1 Fd Coy	OTAHUHU
Fenton K.C. Col. (Ken) Republic of Vietnam National Order & Gallantry Cross — 7 Fd Coy, 28 Aslt Sqn, 1 Fd Eng Regt, CE NZ Army HQ	THAMES
Ferguson J.B. Lt/Col (Tim) DSO, MC, ED, 7 Fd Coy,	DRURY
Field C.A.O. (Allan) 8 Fd Coy	AUCKLAND
Finnegan F. (Mike) MBE, 3 Fd Coy, 33 Fd Coy	CHRISTCHURCH
Fisher J.B. (John) 7 Fd Coy, 18 Army Tps Coy	CAMBRIDGE*
Fisher J.H.B. (John) 1 Fd Eng Regt, 1 & 2 Fd Sqns	CHRISTCHURCH
Fitzmaurice J.R. (John) 1 Fd Sqn, 4 Fd Pk Sqn	AUCKLAND
Fleming J.F. (John) 585 Sqn RE, 432 Fd Regt-City of Edinburgh	AUCKLAND
Fleming J.L. (Jack) H.Q. Engrs CRE, (63)	DARGAVILLE
Fletcher F.T. (Frank) 9 TB RE, 338 Const Sqn RE, DCRE	AUCKLAND
Flynn E.A. (Ted) OC 5 NZ Eng Coy (J Force) formerly Air Force Const Unit	AUCKLAND
Foley J.P. (John) 6 Fd Coy	MANUTUKE
Fookes R.W.J. (Bill) 9 Rly Svy, 7 Fd Coy	TAWA
Foley N.E. (Norman) L.S. & G.C., Vietnam, S.M.E.	CHRISTCHURCH
Ford J.H. (James) 6 Fd Coy, 31 Fd Coy	KAITAIA

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Foreman P.Y. (Philip) 1 Const Sqn, 1 Fd Sqn	PAPAKURA
Forrester J.J. (Jim) 1 Fd Coy	AUCKLAND
Francis C.R. (Robin) 1 & 3 Fd Sqn's, 5 Indp Fd Sqn, 1 Const Sqn	AUCKLAND
Francis L.W.V. (Vern) 6 Fd Coy	AUCKLAND
Franklin P.J. (Peter) 1 Fd Sqn	AUCKLAND
Fraser A. (Alec) 1 Fd, Coy	AUCKLAND
Fraser J.D. (John) "K" Force Engineers	WAIHI*
Fraser J.W. (Jack) 1 Fd Coy, 38 Fd Pk Coy	AUCKLAN
Fraser P.E. (Peter) 1 Fd Sqn, 2 Fd Sqn, 5 Indp Sqn	PAPATOETOE
Fraser R.H. (Hec) 7 Fd Coy	TE AWAMUTU
Free A. (Lofty) 6 Fd Coy	PALMERSTON NORTH
Funnell L.W. (Lionel) MM 6 Fd Coy	SANSON
Furey C.T. (Pat) 19 Army Tps Coy	WHANGAREI
Futter D.R. (David) 6 Indp Fd Sqn, 2 Const Sqn, 1 Fd Sqn, HQ Eng 4F, (Tour of Duty) (Fiji)	AUCKLAND
Gaelic M.F. (Frank) 31 Fd Coy, 20 & 26 Fd Coy N Force	AUCKLAND
Gaitt F.J. (Fred) 10 Rly Const Coy, 6 Fd Coy	INVERCARGILL
Galloway J. (Jack) 7 Fd Coy	TAURANGA
Gapes A.L. (Len) 15 Fd Coy, RE	AUCKLAND
Gardiner A. (Arthur) 5 Tng Bn, 5, 2, 25, 15, 21, Bomb Disp Unit RE, 66 Fd Coy East African Engineers	HOWICK
Gardner E.G. (Eric) 284 Armd Engs Sqn. R.E.	PORIRUA
Garland R.J. (Ray) 19 Army Tps Coy, 5 Fd Pk Coy	AUCKLAND
Garrett R.E. (Roy) 6 Fd Coy, 22 Fd Coy, 4 Wks Coy	AUCKLAND
Gee R.K. (Ray) ND Const Sqn	TAUPO
Gibson H.L. (Hoot) 18 Army Tps Coy, 5 Fd Pk Coy	HAMILTON
Gielen J.J. (Kraut) 1 Const Sqn	ROTORUA
Gilmour R. (Bob) ED, 34 Army Tps Coy, Wks Services Const I/P, 27 Mech Equip Coy, 1 Fd Pk Sqn	AUCKLAND
Glover R. (Reg) 8 Fd Coy	AUCKLAND
Goffe R.T.G. (Rangi) (Abdul) C.D. Const Sqn. and Korea	PAPAKURA
Goldsmith P.R. (Peter) 3 & 6 Fd Sqns, 1 Fd Sqn, 2 Wks Sect, 7 Fd Sqn, Force Engrs	PAPATOETOE
Goldsworthy G.E. (Goldy) 6 Indp Fd Sqn, CD Const Sqn, 2 Const Sqn, 1 CRE, Wks, Att 1/98 Wks Sect RAE (Vietnam)	PAPAKURA

Goodison R.J. (Jim) 10 Rly Const Coy,	WHANGAREI
Goodsir J.W. (James) 1 Fd. Sqn. RNZE	AUCKLAND
Gough K.A. (Ken) 6 Fd Coy, 5 Fd Pk Coy	CHRISTCHURCH
Gould R.A. (Robert) 1 Const Sqn	AUCKLAND
Gower A.J. (Jim) 20 Fd Coy, 5 Fd Pk Coy	WELLINGTON
Gower W.A. (Wally) 1 Fd Coy	AUCKLAND
Grace C.M. (Colt) (Mac) 31 Fd. Coy, 5 Fd. Coy J. Force.	HAMILTON
Graham B. (Bernie) 5 Fd Pk Coy	AUCKLAND
Graham J.E.C. (Jim) QSM, Order of St John, 16 Rly Op Coy	INVERCARGILL
Graham R. (Bob) 17 Rly Op Coy	AUCKLAND
Greenem C.L. (Charles) 5 Supt Sqn, Eng Terr Units	NAPIER
Greenem F.B. (Frank) m.i.d. (LS GC Medals), 20 & 23 Fd Coy, 6 Fd Coy 28 Aslt Sqn, Reg Force	PALMERSTON NORTH
Greenfield P.W. (Philip) 26 Fd Coy, 35 Army Tps Coy	FOXTON BEACH
Gregory C.E. (Cyril) 5 Fd Pk, HQ 2 NZ Div Engrs	AUCKLAND
Grierson J.D. (John) 21 Fd Coy, 3 Fd Coy Reg Force	CHRISTCHURCH
Groube D.B. (Grooby) 1 & 2 Fd Sqns	AUCKLAND
Grover D.A. (Pat) 7 Fd Coy	TE AWAMUTU
Grover R.A. (Bob) 8 Fd Coy	MATAMATA
Gunn J. (John) 8 Fd Coy	HOWICK
Guthrie J.M.T. (Jack) 6 Fd Coy	ELTHAM
Hadfield B.C. (Bryce) 1 Fd Coy, 20, 22 & 26 Fd Coys, 6 Fd Coy,	AUCKLAND
Hadfield S. (Stan) 7 Fd Coy	AUCKLAND
Haisman T.F. (Sapper) 6 Fd Coy	AUCKLAND
Hall K.G. (Keith) m.i.d. RNZE "K" Force	AUCKLAND
Hall R.W. (Dick) 7 Fd Coy	LOWER HUTT
Halley D.J.B. (Bruce) 9 Rly Survey Coy, 13 Rly Const Coy	AUCKLAND
Halligan R.T. (Rosemarie) (nee Van Riel) 3 Fd Sqn, 1 Fd Sqn	INVERCARGILL
Halpin, D.P. (David) 35 Army Tps, 22 Fd Coy, 5 Fd Pk Coy 27 Mech Equip Coy	PALMERSTON NORTH
Hamilton P.H.G. Col (Peter) OBE m.i.d., 6 Fd Coy, Adj 2 NZ Div Engrs, OC 8 Fd Coy, CE NZ Army etc	WAIKANAЕ

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Hanratty J.C. (Jack) 20 & 23 Fd Coy's	NAPIER
Hansen I.C. (Ivan) 18 Army Tps Coy Waimate North	OHAEAWAI
Hanser L.S. (Len) 3 Fd Coy, 7 Fd Coy	CHRISTCHURCH
Haora W. (Wally) 19 Army Tps Coy, 5 Fd Pk Coy	WHANGAREI
Hardaker R.C. (Reg) 17 Rly Op Coy	MANUREWA
Hardie G.E. (Grant) ED 2 & 5 Fd Sqn, 3, 6 Indp Fd Sqn, 1 CRE Wks	LOWER HUTT
Harman J.M. Lt/Col (John) RE, CE RNZE	AUCKLAND
Harp D.W. (Doug) 5 Fd Pk Coy	AUCKLAND
Harris I.J. (Ian) 1 Const Sqn, 1 Fd Sqn	AUCKLAND
Harrison L.B. (Lou) 8 Fd Coy, 18 Army Tps Coy	WHANGAREI
Hart H.J. (Henry) 5 Fd Pk Coy	TE AWAMUTU
Hartley L.P. (Laurie) 1 Fd Sqn	PAPAKURA
Harty T.R. (Tom) ND Const Sqn	DRURY
Harvey N.G.E. (Snow) 7 Fd Coy	MATAMATA
Harvey W.H. (Bill) MC 8 & 7 Fd Coy's, 27 Mech Equip Coy	CHRISTCHURCH
Harwood L.A.J. (Les) 6 Fd Coy	AUCKLAND
Hawkins H.M. (Harry) 36 Army Tps Coy, Wks Unit New Caledonia	RANGIORA
Hawley C.R. (Clarrie) 10 Rly Const Coy	MANUREWA
Haworth R.E. (Bob) 5 Engr Coy, J Force	KATI KATI
Hay R.J. (Bert) 19 Army Tps Coy	CHRISTCHURCH
Hays R.D. (Rex) 1 Const Sqn, 6 Indep Fd Sqn	PAPAKURA
Hayhow B.L. (Bruce) Maj OC SME, 6 Indp Fd Sqn, 5 Spec Team (Rd Const)	PAPAKURA
Hayman G.L. (George) 16 & 17 Rly Op Coy's	AUCKLAND
Heald G.B. 19 Army Tps Coy	AUCKLAND
Healey I.R.C. (Dick) 6 Fd Coy	AUCKLAND
Heaton S.G. (Sel) Maj 1 & 3 Fd Sqns, RFMF (Fiji)	PAPAKURA
Heaton R.E. (Rosemary) (nee Lt Thompson RNZE) 6 Fd. Sqn.	PAPAKURA
Henry C.C. (Kumera) 2 Const Sqn, 1 Fd Sqn	PAPAKURA
Henson R.J. (Rolly) 11 & 14 Forestry Coy's	TURANGI
Herman J.M. (Jock) 26 Fd Coy	INVERCARGILL
Herman R.B. (Peter) 28 Aslt Sqn, HQ 2 NZ Div Engrs	AUCKLAND
Hermans R.E. (Reg) MC MBE, 13 Rly Const Coy, 21 Mech Equip Coy, 6 Fd Coy	HAMILTON
Hewitt W.T. (Wally) 8 Fd Coy	MANUREWA

Hewson A.A (Alick) 18 Army Tps Coy, 5 Fd Pk Coy	KERI KERI
Hibbert C. (Clarry) 6 & 7 Fd Coy's	AUCKLAND
Hicks R.W. (Ron) MBE 1 Fd Coy, 6 Fd Coy, 1 Fd Sqn, 1 Fd Regt	AUCKLAND
Hilbron L.C. (Len) 5 Fd Pk Coy	AUCKLAND
Hill J.H. (John) (Jock) 3 Fd. Coy, 32 Fd Coy, Wks Sev Const	OAMARU
Hill J.L.W. (Jack) 5 Fd Pk Coy 6 Fd Coy	AUCKLAND
Hills D.C. (Dave) 2 Port Const, Repair Dpt RE, 1 Tran Dev Co R.E.	ENGLAND*
Hislop F.W. (Bill) 5 Fd Pk Coy	WELLINGTON
Hoban W.A. (Watty) 21 Mech Equip Coy, Att-Cre & RE GHQ	ROXBURGH
Hodgson G.H. (George) 8 Fd Coy, HQ 2 NZ Div Engrs	AUCKLAND
Holdaway G.D. (Gordon) 2 Const Sqn, SME, 6 Indep Fd Sqn	WELLINGTON
Holland T. (Tom) 26 Fd Coy	KAWERAU
Hollamby, B.C. (Barry) 3 Fd. Sqn.	TIMARU
Hollander J.S. (Joe) 3 Indep Fd Sqn, SME, 2 Const Sqn, 6 Indep Fd Sqn, 1 Const Sqn, 1 Fd Sqn/ 1 Wks Pn, AHP (Cook Is), Wks Dir — Spt Br, 3 Fd Engr Regt (AS), HQRE, 2 (BR) Armd Div (BAOR), CE Office, Army general staff, Force Engr — Singapore, NZWSU N.Z. Works Services Unit, HQ Force Engr, HQ Land Force Comd	AUCKLAND
Hollings W.P. (Bill) 31 Fd Coy, 8 Fd Coy	AUCKLAND
Holmes P.D.L. (Peter) 22 Fd Coy, 35 Army Tps Coy, 6 Fd Coy, 5 Fd Wks Coy, 1 Engr Regt	TAURANGA
Holmes S.F.G. (Sam) HQ 3 NZ Div Engrs Methven Mid.	CANTERBURY
Holt M.G. (Murray) 2 Const Sqn, 1 Fd Sqn, 2 Fd Sqn	LINTON
Hopkins F.L. (Hoppy) 20 Fd Coy 3 N.Z. Div.	MASTERTON
Hooper L.C. (Len) 6 & 8 Fd Coy's	AUCKLAND
Horsfall R.H. (Ray) MM 5 Fd Pk Coy, 7 & 8 Fd Coy's	AUCKLAND
Housham J.E.J. (Mr Ed) GSM 1 Batt NZ Regt, ND Const Tp, 1 Const Sqn	AUCKLAND
Howard E.R. (Snow) 18 Army Tps Coy	WHANGAREI
Howden T.N. (Wally) 7 Fd Coy	GORE

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Hubner V.M.J. (Hub) 2 Const Sqn, 5 Sup Sqn, 3 Fd Sqn, SME	DUNEDIN
Hudson D.A. (Doug) m.i.d., 5 Fd Pk Coy, 8 & 6 Fd Coy's, 27 Mech Equip Coy, 5 NZ Engr Coy (J Force)	AUCKLAND
Hudsmith J.A. (Huddy) 21 Mech Equip Coy	AUCKLAND
Huggins J.W. (Jack) MBE, 2 Fd Coy & CRE 1 NZE	CHRISTCHURCH
Hughes A.F. (Allan) MM, 6 Fd Coy	PUTARURU
Hughes D.A. (David) 1 Const. Coy RNZE	MARAETAI BEACH
Hume I.D.M. (Ian) 21, 22, 28 Fd Engr Regs RE	HAMILTON
Hunt C.G. (Geoff) Korea, ME, Congo, RNZE	AUCKLAND
Illingworth W.A. (Bill) 7 Fd Coy	AUCKLAND
Illsley C.P. (Charles) (Lofty) 1 Fd Sqn	PUKEKOHE
Insley G.W. (Geoff) 1 Fd Coy, 6 Fd Coy	AUCKLAND
Inwood R.B. (Beven) 2 Const Sqn, NZ Army Trg Team Vietnam, 1 Const Sqn, 1 Fd Sqn, Wkds Services Unit Singapore, Wks Sect Fd Force Comd, HQ Engr Land Force, 7 Fd Sqn	AUCKLAND
Ion G.E. (George) 6 Fd Coy	AUCKLAND
Jack S.J.P. (Seymour) 4 Wks Coy, 34 Army Tps Coy, 7 & 6 Fd Coy's, HQ 2 NZ Div Engrs	AUCKLAND
Jacks H. (Harry) 19 Army Tps Coy, 7 Fd Coy	HAVELOCK NORTH
Jackson A.C. (Alex) 3 Fd Sqn	MOSGIEL
James C.F. (Cyril) 23 Fd Coy	WAINUI-O-MATA
James E.J. (Eric) 6 Endp Sqn, 1 Fd Sqn, SME	PAPAKURA
Jameson S.D. (Stuart) Lt Col C.E., 6 Indp Fd Sqn 1 & 2 Const Sqns, 2 & 9 Fd Sqns, 28 ANZUK Sqn	WELLINGTON
Jenkin B.G. (Bruce) Lt Col, MBE, 2 Fd Sqn, SME, 6 Indep Fd Sqn. 2 Const Sqn, Op Crown Thailand, Thai-NZ Road Project.	WELLINGTON
Jarvis R.X. (Ray) 2 Fd Coy, 6 Fd Coy	WELLINGTON
Jenkins G.A. (Jenks) 3 Indp Fd Sqn, 3 Fd Sqn	DUNEDIN
Jensen M.J. (Michael) 5 Spt Sqn, 3 Fd Sqn	HAWERA
Jobbitt C.J. (Jim) 10 Rly Const Coy	WHANGAREI
Johnston D.G. (Chunky) 1 Const Sqn, 1 Fd Sqn	TAURANGA
Johnston J.T. (Jack) 16 Rly Op Coy	PAPAKURA*
Jones E.F. (Ernie) 8 Fd Coy, 34 Army Tps Coy	AUCKLAND
Jones F. (Jonesy) 7 Fd Coy	UPPER HUTT

Jones F.W.O. (Fwo) 19 Army Tps Coy	PAPATOETOE
Jones O.B. (Owen) 5 Rd Pk Coy	HENDERSON
Jonson A.A.C. (Johnno) 1 Fd Coy, 31 Fd Coy	AUCKLAND
Jordon A.F. (Andrew) 1 & 3 Fd Sqns	BURNHAM*
Jupp A.W. (Alan) m.i.d. 19 Army Tps Coy	HUNTLY
Kaa H.M.R. (Hori) 1 & 2 Fd Sqns	GISBORNE
Karena F.W.	TE KUITI*
Keegan B.Z. (Brien) 7 Fd Coy	WAITARA
Kemp M.H. (Morrie) 5 Fd Pk, 8 Fd Pk Coy, HQ 2 NZ Div Engrs	HOWICK
Kendrick E.K. (Eddie) 20 Fd Coy, 23 Fd Coy Kaeo	NORTHLAND
Kenner P.E. 20, 23, 26 Fd Coy's Melbourne	AUSTRALIA
Kerr R.W. (Rolly) 5 Rd Pk Coy, 27 Mech Equip Coy	WELLINGTON
Kerse W.J. (Wally) m.i.d. 6 Fd Coy	HAVELOCK NORTH
Kibblewhite C.A. (Chas) Reg. Force, DCRE, NMD, Army HQ	AUCKLAND
Kiff J.M. Maj. 6 Indp Fd Sqn, SME, 1 Const Sqn, 5 Spec Team, HQ Force Engrs	AUCKLAND
King A.L. (Alan) ED, US Bronze Star, 1 Fd Coy 18 Army Tps, 8 Fd Coy, 1 Fd Sqn	HOKIANGA
King C.J. (Chas) 13 Rly Const Coy	TAURANGA
King R.H. (Raymond) 31 Fd Coy, CUNZE	RUAWAI
Kinred A.W. (Arthur) 18 Army Tps Coy, 6 Fd Coy	AUCKLAND
Kinsella A.E. (Arthur) 7 Fd Coy	LOWER HUTT
Klink V.J. (Bill) 8 Fd Coy	AUCKLAND
Knight A. (Alex) 22 Fd Coy, 1 Fd Coy	MANUREWA
Knight C.F. (Cyril) 20 Fd Coy, 5 Fd Pk Coy	AUCKLAND
Knight S.H. (Syd) 7 Fd Coy	KAWHIA
Knowling J.E. (Ted) Engr Wks Service Coy	AUCKLAND
Lahman F.L. (Snow) 2 Fd Coy, 35 Army Tps Coy, 29 Wks Coy	PETONE
Lahman W.L. (William) 2 Fd Coy	LOWER HUTT
Laigh W.A. (Bill) 8 Fd Coy	AUCKLAND
Laird J.P. (Paisley) 20 Fd Coy	GORE
Lane W.A. (Rex) Northern Depot Engrs, 4 Wks Coy, 31 Fd Coy, HQ 1 Div	AUCKLAND
Lange K.A.W. (Ken) "J" Force	CHRISTCHURCH
Lapwood J. (John) 6 Ind Fd Sqn, ND Const Sqn SAS Malaya	MT MAUNGANUI
Lawrence G.W. (George) 7 Fd Coy	AUCKLAND
Larkins J.G. (Jim) 542 Elec Mech Coy RE	HAMILTON

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Leach W.K.M. (Bungi) 9 Fd Sqn, RAE Singapore, 2 Const Sqn, 1 Fd Sqn	WAIOURU DRURY
Lewis C.C. (Darky) 10 Rly Const Coy, 6 Fd Coy	
Lewis H.M. (Morgan) JP NZRSA Merit Award, Gold Star 16 Rly Op Coy, 5 Fd Pk Coy	AUCKLAND
Lincoln L.A. (Les) Lt Col 18 Army Tps Coy, 7 Fd Coy Att/ RE	AUCKLAND
Lindell G.A. (Gordon) Col DSO OBE ED 7 Fd Coy, Adj NZ Div Engrs, CRE 1 Fd Engr Regt Col Commdt RNZE	AUCKLAND MARTON
Lister W.H.B. (Bill) 8 Fd Coy, HQ 2 NZ Div Engrs	
Lloyd E.J. (Eddie) CD & SD Const Sqns, SME, RE. Cadets (Vietnam)	NORFOLK ISLAND
Lloyd V.R. (Ab) 19 Army Tps Coy, 5 Fd Pk Coy	AUCKLAND
Lobban W.A. (Bill) 6 & 7 Fd Coys	PAPATOETOE
Locke O.J. (Jimmy) 6 & 7 Fd Coys	WHANGAREI
Lodge N.R. (Nippy) 1 Fd Coy, 20 Fd Coy	AUCKLAND
Logan J.M. (Mike) 37 Fd Pk Coy, 28 Aslt Sqn	WANGANU
Luke W. (Bill) m.i.d., 8 Fd Coy, 31 Fd Coy	WELLSFORD
Lumsden J.C. (Lummy) 6 Fd Coy	MASTERTON
Luscombe R.B. (Russ) 2 Const Sqn, 6 Indp Fd Sqn, SME, HQ Force Engrs	TAURANGA OHAUPO*
Lynds O.B. (Oscar)	
Lyons J.D. (Jack) 20 Fd Coy, 18 Army Tps Coy, 5 Fd Pk Coy	LOWER HUTT
Lytollis F.C. (Fred) 1 Const Sqn	AUCKLAND
Mc Auslin J.A. (Mac) 18 Army Tps Coy, 5 Fd Pk Cy	WHANGAREI
McCartie J. (Jack) 21 Mech Equip Coy, 5 Fd Pk Coy Thorton	WHAKATANE
McConnell W.F.M. (DR) RNZMC, RMO Att/2NZ Div Engr HQ	AUCKLAND
McCormac O.R.H. (Owen) 20 Fd Coy, 18 Army Tps Coy, 6 Fd Coy	AUCKLAND ASHBURTON*
Mc Cormick D.S. (Don) 19 Army Tps Coy	CHRISTCHURCH
Mc Cormick J.C. (Jim) 3 Fd Sqn	
McCracken B.A. (Barney) 1 & 2 Fd Coy's, 34 Army Tps Coy	MANUREWA LEVIN
McDonald A.H. (Hec) 13 Rly Const Coy	AUCKLAND
MacDonald A.J. (Joe) 4 Fd. Pk. Sqn.	LOWER HUTT*
MacDonald I.M. (Ian) 2 Fd. Coy, 20 Fd Coy, 6 Fd Coy	CHRISTCHURCH
McFagen R.A. (Dag) 8 Fd Coy	MASTERTON
MacGregor J.R. 2(Jim) 19 Army Tps Coy	

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McKechnie B.H.M. (Bruce) 1 Fd Coy, 7 Fd Coy	HOWICK
McKelvey T.D. (Dave) 7 & 8 Fd Coys, 2 Fd Sqn	FEATHERSTON
McKeown P.J.A. (Pat) 16 Rly Op Coy	WHANGAPAROA
McKernan B.J. (Bernard) CD & 1 Const Sqn's, 6 & 3' Fd Sqns, Gen Staff HQ	AUCKLAND
McKinley G. (George) 5 Fd Pk Coy	PUKEKOHE
MacKinven A.V. (Athol) 8 Fd Coy	TE PUKE
MacLaine K.D. (Keith) 14 Forestry Coy	NELSON
McLean C.L. (Les) 6 Fd Coy	LUMSDEN
McLean I. (Ian) Fd Coy RE	AUCKLAND
McLennan G.J.V. (Snow) 20 Fd Coy, 19 Army Tps Coy, 6 Fd Coy	AUCKLAND
McLeod N.C. (Colin) CMG 6 Fd Coy, 5 Fd Pk Coy 2 NZ Div Engrs HQ	WELLINGTON
Mac Nab D.G. (Don) MC DCM m.i.d. 6 Fd Coy, 2 NZ Div Engr HQ, Force 133, Land Forces (Adriatic) 2 Commando Brig, (Staff Officer RE)	NAPIER
McNair L.F. (Mac) 6 Fd Coy	ROTORUA
Macnaughtan W.J. (Willie) 1 Const Sqn N Zad (Vietnam)	PAPAKURA
McQueen D.E. (Dave) 9 Rly Survey Coy	GISBORNE
Mack S.W. (Bill) 1 Fd Coy 1920, 22 Fd Coy	AUCKLAND
Mackie R.J. (Bob) 1 Fd Coy	AUCKLAND
Mackie T.R. (Tom) 18 Army Tps Coy, 5 Fd Pk Coy	PAPATOETOE
Macky J.H. (Jim) CBE m.i.d. 9 Rly Survey Gp	TAUP
Macky G.A. (Aussie) 2 & 1 Const Sqns, Aslt Pioneers	AUCKLAND
Mahalovich F.P. (Frank) 19 Army Tps Coy, 8 Fd Coy	AWANUI
Malcolm L. (Les) 18 Army Tps Coy, 5 Fd Pk Coy	HASTINGS
Maltby J.A. (Jack) 1 Fd Coy, 22 Fd Coy	WAIUKU
Mark D.C. (Denis) 2 Fd Sqn, 3 Fd Sqn	LEVIN
Marshall E.M. (Ned) 13 Rly Const Coy	NAPIER
Marshall M.J. (Max) 8 Fd Coy, 13 Rly Const Coy	HOWICK
Martin C.A. (Cyril) 21 Mech Equip Coy	WHANGAREI
Martin N. (Noel) 6 Fd Coy	PAPATOETOE
Martin S.J.M. (Murray) 8 Fd Coy, 5 NZ Eng Coy "J" Force	PUTARURU
Martin S.M.F. (Sammy) MC, 6 Fd Coy, Div IO	VICTORIA
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Mikkelson R.D. (Ray) 31 Fd Coy, 6 Fd Coy	AUCKLAND
Miles A.L. (Adam) 20 & 23 Fd Coy's, RE (India)	AUCKLAND
Milliken D.R. (Don) 1 Const Sqn, 3 Fd Sqn, 28 ANZUK Fd Sqn	WHITIANGA
Mills D.B. (Derek) S.M.E.	WAIHI
Milne A.F. (Fordie) 5 Fd Pk Coy, 10 LAD	AUCKLAND
Milne L.D. (Len) 17 Rly Op Coy	LEVIN
Mitchell K.H. Lt/Col (Keith) CRE Crown, 6 Indp Fd Sqn, SME, 2 Const Sqn, ANZUK Singapore,	WELLINGTON
Mitten G.F. (Gam) SD Const Sqn, RNZE, 9 Fd Sqn RAE (Singapore), 3 Fd Sqn HQ RFMF (Fiji)	FIJI
Mogford R.R. (Reg) 222 Fd Coy, 222 Ast Sqn RE 1 Fd Sqn RNZE 201 Amd Eng Sqn RE	RUSSELL
Mollard J.D. (Jack) 1 Fd Coy, 6 Fd Coy	AUCKLAND
Monehan J.T. (Johnnie) 7 Fd Coy	PUTARURU
Moody A.L. (Laurie) 20 Fd Coy, 6 Fd Coy	WAIKANAE
Moore K.R. (Ray) (Dinty) 7 Fd Coy	WHAKATANE
Moresby F.J. (Forty) 6 Fd Coy 2 NZ Div H.Q.	AUCKLAND
Morris R.W. (Bob) Maj MC, m.i.d. 5 Fd Pk Coy, 19 Army Tps Coy, 6 Fd Coy, 5 Indp Fd Sqn	CHRISTCHURCH
Morris B.E. (Barry) 1 Fd Sqn	AUCKLAND
Morrinson W.R. (Bill) 13 Rly ConstCoy, 27 Mech Equip Coy	AUCKLAND
Morton E.C. (Eric) 6 Fd Coy	WHAKATANE
Moxon R.E. (Dick) 8 Fd Coy, 25 Fd Coy	PALMERSTON NORTH
Muir R.A. (Skin) Wks Sect MAADI	WHANGAREI
Mumford L.D. (Lou) 6 Fd. Coy, 5 Fd. Pk. Coy	AUCKLAND
Munro A.J. (Arthur) (Tubby) 7 Fd. Coy	PAPAKURA
Munro D.C. (Doug) 18 Army Tps Coy, 6 Fd Coy	AUCKLAND
Murdoch O.M. (Owen) 1 Fd Coy, Div AMM Coy MEF	AUCKLAND
Murray O.E. (Digger) 18 Army Tps Coy, 8 & 6 Fd Coy's	WAIKOUAITI
Mynott W.L. (Bill) 22, 26, 31 Fd Coy's ACT/CRE ND	AUCKLAND
Nanson E.M. (DR) (Eric) OBE, RNZMC, RMO, ATT/2NZ Engrs HQ, more recently-professor- School of Medicine University of Auckland	AUCKLAND
Nathan L.W. (Leo) 1 & 2 Const Sqn's, RF CDT School, Wks Team NZATTU (Vietnam)	PALMERSTON NORTH
Neal D.K. (David) 20, 23, 31 Fd Coy's, 37 Fd Pk Coy, 24 Army Tps Coy	AUCKLAND

Neshausen G.S. (George) 6 Fd Coy Pauanui	THAMES
Nettleton R.C. (Ralph) 8 Fd Coy	TE PUKE
Nichols D.C. (Don) RE & RNZE	WAIKANAE
Nicklin L. (Len) 34 Army Tps Coy, 23 Fd Coy	AUCKLAND
Niethe D.W. (Des) (Pinto) 6 Fd Coy	CHRISTCHURCH
Niven M.A. (Monty) 8 Fd Coy	SOUTHLAND
Norris S.N. (Stan) 18 Army Tps Coy, 6 Fd Coy	MT MAUNGANUI
Norris W.E. (Bill) 1 Fd Coy	HOWICK
Nuttal K.A. (Keith) 6 Fd Coy	PICTON
Oakes T.W. (Taku) 1 Fd Sqn, 2 Const Sqn (Malaya)	PAPAKURA
O'Callaghan S.R. (Syd) 8 Fd Coy	CHRISTCHURCH
O'Connor J.M. (Jack) 10 Rly Const Sqn	HUNTLY*
Offord J. (John) Maj CE Staff Army HQNZ	PORIRUA
Oldham A.W. (Bert) 1 NZEF	AUCKLAND
O'Leary G.A. (Bailey George) QSO MC 5 Fd Pk Coy, 2 Fd Coy	WELLINGTON
Oliver C.J. (Ollie) 1 2 & 3 Fd Sqns, SME	WAIPUKARAU
Oliver E.B. (Ed) 10 Rly Const Coy	OREWA
Orchiston G.K. (Orchie) 7 Fd Coy	AUCKLAND
Orrell J. (John) 32 Fortress Coy (Gilbraltar) 124 Fd Coy RE, 128 REME Coy ME	AUCKLAND
Ottoson D.C. (Otto) 1 & 3 Fd Sqns	PAPAKURA*
Paddy J.C. (Jack) 7 Fd Coy	AUCKLAND
Page H.C. (Harold) Maj m.i.d. 19 Army Tps Coy, 7 Fd Coy	PUKEKOHE
Page R.M. (Mit) MC, 18 Army Tps Coy, 7 & 8 Fd Coys, 25 Fd. Coy	AUCKLAND
Parsons H.C.A. (Crew) 20 & 26 Fd Coys, 8 Fd Coy, RE Burma, India, Pakistan	AUCKLAND*
Parsons M.A. (Maurice) 20 Fd Coy	PALMERSTON NORTH
Patterson D.M. (Pat) 19 Army Tps Coy, Army HQNZ	CHRISTCHURCH
Pearson J.R. (Jack) 7 Fd Coy	AUCKLAND
Pearson J.R. (Jack) 20 Fd Coy, Bomb & Mine Disposal Unit	AUCKLAND
Pearson R.F. (Robert) 19 Army Tps Coy	AUCKLAND
Peat C.D. (Mick) 2 Aust CRE, 12 Army Tps Coy RAE	AUCKLAND
Peden I.L. (Ian) HQ NMD Reg Force	AUCKLAND*
Pemberton R.C. Col (Dick) MC & Bar, m.i.d. ED, 5 Fd Pk Coy, 8 Fd Coy, CRE, 2 NZ Div Engrs HQ, 1, 2, 3, Fd Coy's, 1 Fd Sqn, Col Commdt RNZE etc	AUCKLAND

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Perkins L.P. (Larry) 6 Fd Coy	AUCKLAND
Peters N.J. (Norm) 8 Fd Coy	AUCKLAND
Petersen S.M. (Syd) 6 Fd Coy	WHAKATANE
Petherick D.G. (Douglas) 2 Fd Coy, 1 NZ Indep. Coy, SD & CD Const Sqns	PALMERSTON NORTH
Phillips W.G. (Wally) 8 Fd Coy	LEVIN
Pike G.W. (Pikey) 6 Fd Coy, 5 Fd Pk Coy, 13 Rly Const Coy	PALMERSTON NORTH
Pinkerton E.L. (Wee Pink) 19 Army Tps Coy	CHRISTCHURCH
Pinkerton S.C. (Big Pink) 19 Army Tps Coy	MASTERTON
Platt W.J. (Bill) 1 Fd Sqn, (App Wing RF. CDR School)	AUCKLAND
Plunkett T.R. (Bob) 5 Fd Pk	ASHBURTON
Polglase R.A. (Bob) 6 Fd Coy, 33 Fd Coy	NELSON
Pollard F.J. (Frank) 1 Fd Coy	AUCKLAND
Potts V.C. (Vic) 5 Fd Pk Coy	PUKEKOHE*
Pratt H.A. (Herb) 7 Fd Coy	AUCKLAND
Pratt M.G. (Morrie) 3 Fd Coy, 6 Fd Coy	CHRISTCHURCH
Pratt W.A. (Warren) 1 Fd Sqn	HAMILTON
Prentice E.L. (Edward) 7 Fd Coy	DUNEDIN
Prentice R.C. (Ron) 1, 2, 6 Fd Sqn's	PAPAKURA
Price T.E. (Thos) 23 Fd Coy	TE KUITI
Prince D.H.S. (Dorian) m.i.d. 14 Army HQ etc., R.E.	TAURANGA
Prior W.J. (Bill) 660 Const Coy, 9 Bomb Disp R.E., C.E. India, etc.	DUNEDIN
Pryce L.C.L. (Lyn) Maj 5 Indp Fd Sqn (TF) LO Tp Cdr WW II Pilot, RNZAF Att/RAF	TIMARU
Pugh C.N. (Clarrie) 8 Fd Coy	CHRISTCHURCH
Purdie H.H.K. (Kent) 4 Wks. Coy, 34 Army Tps, Coy, 31 & 26 Fd. Coys	AUCKLAND
Radovanovich D. (Pancho) 1 Const Sqn	AUCKLAND
Rae J.A. (Hipray) 20 Fd Coy, 7 Fd Coy	MAKETU
Ransom N.W. (Shorty) 16 Rly Op Coy	AUCKLAND
Ray R.C. (Pop) 6 Fd Coy	AUCKLAND
Rayner J.A. (John) 1 & 2 Fd Sqn, 1 Const Sqn	AUCKLAND
Redmond J.J. (Jim) 8 Fd Coy	AUCKLAND
Redwood K.G. (Snowy) 15 & 14 Forestry Coy's	WHANGAREI
Reesby W.J. (Jock) m.i.d. 20 Fd Coy	CANTERBURY
Reid H.J. (Jim) 18 Army Tps Coy, 5 Fd Pk Coy	AUCKLAND
Retimana P.E. (Percy) ND Const Coy, 1 Fd Sqn, R.A.E. & Vietnam	PAPAKURA

Richards J. (Jack) 8 Fd Coy	WHANGAREI
Richardson G.D. (Derek) 8 Fd Coy	HASTINGS
Ricketts S. (Stan) 1 Fd Sqn	AUCKLAND*
Ridland J.D.L. (Dave) 2 Const Sqn, 2 Fd Sqn, 1 Fd Sqn, 3 Fd Sqn, SME, 28 ANZUK Sqn	MANUREWA
Ridley J.W. (Jack) ED, 3 Fd Coy, 20 & 26 Fd Coys, 28 Aslt Sqn, 2 Fd Sqn, 6 Fd Coy, 3 Div Eng HQ	TOKOROA
Robb J.H. (Robbie) 8 Fd Coy, 27 Mech Equip Coy, 5 Fd Pk Coy	AUCKLAND
Roberts D.H. (Dave) 7 Fd Coy	AUCKLAND
Roberts D.H. (Doug) M.B.E. 1, 2, CD Const Sqn's, 6 Indp Fd Sqn, SME	PAPAKURA
Roberts K. (Keith) 19 Army Tps Coy	NEW PLYMOUTH
Roberts R.J. (Robbie) DCM, 13 Rly Const Coy, 6 Fd Coy	HAMILTON
Robieson H.F. (Robie) 19 Army Tps Coy	WANGANUI
Roberts W.H. (Bill) 9 Rly Survey Coy	NELSON
Robinson F.J. (Fred) 7 Fd Coy	AUCKLAND
Robinson V.H. (Vic) 21 Mech Equip Coy, 6 Fd Coy	PALMERSTON
	NORTH
Rodgers R.E. (Bob) 1 Const Sqn	AUCKLAND*
Roland T.P. (Theo) 1 & 2 Fd Coy's, 4 Fd Pk Coy, 2 & 1 Fd Sqns	AUCKLAND
Ross I.H. (Rossie) 5 Fd Pk Coy, 28 Aslt Sqn	PAEKAKARIKI
Ross S.E. (Steve) 1 Const Sqn	ROTORUA
Rouse S.T.J. (Steven) 1 & 2 Fd Sqn's	TE AWAMUTU
Rowe B.J. (Brian) Maj 4 Fd Pk Sqn, 1 Fd Sqn	AUCKLAND
Rowe E.K.S. (Ken) 19 Army Tps Coy	RANGIORA
Rowles T.R. (Terry) 20 Fd Coy, 5 Fd Pk Coy	AUCKLAND
Rowsell D.L. (Dick) 20 Fd Coy	WHANGAREI
Rua W.K. 1 Fd Sqn	AUCKLAND
Ruakere P.F.T. (Rua) 6 Fd Sqn	NEW PLYMOUTH
Rushton G. (George) 9 Rly Survey Coy, 10 Rly Const Coy, HQ NZ Rly C & M Gp	AUCKLAND
Rutherford A.R. (Arthur) 19 Army Tps Coy	AUCKLAND
Rutherford R.K. Col (Ken) 6 Indp Fd Sqn, 2 & CD, Const Sqns, 5 Spec Team, Eng Regt RE etc	WELLINGTON
Ryan F.T. (Fred) 7 Fd Coy, 5 Fd Pk Coy	TE AWAMUTU
Ryan M.G. (Mick) 20 Fd Coy	HOWICK
Ryan M.H. (Ron) m.i.d., 18 Army Tps Coy, 8 Fd Coy	TAUPO
Ryder S. (Sid) NMD HQ	AUCKLAND
Ryder W.J. (Warren) 3 Indp Fd Sqn	INVERCARGILL

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Sampson N.J. (Sammy) 1 Fd Coy, 6 Fd Coy	AUCKLAND
Sanders G.L.J. (Gordon) 20 Fd Coy, 19 Army Tps Coy	AUCKLAND
Sanders G.P. Col (Guy) DSO, m.i.d., ADJ 2 NZ Div Engr HQ, Adj 1 & 3 Fd Coy's, NMD Wks Officer, Reg Forces	AUCKLAND
Sandford-May J.W. (John) JP, Bomb Disposal Group	AUCKLAND
Sandys J.F. (Joe) 13 Rly Const Coy, 7 Fd Coy Methven Mid	CANTERBURY
Santi F.H. (Frank) (Santa Claus) HQ 2 NZ Div Engrs, 6 Fd Coy	TAURANGA
Saunders J.B. (James) 2 Fd Coy, 35 Army Tps Coy	MANGAWEKA
Savory R.C.F. (Reg) Sir, KB, CBE, ND Engrs	AUCKLAND
Schischka L.R. (Len) 6 Fd Coy	AUCKLAND
Schischka O.E. (Owen) 31 Fd Coy, 6 Fd Coy	HENDERSON
Scholes J.M. (Jim) 8 Fd Coy	CHRISTCHURCH
Schoon R.E. (Robert) 7 Fd Coy R.E., 68 Chem-Warfare R.E., 5 Engr Coy. "J" Force	AUCKLAND
Schroder G.V. (Snowy) 13 Rly Const Coy	REEFTON
Scouler I.E. (Ian) 10 Rly Const Coy	AUCKLAND
Seccombe H.G. (Harold) 1 Fd Coy, 26 Fd Coy, 6 Fd Coy	PAPAKURA
Semenoff J. (Jack) 8 Fd Coy	WHANGAREI
Senior E. Col (Edward) OBE, ED, 1 Fd Sqn, 1 Const Sqn, 1 Engr Regt, 1 CRE Wks RNZE, CRE Fd Force RNZE, CMDR, Fd Force Engr	AUCKLAND
Sergeant B. (Sarge) 24 Fd Sqn, 36 Engr Regt, RE	CHRISTCHURCH
Service F.N. (Fred) RNZE, K. Force	AUCKLAND
Shaw C. (Colin) 20 & 23 Fd Coy's	FEILDING
Shearer R.B. (Ron) 20 Fd Coy	OPOTIKI
Sheath D.A.W. (Des) 5 Fd Coy "J" Force	AUCKLAND
Sheffield D.J. (Dave) 10 Rly Const Coy	HELENSVILLE
Sheppard A.D (Arthur) 18 Army Tps Coy, 8 Fd Coy	AUCKLAND
Sherwood H.J. (Jim) 7 Fd Coy	CHRISTCHURCH
Shingler J.V. (Digger) 25 Fd Sqn RE	AUCKLAND
Simmonds H.J. (Herb) (Rev) 22 Fd Coy, 35 Army Tps Coy, 5 Wks Coy RNZE (Japan)	AUCKLAND
Singlewood A. (Arnold) 10 Fd Sqn, 262 Fd Coy, 116 Road Const Coy, 10 Beach Fd & Movement Control RE	ASHBURTON
Skewes R.C.R.(Ray) 1 Fd Coy, 22 Fd Coy, 7 Fd Coy	THAMES
Skinner D.B. (Doug) 5 Fd Pk Coy	INVERCARGILL
Skogstad P.J. (Peter) Maj HQ 5 Spec Team (Thailand)	AUCKLAND

Small A.D. (Dan) 10 Rly Const Coy	PUKERUA BAY
Small P.M. (Phil) 10 Rly Const Coy, 6 Fd Coy, 8 Fd Coy	TE PUKE
Smirk A.T. (Robin) 1 Fd Sqn, Att/1 Inf. Bde HQ	AUCKLAND
Smith B. (Ben) 11 & 14 Forestry Coy's	HIKURANGI
Smith C.O. (Clarrie) 16 Rly Op Coy, 14 LA Regt	OTAHUHU
Smith F.G.A. (Fred) 1 Fd Coy, 6 Fd Coy	WHANGAREI
Smith L.D. (Des) 8 Fd Coy	TURANGI
Smith R.A.J. Lt/Col (Arthur) OBE, MBE, ND (NZE) 48 Div RE, (Nigeria) 6 Wa Fd Coy, CRE, 81 Div WAE (Burma) 48 Div RE (UK) CRE	HOWICK
Smith R.B. (Bob) MM 6 & 8 Fd Coy's	AUCKLAND
Smith J.M. (Vic) RE	AUCKLAND
Smith W.H. (Bill) 7 Fd Coy	CHRISTCHURCH
Somerville E.R. (Reay) (Slim) 7 Fd Coy, 5 Fd Pk Coy	TIRAU
Sorrell C.A. (Charles) 10 Rly Cosnt Coy, 6 Fd Coy	AUCKLAND
Sorrell C.N. (Charles) 8 Fd Coy	AUCKLAND
Sowerby R.J. (Jim) LS GC, 1 Const Sqn, 3 Fd Sqn	MANUREWA
Stannaway D.G. 9 Rly Survey Coy	AUCKLAND*
Stayte W.J. (Bill) 6 Anti/Tk, 7 Fd Coy, 18 Army Tps Coy	AUCKLAND
Stemson K.R. (Ken) 3 NZ Div Engr HQ, 20 & 23 Fd Coy's, 37 Fd Pk Coy, 5 Fd Pk Coy, 1 Fd Coy	KERI KERI
Stephenson G.N (Geoff) 2 Wks Section	CHRISTCHURCH*
Stevenson D. RE	LOWER HUTT
Stewart A. (Pat) 8 Fd Coy	LEVIN
Stewart W.E.M. (Merv) Maj, 1 & 2 Const Sqns, 1 & 3 Fd Sqns, 6 Indp Fd Sqn, SORE 2, Fd Force Cmd	WHANGAREI
Stirling R.D (Bob) m.i.d. 7 Fd Coy	TAURANGA
Stockley H.F.J. (Harry) 4 Fd Pk Sqn	MANUREWA
Strong C.O. (Cliff) 18 Army Tps Coy	AUCKLAND
Stroud J. (John) 4 Docks Op Gp, 1055 STV Batt, 51 Port Sqn 17 Port Trg Regt, 10 Trans Coy, 17 Pt Op Sqn	AUCKLAND*
Stuart H.C. (Harrie) ND Const Sqn	WHANGAMATA
Sturgess L.H. (Dick) 1 Fd Sqn	MASTERTON
Sutton K.E. (Sutt) 2 Fd Sqn	WHANGAREI
Sutton R. (Ron) 1 Fd Sqn, 4 Fd Pk Sqn	PAPAKURA*
Sweet J. (John) 6 Fd Coy	NAPIER
Taft M.G. (Tafty) 6 & 7 Fd Coy's	GREYMOUTH
Tangney T.M. (Tim) 17 Rly Op Coy	WHANGAREI
Tanner D.A. (Denise) 5 Supt Sqn, SME	PALMERSTON NORTH

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Tapper K.P. (Ken) SD, RNZE, 15 Fd Coy RAE 3 Div HQ RAE, SORE II LHQ (Melbourne)	AUCKLAND
Tarrant G.C. (George) 8 & 6 Fd Coy's, 5 Fd Pk Coy	AUCKLAND
Teague S.F. (Sid) Sqn Ldr, 3 Ind Fd Sqn, 5 Indp. Fd Sqn	SINGAPORE
Thode W.A. (Bill) 4 Fd Pk Sqn	AUCKLAND*
Thomas B. (Bernie) U/N, LS & GC Medals, 1 Const Sqn, 5 Spec Team 1 Fd Sqn, 6 Ind Fd Sqn	PAPAKURA
Thompson G.W. (Gordon) CD Const Sqn	OTAKI
Thompson W.R. (Wally) 5 Fd Coy "J" Force	AUCKLAND
Thomson D.G. (Don) ED & Bar, 5 Fd Pk Coy, 1 Fd Engr Regt	ASHBURTON
Thorne G.F. (Gordon) 6 Fd Coy	WHAKATANE
Thorpe J.H. (Jim) 8 Fd Coy	CANADA
Thurlow D.R. (David) 6 Fd Coy	OREWA
Tippett S.L. (Stan) 7 Fd Coy	TARANAKI
Tizzard A.S. (Stan) 27 Mech Equip Coy	CHRISTCHURCH
Toback W.C.L. (Wally) 3 Fd Coy, 5 Fd Coy, 27 Mech Equip Coy	CHRISTCHURCH
Tombs D.R. (Doug) 37 Fd Pk Coy	HAMILTON
Tomes L.B. (Len) 1 Fd Coy, 20 Fd Coy	AUCKLAND
Topp A.M. (Topsy) 2 Const Sqn	OTAHUHU*
Tracey P.A. (Dick) 1 Const Sqn	PAPAKURA
Trask J. (John) 19 Army Tps Coy New	PLYMOUTH
Trautvetter E.S. (Trev) 1 Fd Coy	HASTINGS
Tremain A.E. (Peter) 19 Army Tps Coy	DARGAVILLE
Trevelyan F.J. 23 Fd Coy	WAIPUKURAU
Tronell B.C.T. (Bruce) 1 Fd Sqn	RAGLAN
Tuck F.E.N. (Frank) 18 Army Tps Coy	MANUREWA
Turner A.H. 1 NZEF Engrs	AUCKLAND
Turner A.T. (Trevor) (Shorty) 20 Fd Coy, 5 Fd Pk Coy	INVERCARGILL
Turner E.W. (Ted) MBE Inland Wtr Tran RE, Move Con RE	AUCKLAND
Tweedie J.S. (Jim) 6 Fd Coy	WHANGAREI
Tye F.E. (Frank) 7 Fd Coy	HELENSVILLE
Unitt W.A.D. (Bill) 5 Fd Pk Coy	WHANGAREI
Urry D.J.B. (Do) 16 Rly Op Coy	PAPATOETOE
Vander-Beeke P.G.J. (Paul) 1 Fd Sqn	PAPAKURA
Vaudrey A.D. (Alan) 17 Rly Op Coy	AUCKLAND
Veale P.V. (Vern) 17 Rly Op Coy	AUCKLAND
Veart A. (Alby) MC, m.i.d., MBE, 6, 7 & 8 Fd Coys	AUCKLAND
Velvin M.N. (Mel) 1 Const Sqn, DCRE	AUCKLAND*

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Vennell A.H. (Mick) 6 Fd Coy	AUCKLAND
Vickery G.O. (Gordon) HQ 1 Fd Coy, Plant Op	PAPAKURA
Vincent F.G. (Frank) 229 Fd Coy, 108 Fd Pk Coy, 7 Bomb Disposal Coy RE	HAMILTON
Vincent M. (Malcolm) (Shorty) 8 Fd Coy	CHRISTCHURCH
Wait C.A. (Charles) 34 Army Tps Coy	WANGANUI
Wakefield D.P. (Don) Maj CD & 2 Fd Coy, 39 Fd Pk Coy, 35 Army Tps Salvage Coy, Reg Force, CD Const Sqn	FEILDING
Wakefield H.M. (Harry) 5 NZ Eng Coy (J Force)	CHRISTCHURCH
Wallace H.E. (Harold) 1 Fd Sqn	AUCKLAND
Walsh C. (Colin) 1 & SD Const Sqn, 3 Fd Sqn, SME	CHRISTCHURCH
Walsh N.E. (Norman) 15 Fd Pk Sqn, 8 & 10 Rly Sqn, 36 Corps Engr Regt, 40 Adv Engr Stores Regt, CRE (Const), Aden & Singapore	INVERCARGILL
Warnock W.H. (Bill) 11 Forestry Coy	AUCKLAND
Warren A.E. (Shorty) 6 Fd Coy	GISBORNE
Wati J. Te M (Jack) 1 Fd Sqn	PAPAKURA*
Watt A.A. (Alan) 1 Const Sqn, 28 ANZUK Bge Singapore	DARWIN*
Waugh T.M. (Thomas Mervyn) 7 Fd Coy	HOWICK
Way W.F. (Bill) m.i.d. 1 Fd Coy, 5 Fd Pk Coy	AUCKLAND
Weatherall T.W. (Bill) 7 Fd Coy	AUCKLAND
Webb L.C. (Charlie) 1 NZEF, 16 Fly Op Coy	OTAHUHU
Wedde H.E. Lt/Col (Max) 2 Const Sqn, SME, 2 Plant Tp Thailand, 5 Spec Team, A HQ, HQ NZ Force, SE Asia (Singapore)	LINTON
Welham H.J.B. (Tim) 8 Fd Coy	NEW PLYMOUTH
Welham R.E. (Richard) 16 Rly Op Coy	OTAHUHU
Wells J.C. (Jack) 18 Army Tps Coy, 6 Fd Coy	AUCKLAND
Wells J.O. (Jack) (Chick) 6 Fd Coy	NGARUAWHAHIA
Wellstead I.G. (Ian) Col OBE, 9 Airborne Sqn RE, 10 Trade Trg Regt, 50 Gurhka Engr Regt, 51 Malaya Engr Regt, 76 Fed Fd Sqn Engrs, DCRE SENELAGER, CO, 31 Para Engr Regt	AUCKLAND
White R.B. 3 Fd Coy, 6 Fd Coy	CHRISTCHURCH
White R.J. (Roger) EM, 6 Fd Sqn	PORIRUA
Whitford L.J. (Leslie) 1 Fd Sqn	AUCKLAND
Willcocks A.H. (Bert) 7 Fd Coy	NELSON
Williams A.D. (Alby) 1 Fd Coy, 38 Fd Pk Coy	AUCKLAND*
Williams J.W. (James) 239 Fd Pk Coy RE, 113 Aslt Engr Regt RE	AUCKLAND*

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Williams L.G. (Laurie) ED & Bar, m.i.d., CD Const Sqn, Army HQ	WAIKANAEBEACH
Williams W.B. (Ben) 3 Fd Coy	AUSTRALIA
Willis F.W. (Fred) 882 Mech Pk Coy RE	AUCKLAND
Willoughby F.W. (Fred) LS & GC Medals, 1 Const Sqn, J Force	PAPAKURA
Wilson A. (Alex) 20 Fd Coy, 18 Army Tps, 7 Fd Coy	PAPATOETOE
Wilson C.M. (Colin) BEM, 18 Army Tps Coy, 5 Fd Pk Coy	WHANGAREI
Wilson D. (Dave) 20 Fd Coy, 8 Fd Coy, 5 Fd Pk Coy	PUKEKOHE
Wilson F.R. (Roy) EM 7 Fd Coy, 1 Fd Sqn, 4 Fd Pk Sqn	AUCKLAND
Wilson L.D. (Les) 98 Mech Equip Coy RE	PATEA
Wilson R. (Ron) 20 Fd Coy, 8 Fd Coy	AUCKLAND
Wilton P.M. (Pete) 2 Fd Sqn	OHURA
Winkle C. (Clarrie) ND Const Sqn, 38 Fd Pk Coy, 34 Army Tps Coy	AUCKLAND
Wood E.A. (Woodsy) 27 Mech Equip Coy	UPPER HUTT
Wood G.E. (George) 8 Fd Coy	LEVIN
Wood T.H. (Joe) 20 Fd Coy, 6 Fd Coy, Wks Mtce Sect (Tonga)	AUCKLAND
Woods K.J. (Ken) Maj MBE, 6 Fd Sqn, 3 Const Sqn, SME, 1 Fd Sqn, CRE Wks, HQ RNZE	OREWA
Woolford R.G. (Ray) 1 Fd Sqn, 4 Fd Pk Sqn, 31 Fd Coy, 1 Fd Eng Regt, HQ 1 Div	AUCKLAND
Woolliams D.L. (Doug) m.i.d. 8 Fd Coy	NEW PLYMOUTH
Wright C.J. (Joe) 6 Fd Coy	TAUMARUNUI
Wright C.L. (Cyril) Padre, 7 Fd Coy	AUCKLAND
Yeatman W. (Bill) 19 Army Tps Coy	CHRISTCHURCH
Young C.N. (Clarence) 7 Fd Coy	CHRISTCHURCH
Young J.W. (Jim) 1 Rly Const Coy	AUCKLAND
Young M.W. (Maurie) 8 Fd Coy	AUCKLAND
Young W. (Wally) 17 Rly Op Coy	HIKURANGI

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Adams B.H. (Bert) 16 Rly Op Coy	PALMERSTON NORTH 1982
Adolph R.J. (Roy) 1 Fd 1 NZEF	AUCKLAND 1974
Aikin E.T. (Eric) 8 Fd Coy 5 Fd Pk Coy	
27 Mech Equip Coy	MAUNGATUROTO 1973
Aitchison W.N. Forestry Group	WHAKATANE 1983
Aickin R.W. Lt Col OBE, ED, m.i.d. 1 NZEF	
& 16 Rly Op Coy	WELLINGTON 1982
Alderton A.V.J. 8 Fd Coy	WHANGAREI 1983
Allcock W. 1 NZEF	AUCKLAND 1972
Alley H. Mc. D. (Hector) 23 Fd Coy	TAURANGA 1969
Allen T. (Tom) (Skin) 6 Fd Coy 7 Fd Coy	WHANGAREI 1983
Allwood K.D. (Ken) 6 Fd Coy	1963
Almond A. (Allan) 8 Fd Coy	CHRISTCHURCH 1980
Anderson H.M. (Herbert) 28 Asslt Sqn,	
1 Fd Coy, 23 Fd Coy	AUCKLAND 1985
Anderson J.A. (James) 18 Army Tps Coy	AUCKLAND 1975
Anderson J.R. (John) 7 Fd Coy	AUCKLAND 1971
Anderson J.N. Lt Col DSO, m.i.d. 5 Fd Pk	
6 Fd Coy CRE 1944 Engr Trg Depot	1968
Andreasen I.H. (Ivan) (Andy) WO1 RNZE	
ND Const Sqn	AUCKLAND 1971
Andrew C.R. (Colin) 2 NZEF	TINOPAI 1970
Andrew J. (Jim) 13 Rly Constr Coy	NAPIER 1981
Armour W.J. (Bill) 7 Fd Coy	AUCKLAND 1970
Armstrong G.K. (George) Lt Col DSO, MC,	
m.i.d., 27 Mech Equip 13 Rly Const 8 Fd	
Coy 5 Fd Pk Coy 1 Fd Engr Regt	QUEENSTOWN 1982
Armstrong J.J. (Jim) 19 Army Tps Coy	
7 Fd Coy	NELSON 1979
Arnot L.J. 8 Fd Coy	HAMILTON 1984
Ashdown H.K. (Ken) 2 NZEF	TAURANGA 1983
Ashley F. (Frank) N.Z.E.	AUCKLAND 1968
Askew A.L. (Arthur) 1 NZEF	MASTERTON 1970
Atkinson C.T.L. (Chook) 2 NZEF 6 Fd Coy	
31 Fd Coy	WHANGAREI 1976
Atkinson E.B. (Blake) 2 NZEF 6 Fd Coy	CHRISTCHURCH 1980

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Attewell C.A. 2 NZEF	WHANGAREI 1984
Auger H.G. N.Z.E. WWZ	AUCKLAND 1984
Bailey R.F. (Roy) (Bill) 21 Mech Equip Coy 5 Fd Pk Coy	AUCKLAND 1984
Baird A.E. (Alec) 2 NZEF 20 Fd Coy	WELLINGTON 1983
Baker T. (Taffy) 7 Fd Coy	TE AROHA 1982
Bancroft W.B. (Bill) 19 Army Tps Coy 27 Mech Equip	AUCKLAND 1983
Bannatyne N.A. (Neil) 10 Rly Const Coy 13 Rly Const Coy 6 Fd Coy 27 Mech Equip 4 Fd Pk 2 Fd Sqn	WELLINGTON 1971
Barclay W. (Bill) Lt. R.E. 1 NZEF	AUCKLAND 1975
Barker S.J. (Syd) 6 Fd Coy	PUTARURU 1974
Barlow V.A.H. 2 NZEF	ROTORUA 1983
Barns A.G. 2 NZEF	WANGANUI 1982
Barter P. (Peter) RNZE 2 Fd Sqn 1 Fd Regt	1967
Barrett J.T. (Jerry) RNZE	SOUTH VIETNAM 1969
Bartrum J.W. (Jock) (Doc) Maj. 2 Div R.M.O.	AUCKLAND 1975
Bassett C.R.G. (Cyril) LtCol V.C., ED. 1 NZEF N.Z.E.	AUCKLAND 1983
Bastin B.A.H. (Bert) 20 Fd Coy	AUCKLAND 1980
Baxter E. (Ernie) 1 NZEF	AUCKLAND 1978
Baxter N.R. (Paddy) 6 Fd Coy	NELSON 1977
Beal L.R. (Snow) MM, 6 Fd Coy, 8 Fd Coy	INVERCARGILL 1980
Beatson S.A. (Sydney) 14 Forestry Coy	AUCKLAND 1980
Beattie E. 23 Fd Coy	LEVIN 1982
Beck G. McL. (Gordon) 1 NZEF	AUCKLAND 1971
Beckett D.W. 11 Forestry Coy	ANTARCTICA 1979
Beeby J.J. (Johnny) 7 Fd Coy	WAIKATO 1971
Beehre C.O. Charlie (Buzz) 16 Rly Op Coy	AUCKLAND 1978
Beer S.E. (Sidney) W.O. N.D. Const Sqn RNZE	AUCKLAND 1972
Beilderbeck L.C. 10 Rly Const Coy	WANGANUI 1985
Bell A. (Alex) 1 NZEF	AUCKLAND 1984
Bell A.E. WW1 & WW2, R.E.	AUCKLAND 1985
Bell W.L. N.Z. Works Coy	AUCKLAND 1979
Benseman D.T. (Doug) 16 Rly Op Coy	AUCKLAND 1983
Betts V.C. (Vernon) 6 Fd Coy	HAWERA 1972
Bellingham E. (Ernest) 1 NZEF	AUCKLAND 1981
Berich N. (Nicholas) (Mick) 16 Rly Op Coy	AUCKLAND 1982
Berryman A.W. (Arthur) 5 Fd Pk Coy	AUCKLAND 1983
Beynon G. WW2, N.Z.E.	LEVIN 1985

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Bird A.G. (Alfred) 6 Fd Coy	TAURANGA 1981
Bishop M.N. (Malcolm) 23 Fd Coy 20 Fd Coy 8 Fd Coy 37 Fd Pk	AUCKLAND 1979
Black D.C. WW2, R.E.	AUCKLAND 1985
Blake B. (Bruce) 2 NZEF	AUCKLAND 1977
Blake R.E. WW2, N.Z.E.	PATEA 1984
Blakeway A.V. (Vern) 6 Fd Coy	CHRISTCHURCH 1984
Blomfield I.C. (Ian) 23 Fd Coy	HAMILTON 1975
Bogle A.H. (Archie) Maj SQ AHR WGTN 1 NZEF	AUCKLAND 1972
Bogle A.W. (Alex) 1 NZEF	WAIKANAE 1970
Bonish J.P. (Jim) 11 Forestry Coy 14 For Coy	HOKITIKA 1975
Boothby W.O. (Bill) 2 NZEF	TE AWAMUTU 1970
Bourne G.M. (Geoff) (Lofty) m.i.d. 18 Army Tps Coy 7 Fd Coy	NAPIER 1971
Bowden L.G. (Les) 2 Fd. Coy	AUCKLAND 1985
Bower E.C. (Eric) 2 NZEF Auckland 1981	
Botterill T.G. (Tom) Auckland Volunteer Engineers 1898	AUCKLAND 1978
Box E.G. (Ted) 13 Rly Const Coy	AUCKLAND 1972
Bowen C.F. (Sid) 7 Fd Coy	TURANGI 1978
Boxall F.H. (Frank) 7 Fd Coy	AUCKLAND 1981
Boyce P.S. Forestry Group	NAPIER 1980
Boyd C.W. 26 Fd Coy	TAUPO 1978
Boyd J.S. (Jack) (Porky) 5 Fd Pk Coy	OREWA 1980
Boyd W.P. Works Const 2 NZEF	NAPIER 1984
Boyer H.R. (Dick) 8 Fd. Coy	FIELDING 1985
Boyle S. (Sam) 17 Rly Op Coy	DARGAVILLE 1983
Boyle A.J. (Arthur) 8 Fd Coy 5 Fd Pk Coy	PALMERSTON NORTH 1980
Bradburn A.E. 1 NZEF	AUCKLAND 1970
Bradford A.H. (Arch) (Brick) 8 Fd Coy	ASHBURTON 1983
Bradford H.T. (Herbert) 6 Fd Coy	KAITAIA 1980
Bradshaw-Smith R.A. (Roy) Maj m.i.d. RE WW1 IE 1 Fd Coy OC Engr Wing	AUCKLAND 1971
Bradley W.K. (Keith) 7 Fd Coy 18 Army Tps Coy	DARGAVILLE 1983
Brebner R.O. (Reg) 16 Rly Op Coy	AUCKLAND 1980
Brennan N.P. (Norm) (Dick) 8 Fd Coy	CHRISTCHURCH 1975
Brennan P.H. (13 Rly Const Coy	AUCKLAND 1984
Bridge L.D. (Lawrence) (Bill) MBE Capt RNZE	WELLINGTON 1973
Brien J. (John) Rly Const Coy	AUCKLAND 1982
Broadbent J.D. (John) Major RNZE	WELLINGTON 1980

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Brown J.L. (Jack) 16 Rly Op Coy	OPOTIKI 1982
Brown R.H. RNZE South	VIETNAM 1969
Brown W.E. RE WW2	TAURANGA 1981
Browne E.G. WW2, N.Z.E.	AUCKLAND 1985
Browne W.E. MBE Col RE WW2	BAY OF ISLANDS 1981
Brovine W.E. MBE Col RE	TAURANGA 1981
Brokenshire A.T. (Albert) DCM MM 1 Fd Coy 1 NZEF	THAMES 1971
Bryan G.F. Forestry Group	RIVERTON 1980
Bucknell G.W. (Gerald) Capt 5 Fd Pk Coy 6 Fd Coy 7 Fd Coy	CHRISTCHURCH 1983
Burgess J.P. (Jack) 7 Fd Coy A.S.I. WO2	WHAKATANE 1983
Burke G.L. (George) 7 Fd Coy	AUCKLAND 1971
Burke M.J.M. (Jack) 10 Rly Const Coy 6 Fd Coy	AUCKLAND 1973
Burns S.R. R.E.	LEVIN 1981
Burtenshaw C.J. 18 Rly Op. Coy	TIMARU 1985
Burton S.F. 13 Rly Const Coy	LEVIN 1984
Busch E.E. 6 Fd. Coy	CHRISTCHURCH 1985
Busck T.H. (Theo) ND Engre 3 Fd Coy 1 Fd Coy 22, 20, 26 Fd Coys	WHANGAREI 1972
Buscke K.E. (Edwin) 5 Fd. Pk. Coy	ROTORUA 1985
Butler J. (James) 18 Army Tps Coy	AUCKLAND 1982
Bythell J.M. 2 NZEF	BLenheim 1981
Cain R.J. Rly Op Coy	HAMILTON 1985
Calder N.K. (Norman) 5 Fd Pk Coy	CHRISTCHURCH 1983
Campbell A.D. (Alan David) Rly Op Coy	CHRISTCHURCH 1985
Campbell D.R. 1 NZEF	AUCKLAND 1975
Campbell T.A. (Thomas) 1 NZEF	WHAKATANE 1972
Carleton C.T. (Charles) N.Z.E.	1968
Carlton P.C.M. (Phil) MBE m.i.d. 6 Fd Coy 5 Fd Pk Coy	AUCKLAND 1984
Carmine J.B. (Brett) 6 Fd Coy 2 NZEF	GISBORNE 1981
Carnell N.N. Lt. 2 NZEF	WANGANUI 1981
Carnie Allan (Doc) 8 Fd Coy	TE ANAU 1984
Carpenter K. (Ken) 8 Fd Coy	CHRISTCHURCH 1981
Carran J. (Jim) Forestry Group	HAMILTON 1985
Carrie M.S. (Max) Major 2 Div H.Q. 2 NZEF	CHRISTCHURCH 1983
Carruthers R.T. (Ron) 6 Fd Coy	1984
Carter F.E.J. (Frank) 7 Fd Coy	AUCKLAND 1979
Carter M.R. (Maurice) 2 NZEF	AUCKLAND 1984
Carter S.A. 2 NZEF Invercargill	1984

Carter S.T. (Syd) MBE 2 Fd Coy 3 Fd Coy 1 NZEF	AUCKLAND 1981
Cartledge R.D. Forestry Group	AUSTRALIA 1982
Cassrels N.S. 1 NZEF	AUCKLAND 1973
Chandler C.P. (Charles) 20 Fd Coy 6 Fd Coy	AUCKLAND 1978
Chaplin T. (Thomas) 4 Fd Coy 1 NZEF	AUCKLAND 1981
Check R.R. (Ralph) 2 NZEF	WELLINGTON 1971
Cheers A.B. (Archie) (A.B.64) 10 Rly Const Coy	AUCKLAND 1976
Chesswas H.D. 2 NZEF	WANGANUI 1984
Christenson K.W. (Keith) (Dickey) 8 Fd Coy	KAITAIA 1984
Christianson C.Y. 17 Rly Op Coy	NEW PLYMOUTH 1980
Chrystal P.M. 10 Rly Const Coy	CHRISTCHURCH 1983
Clark F.J. (Foster) Capt 2 NZEF	AUCKLAND 1968
Clark J.R. Forestry Group	WHAKATANE 1983
Clarke A.C. (Arthur) Col R.E.	AUCKLAND 1968
Clarke D.A. MBE 17 Rly Op Coy 8 Fd Coy	HAMILTON 1970
Clements L.J. (Len) 6 Fd Coy 2 NZEF	CHRISTCHURCH 1980
Clifton G.H. (George) Brig DSO & 2 Bars MC CRE 2 Div 1940-41	TAUPO 1970
Clunie D.J. 2 NZEF	WHANGAREI 1983
Cochrane J. 2 NZEF	ROTORUA 1983
Cochrane W. (William) Rly Op Coy	WHANGAREI 1970
Coe J.W. (Jim) Capt RNZE	AUCKLAND 1974
Colbeck L.W.J. 2 NZEF	WELLINGTON 1980
Connew F.S. WW2, N.Z.E.	CHRISTCHURCH 1984
Conway G.B. (Brennan) Rly Const Coy	AUCKLAND 1970
Comes C.W. Forestry Group	MORRINSVILLE 1981
Connolly F.H. (Frank) 1 NZEF	AUCKLAND 1971
Cook M.A. (Mark) 8 Fd. Coy.	CHRISTCHURCH 1984
Coombes H.W. (Hector) 2 NZEF	HAMILTON 1981
Cooper L.J. (Jack) R.N.Z.E.	AUCKLAND 1981
Copedo F.V. (Fred) 1 NZEF	TE KOPURU 1977
Costin F.G.	AUCKLAND 1979
Craig B. (Bruce) 7 Fd Coy	AUCKLAND 1983
Craig D.T. (David) 1 NZEF	AUCKLAND 1977
Crallan R.R. (Jim) 7 Fd Coy	KAIKOHE 1976
Credin I.L. (Ian) 8 Fd Coy	NAPIER 1983
Creeks T. (Tom) 6 Fd Coy	WHANGAREI 1979
Crerar A. (Alexander) HQ Rly Const & Maint Group	HAMILTON 1980
Crookes P.C.I. (Charles) 26 Fd Coy, 31 Fd Coy, 3 Div. Engr. HQ	AUCKLAND 1985

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Cross W.G. WW2, N.Z.E.	LEVIN 1984
Crossen J.W. (Joe) 19 Army Tps Coy	CHRISTCHURCH 1972
Crowe P.J. (Pat) 7 Fd Coy	DARGAVILLE 1979
Crysell J.H. 23 Mech Equip Coy	CHRISTCHURCH 1984
Cumming H.A. 18 Army Tps Coy	TAURANGA 1982
Currie R.H. (Ray) (Bud) 18 & 19 Army Tps Coys 7 Fd Coy	WHANGAREI 1976
Curtain C.G. (Chris) 19 Army Tps Coy	AUCKLAND 1981
Curtiss L.H.	WELLINGTON 1980
Daly A.E. (Albert) 2 NZEF	1969
Daniel F.G. WW2 N.Z.E.	TE MUKA 1984
Daniels S.R. (Selwyn) 23 Fd Coy	WAIHI 1970
Darwen C.W. (Bill) 8 Fd Coy	AUCKLAND 1981
Davies C.K. (Charles) (Ken) 1 Fd Coy 1 NZEF	AUCKLAND 1968
Davidson J.D.H. (John) R.E.	HAMILTON 1972
Davis A.E. (Alan) 2 Fd Coy 3 Fd Coy 1 NZEF	AUCKLAND 1984
Davis E.N. 2 NZEF	WANGANUI 1981
Day J. (John) 11 Forestry Coy	HAMILTON 1982
De 'Arcy (Harry)	1968
De Cossey R.N. 6 Fd Coy	1982
Dellow W.S. 13 Rly Const Coy	1982
Delph L.W. (Len) MC R.E.	WHANGAREI 1974
Dent F.M.R. (Frank) 8 Fd Coy	AUCKLAND 1978
Diamond S.J. 2 NZEF	WELLINGTON 1983
Dickinson A.T. 18 Army Tps Coy	AUCKLAND 1985
Dickson A.R. (Alex) 2 NZEF	OMOKOROA 1983
Dillon O.H. (Fred) 5 Fd Pk RSM 1 Div ND	AUCKLAND 1981
Diprose A.G. (Allan) 2 NZEF	AUSTRALIA 1983
Dixon A.E. WW2 N.Z.E.	GISBORNE 1984
Dobson J. (Jack) R.E.	AUCKLAND 1979
Dodd G. WW2 R.E.	AUCKLAND 1984
Donaldson F.L. (Fred) 13 Rly Const Coy	KAITAIA 1974
Donohue J.N. (Pat) 9 Rly Svy Coy	AUCKLAND 1982
Donovan F. R.E. WW1	OTAKI 1982
Doran F.O. 2 NZEF	AUCKLAND 1965
Douglas J.S. Rly Const Coy	WESTPORT 1984
Dow B.N. (Bruce) 6 Fd Coy 20 Fd Coy 28 Aslt Sqn	AUCKLAND 1981
Dow L.C. (Colin) 6 Fd Coy	AUCKLAND 1985
Downes A.G. (Arthur) Tunnelling Coy 1 NZEF	AUCKLAND 1983

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Drew W.F. (Bill) 26 Fd Coy ME	INVERCARGILL 1985
Driver H.J. (Henry) N.Z.E. WW2	WHANGAMATA 1985
Duckworth A.J. (Andrew) MM 5 Fd Pk Coy 6 Fd Coy	AUCKLAND 1982
Dudeck W.E. (Lofty) DCM 7 Fd Coy	HELENSVILLE 1975
Duffield A.E. 6 Fd Coy	CHRISTCHURCH 1985
Dyer A.C. R.E. WW2	HAMILTON 1982
Dyhrberg H.H. (Harold) 7 Fd Coy	CHRISTCHURCH 1977
Eaddy H.V. 1 NZEF	AUCKLAND 1980
Eagan M. 2 NZEF	GISBORNE 1981
Earl J.C. (Jim)	1964
Early A. (Alf) 4 Fd Coy 1 NZEF	AUCKLAND 1982
East A.C. N.Z.E. WW2	PUKEKOHE 1984
Easton A. (Alex) (Jock) MM R.E. L.R.D.G.	AUCKLAND 1981
Easton G. (George) 1 NZEF	AUCKLAND 1981
Edgar Rex (Bluey) N.Z.E. WW2	WAIKOWHITI 1985
Edhouse G.R. (Ed) 2 Fd Coy 38 Army Tps Coy	WELLINGTON 1976
Edmond W. 8 Fd Coy	WANGANUI 1983
Edmonds A.C. (Arthur) Lt Col, MC m.i.d., MC (Greek), 6 Fd Coy	AUCKLAND 1977
Edwards C. (Clement) 6 Fd Coy	AUCKLAND 1980
Edwards H.J. (Henry) (Jim) ND Const Sqn 34 Army Tps Coy	AUCKLAND 1980
Edwards J. (Joseph) Imp Forces WW1 NZE WW2	AUCKLAND 1980
Egerton J.T. 2 NZEF	GORE 1981
Ellery R. (Robert) 20 Fd Coy 8 Fd Coy	GREYMOUTH 1979
Elder J.K. (Pappy) 7 Fd Coy	SOUTHLAND 1982
Elliott W.F.J. (Buster) (Bill) 6 Fd Coy	AUCKLAND 1981
Empson G.L. 6 Fd. Coy	CHRISTCHURCH 1984
England L. N.Z.E.	AUCKLAND 1982
Erickson R.A. (Bob) 11 Forestry Coy	TAUMARUNUI 1970
Evans A.C. (Arthur) 6 Fd Coy	AUCKLAND 1979
Evans E.J. R.E.	AUCKLAND 1982
Everson E. (Emile) (Ted) 9 Rly Svy Coy	AUCKLAND 1981
Farmer D.L. (Don) 2 NZEF	CHRISTCHURCH 1980
Farnham J.C. (Jack) MM, m.i.d, 6 Fd Coy, 28 Asslt Sqn	WHANGAREI 1985
Farnsworth B.N. (Frank) WW1	AUCKLAND 1982
Feaver J.R. (Joe) 7 Fd Coy	NEW PLYMOUTH 1970

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Fendall D.J.W. 20 Fd Coy 6 Fd Coy	HAMILTON 1982
Ferri R.M. (Ruben) 2 NZEF	NORTHLAND 1978
Findlay G. (George) 1 NZEF	AUCKLAND 1977
Finlayson W.E.G. (Eric) 18 & 19 Army Tps Coys	OTAGO 1985
Finney N. (Noel) 5 Fd Pk Coy	CHRISTCHURCH 1978
Fiveash A.J. 16 Rly Op Coy	WELLINGTON 1981
Fix W.J. (Bill) MM 3 Fd Coy 1 NZEF 4 Wks Coy	AUCKLAND 1982
Fleming W. G. (William) 7 Fd Coy	AUCKLAND 1980
Foord W. 1 NZEF	BLENHEIM 1980
Forbes R.M. 2 NZEF	PALMERSTON NORTH 1984
Ford L.L. (Leonard) 6 Fd Coy	KAITAIA 1984
Ford S.F. (Sam) 1 NZEF	AUCKLAND 1970
Foster F.E. (Frank) (Guncotton) MC 7 Fd Coy 8 Fd Coy 27 Mech Equip Coy	AUCKLAND 1971
Fountain E.W. (Spout) 5 Fd Pk Coy	AUCKLAND 1978
Fowler R. (Raymond) (Chook) 2 NZEF	AUCKLAND 1968
Frame A.R. (Arthur) (Robert) 1 NZEF	OTAGO 1974
Fransen F.O. (Franz) 15 Forestry Coy	AUCKLAND 1974
Fraser S. (Stan) 16 Rly Op Coy	AUCKLAND 1975
Frazer E.C. 5 Fd Pk Coy	WELLINGTON 1979
Freeman P.H. 23 Fd Coy	CHRISTCHURCH 1985
Frew A.R. (Alex) 16 Rly Op Coy	WHANGAREI 1985
Gallagher J.H. (John) (Rip) 17 Rly Op Coy	INVERCARGILL 1977
Gardner R.R. (Dick) 2 NZEF	WAIHI 1979
Gayford H.C. (Harry) R.E.	TAURANGA 1968
Geldard J.C. (Jack) 10 Rly Const Coy	AUCKLAND 1974
George W. N.Z.E. WW1	HAMILTON 1984
Gerrand P.A. MSM 1 NZEF	AUCKLAND 1981
Gibson D.C. (Claude) 10 Rly Const Coy 5 Fd Pk Coy	AUCKLAND 1980
Gibson R.C. 16 Rly Op Coy	WANGANUI 1981
Gillett A.R. (Arthur) 18 Army Tps Coy 5 Fd Pk Coy	WHANGAREI 1983
Glasgow W.J. (Jim) 16 Rly Op Coy	AUCKLAND 1981
Glasse A.O. (Fred) Maj CMG, OBE, MC, 4 Fd Coy 1 NZEF 4 Wks Coy CRE NMD 1941	AUCKLAND 1977
Goodsir J.A. (Jim) Maj MC, ED, 6 Fd Coy 7 Fd Coy 8 Fd Coy 18 Army Tps Coy 5 Fd Pk Coy	AUCKLAND 1975

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Gordon H.D. 13 Rly Const Coy	TE KAUWHTA 1983
Gordon J.B. Major Indian Engineers	AUCKLAND 1984
Gould T.H. (Tom) 18 Army Tps Coy 7 Fd Coy	AUCKLAND 1972
Gore R.G. Engr Wing ASI	AUICKLAND1980
Gowan J.G. (Jerry) MC 20 Fd Coy 8 Fd Coy 5 Fd Pk Coy 27 Mech Equip Coy	AUCKLAND 1972
Graham G.M. N.Z.E. WW1	WELLINGTON 1984
Graham P.J. (Pat) 1 NZEF	AUCKLAND 1980
Graham R. 1 NZEF	WELLINGTON 1983
Grant T. N.Z.E. WW2	LEVIN 1985
Grattan J.A. 10 Rly Const Coy	AUCKLAND 1984
Gray G.O. 2 NZEF	RANGIORA 1980
Gray R.W. 2 NZEF	CHRISTCHURCH 1980
Green R.N. (Jock) MM Sangro 2 NZEF	TAURANGA 1971
Greenall E. (Ted) 18 Army Tps Coy 6 Fd. Coy	AUCKLAND 1985
Greening H.C.W. (Harry) 2 NZEF	AUCKLAND 1970
Gregory H.G.V. (Herb) 7 Fd Coy	WELLINGTON 1979
Grewar A.T. (Allan) 1 Fd Coy 1 NZEF	
Grieve G. 1 NZEF	AUCKLAND 1975
Griffen T. (Tom) 7 Fd Coy	TE AWAMUTU 1984
Griffin G.A. (Gordon) 2 NZEF	AUCKLAND 1969
Grondin H. 1 NZEF	WANGANUI 1981
Gunthorpe R.J. (Ray) 7 Fd Coy	WHANGAREI 1982
Haggerty R.J. 13 Rly Const Coy	WANGANUI 1983
Hall J.R. (John) R.E. Major WW2	AUCKLAND 1975
Hall R.H. (Roland) (Henry) (Rolly) 1 NZEF	AUCKLAND 1983
Hallinan H.J. (Bluey) 16 Rly Op Coy	HAMILTON 1983
Hamilton A.W. (Andrew) (Whittie) 2 NZEF	TOKOROA 1971
Hanger T.G. (Tom) m.i.d. 7 Fd Coy 8 Fd Coy	QUEENSTOWN 1984
Hanke L.A. 2 NZEF	MATAURA 1983
Hannah L.E. (Laurence) 6 Fd Coy 5 NZ Eng Coy	AUCKLAND 1977
Hannah S.E. 2 NZEF	WELLINGTON 1981
Hannan A. (Alfred) 2 NZEF	AUCKLAND 1972
Hansen P.H. N.Z.E. WW2	WHANGAREI 1985
Hanson F.M.H. (Fred) (Bull) Brig. CMG, DSO & Bar, OBE, MM, m.i.d. ED, 1 NZEF, 7 Fd Coy CRE 2 NZ Div CE 2 NZEF etc.	WELLINGTON 1979
Hanson H. N.Z. Forestry Group	ROTORUA 1980
Hansen B.T. (Basil) 2 NZEF	HAMILTON 1981
Hafford C.A. (Clifford) 2 NZEF	AUCKLAND 1974
Hapeta H.J. (Hoani) R.N.Z.E.	THAILAND 1969

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Harniss E.W. (Pat) HQ. 2 Div Engrs	WELLINGTON 1985
Harman S.F. Maj. R.E.	AUCKLAND 1984
Harold D.D.P. 19 Army Tps Coy	NEW PLYMOUTH 1984
Harrison C.C. (Cedric) 2 NZEF	KAITAIA 1981
Hart C. (Charles) 7 Fd Coy	AUCKLAND 1984
Hart M.M. (Merve) 10 Rly Const Coy 16 Rly Op Coy	CLEVEDON 1974
Hatton F. R.E. W.W. 2	AUCKLAND 1982
Hastie G.G. (Gordon) 37 Fd Pk Coy	AUCKLAND 1982
Hawke A.L. (Les) 1 Fd Coy	PAPAKURA 1984
Hawkins W.H. R.E. W.W. 1	NEW PLYMOUTH 1981
Hay T.T.K. (Tom) 1 NZEF	AUCKLAND 1977
Hay W. (Wally) WW2 R.E.	AUCKLAND 1984
Haynes C.K. (Keith) 21 Mech Equip Coy	WHANGAREI 1971
Heaphy E.E.T. Major R.N.Z.E.	PALMERSTON NORTH 1984
Heffernan N. (Norman) 2 NZEF	AUCKLAND 1969
Hendle W.J. N.Z.W. WW2	AUCKLAND 1984
Heywood T.H. Rly Op Coy	AUCKLAND 1982
Higginson N.L. (Nick) MM 1 NZEF	AUCKLAND 1962
Hight F.J. (Frank) m.i.d. 19 Army Tps Coy	HAMILTON 1976
Hinds F.A. (Fred) 2 NZEF	AUCKLAND 1977
Hirtzel R.F. (Raymond) (Dudge) 2 NZEF	WHANGAREI 1972
Hobden S.G. R.E. WW2	TAURANGA 1984
Hodge G.J. (Gordon) 2 NZEF	AUCKLAND 1982
Hogan J.J. (John) 2 NZEF	1977
Hogan T.C. (Tom) 2 NZEF	AUCKLAND 1979
Holland R.H. (Bob) 6 Fd Coy	AUCKLAND 1962
Holt R.C. N.Z. Forestry Group	TAUPO 1981
Home S.S. 1 Fd Coy 1 NZEF	TIMARU 1980
Horgan L.W.P. (Pat) 7 Fd Coy 35 Army Tps Coy	WHANGAMATA 1977
Horrocks H. (Herbert) Lt G.H.Q.	AUCKLAND 1966
Houghton R.L. 18 Army Tps Coy	HEREKINO 1970
Howard K.R. (Ken) R.E. Capt Indian Engineers	AUCKLAND 1983
Howell W.J. Jay Force	AUCKLAND 1984
Hubbard E.A. 19 Army Tps Coy	WELLINGTON 1984
Hudson A.C. (Andy) 2 Const. Coy	TURANGI 1974
Hudson J.L. 5 Fd Pk Coy	AUCKLAND 1982
Hunkin C.W. (Colin) 1 Fd Coy 20 Fd Coy 26 Fd Coy	AUCKLAND 1973
Hunt J.B. 5 Fd Pk Coy	AUCKLAND 1984
Hunter E.E. (Eric) 1 Fd Coy 38 Fd Pk Coy	AUCKLAND 1981

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Hurley R.R. (Raymond) 7 Fd Coy	AUCKLAND 1969
Hurst A.W. Forestry Group NZE	HAMILTON 1985
Hutton S.J. (Stan) 27 Mech Equip Coy	HORORATA
Iles H.S.H. (Herbert) MSM 2 Fd Coy 1 NZEF	AUCKLAND 1971
Insley H.W. (Harry) 3 Fd Coy 1 NZEF	AUCKLAND 1977
Irvine R.J. R.E. W.W.1	WHANGAREI 1981
Jackson G.K. (Gordon) 4 Wks Coy 34 Army Tps Coy 6 Fd Coy 38 Fd Pk Coy 27 Mech Equip Coy	AUCKLAND 1982
Jackson C.G. N.Z.E.	AUCKLAND 1982
Jacobson A.A.E. (Ambrose) 2 NZEF	HAMILTON 1981
Jameson A.B. 1 NZEF AUCKLAND 1973	
Jamieson A. Mc. (Bert) 11 Forestry Coy	PAIHIA 1977
Jans L.A. 17 Rly Op Coy	NEW PLYMOUTH 1984
Jelley F.C. (Fred) 23 Fd Coy	HAMILTON 1972
Jerram G.L. (Les) 1 NZEF and 2 NZEF Malaya	AUCKLAND 1978
Johnstone G.T. (George) (Doc) 19 Army Tps Coy 5 Fd Pk Coy	AUCKLAND 1983
Johnson N.W. (Norman) Rly Op Coy	AUCKLAND 1970
Johnson P.M. 13 Rly Op Coy	HAMILTON 1981
Johnson R.C. (Robert) (Nobby) 1 NZEF	AUCKLAND 1971
Johnston J.T. (Johnno) 16 Rly Op Coy	AUCKLAND 1973
Johnstone T.F. N.Z.E. WW2	INVERCARGILL 1984
Jones R.H. (Bob) 3 Fd Coy 1 NZEF	ROTORUA 1973
Joyes B.M. 8 Fd Coy	AUCKLAND 1963
Keane V.J. (Victor) BEM	1964
Kearns J.S. 21 Mech Equip Coy	GISBORNE 1981
Kelly D.W. N.Z. Forestry Group	ROTORUA 1982
Kelly J. (Joe) 7 Fd Coy	HAMILTON 1982
Kenny W.A. 2 NZEF	BLenheim 1983
Kennedy C.G. (Cyril) (Happy) 8 Fd Coy 5 Fd Pk Coy	AUCKLAND 1983
Kennedy W.J. (William) (Bill) MM 6 Fd Coy 1 Fd Sqn 4 Fd Sqn	AUCKLAND 1979
Kerr R.J. (Russell) (Jack) 2 NZEF	TAURANGA 1981
Kerse R.L. (Ray) 6 Fd Coy	ROXBURGH 1971
King C. (Charles) 1 NZEF	AUCKLAND 1966
King G.W. (George) Tunnellers 1 NZEF 35 Army Tps Coy	WANGANUI 1970

McDonagh R.F. 16 Rly Op Coy	HAMILTON 1982
McDonald A.R. N.Z. Forestry Group	MT MAUNGANUI 1980
McDonald B. N.Z. Forestry Group	MT MAUNGANUI 1982
McDonald G.A. (Gordon) 7 Fd Coy	AUCKLAND 1979
McDonald W.J. R.E. W.W. 2	TIMARU 1981
McFarlane K. (Keith) 16 Rly Op Coy	ASHBURTON 1980
McGarry W.J.	1968
McIntyre B.J.D. (Bruce) 25 Fd Coy 8 Fd Coy	NEW PLYMOUTH 1979
MacKay H. N.Z.E. WW1	TAURANGA 1984
McKay J.H. 13 Rly Const Coy	GISBORNE 1984
McKay R. (Ronald) 6 Fd Coy	WHANGAREI 1984
McKenzie G.H. (Gordon) (Hugh) 2 NZEF	AUCKLAND 1980
McKenzie R. (Richard) 1 NZEF	AUCKLAND 1971
McKenzie R.E. 17 Rly Op Coy	KAIAPOI 1984
McKinlay D.E. N.Z.E. WW2	WANGANUI 1985
McKinley N.F.J. (Noel) 18 Army Tps Coy	NAPIER 1983
McKirdy J. (James) R.E. W.W.2	AUCKLAND 1982
McLean A.J. (Alex) MM 2 NZEF	WELLINGTON 1984
McLean H.P. N.Z. Forestry Group Feilding	1983
McLean S.E.L. (Stuie) 20 Fd Coy 8 Fd Coy	MANGONUI 1974
McMillan J.B. (John) 2 NZEF	ANTARCTICA 1979
McQueen E.J.E. (Ted) DCM, m.i.d., 7 Fd Coy & WO Army School	AUCKLAND 1980
McVeagh H. (Hector) 5 Fd Pk Coy	WELLINGTON 1982
Mabey L.L. (Les) (Buster) 1 Const Sqn RNZE	PAPAKURA 1970
Mackeson L.J. (Laurie) 7 Fd Coy	AUCKLAND 1977
Magnusson L.A. (Laurie) (Blue) 5 Fd Pk Coy 6 Fd Coy	AUCKLAND 1979
Malcolm J.A. (Jack) 4 Wks Coy 34 Army Tps Coy 2 Wks 1 Fd Coy 4 Fd Pk	AUCKLAND 1978
Malcolm J.R. 6 Fd Coy	CHRISTCHURCH 1981
Mallett T. 6 Fd Coy	TAUPO 1984
Malt L.C.E. (Tommy) Maj DSO, m.i.d., 13 Rly Const Coy 19 Army Tps Coy 5 Fd Pk Coy 8 Fd Coy 4 Fd Pk	AUCKLAND 1976
Mann C.H. (Cecil) 2 NZEF	AUCKLAND 1974
Marchant F.H. R.E. W.W.1	AUCKLAND 1982
Marett C.G. (Cecil) 23 Fd Coy	AUCKLAND 1970
Marsh D.B. (Dave) 7 Fd Coy	WELLINGTON 1972
Marshall H. (Rocky) 6 Fd Coy W.O. Army School	AUCKLAND 1983

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King L.F.J. 16 Rly Op Coy	WHANGAREI 1984
King T.I. (Tom) 16 Rly Op Coy	WHANGAREI 1984
Knightly G.S. (Steve) 2 NZEF	WHANGAREI 1982
Kuzman J.R.M. 13 Rly Const Coy	WHANGAREI 1983
La Frentz G. 6 Fd Coy	LEVIN 1985
Lambly A.K. (Keith) Maj R.A.E. 2 A.I.F. & N.Z.E.	AUCKLAND 1972
Langbein F. (Fritz) 1 NZEF	1967
Langridge W.L. (Stephen) N.Z.E. WW1	WHITIANGA 1985
Larkshear A.C. W.S.C.U.	AUCKLAND 1970
Lawler W.F. 19 Army Tps Coy	TAURANGA 1984
Leach D.L. (David) Lt Col RE Survey Coy Sarawak	ENGLAND 1985
Le Bas R.J. 17 Rly Op Coy	WOODVILLE 1982
Lees A.G. (Arthur) 10 Rly Const Coy	TE AWAMUTU 1977
Leith G.S. 19 Army Tps Coy	HAMILTON 1984
Lemon W.J. N.Z.E. WW2	PUKEKOHE 1985
Lewishan B.E. 2 NZEF	AUCKLAND 1984
Liddell E.F. (Eric) N.Z.E. WW2	AUCKLAND 1985
Liddell J.H. (James) 7 Fd Coy	AUCKLAND 1983
Lister R. 6 Fd Coy	WANGANUI 1984
Locket A.H.B. 1 NZEF	AUCKLAND 1982
Lockett B.C. 6 Fd Coy	GISBORNE 1984
Lodge G.H. 14 Forestry Coy	WHAKATANE 1981
Longman A.G.P. 16 Rly Op Coy	TE AWAMUTU 1982
Loudon B.J. (Bert) Maj MBE m.i.d. 19 Army Tps Coy 6 Fd Coy 7 Fd Coy 8 Fd Coy 20 Fd Coy	AUCKLAND 1976
Louisson L.W. BEM 1 NZEF	NEW PLYMOUTH 1975
Loveridge G. (George) 1 NZEF	NEW PLYMOUTH 1970
Lowry B.F. (Bennet) 18 Army Tps Coy 8 Fd Coy	ROTORUA 1975
Lye A.W. (Bert) 6 Fd Coy	THAMES 1984
McAuslin A.W. Rly Op Coy	HAMILTON 1984
McCaig R.S.C. 560 Coy R.E. WW2	HAMILTON 1984
McCarthy N.R. 15 Forestry Coy	MARTINBOROUGH 1983
McConachie W.J. 20 Fd Coy 27 Mech Equip Coy	DUNEDIN 1983
McCraig J. (John) 6 Fd Coy	THAMES 1979
McDermitt H.W. (Hugh) 20 Fd Coy 23 Fd Coy	TAIRUA 1981

Neale H.E. (Porky) 5 Fd Pk Coy	AUCKLAND 1971
Nealis A.T. 20 Fd Coy	MELBOURNE 1975
Neill J.H.L. (Paddy) 16 Rly Op Coy	HAMILTON 1981
Neill M.R. (Marcus) N.Z.E. WW2	TURANGI 1985
Neilsen H.V. 10 Rly Const Coy	OAMARUA 1985
Neilson G.A. 2 NZEF	WESTPORT 1984
Nelson G.W. (Gordon) Maj N.Z.E.	WELLINGTON 1971
Nelson M.G. (Morrie) 1 Fd Coy 7 Fd Coy	TAURANGA 1982
Newman A.V. R.E.	WESTPORT 1983
Newton D.H. (Doug) 23 Fd Coy	AUCKLAND 1983
Noah W.H.	CROMWELL
Noake W.W. (Bill) 8 Fd Coy	AUCKLAND 1972
Norris C.J. N.Z. Forestry Group	AUCKLAND 1982
Norris F.J. 2 NZEF	AUCKLAND 1984
North I.J. 6 Fd Coy	WHANGAREI 1984
O'Brien D.H. N.Z. Forestry Group	INVERCARGILL 1983
O'Brien K.B. WW2 R.E.	HAMILTON 1985
Ogle R.H. (Bob) 29 Works Coy	HAMILTON 1973
Oliver A. 1 NZEF	NAPIER 1972
Oliver E.J. (Ted) N.Z.E.	MANGONUI 1980
Ollerenshaw T.A. (Tom)	TAURANGA 1970
Olphert J.T. (John) 11 Forestry Coy 14 For Coy	AUCKLAND 1984
Olsen W.P. (Bill) R.N.Z.E.	EDGECOMBE 1970
O'Neill J.R. 2 NZEF	RANGIORA 1981
O'Rourke J.B. 27 Mech Equip Coy	LOWER HUTT 1984
Otto C.K. (Kingi) m.i.d. HQ 2 Div Engrs 7 Fd Coy	(AKD) AT SEA 1971
Owens J.P. (Jim) 7 Fd Coy	AUCKLAND 1984
Parker E.C. (Ted) 5 Fd Pk Coy	WELLINGTON 1977
Padlie H. MM	MAUNGATUROTO 1968
Paitry M.J. 1 NZEF	AUCKLAND 1980
Patterson J. McD. (Jock) 1 NZEF	AUCKLAND 1971
Parkinson R. 1001 Coy R.E. WW1	PAPATOETOE 1984
Parmenter N.Z.E. Sigs. WW1	WELLINGTON 1984
Parry J.R.C. 2 NZEF	WELLINGTON 1980
Parsons C.J.W. LtCol OBE 2 NZEF IP	HAMILTON 1970
Pascoe L.V. (Len) 1 NZEF	AUCKLAND 1983
Patrick Bro (Gaynor) 10 Rly Const Coy	WELLINGTON 1984
Pedrotti L.R. (Laurence) 2 NZEF	AUCKLAND 1973
Peach J. (Jim) 7 Fd Coy	CHRISTCHURCH 1978

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Marshall J. (Jack) (Pop) 6 Fd Coy	KAUKAPAKAPA 1970
Martin G.H. (Gordon) 1 Fd Coy 20 Fd Coy 23 Fd Coy	AUCKLAND 1975
Martin W.W. (Tubby) 8 Fd Coy	AUCKLAND 1980
Marusich I. (Ivan) 5 Fd Pk Coy	AUCKLAND 1982
Mason C.A. (Clarence) 13 Rly Const Coy 5 Fd Pk Coy	NAPIER 1983
Mason W. NZ Forestry Group	CHRISTCHURCH 1981
Maunder J. (John) 20 Fd Coy	AUCKLAND 1971
Mawkes H.S. (Henry) 8 Fd Coy	AUCKLAND 1975
Mead F. (Frank) R.E. M.E. W.W.2	AUCKLAND 1980
Mead G.L. 16 Rly Op Coy	AUCKLAND 1984
Meagher J.C. 2 NZEF	WHAKATANE 1983
Metcalf A.F. (George) 6 Fd Coy	AUCKLAND 1984
Mitchell A.J. 9 Rly Svy Coy	CHRISTCHURCH 1983
Mitchell R. 2 NZEF	GISBORNE 1983
Mitchell R.D. R.E. W.W.1 & W.W. 2	AUCKLAND 1982
Mitchell R.S. Forestry Group NZE	BLenheim 1985
Moar C.L. R.A.E. W.W.2	AUCKLAND 1982
Moore A.A. 21 Mech Equip Coy	AUCKLAND 1976
Moore H.A. (Shorty) 8 Fd Coy	1969
Moran W.W. (William) 2 NZEF	MOERewa 1970
Morgan J.F. (John) 8 Fd Coy	1965
Morgan P.L. (Phil) (Lewis) 8 Fd Coy	AUCKLAND 1982
Morgan W. (Wally) 2 Fd Sqn RNZE	GUADALCANAL 1980
Morrison S.T. 17 Fly Op Coy	PALMERSTON NORTH 1984
Morrison W.G. (Gordon) Lt Col OBE, ED, m.i.d. 5 Fd Pk Coy transferred to R.E. CRE RNZE 1 Fd Regt	WELLINGTON 1983
Morton A. (Albert) 1 NZEF	AUCKLAND 1971
Morton L.C. (Lou) 6 Fd Coy	BROADLANDS
Moss S.R. (Stanley) (Bill) R.E. W.W.2 B.I.F.	AUCKLAND 1983
Mouldy G. (Graeme) RNZE	WAIOURU 1980
Mouldy L.F. (Leonard) Tunnellers 1 NZEF	MIRANDA 1970
Mouldy H. (Henry) 2 NZEF	TAURANGA 1983
Mounter J. (Jack) Tunnellers 1 NZEF	CHRISTCHURCH 1983
Murdock F. 8 Fd Coy	INVERCARGILL 1984
Murphy J.R. (John) (Spud) 20 Fd Coy	AUCKLAND 1979
Murray A. Col. (Andrew) (Andy) OBE 1 Fd Coy CRE 1 and 3 Div Colonel Commandant R.N.Z.E.	AUCKLAND 1981

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Pearcey P.W. (Pat) 8 Fd Coy	NAPIER 1982
Pearson W.J. 8 Fd Coy	WANGANUI 1983
Peake A.E. (Jim) RE WW2	AUCKLAND 1983
Peebles G.C.	AUCKLAND 1969
Penn F.R.C. (Fred) Maj MBE ND Engrs 1 Fd 3 Fd 1 Fd Sqn 4 Fd Pk Sqn 38 Fd Pk Sqn	AUCKLAND 1977
Perry G. (George) WW2 N.Z.E.	RAUMATI 1984
Peters A.D. (Buck) m.i.d. 19 Army Tps Coy 5 Fd Pk Coy 27 Mech Equip Coy	NEW PLYMOUTH 1972
Peterson C.W. R.N.Z.E.	WELLINGTON 1983
Phillips J.L. (Musso) (Lin) 8 Fd Coy	AUCKLAND 1982
Picken W.S. 1 NZEF	GISBORNE 1979
Pickering R.W. (Ray) 6 Fd Coy	INVERCARGILL 1985
Pickmere R.A. M.C. 7 Fd Coy, 8 Fd Coy	AUCKLAND 1984
Plummer L.R. (Roy) 2 Fd Coy 4 Fd Coy 1 NZEF	AUCKLAND 1969
Polkinghorne (Roy) 21 Mech Equip Coy	AUCKLAND 1981
Poole T.L. (Tom) 8 Fd Coy 20 Fd Coy	LEVIN 1980
Pope F.W. (Frank) 16 Rly Op Coy	AUCKLAND 1980
Poppleton G.P. (George) Tunnelling Coy 1 NZEF	WELLINGTON 1978
Port R.A. (Robert) (Bob) Tunnelling Coy 1 NZEF	AUCKLAND 1971
Porteous W.J. (Bill) 7 Fd Coy and 1 NZEF	CHRISTCHURCH 1983
Porter G.S.S. 2 NZEF	RIVERTON 1983
Porter J.B. (John) 16 Rly Op Coy	AUCKLAND 1972
Poulter J.H. (James) 16 Rly Op Coy	AUCKLAND 1972
Powell H.P. (Bert) 5 Bridge Coy 1308 Assault Plt. RE	WHANGAREI 1984
Powell J.R. (Jack) 8 Fd Coy 5 Fd Pk Coy HQ Div Engrs	MAUNGATUROTO 1982
Pratt G.H.R. (George) 26 Fd Coy	HAMILTON 1980
Preece H. (Harry) R.E. W.W. 1	AUCKLAND 1970
Preston P.J. (Phillip) 7 Fd Coy	AUCKLAND 1978
Priestley A.S. (Arthur) 1 NZEF	AUCKLAND 1971
Price J.M. (Mike) Associate Member Maj R.A.	AUCKLAND 1982
Prosser E.G. (Ernie) MC, 7 Fd Coy 8 Fd Coy	WELLINGTON 1980
Provan J.K. (John) 10 Rly Const Coy	WHAKATANE 1984
Quinn R.J. (Ray) MC, MM 8 Fd Coy 6 Fd Coy	AUCKLAND 1968
Rabone T.C.V. (Tom) LtCol 2 Fd Coy 1 NZEF 10 Rly Const Coy CRE CMD	AUCKLAND 1970

Radcliffe R. (Roy) (Darky) 18 Army Tps Coy 7 Fd Coy	MASTERTON 1980
Ramsay J.J. 23 Fd Coy	WELLINGTON 1984
Reed J.A. (Bert) 1 NZEF and Rly Op Group	AUCKLAND 1975
Reid C.J. (Charles) 1 NZEF	AUCKLAND 1972
Reid H.G. 6 Fd Coy	THAMES 1982
Reid H.M. Lt Col (Murray) MC & Bar, m.i.d. 6 Fd Coy 8 Fd Coy NZ Forestry Group	CHRISTCHURCH 1964
Reid R.S. (Robert) Scottish Engineers W.W.2	THAMES 1980
Reid W.T. (Bill) 7 Fd Coy 20 Fd Coy	AUCKLAND 1978
Redpath J.A. (John) DCM, MM, 19 Army Tps Coy	WELLINGTON 1969
Rendall R.F. NZ Forestry Group	ROTORUA 1983
Richards C.H. (Dick) LtCol R.E. m.i.d. W.W. 2	CALIFORNIA 1981
Riddell R. (Robert) MM 1 NZEF	AUCKLAND 1981
Richardson W.D. R.E. W.W.2	NEW PLYMOUTH 1981
Rillstone W.P. (Walter) 2 NZEF	NEW PLYMOUTH 1971
Rinaldi R.J. 17 Rly Op Coy	PALMERSTON NORTH 1985
Robert G.W. 2 NZEF	NAPIER 1983
Roberts J.C. (John) R.E.	AUCKLAND 1983
Roberts M. (Mike) R.N.Z.E.	WAIOURU 1980
Robinson R.P. (Robbie) (Snow) 7 Fd Coy	LEVIN 1979
Rogers J.V. (Jack) (Pancho) 1 Fd 20 Fd 28 Sqn 38 Fd Pk	AUCKLAND 1975
Rolston S.C. 5 Fd. Pk. Coy	LEVIN 1984
Rose G.L. (Cecil) 8 Fd Coy	AUCKLAND 1983
Rowsell F.M. (Frank) 10 Rly Const Coy	WHANGAREI 1972
Rowe H.C. N.Z.E. Sigs, WW1	WHANGAREI 1984
Roy D.B. (Dudley) 20 Fd Coy, 22 Fd Coy, 8 Fd Coy	WELLINGTON 1985
Roy T.J. (Thomas)	AUCKLAND 1967
Roycroft J.R. (Jack) 2 NZEF	WAIHI 1973
Rudd B.G. (Barry) 1 Fd Sqn 4 Fd Pk Sqn 1 Const Sqn	AUCKLAND 1982
Rudd L.F. (Laurie) Col DSO, OBE, ED, m.i.d. 1 NZEF 1917-19, OC 6 Fd Coy 1939-41, CRE Aug-Sept 1940 Mil. Sec.	AUCKLAND 1973
Ruddy L.H. 17 Rly Op Coy	AUCKLAND 1983
Russell G.C. (Gordon) 8 Fd Coy	1969
Ryan J.J. (John) 1 Fd Coy 1 NZEF Rly Group 2 NZEF	AUCKLAND 1973
Ryan N.	1972

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Salmon C.W. (Cedric) Col DCM 1 NZEF 2 NZEF	WELLINGTON 1979
Samson A.W. (Pop) 1 Fd Coy 8 Fd Coy, 10 Rly Const	PAPATOETOE 1984
Sanders C.R. (Ces) 7 Fd Coy	CHRISTCHURCH 1981
Sarney N.W. (Norman) 1 Fd Coy 20 Fd Coy 23 Fd Coy	AUCKLAND 1970
Saxon A. (Alf) 7 Fd Coy	AUCKLAND 1960
Scelly R.R. (Ray) 19 Army Tps Coy	AUCKLAND 1979
Schnackenberg E.C. (Ellis) ND Engrs & RNZAF Airport Const	AUCKLAND 1968
Scorlar L.F. (Len) 5 Fd Park Coy 2 NZEF	AUCKLAND 1966
Scott J. 7 Fd Coy	LEVIN 1980
Scott W.D. (Scotty) 8 Fd Coy	CHRISTCHURCH 1983
Scott R.G. 7 Fd Coy	NEW PLYMOUTH 1981
Schimanski C.J. (Cecil) 6 Fd Coy	AUCKLAND 1981
Scoular P.G. (Peter) MBE 2 Fd Sqn RNZE	CHRISTCHURCH 1983
Seagar N. (Neil) 22 Fd Coy 8 Fd Coy	AUCKLAND 1980
Seal W.A. 37 Fd. Coy	TAIHAPE 1985
Sellars K. (Ken) 2 NZEF	NELSON 1978
Sharples C. (Cliff) 8 Fd Coy	AUCKLAND 1982
Shawcroft G. (Gordon) Sgt R.N.Z.E.	THAILAND 1969
Sherman G. (George) BEM 10 Rly Const Coy	HAMILTON 1971
Sherman J.C. R.E. W.W. 1	AUCKLAND 1982
Sherry G.F. (George) 6 Fd Coy	AUCKLAND 1982
Shostrom H.H. (Pat) 6 Fd Coy	HAMILTON 1980
Silk G.C. 5 Fd. Pk. Coy & Jay Force	HAMILTON 1985
Sincock E.L. N.Z.E. WW1	WELLINGTON 1984
Skinner R.K. 7 Fd. Coy	AUCKLAND 1984
Slack I. (Isaac) (Ike) R.E. W.W. 1	WELLSFORD 1969
Slight H.A.M. 2 NZEF	NEW PLYMOUTH 1980
Sloane D.G. (Slugger) 18 Army Tps Coy 5 Fd Park Coy	WHANGAREI 1984
Sloane L.F. (Logan) (Slugger) 7 Fd Coy 18 Army Tps Coy	DARGAVILLE 1980
Slyfield R.G. (Roy) (Bob) 3 Fd Coy & Tunnelling 1 NZEF 4 Wks Coy 34 Army Tps Coy	AUCKLAND 1970
Smart H.B. (Harry) (Bruce) 1 NZEF	NAPIER 1971
Smith B.G. (Bert) 4 Fd Coy & Tunnelling Coy 1 NZEF	DARGAVILLE 1982
Smith J.F. (Foo) 5 Fd Pk Coy 8 Fd Coy	ONEWHERO 1974
Smith J.R. (John) R.E. W.W. 1	AUCKLAND 1970

Smith N.T. (Norman) 1 Fd Sqn 3 Fd Sqn	CHRISTCHURCH 1981
Smith R.T. (Trevor) OBE ED m.i.d. Lt Col 13 Rly Const Coy Col Commandant	WELLINGTON 1981
Smith S.C. N.Z.E. WW1 & WW2	TAURANGA 1984
Smith T.J. (Tom) 20 Fd Coy	1976
Smith T.W.B. (Bill) 10 Rly Const Coy	AUCKLAND 1984
Southby G.H. R.E.	AUCKLAND 1983
Spedding J. (Jack) 26 Fd Coy	ROTORUA 1979
Spencer E.P. (Pat) (Doc) Lt Col RMO NZE	AUCKLAND 1974
Spencer S.T. (Seymour) R.E. WW1 NZE WW2	AUCKLAND 1969
Stairmand F.W. 35 Army Tps Coy	WELLINGTON 1980
Steffensen R. (Roy) 8 Fd Coy	NEW PLYMOUTH 1969
Stevens D.G. 6 Fd Coy	TAURANGA 1981
Stevenson L.A. NZ Forestry Group	WANGANUI 1980
Stevenson S.E. (Ted) 26 Fd Coy	OTAGO 1979
Storrie G.A. (Gerry) 20 Fd Coy 23 Fd Coy	INVERCARGILL 1971
Steer F.H. (Ford) 2 NZEF	PUTARURU 1971
Stratton I.J. (Ian) 23 Fd Coy	HAMILTON 1981
Summers I.R. (Ivan) (Jerry) BEM, 17 Rly Op Coy	WHANGAREI 1960
Surrell D.G. (Don) (Buck) 21 Mech Equip Coy 1 Const Sqn S.M.E. WO2 RF	AUCKLAND 1972
Sutcliffe E.C. (Charles) Capt. N.Z.E. WW2	HAMILTON 1985
Sutton G.E. (George) R.E. WW1	AUCKLAND 1981
Sutherland F.A. (Frank) 6 Fd Coy	AUCKLAND 1969
Switzer C.R. (Cyril) 1 NZEF	AUCKLAND 1969
Targuse A.W. (Alf) 20 Fd. Coy	CHRISTCHURCH 1984
Tatham L.J. (Len) 2 Fd Coy 4 Fd Coy 1 NZEF	WELLINGTON 1982
Taylor A.J. (Alex) 8 Fd Coy	HAVELOCK NORTH 1980
Taylor E.C. 20 Fd Coy	AUCKLAND 1984
Taylor E.T. (Tommy) 19 Army Tps Coy	NELSON 1981
Taylor W.D. (Walter) (Scratchie) 1 Fd Coy 1 NZEF	ROTORUA 1975
Te Haara R. (Dick)	AUCKLAND 1981
Thomas G.I.B. (George) Maj (Bick) 7 Fd Coy	WELLINGTON 1982
Thompson C.H NZ Forestry Group	CHRISTCHURCH 1984
Thompson D.M. MC (David) Col R.E.	AUCKLAND 1968
Thompson J.N. (Norman) m.i.d. RSM Field Engineers 1 NZEF	WAIMATE 1980
Thorn R.S. (Reg) 2 NZEF	AUCKLAND 1984

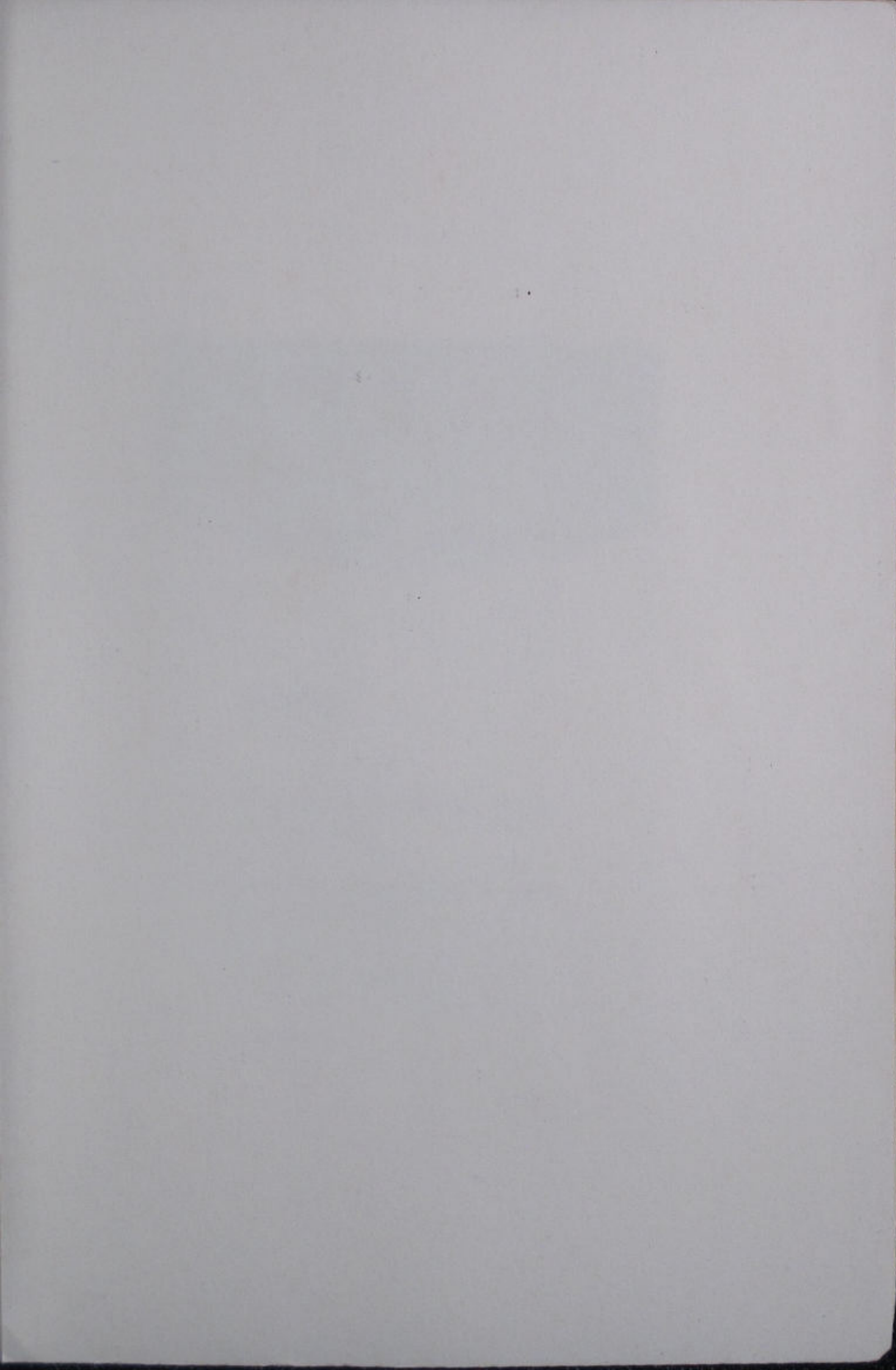
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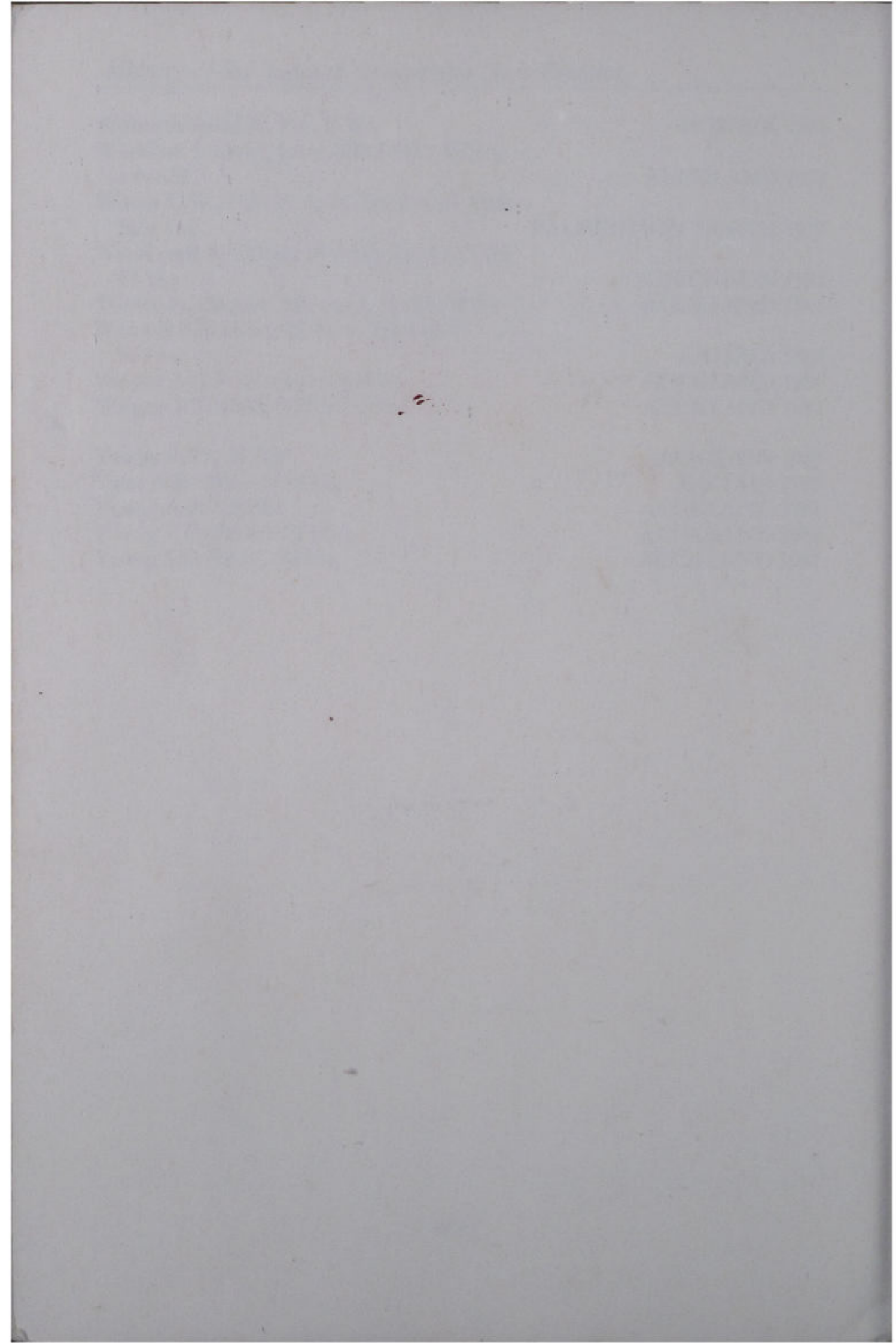
Todd W. (Bill) 1 NZEF	AUCKLAND 1976
Trask W.A. (Walter) 1 NZEF	AUCKLAND 1972
Trass E. (Ernest) 8 Fd Coy	AUCKLAND 1983
Thornton O.G. (Onslow) Lt Col N.Z.E.	
W.W.1 & W.W. 2	1972
Toai W. (Wayne) 3 Fd Sqn R.N.Z.E.	CHRISTCHURCH 1983
Toni W. (Waitawhiti) ND Const Coy	MALAYA 1966
Tregidga A.W. (Arthur)	TAURANGA 1979
Tremain S.T. (Stan) 1 Fd Coy 38 Fd Pk Coy	
Wks Service I.P.	AUCKLAND 1973
Tresidder W. (William) 8 Fd Coy	AUCKLAND 1982
Trevarthen D.E. (Doug) ED 5 Fd Sqn 1 Fd	
Engr Regt RNZE	TE AROHA 1983
Trevarthen L.E. (Loyd) 4 Fd Pk Sqn RNZE	AUCKLAND 1983
Trotman L.E. (Lionel) 6 Fd Coy	AUCKLAND 1973
Tudor J.K. (Jack) 1 Fd Coy 20 Fd Coy	AUCKLAND 1984
Turner B.H. (Bert) 1 NZEF	AUCKLAND 1981
Turner H.W. (Bill) 3 Fd Coy 1 NZEF	AUCKLAND 1981
Twist R. (Robert) Tunnelling 1 NZEF	AUCKLAND 1972
Unsworth G.H.	NELSON 1969
Urwin H.B. Pat (Henry) 6 Fd Coy	AUCKLAND 1976
Utting C.J. (Cliff) 7 Fd Coy 8 Fd Coy	AUCKLAND 1980
Valentine L.T. 1 NZEF	PALMERSTON NORTH 1979
Vaughan C.G. (Charles) R.E. W.W. 1	AUCKLAND 1982
Vickerman N.L. (Neville) Lt Col 1 Fd Coy 2	
Fd Coy 1 NZEF 4 Wks Coy CRE NMD	AUCKLAND 1978
Vince I.V.W. (Val) 16 Rly Op Coy	AUCKLAND 1974
Waite N.R. (Norman) 7 Fd. Coy & 1 NZEF	LEVIN 1979
Wakelin A. (Alex) 18 Army Tps Coy 5 Rd	
Pk Coy	WELLINGTON 1982
Wakelin G. (George) 6 Fd Coy	AUCKLAND 1985
Walden A.C. (Arthur) 2 NZEF	AUCKLAND 1979
Walker A. R.E. WW2	TAURANGA 1984
Walker A.W. (Alex) 1 NZEF	WELLINGTON 1984
Walkington B. N.Z.E. WW2	HAWERA 1984
Wallace H.G. (Herbert) 7 Fd Coy	AUCKLAND 1971
Wallace J.B. (Bruce) MBE 18 Army Tps Coy	
19 Army Tps Coy 6 Fd Coy 8 Fd Coy	AUCKLAND 1972
Ward C.J. (Charles) (Wardie) Port Operating	
Group	AUCKLAND 1980

Warner A.H. (Bert) 2 NZEF	TAURANGA 1971
Warner R. (Roy) (Straw) 6 Fd Coy 2 NZEF	1969
Warrington I.E. NZ Forestry Group	TAURANGA 1984
Washer G.F. (George) (Frank) 21 Mech Equip Coy	TAURANGA 1981
Watson C.R. (Ray) 7 Fd Coy	LOWER HUTT 1977
Watson I.D. (Ike) 20 Fd Coy	AUCKLAND 1984
Watson J.K. Padre (John) MC M.E. and I.P.	THAMES 1979
Waygood L.R. (Les) MM 3 Fd Coy 1 NZEF	AUCKLAND 1981
Walker A. (Albert) R.E. W.W. 2	AUCKLAND 1973
Webb E.G. (Eric)	1968
Webb P.O. (Peter) WO1 N.D. Const Sqn R.F.	PAPAKURA 1972
Webster G.F. 7 Fd Coy	NORTH OTAGO 1978
Welch H. R.E. W.W. 2	HAMILTON 1981
Wells A.R. 10 Rly Const Coy	WHANGAREI 1980
Whale F.H. R.E. W.W.2	AUCKLAND 1983
Wheeler E.R. 1 NZEF	AUCKLAND 1970
Wheeler H.P.G. (Herbert) 1 NZEF	AUCKLAND 1979
Whetton W.H. 2 NZEF	AUCKLAND 1982
Whitcombe O. (Oswald) 1 NZEF	AUCKLAND 1968
White D. 7 Fd Coy	REEFTON 1985
White D.U. (Duncan) Maj DSO 5 Fd Pk Coy 6 Fd Coy 7 Fd Coy 8 Fd Coy 9 Rly Svy Coy 10 Rly Svy Coy	NAPIER 1977
White S. (Stan) 28 Aslt Sqn	AUCKLAND 1981
Wiechern H.O. (Harold) 19 Army Tps 8 Fd Coy	AUCKLAND 1980
Wilkins F.B. (Frank) 21 Mech Equip Coy Engr Tr Dep QSM	AUCKLAND 1968
Williams A.V. (Albert) R.N.Z.E. WO2	AUCKLAND 1984
Williams D.H. (Bill) 5 Fd Pk Coy	AUCKLAND 1970
Williams H.S.R. (Harold) 5 Fd Pk Coy	1982
Williamson L.J. (Len) 6 Fd Coy and 3 Fd Coy 1 NZEF	TAUPO 1975
Wills W.M. 2 NZEF New Plymouth 1983	
Wilson A.D. (Alec) 1 NZEF Auckland 1978	
Wilson E. N.Z.E. WW2	WELLINGTON 1984
Wilson J. (John) (Scotty) 18 Army Tps Coy 7 Fd Coy	TEMUKA 1970
Wilson V.C. (Alex) m.i.d. 8 Fd Coy	AUCKLAND 1983
Witting R.R. (Raymond) 19 Army Tps Coy 6 Fd Coy	AUCKLAND 1979
Witham H.B. (Henry) 2 NZEF	AUCKLAND 1972

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Wolstenholme J.K. R.E. WW1	HOWICK 1985
Woodhall J. (Jack) (John) MM CSM 1 Fd Coy 1 NZEF	AUCKLAND 1972
Woods C.W. (Cec) 19 Army Tps Coy 27 Mech Euip Coy	PALMERSTON NORTH 1977
Woodward A. (Allan) 18 Army Tps Coy 5 Fd Pk Coy	MURCHISON 1982
Worley R. (Rupert) MC, m.i.d., N.Z.E. WW1	AUCKLAND 1985
Wrathall K.J. (Ken) 18 Army Tps Coy 6 Fd Coy	KAITAIA 1980
Wright A.H.P (Hedley) 1 NZEF	AUCKLAND 1981
Wrigley J.W. (Bill) MM 20 Fd Coy	AUCKLAND 1982
Yandle R.T. 2 NZEF	HAMILTON 1983
Yates A.R. (Bob) 26 Fd Coy	KAITAIA 1983
Young A.P. 1 NZEF	AUCKLAND 1981
Young E.E. (Eddie) 7 Fd Coy	AUCKLAND 1980
Young S.L. (Leo) 7 Fd Coy	AUCKLAND 1981





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