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President's Report

The 6th Hauraki Association Website has had a face lift. Open it up and have a look. I need a lot of assistance, if you have the time. Send the information either by email or through the site. The new area; Commanding Officers, Honorary Colonels, Regimental Lineage and Senior Weapon Instructors/Training Warrant Officers are only up to 1998, so it needs to be updated. If you have any ideas on how to enhance the site please advise me. Better still, send me a typed upgrade. The area “items for sale” has to have major rethink, but I needed to start the system.

Yes the Rena is still here, but thanks to all the volunteers, including the 6 Hau Bn Gp, the crisis has dropped off the front pages.

I guess the talking point is the Reserves Reorganisation in particular the fate of the Haurakis. You will see the letters from the Honorary Colonels, Chief of Army and the Minister of Defence.

If you look at our Regimental Lineage, the name “Auckland” appears a number of times. I guess the Jaffas like to think they are in charge, but the real soldiering is done by the Haurakis. As has been said other times when asked, “there are a couple of Aucklanders over there somewhere, but we are all soldiers from Hauraki”.

I am confident that the Honorary Colonels and Commanding Officers, past and present, will ensure the Hauraki retain the standing our forebears have earned for us on the battlefield. Many of you have strengthened the Hauraki standing by your actions both overseas and in New Zealand.

In the end run, this reorganisation is only a budget exercise not a military one. As I have quoted a number of times “today's enemy may be tomorrow's friend, today's friend may be tomorrow's enemy”. I recall a past PM saying “there is no conceivable military threat in our region”. Then we had Timor, Solomon Islands and others.

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 to come and visit your Museum and maybe participate in an ale or two.

If you have received your New Zealand Defence Medal and would like to have it presented in a formal occasion, please advise us, so we can arrange a presentation on your behalf. To date we have three who wish to have their medals presented. The intention is to hold a parade over our next Birthday in July. But more on that subject in the May edition.

I believe both the 6 Hau Bn Gp and the Association are in good heart, but take every opportunity to bring the Hauraki to the forefront, just as you do.

Kia Kaha
Des Anderson

Reserves Reorganisation



JUDOB C J MCGUIRE

1 September 2011

Major General T.J. Keating MNZM
Chief of Army
Wellington

Dear General Tim, Reserves Reorganisation

We write to thank you for your hospitality at our conference at Messines on 14 July and the openness and candour of your briefing us on the changes ahead for the Army and the Territorial Force.

We also write to you to offer our practical help to you and as Chief of Army in facing the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead for us arising from these changes.

In so doing can we assure you that we acknowledge that change is inevitable and that there must be the consequent costs savings that the Minister has mandated. However we do believe that we can assist with that change and in so doing help achieve the best possible outcome for the army of the future.

The main points we took from the conference were these.

1. The Minister has mandated the amount of costs savings he requires annually.
2. The reserves will be integrated with the regular force.
3. The reserve units must be able to deploy and be part of NZ military contribution in the theatres this country becomes involved in.
4. There is work still to be done on the size of the TF/RF "footprint".
5. The requirement is for a. a standby reserve force and b. an active reserve force. And there is really no place for reservists who are not able to meet the training and standards required for either of these.
6. The 6 TF battalions will be reduced to 3.

We believe we can be of real help in achieving what is required.

We believe we have a real contribution to make in respect of the annual costs savings to be made; the size and shape of the TF/RF footprint; and the proposal to reduce the TF battalions down to 3.

One or more of us would value the opportunity to be part of your planning cell that will be working through these issues and setting a critical path to implement the changes. At this stage the Hon Col most handily located is Martin Devlin and he is prepared to fulfil that role.

Finally, Sir, may we just say that all of us, having been through many reorganisations during our careers in the Army, are now well prepared to avoid the pitfalls that have occurred in the past.

For example, we are understandably anxious to maintain the army footprint on the ground in the areas in which we live. Too many parts of the country already have no army footprint at all. That is not good for the army and it is not good for the country.

The bottom line for the future will be the delivery of the deployable units at the required reduced annual cost. So, in essence we are saying, - tell us what you want our units to deliver and tell us what costs savings need to be made annually and we are confident we will be able to deliver.

We look forward to the challenges ahead.
Yours sincerely,

Chris McGuire
Hon Col 6th Hauraki Battalion Gp,
and on behalf of 4, 5, and 7 Battalion Honorary Colonels



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15 September 2011

Judge Chris McGuire
Honorary Colonel 6th Hauraki Battalion Group
District Court
Private Bag RO 3003
ROTORUA

Dear Chris

Thank you for your extremely positive and forward-looking letter dated 1st September 2011. I found the engagement with yourself and the other Honorary Colonels invigorating and productive when I hosted you in Trentham on the 14th July 2011.

I accept your offer for Martin Devlin to be involved in the planning cell that will shape the future path for Army Reserves. This process will be coordinated by Colonel John Bradley and overseen by my Deputy Chief of Army, Brigadier Charles Lott.

I noted on your letter that you were writing on the behalf of 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th Battalion Honorary Colonels; I wish to ensure that 2nd and 4th Battalions are equally represented in this process by Martin Devlin. I am certain that the contribution Martin will make to this process will be invaluable as we confirm the deliverables for each of the three Reserve Units. This will give a real sense of purpose to personnel serving within the Reserves as they are integrated within the various regular Force entities. I sincerely believe that this will produce a healthier and more robust Army.

I look forward to regularly being updated as Colonel Bradley develops the roadmap for Army Reserves over the coming months.

Tim Keating

Major General T.J. Keating, MNZM
Chief of Army

CC: Brigadier Charles Lott, Deputy Chief of Army
All Colonels Commandant

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Jonathan Coleman, Minister of Defence

New Zealand's six territorial forces will be merged into three, with the loss of up to 600 territorial soldiers, a briefing paper from the New Zealand Defence Force says.

The briefing to incoming Minister of Defence Jonathan Coleman says the Cabinet agreed in August 2011 to merge the six existing battalions into three and cut up to 600 army territorial force positions from the existing 1800.

The move would save \$9.25 million.

A Defence Force spokeswoman said a review was under way of how the battalions would be merged and where positions would be cut.

Labour defence spokesman Iain Lees-Galloway was not surprised the territorial force was being reduced in size.

"This [the savings they have already identified] is nothing like what they need to save. And if they can't find the savings, you have to ask what else they are going to cut."

Defence Force Medal



New medal now available for those fifty and over

15 February 2012

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 21,000 applications have been received by the Medals Office and over 18,000 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.

42 Napier St
Paraparaumu
5231.

Dec. 11th 59

Dear Sir,

The November Hawke's Bay News
was of great interest to me -
thank you for receiving my memories.
Especially the article on penicillin
as of very great interest to my
Family as my late Father was
wounded there and carried out of the
line by Gordon Coates (future prime Minister)
and secondly my late Mother's Brother
was killed there with no known grave.

In June 1940 10 platoon of B. Company
(Hawke's Bay) under Lieut. Leslie Smith
evacuated 70 Railway Trucks of arms
and stores plus a truck full of
Gold Bullion which a Bank was
getting out of Egypt for safety.
My position was behind the
engine in a flat truck on my 102nd
section and I was the front
guard.

The distance we travelled was
1200 miles, to Port Louis.

Loaded up at 11.20 am Sat 13th Dec 40.

where I require for 7 Trucks of
Arms a total of 110 tons - I have
not got the convey Note.

We travelled to El Shallah where
the Arms etc. was loaded on to
Barges, which were pulled by a
River Boat, and sailed up the Nile
500 Miles to Wadi Halfa then entered
on the Sudan Railway to Khartoum.

At Wadi Halfa the British Commissioner
had invited us to a lunch
when word came through that
Khartoum had fallen.

At Khartoum we were inspected by
Major General Platte who was in
charge of the Abessinia Campaign.

On our last night a New Zealand
who was a Bank Manager for a
Khartoum Bank and her wife furnished
us with a dinner.

During our stay in Khartoum we were
lodged in the Barracks of the
Yorkshire Regt. on the site of the
site of the Battle of Omdurman.

and also saw where the Blue
and White Nile meet which
was both in flood and
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This is just a brief account
I hope that you can understand
it - I have 4 photos of the trip.

Kind regards
Jim Seymour

(Typed Copy)

Paraparaumu

December 11th 2009

Dear Des

The November Hauraki News was of great interest to me - thank you for recovering my memories. Firstly the article on Passchendaele is of very great interest to my family as my late father was wounded there and carried out of the line by Gordon Coates (future Prime Minister) and secondly my late mother's brother was killed there with no known grave.

In 1940 10 Platoon of B Company (Hauraki) under Second Lieut. Sutton escorted 70 railway trucks of arms and stores plus a truck full of gold bullion which a bank was getting out of Egypt for safety. My position was behind the engine on a flat truck - my 1st section and I were the front guard. The distance we travelled was 1200 miles to Khartoum.

Loaded up at Abbassia 13/06/40 where I signed for 7 trucks of arms and a total of 110 tons - I have still got the convoy note. We travelled to El where the arms etc was loaded onto barges which were pulled by a riverboat and sailed up the Nile 500 miles to Wadi Halfa then entrained on the Sudan Railway to Khartoum. At Wadi Halfa the British Commissioner had invited us to a lunch where word came through that France had fallen.

At Khartoum we were inspected by Major General Platt who was in charge of the Abyssinian campaign. On our last night a New Zealander who was a bank manager for a Khartoum Bank and his wife farewelled us with a dinner.

During our stay in Khartoum we were camped in the barracks of the Yorkshire Regt - taken to the site of the Battle of Omdurman and also saw where Blue and White Nile meet which were both in flood and reached Cairo 4 weeks afterwards.

This is just a brief account, I hope that you can understand it - I have 4 photos of the trip

Kind Regards

Jim Seymour

CONVOY NOTE.

Army Book 158
(1st Edn of 1901)

Delivered to Sgt. Seymour (Name of O.C. Escort, or Conductor)
for conveyance to O.O. Khar Hamm the undersigned particulars
in good order and condition.

Date and Hour 18/4/00 Place Aden

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343	"	Bartridges 3.7" Mortar Amm. 1060		"	"	"
25	"	Bricks M. 1. 3" Mortar, 1060		"	"	"
25	"	Bartridges + Shell Q.F. No. 1060	}	"	25661 (10 Ton)	
1	Case No. 1	Ammunition 1060 Septembers		"	"	" + Escort

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18/4/00

Signed [Signature] Officer in charge of the above.

(1) Received the above, in good order and condition, for conveyance to O.O. Khar Hamm
Signed [Signature] Date 18/4/00 Officer commanding Escort, or Conductor.
Place Aden

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Place _____

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Signed _____ Date _____ Officer commanding Escort, or Conductor.
Place _____

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particulars, in good order and condition.
Signed _____ (Consignee) Date _____

Hi Des

I attended the funeral of SSgt Jim Seymour in Paraparaumu yesterday. It was well attended with a strong military content. His service as a "Proud Hauraki" was mentioned during the eulogy given by his son Col (RTD) Ray Seymour and again during the RSA tribute. My Hauraki shirt drew a number of favourable comments in regard to its appropriate presence on the day.

Regards

Ken Graham

Hi Des,

I hope all is well and I have been enjoying receiving the Hauraki news.

I am now deployed in Cyprus serving with UNFICYP.

The Australian Contingent here is again responsible for organising the ANZAC Day service.

I was hoping you could provide me with a prayer to read during the service that represents New Zealand's involvement.

I have been given the responsibility and honour of sourcing and reading this.

Any assistance would be appreciated.

Kind regards

Jon Lautrec

Dear Des,

Event seven days away now. 48 hours welcome relief from the bad weather challenges of the Canterbury High Country, with a trip back to Rotorua for Hugh's Polytech Graduation. Just what the doc ordered. End on end weather shocks, not good for soul, the nerves, or tapering a preparation of this magnitude.

On Wednesday, started paddling the last 15kms of the Kayak course from Woodstock to the Waimak gorge bridge.

Reasonable conditions, sun shining with following norwest gusts to about 30kph. At about the half way point, all within the space of about 90seconds, like the trip of a switch, a change to a southerly gusting to 90kph.

Had to keep the boat pointing head-on into the gusts to avoid being blown over. Though paddling flat out downstream in a fast flowing slightly swollen river, I glanced at the bank at one stage to see I was stationary, if losing ground. So, slow progress, and since first priority was to keep the kayak pointing into the wind, this meant paddling some of the stretches at up to a 45 degree angle to the river flow. This in turn meant on one occasion that I described a not too graceful 180 degree (involuntary) turn to be pointing back the way I came. Happily, the only glitch.

Ah well. At least I'll know a thing or two come race day.

Otherwise. All good. Maybe delusional, but I think I am at least as fit as I was for Ironman. Just have to do the business next Saturday. Report after then.

Chris McGuire

Des

An Obituary to our 7 Reserve Bands (TF) that will be shafted UNLESS enough lobbying is done to the govt to make them realise that they're only costing less than a mere \$900,000 each year. The Artillery band (which mostly serves the Hauraki) only cost the NZDF just over \$100,000 a year - pittance for what they do.

The silly part of the Review is that:

- regardless if it is an Army or RNZAF occasion, the Navy Band will do all duties in the North Island north of Wellington.
- regardless whether it is an Army or Navy occasion, the Central Band RNZAF will continue to do 99% of Wellington duties
- And regardless if it is a Navy or RNZAF occasion, the Army Band will only do South Island duties (& cover Wellington RNZAF).

Some figures to consider in all this:

- NZDF does not pay a retainer to Reserve musicians. They only get paid for parades and rehearsals and concerts. It only gives them a few thousand dollars a year. They actually do some work on a charge out basis with funds going to their unit. They also do much charity work. Many of them wear uniform to do (on their own or in a small combo) a funeral - and often cannot or do not claim!
- there can be over 8 Reserve musicians for every full time musician.
- the 2 full time Bands take up 86% of funding.
- the Army Band did 190 jobs last year with 40 full timers - costing about 2.8 million.
- the Navy Band did 225 jobs last year with 28 full timers - costing about 2.2 million.
- I am told our Reserve bands did over 400 jobs last year. How will the 2 full time bands be able to do a scratch of that??
- What is not realised is that the NZDF (unlike other countries) do not teach their musicians. They all come from civilian bands, orchestras, jazz bands etc - so they can all play and most can march already. Most of our Reserve musicians remain in a civilian band (at their own expense!) to maintain their skills. We don't have a costly Defence School of Music like Australia, Britain etc. In fact NZ funds a player in the Army Band to train the Pacific Island Bands. That will continue. I am getting asked frequently for my comments on the Review. I have and intend to remain quiet but will exclusively state my views for **'The Hauraki News'** only.

"It is very disturbing that I am told by the news media that this Review is costing the taxpayer \$75,000 per month. It is more disturbing that this Review came up with the same findings Defence Minister Wayne Mapp stated to a colleague of mine early in 2009. It is further disturbing that I have heard since late 2009 Defence personnel state the findings results quite openly. In other words this exercise has been an orchestrated sham. Any of us who have worked with military bands in NZ, will freely admit that our bands are overdue for a Review. We accept there could be a 20% saving and we made proposals to that. This Review is an embarrassment to this nation. The stupid thing is for me, I could far easier bring in a top UK band to Tauranga for a gig than I could one of our NZ bands! - Remember the Queens own band of the Life Guards in 2004 - and NZDF wouldn't even know or care.

Gavin Marriott

Hi there

I was an unofficial member of the battalion in the late 1980's. Went on the exercises and training but wasn't allowed to sign up officially due to parental demands at the time (i.e. - parents would not let me sign up or rather sign the paper work as i was under 18, but I was still allowed to go on exercises and what not....it was cleared by the CO at the time).

I recently came across info that Douglas Grant was killed in action. He was a private at the time and he was the one that got me involved with the battalion. If you are interested, I have photos that were taken of him way back in those days on internal security exercises. Am happy to email them to you if you are interested. There are other pics showing former members of the battalion.

Cheers

Tony Marriott

Hi Des

Happy to send the photo's. You didn't specify which ones you wanted so I will send the lot. Feel free to do with them as you please.

It is fair to say that technology wasn't as advanced as we are today so these are scans of the original photographs. I have made them fairly good quality but I can scan them at a better resolution if you need the quality improved (obviously the bigger the file size, the better the quality). If there are any you want rescanned just let me know, happy to do it.

Just to fill you in on my unofficial role in the battalion. A family friend, **Kevin Rowell**, invited me to attend a training night involving a night navigation exercise. I had a great time and I was later invited to a "Buddy Weekend". That was where you were 'buddied' up with a full member of the battalion and taken up on a weekend exercise. I was partnered up with **Douglas Grant**, a Private at the time.

I had a ball on the weekend, but hit a small snag afterwards in the form of the parents, I was 16 going on 17 and my parents refused to let me sign up officially (I believe that back then you could join at that age if the folks signed the paperwork giving permission - it was a much simpler time back then with a lot more leeway! haha).

A few negotiations were made and a lot of leeway was granted and I was allowed to attend training weekends etc as a "buddy". Obviously I didn't get paid for it and there was no official paperwork, but I took the opportunity anyway. Sgt Burgess (I think his first name was Owen) was instrumental in getting the permission required. There was a **Capt. Banks** involved in the process too. After a while I just became one of the "boys", wasn't considered to be a 'buddy' and was given more and more responsibilities. I was even allocated my own "buddy" to look after in 1988.

I ended up moving to Australia and would later join the 10/27th Battalion in Adelaide (I got paid this time round, haha).

Tony Marriott

PS - If you are still in contact with **Sgt Burgess** (he used to be a copper in Mangakino) say hi from me. I tried to make contact with him 13 odd years ago to see if I could obtain a letter explaining my involvement with the battalion for a police application, but had no success. And yes I did make it into the SA police force! He will probably remember my father, just tell him "Skippy's son".....:



Back at base after the training buddy weekend. **Fraser Brunton** is in the background. If you have his email address please pass mine onto him, be nice to get in contact with him.



I have no idea who this is, any idea?

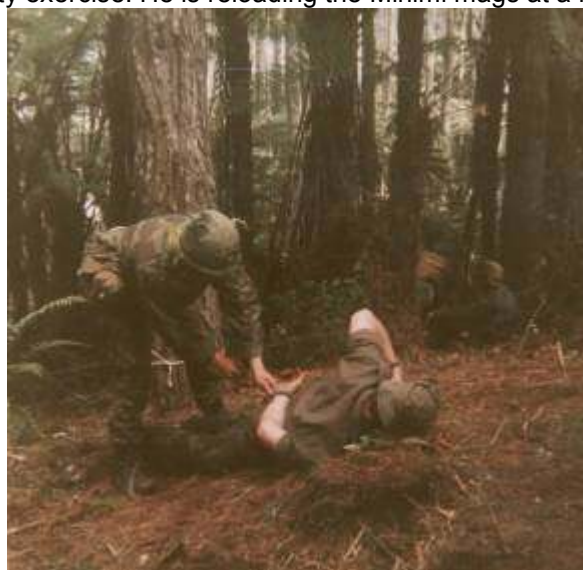
Connan Hoult. - packing up to move out, 28 May 1988



Douglas Grant (1987) - Taken on internal security exercise. It was conducted in the forest area just south of Putaruru (from memory). I have no idea who the three are in the background.



Douglas Grant (1987) - Taken on internal security exercise. He is reloading the Minimi mags at a road



Internal security exercise - Me on roadblock duties on the same exercise Instructions on how to search and secure prisoners



Me and a unimog - Me at the rear of C-Coy
with a Unimog. Unsure of the date, possibly 1988.

25-05-1988 weekend exercise in 1988. I was made No.1 Scout



At the rear of C-Coy base

Taken in a foxhole. That weekend I was allocated Kelvin Rowe as my 'Buddy'



Public display for A&P Show - Took part in a recruit drive at the local A&P show. We conducted a mock battle on the oval for the public. I think it was early in the peice so I was about 16/17 years old here.



Recruit drive on Bridge Street - Another recruit drive and mock battle for the public, this time in the main street (Bridge Street). The 'battle' started down towards the army hall and concluded where this picture was taken (I think the street was called Leith Street - the last street before State Highway One. From memory there is a bus station at the 2 o'clock position). If you want more photos from that day a whole stack was taken by the local newspaper and a full page spread was done. I might still even have the original clipping.



Section Photo (28-05-1989) - I can only identify a few people in the pic. At the rear is **Cpl Dago** (I have no idea if that is his nickname or real name). I am in front of him with the ferns in my hat. Seated to the front of me **Kelvin Rowe** (He has the red BFA clearly visible). The guy on the far right with the brown boots is **Shane Marshall**. The rest I can't remember their names (feel free to fill in the blanks, haha).



Section photo 1 (29-05-1988) - Taken on another buddy weekend. I was given **Kelvin Rowe** as my 'Buddy' on this weekend. It was his first time out. Back Row from left - **Simon Coster** (Another buddy), **Andrew Clark** (Tall guy with headband), **Kelvin Rowe**, and me. The guy kneeling in front of **Simon Coster** could be **Shane Marshall**. The person heavily cammed up in the front centre is Fraser Brunton. I have no idea who the guy with the cigarette is, nor the guy on the right (kneeling).



Section photo 2 (29-05-1988) - The same section photo but with me taking the photo and **Connan Hoult** in my place. **Connan** was the 2IC for the section.



and this is what I evolved into! Hahahah thought you might like these

cheers

Tony

Obituaries



Obituary of

Staff Sergeant James Fredrick Seymour

18 March 1916 – 28 November 2011

Staff Sergeant James Fredrick Seymour was born on the 18th of March 1916 in Te Awamutu and recently died in his 96th year. Like many soldiers who served their nation during World War Two, he seldom discussed his war efforts, but from the snippets he had revealed over the years, plus additional research, his particular exploits, whilst on Crete demonstrated great commitment.

In 1934, as an 18 year old youth, he joined the Territorial Force Hauraki Regiment which saw him parading at Paeroa. That meant he had to cycle some 50 kilometres over muddy horse trails to attend this training – but he couldn't commence this journey until the cows had been hand-milked. He then had to make sure he was back at the farm in time to start milking at 4.00 am the next morning. Perhaps it was this training that contributed to his later devotion and determination during his exploits in Crete. For his service in the Territorial Force, the Governor General awarded him with an Efficiency Medal in 1998 – only 53 years after he was entitled to receive it!

At the outbreak of World War Two in September 1939, Jim Seymour was one of the first to enlist. He was required to parade at Hopu Hopu Camp, just out of Ngaruawahia, but on arrival he found, much to his chagrin, that he had been allocated to the First Ammunition Company – not because of his skills – but the Army wanted his Indian motor bike. He managed to convince the authorities that he should join his Hauraki mates, now forming up as B Company of the 18th Battalion, but he never saw his motor bike again.

On the 5th of January 1940, Jim Seymour sailed off to the Middle East with the First Echelon. Thirteen months later he fired his first shot in anger whilst occupying Servia Pass in Northern Greece. A couple of days later the fighting withdrawal through Greece commenced which resulted in Jim Seymour and the 18th Battalion being evacuated off Greece to the idyllic island of Crete. This is where the rubber really started to hit the road.

Jim, as a Platoon Sergeant, along with a young and inexperienced Second Lieutenant and about 18 soldiers, were tasked with protecting the King of Greece and his entourage, having managed their escape out of Greece and away from the German clutches. The Platoon guarded the King and his party in a house on the outskirts of Crete's capital of Canea but when the German invasion commenced, a hurried decision was made to evacuate the King and his party off Crete from the southern coast. The group took the indirect route across the rugged White Mountains – a snow-covered mountain range which bisected the 35 kilometre-wide island. The height of these mountains is about 300 metres lower than that of Mount Ruapehu and as rugged as the Southern Alps are in the vicinity of Arthur's Pass. A difficult task made even harder with German paratroopers landing all around them.

The group finally reached the summit having travelled the 20 kilometres, as the crow flies, in four hours but on arrival at the end of this first stage, the King found that he had inadvertently left a suitcase, containing something very important, back in the Canea house. Sergeant Seymour and a couple of his men were ordered to return to the house and retrieve this case. On arrival, Jim Seymour would claim that he knocked on the door, only to find the house was now occupied by the Germans. His request to enter was denied and he was sent away empty-handed. This is not the story that those soldiers who went with him would tell.

They struggled back to meet up with the awaiting King and gave him the bad news. He had now travelled 60 kilometres. Hunger and the frozen conditions were eased somewhat by the killing of a mountain goat, but fearing the German presence, this was eaten raw. After the fresh raw meat meal and a short rest the party were again on the move and finally reached their target – the fishing village of Ay Roumeli. The King and his party were then safely evacuated to a waiting naval ship that was loitering offshore. But then, without warning, rank showed it did have its privileges. The young Second Lieutenant decided that he would also go off with the King and take with him all the soldiers who were now suffering physically from their arduous journey. The order probably went something like this: "Sergeant Seymour, you take the 8 fittest men back with you, along with all the ammunition taken off the unfit men; get back over the White Mountains and rejoin the Battalion because they will need all the men and ammunition that they can get". It is doubtful if Sergeant Seymour replied with "Yes Sir". But an order is an order and so Sergeant Seymour and his eight men trudged back across the mountains. On reaching the Battalion position he had now covered 110 kilometres. The Battalion was nowhere to be seen. During part of this journey, he and his party were targeted by German Stuka aircraft. They were pinned down for about 12 hours but were saved by the protection afforded them by an olive grove.

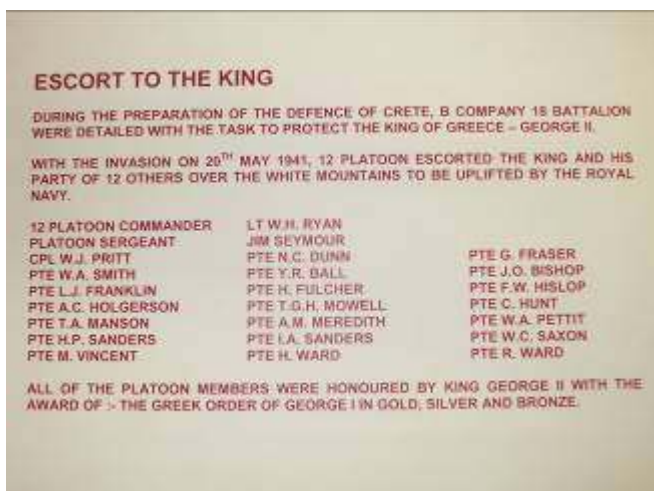
He and his group then realised that a general withdrawal was underway. He joined the exodus and halfway back up the White Mountains he was halted at a control point and ordered to declare who he was and who the 8 men were that were with him. On answering that he was from the 18th Battalion he was told that the entire 18th Battalion had been killed and that they were most probably the only 9 survivors. He was ordered to wait in the

area to see if any other 18 Battalion soldiers had managed to escape the German onslaught. Some hours later, Sergeant Seymour claimed he saw a formed body of troops literally marching up the mountain road. As they drew near, he identified it was his Commanding officer – Lieutenant Colonel John Gray leading his Battalion. They hadn't all been killed – only half of them had paid the ultimate sacrifice. Sergeant Seymour and his 8 men rejoined the Battalion and continued the journey across the White Mountains to the departure beachhead of Sfakia. By the time he arrived there he had now travelled some 145 kilometres, whilst constantly under German interference – and he did this by constantly walking for about 30 hours. He was a tough determined man.

History now shows he was the last Kiwi soldier to officially get evacuated off Crete. He disobeyed orders to achieve this distinction.

For his actions, the King of Greece honoured him with the Greek Gold Medal with Crossed Swords – one of only two New Zealand soldiers to ever receive this honour.

He died on the 28th of November 2011 as a proud soldier of the 18th Battalion and as a proud **Hauraki**



The King of Greece with Lt W H Ryan.



The photographs was taken at the "Hauraki's Annual Camp in Papakura in March 1939". Jim is on the left and the individual in the centre is marked as an "A. Denovan". The one on the right is not named

"HAURAKIS" ONE IN THE RANKS REMEMBERS

By J F Seymour

I joined in Morrinsville 1934 (approx) under Major J M Allen and Permanent Staff Sergeant Major B Stewart. Met every 2 weeks, night meetings - Drill Hall. Occasionally Lewis Gun and rifle shooting near Morrinsville Golf Course. One weekend Camp, Mangaiti Hall, built of corrugated iron, nearly froze to death, heavy frosts. Some mounted troops joined us and showed us the workings of a Hoskiss Gun, etc.

Annual Camp - My first one was at Paeroa, 1936 (approx) between the Ohinemuri River and Paeroa Bowling Club - memory fades of activities but always remember the Star in front entrance of Regent Picture Theatre and sitting in the very front row, about 3 feet from the screen and falling asleep.

Rotorua 1937. Race Course, vaguely remember doing an exercise in scrubland and being promoted to Lance Corporal, one or two swims in the Blue Baths, heavy colds, modern cab-less truck on view from Trentham, a big advance from horse-drawn limbers, on Church Parade, Rotorua Mounteds paraded with us and during the course of the parade one of the Mounteds was thrown from his horse, dragged and killed.

Papakura, March 1939. Camp just over the Railway lines - had trouble with one of my men, who insisted on taking his boots off to wade a stream in front of the "enemy" - later in the year this same chap stole a plane, possibly a Moth, to fly to Australia, but crashed in some mudflats.

April, was farewelled from Morrinsville and left for a new life in Dunedin - I still have the suitcase which the Territorials presented to me and which held all my worldly goods. Last Parade Anzac Day in Morrinsville.

Names I remember in those early days :

Bill Waines Paeroa Permanent Staff Major W Innis Permanent Staff Sgt. Major Barney Stewart

George Andrews Te Aroha Colin McLeod Morrinsville Ian Ferguson Morrinsville Major J M Allen

Sir Stephen Allen

June 1939. Returned to the Waikato because there was no work in the south, end of the Depression. Experienced Labour queues - started work as a teamster, Land Development, Karakariki, near Whatawhata. Rumours of war in the following month.

September 2 1939. Visited my folks, Tauhei Road, Morrinsville and reported with many others at Drill Hall, Paeroa, as talk of Declaration of War was rife. Told to go home and wait.

September 3rd, heard announcement of Declaration of War on radio at camp, Land Development, in evening. Joined up at Hamilton Drill Hall and eventually was drafted to Div. Ammo, Hopuhopu Military Camp in advanced party on 27th September. Not happy with posting as had always been with Infantry. I applied to Major J Allen 2nd In Command, 18th Battalion for transfer - he agreed.

October 3rd. Marched in to B Company (Haurakis) 18th Battalion. Officer Commanding Major W Evans, Rotorua, Sergeant Major G Andrews, Te Aroha and I was appointed Section Commander No. 9 Platoon. Other Morrinsville men I remember who marched in were R Pickett, O Bishop, D Spinley, J Swarbrick, W Pritt and W Waines of Paeroa. Six weeks

basic training, weather very wet and conditions unpleasant in Bell tents. Uniforms and equipment were of First World War vintage. Within a week or so I was appointed Corporal No. 1 Section, No. 10 Platoon under Lieutenant B J Sutton. My main job was instructing in the Lewis Gun.

November - by the end of this month, Papakura was partly ready to accommodate the 18th, etc., - travelled by train to Papakura Station, then marched from there with all our belongings to the new Camp. From now on very busy with parades, exercising, Guard duties and range firing at Penrose. Final leave 14th December to 28th December.

January 3rd 1940. Trained to Auckland Railway Station, then marched to Domain for official farewell. 4th January marched to Papakura Station, boarded train, a start to a secret destination. As we journeyed south, people turned out at stations to wish us well and gave us food parcels and drinks. 5th January, boarded the Orient liner, "Orion".

6th January, at 6 00am the "Orion" and 3 other liners, escorted by HMS "Ramellies" and HMAS "Canberra" moved down harbour - unforgettable sight of hundreds of people, farewelling us from shore, sounding of car horns. In Cook Strait we were joined by 2 more liners, bearing the South Island Contingent, escorted by HMNZS "Leander".

10th January, joined by 4 liners, full of Australian troops.

18th January, Fremantle.

19th January, Route March of 12 miles to Perth, temperature 100 F in shade, very tough after being at sea a fortnight and not wearing boots in that period.

20th January - Straight out into the Indian Ocean, temperatures day and night very high, many slept on the decks, time spent route marching around the decks to the band playing the tune "Sussex by the Sea". Drilled. "N Z Abroad Vol. No. 1" was compiled by the 18th and ASC (Army Service Corp.) Still have mine.

30th January. Colombo. 1 mile route march, pay 16 shillings, leave until afternoon.

1 February - left Colombo.

8th February - Aden, left the ship on leave this time by Lighters. Had just had rain after 3 years.

9th - last leg of journey up the Red Sea to Tewfik, Egypt.

Note - During voyage, unit badges recalled and universal ones featuring ferns were issued.

13th February. Arrived Egypt, Maadi Camp. From now on, route marches, etc. and training with new weapons, Bren Guns, etc.

13th June, Escort Duties. No 10 Platoon, B Company under H B J Sutton. Ammunition train, 70 trucks, Cairo to Khartoum, included 1 truck of gold bars belonging to King Farouk, who was removing this to safety - ammunition destination Abyssinia Campaign - train to El Shellal -river boat with lighters to Wadi Halfa. Ammunition, etc, loaded on to Sudan railways - British Commissioner informed us of the fall of France at a dinner he had organised - arriving at Khartoum, billeted with Yorkshire Regiment, inspected by Brigadier Platte, Commander Abyssinia Campaign who spoke to us all individually - was interested in our civic occupations, which was mainly "cow cockies" - of course that took a bit of explaining to a Regular Army Officer. A few British Civilians at Khartoum took us to the site of the Battle of Omderman, Gordon's Residence, Zoo, etc. - on final night a party was put on by the Bank Manager and his wife, both New Zealanders - cake with map of New Zealand on it. Note, first New Zealanders to be issued with topees - many English troops had been struck with sunstroke owing to lack of protection from the heat and sun. Enjoyed our first cow's milk since leaving New Zealand.

22 June. Started digging Tank Traps Garawla, Western Desert. Lieut. J Mackey and C S M G Andrews B Company commandeered a tractor from Mersa Matruth during an air raid - made a homemade scoop to remove spoil from side of tank trap (all work by hand tools). 18th Battalion had 1200 yards allotted to them out of 5 miles.

4th September. Guarding Baggush 4th Brigade HQ digging Egypt's Second Line of Defence - Italian air raids and dropping "Thermos flask bombs" (from 1 bomber 1 night), heavy rain and sandstorms - my section patrolled a secret aerodrome, 20 miles or so out in the Western Desert for approximately 7 days - Wellington Bombers refuelling depot on way from Nile Delta to Libya. (These were the first heavy bombers in the Middle East.)

4th October. Major W H Evans delivered personally addressed written messages:

"HAURAKIS"

"A year ago today you answered the call, quit civilian life and mobilised at Ngaruawahia. Untrained though most of you were, your character and stamp of manhood filled me with pride and confidence in being privileged to command you knowing that you will more than make the grade.

"Today, trained and toughened soldiers, the period of preparation and tedious waiting coming to an end, you will shortly be given the chance to strike the blow for freedom and Empire that you have been long itching to deliver. And not by one deed will one man tarnish the great tradition of the HAURAKIS.

"WHAKA TANGATA. KIA KAHA.

"In The Field,

Egypt,

Oct. 4 1940 (Signed) Wm H Evans, Major O C "B" (Hauraki) Coy. 18th Bn 2nd N Z E F"

8th March 1941. Arrived in Athens by "Ajax".

Very warm welcome by Greeks - camped 2 or 3 days outskirts of Athens under pine trees - always remember the smell of pine after being in the desert. Visited the Acropolis, etc. Travelled to top of Greece, Katarini, by train, old carriages, last century, witnessed the city of Salonika being bombed and covered with smoke. Servia Pass - first time most of us had been in snow, shelled by Germans. We retreated over the mountains in dead of night, eventually took up positions overlooking Thebes, 3 days and 3 nights watching Germans trying to find us and our artillery shelling them. Eventually drove through Athens at 2.00am and on to Porto Rafti to be evacuated by the "Ajax" on the night of 29th April 1941.

Notes - Memories - Church service. Padre Dawson, Katarini, Greek women joining in the singing of "Abide with me" - women working on the roads as all men at war - being one thousand feet up a mountain and watching Germans (Servia Pass) 2 or 3 miles away put guns into position then opening fire. Shells landing behind my section position and blankets, etc being ripped up with the blasts. At Porto Rafti we were being bombed near beehives and decided that bees were more dangerous than German bombs, and moved smartly from that area.

Crete 29th April to 19th May

After arrival in Crete, a time of waiting and period of reorganising before the coming of the Germans. 19th May 12 Platoon detailed off to act as Escort to King of Greece and Party and took up position around his Headquarters on outskirts of Canea.

Next morning at breakfast the Airborne Invasion started and immediately the Royal Party and Escort departed on a 2 day trek across the mountains to a naval ship, sailing on to Alexandria, Egypt. I was ordered back with 10 men with surplus ammunition, etc. to rejoin the 18th Battalion, which I did in the middle of a bombing raid. From then on it was a hard march for all concerned across Crete to Spakia, being bombed most of the way, with no rest and very little food or water - taken off Crete in early hours on 31st May by HMAS "Nizam" and HMS "Napier". Bombed on the way to Alexandria - "Napier" was hit but managed to struggle out of bombing range.

June onwards - was at Training Base, Maadi and Prison Camp, Suez, - 18th in North Africa Campaign.

February 1942 - Rejoined Haurakis, B Company for the last time, acting as C S M for a short period, then was transferred to C Company.

Notes

The King of Greece never showed any signs of weakness at any stage of the journey - he was always cheerful, was, in fact a very interesting man to talk to and was interested to learn about New Zealand.

The Cretans were a very brave people, fighting for their country and persevering under terrible difficulties. They are still remembered by members of the New Zealand Crete Veterans Association who supply aid to them. Many New Zealanders return to Crete to attend the Memorial Services in May each year at Gallatos, Maleme and the Cemetery, Suda Bay.

September 1942

18th Battalion were pulled out of the defensive line at Alamein to Maadi where it was reformed and became the 18th Battalion and Armoured Regiment along with the 19th & 20th to form the 4th Armoured Brigade, and now after 52 years of comradeship, formed during the War years, the 18th still meet once a year for a Reunion.

Jim Seymour was awarded the "Gold Cross of St. George with Swords" (Greece's highest military honour) for his part in escorting the King of Greece off Crete. The N Z Herald of 23 May 1991, in a feature about the celebrations, reported as

follows: "The King was in no position to supply medals during the war and for years afterwards, the recipients had to content themselves with ribbons only.

"Then during a New Zealand Royal visit, Jim Seymour was turned out as a member of the Cambridge Volunteer Fire Brigade for an inspection by the Duke of Edinburgh. The Duke - a member of the Greek Royal line - noticed the ribbon and asked about the circumstances. The Duke noted the details on a cigarette packet, said he would look into the matter." The medal arrived shortly thereafter."

Unveiling



Welcome by Padre Joe Huta & Piper Ray Crafts



Unveiling by Rebecca & Ryan





Reading of the prayers



Christine & family



Te Kei Merito leads the ode



News from the Regiment



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

Association News



Aubrey Balzer celebrates his 91st Birthday



ARMY NEWS

Waikato Mounted Rifles Parade in Cambridge



The Mayor of the Waipa District Council, Mr Alan Livingston, inspects the Waikato Mounted Rifles (WMR) Guard of Honour in Cambridge. He is escorted by the Officer Commanding WMR, Major Grant Arrowsmith, and the Colonel Commandant RNZAC, Colonel (Retired) David Grant OBE.

A spring shower in the middle of a fine day finished just in time to allow the granting of the Charter of Cambridge Township to the Waikato Mounted Rifles (WMR), 6th Hauraki Battalion Group, on November 12th. WMR, an RNZAC squadron based in Hamilton and mounted in Armoured Light Operational Vehicles, has enjoyed a close association with Cambridge since WMR's founding unit, the Cambridge Mounted Ranger Volunteers, was mooted at meetings in the Duke of Cambridge Hotel in the late 1860s. On the 24 July 1869 the Cambridge Mounted Ranger Volunteers was accepted for service and this is now WMR's Regimental Birthday.

For the past 11 years Cambridge has hosted Armistice Day commemorations over the weekend closest to Armistice Day. This involves military vehicle displays, military re-enactment groups and a formal Armistice Day Parade at the Cambridge Town Hall. WMR has supplied a cenotaph guard at each Armistice parade, and soldiers to support recruiting stands and various displays. In recognition of this close association between WMR and the Town of Cambridge, the Waipa District Council, of which Cambridge is a part, decided to formalise the relationship through the granting of a Charter. In August last year the then-Chief of Army endorsed the issuing of the charter from the Army's perspective. The Director Army Reserves (and a Cambridge local), Colonel Jon Broadley, decided that the best time to conduct the Charter parade would be during the next Armistice Day commemoration in Cambridge.

On the afternoon of 12 November 2011, WMR marched onto the forecourt of the Cambridge Town Hall to be inspected by Alan Livingston, Mayor of Waipa District, prior to him presenting the Charter. The Colonel Commandant RNZAC, Colonel (Retired) David Grant, OBE, received the Charter from Mayor Livingston on behalf of WMR and presented a WMR plaque in return. WMR then fixed bayonets and marched through Cambridge behind a horse-mounted WMR trooper, an armoured Light Operational Vehicle, and a piper and drummer, thereby implementing their newly-awarded right to march through Cambridge with bayonets fixed, swords drawn, colours flying, drums beating and bands playing.

Military guests included the Chief of Defence Force, Lieutenant General Rhys Jones, Warrant Officer of the Defence Force, Warrant Officer Class One Alan Cunningham, Director Army Reserves (Col Broadley), 2LFG Formation Sergeant Major (WO1 McLean), Regimental Colonel RNZAC (Lieutenant Colonel Terry Kinloch), Commanding Officer 6 Hauraki Battalion (LTCOL Sewell) and CO (Designate) QAMR (LTCOL James Kaio). Civilian guests included the MP for Taupo, Louise Upston, the MP for Waikato, Lindsay Tisch, various members of the Waipa District Council, and the Armistice in Cambridge Committee.

At the end of the parade the CDF and Colonel Commandant RNZAC took the opportunity to promote Lance Corporal Dallas Shepherd and Trooper Karl Johnson.

US recognition of Kiwi Afghanistan effort

U.S. ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL

Maj Grant Douglas Arrowsmith, RNZIR
WO2 Brett Henry Te Wheoro, RNZIR

The service of New Zealand Defence Force personnel serving in Afghanistan as part of Operation Enduring Freedom was recognised in a special United States medal presentation in Wellington on 15 November.

US Marine Corps Major General Peter Talleri presented a Bronze Star, nine Meritorious Service medals and 15 Army Commendation medals to 25 NZ Defence Force personnel.

At the presentation Major General Talleri said, "The accomplishments of your Defence Force in Bamiyan Province, Afghanistan are quite impressive. I've had the opportunity to read some of your award citations that you will be presented with today and I am truly humbled by the selfless acts and sacrifices that you have accomplished."

Among the recipients were 11 NZ Defence Force personnel who served with the New Zealand Provincial Reconstruction Team (NZPRT) in Bamiyan Province, Afghanistan

Museum



.Hauraki Badge in the Garrison

Projects under construction:

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.

Donation of the books "Weapons of World War II " & " 2194 days of War" to the Hauraki Association by **Hugh Harrison** is greatly acknowledged.

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.

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.

Foot note:

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

From the Scrap book

Taken from the Alf Hopa collection. If you want other photos from the collection, please contact me.



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Front Row: A. HOPA, K. BROWN, BUCK TE AOTONGA (Coach), M. TE AOTONGA (Captain), J. THATCHER (Vice-Capt), G. RIRINUI (Manager), K. NGATAI, R. PUKE.

Absent: D. BIDOIS (Club Secretary), C. FAHY, R. TAYLOR, B. PEARSON.



Annual Camp Waiouru - Administration Company win the Efficiency Shield for the First Time.



Hauraki SNCO Formal Dinner



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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

Hauraki Association Shoot



What's that old fellow doing?



Eric in charge of the shoot.



Now that is some gun!



Yes, that's another sheep.

CADETS



WBOPCU End of Year Parade.& prize giving

Our Associated Groups

Patriots Defence Force Motorcycle Club

Bike-mad Erik still king of road at 80



BURNING RUBBER: Eighty-year-old Erik Kristensen still hits the road on his motorbike. He's seen on one of his six bikes outside the Classic Motorcycle Club in Mount Maunganui. PHOTO/JOEL FORD (2/11/10) 90P

Vietnam vet is no stranger to long rides in support of charities

By Sam Boyer
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THE first vehicle he bought when he reached New Zealand was a motorbike — and he's been riding them ever since.

Erik Kristensen, 80, came here with his family from Denmark when he was 18 and he now owns six bikes, in addition to his two cars — a modern BMW and a 1928 Model A Ford.

Mr Kristensen so entrenched himself in Kiwi culture that he felt obliged to serve and protect his adopted country, eventually enrolling in the New Zealand Army and serving in the Vietnam War.

He loves his bikes, he is a proud Vietnam veteran and he was recently able to combine the two when he joined the Patriots, a motor cycle club made up of defence force personnel. It's the third club in which he is a member — also belonging to the Tauranga Classic Motorcycle Club and the Vintage Car Club.

"Three years ago I didn't know the Patriots at all. Inquired about them, I asked my brother about them and he said, 'They're a gang, forget about them'," he said.

But they weren't a gang, he



The Golden Years

discovered. Rather, they're just a motorcycle club made up predominantly of army, navy and air force personnel. And, he found out, they're also dedicated to supporting charity.

"I found out they're all ex-servicemen, and some of them are still serving. Also we have some police members.

"I found out that they did the White Ribbon ride. I thought, we didn't have fighting overseas any more, it's in our backyard. We need to clean up the violence," he said.

The White Ribbon ride opposes violence towards women. In November this year for the cause Mr Kristensen rode from Tauranga to Wellington before

heading up the East Coast almost to Kaitiaki before heading home again.

Friend Lionel Reeve, a member of the Classic Motorcycle Club, said he's forever impressed by Mr Kristensen's longevity on the bike.

"He's pretty good. It's not so much how often he rides, it's the distances the guy rides. For an 80-year-old to take on riding to Wellington and then up the coast, he's a good old stick," he said.

On July 10, 1967, the day New Zealand took on the decimal system, Mr Kristensen was posted to Vietnam.

He spent one year there and saw more action than he wanted.

"I spent 12 months in Vietnam. We had 37 killed in battle over there. I was on seven operations."

He quit the army in 1972 in Trentham but was recruited back in at Tauranga, where he was an armourer and eventually retired as a Staff Sergeant.

He's the oldest member of the Patriots and plans to keep riding for as long as he can. And after 62 years on motorbikes he still loves the feeling of hitting the road.

"It's like flying an aeroplane at low level.

"You're much more involved in nature than you are sitting behind a windscreen of a car," he said.

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UPCOMING EVENTS
2012

February

3rd	Friday	1600 hrs	Garrison Club	Nibbles	
10th	Friday	1600 hrs	Garrison Club	Nibbles	
			Hauraki		Rhodesian
10th	Friday	1900 hrs	Museum	MOVIES	Graze
14th	Tuesday	1900 hrs	Garrison Club	Committee Meeting	
16th		Newsletter printed & posted			
17th	Friday	1600 hrs	Garrison Club	Nibbles	
24th	Friday	1600 hrs	Garrison Club	Finger Food	

March

2nd	Friday	1600 hrs	Garrison Club	Nibbles	
9th	Friday	1600 hrs	Garrison Club	Nibbles	
			Hauraki		Rhodesian
9th	Friday	1900 hrs	Museum	MOVIES	Graze
13th	Tuesday	1900 hrs	Garrison Club	Committee Meeting	
23rd	Friday	1600 hrs	Garrison Club	Nibbles	
30th	Friday	1600 hrs	Garrison Club	Finger Food	

April

6th	Friday	1800 hrs	Garrison Club	Nibbles	
10th	Tuesday	1900 hrs	Garrison Club	Committee Meeting	
13th	Friday	1600 hrs	Garrison Club	Nibbles	
			Hauraki		Rhodesian
13th	Friday	1900 hrs	Museum	MOVIES	Graze
20th	Friday	1600 hrs	Garrison Club	Nibbles	
25th	Wednesday	Dawn	ANZAC Day		
27th	Friday	1600 hrs	Garrison Club	Finger Food	

May

4th	Friday	1600 hrs	Garrison Club	Nibbles	
8th	Tuesday	1900 hrs	Garrison Club	Committee Meeting	
11th	Friday	1600 hrs	Garrison Club	Nibbles	
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