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“Whaka tangata kia kaha”

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President's Report

The 6th Hauraki Association facebook is up and running, have you had a look? The Website is still a work in progress and I am continually adding to it.

To those who don't live in the Bay of Plenty the name “Rena” may not be of any significance, but the rest of us it has become to dominate us. The HQ Buildings of the 6 Hau Bn Gp became the base for the NZDF operations. I have included a small article to give some background and how it effected the city and in particular the beaches or the clean up of the beaches.

With the “Rena” and the RWC occurring at the same time, the Garrison had busy time opening over the weekends and with assistance from Hugh Bomford showed the final games on our big screen.

I have included an article from the Chief of Army, taken from the Army News. This is the latest information I have on the 6 Hau Bn Gp.

I was unavailable to attend Cpl Douglas Grant funeral, but I did attend L/ Cpl Leon Smith's memorial at Papakura. Although Leon was not a “Hauraki”, I have included his obituary, as you can see the close connection with Doug.

I was also unavailable to attend the funeral of Graham Hall, but Bazz sent me a hand written obituary, that he had presented at the memorial service.

You will see some of the updates we have made to your Museum and the continued upgrades in the pipeline. The best way to see is come and visit your Museum and maybe participate in ale or two.

If you have received your New Zealand Defence Medal and would like to have it presented in a formal occasion, please advice us, so we can arrange a presentation on your behalf.

I believe both the 6 Hau Bn Gp & the Association are in good heart, but like the rest of the Nation we are going through challenges and changes

Kia Kaha
Des Anderson

Defence Force Medal



New medal now available for those fifty and over

18 October 2011

Ex-Service personnel aged 50 and over can now apply for the [New Zealand Defence Service Medal](#) (NZDSM).

Until recently the New Zealand Defence Force's Medals Office was accepting applications for the NZDSM from ex-Service personnel aged 60 or over. Since April, when the first applications were called for, over 17,700 applications have been received by the Medals Office and over 13,000 medals have been issued.

Due to the large number of people eligible for the NZDSM, the call for applications is being managed in four stages, with priority given to processing applications from older living ex-Service personnel first.

The new medal 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, are now receiving medallic recognition for their work.

"The medal recognises attested military service in the Defence Force by New Zealanders. Those who have served in the military for three years or more since the end of World War Two, and those who completed their compulsory military training or national military service obligations, qualify," Assistant Chief of Personnel Commodore Kevin Keat said.

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

Ex-Service personnel are encouraged to apply for the medal using the [online form](#) on the NZDF Medals website.

Hard copies of the application form are also available through the website and at most local RSA's, which can provide staff to help ex-Service personnel fill in their applications if necessary.

CDRE Keat said, "We have set up a helpline for people with questions about the NZDSM, which is available during business hours. If you require assistance please call 0800 334 772."

Ex-Service personnel who have received the NZDSM and would like the medal presented to them formally can contact their nearest RSA, as many RSA's are arranging presentations in local communities.

Letters to the Editor

To: des.anderson@actrix.co.nz

Sent: Friday, September 30, 2011 1:05 PM

Subject: Research on 2 great uncles KIA from the 6th Hauraki Regiment

Hello Des

I was wondering if you could help with a little research project I am doing on 2 of my great uncles. Both fought in WW1 and were killed in action. Both were originally 6th Hauraki.

I am putting together a family folder/book for each which will include their medals, records, photos etc. On the outside of the book I would like to emboss the 6th Hauraki Regimental insignia (as it was during WW1) however I cannot find a digital print of the insignia/badge to use to make up an embossing block. Do you have anything like this that you could forward to me?

My Great Uncles were William George Hutchinson who was killed at Gallipoli and Stanley Wilton who was killed in the Somme.

Kind regards

Marc Frewin

Marc,

I have enclosed a Hauraki Badge.

This the same one your Grand Uncles worn, as we still wear today.

364 Private WG Hutchinson served with the Auckland Regiment, 6 Hauraki Coy, 6 Platoon, 7 Section.

He was present at Gallipoli on 25 the April 1915. These facts are on a memorial board in the 6th Hauraki Battalion Regimental Association Museum.

You probably have more info on Stanley Wilton than we do. The museum would be most interested having a copy of your family book of these two fine "Hauraki"

Do you have a copy of "Comrades Brave" A History of the Hauraki Regiment. - Richard Taylor

Kia Kaha

Des Anderson President

Hey Des,

Thanks for reminder, sorry picture is late. I don't think I sent you this one before. If I recall correctly, AFE '79 or '80, (?) our platoon prone down in the tussock. M41 Walker Bulldog tank (?) decides to suddenly turn in the middle of the 6 cross Carbuncle road, and drive down over the culvert drain, damaging some of it. There was quite some discussion over it later. Made for interesting viewing from where I was lying. After getting bellied for a few moments on the concrete culvert, it finally wriggled down to lower ground level and continued hastily with a roar of diesel. A good incentive for us to roll out of the way quickly! :-)

Cheers, Kerry Just



Hi Des,

I have been on OP GYRO FET and OP CRIB FET this year. The OP involves going into theatre and assisting the contingent returning to NZ. Then there is more time spent in Trentham returning stores into the next rotation. The photo is of part of the FET process of returnable issues in theatre.

Regards Kevin



Kia Ora Des,

If you weren't aware Cpl Douglas Grant the SAS Trooper killed in Afghanistan was a member of the then 6 Hauraki Battalion Charlie Coy in Tokoroa around the early 90's. I remember at school that he and Fraser Brunton used to turn up in cam gears and plastic AK47's on mufti days. George Kareko and myself will be attending Douglas, Tangi (Date and time to be Confirmed).

Regards

Starbuck.

Obituaries

With Love We Remember



Cpl. Douglas Grant
 P754045
 1 NZSAS GP
 16th April 1970 - 19th August 2011




Linton Army Camp
 Monday 19th August 2011 at 11am

Officiating
 Padre Chris Purdie
 Padre Ra Koia

Welcome

Address
 Prime Minister John Key
 Commanding Officer 1 NZSAS GP

Song
Wild Horses - The Rolling Stones

Family Tributes
 Stuart Grant

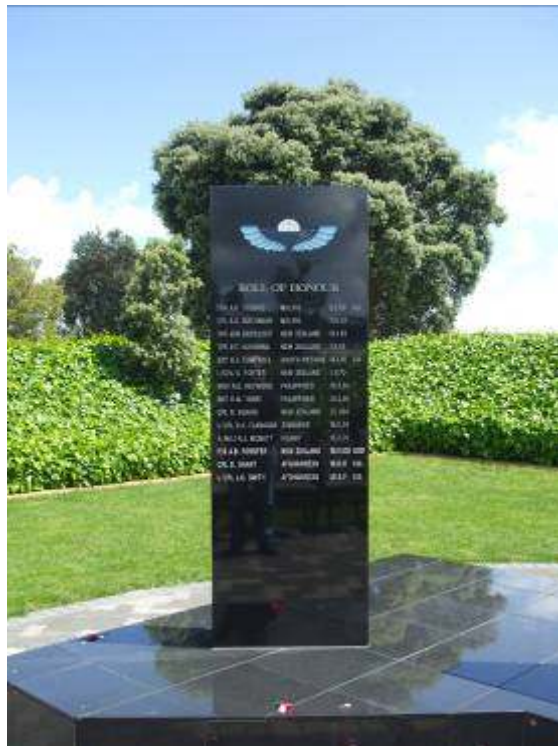
Musical Tribute
War Lasing - Tony Garrett

Invited Speakers
 Bruce Nichol
 Des Ratama
 Paul Tuose
 Spr A W Johnson

Song
Ride On - ACDC

Poem

Committal
 Padre Ra Koia

About 1500 people gathered at Linton Camp on 29 August to farewell SAS soldier Corporal Dougie Grant, who was killed in action in Afghanistan on 19 August. CPL Grant died when he was hit by a bullet fired by insurgents while trying to rescue civilians following an attack on the British Council building in Kabul. Despite the efforts of New Zealand and Coalition medics at the scene he died en route to Bagram Air Base hospital.

The Prime Minister, John Key, gave a eulogy at the funeral, as did CPL Grant's Commanding Officer, Lieutenant Colonel Chris Parsons, his father, brother, and wife, Tina Grant. His friends also spoke of their mate who adored his wife and children, and loved being a soldier, a motorcyclist and a devoted son, brother and friend.

Tina, a sergeant in the New Zealand Army Education Corps, said her husband loved many things—being an SAS soldier, being a member of the **Defence Patriots Motorcycle Club**, being a carpenter—“but the most important thing in his life was his children,” she said. Alluding to his love of words, she spoke of how on the Saturday following his death she found an essay Dougie wrote in the fourth form. The essay was about how he saved his school from attack and took part in an imaginary SAS mission. He had aspired to becoming a member of the elite' quad since his childhood. "We will all miss him very much—he's now on his next mission," she said.

The Prime Minister John Key said CPL Grant was doing what he loved when he died. “He was serving his country, and he died for his country. ”SAS soldiers were, he said, amongst the bravest, the most resourceful and the most resilient in the military.

LTCOL Parsons spoke about how he and CPL Grant began their Army training together in 1996. He recalled how they were mounted troopers together, how they had been shot at together, and how they had been together with their Australian counterparts when they helped rescue 600 East Timorese from the militia. "The last photo we have of Doug was captured by the international media. It is of him running into the fire fight to rescue innocent civilians. Dougie – as the Prime Minister said, is a hero! Not just here in New Zealand, but also in the UK. To underscore this – Prince William as well as the British Prime Minister have added their voices to the many messages of condolence. "But in the end, it is that one last photo that sums Douglas Grant up for me. Like the rest of his SAS mates Doug approached life head on. And when Doug stood at the last, he stood that others might live. And knowing Doug – when he fell he would have been all business – organising someone or something – selfless, fearless, a free spirit going the extra mile. That is Doug that was our mate.

"I think if Doug was able to speak for himself at this juncture he'd explain to us why he and many others like him, from across the Defence Force choose to leave safety and civilisation behind and stand in the gap for others. But before he did he'd probably call your attention to the sacrifice of 1st Sergeant Abdul Rahman who was also killed in action and the nine Crisis Response Unit, or CRU, members who were wounded during the same rescue.

LTCOL Parsons said he had been in a Kabul restaurant with Doug the night before he died, “and he was full of enthusiasm for the mission, and to be once again on operation with his SAS mates. He said CPL Grant had told him he believed the SAS's contribution in training the Afghanistan Crisis Response Unit and passing responsibility on to that unit was “doing it right”.

“It is often tempting to ask ‘can we win or not?’ and thereby weigh up the merits of helping the Afghans. Perhaps there is a more important question to be asked – who are we if we do nothing to avert brutality? In many ways this goes to the heart of New Zealand. Long has New Zealand been a country which has stood by principle, long have we been a people who roll our sleeves up and help others less fortunate. As a nation our finest hours have been when we have calculated the need instead of the odds.

“It was in this sense of purpose that Corporal Dougie Grant epitomised the indomitable Kiwi spirit. Knowing Doug, he was wistful for adventure, no doubt – but there as a serious side also. He didn't shirk his duty because he was a dad. To the contrary, Afghan kids need to have a chance too and Jemma and Jaden you can be proud that your Dad saw that need. In training the Crisis Response Unit he was helping develop one of the best, if not the best Afghan Police Unit – so that when we are gone it will be able to continue to protect the people.

“In his time with us, Dougie served four proud Regiments, the **Hauraki's**, the Infantry, the Engineers, where he qualified as a carpenter, and the SAS. Doug, your actions speak for you. That one last photo is printed forever on our memory.

"You went well Pilgrim – Rest in Peace – we will remember you."

1st New Zealand Special Air Service Group



T1002840 Lance Corporal Leon Smith
24.07.78 – 28.09.11

Memorial Service ***06 October 2011***

LTCOL Parsons: "To give you an insight into the Leon we knew and the example he set, let me take you to Kabul on the 19th of August. The Taliban have murdered their way into the offices of a charity – the British Council. The CRU are battling the insurgents and the SAS are focusing on rescuing the British captives – then a yell... "Dougie's down! Where is he? We can't see. Leon have a look. Through the gauntlet of fire he ran, quick as a cat, bounding up the side of a building, and into a hollow of safety. Taliban machine gun fire angrily seeks him out - but in vain – Another yell - I see him, I'm going to him. Wait! Wait, for a blast shield – shield now in hand, a glance, a nod, GO. The boys give covering fire. "Two deep breaths and then into the maelstrom again with a leap. A rush, and now up steps two at a time – Leon rolls through the door. Doug and Leon are united - mates side by side – the tempest rages all around but Leon is a study of calm efficiency, he maximises precious minutes - ka mate ka mate, ka ora ka ora."

Now in the green fields of home we live in peace because of the bravery and heroism of the few! Doug and Leon are again side by side in this hallowed place, their names carved in the stone behind me, forever an inspiration to us all."

LTCOL Parsons said while LCPL Smith's family, friends and colleagues mourned him, it was important to celebrate a purpose filled life, and an engaging and many faceted character who gave more of himself than most do who have twice his allotted time. "And in remembering Leon, let us remember who we are and the

strength of our calling. Strength in adversity is strength indeed. In adversity great teams draw tight and pull through.

No matter how steep the gradient, the SAS is a great team and a great family. So Leon: we will continue to serve with valour and compassion. We will continue to stand four squares to the wind against evil and brutality. We will continue to defend human rights and human dignity wherever NZ sees the need, no matter how far flung or how challenging the cause. War and conflict is not our purpose, merely where we work. We will continue to serve peace – just as the NZDF has through ages past. “



Leon Smith

Defence chief
Lieutenant-
General Rhys
Jones pays tribute
to Lance Corporal
Leon Smith.

Picture / NZDF

Farewell for fallen SAS trooper

by Hayley Hannan of APNZ

Hundreds of mourners gathered for an open-air ceremony to farewell an SAS trooper killed in action in Afghanistan.

The service, at the Papakura Military Camp in Auckland yesterday afternoon, was packed with more than 300 family, friends and servicemen to honour Lance Corporal Leon Smith, the SAS trooper killed in a firefight near Kabul last week.

The 33-year-old, formerly of Wellington, was shot in the head on September 28 during an operation in Wardak province, southwest of Kabul, at a compound suspected of housing Taliban bombmakers preparing for an attack in the capital.

He had been a member of the SAS for three years and was promoted in January this year.

The hour-long service began at 2pm under a marquee.

The open-air service was significant for a man who "loved the open space, loved life, and lived it to the full", said commanding officer Colonel Chris Parsons.

The coffin was carried in by six members of the SAS and was greeted by a strong SAS haka from servicemen, with two groups

of servicemen slowly closing around the casket as it moved along the final 3m of the aisle.

The flag-covered casket was placed between memorial plaques honouring servicemen killed in the line of duty and a Special Air Service ode.

After an initial welcome and opening prayer by the chaplain, Prime Minister John Key started with a tribute to Lance Corporal Smith.

"Like you, I stand here today with a heavy heart. He was brave, he was talented and he served New Zealand with pride. He was one of our elite soldiers.

"Day after day they face extremely volatile conditions which put their lives at risk.

"But despite this, they carry on playing a critical role to help free the world from terrorism."

Chief of Defence Force Lieutenant-General Rhys Jones followed with a tribute to the "self-made man", telling an anecdote of how a determined Leon Smith trained with bricks and ran his postie route around Wellington to increase strength and fitness.

Colonel Parsons spoke of the determined man who made his way to his comrade Cor-

poral Doug Grant, who was shot and killed in Kabul in August.

He spoke of how Lance Corporal Smith braved gunfire and ran, "quick as a cat" to be reunited with his shot comrade.

The Smith family then spoke, starting with his mother, Mary, who read a poem about her son joining the elite service.

"And even though you are up there [heaven], we will hold you near ... You climbed that ladder and you gave it your best shot."

Leon's brother Sol Smith then stood to speak of an email exchange he'd recently had with his brother, in which Leon said:

"It's busy, but we have kinda done some good s***, that has made the world notice, especially in military and political circles."

Leon's second brother, Darryl Smith, followed with a short speech, before an SAS prayer and the hymn *How Great Thou Art*.

As the ceremony drew to a close, *Brothers in Arms* by Dire Straits was played over the loudspeakers.

As the mourners slowly filed out of the marquee gentle drops of rain fell.

A private family ceremony will be held today.

Hello Des,

I regret to advise that Graham Hall passed away yesterday, Saturday.
Funeral at Whakatane, Wednesday 11.00 am.

Regards

Ray Terrill

Pensions and Welfare Advisor

The Military Story of Graham John HALL.

In 1959 while a student at Auckland Grammar School the decision was made to enlist into the NZ Army. So on the 12th January 1960 as a 17yr & 5 months, ex student with School Certificate, he marched in to the Regular Force Cadet School, Waiouru Military Camp; Russel class, (named after a WWII NZ Officer in the New Zealand Division) .Three choices of career are offered, his first choice was as a vet, second choice was a dental mechanic, but in the final interview his pick was Infantry Instructor. By now he had his regimental number which would remain with him forever; 39157. After completing Basic training he spent the year doing courses at the School of Infantry. NBC (Nuclear- Biological – Chemical) Warfare, Sniper Instructors Course & Minor Tactics.

Graduated from the Cadet School on 12th December 1960 aged 18 years, from the rank of Cadet to Private Soldier in the New Zealand Regiment and posted to the First Battalion Depot in Burnham camp, just south of Christchurch. Carried on his Infantry training and was promoted to Lance Corporal, 26 July 1961. In 1962 he took part in a major exercise called "Reflex II", with the Machine gun platoon with the .303 Vickers machine gun, from there he moved to the Reconnaissance Platoon

.In 1963 when a new Battalion was being formed, under the command of Lt Col Bob Gurr, for deployment to South East Asia, he joined and was promoted to Corporal. 26 July 1963 and posted to Tarendadak Camp 14 miles from Malacca town on the West Coast of Malaysia for a 2 year Tour of Duty which became 2 ½ years

Late in 1964 as a member of Recon Plt.he was involved in patrolling in the Labis – Pontian area of Southern Malaya against Indonesian Commandos. He also attended a course at the Jungle Warfare School in the State of Jahore Baru. By now of course the Battalion is on Active Service and was deployed to East Malaysia – Borneo as part of 28th Commonwealth Brigade. This was his 1st deployment, as a Recce Plt Section Patrol Leader to counter Indonesian Infiltration across the border.

His second deployment was as the 2nd In Command of a dog tracker team. Each deployment was for approximately 6 months. From his Platoon with its high standard, six members were selected for the NZ Special Air Service.

On his return to New Zealand he was posted to 3 Battalion RNZIR (3 Auck North) a Territorial Force unit based at Fort Caughtley , North Shore and completed a medium mortar course was appointed as Bn Mort Sgt and promoted to Sgt 6 July 1967.

While a Regular Force Cadre NCO at 3 Auck North completed and passed courses at the School of Infantry , Antitank course & tactic course. The School of Military Engineering at Linton Camp Aslt Pioneer Instructor's & Demolition Instructor's course. Promoted to Staff Sgt 7 Sept 1970.

June 1971 attended an Intelligence & Security course at Papakura camp, immediately on completion was sent to South Australia for a Vietnamese Language Course 13 July 1971 – 2 Aug 1971. On the 3 Aug 1971 sent to Cunnung Military Base for Tropical Warfare Advisor's course completed 30 Sept 1971, having passed all three courses which was the pre requirement for selection into the Australian Army Training Team Vietnam. Only 10 New Zealanders were selected for this elite unit. Totaling 990 over the years it was formed. 33 members were KIA (killed in action) 122 WIA (wounded in action, and 4 VC (Victoria Cross) were awarded.

Then posted to the Republic of South Vietnam to the Phuc Tuy Province to carry out his advisory duties, with the Temporary Rank of Warrant Officer Class II.

He returned to New Zealand on completion of his Tour of Duty for six months was posted to 1 Bn Depot Burnham to be the CQMS (Company Quarter Master Sgt) for Bravo Company. During this busy time was selected for the NZ Army Hockey Team a sport he loved and enjoyed and played for 39 years, most of it during his military career.

He returned to South East Asia in 1974 for a two year posting as CQMS for Bravo Company 1st Bn RNZIR based at Dieppe Barracks, Singapore.
Promoted to WOII and posted as CSM - Recruit Training Depot Waiouru on return from overseas.

His two year posting completed was sent to **6 Bn RNZIR know as 6 Hauraki Bn**, as CSM of Support Company based at Dive Crescent, Tauranga.

He took his release from Her Majesty Service on the 11 April 1980, after 20 years & 3 months

Medals awarded to 39157 WOII Hall G J

Operational Service Medal New Zealand
General Service Medal 1962, with Malay Peninsula – Borneo Clasp.
New Zealand General Service Medal Warlike – Malay – Thai border & Vietnam clasp.
New Zealand Defence Service Medal – Regular Force Clasp.
Pinja Jasa Malaysia Medal from Malaysian Government
Republic of Vietnam Medal

NO Long Service & Good Conduct Medal: due to a matter of conflict with a pommy medical officer whilst on active service in Borneo when on a patrol

In 1985 he became President of the NZ Malayan Assn

Held in the highest regard always.

Bazz Porter.

News from the Regiment

Friday the 4th of Nov the Navy set sail back to Auckland with a sye of relief, they were replace by Air Force volunteers from Ohakea & Whanuapai, the clean up is still on going with Tauranga army HQ being utilised as the catering base

Alls going well with 6 Hauraki, ANR, 7 Battalion & 5 Battalion soldiers working along side navy & air-force personal.

Every ones keeping and eye on the ship as it slowly disintigrates.

Watch this space.

Ssgt Harrison.





Rena Update – 18 October 2011

The Bay of Plenty community is continuing to support oil spill response efforts, with thousands of volunteers registered to assist beach clean-up operations.

Locals have also been offering support in other ways.

National On Scene Commander Nick Quinn said members of the local community had been delivering baking and food to hard-working clean-up crews on the beach.

“The teams have been overwhelmed and humbled by the generosity and kindness of the local Bay of Plenty community.”

“Its very hard physical work cleaning up oil, and this has really given a boost to those people out on the beaches and around the shoreline.

Mr Quinn also paid tribute to the fantastic contribution of the New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF).

“They are out on the water ensuring the shipping lane into the port is clear from containers and that the exclusion zone is not breached, they are on the beaches in the clean up operation, and they are assisting with aircraft.

“It really is a team effort and it is tremendous to watch everyone pull together in this way.”

New Zealand Defence Force

- The NZDF continues to support Maritime New Zealand (MNZ) in providing a whole of government approach to the crisis involving the **Rena**.
- 382 Defence Force personnel are currently assisting the oil spill response operation.
- Approximately 140 NZ Army personnel from the 2nd Land Force Group, based at Linton Military Camp, have formed shoreline clean up teams for the purpose of removing oil and salvage from affected beaches.
- Additionally, assessment teams have also been working alongside other agencies to identify those areas requiring clean up, with particular emphasis given to the area from Opotiki to Cape Runaway. This has enabled MNZ to identify and prioritise potential spill areas and staging sites should the situation worsen.
- A number of Royal New Zealand Navy vessels have also supported the recovery efforts. **HMNZS Pukaki** continues to patrol the naval exclusion zone in order to prevent vessels from entering the area surrounding **Rena**.
- **HMNZS Manawanui** remains berthed in Tauranga Harbour ready to provide additional naval support if required, and a Mine Counter Measure Team has continued searching the main shipping channel in order to identify potential hazards (including submerged containers) along the sea bed. This has ensured that the harbour has remained open for the purpose of salvage operations, and allows commercial vessels to enter the harbour safely.
- MNZ has also been supported by both Iroquois and Seasprite helicopters provided by the NZDF. These aircraft have been able to conduct long range reconnaissance of potentially affected areas, and have also been used to airlift salvage personnel on and off **Rena**.
- They are also prepared to conduct search and rescue operations should the need arise.

Salvage

- Salvage teams yesterday attached four platforms to the side of **Rena** and set up equipment in anticipation of a fuel recovery operation.
- This morning, the team expects to use extractor fans to remove gases from the fuel tank to make the area safe for salvors to work.
- It is hoped fuel recovery operations will begin today – the speed of the operation will depend on a range of factors including weather, the stability of the vessel and the viscosity of the oil. This will be a long process.

- Weather conditions are expected to remain good for salvage operations throughout today and tomorrow. The sea state is expected to rise on Monday night.
- The tanker ***Awanuia*** is in position in anticipation of receiving oil from Rena.

Clean up

- Members of the public who want to help are urged to go through the official volunteer programme. There are now just under 5000 registered volunteers.
- There are situations where attempting to clean the beach without specialist knowledge can cause more harm than good. For example, the dunes along the coastal beaches in the Bay of Plenty have a wide variety of vegetation that is critical to the whole ecosystem.
- Dune systems can be seriously damaged if people walk on them or handle them roughly.
- Any cleaning of dunes along the coast will be done by trained responders using specific shoreline clean-up techniques that will cause the least environmental impact to these important plants.
- More than 500 volunteers are expected to assist today with beach clean ups at Papamoa and Maketu. There have been 618 tonnes of oiled sandy waste recovered.

Wildlife

- There are now 36 rare dotterels in the purpose built aviaries in the wildlife facility.
- There are 140 live birds currently being treated and a total of 1018 dead birds recovered.

Note: some of these figures are estimates, and are subject to change.

Update – 18 November 2011.

The New Zealand Defence Force’s role in cleaning up Bay of Plenty beaches from the oil washing up there from the leaking container ship Rena is at an end.

The NZDF personnel removed over 922 tonnes of oily waste from the beaches before the end of their work on Thursday.



All three services, the navy, army and air force contributed to the Rena emergency response. Photo: MNZ.

Maritime New Zealand’s Scott Read commends the work done by the NZDF personnel.

“From Mount Maunganui to Papamoa, Rabbit Island, Leisure Island and Matakana Island, Defence Force teams have been working tirelessly to clean-up the beaches.

“We’ve had around 487 personnel involved since the response began and we’re extremely grateful for their energy and ability to get the job done.”

Commander Joint Task Force Lieutenant Commander Muzz Kennett says they have had an average of 120 troops on the ground at any one time and removed about 8.5 tonnes of oily waste in the last 10 days alone.

“Although troops returned to their respective bases and homes on Thursday, 50 personnel will remain on standby ready to respond within 24 hours should further assistance be required

NOV 2011 RTFACB



New recruits at the Hauraki Museum after a briefing from the Bay of Plenty Territorial Force Regional Employer Support Committee, Des Anderson.

Welcome to 6 Hau Bn Gp. Israel, Mark, Peter, Nathan, Jacob, Hailee, Paul, Mark, Robert, Michael, Johnathan & Tai.

Chief of Army's - Update - October 2011

By now I trust you are familiar with the concept for Army 2015 and my intent to Operationalise the Army. In July's Army News, I outlined the broad initial plan.

As I said from the start, during my first round of camp briefings, this is a plan that will change in detail as we work through all of the different parts. What won't change is the overall end-state of operationalising the Army and delivering optimal joint effects.

Over the past three months, we have modified some of the Army 2015 themes and projects to ensure that we will continue to deliver directed outputs and sustain current operations.

Firstly, have renamed the 1st stage of operationalising the Army "Prepare". "Prepare" describes well what we are doing and makes it clear that at 2015 we will be poised to advance into the next phase.

We have also added "Mission Command" as a 5th theme in this 1st stage recognising the need to develop this area. You will start to see Army 2015 changes across all of Army's camps and bases from the end of this year with the majority of the changes that were presented in July's Army News fully implemented by the end of 2012. These initial changes, outlined below, will provide the foundation on which we will build our future operational capability. Changes such as restructuring 16 Field Regiment to a new hybrid structure (which will see all gunners trained to operate both mortars and light guns) is one example of how we can meet our operational outputs in a more efficient and sustainable way.

Initial changes include:

HQ 3 LFG will • be re-roled as Headquarters Deployable Joint Task Force (Land) HQ DJTF (L) and provide Army's contribution to a Deployable Joint Inter-agency Task Force HQ. HQ DJTF (L) will also exercise command over all Force Elements on major collective training exercises, conduct and assess OLOC training activities, and assist in the co-ordination of domestic operations. This change will take place in December 2011, with the HQ remaining in Burnham until December 2012. The intention is for this HQ to relocate to the Manawatu after December 2012.

- The NZ Collective Training Centre (NZCTC) will change its current command status to being under command of HQ DJTF (L) from December 2011 with the intention of growing its capability and capacity from December 2012.

- HQ 2 LFG will be re-roled to HQ 1 (NZ) Brigade in December 2011 and assume command for all the operational units including those previously commanded by HQ 3 LFG.

- HQ LTDC renamed as HQ Training and Doctrine Command (HQ TRADOC) and will remain in Waiouru until at least December 2012 before moving to the Hokowhitu Campus. From December 2011, in addition to remaining responsible for the delivery of Army's individual training, HQ TRADOC will assume command of Army's six Reserve Battalions.

- **Reserve Combat Support and Combat Service Support units will be fully integrated into their corresponding Regular Force units by December 2011. The Reserve Infantry Battalions will undertake a plan to achieve partial integration with their Regular Force units from December 2012.**

- 2 and 3 Logistics Battalions will be renamed 2 and 3 Combat Service Support Battalions (2 CSSB / 3 CSSB) respectively and will focus on providing operational support.

- Garrison support will now be included in a wider NZDF sponsored review of depth logistics and shared services. The first element to transfer garrison support is the Southern Region Support Centre (SRSC) who will transfer command to TRSB from December 2011

- 1 (NZ) Military Intelligence Company will remain in Trentham but come under command of 1 (NZ) Signals Regiment from December 2011.

- 1 (NZ) Military Police Company will remain in Trentham but come under command of HQ 1 (NZ) Brigade from December 2011.
- 16 Field Regiment will centralise in Linton from December 2011 leaving a Joint Offensive Support Team (JOST) in Burnham.
- 1 RNZIR will assume the High Readiness Capability (HRC) role for Army in April 2012, and will re-role to light infantry in July 2012. This unit will remain in Linton Camp.
- QAMR will be re-established as a unit-level Cavalry organisation from July 2012 based in Linton Camp. All assets will be relocated to Linton Camp no later than December 2012.
- Other projects that are at various stages of development/consideration include:
 - relocating OCS (NZ) and TAD out of Waiouru
 - completing the move of Combat School out of Waiouru
 - moving Combat Corps Training to Linton
 - Future structures and indicative locations for January 2012

Museum



BEM presented to Steve Tesar



Tony Fraser is presented with the New Zealand Army Reserve Warrant Officer's Coin by Lt. Col. Sewell surrounded by the museum displays that he created.

Tony was presented with the New Zealand Army Reserve Warrant Officer's Coin in recognition of his work forming the museum displays for the 6th Battalion Hauraki Group in Tauranga and also 1 Royal New Zealand Infantry Regiment at Linton Barracks, Palmerston North. His service record of twenty two years and twenty two days was also recognised.

Projects under construction:

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

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 **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 all members have been distributed; if you have not received yours please advise Marion.

Those who have paid their annual "donation" have also had their new cards mailed out.

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

From the Scrap book



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

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

Ex Hauraki

WO1 James Dawson – RSM QAMR

WO1 Dawson is currently the RSM/ Training Warrant Officer NZCMFO in Sinai. Originally named as the RSM 1 RNZIR, this was changed when QAMR was established as the third Manoeuvre Unit. WO1 Dawson's previous posts include RSM, 6 Hauraki Battalion Group and Career Manager for CSS. WO1 Dawson returns home in Nov and will take up his new post in Dec 11



CADETS

TAUPO CADETS RETURN TRIUMPHANT

Taupo Cadet Unit recently sent a team of elite cadets to compete in the annual NZ Cadet Corp Regional Skills Competition held this year at Ohakea Air Base, HQ for NZ Cadet Forces - Central Area.

Ten of the fourteen Cadet Corp Units in the central area competed, with the Taupo team taking out 1st Place in TOETS, Range Shoot, Drill, Initiative and 1st Equal in Leadership gaining the team 1st Place Overall Regional Skills 2011. The team consisted of ten personnel: Team Leader WO2 T Wikohika, 2IC Sgt M Kerr, Cpl M Aporo, Cpl K Bailey, Cpl D Nathan, Lcpl B Foote, Cdt B Clarke, Cdt S Janse van Rensburg, Cdt D Trueman and Team Manager NZCF 2LT M Aporo. The team's great effort has now earned them a place at the National Skills Competition to be held in December. They will be competing against Mangawhai Cadet Unit (Northern Region) and Nelson Cadet Unit (Southern Region). Congratulations team and good luck at Nationals. Special mention must also go to team leader Te Whata Wikohika who was placed 1st equal for the Leadership Award and also given the honour of marching all ten teams to the NZCF Training Centre for the awards presentation.



Back row from left: Cdt Ben Clarke, Cpl Dayne Nathan, Sgt Mitchell Kerr, Cdt Daniel Trueman. Front row from left: Cpl Keagan Bailey, Lcpl Ben Foote, WO2 Te Whata Wikohika (Team Leader), Cpl Mata Aporo, Cdt Stephan Janse van Rensburg

Our Associated Groups

Patriots Defence Force Motorcycle Club



Patriots DFMC honour fallen Hauraki comrade.

Murray Ken Hudson GC (24/02/38–13/02/74) was a sergeant with the Royal New Zealand Infantry Regiment who lost his life while trying to protect a soldier under his command at Waiouru Military Camp in New Zealand. He was awarded the George Cross posthumously on October 11, 1974.

Private Fergusson lost his life in the same accident and Cpl Max Lyver received shrapnel wounds to his arms and face.

On the 12th February 2011, Patriots from as far away as Wellington rode their motorbikes to Taupo to join other contingents from Hawke's Bay and Hauraki. They then rode in close formation via Murupara to Opotiki where they stayed overnight in another Patriot's premises; the 'Rollick 'n' Crutch'. They were later joined by members of the Auckland Chapter.

On Sunday 13th Feb, Max Lyver, who is the Secretary of the Patriots DFMC Manawatu Chapter, led a group of 25 riders from the three North Island Chapters (Auckland, Hauraki and Manawatu) on the inaugural 'Hudda Memorial Ride' to Hudda's grave site in Opotiki.

Max said the response from the Patriots to honour a fallen comrade was humbling and the brief early morning graveside ceremony was very moving.

Max said he was also delighted to find that Hudda's grave site was now being tended to appropriately and thanked the Hauraki Assn for their support.

RHODESIAN SERVICES ASSOCIATION

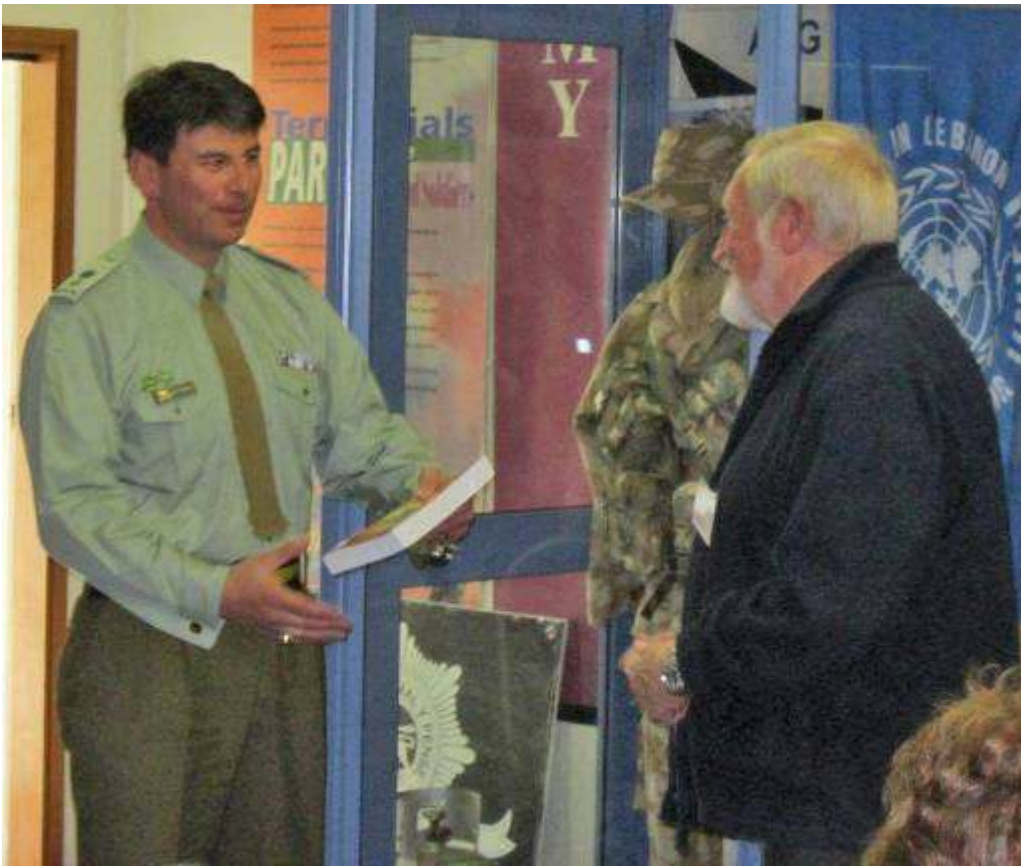
OCTOBER RV – TAURANGA 21st – 23rd October 2011



Doug Jardine with the 1st Battalion Rhodesia Regiment flag.

Doug Jardine formerly of the 1st Field Regiment Rhodesian Artillery, came over from Australia for the RV. He brought with him the 1st Battalion Royal Rhodesia Regiment and 1st Battalion Rhodesia Regiment flags that his father, Col. Norman Jardine ICD, OBE, TD had left to him. Col. Jardine was the Commanding Officer of 1RRR from 1962 to 1966 and subsequently Honorary Colonel to 1RR, 5RR and 8RR.

Doug placed these flags in the care of the Rhodesian Services Association in recognition of the extensive work that has been done with various museum displays and also with the compilation of the history of the Rhodesia Regiment. Hugh Bomford accepted the flags on behalf of the Association and stated that they would be properly framed in order to preserve them and then they would be placed in the sanctuary offered by the 6th Battalion Hauraki Group, along with other Rhodesian memorabilia on display. It was noted that the Rhodesia Regiment was formed in the same year (1898) as the Hauraki Regiment and that both regiments had common links through the British Army's Kings Royal Rifle Corps, now known as The Rifles.



Winston Hart, former Selous Scout, presents Lt Col Julian Sewell with a book entitled *Three Sips of Gin* by Tim Bax



John Glynn, President of the Rhodesian Services Association presents Mrs Maria Sewell with a book entitled *Mansovo - Place of Elephants* by Gary Albyn and Craig Bone

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Date of birth

Full Name

Partners name (if applicable)

Full Postal Address

Telephone Number (home)
Mobile

Business
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Brief resume of service with 6 Hauraki
(Include dates & appointments)

Highest Rank Held

Service in other Units

(If Associate member - your association to 6 Hauraki Assoc.)

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UPCOMING EVENTS

2011 2012

November

4th	Friday	1600 hrs	Garrison Club	Nibbles	
8th	Tuesday	1900 hrs	Garrison Club	Committee Meeting	
11th	Friday	1600 hrs	Garrison Club	Nibbles	
11th	Friday	1900 hrs	Hauraki Museum	MOVIES	Rhodesian Graze
17th			Newsletter printed & posted		
18th	Friday	1600 hrs	Garrison Club	Nibbles	

25th	Friday	1600 hrs	Garrison Club	Finger Food
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December

2nd	Friday	1600 hrs	Garrison Club	Nibbles
9th	Friday	1600 hrs	Garrison Club	Nibbles
16th	Friday	1600 hrs	Garrison Club	Nibbles
18th	Sunday	1500hrs	Bob's	Committee Meeting
23rd	Friday	1600 hrs	Garrison Club	Nibbles
30th	Friday	1600 hrs	Garrison Club	Finger Food

January

6th	Friday	1800 hrs	Garrison Club	Nibbles
13th	Friday	1600 hrs	Garrison Club	Nibbles
20th	Friday	1600 hrs	Garrison Club	Nibbles
			Tauranga Game	
22nd	Sunday	1130 hrs	Fishing Club	Luncheon
27th	Friday	1600 hrs	Garrison Club	Finger Food
TBA	Sunday	0900 hrs	Coster's Farm	Shooting

February

3rd	Friday	1600 hrs	Garrison Club	Nibbles
10th	Friday	1600 hrs	Garrison Club	Nibbles
				Rhodesian
10th	Friday	1900 hrs	Hauraki Museum	MOVIES Graze
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