



Hauraki News

“Whaka tangata kia kaha”

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President's Report

Since I have given the 6th Hauraki Association Website a face lift, I have received a number of replies. I have not been able to implement all your suggestions yet, due to lack of time on my part. But keep those ideas's coming in.

I believe I have given you as much information about the changes to the 6 Hau Bn Group as I could. I have had meetings on your behalf with two Ministers of Defence, eight local Members of Parliament, The Chief of Army, Brigadier of Reserves, Colonel of Tradoc & many other “stakeholders”.

After the final sign off, for the formation change, it appears the Commanding Officer, the Adjutant; RSM & RQMS will all come from Hauraki. The Association will give support as much as it can. The Committee has a number of new ideas that can assist. If you have ideas that can help in the way forward, please advise us.

The formation change dinner is the last event for 6 Hau Bn Gp, please give it maximum support. You may wish to have “mini reunions”, such as a “Support Company reunion”.

The August “Hauraki News” has been delayed in publishing, but I eventually it got together. Enjoy

Kia Kaha
Des Anderson

Hauraki Regiment 114th Birthday - acknowledgments

Kia ora koutou

Today marks the Battalion's 114th birthday.

It is an important milestone in the Battalion's history and it is important to acknowledge the fact that our unit has been in existence that long. Many, many men and women have served in the various forms the Battalion Group has taken over the years. We have had our fair share of casualties in times of war and many have passed on over the generations. Let us be mindful of our past so that we ensure we carry the honour of the Battalion and all that it means. We will undergo a configuration change when we amalgamate, but we will always remember where we came from and we will always pass on to our successors all that is good about being a Hauraki.

The Association led some celebrations over the weekend and the HQ will mark the occasion today. For the rest of us I do encourage you to pause for a moment and contemplate the significance of 114 years of military service to New Zealand. We can all be proud of our heritage and we should all look forward with confidence that the Hauraki's are as committed and capable as they ever were.

Whakatangata kia kaha! (Quit ye like men, be strong!)

Julian Sewell
Commanding Officer

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| | JULIAN SEWELL LIEUTENANT COLONEL COMMANDING OFFICER | <i>6th Hauraki Battalion Group</i> <i>P.O. Box 2146</i> <i>TAURANGA. 3112</i> <i>021 270 4388</i> |
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It is this heritage that does need to be protected as we move forward. It is the past that will help us define the future and we will ensure that amalgamation does not water this down.... The Hauraki's will have a 115th...

E.G Williams

Colonel

Commander, TRADOC (NZ)

NEW ZEALAND ARMY

Ngati Tumatauenga

'TRADOC (NZ): Training is what we do, Doctrine is how we think.

Training a Thinking Army.'

Tena koutou katoa.

Happy birthday to the Battalion, today the 9th of July 2012. I hope that the celebrations went well for you all wherever you happen to be. Kindest regards to all.

John Dick.

Kua mutu aku paipa, mo tena wa; no reira, kia tau te rangimarie kia koutou.

Formation Change update – July 2012

On Thursday 21st June 2012 at a dinner in Rotorua the Chief of Army, Maj General Tim Keating presented his vision of the Army. This also included the new formation of the Reserve Army (Territorial Force). He advised of the combining of the Reserve Forces into three Infantry Units, a Southern, Central & a Northern Group.

The Northern Group will be achieved by combining the 3 ANR Bn Gp & 6 Hau Bn Gp.

The HQ will be based in Auckland, with the Commanding Officer being Lt Col Julian Sewell (6 Hau Bn Gp). At that time nothing has been signed off.

In a **Question & Answer** period, I asked about the Hauraki Regimental Colours, Charter with the Regional Cities, the Regimental silver, Hauraki Badge, other Hauraki distinguishes & the retention of the Building in Tauranga.

His reply was “Hauraki will retain all their distinguishing Colours, charters, badges, belts & other features unique to Hauraki”. The Army wishes to retain a “foot print in the region” thus the building in Tauranga will remain.

On Sunday 8th July 2012, a presentation was given to the 6th Battalion (Hauraki) Association, by Colonel Bede Fahey, Commander TRADOC (NZ) Reserve.

Col Fahey advised the Formation Change involving 6 Hau Bn Gp & 3 ANR Bn Gp will take effect as of the end of December 2012, with Commanding Officer being Lt Col Julian Sewell (6 Hau Bn Gp).

In a **Question & Answer** period, members of the Association had various questions for the Colonel. All the questions were all answered to the satisfaction of the questioner.

Des Anderson

Formation Change - Dinner 2012

Proposed date Saturday, 8th December 2012.

Venue

Hauraki Regiment Headquarters

Outline Plan

1730 hrs Assemble for pre dinner drinks at Hauraki Garrison. Sherry and Non Alcohol drinks

1830 hrs Dinner guests are in the dining hall
Colours matched in

2000 hrs Dinner & speeches completed.

2030 hrs Music commences.

NOTE: Details will be forwarded when they become available - Des

Defence Force Medal



The NZDF is now accepting applications for the New Zealand Defence Service Medal from all ex-Service persons and from the families of deceased ex-Service persons

NZDF is currently accepting [applications for the NZDSM](#)

Letters to the Editor

Des.

I see an article on the late George McLeod and regret that we did not see more of him in his later years. Did you know that he was commissioned into the Auckland Regiment in August 1954? He attended the nr 6 OCTU Course in Waiouru, Major Frank Rennie the Chief Instructor and Brigadier R W K Morrison commanding the Camp and the Course.

George served 4 years in the Auckland Regiment before joining the Hauraki's. George has a photo of himself which was taken on a Charter Parade in the Auckland Domain 1954. He was a 2nd Lt and the photo shows the Commanding Officer Lt Col Bullen DSO and the Mayor of Auckland about to inspect his platoon. He is clearly wearing the Auck Badges and collar dogs.

I go to see my Member of Parliament, J Banks tomorrow on the parlous state of the TF. John Banks is very pro military and when he was Mayor of Auckland became the Patron of the 3 Auck/North Regimental Association.

Best wishes,

Donald K McKenzie

Hi

Very proud to be a Hauraki. What a great history, wish I could have been at the celebrations

Bruce Collingwood

Hi Des

Here is a wee story attached, from no less a personage than Fl/Lt Alan McGregor Peart, DFC. A very modest war hero. I just wanted all to know we actually have a Spitfire pilot as an ex Hauraki serving member.

Alan is a member of the Hamilton Officers Club, and I know him as a decorated RAF Spitfire Ace who can claim success against all three major Axis powers, German, Italians and Japanese. In his very interesting, account, he talks of his military beginnings in the Hauraki's.

Malcolm Hinton

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| MY SERVICE WITH THE HAURAKI REGIMENT IN 1940. |
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The year was 1940 and the phony war was in full swing with pamphlets dropping on Britain and Europe. I worked in Tauranga at the time as a newly appointed 17 year old draughting cadet with the Public Works Department. I and my colleagues didn't have much spare time because we worked Saturday mornings as well as week days. But the Sunday and half Saturday couldn't be spent doing nothing, so having enjoyed being a member of the cadet corps at the Hamilton Technical College for four years, I decided to enlist with the local Hauraki territorial company, and was duly signed up at 7 shillings a day (a magnificent sum far exceeding my salary) as Private Alan McGregor Peart, Regimental Number 1/2/507 (if I remember correctly.).

My uniform consisted of a Khaki tunic of World War 1 pattern complete with brass buttons, brass shoulder and collar badges and belt buckle, khaki trousers, hobnailed boots, SMLE rifle and bayonet, and basic webbing. And I must not forget the khaki greatcoat. All of this equipment had to reside at home with us, in my case a boarding house in Devonport Road. The brass had to be shined for parades which took place in the drill hall on the harbour front. I became a member of the HQ Signals platoon under a Sergeant Webb. Our overall commander was a world 1 veteran, Lt. Col. Penlington, whom we respected greatly because we frequently indulged in long route marches in full kit and he invariably accompanied us. Today it would be unthinkable to allow a person to take his rifle and bayonet home, but so far as I am aware, nothing was lost or stolen.

As the war progressed parades were held more and more frequently until a tented camp for the whole Hauraki battalion was established on the Te Aroha racecourse, and we all moved in for a long occupation. There we practised wartime pursuits such as basic rifle drills, bayonet fighting, field manoeuvres, and of course range shooting. In my case we practised more on old signals equipment and learned the morse code and semaphore, using flags and signal lamps for communication between platoons and battalion HQ. Some of the items were really antiquated, such as a shutter arrangement used in the trenches in France.

As our efficiency increased we took part in manoeuvres both day and night around Te Aroha and then further afield.

Japan wasn't at war at this time, but the NZ Government must have had some concern because we, on one occasion, were sent on an exercise which required us to proceed to Manurewa as a base as swiftly as possible, and from there we conducted manoeuvres from coast to coast on the assumption that enemy landings had been made in the Hauraki Gulf and at Port Waikato.. The first part of our deployment consisted of a route march north to Manurewa from Te Aroha using commandeered transport to leapfrog platoons past each other, all as it happened, in drenching rain. Upon arrival at Manurewa, we spent the night in whatever accommodation we could find, such as under local homes, in sheds and barns, and wherever else shelter from the driving rain could be found. Meals were obtained from a field kitchen. Local Manurewa citizens, unused to the settling in adopted by the soldiers, objected to the disturbances to their sleep and use of their haystacks and other amenities, and Col. Penlington must have had some interesting moments trying to placate aggrieved Manurewa property owners. We returned to Te Aroha from that exercise to receive a large new intake as conscription had just been imposed by the Government, presumably to ensure that an even spread of the NZ population served with armed forces.

Prior to that the battalion was made up purely of volunteers. The personality of the battalion changed from that time and I left to join the RNZAF shortly after.

It might be of interest that I served in the UK, the middle East,, and the South East Asian theatres of war with the RAF until 1945. But I have always had fond memories of my service with the Hauraki battalion and my mates in the HQ Signals platoon. I have wondered how many survived the war.

ALAN PEART.

Obituaries

Hi Des,

It is with the deepest regret that I was informed of the passing Ssgt W.B. McClutchie, who I was informed had a heart attack whilst playing in his band at the Whakatane RSA.

Wati was a stalwart of Bravo Coy, and will be remembered with great affection by all who served with him and those of us who knew the true strength this Tangata Toa possessed.

I was unable to attend his tangi, but I was informed the military produced three ranks of NZ's finest, I cannot wait to be able to go and pay my respect in person.

Takoto nei e hoa.

Whakatangata Kia Kaha

Watene (Wati) Bill McClutchie passed away on Tuesday 7 August 2012, suddenly at Whakatane Hospital; aged 60 years.

He enlisted into Bravo Company 6th Battalion (Hauraki) in 1971 and served till 1996, retiring at the rank of Staff Sergeant.

Wati was a well respected member of Bravo Coy and will be remembered fondly for his ability to entertain (make a one string guitar sound good).

I remember an incident that displayed Wati's military prowess, it was at Whakamaru in the 1980's, we were under attack and about to be over run and the enemy, who were also about to bypass our main DF posn (fence line), when Wati jumped up and called for the assaulting force to "re-org on the fence line" of which they dutifully did, we had our SFMG sited on the fence, the umpires stopped the attack and declared the assault effectively defeated.

Wati completed his service as an Instructor in the Bn trg team.

He will be remembered for his good humour and unconventional approach to situations.

Hei maumaharatanga ki te tino hoa

(In loving memory of a dear friend)

Whakatangata Kia kaha

Capt V.H.Meagher (Retired)

HISTORY of Hauraki Regiment



Private G Coxhead - B Coy (Hauraki) Rifle Brigade – Hopu Hopu 3rd November 1939



"STEVE AND BOB."

LIEUT-COLONELS S. S. AND R. C. ALLEN.

HEARTY WELCOME HOME.

RETURNED MEN'S AFFECTION.

The two soldier-brothers, Lieutenant- Colonels S . S. and R. C. **Allen**, both famous New Zealand battalion commanders, bearing the Insignia of a double D.S.O. and of many honourable wounds, were given the heartiest kind of welcome to-day by returned men who had served under them.

The two officers both landed from the *Waimana* this morning, and the ceremony took place on the Queen's wharf during the lunch-hour. It had been organised in the first place to honour Lieut.-Colonel S. S. **Allen**, who, through some of its most strenuous years, commanded the Second Auckland Battalion.

A body of between one and two hundred men of the battalion mustered on the wharf around a couple of large flags bearing the familiar device of a red diamond on a black ground, and marched to a rostrum, which had been erected in a convenient space and a large crowd was soon gathering.

When **Colonel** S. S. **Allen** mounted the rostrum in company with Major C. S. White, someone called for three cheers for "Old Steve," and these were heartily given. Major White, addressing the **Colonel**, said that the already returned members of the 2nd Auckland Battalion had met to welcome home their old Commanding Officer after four years of war.

They had had the honour to be under his command in France and Flanders, and in meeting him again they called to mind the great battle names of the Somme, Messines, Passchendaele, Mailly Maillet, La Signy Farm, Grevillers, Crevecoeur, and Le Quesnoy. In the same way they brought to remembrance the many hundreds of their comrades in the battalion who would never come back.

Their welcome to **Colonel Allen** was not a recognition so much of his rank, as a personal tribute to his character as a man and a leader of fighting men. He was the central figure of the battalion, and that, not merely, through his official position and the badges of rank that he wore.

For steadfastness, devotion to duty, valour, and consideration for those serving under him they had not seen a better. "We trust" said Major White that now that you have returned to New Zealand you will have a long and prosperous life. We feel certain that in the future, as in the past, your name will be well known among the men that come. You are a great New Zealander, and we honour you as such. In conclusion, Major White expressed the hope that some arrangement might be made whereby members of the battalion might meet in Auckland every year to renew old friendships and recall the experiences they had passed through.

BATTALION'S GOOD RECORD.

Colonel Allen, (SS), (who was greeted with more cheers) said that he was more than pleased to see so many familiar faces from amongst those who had once served under him. 'The only thing that surprises me, he went on, is that so many are here. It looks as if Captain Watson, and the military police have not been doing their duty, or else you have been so long away that the civil police haven't found out so much about you as I know.' (Much laughter.) He thanked Major White for his kind remarks, but added that the major must have been rather carried away by his own eloquence, for he had mentioned battles which he, the speaker, was never in.

The officers and men of the Second Auckland Battalion, though he said it himself, had brought home with them a very fair record, and looking back he could fairly say that they had been in more fighting than any other New Zealand battalion, which was saying a good deal. He thought the idea of an annual reunion a good one, for in that way they could meet and exchange stories which would grow more and more marvellous as the years went on. No one would be able to contradict those stories for fear of bringing disbelief on his own tales. (Laughter). He hoped to see all his men from time to time. He had always thought a lot of the old battalion, and it was rather a wrench when the time came to break it up. However, peace was better than war, and like them he was glad to get back to New Zealand. He thanked them sincerely for their kindness in coming to welcome him.

SECOND BROTHER WELCOMED.

Captain J. G. Coates, M.C and Bar, M.P, then induced **Colonel** R. C. **Allen** to mount the platform and addressing the assembly as "ladies, gentlemen, and diggers," remarked that although a good deal had been said about the deeds of the 2nd Auckland Battalion, the 1st Auckland Battalion, when **"Colonel** Bob" commanded it was "the fiercest thing on earth," and the **Colonel's** exploits with it would be long remembered.

After doing great work at Messines, **Colonel Allen** came back to New Zealand with his arm in a sling, but before long was back again in France, and at Bellesmes was wounded in the leg.

It was a fact that the P.M.O., (Medical Officer) **Colonel** Hardie Neil, was compelled to sign a document stating that the **Colonel** was not to be sent out of France, and within a few days he was back in the line. Afterwards, as commander of the first "Dinks," he took Le Quesnoy. He had shown a fine example as an officer and a man. His work was not yet done, for he was wanted in New Zealand. There were great things to be done, and the help of men with the qualities he had shown was needed if this country was to be made the happy and prosperous place which they all desired it to be. He congratulated him on the honours that had been awarded him long after they were due. These honours, he added, were cherished by the men who had served under **Colonel Allen. (RC)**. They simply swore by him, he said, and they valued him as a comrade and a man.

Colonel Allen, in a short reply, said that he was not a speech-maker like Captain Coates, to whom he paid a tribute as the most distinguished fighter in the battalion. He hoped, he said, to meet most of his old command privately later on.

After more cheering, both officers were lifted shoulder high, and so photographed for purposes of record. **Colonel** S. S. **Allen** was then carried in the same fashion down the wharf and deposited in front of the G.P.O. Later the two brothers were placed in a motor car, which was pulled up to the Grand Hotel with ropes by a large body of returned soldiers.

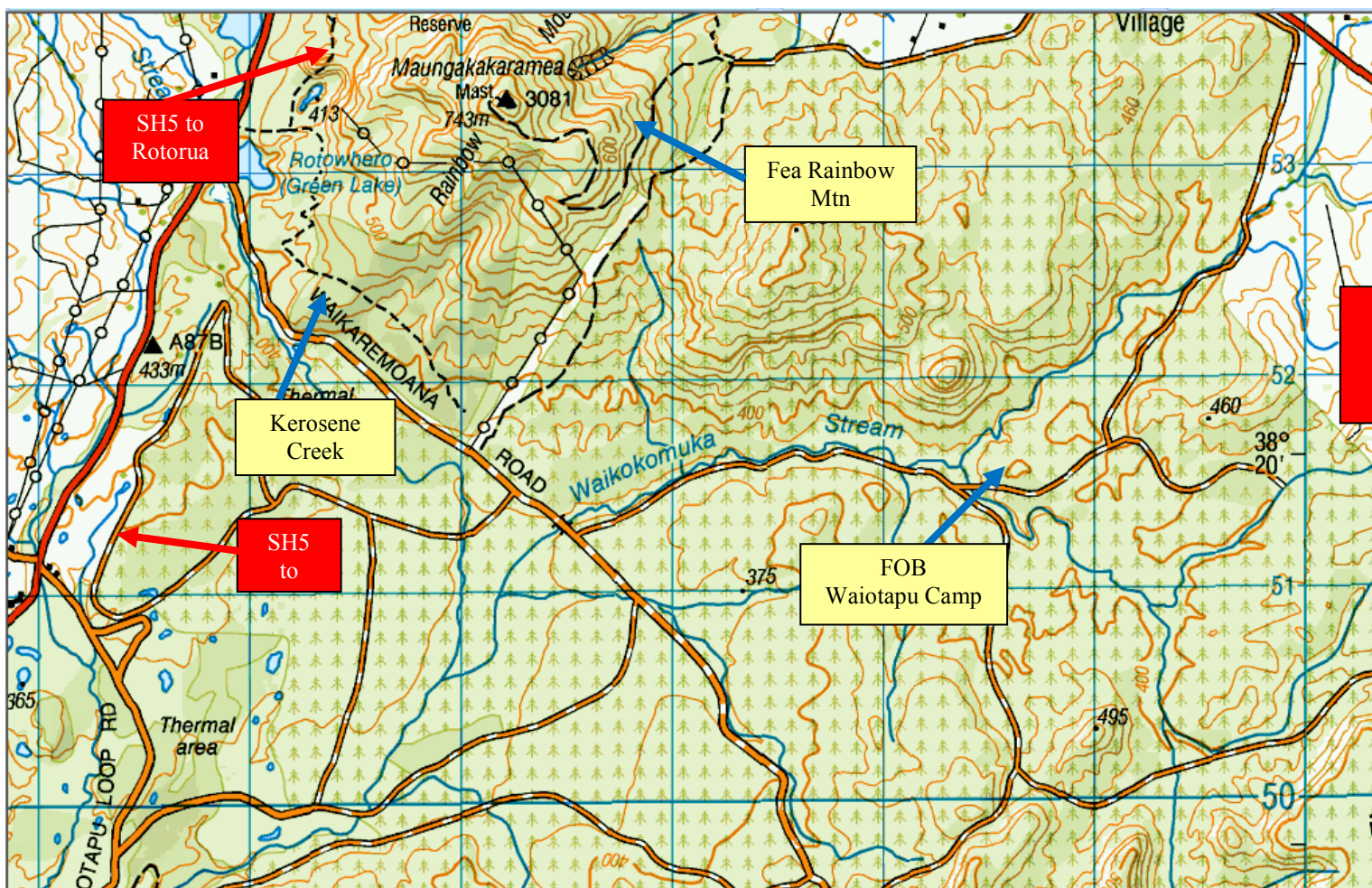
Note;

*Lt Col S.S. Allen wearing 6 Hauraki Badge and his brother R.C. Allen wearing 14th Waikato badge while among the crowd are seen badges of all four Infantry Regiments that made up the 'Auckland Regiment' of the Great War.

*Captain J G Coates of Matakohē Northland, later Prime Minister of New Zealand and a member of the War Cabinet of WWII.

* Major C.S. White enlisted from Helensville later Commanding officer of the North Auckland Regiment and later Honorary Colonel

News from the Regiment





Troops negotiating concourse after BET – Sgt White (APTI) extreme left



Troops negotiating concourse after



Signals Training - Pte's Graig (Left) Herewini (Center) Gamman (Right)



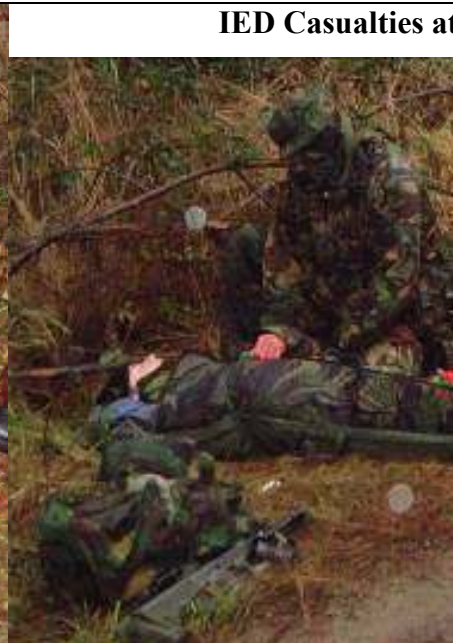
Medical training w



Troops take a quick break....



C/S 11B tends to IED casua



Walking wounded
from hot zone

Stretcher casualty

Casualty being



Walking wounded and stretcher casualty are extracted back to FOB by C/S



Casualty safely returned to FOB



Patrol debrief aft



SSgt Wanakore addresses troops at Endex



SSgt O'Brien receives NZDSM

Double celebration for Hauraki Battalion

Sandra Conchie | Monday, July 9, 2012 10:27



(From left) Lieutenant Colonel Kenneth Brown, Private Bones Burgess, Staff Sergeant Hugh Harrison and Pipe Sergeant Ray Crafts, all from Tauranga, receive their Defence Service Medals. Photo / Mark McKeown

It's fitting that as the 6th Hauraki Battalion Group marks its 114th birthday today that some of its members were finally awarded medals for their years of dedicated service.

The NZ Defence Service Medal, which was instituted in April last year to recognise attested military service since September 3, 1945, was yesterday awarded to a dozen serving and non-serving members.

Eligibility for the Defence Service Medal is three years' accumulated service in the regular force and three years' accumulated efficient service in the territorial force.

The presentation took place at the 6th Hauraki Battalion's headquarters on the corner of Devonport Rd and 11th Avenue.

A delighted Pipe Sergeant Ray Crafts, 77, from Gate Pa, who retired from the regiment in 2000 after serving 40 years, jumped at the chance to have his medal handed to him rather than sent to him in the post.

"It feels great, I've waited a long time for this," he said.

In a twist of fate, retired Staff Sergeant Hugh Harrison, 91, of Tauranga, was awarded his Defence Service Medal by Colonel Aubrey Balzer, 91, from Rotorua.

Colonel Balzer, a former commanding officer of the 6th Hauraki Battalion and the only surviving

officer of the 28 Maori Battalion.

Adding to the sense of occasion was a special one-off medal awarded to a new Tauranga local.

Sergeant Andy Collins, 50, was awarded a Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal for his service in the British Territorial Army.

Sergeant Collins is a serving member of the Royal Electrical Mechanical Engineers attached to the Honourable Artillery Company - the oldest fighting regiment in the British Army.

He is currently attached to the NZ Territorial Force.

Over his 25 years with the British Army he has seen service in Belize, Bulgaria, The Falklands, France, Gibraltar, the United Kingdom and also served on operations in Afghanistan.

He and his wife Mo emigrated to Tauranga almost a year ago.

Mrs Collins said she was very proud of her husband.

Tauranga Mayor Stuart Crosby was also on hand to present some of the medals.

Mr Crosby said Tauranga owed the Battalion a huge debt after it had stepped in and come to the community's aid on numerous occasions over the years, including during the May 2005 floods when 40 people lost their homes and about 750 people were displaced.

The Battalion immediately stepped in to help and did some vital work.

Mr Crosby said the Battalion did exactly the same when the Rena grounded on the Astrolabe Reef last year.

ARMY NEWS

A Tauranga line mechanic who enjoyed being a Territorial Force soldier so much he joined the Regular Force is the Army's latest top recruit.

Private Laurie Andrew, 43, graduated this week from the All Arms Recruit Course in Waiohuru. The Top Recruit award is presented to the recruit who has displayed a consistent effort in all areas of training which consists of weapons handling, field craft, drill, physical training and also demonstrates leadership in a field environment and in barracks.

PTE Andrew who is married with two sons aged 16 and 13, joined 6 Hauraki Battalion and served for two years. "I enjoyed it so much I decided to make the Army my fulltime job."

As a registered line mechanic he built power lines, erected power poles and drove trucks.

Now based in Linton, he is a driver with the Army's Royal New Zealand Logistics Regiment.



Private Laurie Andrew receives his award from Brigadier Tim Gall

By Staff Sergeant John van der Zanden

I distinctly remember that Lieutenant Ian Auld said, "The Auckland-Northland and Hauraki 3/6 Battalion will conduct live firing section attacks in close country", after the Auckland- Northland COY training day.

Staff Sergeant Jodi Cole and Corporal Damian Pert, both trainers for Exercise Baupame which was conducted over three days in May had good ideas: live firing section attacks in open country. The "recce" of the Kaipara training area was conducted successfully and the SART target area was selected.

This was all completed one nice fine autumn day in April. However, the SART target area just happened to be at the far end of ground which becomes a water table after rain. This brought a whole new meaning to the words "fire and manoeuvre". Swim and manoeuvre may have been more appropriate in the circumstances. This was the first live firing exercise in the new 3/6 Battalion format. The combination of two proud Territorial units: the Auckland-Northland 3 Battalion and the Hauraki 6 Battalion into 3/6 Auckland-Northland and Hauraki Battalion brought with it a number of geographical complications which were solved once all the soldiers had reached the Kaipara training area. They came from as far north as Kaitia and as far south as Turangi.

The competition was evident between the sections as well. The three Auckland-Northland platoons, from Whangarei, Auckland and Manukau city respectively had to contend with some stringent competition from the "Haurakis". It appeared by the end of the exercise that they had all done their best, and that there was no clear "best section". In doing so, the units are cementing their relationship with old comrades

whom , until now, they may only have met on the rugby field during the Harding Cup.

The exercise was also an opportunity for "loggies" to train in



Private Darren Smith fires the LSW C9 in the Riverhead Forest in a pre-Exercise Baupame training day



A wet section is a happy section: Corporal Darryl Savage, (left, wearing hearing protection) and his "Lads"

Museum

Projects under construction:

The 6 Hau Bn Gp **Lecture Room** is being upgrade with the assistance of the 6 Hauraki Assoc. When complete I will place photos in the next Hauraki News.

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**. This now for consideration at the next committee meeting.

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 advice Marion.

These 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.

Movies at the Garrison

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

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

From our Associated Regiments



Presented to the Hauraki Association - from – The Berwick Upon Tweed Branch Fusiliers Association



At the entrance to the Museum in Alnwicil Castle, Northumberland







Gun captured in Bosnia



Audio Visual Display – Narrating the letter he is writing.



Former Cpl Billy Gilchrist of the Royal Regiment of the Fusiliers & the President exchange belt & badges along with a Tee Shirt from the Fusiliers of North Humberland at visit to the Museum in May 2012.

Territorial Forces Employer Support Council

Vision: All business and community leaders in New Zealand actively support NZDF service.

Mission: Increase the effectiveness of the NZDF through engagement with organisations in the economy and wider community.

The Directorate of Reserve Forces and Youth Development (D RFYD) and the Territorial Forces Employer Support Council (TFESC) has visited the regions throughout NZ to engage in and delivered a series of Tri Service Q&A briefings.

It is now the chance of the TFESC to bring forward new ideas & implement some of the suggested plans. In my opinion the group has the expertise to make a difference to the TF (Reserves), & NZCF Officers & Cadets. We may just have to move outside the square.

CADETS – Hauraki Experience XIV

Sunday the 1st of July, Western Bay of Plenty Cadet Unit was picked up by x2 Unimogs and an Army Bus from 10th Transport Company to participate with Seven other Cadet Core Units in Hauraki Experience 14 that was put on by 6th Hauraki Regiment. The exercise ran for a week in Waiouru. Over the week the Cadets participated in Drill rehearsal, Navigation and RATEL lesson, Abseiling down a DAM, .22 Shoot and Wets, endurance march, Confidence Course, Navigational and RAATEL exercise, PT, Museum Visit, Maree Visit and Powhiri and Final Parade. Major Dave Bickner

reprehensive of the Regiment Commanding Officer, inspected the parade and was impressed with the overall performance of the Cadets. There were number of awards and certificates given out by 6th Hauraki and with every top award the Cadets received a Book on the History of 6th Hauraki Regiment “Comrades Brave”. LCPL Willis from WBOPCU received the Top Cadet Award which is one of the Hauraki Sword. We do hope with combining of 3rd North Regiment and 6th Hauraki Regiment, there will be a Hauraki Experience 15.







Our Associated Groups Patriots Defence Force Motorcycle Club

The Patriots are still very active. I have not received an update this quarter.

RHODESIAN SERVICES ASSOCIATION

October RV 19th - 21st October 2012

This is our 10th Anniversary – be part of it! Book your ticket now by emailing hbomford@clear.net.nz



We want You at the 2012 RV!

Registration cost for the RV - \$30 per adult and \$10 for under 12 year olds. The adult registration fee includes \$10 for annual membership of the Rhodesian Services Association. Should an under 12 wish to be a financial member then an additional \$10 will apply.

Please note: We need your RV subscription before the day. Diana and I personally fund the whole event and we have to make purchases and payments prior to the day. Times are tough and we cannot afford to act as a bank. Thank you for your cooperation on this.

Programme for the weekend:

Friday 19th October. From 4.30pm the Garrison Club at the 6th Battalion (Hauraki) Group is open for an evening of socialising. We will have Rhodesian related multimedia playing during the evening. At 7pm we will show the DVD *Rhodesianaland*. There will be food and drink available at very reasonable rates.

Saturday 20th October. There will be a golf tournament in the morning. Golfers contact Paul Nes 027 4417 235 or email to book. The RV will kick off with assembly and welcome from 2.30pm. The annual auction is not to be missed (as those of you who have attended in the past well know!)

Sunday 21st October. From 11am we will have the AGM at the Classic Flyers Museum followed by an excellent meal and free range of the whole museum complex. Wind up is around 2.30pm. Cost is \$12, payable on the day, which includes the meal, admission to the whole museum complex and entry in the draw for a flight for two in the Agcat biplane which can be taken at a date suitable to the winner.

Remember that Monday the 22nd is a Public Holiday leaving you free to explore the area some more or take your time travelling home and for the organisers - a welcome day's rest!

Our annual auction is run during the RV on Saturday. Not only is it excellent entertainment but it raises money for our Association. We welcome more items for auction which can be in the form of goods or services. Please contact Hugh Bomford or Paul Nes paulnes@xtra.co.nz if you have something to donate or services you can offer from your business. The list below is of goods already donated. Full details of our supporters can be found at <http://www.rhodesianservices.org/our-supporters.htm> Please show your support for them in turn.

Absentee bids for the auction are very welcome. Please contact the coordinator Paul Nes paulnes@xtra.co.nz for the auction list.

- 30 Degrees South Publishing www.30degreessouth.co.za – various books donated
- Timothy Bax and Charlee Griffiths 'Three Sips Of Gin' www.threesipsofgin.com – signed copy of Tim's book
- Bryony Bomford – Amarula Liquor
- Hugh & Diana Bomford 'Books For Africa' <http://rhodesianservices.org/Books.htm> – various books donated
- Buckles and Tees www.bucklesandtees.co.nz – various goods
- Paul Cavendish 'Lost City' www.amazon.com – signed copy of his book
- Mel & Sue Clements www.bookabach.co.nz/baches-and-holiday-homes/view/7199 – a weekend in their Mangawai Heads holiday home
- John Edmond and Roan Antelope Music www.johnedmond.co.za - CDs
- Wolf & Alison Huckle – vintage liquor
- Ian Johnston 'Thru Thick 'n' Thin' valj@mindsmail.co.za - signed copy of his book
- John Kelley 'The Way We Were' treaclemine@zol.co.zw – signed copy of his book
- Khukuri Imports Ltd www.khukuriimports.co.nz
- Tinka Mushett – a watercolour print
- Mike O'Rourke – flight in his gyrocopter

- Daryl Sahli 'A Skirmish In Africa' www.mystorypublishing.com.au - signed copy of his book
- Beaver Shaw 'Choppertech' canic@mweb.co.za – signed copy of his book
- Bryan and Nancy Tichborne www.watercolours.co.nz – wonderful watercolour print
- Chris Walmsley 'Mugabe – My Part in His Victory' www.amazon.com – signed copy of his book

This event is not to be missed, it is a great opportunity to kick back and have a good time. This is our Tenth Anniversary and we are hopeful of a few people making the trip from Aussie as well as from all over New Zealand. It is a great weekend and everyone is most welcome.

Email me at hbomford@clear.net.nz to place your booking.

New Zealand Military Vehicle Collectors Club Inc (BOP Branch)

Your Committee has invited & they have accepted to join our Association as associate members. We hear more from them.

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| Tauranga: | See Committee |
| Matamata: | Nil |
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6th Battalion (Hauraki) Regimental Association Incorporated

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Full

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Associate

Regimental Number

Date of birth

Full Name

Partners name (if applicable)

Full Postal Address

Telephone Number (home)
Mobile

Business
Email

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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Date Joined

Receipt Number

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| | Perpetual Member | \$150.00 |
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UPCOMING EVENTS

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August

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|------|---------|-----------------------------|---------------|-------------------|
| 3rd | Friday | 1600 hrs | Garrison Club | Nibbles |
| 10th | Friday | 1600 hrs | Garrison Club | Nibbles |
| | | | Hauraki | |
| 10th | Friday | 1900 hrs | Museum | MOVIES Curry |
| 14th | Tuesday | 1900 hrs | Garrison Club | Committee Meeting |
| 17th | Friday | 1600 hrs | Garrison Club | Nibbles |
| 23rd | | Newsletter printed & posted | | |
| 24th | Friday | 1600 hrs | Garrison Club | Nibbles |
| 31st | Friday | 1600 hrs | Garrison Club | Finger Food |

September

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| 7th | Friday | 1600 hrs | Garrison Club | Nibbles |
| 11th | Tuesday | 1900 hrs | Garrison Club | Committee Meeting |
| 14th | Friday | 1600 hrs | Garrison Club | Nibbles |
| | | | Hauraki | |
| 14th | Friday | 1900 hrs | Museum | MOVIES |
| 21st | Friday | 1600 hrs | Garrison Club | Nibbles |
| 28th | Friday | 1600 hrs | Garrison Club | Nibbles |

October

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|------|---------|----------|---------------|-------------------|
| 5th | Friday | 1800 hrs | Garrison Club | Nibbles |
| 9th | Tuesday | 1900 hrs | Garrison Club | Committee Meeting |
| 12th | Friday | 1600 hrs | Garrison Club | Nibbles |
| | | | Hauraki | |
| 12th | Friday | 1900 hrs | Museum | MOVIES |
| 19th | Friday | 1600 hrs | Garrison Club | Nibbles |
| 26th | Friday | 1600 hrs | Garrison Club | Finger Food |

November

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| 2nd | Friday | 1600 hrs | Garrison Club | Nibbles |
| 9th | Friday | 1600 hrs | Garrison Club | |

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| 9th | Friday | 1900 hrs | Hauraki Museum | MOVIES |
| 13th | Tuesday | 1900 hrs | Garrison Club | Committee Meeting |
| 22nd | | Newsletter printed & posted | | |
| 16th | Friday | 1600 hrs | Garrison Club | Nibbles |
| 23rd | Friday | 1600 hrs | Garrison Club | Nibbles |
| 30th | Friday | 1600 hrs | Garrison Club | Finger Food |