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President's Report

The Christchurch earthquake has dominated New Zealand in recent times and you will read how the 6 Hau Bn Gp has assisted in the aftermath of those events.

The New Zealand Defence Service Medal (NZDSM) has begun to be received by those in the older group. To apply for the medal I have given you a login site through which you can apply. For those who do not have a computer I have enclosed a hard copy application form. If you need assistance you can contact me. You can also contact your local RSA; they are only too willing to help.

I am sure that when you receive your NZDSM, you will wear it with pride as this recognises the commitment and service contribution you have given to the Hauraki's, NZ Army and our country. A number of members have received an EM or ED and in some cases, bars; for their long, effective, continuous service. Some of you would have missed out on these distinctions as your service was broken. The NZDSM covers those who have “broken service” but served three years or more; with any service. The NZDSM rightly recognises all your combined service. As Territorial Soldiers we all know how difficult it is to balance life, work, family and military service.

The RNZRSA had a large part in getting the NZDSM and have also offered to arrange the presentation of your medal at your local RSA. You will receive your medal in the mail. Some members have previously received their EM in the mail! I was handed my EM by the then RSM, I refused to accept it and along with John Dick was rightly presented the awards on a 6th Hauraki Battalion parade. I also insisted on having my bar to the EM presented on a 6th Hauraki Battalion parade. At the time I had finished my service but attended in civilian dress. You will read in Letters to the Editor, Barry has suggested an alternative venue for presentation of your medal.

You will read your committee has combined our AGM with our 113th Birthday celebrations. On your behalf I have invited the Chief of Army, Major General Tim Keating to join with us in our celebrations, but as you will be aware he is a busy person.

Kia Kaha
Des Anderson

Annual General Meeting & Birthday

To celebrate the 113th Birthday of the Hauraki Regiment the 6th Battalion (Hauraki) Regimental Association will conduct the following events

Friday 8th July 2011

Garrison Club

1600hrs Open
1830hrs Read any messages received
1830hrs Cut the Regimental Cake (Aubrey Balzer)
1830hrs Pizza - free to all participants

Saturday 9th July 2011

6 Hau Bn Gp to organize

Sunday 10th July 2011

0800hrs Church parade at Holy Trinity Church (holder of the retired Colours)
1100hrs AGM at Museum Hauraki
1200hrs Luncheon at Garrison Club. "Chinese from Restaurant" & some sweets"
1300hrs.

Hauraki Regiment. Past Present & Future. **(Still in the planning stage)**

Past.

Presentation of WW2 battles. Battle for Italy by those who were there. Aubrey Balzer, Hugh Harrison. Commentary by Allen Coster. Video & DVD

Present

Presentation from recent Hauraki Deployments

Future

Presentation by Chief of Army or Representative. (If able to attend).
Possibility a letter to be read out.

Defence Force Medal

Hi Des

I have written the attached article about the NZDSM for the Service publications, please feel free to use it in your newsletter. I have photographs from the 14 April ceremony if you would like any.

Regards

Ally

Ally Clelland I NZDF Events Manager
Defence Communications Group
New Zealand Defence Force



NZDSM article for Service publications and magazines

Applications open for new Defence Service Medal

The inaugural presentation of the New Zealand Defence Service Medal was held at Parliament on 14 April. The NZDSM was presented to 34 recipients including ex-Service personnel who served during World War II, in J Force, Korea, Malaya, Vietnam, Bosnia, Sinai and the Middle East, members of the Regular and Territorial Forces, people who served under Compulsory Military Training or National Service, as well as three currently serving Defence Force personnel.

Leading Writer Keri Brooking, Private Alexander Van Rijk and Flying Officer Lisa McLay, represented Navy, Army and Air Force.

Ex Navy writer, and longstanding DPE employee Carol Green was among the recipients that also included ex MPs Doug Kidd and Geoff Braybrooke.

Due to the large number of people eligible for the new medal there will be a four-stage call for applications from ex-Service personnel and the next-of-kin of deceased ex-Service personnel. Priority will be given to processing applications from the oldest ex-Service personnel first, with applications from ex-Service personnel over seventy years old now being called for.

The issue of the NZDSM to currently serving Defence Force personnel will be organised via single Services early next year, after the oldest ex-Service personnel have received their medals. Current serving personnel will **NOT** be required to apply for the medal, indeed AC Pers Commodore Kevin Keat said,

“Current serving personnel are advised not to directly contact the Medals Office or the HR Service Centre concerning this medal, as this will simply delay the issue of the medal to the oldest ex-Service persons.”

The project team expect to begin working through the currently serving personnel entitlements by October this year.

The new medal, which was a National Party campaign commitment, was announced by the Prime Minister in October last year. The NZDSM means that a large number of personnel who served New Zealand loyally and well in a wide range of roles and contexts, but not on operations, will finally get medallic recognition.

“The medal recognises attested military service in the Defence Force by New Zealanders. Those who have served in the military for more than three years since World War Two, and those who completed their compulsory military training or national military service obligations, will qualify,” Cdre Keat said.

Personnel with three years accumulated service, for example between Regular, K Force, J Force and Territorial service (including RNZNR and RNZNVR) will be eligible for the medal.

The Medals Office is expecting more than 100,000 applications for the medal from ex-Service persons and next-of-kin in the first three years of the project to issue the medal. For the first time applications will be able to be initiated online as well as via hard copy.

For further information go to <http://medals.nzdf.mil.nz>

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For further information please contact Ally Clelland, Defence Communications Group, 021 569 130

About the New Zealand Defence Service Medal

The obverse of the medal has the New Zealand Coat of Arms, the symbol of the Crown and Executive Arm of Government. The reverse side has the fern, plus the emblems of the Navy, Army and Air Force - the Naval crown, crossed swords and eagle. These are the main elements of the Badge of the New Zealand Defence Force. The two fern fronds which normally form part of the Badge of the New Zealand Defence Force have been omitted to avoid the inference that all recipients served in the NZ Defence Force. Many of the recipients will have served in the armed forces prior to the formation of the NZ Defence Force.

The medal ribbon reflects the colours of the Navy, Army and Air Force as dark blue, red and light blue respectively. Light green stripes have been added to represent the volunteer territorial and reserve elements of the Services.

The Royal Warrant for the NZDSM allows for one or more clasps to be awarded with the medal. The number of clasps awarded to an individual will be determined by the type(s) of military service undertaken. There are four clasps which can be awarded with the NZDSM: Regular, Territorial, C.M.T., and National Service.

Hi Des,

Latest information on the NZDSM medal project

Applications for the NZ Defence Service Medal (NZDSM) are expected to open in early April 2011 for the oldest ex-Service persons. Applications can only open after Her Majesty The Queen has approved the Royal Warrant and the Regulations have been signed by the Governor-General.

The proposed design of the medal has been finalised by the Herald of Arms Extraordinary and will be sent to The Queen shortly for approval. Manufacturing will occur once the design has been approved by The Queen.

Around 160,000 personnel qualify for the NZDSM and the Defence Force Medals Office expect to issue around 116,000 medals over the next three years. With such high numbers a priority programme is necessary and the Minister has directed that the priority will be;

1. Those living ex-Service personnel over the age of 70
2. Those living ex-Service personnel over the age of 60
3. Then other living ex-Service personnel.

Terminally ill ex-Service personnel will be given priority over all other applicants but will still need to apply in the usual manner.

Families of deceased ex-Service personnel will be invited to apply for their late relations' (husband/father/mother etc) medal entitlement after the processing of the initial applications from older living ex-Service personnel is well underway, possibly in late 2011.

An initial NZDSM presentation will be made to a selected group of ex-Service personnel at a ceremony in Parliament in the first half of 2011. For logistical reasons it is anticipated that the majority of these personnel will be drawn from the Wellington area.

Regional medal presentations will be arranged by local RSA branches from late May 2011.

Interviews are taking place for additional staff to process the medal applications.

The hard copy form has been tested and the online version of the form is currently under construction.

For further information please read the NZDSM FAQ sheet <http://medals.nzdf.mil.nz/nzdsm/faqs.html> which is being updated regularly basis in line with questions received through the medals site.

Once the application process opens the Medals Office aim to deliver medals to those entitled to receive them as quickly as possible and will be providing frequent updates about the NZDSM Project on the website at medals.nzdf.mil.nz.

The whole concept for this medal is to recognise the loyal attested service of those men and women who served New Zealand defence forces in their trade or profession in New Zealand in support of those who were fortunate enough to earn campaign medals.

Both groups will qualify regardless but the many men and women who served in NZ and had no choice about where they went will be delighted to receive a medal of their own thank you.

Cheers
Jack Hayes

Latest information on the NZDSM medal project

Applications flood in for NZ Defence Service Medal

3 May 2011

Over 2,500 applications for the [New Zealand Defence Service Medal](#) (NZDSM) have been received by the New Zealand Defence Force's Medals Office in the three weeks since applications opened.

NZDF Archives Manager Matthew Buck said, "Currently we are processing applications from ex-Service personnel over 70 years of age and are receiving over 200 applications a day. We ask those who have sent in their forms to be patient.

"We are making excellent progress with the project, however it will take at least three years to work through the 100,000 applications we are expecting."

The new medal closes a long-standing gap and recognises the unique requirements of military service. Ex Service personnel who have served in the military for more than three years since World War Two, and those who completed their compulsory military training or national military service obligations, qualify. Personnel with three years accumulated service, for example between Regular, K Force, J Force and Territorial service (including RNZNR and RNZNVR) are eligible for the medal.

"We encourage people to fill in the [online form](#) if at all possible. Paper applications take more time to process," Mr Buck said.

“The priority at present is to process applications from the oldest living ex-Service personnel. Further calls for applications from those aged 60 and over will be made later this year.

“Applications on an unofficial form that is currently in circulation will not be processed.”

The NZDSM application form, and information to assist people to fill in the form, can be found at <http://medals.nzdf.mil.nz>

Subsequent presentations will be made at local RSA Clubrooms throughout the country. Local RSAs will have staff available at their branches to assist ex-Service people with their applications

If you think that you – (or a deceased family member) may qualify for medals, please write to:

The Medals Office
Headquarters New Zealand Defence Force
Private Bag 905
UPPER HUTT 5140

Any questions can also be directed by e-mail to: medals.so@nzdf.mil.nz

Letters to the Editor

Hiya Des,

Just a suggestion that may or may not fly, instead of the RSA's doing the presentations, why not do it as a Hauraki Presentation. You could use one of the old officers of the unit to do it

Just a thought
Barry Ngahehu

A great idea.

I have followed your idea up.

The Association has a number of former Honorary Colonels & Commanding Officers, from your era, that would be more than willing to present the medal. The oldest living Honorary Colonel is Colonel Aubrey Balzer ED (1974 1978). Honorary Colonel Judge Chris McGuire is still serving.

A suitable venue could be 6th Battalion (Hauraki) Regimental Association Incorporated, Museum

An appropriate time could be the 113th Birthday celebrations.

If anyone else is interested, please contact me.

Des

Bazz, thank for your passionate letter.

Bazz wrote his history all in long hand, 13 pages, without any corrections!

To finish of this little piece of history do YOU have any photos or more stories of the "Grand Old Lady"

Des,

This is the story of a building that was a part of the history of Whakatane and affected the lives of so many people in the Eastern Bay of Plenty.

The building is The Grand Old Lady down at the river called the Whakatane Drill Hall.

1929 the Harbour land was leased to the Bay of Plenty Winter Show Association for 21 years to be renewed after 14 years from 1950 to William Sullivan and Walter Ernest Bridgers.

As is known the firm of Boon-Sullivan & Luke were renowned for their buildings in this area.

During the 1930s and into the 1940s the building was the focus of events when the land opposite on The Strand from The Commercial Hotel to Matantua Street was nothing but paddocks.

The building and forecourt held the exhibits, Merry Go-Round, Candy Floss Van, and Ferris Wheel with the animal events across the road.

During this time the A&P Association which started at Taneatua in 1908 decided to move and linked with the Winter Show Assn till they moved to the Domain in central Whakatane.

Before the 2nd World War several dances were held in the hall, one of them being very special to the families of serving men who had served overseas. It was the "Welcome Home Social & Dance" to be held in the Winter Show Building on 9 May 1945; Ladies – two shillings and six pence; Gents three shillings.

In 1949 the Compulsory Military Training (CMT) Act came into being, so as per the proclamation on 21st April 1952 the building became the Drill Hall.

1953 a Ball was held to celebrate the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II, with the hall decked out by volunteers and some of the band members, Barry Brabant, Lester Alley, Lenny Broadmore and Gerry Haeusler.

1954 proclamation proclaims Free Hold Estate taken for Defence purposes; leasehold and freehold interest merge on transfer to the New Zealand Defence Force. At this time Warrant Officer Class I Ted Lass was transferred from Papakura Camp with his wife Florence (who later opened a ladies hair saloon) and their two boys, Robert (aged 6 years) and Chubb (aged 4 years). He took up duties as the Area Warrant Office and was responsible for the training of the many School Cadets at the Whakatane High School whose trophies are in the school library's archives.

During the CMT training was carried out under the leadership of such men as Major Don Stewart, Captain Jim Peason, Major Don Walls, Company Sergeant Major Smith and Platoon Commander Peter Araru.

Mid to late fifties work commenced on building the Store Room, Armoury, Kitchen, other Ranks, Sergeants and Officer Mess Rooms and the completion of two bedroom unit to be used for visiting officers.

Early Sixties the National Service Act came into being and was in force till the elections in 1972 at the change of government.

[Extract from *N.Z. Gazette* No. 50, 21 April 1952, page 713]
Leasehold Estate in Land Taken for a Drill-hall in the Borough of Whakatane

[L.S.] FREYBERG, Governor-General

A PROCLAMATION

PURSUANT to the Public Works Act 1923, I, Bernard Cyril, Baron Freyberg, the Governor-General of New Zealand, hereby proclaim and declare that the leasehold estate in the land described in the Schedule hereto, held by the Bay of Plenty Winter Show Association (Incorporated) from the Whakatane Harbour Board, under and by virtue of Memorandum of Lease Registered No. 31836 (Auckland Registry), is hereby taken for a drill-hall; and I also declare that this Proclamation shall take effect on and after the 28th day of April 1952.

SCHEDULE

APPROXIMATE area of the piece of land in respect of which the leasehold estate is taken: 2 rods 5 60 perches.

Being Lots 1 and 2, D.P. 22143, being Sections 34 and part Sections 5 and 7, Block 11, Whakatane Survey District, situated in the Borough of Whakatane, and being the whole of the land comprised and described in certificate of title, Volume 801, folio 48, and part of the land comprised and described in certificate of title, Volume 632, folio 150, and Volume 380, folio 82 (Auckland Registry).

Given under the hand of His Excellency the Governor-General, and issued under the Seal of New Zealand, this 21st day of April 1952.

W. S. DOUGMAN, Minister of Works.

(Sd. EAVE THE GOVERNOR)

(P.W. 21/1023; D.O. 38/47/9)

H. E. OWEN, Government Printer, Wellington.

The first National Service soldiers were members of Delta Company of Hauraki Regiment and were administered and trained at the Army Hall by Officer and Senior NCOs such as Jim Prince, Bob Burt (later to become the Commanding Officer of Hauraki Battalion), and Keith Bowering.

April 1964 Infantry Battalions were renumbered so now the men in Whakatane-Kawerau-Opotiki area were now members of Bravo Company 6th Royal New Zealand Infantry Regiment (Hauraki) or shortened to B Coy 6 Hau.

Also at this time a local soldier Corporal Joe Radford who married a local girl Lena Richmond and held their reception in the hall was the Regular Force Cadre NCO and moved into the available flat, their daughter Ramona was born on 26th May 1966. Corporal Radford was posted later to Malaya then to 2 Platoon Whiskey 2 Company 4 RAR / NZ ANZAC Battalion and was killed on active service 23rd July 1969 and buried at the RSA Cemetery Whakatane 19th August 1969.

By now the numbers in the Unit at the Hall had increased some what so by the time Sergeant Bazz Porter arrived at the hall and B Company, numbering nearly 150 men all up as C Company Paeroa-Waihi-Coromandel were administered from the Hall.

This was at the beginning of 1967 and annual camps were held in the first months of each year. On return from annual camp 1967 the last camp for Cpl Radford and the first of many for Sgt Porter the G.M.C truck on entering the Hall went through the floorboards, the ones probably laid by Mr Sullivan all those years ago. So that's why the Hall has a concrete floor.

Sgt Porter and his wife Everna (nee Haywood) moved into the flat and daughter Katrina was born 11th December 1968, she later had her 21st in the Hall.

So many young men from the Eastern Bay of Plenty served in B Coy and trained at the Army Drill Hall. Major Peter Araru M.I.D, WO II Keith Bowering the Company Sergeant Major, Lieutenant Peter Mahy, Snr NCOs David Smith, Ivan Sturgess, Walter Hillman, Tim Horopapera, Geo Looney; some of the soldiers who also served Crawford J and Crawford R, Harris S, Davis A, Beveridge G, Gillies K, Mellville A, Heilstrom K, Merrie G, Ahchu T, Koia M, Tuwairua J, Huta A, Douglas T and Teddy J. 1967 – 1970 it was a busy time for the Hall with the Kia Kaha Club formed in the (50 □to join) ex Sergeants Mess this Garrison Club.

Also of note was the Wahine Storm in 1968, the building was within 150-100mm from being cleaned out as there was no stop bank. Things change very quickly as the sop bank was put in and the single track boat launch area next to the gates was moved to the present location. The river flowed under the corner of the Hall and under the flat.

1970 Sgt Porter was posted to Burnham Camp to serve overseas and replaced by Sgt Vic Johnson, a Return Vietnam Veteran and on discharge took over the Wairaka Dairy. He was very involved with the Agent Orange Affair and brought back to NZ nearly \$1000, 000.00 from a Class Action in the United States against Monsanto Chemical Company to a Trust Fund.

Sergeant Tim Manakahia another Vietnam Veteran replaced Sgt Johnson.

The elections in 1972 changed it all – the Kirk Government dropped the National Service Act and now it was to be a Territorial Force Volunteer Army, the hall still carried on as an admin and training establishment.

Sergeant Brian Middleton took up presidency with his family and looked after B Coy 6 Hau duties. Staff Sergeant Matua Taia another local man took up duties as the Army Area Representative for recruiting etc.

Another change took place late 1976 Staff Sergeant Bazz Porter was re-posted to B Coy 6 Hau and took over from S/Sgt Taia who was posted to the Parachute School at Hobsonville.

Sergeant Jock Wikaira replaced Sgt Middleton and moved into the flat which had been extended to an extra bedroom making it three bedrooms and also an extension of the lounge. Ha was later replaced by Sergeant Charlie Longhand with his wife Noeleen.

Recruiting started and the numbers increased gradually for B Coy 6 RNZIR (Hauraki). The company with 47 pers at the annual camp of 1979 held at Jock Gaskill's farm at Waiua just past Opotiki. The Coy also won the Efficiency Shield for 6 Hau. Just a few of the men involved B & P Ngaheu, C Webb, T Heta, W Leabourn, H & W Ngamoki, W Maxwell, M Tawera, W McCluthchie, N McBurnie, D & M Shaw, B Tapsell, V Meagher, T Old, T & P Williams. Also a first for 6 Hau and other Infantry Battalions a “female” Company Clerk at Company Level – Private Kathy Peake.

The Drill Hall was a busy place with end of year Christmas parties wind up of Post & Telegraph Competition, Private Functions.

The Garrison Club was extended into the old Officers Mess and was used extensively by members; some wonderful times were had especially after the Dawn Parades on ANZAC Day. The Hall was painted and the forecourt asphalted.

The Unit went on into the Eighties and Nineties with Cadre NCOs being posted in as with Sergeant Kaharoa, with Staff Sergeant Paddy Church, the last Cadre NCO being Staff Sergeant Beale when B Coy in 2005 had their final Parade at the Hall and moved to Tauranga.

The New Zealand Defence Force still held the building Visiting Units.

Some of the user groups who used the Hall at various times to make use of the space – kitchens, toilets & shower block, concrete floor, high roof...

In the late Sixties the Whakatane Maori Youth Club under the guidance of Blue Taylor used the Hall as a Headquarter & Training venue.

Some of the well known families in Whakatane were represented – Jaram, Selwyn, Harawira, Cowley, Delahunty, Moeke, Hudson, McCreedy, Tutua, Bloor, Merritt, Wana, Warn, Gillgren, Robertson, Salmons, Pawson, Dickens and Lawsons.

BNZ Volley Ball teams both men's and women's; Rum & Coffee at Dawn Parade before marching off to Wairaka; Badminton; Indoor hockey, Police Fishing Tournaments; the Whakatane Surf Club on Labour Weekends from 1970 -1980 ran a combined Craft & Beach Carnival with the main function on Saturday night; the Waikato Blood Transfusion Unit made use of the space for their lot and kitchen for the cup of tea; Arrowroot Bikes.

The NZ Defence Force made full use as well with Driver Training Courses; passing through visits from the Royal Navy with coastal vessels Pukakai and Mako. The arrival of the M113 APC for the Opotiki Jubilee and driven by another local – Sergeant Billy Kora, which visited schools at Te Teko, Kawerau, Ohope, then on to Opotiki for the Grand Parade, with a demo in the area next to the RSA. More than one visit from 3 Squadron Hobsonville with their helicopter at one stage there were three Bell Sioux helicopters inside the Hall and a Iroquois on the forecourt. It was one of these that moved the Ariel Dole from the P & T compound to the top of Kohi Point for the Coast Guard communication link. They were involved with B Coy on major exercise to the Tawhana Flat in the late Sixties and the spotting for the RNZN Frigates on Gunnery Training at the Volkner Rock. The last military Unit to operate from the Hall is 35 Squadron Air Training Corps.

In 1972 discussions commence into the forming of a local Air Training Corps Squadron; some of those involved were – Rex Morpett, Don McMorran, and Barry Marks.

1974 – 75 the building commenced with a lot of prefabrication done at Don Mc Morran's workshop.

1976 – 77 the building was commissioned and training started with two lecture rooms, Orderly Room, OC Office, Snr NCO Room and Training Officer Room. Former Officers Commanding were – Barry Jones & Charlie Prodger. The current OC is Squadron Leader Bronwyn Hanna who has been there since 1998. Hundreds of young people have passed through the Unit and apart from learning Military Skills they have taken an active roll in ANZAC Day Parades at Dawn Services and Cenotaph duties as well as Poppy Collection.

So for 80 plus years this building the "Grand Old Lady" down at the river has given so much pleasure, a sense of belonging, a good start to their future, a roof over the heads to so many people in the Eastern Bay of Plenty.

Haere Ra.

Bazz Porter

Des

Acknowledgement

Brigadier Edward Paul (Ted) Dean ONZM, ED, ADC 8th September 1946 to 8th January 2011
Christine, Paul, Ryan, Andrew & Emily, Rebecca and Lilith wish to thank everyone who visited and helped Ted both during his illness and subsequent sad passing.

We were so wonderfully supported by so many lovely people from our Army Family, Ted's work colleagues, our work colleagues and all our extended family and friends.

Your help during this difficult time was and is very much appreciated.

We know Ted was very grateful as we are for the messages of support and visits he received from his many friends.

We would also like to thank everyone who helped us with phone calls, messages of support, cards, food, flowers and many other kind works, your support was truly amazing and gratefully received.

As we do not have addresses for everyone please accept this message as a personal thank you from all our family.

Christine Dean

Kia Kaha

Sent Christmas 2010

To our most valued and many year friend. Des.

Thank you so much for your friendship, support, visits, and the way in which you regularly appear, to provide positive influence. All of these are really appreciated and we all know you really care. Our friendship has been very important in my life and we have had much fun, frivolity and a deep respect which is backed on mutual trust but equally time of debate which is a mark of maturity in any friendship. I have also enjoyed our great interest in things cadets like CCANZ, Patron of Western Bay of Plenty Cadet Unit and enjoyed the annual awards. I look forward to many more visits and a continuation of our regular chats.

Kindest regards

Ted (Dean)

Des

Thought I'd sent you this photo. Its 10yrs this month since we returned from Timor as part of the Coster Contingent on NZBATT3.

The photo was taken outside the Tilomar FOB during a visit from Hamilton City Councillor Peter Bos.



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| 1. Pte | K Olphert | (Pte) |
| 2. L/Cpl | Ihei-Kiripa | (Cpl) |
| 3. WO1 | G Dunn | (WO1) |
| 4. Councilor | Peter Bos | |
| 5. Pte | K Homaha | (Cpl) |
| 6. Pte | P Tuturu | (Pte) |
| 7. Pte | P Brockman-Palmer | (Tpr) |
| 8. Pte | L Pora | (L/Cpl) |

The ranks next to the names are as they were while on deployment.
In brackets are the ranks in 6 Hau.

Cheers

Kevin Olpher

Hi Des

Attached photo from last night was taken as it's a reunion of pers from 9 Ranger Pl, 1RNZIR, 1982. Left –Right is WO1 Ross Cullen, SWI 6 Hau (ex Scout/Sniper), Brig Dave Gawn, DCA (Pl Comd), SSgt George Kareko, Cadre 6 Hau (Pl Sgt) and WO1 Mike (Crash) Shaw, RSM 6 HAU (Gun #1).

A coincidence bought about by the 6Hau Dining in/Farewell evening where DCA was guest speaker. Cheers,

Ross



Cheers Des

Team Black because that was my nickname (Black Jack). I think that there may be a photo in existence from the old A Coy formerly of Rotorua. I'm the one in the middle.

Jack Williams



ANZAC Day



ANZAC Day Dawn Service - Mount Maunganui. Photo / Mark Mckeown.

Related Gallery

1. [Anzac Day Dawn Service](#)

In the dark of the morning they came together.

A canopy of umbrellas, coats wrapped tight, street lights lighting their way through a haze of quiet rain.

Hundreds braved the wet weather at the Mount Maunganui RSA dawn service to remember the fallen.

Some of those fallen charged across battlefields. Some travelled high seas. Some flew across skies. And for many families, some of those adventurers never came home.

Mount Maunganui RSA president Ces Hughes told the respectful crowd it was a day to show gratitude for the peace we enjoyed: "And we [honour] with pride the veterans that survived and are here today."

For those no longer with us, they were not just names on granite, but heroes and Anzacs, he told the silent crowd.

While numbers were down at the Mount, more than 2000 people were there.

Over a loudspeaker, naval padre Chris Haines said war veterans had taught us, "through days of great peril not with words but by example. At the high cost of their hopes, dreams and lives".

New Zealanders today continued that legacy of bravery, he said, pointing to Pike River and the Christchurch earthquakes as examples of "plain, dogged determination not to give up on anyone".

A wreath was laid at the cenotaph on Marine Parade by Mount Maunganui College's national RSA speech competition competitor, Danielle Liddell.

And as rain fell, two Harvard planes flew overhead.

After the Last Post and the veterans stood, applause went up through the crowd.

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In the black of the cold pre-dawn, they then walked away in unison. Brothers in arms. Veterans of war.

- Carly Gibbs

Tauranga RSA's Anzac Day Dawn Service

Hundreds stood shoulder to shoulder in the dimmed confines of Greerton Hall for Tauranga RSA's Anzac Day Dawn Service to commemorate those who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country.

Concerns about exposing the thinning ranks of World War II veterans to the rain led to the decision to switch the service into the hall next door to the RSA.

Although some of the traditional atmosphere was missing, there was still plenty of emotion as the service went through all of its facets, starting with the drum roll and the hymn Lest We Forget.

Tauranga RSA president Bob McLintock was overwhelmed by the number of people of all ages who attended the dawn service - an estimated 500 - and so many that some were forced to stand outside the hall and could only hear what was going on.

Everything went like clockwork, with only the occasional distraction from the inevitable fainting or near fainting among those standing to attention in the youth wings of the armed services.

Prayers were offered by the Reverend Bronwyn Marchant and the Anzac Dedication was taken by Mr McLintock, including the words "We feel them still near us in spirit. We wish to be worthy of their great sacrifice."

There was a brief wreath laying, followed by the emotional playing of the Last Post by Peter Cranston of the Tauranga Brass Band, and a one-minute silence.

Captain Lester Polglase of the 6th Hauraki Battalion delivered the address, recalling the deeds of the Anzacs - the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps.

He said the Anzac tradition was born on the mayhem of the beach at Gallipoli when New Zealander soldiers melded with Australians, until you could not tell one from the other. New Zealand's toll from the eight-month campaign was 2700 men killed and thousands more wounded or sick.

Captain Polglase said Anzac Day was not about glorifying war but to reflect on the contribution made to New Zealand's way of life by those who fought in wars.

He said the service was a tribute not only to Gallipoli and World War I but to the sacrifices made by all those who served New Zealand in times of war, including World War II, Korea, Malaya, Vietnam, Bosnia and East Timor.

The special bond between New Zealand and Australia went beyond military operations: "Not only is Australia our closest strategic partner, they are certainly our closest mates."

Tauranga Girls' College head girl Chennoah Walford read the famous war poem In Flanders Fields by John McCrae.

Others on the stage included Tauranga RSA vice-president Fred Milligan, Tauranga's Mayor and Mayoress Stuart and Lesley Crosby, and Tauranga MP Simon Bridges wearing his grandfather's war medals.

- John Cousins

Dawn Service Katikati RSA and Citizens Club

More than 200 people crowded into the Katikati RSA and Citizens Club for the Dawn Service, held indoors because of rain.

Veterans warmed themselves with the traditional tot of whiskey and milk, then RSA president Peter Sparrow asked pipers Pauline Cave and Kimberley Amrein to play a lament before wreaths were laid in front of the indoor roll of honour. RSA chaplain Rev Brendan Gibbs took the service, speaking of how unusual and yet appropriate it was for Easter Monday to fall on the same day as Anzac Day as both occasions marked sacrifices.

He spoke of the awareness among generations of New Zealanders and Australians that Anzac Day was a time of reflection on war and the sacrifices those who lost their lives. It was also a time to pray for peace, he said.

- Elaine Fisher

Over 2000 people turned out for the Anzac Day Civic Memorial Service at Queen Elizabeth Youth Centre in Tauranga this morning.

The 9am service was moved inside because of heavy rain. It is typically held at the Cenotaph in Memorial Park.

Heavy downpours did not stop crowds flooding the youth centre. The main car park at the centre was filled by 8.30am.



Tauranga deputy Mayor David Stewart speaks at Monday's Anzac memorial service inside Queen Elizabeth Youth Centre.

Regional leaders at the service included Western Bay of Plenty police area commander, Inspector Mike Clement, Tauranga deputy Mayor David Stewart, Western Bay fire chief Ron Devlin and Bay of Plenty Regional Council chairman John Cronin.

David Stewart welcomed those who attended, Reverend Wendy Showan read a scripture and prayer and Tauranga Boys' College head prefect Matthew Strange addressed the audience.

"It's not just Gallipoli. We give thanks to all of those who have taken the risk or lost their lives," says Matthew.

"Most were young, some younger than myself. They took it upon themselves to land at Anzac Cove and battle for their small country."

"Many were fighting for a country they had just arrived in."

Speech by Bruce Beckett on Anzac Day 2011

Mr Chairman -- Chaplain Reid

Ladies & Gentleman

Thank you for the opportunity & privilege to again address you this year

God of Nations at Thy feet in the bonds of love we meet

Hear our voices we entreat – God defend our free land

These are powerful words beseeching our God to continue to protect us

Because protect us he has – NZ since the late 1800's has not had a battle on our soil – we must keep it this way!!

Prior to the British coming and settling here at the behest of Maori; there were many battles & wars between the tribes. In this region alone tribe warred with tribe in possibly 2000+ battles in the previous 100 or so years

Ngapuhi came at least 5 times and ransacked the area

There were many clashes between Ngaiterangi & Whakaue / Ngati Hei & Whakaue / Te Waharoa (from Waikato) & Tauranga tribes

Ngati Pukenga (of the original AWA peoples predating the great fleet) & Ngaiterangi / Ngati Ranginui & Waitaha / Tapuika, Ngati Rangiwehewehi, N Whakaue against N Whakinga (killing almost all)

/ Ngaiterangi & Waitaha / Nga Tapuika & Arawa / Tapuika & Waitaha against Ngaiterangi / Ngapuhi & Ngaiterangi against Arawa in Rotorua to name just a few; and so it had gone on over & over for 200 years

Tribes taking areas such as Maketu, Rangiuru, Te Tumu, Tauranga, Mauo, Otumoetai, Katikati, Matata, Whakatane, Opotiki, Rotoiti, Rotorua etc then being pushed out again.

Since the British arrived , there has been peace in the region; since the few battles and skirmishes of the late 1800's.

I am proudly from the Hauraki Regiment whose British roots are from the 43rd Monmouthshire Regiment, one of the units which fought at Gate Pa and Te Ranga in 1864, and thereafter garrisoned in Tauranga. The Regiment was formed in 1898 – 113 years ago – and has remained basically unchanged & un amalgamated in NZ ever since. We in the Hauraki Regimental Association are deeply concerned that the powers in

Wellington may change this soon and should it commence, we will need to call on your support try and prevent that

The Maori warrior is woven into the Hauraki Regiment again by Gate Pa, and the courageous account given by Maori Chief Rawari Puhiraki and his followers.

Rawari, who was killed at Te Ranga and Lieutenant Colonel Booth, the Commanding Officer of the 43rd Regiment who was killed at Gate Pa, now lie side by side, "in death two traditions of courage become one". The Battalion's motto " WHAKATANGA KIA KAHA" – “Quit Yourself Like Men, be Strong", originates from the encouragement that Rawari chanted to his warriors as he pranced along the defensive parapet of Gate Pa.

We hear a lot about the Battle of Gate Pa & Te Ranga just up the road but they pale into insignificance compared to all the previous ones.

We also must remember that in these battles it was not strictly British versus Maori. In the case of Gate Pa the Ngaiterangi (of Tauranga) under Chief Hamiora Tu fought on the side of the British, against the other Maori. This was very common in most battles

An interesting historic point to note. The old RSA site by the hospital was actually where the artillery were for the Gate Pa fight & if by some hand of fate the new site for the RSA (Fahy's Pub in Greerton) was where the infantry were located on the night before the attack on Gate Pa

My general message to you today is that we pay respect to all of our men and women involved in the battles and wars, both here and on foreign lands – both in the past and now. We mourn the loss of all those warriors – because war is such a waste of our Nations best

My strongest message to you all today is that we cannot sit back and let division of our peoples of NZ continue to take place for political ends by various parties. Political opportunism is alive & well & “divide & rule” is the dangerous game.

Both Maori & Pakeha need to weld one nation together before it is too late. Stop the greed; stop the blame game; stop the separationists; we are all here in the same land, and nobody is leaving. We are both “boat people”, just one lot arrived 400 to 500 years before the other. There were also other “boat people” here before Maori My family are mixed blood

and my first pakeha forebears arrived here in the early 1830's – that's 180 years ago!!
The occurrences of recent times, with particular emphasis on the earthquake & tsunami in Japan has changed the world forever. We could well be devastated by the effects of nuclear radiation which is heading our way. As airborne pollution it has already hit USA & Europe and the US has turned off the Geiger counters on west coast. There could well be many Japanese looking for somewhere to "bale to"; likewise quite feasibly also Philippines & Indonesia affected by irradiated ocean currents. These will probably end up here in 12 to 15 months. Japanese mothers already have dangerously elevated levels of radiation in their milk and the water supplies loaded with caesium, iodine & worse.
We could well face unprecedented pressure to take another million or so people.
We need to wake up!! Get off our "dungheaps of apathy", speak out, stop the PC processes that keep going on ad nauseum, about matters 170 years old that we (who are here now) had no control over but it seems we have to pay for. Use your vote – pressure the pollies
AND above all
Pray to God that we receive the strength to see we all need to forgive and move on "in the bonds of love we meet" as ONE PEOPLE ; for the greater good of ALL here in this beautiful place we call home - Aotearoa – New Zealand
Thank you for your kindness of inviting me and listening
God bless you all

Reunions

1RNZIR Reunion

NEXT NEW ZEALAND REUNION

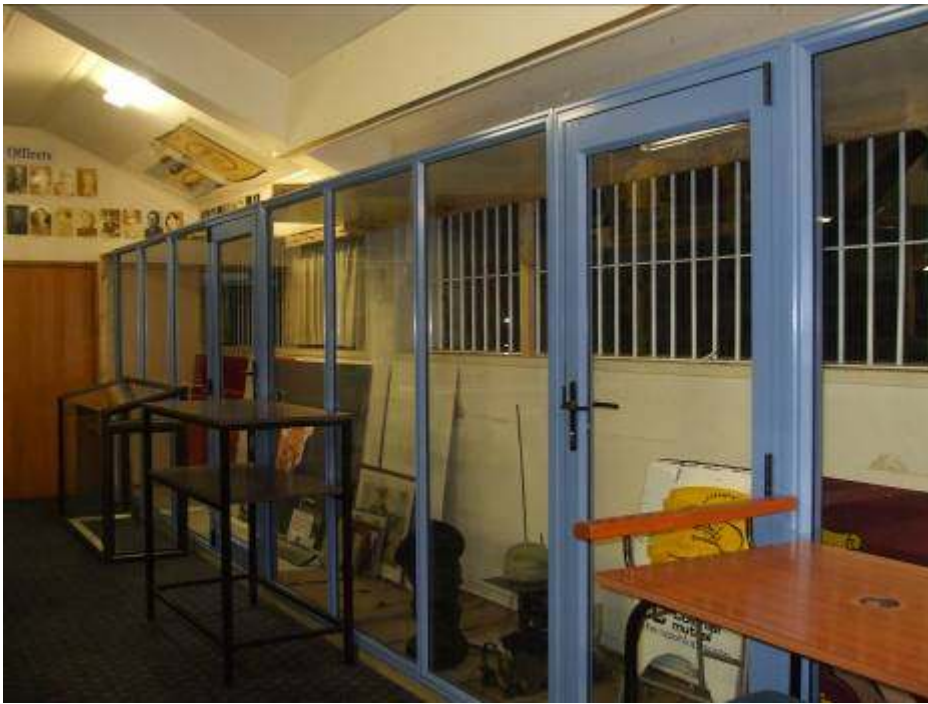
The next reunion to be held in New Zealand will be held in Mount Maunganui over Labour weekend (October) 2011.

Dean Mark <woodstock6b@hotmail.com>

Museum

As you can see the new cabinet has been installed.

Thanks to those who have donated time, labour, material or money to the cabinet project. Without the generous support of the following the cabinet could not have been completed within the time frame:
Dave Greaves, George Macleod, Ken Brown, Chris McGuire, Richard Burgess, Penny Burgess, Des Anderson, Bob Mankelow, Kim Webster, Ray Crafts & of course our dedicated curator Tony Fraser.



Upgrade the Hauraki Badge on the front of the NZDF Building : directed by Ray Crafts

The Past 6 Hau Bn Gp, RQMS, WOI Wichman, commissioned the Association to produce a new Hauraki Badge to be mounted on the HQ Building; which the unit would pay for. The project leader, appointed by the committee was Ray Crafts whose skills in the finer arts are well known. Ray has now completed his task and the mould is now ready for 6 Hau Bn Gp to have the new badge cast in the mould. The mould will be retained by the Association for further use, if required. It is noted that the previous mould was under the care of the unit, but has been misplaced.

Other projects are: upgrade the **former Commanding Officers Photos**; by digital enhancement & framed with ultra light glass.

Create & upgrade the **book/ video library**.

Create & upgrade a **digital unit history**.

Upgrade the **Hauraki Badge** in the entrance way to the museum: directed by Ray Crafts

Upgrade the **Warrant Officers & Sergeants Mess gong**

Upgrade the **museum data base computer system**

All **unit photographs** (about 5,000) are now at the Tauranga Public Library being converted into the digital form, as part of the project of recording unit history.

If you have some photos we can use to record unit history, they will be returned without damage: please contact Bob Mankelow.

Without the donation of items, money & voluntary time your museum would not be the show case it is,

Thank you everyone

Des Anderson
President

Membership Cards

The Membership cards for perpetual members have been distributed; if you have not received yours please advise me.

These who have paid their annual "donation" have also had their new cards mailed out. A minor error with cards. All cards have had "perpetual member" embossed on the card. This will be corrected at the next print in July 2011.

I have enclosed a membership application card if you would like to become a member.

Foot note:

By presenting your card you can gain access to Tauranga RSA, Opotiki RSA & ALL Australian RSL

Donations

As the Association is now registered as a charity you can have a one third of any donations deducted off your taxes. The Secretary will send you a registered receipt for any donations. It is suggested a donation be no less than an annual membership.

If you wish to direct credit to our bank account:

Westpac 03-0435-0509893-001. Reference – (Your name)

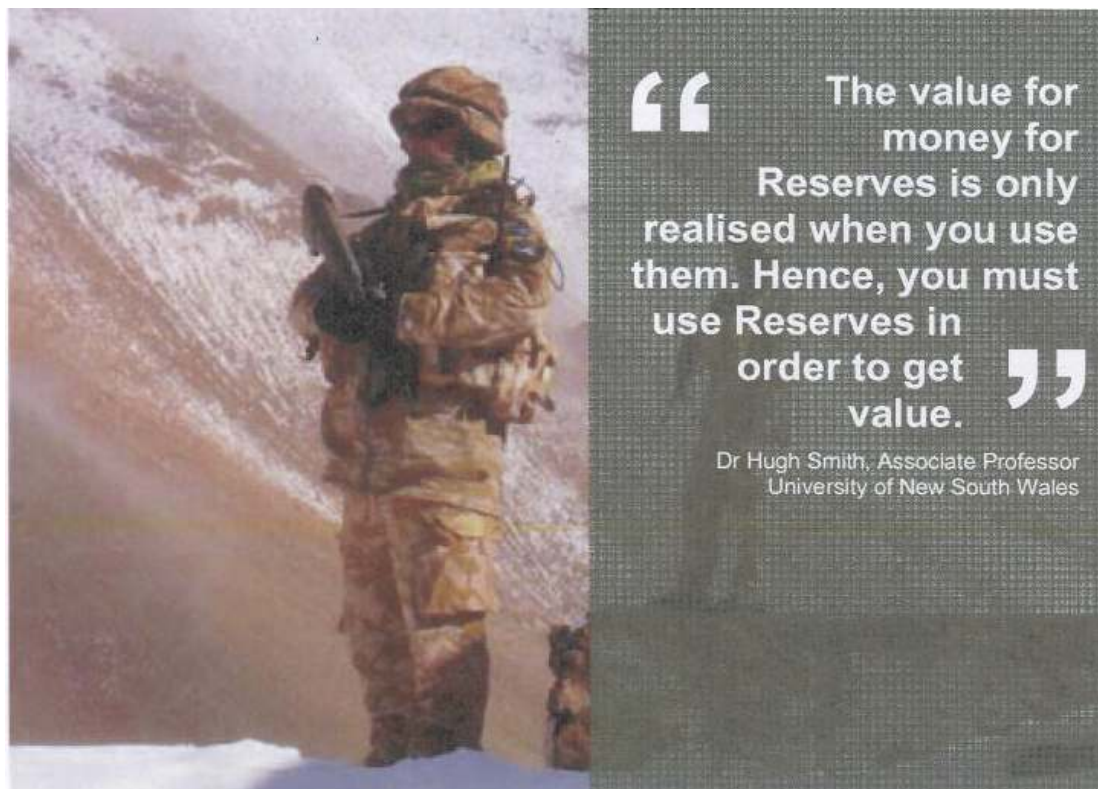
Movies at the Garrison

The second Friday of the month.

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

Graze and Movie Evenings' are held on the 2nd Friday of every month with proceeds being donated to the Hauraki Museum

Territorial Forces Employer Support Council



Territorial Forces Employer Support Council

REGION: Bay of Plenty / Waikato

CHAIRPERSON: Bill Holland

SECRETARY: Major Alan Patterson / Lieutenant Commander Gerard McGrath

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Des Anderson Local Business: Export Cold Storage

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Stuart Crosby Tauranga City Council (Mayor)

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Tauranga based air conditioning and mechanical and electrical engineering firm Haden O'Donnell Griffin is the winner of a national award for supporting employees who are military reservists.

Last year the Tauranga branch's sales manager, Paul Brennan was released from his work to conduct a specialist role in a Navy operation in August.



Haden O'Donnell Griffin Tauranga branch manager John Tomlinson speaks at the award presentation in Wellington. To his right are Chief Petty Officer Engineer Paul Brennan and Chief of Defence Force, General Rhys Jones.

The Chief Petty Officer Engineer with the Mount Maunganui sub-unit of the HMNZS Ngapona was needed to complete a hydrographic survey off the North Island east coast.

Paul's skills as a former submariner in the Australian Navy were needed to complete the survey and so it was critical that he be released from work to participate.

For this act, Haden O'Donnell Griffin won the Regional Territorial Force Employer Support Committee's 2010 Bay of Plenty-Waikato Employer of the Year Award.

Winning entered the firm into the national competition, and on Tuesday night it won the supreme award: Territorial Force Employer Support Group Employer of the Year.

It was presented to Tauranga branch manager John Tomlinson by Defence Minister Wayne Mapp and Chief of Defence Force, General Rhys Jones, before a crowd of about 160 people.

John says it is not easy to release Paul from his work for the business.

"Paul is our service manager so he has an integral role in the business, so for us to release him is a big commitment," says John, but there is value for Haden O'Donnell Griffin in allowing Paul the time away.

"What it does, is it gives him the opportunity to get additional training."

It also means he returns to work refreshed.

"Any time someone has a break away from work they come back with a different view."

The style of training and workplace endeavour experienced in the armed services also provided benefits for Haden O'Donnell Griffin in the aftermath of the February 22 earthquake in Christchurch.

John says the firm's Christchurch office had some problems and they asked for help.

"After the earthquake we had a request for someone to go there in a leadership role," says John.

“A lot of the skills he gets in the services are useful in demanding circumstances and allow him to do a good job in a different environment.”

Association Members



From left: CPO Alex Ruwhiu, Jenny Storey, Maj Helen Horn, Eve McFarlane, Bea Heaphy-Hall, Grace Prendergrast and Capt Vince Copeland.



Raymond Crafts says he has used his own "poppy creativity" to adapt the capital P from a 14th century illuminated manuscript. The capital is illuminated with gold leaf and Gouache water colour.

A 10-year-old's poetic power has captured the hearts of RSA members.

After learning about Anzac Day at school in Waikanae, Jessica Smith (who was nine at the time) was inspired to come home, sit down and write a poem about it – not for a school project, but just because she wanted to, and she could.

Then, at the end of last year's parade Anzac Day parade in Waikanae, she handed a copy of the poem, which she titled *The Last Poppy*, to 2 NZEF

veteran and Paraparaumu Memorial RSA member Jack Cursons.

It was, she said, "a token of appreciation" to veterans.

"I was taken aback by the little girl who sought me out to hand me this creative piece of memory of her version of the Anzac Day appreciation," says Jack Cursons.

In fact, he was so taken with the poem's sentiments and quality that he sent it to *RSA Review*,

which published the poem, along with an account of what had happened.

The story then moved to Tauranga where calligrapher Raymond Crafts, also an RSA member, was equally inspired by Jessica's work.

He has strong military connections – his father fought in World War 2, an uncle in World War 1, and both he and his brother were involved in the 6 Bn Hauraki Regt as territorials.

"It so struck a chord in my heart that I decided this verse should be calligraphically illuminated and presented to Jessica," says Crafts. "Not only for myself, but for all those who march on Anzac Day in New Zealand. I feel such words deserve recognition."

His completed scroll was sent via *RSA Review* to Jack Cursons, who made contact with the Smith family and presented it to Jessica Smith.

Her father, Dion Smith, says it is "absolutely beautiful and made the day not only special for Jessica, but for us as parents...a very humbling moment to see that effort".

He says Jessica loves to write, to the point where her parents are sometimes unsure what is fiction and what is non-fiction.



Special moment: Jack Cursons presents Jessica Smith with the scroll Tauranga calligrapher Raymond Crafts' created from her poem.

Farewell to WO1's (Rtd) Dave Galvin and Gladys Dick

How do you sum up a Soldiers Career be it RF or AR/TF, in such a short period of time

Really you can't, it's a matter of acknowledging their service and dedication, and then in a less formal environment swapping stories around the Bar leaner where one can talk more Openly and freely!

A few months back I was looking through some of the bits and pieces of paperwork and photos that one gathers in boxes over the years;

I came across the deployment manifest for Ex Tasman Reserve – **Green-bank Australia 1981**, the nominal roll of 120 Offrs, and Soldiers, among those was two names that stuck out, myself and Dave, hard to believe I know, but back then I was a Rifleman, with two years under the belt, a much better looking character back then with black hair, unlike today. The other was Dave, a Corporal of seven years' experience, a lean mean fighting Machine with dark hair....**and he still has dark hair!!!**,

(Alas back then Dave and I didn't know each other from a grain of salt)...

And who would have thought that some 29 years later I would be speaking at Dave's Farewell.....

U750876 Warrant Officer Class One **David, William: Galvin RNZIR**
Known to us all as DAVE, Mr Galvin or Sir

Dave joined 6th Hauraki Battalion, Royal New Zealand Infantry Regiment on the 4th of December 1974, Dave has completing over 35 years of loyal, dedicated and effective service in his time with the TF/AR.

- Dave, as for a few others in this room has seen and been through Major changes over the years, within the Hauraki Battalion reduce in size from over 1100 Offrs and Soldiers with AFEs having full company strengths on the ground, to the **Merger of A, B, C, D, Log, Spt Coys and Wai Wec Sqn** to form the smaller and more manoeuvrable Bn Gp of today, with the opportunities for all ranks to deploy on operations and integrate with our RF counterparts.
- How times have changed as we strive to develop and move forward with the times to become a World Class Army. In this time Dave, like most TF/AR, has to balance his busy Career, within the Corrections Dept. (which he has also been recognized for his loyal service), personal life; Family and friends, missing special events and making personal sacrifices along the way in order to serve.
- Dave earned and worked his way through the Ranks, completing numerous courses over his dedicated service to the Battalion, Regiment, Territorial Force, and NZ Army as a whole, to achieve the rank of Warrant Officer Class One in 1999.

In 2006 Dave was the first WO in 10 years, to take over from the longest serving, 6th SWI of the Hauraki's as he was posted to HQ 2 LFG, Allowing Dave to become the **7th SWI of the Hauraki's** the highest soldier apt in the Bn Gp for an AR/TF SNCO to achieve.

- **Dave** was presented his third Bar to his EM by the Minister of Defence in 2009, a great achievement. At that time the NZ Defence Force only had a total of 6 serving soldiers that had achieved this milestone of which Dave was one of them.
- **Dave has also been Awarded**, the Warrant Parchment sign by CDF and Minister of Defence, 20 years Inf Cert and 25 Year Inf bayonet in honour of this dedication to the Corp.

Dave was not only a WO, but also the Cultural Advisor to The CO, Offrs and Soldiers of the Unit, pointing them in the right direction in regards to most aspects of cultural protocols.

One of the things that has always impressed me with Dave, is his humble manner and the **Mana** that Dave brings with him, He is respected by Offrs, soldiers and The Cadet Forces as well.

Dave has worked tirelessly on Trg, Ex's an Annual Cadet Force Camps sponsored by the Hauraki's, with one of his main goals to giving the Cadets and youth an experience of the four Seasons, on offer at one of the best trg grounds in the world....**Waiouru**, and practical life skills and knowledge that the Cadets would find life changing.

Dave on Behalf of the Hauraki's past and present and HQ 2 LFG I would like to thank you for your, Loyalty and Dedication to the Hauraki Bn Gp and NZ Army as a whole.

Lastly: I'd would also like to take this opportunity to Thank and wish both you and Gladys all the very best for your future and where life's path takes you, and hope that our paths will cross again someday.

Kia ora - Haere rā - Ka kite

Whakatangata KIA Kaha!

WOI Gary Ellis



Social Events

Up coming events

Sunday 12th June 2011. 1200 hrs

Assemble down stairs of the Tauranga Citizens Club, Thirteen Avenue, Cameron Road, Tauranga for fellowship & luncheon.

Please advise Marion or me if you intend coming. It will help with the catering, but if just you turn up you will not be sent away.

News from the Regiment

View from HQ

As another training year draws to a close, it is worth reflecting on what we have managed to achieve. We have said goodbye to many of the stalwarts of the Battalion at every level of the command chain, people who have gone the extra mile in representing both the Hauraki's and the local community. It is not necessary to name the few as we all know who they are and we wish them well in their new postings. Of course, the end of one posting in the Battalion also signals the beginning of a new posting and we welcome those who have joined our ranks over the last 12 months.

Life in 6 Hauraki Battalion is nothing if not diverse and interesting. We have had a good representation from the Battalion on overseas deployments and, closer to home, a significant contribution to the Christchurch disaster relief programme where the Hauraki Cap Badge is a common sight and one that is well appreciated by the local community and Army alike. The inherent

sense of duty displayed by Hauraki's means that we can continue to be able to provide willing volunteers in support of this worthwhile cause.

Unfortunately, the current financial situation has hit all of Army and 6 Hauraki have not escaped unscathed. We, like every other TF unit, have had our training cancelled for the past couple of months leading up to the new training year in July. During times such as these it is a difficult task for the Training Wing and the Cadres to provide the training that our committed soldiers expect and deserve. Fortunately the training programme up to the point where training was cancelled has ensured that meaningful and interesting training was delivered to those who could make it and this has resulted in an increase on last year in those who have completed Warrior tasks and also those who have qualified at RFL, BET and AWQ.

With the new training year beginning in a few short weeks, we can look forward to a continuation of high quality training that motivates our soldiers and ensures that 6 Hauraki Battalion are ready and fit to fight whenever and wherever we are called upon to do so. However, the best training in the world is useless if we don't have the bodies to deliver that training to and so I ask for your continued support and commitment.

These are uncertain times for Army, particularly RF, which may mean increased opportunities for those TF who are ready to take on the challenge. Let's ensure that 6 Hauraki Battalion is the Unit of choice when these opportunities arise.

Kia Kaha and best wishes to everyone.

T CRUSE
Captain
Adjutant
6 Hauraki Battalion

Hauraki in Christchurch

About a dozen Tauranga based 6 Battalion Hauraki territorial forces soldiers are in Christchurch beginning deployment as part of the ongoing disaster relief.



Brett, ready for deployment to work with police in Christchurch, as pictured right by NZ Defence Force.

The Hauraki's, along with reservists from Auckland, Wellington and Hawke's Bay are making up a platoon that is expected to man the central city red zone cordon with boundaries at Madras Street, St Asaph Street, Durham Street and Kilmore Street.

Sun Media graphic designer Brett Zanders is one of the Hauraki's on deployment.

The first deployment of Hauraki's went to Christchurch shortly after the earthquake.

"What they did was clean up silt," says Brett.

"This one I've been told we are on cordons, just standing around making sure no-one goes into the red zone."

For the week long deployment he's expecting army accommodation, which could be at Burnham Camp, or in tents.

The Hauraki's left Tauranga in unimogs on Friday night for Whenuapai in Auckland from where they were to take military transport to Christchurch.

The first deployment returned from Christchurch last Saturday. Further deployments are expected in the coming months.

Operation Christchurch Quake

Prior to our move to Christchurch, volunteers were called for by Bn and were given a tentative deployment date of 26 March, however, a situational change meant that D-day was brought forward by one week. Despite this, 19 troops made themselves available and we began our advance on Friday 19 March. We stayed at HQ ANR on Friday night and moved to Whenuapai the next morning. Prior to our departure, the CO briefed all those present (including RNZN and RNZAF) on the current situation in Christchurch - this certainly set the scene for what we were about to experience. En route we stopped at Ohakea to uplift troops from 1RNZIR and were bused to Burnham after our arrival at Air Movts Christchurch



6 Hau Troops - Opn Christchurch Quake

We debussed at “tent city” just inside the gates at Burnham. After locating attachments from 5 and 7 Bn we established a formed platoon with adjacent tent accommodation. We were then given various briefings (Psychological, Legal and Admin etc). Later that day we received orders from Lt Waugh and began battle prep for our first cordon tasking the next morning. Note, except for 3 section, the Platoon was commanded entirely by 6 Hau

With the exception of 3 sections, all command positions within the Platoon were filled by 6 Hau personnel

We travelled light, only carrying what we needed in our patrol packs. Comms were PRR's (section internal) and SANGAR's (command). Transport was by TCV (Mog/Pinzgauer). Rations were fresh (in camp) and hot box/cut lunches while on cordon taskings.

Earthquake damage was not evident until we were on final approach to the CBD but soon became very obvious. Troops were debussed at 11 checkpoints. Handover briefings were conducted prior to beginning 12 hour sentry/checkpoint duties. Our checkpoints were located along Moorhouse Ave and Barbadoes St with some significant distances between them. I would estimate our total frontage to be about 1200m. Bicycles were later ordered through stores to enable more rapid movement between checkpoints by section commanders.

Our main effort was to man outer cordon checkpoints that encircled the Christchurch CBD. This involved checking vehicle and personnel passes at entry points as well as security checks on persons moving inside our cordon. The rules were simple – persons or vehicles that didn't comply with documentation or access requirements were denied entry (no exceptions). Checks were also conducted on persons moving inside our cordon (even civilian security employees) to ensure that they complied with access requirements.

The troops reacted and adapted well in their unarmed roles – here are a few examples

On one occasion our troops spotted two civilian cars close to a no access area - the occupants were approaching out of bounds retail shops on foot. A Police patrol was called in and they promptly removed the people concerned.

On another occasion our troops identified an intruder entering [a yellow stickered \(limited access\) building](#). Their IA drill soon saw a Police K9 (dog) unit arrive on the scene and K9 unit. [Luckily for him he chose to make himself seen rather than risk the dog being released](#) (it had teeth like a Mako shark).

One night on Checkpoint 7 a person slipped and hit his head very hard on the pavement just forward of the cordon. The troops applied buddy aide before calling for an ambulance. We later found out that the person they assisted was a journalist

During one of the day shifts a woman was seen moving with difficulty on crutches inside the cordon. Her lower leg area had crush injuries sustained during the quake. After checking her residential pass details she was asked if she required assistance but she politely declined. She was trying to exercise her legs by hobbling to a supermarket to get groceries. She was kept under observation by the troops as she very slowly made her way to the supermarket. When she left the supermarket she re-entered our cordon area and was again stopped for a security check. She was clearly struggling while carrying her groceries on crutches. Assistance was offered again and this time she accepted. A roving Pinzgauer was called in and she was driven to her home inside the cordon and assisted to her doorstep with her groceries. By all accounts she was very (very) grateful for the assistance offered by our troops.

Checkpoint 10 on the corner of Moorhouse Ave and Barbadoes was the main entry point to our cordon area. From about 0630 to 1730 there was a constant flow of authorised vehicles. Extra troops were positioned there to cope with security checks. Note that a vast majority of physical checks were conducted by our troops. A Police officer was stationed 24 hours at checkpoint 10 to provide assistance when required.

The devastation described to us by the CO at Whenuapai was very evident in and around our cordon. It got progressively worse towards the central CBD.

We were all impressed with the level of appreciation shown to us by members of the local Christchurch community. They appeared at nights and very early in the mornings to provide us with hot brews. On one occasion a young girl and her family approached us at checkpoint 10 (above) and gave us a thankyou card and some home baking to distribute to our troops. The words on the card expressed the general feeling that we got from the local public as well

I was also impressed with the manner with which our troops interacted with members of the public. We also all had the opportunity to mix closely with members of the Police, Navy, Airforce and RF personnel.

On behalf of Lt Waugh I would like to thank our soldiers for their combined efforts during the Operation. They all worked very well and maintained a high level of vigilance with their duties.

I was proud of our soldiers efforts and have no doubt that they have left lasting positive impressions on all people they had contact with during the Operation in Christchurch.

Sgt Purcell



Shepherd, McMillan, Bell at checkpoint



Car flattened by quake debris



Damaged cycle shop – front completely exposed



CTV building and Grand Chancellor in background



Flowers at CTV site



Damaged House – Barbadoes St



Cadets

Hauraki Experience XIII is in time of printing this edition. The dates are the first week

the planning stage at the of the July School Holidays

Our Associated

RHODESIAN ASSOCIATION

ANZAC Day

Prior to ANZAC I had a number of people in find parades in their area. some of them as I had not information this year. As a Events page on the Association website <http://www.rhodesianservices.org/events.htm> so that information is readily available. If you are an organiser of any annual events (not only ANZAC parades) please have a look and send me any additions or corrections. This is an important tool for everyone around the world for people looking for a quick reference.

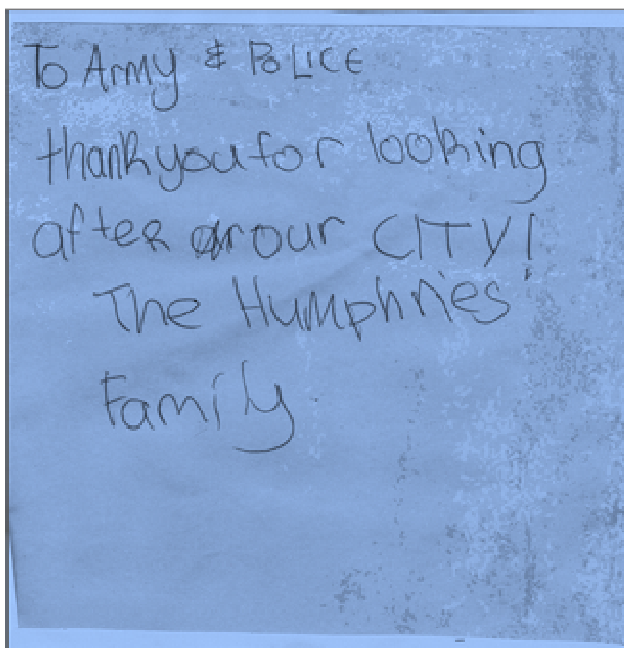
Hobsonville, Auckland, New Zealand

This parade is where the Rhodesian Services Association focuses our efforts each year. For a number of years a group of us have been going up the day before ANZAC day, staying in an adjacent motel (strength of numbers means we keep costs down to around \$30 per head per night), and driving home the day after ANZAC. Sadly this year we broke this routine on account of many of our group not being able to attend. Together with Percy Purcell, Tony Griffiths and my Mum, we had a 5am start and drove up through rain all the way to Auckland. When we arrived at the Hobsonville RSA the weather was the best we had experienced, not great but it was only drizzling lightly.

The march went off well with a good turnout. Several of our members are getting on in years and sat out the march.

What's On?

TAURANGA



Groups

SERVICES

number of inquiries from a Australia asking how to I was not able to help been given any result I have set up an Rhodesian Services

The Garrison Club run by the 6th Battalion (Hauraki) Group Regimental Association, is open every Friday from 16:00 hrs and welcomes visitors. 'Graze and Movie Evenings' are held on the 2nd Friday of every month with proceeds being donated to the Hauraki Museum. Email me at hbomford@clear.net.nz to get on that mailing list to see what is on and notification of any changes. As noted elsewhere in this publication, other social meetings take place which are advertised locally via email.

OCTOBER RV – TAURANGA 21st – 23rd October 2011

This year we clash with the Rugby World Cup so it is very important that you get your accommodation sorted out early. We are currently planning this event and hope to have a special guest for you who is a well known Rhodesian with a strong rugby connection. All will be revealed in time, but rather than miss out on something memorable – make a plan to be at the next RV.

I recommend that you get your note on the calendar right now, in case your other half books a shopping trip or invites the mother-in-law to stay that weekend

PATRIOTS DEFENCE FORCE MOTORCYCE CLUB

Acknowledging the ANZACs

By Caron

Addressing students of Matamata Intermediate School this week, the message was clear from members of the Patriots Defence Force Motorcycle Club.

"We are here to inform you about the importance of ANZAC Day and how it came about" says representative, Koro. "This is not a service as much as a reminder of how important it is for each and every one of you to find out about your history and your ancestors. Every New Zealander is in one way or another impacted by the sacrifices these people made – many, with their lives. ANZAC Day is a day of remembrance, a day of respect – and the two things we would like you all to take from this day are challenge, and respect. We challenge you to learn of your past and secondly, respect those who lost their lives fighting for the freedom we enjoy today.



Talia Parker is pictured holding the Australian flag while the New Zealand flag is raised by Jacob Lawrence.



Proudly sporting medals won during World Wars one and two by great grand-fathers and relatives, Matamata Intermediate School students were proud to take part in the ANZAC commemorations held at school recently. They are pictured here with Pipe Sargent Ray Crafts, 6BN, Hauraki Regiment. Ray has been piping for around 65 years!



Carrying the wreath ahead of Koro, Patriots DFMC New Zealand, are Rebecca Aston and Jack Webster.



The Patriots Defence Force Motorcycle Club (DFMC) New Zealand is an organisation for all military people, past and present, regular or territorial, with a passion for motorbikes. Formed in 1998, originally as a branch of Australia, Patriots DFMC New Zealand is a self-governing kiwi organisation with five chapters throughout the country. Mozzis, Koro and Ricko as they liked to be referred to, are pictured with Mr Rob who also shared interesting history about his family's involvement during the war years.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

2011

May

6th	Friday	1600 hrs	Garrison Club	Nibbles
10th	Tuesday	1900 hrs	Garrison Club	Committee Meeting
13th	Friday	1600 hrs	Garrison Club	Nibbles
13th	Friday	1900 hrs	Hauraki Museum	MOVIES Rhodesian Graze
19th			Newsletter printed & posted	
20th	Friday	1600 hrs	Garrison Club	Nibbles
27th	Friday	1600 hrs	Garrison Club	Finger Food

June

3rd	Friday	1600 hrs	Garrison Club	Nibbles
10th	Friday	1600 hrs	Garrison Club	Nibbles
10th	Friday	1900 hrs	Hauraki Museum	MOVIES Rhodesian Graze
12th	Sunday	1200hrs	Tauranga Citizens Club	Luncheon
14th	Tuesday	1900 hrs	Garrison Club	Committee Meeting
17th	Friday	1600 hrs	Garrison Club	Nibbles
24th	Friday	1600 hrs	Garrison Club	Finger Food

July

1st	Friday	1600 hrs	Garrison Club	Nibbles
8th	Friday	1830 hrs	Garrison Club	Pizza & Birthday Cake
8th	Friday	1900 hrs	Hauraki Museum	MOVIES
9th	Saturday	1600 hrs		Battalion 113th Birthday
10th	Sunday	0800 hrs	Holy Trinity Church	Church Parade
10th	Sunday	1100 hrs	Museum	AGM
10th	Sunday	1200 hrs	Garrison	Luncheon
10th	Sunday	1300 hrs	Museum	Past, Present, Future.
12th	Tuesday	1900 hrs	Garrison Club	Committee Meeting

15th	Friday	1600 hrs	Garrison Club	Nibbles
22nd	Friday	1600 hrs	Garrison Club	Finger Food
			Hauraki	
23rd	Saturday	1100 hrs	Waiouru Cadets	Presentation of Hauraki Sword
29th	Friday	1600 hrs	Garrison Club	Finger Food

August

5th	Friday	1600 hrs	Garrison Club	Nibbles
9th	Tuesday	1900 hrs	Garrison Club	Committee Meeting
12th	Friday	1600 hrs	Garrison Club	Nibbles
12th	Friday	1900 hrs	Hauraki Museum	MOVIES Rhodesian Graze
18th			Newsletter printed & posted	
19th	Friday	1600 hrs	Garrison Club	Nibbles
26th	Friday	1600 hrs	Garrison Club	Finger Food