



# Hauraki News

“Whaka tangata kia kaha”

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## President's Report

The realignment of the Defense Force has nearly been completed and the importance of the Territorial Force has been highlighted by the new Chief of Army. (See following article). As with any readjustment there are differences of opinion and we have expressed our concerns in many different forums, for and on your behalf.

As an Association we are indeed fortunate to have a place to display the contribution of our soldiers over the past 115 years, in the Association Museum. This has been highlighted that in the time since ANZAC Day, three youth groups have visited our museum. This has kept Tony, Ray, Bob and me busy, as we attempt to pass onto the youth, the importance of the Territorial Forces in the community. The exciting factor I have found, the youth are more motivated to learn and are more knowledgeable than their parents.

The youth on ANZAC Day are outnumbering the adults, which is great. The Cadet unit I work alongside has grown and is now the largest in NZ; so are all the other units in the Hauraki AO. Hauraki Experience XV will be held in July, you are invited to attend the presentation of the Hauraki Sword to the top cadet.

Your committee has joined with other like minded groups to Celebrate and Commemorate the WWI period over the years 2014 – 2019. (See below)

In the last period we have lost four “Hauraki”. I was able to attend three of the funerals. You think you know someone, but at the end there is only half of the story. Unfortunately we tend to meet our past living comrades at funerals. Maybe we should be having more reunions?

For the 115<sup>th</sup> Regimental Birthday celebrations we have a Saturday available if enough people indicate they wish to have an event. Your committee has “penciled in” Sunday afternoon for “medal presentation” if anyone requests to have a medal presented. We have also have a space for a “Guest Speaker” but have not yet confirmed with the Guest Speaker.

As an Association we are committed to assist the ‘Hauraki’, in what ever formation they are in. To achieve this we need YOUR help, ideas & assistance.

The Tauranga Library has taken on the task of down loading a lot of “Hauraki” history. Have look & send your comments to me. To date I have had no comments so I presume everyone is happy what we are doing!

Kia Kaha  
Des Anderson

## CO 3/6 RNZIR - LTCOL Julian Sewell



Thank you for this opportunity to contribute to this edition of Association newsletter. I'd like to start by thanking you for an Association. I have long known the value of regimental am extremely grateful for your selfless commitment and our military fabric is that much richer because of our regimental associations and the way in which you perpetuate all that is good about military service.

the Regimental everything you do as associations and I support. In my view,

3/6 RNZIR finally came into being on 7 December 2012 and late last month a ceremonial parade, before the Commander-in-Chief, cemented the amalgamation of the six Territorial Force battalions. In his speech Sir Jerry made frequent reference to six infantry battalions, although we had held the titles of battalion groups. However, he was quite right; the armour, engineer and artillery capabilities that made up the battalion groups had long been re-assigned to their parent regiments. In accordance with the Chief of Army's directive, the three (amalgamated) battalions are now roled and structured as light infantry battalions of three companies with a small headquarters and a small number of Army Logistic Regiment soldiers organic to each company.

Something that hasn't changed is the requirement train soldiers that are capable and credible. The Battalion's key challenge lies in being able to effectively integrate with Queen Alexandra's Mounted Rifles for collective training and operational delivery. So whilst a whole lot won't change at the individual training level, it does at the collective training level where expectations and training tempo are greater. Nonetheless, leaders still have to lead and everyone still has to be competent in their particular role in order to exploit the increased training, deployment and resourcing opportunities presented through alignment with QAMR.

It is solely up to us to demonstrate our effectiveness consistently and credibly, but I am very confident that we will achieve this and continue the long and proud history of service. Best of all, I know that you will support us throughout.

Onward

### New battalion role

Lieutenant Colonel Julian Sewell, the last commanding officer of the 6<sup>th</sup> Hauraki Battalion, has been appointed the commanding officer of the newly amalgamated 3rd/6<sup>th</sup> Battalion of the Royal New Zealand Infantry Regiment. The Hauraki's have been trimmed down to a 130-strong company of soldiers within the new battalion, which also consists of the former 3rd Auckland Battalion. A parade yesterday marked the start of the new chapter in the history of New Zealand's territorial forces, which have been trimmed from six battalions to three.

Bay of Plenty Times, Tauranga Bay of Plenty  
18 Mar 2013

The NZ Army has streamlined its six Territorial Force (TF) battalions into three.



**His Excellency the Governor-General, Lieutenant General the Right Honourable Sir Jerry Mateparae** presided over a parade which saw 100 soldiers and officers from across the entire Territorial Force mark the occasion at Government House in Wellington on 17 March 2013.

These changes to the TF are part of the Total Defence Workforce which is designed to modernise and focus on the skills required to do the job. The Defence Force is committed to maintaining the important historical and community links of all the battalions.

Addressing the soldiers after the parade, Sir Jerry said the six battalions had been a fundamental part of the New Zealand Army's Order of Battle since the last major reorganisation in 1964.

"Every military unit has its own character and proud history, and New Zealand infantry battalions can rightly boast a heritage that stretches back to the beginnings of our military history. "In more recent times as New Zealand has increased its commitment to peacekeeping, the Territorial Force has complemented the Regular Force as the Army's Reserve.

Six hundred TF soldiers served in Timor Leste, and a large number has also served with the Regional Assistance Mission in Solomon Islands. Our TF personnel have also served in Korea, Pakistan, Bougainville, Bosnia, the Sinai, Lebanon, Afghanistan and elsewhere.

"After the Christchurch earthquake our TF soldiers performed a variety of tasks. The story of our reservists is one of ordinary New Zealanders who have stepped forward to do their duty. Their service gives real meaning to the values the Defence Force holds so dear— Courage, Commitment, Comradeship and Integrity. Our TF has served its nation at its time of greatest need."





**Chief of Army, Major General Dave Gawn** said the Territorial Force is vital in helping the New Zealand Defence Force achieve its aims.

"The reorganisation of our TF personnel will deliver a more operationally focused and sustainable reserve capability for the Army and TF personnel will be integrated much more closely with Regular Force personnel. This means TF personnel will train and work closely with their RF counterparts, which will boost reservist skills levels, and raise the profile, utility and range of civilian skills within the wider NZDF.

"Territorial Force personnel can now be easily and quickly integrated into an RF unit if that unit needs extra skills for an exercise or deployment, and just as easily be returned to the Army reserve. I am delighted we will now have a much closer relationship with our TF colleagues as they bring with them a wealth of talent and knowledge that can only enhance the way we as an Army do business."



The new battalions are as follows:

2nd Battalion (Canterbury and Nelson-Marlborough and West Coast Regiment) is combining with 4th Battalion (Otago and Southland Regiment) to form:

2nd/4th Battalion, Royal New Zealand Infantry Regiment (2/4 RNZIR).

Commanding Officer: Lieutenant Colonel Grant McMillan

Regimental Sergeant Major: Warrant Officer Class One Jason Rapana

5th Battalion (Wellington West Coast and Taranaki Regiment) and 7th Battalion (Wellington [City of Wellington's Own], Hawkes Bay Regiment) are combining to form:

5th/7th Battalion, Royal New Zealand Infantry Regiment (5/7 RNZIR).

Commanding Officer: Lieutenant Colonel Ian MacDonald

Regimental Sergeant Major: Warrant Officer Class One Wayne McAsey

3rd Battalion (Auckland [Countess of Ranfurly's Own] and Northland Regiment) are combining with 6th Battalion (Hauraki Regiment) to form:

**3rd/6th Battalion, Royal New Zealand Infantry Regiment (3/6 RNZIR).**

Commanding Officer: **Lieutenant Colonel Julian Sewell**

Regimental Sergeant Major: **Warrant Officer Class One Michael Shaw**



## OBITUARIES

### **John Edwin MARSH**

MARSH, John Edwin Heremaia. M.B.E., J.P., Regt No T41026 RNZIR, Major (Retired), Borneo, V1. Passed away 12th February 2013. At his request a private funeral was held in Rotorua  
Adjutant 6<sup>th</sup> Battalion (Hauraki) Royal New Zealand Infantry Regiment 1970 - 1972

## Death of a gentleman: Aubrey Balzer



TRIBUTE: Maori returned servicemen and women sing a song in tribute to their comrade Aubrey Balzer.



It was to the tune of an old wartime marching song that the last officer from the Maori Battalion was farewelled in Rotorua.

Hundreds of people, including a strong contingent of returned servicemen and women, filled Living Well Church yesterday to pay their last respects to Aubrey Huia Balzer, former commander of the 6th Hauraki Regiment and officer in B Company, Maori Battalion.

Up until his death last Sunday, while mowing the lawn at his beach house in Maketu, Mr Balzer, 92, was the last surviving officer of the Maori Battalion and in a fitting farewell the battalion's marching song Maori Battalion March to Victory was played as his body was taken from the church.

An honour guard made up of fellow returned servicemen and young soldiers lined the entrance to the church before he was taken away for a private cremation.

The service was taken by John Treanor who said Mr Balzer lived an extraordinary and interesting life characterized by a strong set of principles.





"From humble beginnings Aubrey worked his way from peace, through war and back, once again, to peace," he said.

Near the end of the service a tribute was made to him by members of the Te Arawa Maori Returned Services League and a bugler played The Last Post and Reveille.

The army was represented by Lt Colonel Julian Sewell, commanding officer of the 3/6 Royal New Zealand Infantry Regiment.

15 March 2013 Daily Post photographs by Stephen Parker



Some of the "Hauraki Ladies" at Aubrey's Funeral

# In Loving Memory Of



## Aubrey Huia Balzer ED

December 30 1920 - March 10 2013

Honorary Colonel (6th Hauraki Regiment)

Service No 275754, Lt Col, RNZIR (Retired)

Lieutenant, 28th Maori Battalion

### **EULOGY FOR AUBREY HUIA BALZER**

Colleen Balzer - Daughter

Aubrey Huia Balzer was pig-headed, determined, driven, self-sufficient, strong willed, strong mentally and physically.

He needed all of these traits to be a survivor, and a survivor is what he was for 92 years.

Aubrey was also highly intelligent, both intellectually and practically, a gifted musician with a magnificent untrained voice, and a ukulele player extraordinaire. He was a generous and trusted family man and friend.

Aubrey Huia was born on December 30 1920, at Whakarewarewa, to Ellen Tuparahaki Hunt of Tuhourangi, and Walter Balzer. He was the second of three boys, with Clarence the eldest, and Oswald the youngest. When he was five years old, his father left the family. This was in an era of no solo parent benefits, so in order to keep her family together, Nanny worked every hour she could guiding tourists at Whakarewarewa. She guided with her mother Guide Susan who had been the first registered guide at Whaka.

The boys were expected to cook, clean, keep the extensive gardens, care for the chooks and get themselves off to school without fail to Whakarewarewa Native School. During winter when there were no tourists, there was no money, and they lived on what they grew and foraged.

As Aubrey approached adolescence, the great depression set in, and there were few tourists. Nanny could not feed her growing boys, but she had a plan – they would need to go as scholarship pupils to St Stephens Maori Boys' School. There they would be educated and fed.

Aubrey was the youngest and smallest boy at school, but he still had to get up at 5am to milk cows, muck out the pigs, and do other chores around the school farm before breakfast every morning.

His classical English education in a Maori setting set him up for life. He learnt to walk confidently in both the Maori and European world.

His last two years of schooling were at Rotorua Boys' High, where he joined the cadets, and first displayed his leadership ability.



Aubrey achieved UE, but there was no way that he could go to university. He was apprenticed to the Road Services Garage to be a mechanic. He also joined the territorial's in the Hauraki Battalion. When war broke out, he was refused permission to go overseas, firstly because he was in a reserved occupation, and secondly because he was needed to train troops going overseas. He wasn't happy, but he accepted it, until in 1943, his two brothers joined the Maori Battalion. Oswald, the youngest, put his age up. Aubrey decided that he needed to go with them – he thought – to keep an eye on them. He also joined the Maori battalion.

The three boys sailed from Wellington on the Aquitania, heading for Maadi in Egypt. After further training they crossed to Taranto in Italy for the beginning of the Italian campaign.

In their first battle at the Sangro, Ossie was killed. It was Aubrey who dug a shallow grave, wrapped his brother in a blanket, and buried him, before returning to the battle. Many years later he would ask me to find out whether Ossie had been found and buried properly.

Aubrey was a frontline soldier though all of the Italian battles. After Sangro and Orsogna, it was Cassino. A and B Company battled through to the strategically important railway station. Support could not get through to them, and so they were forced to withdraw. 200 had gone in, only 26 of the 128 Arawa boys walked out. This was to become the stuff of Aubrey's' nightmares.

In the Sora Valley, Clarrie was severely wounded. It was Aubrey who patched him up and carried him from the battle field. Clarrie survived and was shipped home to NZ to recover. Aubrey was on his own now. He took over command of Clarrie's platoon, and went on to fight at Florence, Faenza, Rimini, Venice and finally Trieste.

He arrived back in New Zealand on the Dominion Monarch on January 23 1946. In his own words, he was 'a mess'. He went home to his mother, burnt his uniform, and put the bedding on the floor (the bed was too soft after years of sleeping on the ground). The nightmares started, and would take over ten years to stop.

He returned to the Road Services as an adult apprentice. He came home from work one day to find orders to report to camp the next weekend. When he protested that he had finished with the army, he was told that he was still on the supply list and was required to train the new recruits. New Zealand was still under threat.

Aubrey returned to the Hauraki's in 1948. He worked his way up through the ranks until in 1959 with the rank of Lt. Col. he took command of the battalion. He was seen as a role model for the Maori soldiers. He was also regarded as a brilliant tactician and strategist. He would eventually become the Honorary Colonel of the Regiment.

Meanwhile in his personal life, Aubrey had met and married Maureen Pope. Maureen was a gentle, placid, quietly spoken woman of Orkney Island descent. They bought the house in Malfroy Road across the road from his brother Clarrie. Aubrey dug a huge vegetable garden, planted an orchard and set about providing for his family. Food flowed into the house. They had three surviving children, Wayne, I and Annette.

Aubrey could turn his hand to almost anything. He was a fan of motor racing and decided that he would build a midget racing car (that is a smaller version of a formula 1). He built it in the front lounge – then took out the windows, frame and all, and lifted the completed car out through the hole.

Next he decided to build a boat for water skiing. Luckily for Maureen it would be too big to go out the window so was built out in the garage.

Aubrey transferred to the forest service, and we moved out to Kaingaroa, where he immediately dug another big vegetable garden. Then he acquired a pig dog named Bing, and a gun, and now we had wild pig and venison, duck and rabbit on the table as well as the vegetables.

Aubrey loved the life at Kaingaroa. He was a formidable golfer and very competitive. When he captained the Maori team in the annual Maori verse the Pakeha golf tournament, the Pakeha's did not stand a chance. Aubrey decided that he wanted to build a bach at Maketu. So he did what he had always done. He built it himself, buying a little bit each pay day, and at the end of twelve months we had a holiday home. He dug another enormous vegetable garden and planted a huge orchard of tropical fruit trees. Then he bought a boat and the kai moana flowed into the kitchen – fresh and smoked fish, crayfish, scallops, and shellfish. It was also distributed around the neighbourhood in Maketu, Rotorua and Kaingaroa.

Aubrey was even competitive when we were out fishing, and just sometimes, I would let him catch more fish than me.

We moved back to Rotorua and he worked until compulsory retirement at 60. The gardening and fishing continued, plus exploits such as making cherry brandy, and the infamous rhubarb champagne which got him into serious trouble when the bottles exploded in the bottom of Maureen's pantry.

After Maureen died, he continued to care for the two houses exactly as she had. He went to the beach every weekend. He made smoked fish pate, cheese logs, baked fruit cakes and steamed Christmas puddings. The Officer's Club in Tauranga and his friend Audree were an important part of his life during these last years. Two years ago we took Aubrey back to Italy. He was reluctant to go, fearful the nightmares would start again. When we arrived in Rome he immediately started speaking in fluent Italian, even changing dialect as we moved through the country. He sang old Italian love songs from the war era much to the delight of the Italian people.

We took him to the Cassino railway station and he finally realised that there was nothing left there to be afraid of anymore. We went to the Sangro Cemetery so that he could say good bye to Ossie, and to the Sora Valley where he had rescued Clarrie. A load lifted from his shoulders, and he smiled. He ate, drank and sang his way through Italy to Florence. He came home with a smile on his face.

Aubrey remained fiercely independent to the end. He was still driving, and taking care of himself, and both houses. Whenever I suggested that he get help, I was told to mind my own business.

He dreaded ending up in the geriatric ward in hospital, or in an old folk's home. Most of all he dreaded having to come and live with me (he said that I am too bossy) I wonder who I take after?

He went to the library every Thursday and selected 5 novels to read during the week. He had recently started reading the big print books and we were amused to see that all of his books for this week had authors beginning with 'L'. He was obviously reading his way through the shelves. Every evening he read the paper from cover to cover, and then completed the crossword, Sudoku, and code breaker.

Last Sunday morning, Aubrey read the Sunday Star Times, checked his Lotto ticket, and then aged 92; he went out to mow the lawn, pig-headed and independent to the end.

*The clock of life is wound but once,  
And no man has the power,  
To tell just when the hands will stop,  
At late or early hour.*

*To lose one's wealth is sad indeed,  
To lose one's health is more,  
To lose one's soul is such a loss,  
That no man can restore.*

*Today, only is our own,  
So live, love and toil with a will,  
Place no faith in tomorrow,  
For the clock may soon be still.*  
Robert H Smith

## **BECKETT, Arthur Bruce (Bruce)**

1940 – 2013

526997 Sgt, 6<sup>th</sup> Battalion (Hauraki) RNZIR, 1959 – 1969

Sgt Bruce Beckett followed in the tradition of his family who have a military background, (his father, Arthur was a "Hauraki" serving prior to, during and after WW2), joined the Hauraki Regiment in 1959. Sgt Bruce Beckett was living Ngatea at the time and spent a number weekends training based at the Thames Army Hall. Sgt Bruce Beckett was in the Intelligence Section and was also the paymaster. Sgt Bruce Beckett requested a discharge in 1969 so he could pursue overseas contacts.



The Committee – Allan Coster. Aubry Balazer & Bruce Beckett.- Directing the shooting held recently.



IN LOVING MEMORY OF

# Arthur Bruce Beckett

24<sup>th</sup> December 1940 – 4<sup>th</sup> April 2013



Requiem Mass celebrated at  
St Mary Immaculate Catholic Church  
Tauranga  
Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2013  
1:00pm

A "short remembrance" by Des Anderson

We were both born during the war. Our fathers served in the War.

Both brought up as Catholics In our up bring we were surrounded by Veterans and their stories.

We first met when we went to Sacred Heart College, Auckland in 1953, as boarders.

Sent to study "Basic Catholic" in a Laboratory, every school day for an hour to do

"Religious studies". Under the control of a Brother Francis a retired Marist Teacher who had no control of teenagers, who had no respect for authority. A great bonding time for us. Stopped bullying at SHC with our "Zombie Gang"

In 1954 we went the New SHC at East Tamaki were there no 3<sup>rd</sup> formers, the boarders were in control

After completing school we both joined the Army. Bruce Territorial's the "Hauraki" were he became a Sgt. I joined the Regular Army serving with the SAS

Moved on to new challenges & adventures. We took up the Popes challenge to rid the world of Communists and joined the Crusade, utilizing the skills we had learnt. I went to South East Asia, Bruce took on the rest; Europe, Africa, Middle East, Asia & Australia.

We kept in touch our the years, particularly when I returned for R&R

After returning to NZ in 1975 I joined the Hauraki's. Bruce came back every year to visit his family & me. Bruce at this time was living in Australia. Paul Beckett lived near me at Mount Maunganui

My wife was killed in car incident in 1999. Bruce was here at the time.

I visited Bruce in Australia on a number of occasions

On a number of times we discussed what we will do for the rest of our lives. Marry?

Bruce had 12 points he needed in an ideal wife. I had one. Bruce prayed to Saint Teresa to help him find a companion.

Bruce met Teresa at Papamoa Beach as she was sitting on a rock. She had met all of Bruce's 12 requirements, plus she was named after Saint Teresa. They were married on that rock. I was a Groom at the ceremony.

Bruce returned to live in NZ after winding up his businesses affairs in Australia.

Bruce was involved in many business endeavors, some I was also involved in others I wasn't.

Bruce also had time to become involved a number of charity organizations, plus those that were Catholic in nature.

Bruce joined with me in the Mount Maunganui Lions & the Hauraki Association. Committee

Bruce as you know was a conspiracy theorist. I am not. I had told Bruce a number of times I could no longer go fishing with him; as we might fall off the edge of the earth. His replies can not be said at this venue. Other the years we had many lively debates.

Although Bruce was on the St Mary's Parish Council & I was on the St Thomas Moore Parish Council, I can assure you, from my position, there was no conspiracy to take over the Church.

After Bruce returned from South America and with the election of Pope Francis, an Argentinean, Bruce tried to convince me, he was some way involved in the conspiracy to have a South American take over of the Church. I guess I will never know?

Bruce to me was more than a close friend, he and I have share many adventures together.

If you want to learn more about those great times we shared, catch me some time, in the Garrison.

Farewell dear friend we will meet again.

Footnote: Some of Bruce's ashes were scattered near "the rock".

Wake:

At 6 Hauraki Association Garrison on Thursday 11th April from 1600hrs (4pm)

Des Anderson placed on the bar, ten bottles of RUM, in memory for his life time friend.

WO2 Brian Schinkel (Rtd)  
6th Battalion (Hauraki),  
Royal New Zealand Infantry Regiment  
20/07/39 – 29/04/13



## EULOGY

Brian died suddenly on 29 April in Cambridge.

It is not as a fellow- Hauraki member that I write this eulogy, but as a neighbour and mate.

We spent many happy hours discussing a wide range of topics, few as dear to his heart as his immediate family, as well as his other family – the Hauraki Battalion.

Brian was immensely proud of his immediate family as he was of his long association with Hauraki. The stories he told of his time serving in Hauraki conjured up images of discipline, hard training, deep camaraderie and enduring friendships. He always kept my interest when describing his exploits parachuting or exercises with characters that made names for themselves – sometimes for all the wrong reasons!

I was impressed to learn from Brian of the number he served with who are, and have been successful and significant business and community leaders. Such is has been the Hauraki catchment of talent.

I recall Brian getting very hot over a few cold beers describing to me the insulting debacle of the Hauraki amalgamation. What he wasn't going to do to those "...bas\*\*\*\*s who knows nothing about the Services.." wasn't worth doing! I felt for our local MP who was lined up for a meeting to listen to Brian's very eloquent and unambiguous views on the matter!

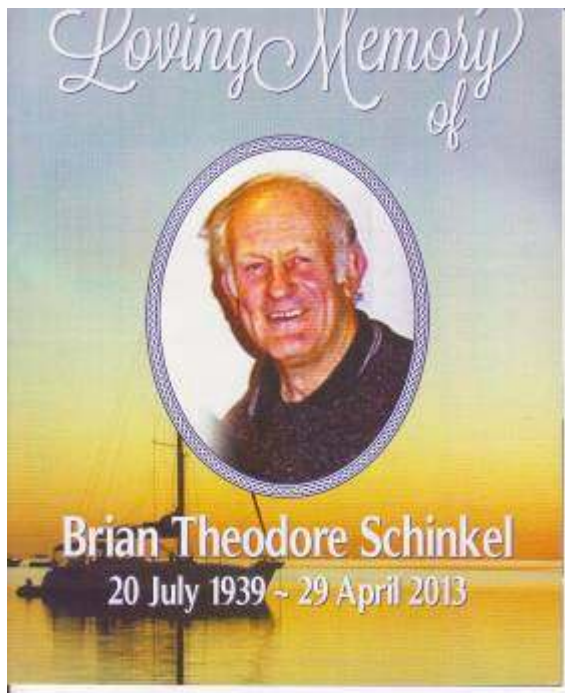
Another friend who is current TF helped Brian with a building project late last year. The way they worked together was amazing. With Brian as Sgt Major and Andy as his subordinate they performed like a well-oiled machine, with an innate understanding of working as a team to achieve the objective. Another demonstration of the unspoken bond between Hauraki members.

I had the privilege of being introduced to Des Anderson and the Hauraki Museum by Brian. There I discovered a seemingly hidden secret of history and pride, and an active membership intent on supporting one another.

Through my friendship with Brian I was lucky enough to not only learn so much about the Hauraki Battalion, but also about the powerful bond between its members and how much they have contributed to our society through excellent people like Brian.

Thank you mate. Rest in Peace. **Graeme Dick**





A sad parting  
Brian was a hard man with a heart the size of the Waikato  
His spirit will be missed  
Kia Kaha: **Jon Gibson**

Hi all, I am deeply saddened to hear of the loss of Brian. I remember him with great clarity over the years. Especially all the extra hours he personally put in his private time to assist the battalion with the shooting teams, at the range, making targets, and so forth. Please pass on my condolences and highest regards to his family and friends, and comrades alike.  
Kia kaha. **Kerry Just**

For some reason I just never imagined him ever passing on. He seemed like the eternal old soldier. A great bloke, dedicated soldier and a great mate. Rest in Peace Brian. Truly, a mighty Totara has fallen in the forest of Tane. A bit of a reality check that we should all keep in touch more as we never know when we will be called onto that parade ground.  
Whakatangata Kia kaha! **John Dick.**

A great man, hard but fair and respected by OR's, NCO's and officers alike. Gave so much of his time for the idea and the practice of a territorial army and the soldiers who served within. Have very fond memories of this 'salt of the earth' man.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to his remaining family. I will ask my Hamilton based son to see if he can represent our family at the service and pay Robyn and my respects.  
Ma te Atua he manaaki te whanau pani me o koutou ano te morehu. Moe mai te rangatira, moe mai te kauri. Kei te tika ou huarahi ki te ringaringa o tatou Kaihanga ki te aroha o ou tupuna e ngaro nei.  
Regards: **Roma Hippolite**

When I join 'Hauraki' in 1975 I was in Recon Plt at the rank of Pte. The Plt had 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt Ted Dean, as Platoon Commander & two sergeants. Sgt Bill Whitea & **Sgt Brian Schinkel**. (Brian was living in Norfolk Island at the time, and would come down for annual camp and complete his twenty days.)

When Brian received a bar to his EM it was on a Battalion Parade. The citation was read out by the Adjutant, it began; Brian **THEODORE** Schinkel. "Theodore" "Theodore" "Theodore" "Theodore" rang around the parade, drowning out the citation. If you wanted to be "volunteered for extra duties" don't get caught, calling Brian, "Theodore".

Like everyone who knew Brian, I have many great stories to tell of his exploits, which I can reveal, most probably in the Garrison over rum or two.  
Kia Kaha! **Des Anderson**

Letters to the Editor
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Hi Des,  
Wanted three Fire-arm Safety Instructors (Male or Females) for the NZ Mountain Council. All training given, which will make you fully qualified to do Safety lectures and administrate test papers.  
If interested contact: Mike on 021757605 or email, [midimk@hotmail.co.nz](mailto:midimk@hotmail.co.nz).  
Regards

Mike Myers-Kay  
Tauranga Fire-Arms Co-Coordination MSC

Always remember Des, the 6ths are the only NZ Army unit with their own march!!!  
Anyone wants an mp3 file of the march, let me know  
Cheers, I enjoy the news as always Gavin Marriott

Hi Des.

As you know I served with the Hauraki's from 1997 to 2010 with some postings and deployments in between. Anyway I hope the lads and ladies are doing well and upholding the spirit of the Hauraki's. I did some travelling when I left including bussing around Europe and driving form Istanbul to Gallipolli. I now have a new vocation as an English Language Teacher. I have taught in Thailand, Cambodia and am now in Hanoi, Vietnam. Recently, during the Tet Holiday, I completed a 1200km road trip of Northern Vietnam on my trusty Honda Scooter. Along the way. I visited the Dien Bien Phu battleground and thought you may like the photos attached.

Kia Kaha, Onward. Tony "Aussie" Shaw



Editor, Thanks for the letter & photos. I have published a few. If you want some of Aussie's photo please advise.

## 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](#)



## HISTORY of Hauraki Regiment

### The mystery of the origin of the Hauraki Regiment cap badge.

It would appear that the origins of the cap badge used by the Hauraki Regiment are destined to remain a mystery. Despite extensive investigation, no connection with English Regiments can be proved-especially with the Worcestershire Regiment, whose pattern the Hauraki Badge follows exactly.

The Hauraki Regiment has its roots in the Volunteer movement with the formation of the Thames Rifle Rangers in 1868<sup>1</sup>. The Regiment was formally gazetted in 1898<sup>2</sup>. It adopted its current and only, pattern cap badge in 1911<sup>3</sup>, when it was approved by the King. However, this badge can be traced back to the helmet plate of the Thames Rifle Rangers.<sup>4</sup>

There are several stories as to the origins of the badge. A possible explanation was that in 1910 a sergeant of the Worcestershire Regiment was sent to New Zealand to help with the re-organization of their forces and his badge may have been copied.<sup>5</sup>

The timing is near enough-given that the Hauraki badge was approved by the King in 1911, for the theory to be plausible.

Note that the motto "Firm" could be translated to "Kia Kaha" (Be Strong) to convey the same meaning as "Firm".

It is unlikely that the Worcestershire theory is relevant however, as the Hauraki badge design appeared as a helmet plate for the Thames Rifle Rangers, formed in 1868<sup>6</sup>, with the motto "Nulli Secundus" (above the scroll)<sup>7</sup>. To confuse the matter, it is interesting to note an article in a local paper<sup>8</sup> that mentions the Hauraki Engineers. It states in part "... *the company (Hauraki Engineers) would continue to hold the position which it had maintained during the past eleven years of its existence, which he (Capt. Small) was proud to say fully, justified the motto on their helmets of "Nulli Secundus"*". It appears that the Hauraki Engineers started as the Thames Engineer Volunteers in 1869.

It has been suggested that a retired Worcestershire officer, Major Isaac Rhodes Cooper was the first OC of the newly formed Thames Rifle Rangers,<sup>9</sup> later the officer commanding the Thames military district; he may have contributed the badge<sup>10</sup>. The badge is very similar to the

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<sup>1</sup> NZ Gazette-acc 1/3/1868.

<sup>2</sup> Rifle/Infantry Volunteer and Territorial Units-1.020106: see NZ Gazette; (9/7/98). Gaz 68/98-HQ Paeroa. 2nd Bn Auckland Rifle Vol.

<sup>3</sup> Vennell, CW; "*Short history of the Hauraki Regiment*" - undated.

<sup>4</sup> Richard Taylor in "*Comrades Brave*" suggests that the first unit formed in Thames was the Hauraki Rifle Volunteers under Major IR Cooper and that this unit wore the "Nulli Secundus" helmet plate. The Thames Rifle Rangers were formed in 1868 and accepted on 15/12/1868-the Hauraki Rifle Volunteers being accepted on 1/3/1869. It is more likely that Cooper was first associated with the Rifle Rangers as the Officer Commanding the District and the O.C. being one Lieutenant Jackson.

<sup>5</sup> Captain HP Pereira A.R. Hist. S., writing in "*Firm*"- Journal of Worcester and Sherwood Foresters; October 1947.

<sup>6</sup> Rifle/Infantry Volunteer and Territorial Units-1.020102: see NZ Gazette; acc 15/12/68-Gaz 26/69

<sup>7</sup> Corbett, DA; "*The Regimental History of New Zealand*", revised ed (Auckland-1980); p 210.

<sup>8</sup> Thames Advertiser; 24 November 1880.

<sup>9</sup> AM Isdale; "*An early history of local volunteer forces in the Hauraki Plains area*"-undated.

<sup>10</sup> AM Isdale; "*A brief history of the Hauraki cap badge*" - undated.

Worcestershire badge<sup>11</sup> in use from 1898 to 1923<sup>12</sup>. The Hauraki badge differs from the Worcestershire only in the motto and name (the Hauraki's motto being Kia Kaha).

Regrettably it is not possible to establish a connection with Cooper and the Worcestershire Regiment;<sup>13</sup> Cooper actually served in the 58th (Rutlandshire) Regiment<sup>14</sup>. Another complicating factor is that while the Worcestershire cap badge has a crowned Lion used on the colours of the 29th Foot in the Peninsular War; with the crowned Lion and Garter on an elongated star forming the centre-piece of the 29th officers' shako plate in 1830, and without the crown on the Lion, c.1819, the long WORCESTERSHIRE scroll was only introduced in 1897<sup>15</sup>! Remember the Thames Rifle Rangers used the badge as a helmet plate with 'Nulli Secundus' in 1868.

So the connection with the Worcestershire Regiment is unlikely given that their badge was only in service from 1898 to 1923 - so it could not have been bought by Major Cooper to the Thames Rifle Rangers as it was not a current pattern badge in the 1868. It could be-however unlikely-that the Worcestershire badge of 1898-1923 was copied from the Volunteers helmet plate!

We should note that the 1st Battalion, The Worcestershire Regiment, the old 29th Foot, was raised by Colonel Thomas Farrington of the Coldstream Guards in 1694. For this reason, the general outline of the star is similar to that of the Coldstream Guards and the garter is derived from that connection also.<sup>16</sup>

This poses the thought that an individual, who was a member of the early volunteer units raised in Thames (New Zealand,) may have hailed from the Coldstream Guards originally; and corrupted their badge to form the early helmet plate with the motto 'Nulli Secundus'. Unlikely. Without going through New Zealand Volunteer capitation roles and Service lists in England, the making of this connection is difficult.

None of the 16 units that served in New Zealand during the New Zealand Wars had similar badges<sup>17</sup>: i.e. the

12th Suffolk,  
4th Bedfordshire,  
18th Royal Irish,  
40th Second Somerset,  
43rd Monmouthshire,  
50th Queen's Own,  
57th West Middlesex,  
58th Rutlandshire,  
65th 2nd Yorkshire, North Riding,  
68th Durham Light Infantry,

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<sup>11</sup> Williams, JR; "*Worthy of a Second Glance*".(Illustration) Article April 1978. Publication not named. See also Gaylor, John; "*Military Badge Collecting*." Third Edition. See also Wilkinson, F.; "*Badges of the British Army 1820 to the present*."

<sup>12</sup> See also correspondence to author from Worcestershire Regiment Museum Trust May 1996

<sup>13</sup> Correspondence to author from Worcestershire Regiment Museum Trust, May 1996.

<sup>14</sup> Taylor, Richard; "*Comrades Brade*"-appendix three- 2000.

<sup>15</sup> Correspondence to author from Worcestershire Regiment Museum Trust, May 1996.

<sup>16</sup> Edwards, TJ Major; "*Regimental Badges*"- (6th Edition) - 1974.

<sup>17</sup> Correspondence with author from National Army Museum, London February 1996.

70th Surrey,  
80th Staffordshire Volunteers,  
96th The Queen's Own,  
99th Lanarkshire, and,  
detachments of the Royal Engineers and Artillery;  
so that rules out those connections!

A final point about connections is that neither of the Hauraki Regiments affiliated units; the Royal Green Jackets and the Royal Regiment of Fusiliers,<sup>18</sup> have similar badges. And so the origin(s) of the badge remain unclear-speculation aplenty, but no proof.

Russell Skeet E.D\*.



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<sup>18</sup> Taylor, Richard; "*Comrades Brave*"-2000.



## News from the Regiment



### 3/6 RNZIR

Group Photo Taken Outside Government House 17 Mar 2013



## Governor General's Speech to the Territorial Force Amalgamation Parade, Government House Wellington 17 Mar 2013

E nga mana, e nga reo, nga māta-a-waka o nga iwi katoa huri noa o Aotearoa piki mai, kake mai nau mai haere mai. Nga rangatira o Te Ope Kātua o Aotearoa, nga apiha me nga toa o Ngāti Tumatauenga, tēnei aku mihi māhara ki a koutou, kia ora tātou katoa.

Distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen from throughout New Zealand welcome. To the leaders of the New Zealand Defence Force, officers and soldiers of the New Zealand Army, I extend very warm greetings and good health to you all.

I specifically acknowledge: Lt General Rhys Jones, Chief of the Defence Force; Major General Dave Gawn, Chief of the Army; Brigadier Sean Trengrove, Director-General Reserve Forces; and Helene Quilter, Secretary of Defence - tēnā koutou katoa.

It is a great honour for me as Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief to host this Territorial Force Amalgamation Parade here at Government House to mark the merger of the six Army reserve battalions to three.

It is with mixed emotions that we gather here today. They are mixed because this day's events have been coming for a long time. Today, we recall with pride the spirit displayed by men and women in the six Territorial Force infantry battalions over the past 50 years. We celebrate their contribution in the present day, and look to the future. And yet, now that this day has arrived, there is a touch of sadness in seeing the closure of the six Territorial Force battalions that have been a fundamental part of the New Zealand Army's order of battle since its last major reorganisation in 1964.

Every military unit has its own character and proud history. New Zealand's infantry battalions can rightly boast a heritage that stretches back to the very beginnings of our military history. The service of voluntary militias, on which New Zealand's colonial society was built, laid the foundation for our modern fighting units. Since 1845, and especially since the Defence Act of 1909, there have been territorially based units. It was predominantly from Territorial Force units that New Zealanders have gone to war.

I do not intend to attempt to list the battle honours and illustrious histories of the six battalions. There are many to mention, and selecting a few would run the risk of dishonouring their example. The honours, emblazoned on each battalion's colours, are poignant reminders of our past. They commemorate the gallant deeds performed by individuals and each unit as a whole.

The battle honours record service in New Zealand, and South Africa during the Boer War; in Gallipoli, Egypt and the major battles of the Western Front in the First World War; and in Greece, Crete, North Africa and Italy as well as service in the Solomon Islands in the Second World War.

The honours accorded to individuals over that time include many awards for gallantry, including our highest military honour, the Victoria Cross. They include the VC awarded to my predecessor as Governor-General, Lt General Lord Bernard Freyberg VC, who commanded 2NZEF in the Second World War. They also include the only VC and Bar awarded to an infantryman – Captain Charles Hazlitt Upham.

In more recent times, as New Zealand has increased its commitment to peacekeeping, the Territorial Force has complemented the Regular Force as the Army's Reserve. New Zealand's intervention alongside other United Nations forces in Timor-Leste saw some 600 Territorial Force soldiers (Territorial's) fill positions within Regular Force units. Their work, and that of all the New Zealanders who have served there, has helped build a strong bond of friendship between our two nations.

Successive units made up primarily of Territorial's took up the responsibility for New Zealand's commitment to the Regional Assistance Mission to the Solomon Islands. Most famously the historic 2006 rotation was the first Territorial Force-led deployment since the Second World War.

As the Army's reserve force, Territorial's or Reservists have volunteered for other overseas missions, taking time off from their civilian jobs to serve as part of New Zealand's commitment to regional stability and international peace support missions. Reservists have served in Korea, Pakistan, Bougainville, Bosnia, the Sinai, Lebanon and Afghanistan, and elsewhere.

And when, in February 2011, Christchurch was devastated by the worst natural disaster to hit our country since 1931, 80 soldiers from the four North Island units joined 200 South Island Reservists and set to work performing a variety of tasks, ranging from cordon duties and engineering, to security and helping clear liquefaction.

The story of our army reservists is one of ordinary New Zealanders who have stepped forward to do their duty. Their voluntary service gives real meaning to the values of the Army and the Defence Force - courage, comradeship, commitment and integrity. They are men and women who have served our nation at its times of greatest need, whether it was the threat of tyranny abroad or a disaster at home. Their service has been marked by professionalism, distinguished gallantry and humility.

The Territorial Force – the Army's Reserve – has made, and continues to make, a significant contribution to New Zealand's civil and national defence, and promotion of our strategic interests abroad. Moreover, the voluntary part-time service of reservists in all three Services enables the New Zealand Defence Force to maintain credible military capabilities across the spectrum of conflict. New Zealand is fortunate to have women and men of excellent calibre prepared to serve in our reserve forces. They make a remarkable commitment to their citizenship responsibility.

Today sees the six Territorial Force infantry battalions become three. It marks the start of change and adjustment. With the exception of the Hauraki's, all of the battalions have experienced mergers before. As with past reorganisations, I'm sure the "Battalions" - the men and women - of 2nd Canterbury, Nelson, Marlborough, West Coast and 4th Otago, Southland – the new 2/4 Battalion; and 3rd Auckland (Countess of Ranfurly's Own) and Northland and 6th Hauraki – the new 3/6 Battalion; and 5th Wellington, West Coast and Taranaki and 7th Wellington (City of Wellington's Own) and Hawkes Bay – the new 5/7 Battalion will forge new traits, new traditions and new experiences. However, the legacy of honourable and loyal service of the soldiers and officers who served previously in the "Battalions" remains, and adds to the fabric of inheritance that the new battalions acquire.

As Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief, on behalf of our Queen and on behalf of all New Zealanders, I thank you for your service: past, current and future. I wish you all well in the new arrangements - Onward. Kia kaha, ki a manawanui, kia ora tātou katoa.

## Association News

### UPF & 6 Hauraki Association Memorabilia

Memorabilia on sale

**SPECIAL:** Rugby jersey's from the past Companies: Alpha, Bravo, Charlie, Delta, Support & Logistics. All in the Company colours some have company logos. A limited number on sale.

## HAURAKI SCRAP BOOK



Charter Parade in Paeroa 2006

## ANZAC Day 2013



Parade at Tauranga Memorial Cenotaph





Eric Kristensen at Tauranga

Tyrel Katu at Mount Maunganui Cenotaph

*Photos: Rosalie Crawford.*





By Judith Martin

When Tina Grant heard the news that her husband had been the target of an insurgent bullet in downtown Kabul her world crumbled.

As a wife, mother and soldier she was resilient and strong, but her strength was severely tested almost two years ago with the news her husband, SAS CPL Douglas Grant was dead.

As grief swirled around her she believed, as any newly bereaved partner often does, that she was essentially on her own now.

But though there were many tears shed in that first year after CPL Douglas Grant's death, Tina says she is on the other side of that desolation now, and ready to move forward and start life anew.

And with a strong sense of determination she has taken on the Army's new role of liaison officer for the Families of the Fallen.

Tina Grant is a former teacher and soldier and the Army has been a main part of her life for 23 years, both as an employer and as an Army spouse. Despite her initial feeling of being on her own after her husband's death, the Army, she says, cocooned her through the months after his death, and continued to help her in whatever way it could.

In her new role she will be the conduit for families who have lost a loved one, and need someone who can help them sort out issues, get practical help when needed, and continue to feel they are part of the Army family.

When a New Zealand soldier is killed a liaison officer from within the Army is appointed immediately to help families with any issues or questions they may have. That liaison officer remains in touch until the next of kin feels able and confident to proceed on their own.

But life is seldom as cut and dried as that and, as well as coping with the feeling of loss and grief, there is often other issues to be addressed. That is where the role Tina has accepted will, to a large extent, step in.

"The role involves me touching base with the families of our fallen soldiers, to see how they are going. It's not to roll out the red carpet and give them presidential treatment; it's more to make sure the gaps are filled. It's not about hand outs; it's about helping where we can and letting the family know they are still part of our Army culture, which I know is strong and unique.

"In my role I plan to offer families a toolkit of resources in the form of people or organisations that are willing to help or offer pastoral care, to point them in the right direction, or just to lend an ear when things aren't going well."

Tina has two children aged seven and nine, and they live in the home she and Douglas bought just a week before he died. After his death she completed a Graduate Diploma in Adult Learning. It was difficult, but she was determined to do it so she could help add to her own life and those of her children. Accompanied by her husband's former colleagues she recently spread his ashes in a mountainous area he would have loved. It was another milestone, albeit a sad one, in her recovery process. She has, she says, reached a place where she feels almost healed. "I think I have healed through talking to people, and I know there are people like me out there. I have had amazing support from the Army, and I want families (of fallen soldiers) to have the same support as me



Ultra marathon runner SSGT Macca McKenzie who was named Outstanding Sportsman of the Year at the Army Sports Awards, and has also been named the NZDF's Outstanding Sportsman of the Year, receives one of his awards from LTCOL Bill Twiss.

## Museum

### Projects under construction:

The **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.

**Harley Couper** | Information Librarian | Learning Centre Tutor

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## **Tauranga Memories**

Go to

**Tauranga.kete.net.nz**

Choose **remembering War**

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

The 6 Hauraki Assoc has joined as a partner in **Tauranga WW100: Remembering WW1**.

Their Mission Statement;

"Tauranga WW100 will provide a forum for networking amongst organisations that intend to mark the 100 years of World War One. It will provide an opportunity to discuss ideas, receive assistance with planning, and create opportunities to work together on ceremonies, events, projects, activities and education programmes that commemorate World War One".

If you wish to help contribute to this organisation, please contact me.

## **Membership Cards**

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

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

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

## **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:

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## **Territorial Forces Employer Support Council**

### **NZDF ResF Employer of the Year Awards**

The award, which recognises employers who are committed to supporting Reserve Forces personnel in their workplace, was presented by the Minister of Defence Dr Jonathan Coleman and Chairman of the TFESC Peter Townsend, at a special function at Parliament on 9 April 2013.

Also present was CDF, Lt Gen Rhys Jones, who had just returned with the Defence Minister from Afghanistan, many other senior officers as well as politicians and members of the diplomatic corps. Representatives from all the companies nominated were also present. In the speeches prior to the award presentations both Dr Coleman and General Jones thanked the reserve forces for their commitment and service in support of the Regular Forces. Without them the operational deployments to Afghanistan, Timor Leste and Solomon Islands would have been a lot harder to maintain.

They both stated that the reserve officer and soldier brought different skill sets to the military and that the things learnt in their civilian employment were easily transferred to their military roles.

After a series of presentations supporting the nominations, Fulton Hogan Canterbury was announced as the supreme winner as the judges felt that they had shown the greatest support for their employees in their military duties over the last year. They were chosen from seven finalists drawn from regional awards throughout the country.

Fulton Hogan was nominated by Sub Lieutenant Nick Hobbs of the Navy Reserve for the support he received during and after his recent deployment to Afghanistan. He had been overwhelmed by the support received during this deployment especially as he had only worked for the firm for a short period.

Brian Kirtlan the representative of Fulton Hogan said he was pleased to accept the award on behalf of his company. He said "Reserve Service is a win, win situation for both parties in that Fulton Hogan receives a well motivated, highly trained individual who is a great asset to the firm, whilst the individual is supported by the company. Any deployment that employees go on with the NZDF means that the individual is able to use the experiences from that deployment in the civilian workplace". He concluded by saying that his firm looks forward to continue working with the ResF for the foreseeable future.

Sub Lieutenant Hobbs stated he was "stoked" that his nomination for employer of the year had been chosen as the overall winner. He said, "Fulton Hogan made the transition from my civilian life to military life as seamless as possible. The support they gave me and my family during my deployment was unbelievable. I look forward to working for both Fulton Hogan and the Reserves for as long as possible. I learn from both organisations and I am able to use this knowledge in each of my employments for the benefit of both".

Two further awards were also presented. The public sector award was awarded to NZ Customs in Auckland for their support of **Lance Corporal Mike Brown of 3/6 RNZIR**. Despite Lance Corporal Brown's senior position within NZ Customs they have been very supportive in allowing him leave to attend military training and operations during his 9 years with the Territorial Force including operational deployments to the Solomon Islands and Christchurch.

The private sector award was won by Scott Technology Limited from the Otago Region for their support to Captain John Aitken. Not only did they support him during his recent operational tour to Timor Leste, but also on his return as he undertook a Staff Officer's Course, training nights, field exercises, charter parades and responsibilities of an RNZIR Officer.

Captain Aitken stated that his employment with Scott Technologies prepared him for the difficulties and complexity of his role as the Plans and Operations Officer in the Joint Task Force Headquarters in Timor Leste. He stated that Scott Technologies has a long history of support to the Territorial Forces with many former and current employees, including the current Chairman of the Board serving with the reserves. Mr Richard Aimers from Scott Technology said "We recognise the value that military service brings to the workplace and we have worked hard to cultivate this relationship".

TFESC Chairman Peter Townsend is encouraged and delighted to see employers supporting their staff members' involvement in the Reserve Forces especially in these challenging economic times and said, "Employers can only gain from encouraging their employee's involvement in the ResF. In return for their support they get highly motivated and energised employees who are self-assured team players with excellent problem solving and communication skills." He also reminded everyone that the Reserve Forces had taken on the responsibility for the majority of the Christchurch cordon duties for over two years.



## Cadets



## Our Associated Groups

### Patriots Defence Force Motorcycle Club

Patriots Defence Force Motorcycle Club honour fallen Hauraki comrade.

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

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

On the 16<sup>th</sup> February 2013, Patriots from as far away as Wellington rode their motorbikes to Taupo to join other contingents from Auckland, Gisborne, Hawke's Bay and Hauraki. They then rode in close formation via Murupara to Opotiki where they visited another Patriot's premises; the 'Rollick 'n' Crutch' bar, followed by a visit to the Opotiki Returned and Services Club.

On Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> Feb, Max Lyver, who is the Vice-President of the Patriots DFMC Manawatu Chapter, led a group of 38 riders from the four North Island Chapters (Auckland, Hauraki, Manawatu and Wellington) on the third 'Hudda Memorial Ride' to Hudson's grave site in the Opotiki cemetery.

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

He was also delighted to find that Hudson's grave site is now being tended appropriately and thanked the Hauraki Association for their support. Further minor restoration is planned in time for the 2014 ride.

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# 6th Battalion (Hauraki) Regimental Association Incorporated

## Application Form

New Membership

**Full**

Renewal Membership

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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.)

## **OFFICE USE ONLY**

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# UPCOMING EVENTS

2013

## May

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

## June

7th	Friday	1600 hrs	Garrison Club	Nibbles
8th	Saturday	1000 hrs	Coster's Farm	Shoot
8th	Saturday	1500 hrs	Garrison Club	Cleaning wpns
11th	Tuesday	1900 hrs	Garrison Club	Committee Meeting
14th	Friday	1600 hrs	Garrison Club	Nibbles
21st	Friday	1600 hrs	Garrison Club	Nibbles
28th	Friday	1600 hrs	Garrison Club	Finger Food

## July

5th	Friday	1600 hrs	Garrison Club	Nibbles
5th	Friday	1830 hrs	Garrison Club	Pizza & Birthday Cake
5th	Friday	1900 hrs	Hauraki Museum	Side show Hauraki
7th	Sunday	0800 hrs	Holy Trinity Church	Church Parade
7th	Sunday	1100 hrs	Museum	AGM
7th	Sunday	1200 hrs	Garrison	Luncheon
7th	Sunday	1300 hrs	Lecture Room	Presentation of Medals
7th	Sunday	1330 hrs	Lecture Room	Guest Speaker
9th	Tuesday	1600 hrs	Garrison PMC SHOUT Hauraki	Regimental 115th Birthday
13th	Saturday	1000 hrs	Waouru Cadets	Presentation of Hauraki Sword
16th	Tuesday	1900 hrs	Garrison Club	Committee Meeting
19th	Friday	1600 hrs	Garrison Club	Nibbles
26th	Friday	1600 hrs	Garrison Club	Finger Food

## August

2nd	Friday	1600 hrs	Garrison Club	Nibbles
9th	Friday	1600 hrs	Garrison Club	Nibbles
13th	Tuesday	1900 hrs	Garrison Club	Committee Meeting
16th	Friday	1900 hrs	Hauraki Museum	Nibbles
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