



Hauraki News

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President's Report

With an open website such as we operate it has some draw backs. One is that it is open to hacking. Our site has been attacked a couple of time so it has been closed for short periods while it has been cleaned up. Overall I am happy with the site, but it does take a lot of time to keep it up to date. I hope you find it useful. I continue getting a number of enquirers from non Hauraki members, so it must be easily accessible.

The sign off for the change to 3/6 RNZIR is on 7th December 2012. The Commanding Officer, the Adjutant; RSM & RQMS will all come from Hauraki. The Association will give support as much as it can. The Committee has a number of new ideas that can assist. If you have ideas that can help in the way forward, please advise us.

Your committee in coordination with 6 Hau Bn has a day of events on Saturday 8th December 2012. I had emailed all my data based address & mailed out hardcopies to as many as I had address .Hope to see you on the day.

I have been involved with the Territorial Forces Employer Support Council, in the last quarter. Participated with the selection of the Employer of the Year Award & Tasman Scheme. Attended the presentation of the award ceremonial, held in the Tauranga City Council. Spoke to the new recruits prior to their departure for their basic training; in regards to the assistance the TFESC can offer to them if they request assistance. I took the opportunity to introduce them to the 6 Hauraki Association & the museum. Travelled to Devonport Navy base and meet with Navy Reserves personnel as they participated in their annual Exercise. We were escorted around the Offshore Patrol Vessel HMNZS Wellington & Inshore Patrol Vessel HMNZS Rototiti. Finally we visited the Navy museum.

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

Kia Kaha
Des Anderson

Saturday, 8th December 2012

The proposed 6 Battalion (Hauraki) Regimental Association Incorporated and 6 Hau Bn Gp; “Formation Change” Dinner has been cancelled.

The Commanding Officer has indicated another dinner can be organized for 2013.

On 7th December 2012, Lt Col Julian Sewell will assume Command of the new **3/6 RNZIR**: formed with the amalgamation of 6 Hau Bn Gp & 3 ANR Bn Gp

On 7th & 8th December 2012, the soldiers are tasked with Ex Mere: which is administration & cleaning of weapons, vehicles & stores. They are also conducting other physical activities.

On Saturday 8th December, the Committee of 6 Hau Assoc in conjunction with of 6 Hau Bn Gp & WBOPCU has offered the follow activities for your consideration.

1. Shooting (Pistol and / or Rifle) & (High altitude live rocket display)

Depending upon:

- a. Weather
- b. Permission to use the range
- c. Licenses confirmation

Location: Held in the Lower Kaimai

Time: 0900hrs:

Cost: **Pay for ammunition used**

2. Cadet Parade & Award/Trophy presentation.

Location: The Memorial Hall QE2 hall.

Time: 1230hrs
Guests & parents will be seated by 1245hrs
Cadets will march on at 1300hrs

The Reviewing Officer, the Commandant NZCF will inspect the parade at 1315hrs.

A light afternoon tea will be served after the parade.

Invited Distinguish guests include The Minister of Defence, The local Members of Parliament & the Mayors of Tauranga & Western Bay of Plenty (confirmation of their attendance has not yet been received)

Note. The cadets on this parade are the Western Bay of Plenty Cadet Unit based in Tauranga. A representation of one of the seven cadet units in the 6 Hau Bn AO and also attended Hauraki Experience.

Cost. **Nil**

3. Static &/or interactive displays

Location. Hauraki Regimental Headquarters

Time: 1500hrs

1. The 6 Hau Bn Gp History Room / 6 Hauraki Association Museum will open for accompanied or unaccompanied tours
2. BOP Officer Club View of history Cocktails & nibbles served
3. WBOPCU display of videos. Conducted tour of their Headquarters
4. No 16 Sqn (District of Tauranga) ATC display of videos. Conducted tour of their Headquarters
5. BOP Pipe Band. Display of videos Conducted tour of their Headquarters. Demonstration of their pipes & drums
6. Youth Search & Rescue display of videos Conducted tour of their Headquarters. Demonstration of their equipment & drills
7. Defence Forces Motor Cycle Club (Patriots) display of videos their assistance to the community in particular the white ribbon Demonstration of their motor bikes
8. Historical Military Vehicles, display of vehicles & videos
9. Rhodesian Service Association briefing on their museum & videos
10. Territorial Forces Employer Support Council : Display of videos

Cost **Nil**

4. Medals Parade

Location Hauraki Regimental Hall

Time. 1700 hrs

Format, 6 Hau Bn Gp will be presenting medals to serving soldiers.

Association Members who have been awarded a NZDF medal and wish to have it presented on a parade, please advise,

It is assumed the presenting officer will be the Honorary Colonel, Judge Chris McGuire.

5. Meal

Time. 1800hrs

Location Hauraki Regimental Hall

Catered by the combination of the 6 Hau Bn Gp rationing system supplemented by the 6 Hauraki Assoc for non services members.

The 6 Hauraki Assoc with the assistance from the WBOPCU Unit Support Committee. & the 6 Hau Bn Gp will combine the setting up of the dining area, cooking/supervising the BBQ & the clean up.

Speeches: The Commanding Officer, the Honorary Colonel & President 6 Hauraki Association will be the official speakers

Cost **\$20.00**

6. Music.

A Local Karaoke organized by Capt Sam Awarau & 6 Hauraki Association

The 6 Hauraki Assoc has contacted & paid the karaoke for the evening's entertainment

Cost **Nil**

7. Bars.

Officers Club cocktails & nibbles prior to the meal

Garrison Club will have pre dinner drinks & nibbles. The bar will reopen after dinner for those who prefer a quieter area.

6 Hauraki Assoc will operate the main bar down stairs, starting after dinner.

Cost. **Drinks - Pay your own**

The PMC, 6 Hauraki Association will have "shouts" during the evening, in particular for those who have a Hauraki coin, those who have a 6 Hau Assoc membership card or are on the 6 Hauraki Assoc data base.

The UPF may "shout" serving soldiers

8. 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.

9. Dress:

Tidy Casual

Summary;

The 6 Hau Assn, 6 Hau Bn GP, WBOPCU & users of the Hauraki Regimental Hall offer to you a variety of options to attend.

The costs are mainly free or pay your own costs.

Association members can pay for the meal on the night, but please indicate your attendance as the rations have to be purchased prior to event.

Defence Force Medal



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

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

Letters to the Editor

Hello Des,

The last message you sent went to my sons address but he sent it through to me so I got all your news. Hope you had good time at the RQMS party and didn't have too much of a bad head? I showed the chairman of our association your newsletter and he was over moon seeing the shield and photos I sent and the photos of your museum. It looks as though the amalgamation of your regiment is going through after reading the newsletter. We've got a petition going at the moment to try and save the second battalion of The Royal Regiment of Fusiliers my old regiment. We can only keep our fingers crossed we get enough signatures and the government changes its mind. I was pleased to see you changed the rank you gave me in the photo of you and me exchanging gifts. You seem to have been very busy with all the meetings been having trying to keep your regiment independent and met a few big names after reading the newsletter. You can only hope your government has second thoughts. Best wishes to you and mates in Tauranga.

Billy Gilchrist

HISTORY of Hauraki Regiment

SSGT Robert (Bob) Mankelow RNZIR

One of the features of Army Reserve (ARes) personnel is their commitment to service and to their unit. Often such service is measured in decades. Given that Army Reserve personnel have civilian careers, in addition to their ARes commitment, such long service has great merit and is worthy of recognition.



SSGT Mankelow receiving his 2nd clasp to the Efficiency Medal in 2002 from the Mayor of Rotorua.

Staff Sergeant Robert (Bob) Mankelow is a good example of commitment and utility that often typifies senior Territorial Force staff.

Staff Sergeant RJ Mankelow enlisted in the NZ Army on 4 January 1967. He was awarded the Efficiency Medal on 10 May 1979; first clasp on 12 October 1992, second clasp on 5 March 2003 and third clasp on 22 June 2009. SSGT Mankelow is currently an Instructor with the training team. He has served 6th (Hauraki) Battalion Group for 43 years, and continues to be an active, energetic and willing participant in Battalion Group activities.

SSGT Mankelow is also a long-serving member of the 6th Hauraki Regiment Association, having been on its committee since inception. He occupies the role of Bar Manager, in which duty he is conspicuous at Anzac Day. The Association bar contributes funding to the 6 Hau unit private fund and SSGT Mankelow works hard to ensure that the bar remains available to soldiers and Association members alike. He also ensures that Regimental merchandise is displayed and available for sale. He is active in providing support in the construction of the Association's museum displays, alongside Sergeant Tony Fraser. SSGT Mankelow remains an active and valued member of the Association.

Bob's civilian career commenced in 1965, when he commenced training as a fitter, turner, machinist. He was the top apprentice in his class and was rewarded by his employer with attendance at an Outward Bound course in Anakiwa in 1966. And so began a life long romance with the outdoors, and, with youth development.

During 1966, Bob was involved with the setting up and running (by a group of Outward Bound old boys) of a youth programme called Compass, developing 16 to 21 year olds.

A year later, in 1967, he was invited to become involved with the Kaimai Youth Camp Society and the Ngatuhua Lodge facility as Secretary and Treasurer. He retained this position (Secretary / Treasurer) for 25 years.

Deciding that he was interested in outdoor education, he became a seasonal outdoor education instructor at Ngatuhua Lodge, working during the Summers. He continued in this role for 14 years. Because he had taken a bit of a pay decrease, he supplemented his income by working the winter months as a field instructor for the New Zealand Forest Service, teaching staff bushcraft and outdoor living skills. He also took on some summer interpretation duties for visitors to the NZ Forest Service parks in the area. Marking himself as a young man of energy, he worked a third (part-time) job in town.

In 1987, when the Department of Conservation replaced the New Zealand Forest Service, Bob was invited to join the Department as a Ranger. During the next ten years he was involved with duties relating to marine mammals, threatened species, off-shore islands and recreational facilities.

In 1997 Bob left the Department of Conservation and worked for Work and Income New Zealand delivering skills to their Youth at Risk programme.

In 1999, Bob became a contractor to Environment Bay of Plenty delivering environmental monitoring services. Bob remains on contract to Environment Bay of Plenty currently.

Continuing his involvement in youth development, Bob has been involved with Youth Search and Rescue delivering bush craft and search skills to youth aged 14 to 17 years who have joined the search and rescue organisation. Bob is a member of Search and Rescue.

In recent times Bob has also delivered training to the SAS in rongo (the medicinal use of plants). Because of his skills in bush craft, Bob was appointed, and continues, as an assessor with the Mountain Safety Council. There can be little doubt that such community minded individuals make a significant contribution. Bob Mankelow is marked out as a man of commitment and energy. While 'serving the Colours,' he has also made an outstanding contribution to both the environment and youth development. SSGT Robert Mankelow is an excellent example of those long-serving individuals that live the Army ethos and are a rich part of the tapestry of the Army Reserve.

Source: Army News

Bob will be receiving an award from Rotary, on Saturday 8th December 2012.

News from the Regiment



On deployment on Op Rata Rotation 16, Solomon Islands. July – November 2012.

LCpl K.V. Johnson
LCpl A. Zhou

Association News

I was contacted by Carol McGuire, via our Website. Her Father, David was in a rest home in Auckland. She indicated that the family had a close relationship with the Hauraki Regiment. Her Grandfather had served with “Hauraki”, in WWI serving in Egypt.

As I was visiting Auckland I took the opportunity to visit the family and present David a copy of “Comrades Brave”. As you can see a pleasant afternoon was spent over a few beers with David, son Stephen & daughter Carol.

My wife, Lamduan, took the photo & drove me home.



HAURAKI SCRAP BOOK



Capt John Isdale & Maj Mike Knapton.



Museum

Projects under construction:

The 6 Hau Bn Gp **Lecture Room** is being upgrade with the assistance of the 6 Hauraki Assoc. When complete I will place photos in the next Hauraki News.
 Other projects are: upgrade the **former Commanding Officers Photos**; by digital enhancement & framed with ultra light glass.
 Create & upgrade the **book/ video library**.
 Create & upgrade a **digital unit history**.
 Upgrade the **museum data base computer system**. This now for consideration at the next committee meeting.

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

Harley Couper | Information Librarian | Learning Centre Tutor
 Tauranga City Council | 07 577 7085 (Mon/Sat/Sun) 07 577 7226 (Thu/Fri) | harley.couper@tauranga.govt.nz | www.tauranga.govt.nz

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

Membership Cards

The Membership cards for all members have been distributed; if you have not received yours please advice Marion. These who have paid their annual "donation" have also had their new cards mailed out. I have enclosed a membership application card if you would like to become a member.

Donations

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

If you wish to direct credit to our bank account:

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

Territorial Forces Employer Support Council

A new scheme between the New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) and the Australian Defence Force (ADF), the Tasman Scheme, will recognise outstanding performance by Reserve Force personnel from both sides of the Tasman and give them a chance to experience, first hand, how different defence forces operate.

The Tasman Scheme will foster links between our two forces and reward outstanding performance by Reserve Force personnel from the NZDF and the ADF in the LCpl (E) to Cpl (E) rank bracket. The scheme will see Reserve Junior Non-commissioned Officers (selected on merit) attached to a unit within the ADF for two weeks and vice versa. During this time the reservists work alongside their ADF or NZDF colleagues and gain valuable insight into how the two different forces operate.

Until now the scheme only worked one way— ADF Reserve Force personnel were selected for attachments within NZDF units. The scheme is now reciprocal with reservists going both ways across the Tasman. At the end of the attachment, award winners present their experiences in a formal presentation run by their local Regional Employer Support Committee.

Deputy Director Reserves Forces, Lieutenant Colonel David De Koning says he's excited to be involved in heading the scheme from the New Zealand side after experiencing the scheme in practice in Tasmania during a recent posting to Australia when he was invited, quite by chance, to attend the regional function to recognise award recipients. "I was inspired by the way the Australians recognised and exposed their personnel to such experiences," said LTCOL de Koning. "I could see the value in running a scheme like this, especially as there was also community and employer involvement."

The scheme is open to all NZDF Reserve Force JNCO personnel from all three services.

LCpl Reuben Kelly has been selected as the first "Hauraki" to attend "Tasman Scheme". Reuben appeared before the Bay of Plenty Territorial Force Regional Support Committee held on 15th October 2012.

Reuben has given a commitment to report back on his experiences. Reuben left for Australia in November

Your committee has donated, to Reuben a "Hauraki" plaque to present to his Australian host unit.

EMPLOYER SUPPORT RECOGNITION CRITERIA

Standard

- Complies with the Volunteers Employment Protection Act

Bronze

1. In addition to Standard Level provisions:

- Supports the requirements and provisions of the Volunteers Employment Protection Act.
- Displays a CEO signed Statement of Support for NZDF Reserve Force Employees and Contractors employed by Company/Organisation/Institution.

Silver

2. In addition to Bronze Level provisions:

- Ensures Company/Organisation/Institution's Human Resource policies provide Managers and Supervisors with formal guidelines and a code of practice regarding voluntary service or training.
- Provides top-up salary/wage payments during voluntary service or training undertaken by employees to ensure individuals and their families are not disadvantaged by this commitment.
- Managers or supervisors visit training, part time or whole time service activities involving their employees where opportunity is provided to demonstrate commitment and gain a better understanding of the benefits that the individual accrues from Reserve Force activity.
- Participates in tripartite partnerships between the Individual, NZDF and the Company/Organisation/Institution for the mutual benefit to all three partners.
- Permits employees to undertake leave-without-pay for periods between 3 and 12 months to participate in NZDF Operational Peace Support, Humanitarian or Nation Building deployments – while ensuring that they have employment on their return.

Gold Level

3. In addition to Silver Level provisions:

- Constantly exceeds the requirements of the Volunteers Employment Protection Act.
- Displays CEO signed Statement of Support for NZDF Reserve Force Employees and Contractors employed by Company/Organisation/Institution both within the Head Office and the employee's work place.
- Celebrates employees' participation and successes within the Reserve Forces through regular personal appraisals and acknowledgment in internal news letters or similar media.
- Celebrates the merits of tripartite partnerships between the Individual, NZDF and the Company/Organisation/Institution.
- Serves as an advocate for employees' service in the Reserve Forces and helps promote the mission of the Territorial Forces Employer Support Council.
- Provides normal salary/wage payments during normal voluntary service or training undertaken by employees.
- Provides support to employees' family while they undertaking voluntary service.
- Supports employees undertaking leave-without-pay for periods between three and 12 months to participate in NZDF Operational Peace Support, Humanitarian or Nation Building deployments – while guaranteeing their position until their return to the Company/Organisation/Institution to resume their normal appointment without incurring broken service provisions, normal leave provisions or superannuation contributions.

I am nominating my employer, **Turners Logistics** for their continuing support for my army training and for their support when I approached them for extended leave to go on Op Antarctica during January and February 2012. This mission was to unload and load the annual supplies from an American container ship.

I have been employed by Turners since December 2010. When I applied for the position of truck driver with them, I informed them that I was currently serving as a territorial force soldier with 6 Hauraki Battalion. They did not have a problem with this, and even though it is a seven day a week business, were happy for me to be rostered off work for any training weekends.

During the latter part of 2011, I was asked by my unit if I would like to nominate for Op Antarctica as I had previously done this mission. I approached my manager to see if the company would consider this as I had not even been there a year. I was anticipating them not to be too keen on this as the mission would fall right in our busiest work period. My manager was very supportive of my going, and quickly got approval for me to take leave from head office. He explained that it was a fantastic opportunity for me, and said that the company would work around my absence by bringing in a temporary driver to cover me. I explained that the mission was expected to take me away for about 4 weeks, and again I was assured that this was not a problem.

In early January 2012, I left work to start PDT for the mission. Whilst in Linton we were informed that the container ship that we were due to unload had been delayed in the U.S. for up to 2 weeks. I emailed my manager this information, and was quite prepared to return to work. Once again, my manager reassured me that all was okay, and there was no need to

return. He thanked me for keeping him informed of the situation, and asked that I just keep him updated. I got down to Antarctica almost 2 weeks behind the scheduled time and completed my duties within the next 4 weeks. I was returned home to Tauranga, and the next day when I called into work to inform the boss that I was back, I was put straight back onto the driver's roster for the next day, thus having a continuation of work and income.

The attitude taken by my company was, and has always been one of full co-operation and support for my role as a territorial force soldier. Since I started at Turners Logistics, I have written into the despatch year planner my training dates, sometimes months in advance. When the work rosters are drawn up for the drivers, these training dates are automatically set for me to have my required days off. I have never had any problem, or been dis-advantaged in any way by serving in the army. When I was in Antarctica, I was worried about the unexpected delay in returning to work. I had no need to worry, as my employer remained understanding and fully supportive. This attitude was made more meritorious by the fact that whilst I was away, two other drivers resigned, and the temporary drivers used to fill the gaps till my return were not able to work to the same standard that was required.

In conclusion, I feel extremely fortunate to have an employer who sees value in my role as a territorial force soldier, and who makes the transition from civilian to military life seamless

Pte Steven Smith



Our Associated Groups

Patriots Defence Force Motorcycle Club

The Patriots are involved in the "White Ribbon Ride". This is to show awareness to prevent violence against woman.

RHODESIAN SERVICES ASSOCIATION

October RV 19th - 21st October 2012

At 3pm on Saturday we began the ceremonial portion of the RV. Unfortunately, the Commanding Officer of the 6th Hauraki Battalion Group, Lt Col Julian Sewell, was attending a funeral and so was unable to be with us. In his stead 2nd Lt Elisha Crawshaw, Unit Commander of the Western Bay of Plenty Cadet Unit, read out an address from Lt Col Sewell.

"It has been my professional privilege to welcome you to the Hauraki Army Hall for the last four years and to strengthen the relationship between your Association and the Battalion over that time. It has always been my personal pleasure to welcome you and to enjoy your company and I am sorry that regimental responsibilities preclude me today.

The Battalion remains honoured that we are entrusted with safeguarding your "taonga" (treasures). We take it seriously and with great respect. We remain delighted that a simple act of offering a NZDF facility for your use over the period of the RV gives you a place that you can call yours to enjoy the comradeship and kinship that the RV enables.

This year is especially important as you re-dedicate the 4RR Roll of Honour and entrust them into our keeping as well. As you remember each of your 37 fallen comrades, we also remember our five who were killed in Afghanistan in August this year. We join in your reflection of their lives, their families, their sense of duty and their ultimate sacrifice."

Whakatangata kia kaha
Julian Sewell

The welcome ceremony included the re-dedication of two 4th (Manicaland) Battalion Rhodesia Regiment Rolls of Honour.



Full Roll of Honour; Warrant Officers and Sergeants Mess Roll of Honour

The story leading to the two 4RR rolls of honour being shipped to New Zealand is a long one and at the time of writing, is still not complete.

Planning for the re-dedication had begun around twelve months ago for me. Firstly the Warrant Officers and Sergeants Mess Roll of Honour was offered to us for safe keeping. It duly arrived earlier this year, then it was deemed appropriate that the main full one also come to New Zealand. Unfortunately, the main Roll of Honour was not able to be shipped to New Zealand in time for the ceremony and so a 1/3rd scaled down replica was hastily constructed by our Curator, Tony Fraser, as a substitute.

The main 4RR Roll of Honour was laid up on 23rd October 1980 in the Anglican Church in Umtali, along with the Battalion's Colours. Significantly, this was almost thirty two years to the day previous to the re-dedication ceremony. These icons of 4RR were to stay there for eternity, and should have been allowed sanctuary and to eventually turn to dust, as is appropriate. However, at some point in the 1980's Edgar Tekere saw fit to desecrate our Colours and Roll of Honour within the Church. The Colours remain lost at this point and if anyone has knowledge or photos of the original Colours please contact me or our CO, Lt Col Peter Browne. However the RoH was rescued and held in relative safety. With the ever present threat that if they were publically displayed, further action might be taken against the RoH and those keeping it, it was agreed to move the main RoH to New Zealand. Once this decision had been made it became a very stressful and emotional project for me to organise. Not only was one of my best mates, Dave de Courpalay, named on the RoH (and I am told that his grave at Warren Hills has been desecrated, making it very important to me that I honour the memory of my friend), but I felt the pressure of organising something on a scale of importance relative to the relocation of the RLI's Troopie Statue.

I am pleased to inform you that at the time of writing, the main RoH has safely exited Zimbabwe and should be in New Zealand soon. When it is settled in New Zealand I will inform everyone. We intend to give people the opportunity to welcome it and for Reverend Murray Olson to bless it.

In the meantime the show had to go on.

Rhodesian Services Association President, John Glynn's speech, recorded below, preceded the entry of the Rolls of Honour.

"The concept and formation of the Rhodesia Regiment dates back to 1898 (the same year that the Hauraki Regiment was formed). Both regiments saw service in South Africa during the Anglo-Boer War. The Rhodesia Regiment served with distinction during World War One in South West Africa and East Africa and then in World War Two where it provided the training base for thousands of Rhodesians who were then attached to allied forces in all theatres of the war. In April 1947 King George 6th conferred the title 'Royal' on the Regiment in recognition of services rendered during WWII. In 1952 Queen Elizabeth 2nd became the Colonel in Chief of the Royal Rhodesia Regiment.

In 1963 a decision was made by Army HQ to form another Territorial Battalion in the Manicaland Province of Southern Rhodesia and on the 1st January 1964 the 4th Battalion of the Royal Rhodesia Regiment was formed using the nucleus of B Company 1st Battalion RRR, which had its base at the Drill Hall in Umtali.

The members of the 4th Battalion were drawn from all the young men who were, at that stage, liable for military duty and the personnel were mainly from the vast farming area that surrounded Umtali, stretching from Chipinga to the South, Inyanga to the North and Marandellas to the West.

These were hardened young men from good farming stock, with what can only be described as a very good understanding of the local population and the surrounding bush; most of them were able to converse in and understand an African language, and this became a great advantage.

On the 30th April 1964 the Battalion was granted the Freedom of the town of Umtali. The Freedom Granting Parade took place after the Queen's Birthday Parade, the honour being bestowed on the Battalion by the Mayor of Umtali, Alderman Les Morris, and received on behalf of the Battalion by the CO Lt. Col. WS Smart.

The Scroll and Colours were then paraded through the streets of Umtali. Attached to this honour was the privilege granted to the Battalion of using the name "Manicaland" and the right for its members to wear a hackle of Blue and White, the colours of Umtali.

The Unilateral Declaration of Independence from Britain was declared by the Rhodesian Government on November the 11th 1965. On 13th March 1970 Buckingham Palace suspended the use of the 'Royal title' for the Rhodesia Regiment. The Rhodesia Regiment's badge was changed, but still retained the Crown in its centre.

During the Rhodesian Bush War the 4th (Manicaland) Battalion was first called into action under the command of 2 Brigade within the Operation Hurricane sector, with a later move to Operation Thrasher under the command of the 3 Brigade sector. It was within this sector that the Battalion became one of the first truly multi-racial units with the inclusion of Rhodesian African Rifles trained African soldiers.

With the cessation of hostilities and the disbandment of the Rhodesian Security Forces, the Battalion, on the 23rd of October 1980, laid up its colours and the main Roll of Honour in the St John's Anglican Church of Umtali, with the Rev Knight officiating at the ceremony. This ceremony had to be clandestinely arranged owing to the levels of political sensitivity that prevailed at the time.

Thirty seven names appear on the main Roll of Honour which, unfortunately, has had to endure tremendous abuse from incoming political activists who desecrated it and the 4th Battalion Colours within the Anglican Church.

The Roll of Honour from the Sergeant's and Warrant Officer's Mess was originally made by Sgt Trevor Jones who took charge of it when the Battalion was closed down. This Roll of Honour was transported to New Zealand earlier this year by Prop and Rina Geldenhuys (Prop is with us here today).

The decision to re-position these icons of the Battalion to a safer haven here in New Zealand was not made lightly, but it was recognised that the state of sanctuary offered to us by our Hauraki friends had to be taken up in order for the preservation of these icons and for the honour and memory of these 37 Rhodesian soldiers.

The last Commanding Officer of the 4th (Manicaland) Battalion Rhodesia Regiment, Lt Col Peter Browne OLM, was not able to attend today. He has been instrumental in the relocation of these Rolls of Honour and he states:

"On behalf of all those relatives who have names on the Roll, my fellow Officers and I wish to thank you all for your empathy, kindness and consideration in allowing this to happen."

At this point the Rolls of Honour were marched in by elements of the Western Bay of Plenty Cadet Unit. They were led in by Piper Ray Crafts, followed by Wendy Graham (née Lunderstedt), on behalf of the relatives, and the 4RR Guard of Honour.



Hauraki Regiment Piper Ray Crafts leads in the Cadets bearing the Rolls of Honour.
 Photos by Lindy Payne



4th (Manicaland) Battalion Rhodesia Regiment Guard of Honour
 L-R Glen Ashmead, Hugh Bomford, Tony Griffiths, Tim Forde
 Photo by Lindy Payne

New Zealand Military Vehicle Collectors Club Inc (BOP Branch)

The club will have some vehicles on display on Saturday 8th December 2012.

COMMITTEE 2012- 2013

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AREA REPS:

Auckland:	Nil
Coromandel:	Russel Skeet
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Matamata:	Nil
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Rotorua	Te Kei Merito
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Museum Curator: Tony Fraser

This newsletter is compiled by Des Anderson, President, of the 6th Battalion (Hauraki) Regimental Association Incorporated. It contains many personal views and comments which may not always be the views of the Association or Committee.

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6th Battalion (Hauraki) Regimental Association Incorporated

Application Form

New Membership

Full

Renewal Membership

Associate

Regimental Number

Date of birth

Full Name

Partners name (if applicable)

Full Postal Address

Telephone Number (home)

Business

Mobile

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

Date Joined

Receipt Number

Membership Number

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Post Subscription to

Secretary M Kareko

**91 Windsor Road
Tauranga**

Electronic payment to 6th Battalion Hauraki Regimental Assn:

Westpac: Number: 03 0435 0509893 001

Reference: Your name

***Subscription
Rate***

New Member

\$20.00

Renewal

\$15.00

Perpetual Member

\$150.00

Service Member

\$10.00

UPCOMING EVENTS

2012 2013

November

2nd	Friday	1600 hrs	Garrison Club	Nibbles
9th	Friday	1600 hrs	Garrison Club Hauraki	
9th	Friday	1900 hrs	Museum	MOVIES
13th	Tuesday	1900 hrs	Garrison Club	Committee Meeting
16th	Friday	1600 hrs	Garrison Club	Nibbles
23rd	Friday	1600 hrs	Garrison Club	Nibbles
29th			Newsletter printed & posted	
30th	Friday	1600 hrs	Garrison Club	Finger Food

December

7th	Friday	1600 hrs	Garrison Club	Nibbles
8th	Saturday	0900 hrs	Coster's Farm	Shooting
8th	Saturday	1700 hrs	Hauraki Hall	Medal's Parade
8th	Saturday	1800 hrs	Hauraki Hall	Meal & Entertainment
9th	Sunday	1500hrs	Bob's	Committee Meeting
14th	Friday	1600 hrs	Garrison Club	Nibbles
21st	Friday	1600 hrs	Garrison Club	Nibbles
24th	Monday	1600 hrs	Garrison Club	Christmas Eve
28th	Friday	1600 hrs	Garrison Club	Finger Food
31st	Monday	1600 hrs	Garrison Club	New Year's Eve

January

4th	Friday	1800 hrs	Garrison Club	Nibbles
11th	Friday	1600 hrs	Garrison Club	Nibbles
18th	Friday	1600 hrs	Garrison Club	Nibbles
25th	Friday	1600 hrs	Garrison Club	Finger Food

February

1st	Friday	1600 hrs	Garrison Club	Nibbles
8th	Friday	1600 hrs	Garrison Club Hauraki	Nibbles
8th	Friday	1900 hrs	Museum	MOVIES
12th	Tuesday	1900 hrs	Garrison Club	Committee Meeting
15th	Friday	1600 hrs	Garrison Club	Nibbles
21st			Newsletter printed & posted	
22nd	Friday	1600 hrs	Garrison Club	Finger Food