



Hauraki News

“Whaka tangata kia kaha”

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President's Report

With the help of Hugh Bomford (Rhodesian Service Association) I have been able to update the format of the “Hauraki News”. I can now email to those who have an email address, as well as sending out a hard copy.

As you can see The Association is now registered as a Charity.





WERE YOU A NEW ZEALAND TERRITORIAL FORCE SOLDIER?

Were you **Artillery**? Amoured?

Infantry? **Engineers**? Signals?

Transport? **Military Police**?

Medical? Or other Corps from

ANY UNIT in New Zealand?

If so we want to see you at the

Territorial Force Night

from 18:30hrs Friday the 20th

of March 2009 at the

Tauranga RSA 889 Cameron Road.

- Presentation by Minister of Defence Hon Dr Wayne Mapp!
- Presentation on current Reserve Forces.
- Army Equipment, both current and historical will be on display!
- From CMT era to present day - Join other ex **weekend warriors** who gave up their weekends & social life for their country - and slept at work on Monday!
- **Meet up and network** with others with same experience of serving New Zealand!



The Tauranga RSA is planning to have a TF night on the 20th March 2009. The Garrison will close at 1800hrs on Friday to allow all those who are interested time to attend the RSA.

Timings as giving by the RSA are: 1830hrs – Welcome to the RSA. 1930hrs – Welcome by the Club President & introduction for presentation by Hon Dr Wayne Mapp. 2000hrs – Presentation by NZ Army. 2010hrs – RSA Welfare brief. 2020hrs – Bar open

Letters to the Editor

Hello 6 Hau Regimental Association committee

"This email serves to notify you of a small presentation made to the 6th Hauraki Regimental Association on Friday 30 January 2009, through Tony Fraser, Bob Mankelow and Marion Kareko.

The presentation is a framed series of postcards depicting caricatures of New Zealand soldiers. With this series of postcards is a mother of pearl Hauraki badge that I purchased in Israel in 1994/95 while on deployment with the UNTSO mission. (I believe that John Dick and Alister McCaw also purchased the remaining several of these badges.) The framed cards and badge are titled "Whakatangata Kia Kaha".

"May I also take this opportunity to congratulate the committee and Tony Fraser on the (very good) framed World War One maps and photographs. This is an absolutely excellent addition to the museum collection and Tony Fraser is to be thanked mightily for his efforts in getting this piece together. I imagine that it presented something of a funding burden to the committee and so special thanks go to the committee members for supporting Tony in this endeavour. From a museum perspective this piece adds great value to those items and displays already assembled that relate to WW1.

"It appears that the museum has made great progress and reflects the 6 Hau history very creditably. Good work. The museum honours the contribution made by 6 Hau since 1898.

"Regards

"Russell Skeet
Captain"



From Rabbit Moore

Flat Wanted to share with "Rabbit Moore" in the Greerton Area from 28th February 2009 onwards, Contact 027 6988009 or email Robin.Moore@xtra.c.nz

Shooting at Coster's Farm



Merchandise

There are still some items for sale. I.e. 8 sets of cuff links, brought for the 100th Hauraki Ties a limited number have been purchased selling at \$40.00 Hauraki Plaque, This is a special "mothers of pearl" a limited number of 20 has been purchased. Cost Association members \$40.00, and to others \$60.00. Baseball cap, (a cap with a Hauraki Badge on the front) a limited number have been purchased \$20.00, selling fast.

A Hauraki coin has been purchase. There are a limited number of 50. Cost \$15.00 for association members. \$20.00 for non members Plus postage
Challenge Coin for 6 Hauraki Battalion Group



The reverse of the coin shows the following:
The lineage from the formation of the **2nd Battalion (Hauraki) Auckland Rifle Volunteers** on 9th July 1898:

The formation of the Territorial Force on 11th March 1911, resulting in the Title **VI Hauraki Regiment**

Hauraki Regiment is the title which was in effect from 1st June 1923 including the period when two Battalions were formed during World War II and the Regimental strength was at its highest during CMT (Compulsory Military Training) 1949 – 1959 and then the NST (National Service Training) period until 1972.

Formation of the **6th Battalion (Hauraki) Royal New Zealand Infantry Regiment** on 1st April 1964

The current Title is of **6 Hauraki Battalion Group**

The Regimental War Cry “Whakatangata Kia Kaha” surrounded by the previous titles of the current 6 Hauraki Battalion Group. These being separated by a * 2nd Battalion (Hauraki) Auckland Rifle Volunteers * VI Hauraki Regiment * Hauraki Regiment * 6 (Hauraki) Battalion Royal New Zealand Infantry Regiment*

The Museum

The flag from the Solomon Islands (Palau). Brought back by 6 Hau Pers on OP RATA II thanks to Charlie Harrison.





Solomon Islands

The Library, Books and Videos

Books, DVDs & videos have been donated to the Association. They are now in the new book case in the bar area. The books & video can be loaned out. Just sign in the book and please return when finished.

Marian has completed cataloguing the videos & 8 x DVDs. Marion have nearly completed the task of cataloguing the books.

If you would like to donate any books, videos, CD or DCD please bring them along.

The Hauraki Scrap Book



STAFF REPORTER Dave

Blanshard went on exercise with the Haurakis at their annual camp this year to compile these articles and photographs. And after two weeks' soldiering, this is his verdict:—

Reconnaissance — real challenge

FOR THE AVERAGE CIVILIAN JOINING THE Territorial Army as an ordinary infantryman should present a reasonable challenge and an interesting hobby.

But anybody wanting to take on an extra challenge could well consider joining the reconnaissance (or scouting) platoon.

The reconnaissance platoon is a specialist unit of the infantry which really serves as the eyes and ears of a battalion.

In the 6th Hauraki Battalion the platoon is part of the Tauranga based support company of Major J. Taia.

Platoon commander is Lt E. Dean, who has five sections under his command — three based in Tauranga and two in Paeroa.

He describes the basic tasks of the platoon as finding secure bases from which to operate, finding suitable routes for the main body of the battalion to use, location of enemy positions and gathering as much information as possible about the enemy.

Stealth is paramount in this work and in normal circumstances the platoon would do its utmost not to become embroiled in skirmishes since this would immediately betray the presence of its main unit somewhere in the area.

According to Lt Dean the men in his unit must be extremely fit and trained to a high level in all infantry skills such as map reading, patrolling, field-craft and camouflage, as well as possessing sheer stamina for the long distances often covered.

He said it was hoped that in the near future his men would also have the opportunity to undergo

parachute training if they wished.

During the Haurakis' annual camp this year the reconnaissance platoon probably saw a little bit more of the action than anyone else.

With the battalion playing an opposition role the platoon had a lot of work to do investigating the details of the defensive position to be attacked.

While the other companies were practising their various basic drills, the platoon was secretly flown out in to the exercise area three days earlier to find secure base camp locations and routes from this to the area of the attack.

During this period they covered a lot of territory finding two possible sites for the base camp, checking communications from the area and finding approach routes to the defensive position on Mount Kaimanawa.

They also found two suitable observation posts, checked possible escape routes, confirmed the enemy positions and verified intelligence reports compiled by the battalion's own intelligence officer, located enemy observation posts and were then flown back to Waiouru — all without being seen.

In the main exercise the platoon was also to the fore, being flown in to the proposed headquarters area ahead of the main body and then guiding other units in to their allocated positions.

The following day the platoon was given its new task of travelling across country again to Mount Kaimanawa (about eight km over steep country) to establish an advanced base camp quite close to the enemy position.

They then continued ahead and actually infiltrated the enemy defensive position — passing through its forward positions in a series of probes carried out at night in fog and steady rain.

During this period they managed to gather a great deal of information about the enemy positions, such as the location of barbed wire, machine-gun pits and command posts, as well as "damaging" the enemy's communications equipment and "destroying" a tank in the area.

The patrol lost one "prisoner", under instructions for the sake of the exercise, but was in itself in a position to take a number of prisoners if it had wished.

This one patrol lasted for 18 hours from 10.00 a.m. one day to 4.00 a.m. the next and throughout that period members of the platoon were soaked to the skin by almost continual thunderstorms.

The following day the platoon was ordered to make a further series of probes against the enemy position in the daytime, while the main body of the battalion advanced across country to the new headquarters which had been found in a patch of bush only a few hundred metres away.

Garrison Club

. The good times are being celebrated by some of the “long serving members”,





Welfare

To assist with compiling a notification list so you may wish to attend the "Last Post" of a fellow member or a "Hauraki", please forward your email your address to me. My system is a little out of date, 2002. Everyone seems to change email addresses on a regular basis. My email address is des.anderson@actrix.co.nz. Unfortunately we have missed notifying members in the past. A problem we have also experienced is being advised of the passing of a Member or a Hauraki in a timely manner. Please advise if you have information relating to any Members/Hauraki passing.

Penny has taken on the welfare role.

Social Events

Your committee has booked (booking deposit \$250.00) the Ngatahoe Lodge in the Kaimai from Friday 17th April, Saturday 18th April & Sunday 19th April 2009.

The Lodge has bunks, cooking, and showers toilets you will have to bring sleeping bag or blankets. Cost is \$15.00 per night. You can stay one or two nights. A day cost is \$10, 00 or less if the deposit is covered

Food will be extra. At this time that has not been planned. The Lodge has a shooting rang, abseiling cliffs, confidence course, swimming hole and walking tracks. No TV or cell phone coverage.

So if you would like to go back to nature here is the place to be. Please contact Marion or Des if you are interested in coming, you can bring family, children & friends.

Movies at the Garrison

The second Friday of the month.

Rice & curry available at a small cost

Remember show starts at 7pm sharp. Bring a mate. Gold coin donation goes to the Hauraki Museum.

Hugh has not given the movie schedule but will send it a week or two before viewing.

The movie & curry night donates about \$100.00 a month towards the museum. Thanks to all attend. Not only do you have a delish meal, enjoyed with great company, watch a "great" movie and wash it down with cheep drinks, but help our museum. But I would think person who reviews the movies needs to be reviewed?

News from the Regiment

The XO Maj has purposed that on the first Friday of the month will be a "Hauraki Happy Hour". He will invite the staff and those who have recently left the Group

On overseas operations are:

Op Antarctica:

Cpl MA Durham

OP Rata II ROT 8

Cpl TK Katu

Tpr G East

Op Gyro 6

Pte NC Barham

Lcpl ET Nikora

Pte LM Morgan

Cpl MJ Nuku

SSgt PF Makiha

Lcpl JT Faulkner

The remain of 6 Hauraki Battalion Group are on AFE based at Napier. (AFE is the same as annual camp)

Cadets

The SWI WOI Dave Galvin and his team, support the cadet units within the Hauraki Area of Operations. The following are the proposed dates planed for those cadet units.

TRAINING DATES

Feb 09:	
. Sat 21	1000hrs Cadet Unit Comdrs 2009 Conf – (Rotorua Army Office)
Mar 09	
6 – 8	
2.	AWQ (Waiouru) – need Cadet assistance as Butt party
Apr 09	
3. 10 – 13	Ex Tango
(Easter wk)	
May 09	
4. 8 – 10	Ex Ratel
June 09	
5. 12 – 14	Ex Tri – Seeker & Hau Exp XI Final Planning Conference (Rotorua)
July 09	
6. 2 – 12	Hau Exp XI (Waiouru)
Aug 09	
7. 7 – 9	Ex Ruapehu – Skills Trg

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UPCOMING EVENTS

2009

February

6th	Friday	1600 hrs	Garrison Club	Nibbles
10th	Tuesday	1900 hrs	Garrison Club	Committee Meeting
13th	Friday	1600 hrs	Garrison Club Hauraki	Nibbles
13th	Friday	1900 hrs	Museum	MOVIES
20th	Friday	1600 hrs	Garrison Club	Nibbles
25th		Newsletter printed & posted		
27th	Friday	1600 hrs	Garrison Club	Finger Food

March

6th	Friday	1600 hrs	Garrison Club	Nibbles
10th	Tuesday	1900 hrs	Garrison Club	Committee Meeting
13th	Friday	1600 hrs	Garrison Club Hauraki	Nibbles
13th	Friday	1900 hrs	Museum	MOVIES
20th	Friday	1600 hrs	Garrison Club	Nibbles
20th	Friday	1830 hrs	Tauranga RSA	
27th	Friday	1600 hrs	Garrison Club	Finger Food

April

3rd	Friday	1800 hrs	Garrison Club	Nibbles
10th	Friday	1600 hrs	Garrison Club Hauraki	Nibbles
10th	Friday	1900 hrs	Museum	MOVIES
14th	Tuesday	1900 hrs	Garrison Club	Committee Meeting
17th	Friday	1600 hrs	Garrison Club	Nibbles
17th	Friday	Ngatahoe Lodge		
18th	Saturday	Ngatahoe Lodge		
19th	Sunday	Ngatahoe Lodge		
24th	Friday	1600 hrs	Garrison Club	Finger Food
25th	Saturday	Dawn	ANZAC Day	

May

1st	Friday	1600 hrs	Garrison Club	Nibbles
8th	Friday	1600 hrs	Garrison Club	Nibbles
12th	Tuesday	1900 hrs	Garrison Club	Committee Meeting
15th	Friday	1600 hrs	Garrison Club Hauraki	Nibbles
15th	Friday	1900 hrs	Museum	MOVIES
21st		Newsletter printed & posted		
22nd	Friday	1600 hrs	Garrison Club	Nibbles
29th	Friday	1600 hrs	Garrison Club	Finger Food

