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President's Report

This has been a busy time for me; not only at my work place but also with the different groups I belong to, Lions Club of Mt Maunganui, Western Bay of Cadet Unit, Cadet Corps Association of New Zealand, Territorial Forces Regional Support Council and the Hauraki Association. On top of all that, my wife wants me to go shopping. So if you see me wandering around shops you will know who sets my priorities. So I am a little behind on my self imposed dead line for the “Hauraki News”.

Have you had a look at our website? I have upgraded some of the items. My next project is to place the annual nominal rolls of the Regiment. YOUR help is needed. Please send any nominal rolls you may have. This is a massive project and my take a few years to complete. I think there is need for the project, as I get many enquires from public members about people who may have served in the Hauraki. I think the website may assist in this?

Past Adjutant John O'Reilly contacted the committee regards the medal of Maj A.J. Merrilees been auctioned in Wellington. Your Committee were successful in obtaining the Medal for the cost of \$850.00 (includes fees & GST). If you want to donate to this and be part of the cabinet upgrade, please notify the Treasurer. Your name will placed on the placard in the museum (if you do not want your name on the placard, please advice). When the medal was sent to us we also received a number of related articles, which are on the online “Hauraki News”, but due to space requirement, not on the hard copy.

More serving soldiers are utilizing the Garrison Club; you don't have to drink alcohol to join in the merriment. In fact soft drinks are largest selling item. The committee is planning more family events. At the Halloween party a large number of the participants were youth. Most came from my family.

Your committee now has twenty six members, including five serving soldiers. Paul Couch has also joined the 3ANR Association committee. This will assist both Associations as the Regiment moves forward.

Your Secretary/ Treasurer, Marion Kareko has agreed to take on the additional role of Association Quarter Master. She will be handling all your requests for 6 Hauraki Association Memorabilia. Bob Mankelow is still looking after the UPF. I will be updating the Website to reflect the Quarter Master stores. In the meantime email requests to Marion or me.

When I send out the Hauraki News, I can not make changes to the hard copy (printed copy): but I can make corrections, additions or deletions to the electronic copy (Website). I have in the past and expect to do so in the future. I have been told my spelling & punctuation is not the best. I have heard some people run a sweep stake on who can find the most mistakes? If you have any additions you would like to add to please advice. In particular “Obituaries”, as at the time of writing I don't have all the information; such as a service record.

Your committee has joined with other like minded groups to Celebrate and commemorate the WWI period over the years 2014 – 2018. (See below)

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!

The Association is in good heart

Kia Kaha

Des Anderson

CO 3/6 RNZIR - LTCOL Julian Sewell



3/6 RNZIR was formed just over one year ago today. Our amalgamation was a consequence of major changes across the NZDF stemming from Government and Defence direction largely founded upon the world changing effect of the Global Financial Crisis. These high level decisions sought to bring a tighter focus on military capability as NZDF's first priority.

The key was to better integrate the single service capabilities and strive towards a vision of Joint Operational Excellence capitalising on a Total Defence Workforce of full, part-time military and civilian staff. The annual savings targets enabled reinvestment into capital equipment.

Centralisation of support services was a major step in realising efficiencies across NZDF. Another was to focus on future capability, specifically a Joint Amphibious Task Force by 2035. Exercise SOUTHERN KATIPO 2013 was one of the major professional steps taken to realise it.

Closer to home, the notion of amalgamating the six TF battalions was not new. I first heard of it in 2005 at a Territorial Force Advisor's seminar, where at that time the decision seemed already made and it was only a matter of when to implement. Obviously it took another seven years to enact, but we are here now – well and truly and so I would like to turn now to reflect briefly on the past year and then look forward.

The game changer for us was integration. Historically we were units of significant numbers – 600 to 1000 strong – and by and large we did our own thing. We were self-sustaining, infantry manoeuvre battalions. Over time, and for all sorts of reasons, we no longer have that mass and our geographic footprint reflects changes within our communities, particularly in our provincial areas, where our numbers are at their lowest. Consequently we have had to adapt to the situation. For the last year we have actively strengthened our engagement with QAMR who is our aligned RF combat unit. We have demonstrated integration by joining to them for collective training. We have provided about a platoon's worth of soldiers for Exercise ALAM HALFA and Exercise RUMANI; two major, Brigade and above-level exercises. We have satisfied all QAMR's requests for capability "top up" as well as provided training support to their own activities. Our relationship with them is strong – strong to the point where they have invited us into their Squadron training next year for Exercise CASSINO and they have asked to join our Infantry Skills modules as well as conduct specialised training for them. That to me shows what we've achieved to build a credible reputation that they recognise and respect. That reputation is founded on the competence of basic individual skills.

We don't live in a perfect world and global threats to peace and security abound. New Zealand has always stood up for what is right and we do commit our defence force where and when we see fit. We will find our place in the deployable 800-man Task Group that is the Land Component of the Joint Amphibious Task Force of Force 2035. That place will be identified and our reputation will be strengthened by what we do now.

I ask each of you to be the best you can be as an infantry soldier, as a team leader and as a team player. Set yourselves simple, achievable goals and constantly strive to improve your performance. Despite everything, soldiering remains a simple business and when we do those things well, we are capable of anything.

However, three words keep me awake at night and they are "integrate the infantry". Should that happen then we would have failed to demonstrate integration successfully. We have a nominal roll over just over 300 and of that about 150 train routinely. Of the 150, about 30 are training collectively at the points where we need to – ALAM HALFA and SOUTHERN KATIPO. So we've got a bit of work to do to improve our contributions and ensure our long term survivability.

I think New Zealand can produce the best light infantry in the world and that 3/6 can produce the best Reserve light infantry in the world – people who think clearly, act appropriately and are physically robust. You are those people; and furthermore I think that we, as 3/6 RNZIR, can lead the way. I say that because I see the potential and see all the right ingredients of a recipe for success. I firmly believe our future is very much in our own hands, but we must own our problems and solve them ourselves.

Just under a year ago, in Waiouru, was my first opportunity to talk to 3/6 as one team. One thing I said was that I firmly believe that TF soldiers are special because we give up our own time and make our own sacrifices to serve. I also said that my first company commander believed in working hard and playing hard. Many, many years later I still like to think that we take our work seriously but not ourselves. So, do have fun and do have a laugh, it's an important part of our fabric.

Finally, be proud to be a soldier in the New Zealand Army. You certainly have my respect and thanks for what you do to serve New Zealand loyally and honourably.

Please enjoy the Christmas break and have a safe and happy holiday with all those who are special to you.

Onward

Julian Sewell



Lieutenant Colonel
Commanding Officer
3rd/6th Battalion, Royal New Zealand Infantry Regiment

Letters to the Editor

Former 6 Hau Soldier Receives Queens Service Medal

Some time ago I was contacted by George Ririnui and noticed something on his email signature block. Seeing the letters "QSM" I carried out the IA drill and found the photo and citation below on the Governor-General's website. My impression of WO2 George Ririnui was that he was a very (very) meticulous operator. He always seemed to be a tactical bound ahead of everything that was going on. When he was involved in any training activity things would always run smoothly. WO2 Ririnui was a fisheries officer and when he left 6 Hau he took up a posting to "Alcatraz" (as we called it) - otherwise known as the Chatham Islands. As you can see from his citation, WO2 George Ririnui maintained the same standard in "Alcatraz" that he displayed with us in 6 Hau. Well done George, congratulations on the award of the QSM. You have done yourself, your whanau, Fisheries and us proud.

Mike Purcell



Citation - 26 April 2010

George Ririnui, of Waitangi, Chatham Islands, received the Queen's Service Medal for services to the Ministry of Fisheries and the community.

Mr Ririnui has been the sole fishery officer on the Chatham Islands since 2007. He has been instrumental in establishing a number of tools to protect the Chatham Islands' fishing ecology. He has monitored commercial fishing and established close relationships with iwi.

He instigated honorary fisheries officers on the islands and a recreational fishing forum to discuss issues caused by the tourist and charter industry. He has also immersed himself in the local community.

Mr Ririnui is a volunteer fire-fighter, a rugby referee, a member of the Chatham Islands civil defence emergency response team, assists the sole police officer with police duties and volunteers at Te One School.

Subject: Tasman Scheme

Date: Wed, 25 Sep 2013 13:06:46 +1200

Lee,

Congratulations on being selected for the Tasman Scheme.

You had good support from a couple of "Hauraki"

Reuben Kelly did Tasman Scheme last year. I placed his report on our newsletter.

Des Anderson

Thank you Des, really good see you again last night.

I always look forward to reading the Hauraki News quarterly newsletter. Thank you for reminding me, I will go to the website and read Reuben's article without delay. The support of fellow Hauraki's is as always much appreciated.

LCpl Lee Morgan

6 Hau Coy

Good afternoon Des,

I am a former Adjutant of 6 Hau Bn (2004 – 06).

I am now retired and live in Wellington.

I noted in a local auction for next week there is a Long and Efficient Service Medal to a Major AJ Merrilees (Reserve of Officers).

Maj Merrilees sword and uniform (I think) are with the unit/museum. He served with 6 Hau before the First War and was known to be a good shot.

John O'Reilly

John,

The Association has got the medal!

Thanks for your notification.

How did you like the website?

Would you like to become a Hauraki Representative in Wellington?

Des

Very pleased that the medal has gone to a very good home.

Thank you for the kind offer to be the Hauraki rep in Wellington.

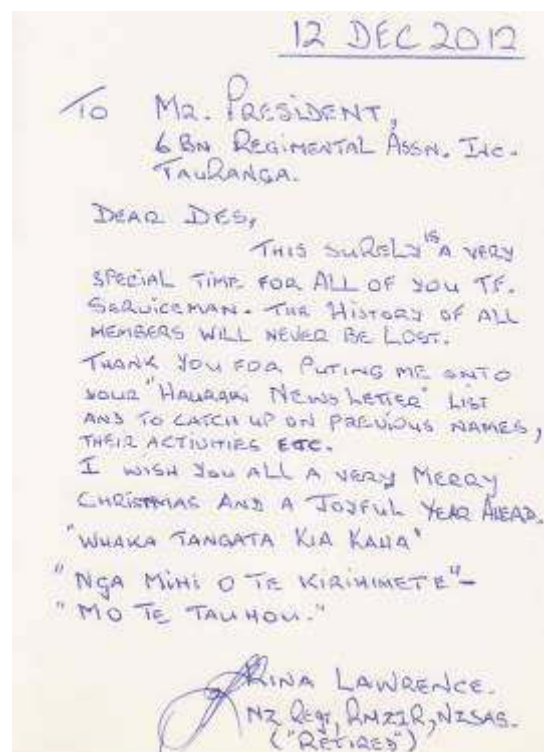
Unfortunately I have much on my plate at the minute precluding any discretionary activity.

However, I will continue to keep my eye open for Hauraki material of interest.

Rgds to all.

John O'Reilly

OBITUARIES



Remembrance of Kina Lawrence

33428 WO2 V (Kina) Lawrence, RNZIR & NZSAS. – 1949 – 1982

Kina was on the SAS selection course in June 1962 along with others who were or became "Hauraki". Jim Taia, Matiu Taia & Des Anderson.

Kina was our SSM (Squadron Sergeant Major)

Kina left about 1963 and was transferred to 6 Battalion (Hauraki) Regiment RNZIR. Kina held the appointment of CSM HQ Company as a Cadre NCO, until 1966.

As a Trooper in the SAS, I did not get close to Kina. I only saw the outside of a “Kina”, tough & prickly. How many times Kina stood on my long hair on a Monday Morning Parade (particularly as I always had a crew cut on the Sunday night); can only be related to the fact the SAS had the best manicured garden in Papakura Camp.

I next “ran into” Kina in 1981, in Australia. The Hauraki was on exercise and had just return to Williamsontown and was waiting for a flight back to New Zealand. Kina saw me and said “Andy, what a bunch of scruffy arseholes you have got there”. End of conversation. He boarded the same aircraft and I never saw him again till at a funeral in 2010 Tauranga. He gave me his address so I would mail the Hauraki News to him. He said he belongs to so many other groups he wasn’t going to pay our membership fees. I continued to send him the “Hauraki News”. Kina did send me a Christmas card. So I guess I did see his “soft side”.

From Des Anderson

HISTORY of Hauraki Regiment





News from the Regiment



Cadre Staff.

Recent Promotions: SSgt Daymon Wickens promoted in Oct 13.

Farewell: SGT Sandy Paterson from Trg NCO to 2 CSSB, Linton,
WO2 Rueben Bore, from TWO Resettlement Leave then Release in March 2014.
SGT Justin Carter from Cadre NCO Papakura to Cadre NCO, Nelson, 2/4 RNZIR.
AWO1, Neville Radford from RSM to TWO.
SSGT Alby Solomon from Collective Training Centre, Linton to Cadre NCO, Rotorua.
SSGT Wayne Wanakore from Cadre NCO Rotorua to Cadre NCO Tauranga

Welcome in new RSM: WO1 Moana Hata from Combat Career Manager, Military Career Management Branch to RSM 3/6 RNZIR. WO1 Hata has a wealth of training and operational experience. He was SWI 1 RNZIR before moving to MCM Br.

Upcoming Exercises: 3/6 RNZIR will provide about 28 soldiers to Ex RUMANI which was a QAMR exercise encompassing Ex LION WALK an ongoing exercise with the Singapore Armed Forces.
3/6 RNZIR are joining QAMR for Ex CASSINO 17-25 Feb 14. It is a Squadron level individual training exercise set at Section level in a live field firing setting for both LAV and infantry.

Army exercises its urban war skills

Sandra Conchie



IT may have been only a mock exercise but for the 40 soldiers of 3/6 Battalion of the Royal NZ Infantry Regiment it was crucial training to prepare for the real thing.

At the weekend the soldiers descended on central Tauranga for a three-day annual urban training exercise named *Exercise Maleme*.

The exercise was named after the World War II battle between coalition soldiers, including Kiwis, and the German Army that was fought in and around urban buildings and a civilian population.

The exercise included securing and searching several buildings including the Historic Village, a house and reserve in Ohauiti Rd, and a downtown Tauranga building, and



SUITED UP: Private Sarah Gordon from the 3/6 Battalion of the Royal NZ Infantry Regiment prepares for a training exercise in Tauranga at the weekend. PHOTOS/JOEL FORD

detaining six prisoners.

Battalion leader Major David Bickner, 47, said the exercise was to hone soldiers' skills in several areas, including maintaining local security, intelligence gathering, and dealing with civil populations to enable

them to be ready to react when faced with real situations.

"This was a low-level operational exercise based on a peacekeeping scenario similar to East Timor where Kiwi soldiers help the civilian authorities to maintain law and order.

"It was an absolutely successful training exercise."

Major David Bickner

"During this exercise our soldiers were required to conduct regular foot patrols and engage with members of the public or the civilian population to gain their trust to help gather any information about any people likely to cause disruption to law and order," he said.

After 22 years in the regular Army and four years as a reservist soldier, Major Bickner knows the importance of training.

"It's the backbone of preparedness to deal with high-priority operational situations," he said.

Some of the soldiers were involved in Operation Rena and

Christchurch's earthquakes relief. Major Bickner said six NZ Army cadets played the roles of the "non-friendly" group, and after being captured and detained after they were found, were handed over to civilian authorities.

"They were absolutely brilliant. It was an absolutely successful training exercise, and everyone involved has thoroughly enjoyed it and got a lot out of it," he said.

Major Bickner said he and the other reserve soldiers who hailed from Tauranga, Taupo, Opoitiki, Rotorua and Hamilton, came from all walks of life.

"I'm a mechanic, and among the group we also have an airline pilot, an ambulance officer, a builder, and other professionals, and some students," he said.

Major Bickner said he wished to say thank you to the Tauranga City Council, the Historic Village and the people of Tauranga for their help and support in making the weekend such a success.



ON PATROL: Soldiers enter a vacant building.



CAPTURED: Private Jason Wright guards a prisoner during the training exercise.



TRANSPORT: Prisoners are loaded into a truck.

QUARTER MASTER

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 Lapel Badges \$6.00 each or \$10.00 mailed in NZ

HAURAKI SCRAP BOOK



Remembrance Day

A Remembrance Day Service took place outside Cambridge's Town Hall this year. The service was well attended by members of the New Zealand Defence Force, the Mayor of Cambridge, and representatives from many Commonwealth countries.

A bugle call saw the march on of the Cenotaph Guard and the firing party.

Following the Powhiri the National Anthems were played.

Wreaths were then laid by the dignitaries and members of the public were given the opportunity to lay wreaths or poppies. Prior to this, the flags were lowered to half mast.

As the eleventh hour approached, a 3 shot volley was fired by re-enactors depicting 6 Hauraki Regt and on the eleventh hour the last post was sounded and a minutes silence was observed by all. There was also a well-timed fly past of a Mustang. Reveille followed and the flags were raised to full mast. Many members of the Hauraki Association attended the ceremony along with members of the Hauraki Chapter of the Patriots Defence Force Motorcycle Club.



Remembrance Day held at St Marys Church, Otumoetai.
Escorts are members of the Western Bay of Plenty Cadet Unit, Tauranga.



The following two speeches were given at the Remembrance service.

Siobhan Raisbeck's winning entry into the 2013 John Gard'ner Memorial Trophy.
Theme "What Could Armistice Day possibly mean to me?"

How great our lives have become since the Great War ended.

The guns silenced, the men sat stunned, the generals sighed in relief. As soon as the shock subsided, men, women and children erupted into cries of joy and glory! The papers rang out, the news readers cried, some hung their heads, but were glad to be alive. The Great War was over. The war so 'great' it killed 16 million people. 50 of those that died were ancestors of mine, William Roland Forbes, Alexander George Coleman. My great-grandmother's uncles who died in the Great War. A war so "great" that it was filled with corruption, cultural shock, disease and horror. So 'great' were the acts of tragedy and disaster. A war so 'great' that it still lives on in our own memories, 99 years since it began.

Ladies and gentleman, as a 16 year old New Zealander, living 95 years after Armistice Day, you may wonder "What could Armistice Day possibly mean to me?" After all the years, all the development, all the shock and horror that has continued throughout the world over the past century, what could the end of this war mean to me? Well, to me, the day has become less about remembering the horror that men gave their lives in, and perhaps I am disconnected to the tragedy. Nowadays, the horror of what happened to family members is less personal, as surviving veteran numbers are miniscule. So, perhaps today is not a day to mourn loved ones, or relate to tragic soldier sacrifices. However, this is a special day when I can publicly remember, acknowledge and appreciate the benefits of my life that came from those sacrifices. That came from conditions that were disgusting and horrible. How great our lives have become since the Great War ended. When the guns silenced, the men sat stunned and the generals sighed in relief.

It is a little hidden fact that World War I was a trading war, a rich man's war. The great powers of Europe wanted more power, and the duty fell to the little man to get it. When Britain needed more men to fight its battle, the King and his country turned to their younger siblings for help. Kiwi men leapt at the chance to see the world. The chance to see the beaches of Turkey, the farms of France and still be home by Christmas was a miracle to the lads who were raised on farms and suburbs that were all the same. The young men and boys sailed off to see the world. Pakeha and Maori alike. But when the beaches of Turkey turned into the blood of Gallipoli, and the farms of France were dug into trenches, the men stopped coming. By August 1916, conscription had to be introduced to keep the overseas forces refreshed and revitalised. It was discovered that two thirds of men who were eligible to go had not volunteered. The public controversy surrounding the decisions to send men was the first time a united New Zealand public had risen up to their elected officials. Crowds of women and children, regardless of race, took to the streets to protest their husbands and father's rights to choose to go to war. Prior to World War I, unions of marine and wharf workers had staged bitter, sometimes violent strikes against poor conditions and low pay in their occupation. These strikers were told that there were simply not the resources to meet their demands. However, the approximately 50 marches that were staged, as well as the numerous (and anonymous) pamphlets spread throughout the country on why these men should not have to be forced to go to war caught the attention of the government. Fewer men were forced to be sent, despite the fact that the New Zealand government still had to send men to please the British monarchy. The work of the men was not unheard. When the workers returned home, strikes were continued. This time, the government had had an economy boom with the war, and took into account that these men were survivors of those who had fought for their country. This time, they were listened to. It was one of the first significant times public protest had begun to change the government's view in decisions, as well as the government's chance to use new resources in a way the public wanted, not just how the policies they were voted in on. Nowadays in New Zealand, the public is able, through technology such as the internet, have more say in governmental decisions. For me, this aids the government is truly representing the public. Look at the Mighty River Power saga. After much public dislike was expressed via internet networking and negative media coverage followed the decision to sell 49% of Mighty River Power assets, the government authorised a full referendum to allow New Zealanders to share their opinion in a format that can be used in government decisions. As a New Zealander who is legal to vote in two years, I can confidently say that the system is able to let me have my say. And a place where our opinion can be heard, a society where we can say our mind to aid generations of New Zealanders with the decisions officials make...what more could we want? On Armistice Day, you and I can be reminded that this movement began with the work of those young men, and we can step back to say "Thank you," for how great our lives have become since the Great War ended.

Not only did the government begin to see a united viewpoint from their people, the Maori politicians were able to use this chance to get their people equality. Sir Apirana Ngata lead the Young Maori Party in parliament, with the philosophy that the most effective way for Maori culture to prosper in Aotearoa was to work alongside the Pakeha leaders, learn their skills, and gain their favour. He had previously lead propaganda campaigns encouraging young Maori to follow in the rich warfare history of their ancestors by enlisting for the war. To Sir Apirana Ngata and his fellow Maori political seat holders, all three of them, this was an ideal situation for the Maori public to use their unique skills and culture to aid the Europeans in power. By using their warfare ready nature to fight effectively, the Young Maori Party believed that the war effort from Maori men would be key to Maori gaining equal rights in New Zealand. Upon return, this was not the case. The RSA refused to recognise or assist Maori veterans. Ngata lost support. However, the seed was planted in the New Zealand public. Returning veterans supported their Maori colleagues, raising their children to respect Maori culture. This created a growing respect throughout New Zealand communities. Today in New Zealand, you and I enjoy a blended culture of Pakeha and Maori. We have Maori politicians in all political parties, as well as the separate Maori party. As a New Zealander, I am proud of my diverse national heritage. On Armistice Day, we can all publicly acknowledge that the movement for more prominent Maori rights movement came from World War I and Armistice Day. We can thank those men for their bravery, and the ensuing cultural movement that came from it, making our lives so much greater when the Great War ended.

So much social change came about in New Zealand from what those men so bravely did, and how the families back home fought for their rights. The economy and shape of New Zealand forever changed as well from Armistice Day. As previously mentioned, when workers returned and continued to strike, the government had the resources to meet the demands of the veterans. This came through an economic boom in New Zealand's exports. In a survey of New Zealand's exports in 1913, 50% of New Zealand's exports went to England, 49% went to Australia and 1% in total went to a variety of other countries. During the war, almost all of Britain's capable farm hands were sent to war. The UK became dependent on imported goods from New Zealand. In 1919, 84% of our exports headed to feed the British 5000, and we became more to them than a sibling, we were an asset. Also, exports to the US increased by 700%. This began New Zealand's relationship with countries outside of Europe, and New Zealand began to be taken more seriously throughout our world. With the international offers giving us more economic freedom, Britain negotiated a high paying deal to ensure we could feed the recovering nation. By doing this, New Zealand would go on to have more independence as a nation, while still being commonwealth members. Nowadays, we as New Zealanders are free to buy Chinese dollars and attend

American universities. We still supply over a third of the world's dairy exports. I can look into overseas training courses and gap year experiences. But none of this would have happened without the hardworking New Zealanders who worked throughout the war, or returned to their farm trades soon after the war, to get New Zealand back on its feet faster than any other nation. We had the highest soldier to citizen ratio, and we made our mark with it. Again, on Armistice Day, you and I can appreciate the benefits we have in our own lives from the hard working boys who laboured, lived and were lost. Their sacrifice helps us to appreciate how great our lives have become since the Great War ended.

I, and others like me, are able to reap the benefits of all the progress since Armistice Day regardless of social status. Perhaps one of the most prominent effects from the men fighting in World War I was the break down of the elaborate class system. Upon joining the armed forces throughout developed nations, it was not uncommon for lords, earls and heirs of fortunes to be placed immediately into high ranking positions, responsible for the lives and movements of the lower class infantry. The men on the ground were initiated with the idea that these people came from management minded, highly educated families. This would make them more suitable for high ranking positions. When action came, these lower class men were able to fight alongside the higher class authorities, and were even promoted to be their equals. This broke down the elephant class barriers in tension high rooms, and this would be translated back into society throughout the world. The influence of America on the Allied forces was obviously apparent. It's all fine and good to admit now that both the Allies and Central Forces were in stalemate by the end of 1917, but the involvement of the US gave the Allies new recruits and strategies that German, Austrian and Turkish forces were not prepared for, bringing about the end of the Great War. America's emphasis on 'live for your life, not for your legacy,' stuck with returning veterans. Lower and middle class men returned home with new experiences and attitudes. They began to make names for themselves, train in new trades outside of expectations, and jump over class hurdles. America's influence has not stopped since. Upper class families lost their heirs in the war, and fortunes crumbled. People realised that we are not invincible, and money cannot always protect you. These fallen companies were taken over by trained and qualified working men, who knew how to adapt to changing times. The emphasis was placed less and less on what your title was, and more about what you as a person could do with your mind and power. This freedom was a great gift to men and women worldwide. Here in New Zealand, a nation gaining an independent reputation, the broken race barriers and freedom of speech movements capitalised on the destruction of the class system. We have become truly one nation, where systems are in place to help those of lower classes struggling for money and no discrimination is encouraged, or politically acceptable. We can travel internationally without concern for our titles. As long as we are capable, there is a way for us to get where we want. As a 16 year old, this is a wonderful opportunity for me. My career, life path and social life are not barred by class. In fact, they have no bars at all. As long as I am capable within my own character, I can and will get there. On Armistice Day, I have the chance to appreciate and remember the benefits in my own life that originate from the hard work and sacrifice those men gave to make our lives as great as they are since the Great War ended.

While we can all agree that the great memory of World War I still lingers in a painful way, 95 years on, we gather on Armistice Day to remember men who changed our world. We remember sacrifices made by those brave New Zealand men. As a 16 year old New Zealander, I learn to appreciate and acknowledge the freedom, peace, opportunity and joy in my life, benefits that I may not have had if George Alexander Coleman and William Roland Forbes had not been sent to war with their colleagues. I don't need to fight in an army to see the world; I have a functioning passport and a bank account to take me anywhere I please. I am free to work, travel, love and speak out as I choose, just like everyone else in this room is. While still a tragedy, Armistice Day is becoming a remembrance day to a bygone era. A tribute during which we can remember how great our lives have become since the Great War ended. An era that was 'great' for our current society to involve from. And throughout all the developments, we promise, we will remember them.

Siobhan Raisbeck

John Gard'ner Memorial Trophy Armistice Day Speech

On 28 June 1914, two shots rang out in Sarajevo, Bosnia. Gavrilo Princip, a Bosnian Serb, and member of the Black Hand Gang, opened fire with his pistol on Archduke Franz Ferdinand of Austria Hungary, and his wife Sofia. This was to be the spark that ignited the powder-keg that was Europe. In the politically fragile continent, war spread like wildfire. For four years, a war engulfed 135 countries, and claimed the lives of 20 million people. One thousand five hundred and sixty six days later after the start of the Great War, on November 11th, 1918, the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month, a ceasefire came into effect. During the six hours between the signing of the armistice and its taking effect, fierce fighting continued, with an astonishing 2,738 dying on the final day. Some artillery crews continued firing on German positions, so they could avoid hauling away ammunition after the ceasefire. Canadian Private George Lawrence Price was shot by a German sniper at 10:57 and died at 10:58. American Henry Gunther, the last soldier to die in the Great War, was killed 60 seconds before the armistice came into force while charging astonished German troops who were aware the Armistice was nearly upon them. He was 60 seconds away from the end of a horrific conflict that had left 20 million dead, and 21 million wounded - the bloodiest toll of any war that had ever occurred. Henry Gunther was 60 seconds away from the rest of his life. 60 seconds that he was never to see. It amazes me that up until a set point in time, humans can keep shooting to kill, fighting tooth and nail for every last inch of ground, yet when the deadline is reached - just stop. That in itself suggests something of the futility of the four year conflict that preceded the armistice.

World War I was vastly different to all those that had come before it for a great many reasons. It was one of the first major wars post-industrial revolution, where the fires of industry had met human cruelty in a head on collision. Gone were the days of god-like generals astride horses in the thick of battle. Much less were engagements decided by individual military discipline, and the skill of the troops, but by the technology? The Great War saw the introduction of the tank and the aircraft to combat - two technologies that would irreversibly revolutionise warfare - even if many commanders of the time did not realise it. A crew of nineteen year olds with a machine gun (which British commander Sir Douglas Haig referred to as overrated) could have wiped out Napoleon's entire Old Guard with only a fraction of the training and skill. Industry had been applied to warfare, and the result was horrific. Technology had advanced, but the strategies hadn't, and this resulted in four brutal years of stalemate in the mud of Northern France. To me, Armistice Day signifies the step into industrialised warfare, into total warfare. It was the first, and regrettably, not last, global war. The name "The War to End All Wars" could not be further from the truth. It set in place the conditions in Europe for another, far more horrific war to break out only 21 short years later. Alongside the sheer scale of World War II, World War I somewhat pales in significance, and is often forgotten. Yet, it is important to remember, that without World War I, World War II would probably have never occurred. WWI was the final and terrible transition into the modern, industrialised world. In my opinion, The Great War signified the real start to the 20th century. When I think of Armistice Day, and World War I, I think of the trenches. It is difficult to place yourself into the shoes of a soldier in the Great War. Living each day wondering whether you would live to see the next, the mud, the rats, the fleas - contemplating whether it would be a shell, snipers bullet, dysentery, or your own commander that would be the death of you. Standing at the fire-step at dawn, rifle in hands - eerie silence as the shelling ceases - waiting for the whistle to go over the top. When you hear it, you are expected you will calmly walk out of your trench, over the barbed wire and craters of no-man's land, and that you will wade head first into machine gun enfilade without batting an eye. You were to stand in the filth in name of King and Country, and when you were told to die, you died. Disposable heroes. As General George S. Patton said, "Courage is fear holding on a minute longer." - and being able to charge to your death on command is courage above and beyond. General Patton also said - in one of my favourite quotes "I don't measure a man's success by how high he climbs but how high he bounces when he hits bottom." War is the bottom, but some men can bounce remarkably high. Look at Canadian Adrian Carton de Wiart in the First World War. He was shot in the face, the head, the stomach, ankle, leg, hip, and ear; survived two plane crashes; tunnelled out of a POW camp; and once pulled off his own fingers when a doctor refused to amputate them. When describing his experiences in World War I, he wrote, "Frankly I had enjoyed the war." But beyond the squalor and fear of the trenches, Armistice Day honours the supreme sacrifice that not only the soldiers of the Great War made, but of all wars before and since. Humans are resilient creatures, and despite the time or the place, they never fail to surprise you with incredible stories of bravery, compassion, and sacrifice. War is the pinnacle of human competition. No rules, no limits, a fight to the death. Both sides often use every tool in their arsenal to prove their point, to exert their dominance - simply because it is human nature to do so. To truly believe that we can ever stop this I think is naive. It is a dark flaw of humanity that there will always be those who seek to control others by any means necessary. There must always be those willing to stand against the tyrants, and if truly necessary, stop them. Armistice Day should be a time to contemplate not only the terrible cost of war, but also its terrible and regrettable necessity. We should be thankful that there were men and women great enough to stand up, and spill their own blood for what they believed in, for the country they loved. In the grand scheme of things, New Zealand is a small nation. Yet, we have never cowered in the face in the duty. The Boer War, World War One, World War Two, Korea, Vietnam, Iraq, and Afghanistan. New Zealanders have never been afraid to stand up for what we believe is right, and to reinforce our beliefs with action. Armistice Day celebrates our unity as a nation, and our conviction in our beliefs - a conviction so great that many were willing to pay the supreme sacrifice for our ideals as nation. GK Chesterton said "The true soldier fights not because he hates what is in front of him, but because he loves what is behind him." Many on both sides signed up because they were told their country needed them, because they believed they were defending the ideals they lived by. As Napoleon once said, "A soldier will fight long and hard for a bit of coloured ribbon." But for the coloured ribbon, and the ideals behind it, many were prepared to march to their death. For the ideas of freedom, and of democracy, many brave men and women paid the ultimate sacrifice. In remembrance and commemoration, we have Armistice Day. All throughout history, tyrants and madmen have plagued humanity, and better technology will never fix this. Sometimes, the only way to defend the ideals and freedoms we often take for granted is by the sword. For me, Armistice Day represents both war and peace. It represents the conviction of our country, and the Empire of which we were a part. It commemorates the sacrifice so many made, and that so many more will undoubtedly make. For the brave that have fallen, for the brave left standing, and for the brave that will fall, we will remember. Lest we forget.

Seumas M. Beedie A.T.C.L.

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.

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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”.

Extracts from the Minutes of WW100 Tauranga Committee Meeting

Domain Gates: Outline of what the Council is doing in regards to the Gate's conservation. Suggestion that in 2015 the Anzac Ceremony should take place at the gates. Investigation on this needed.

Update of Planned and Proposed Projects:

Digitalisation of material at the Tauranga Library Continues. Some great new material added to Tauranga Memories. See Harley's article on his Grandfather Captain Andrew Dougall Blair.

http://tauranga.kete.net.nz/remembering_war/topics/show/1478-captain-andrew-dougall-blair-1872-1955

Design and fabrication of the shipping containers has begun.

Tauranga Historical Society received Lottery funding for lecture series. RSA offered to promote series in their newsletter and WW100 keen to support this series.

Gary Crocker, teacher at Matamata Intermediate, brought along information regarding the Tauranga man William Berridge. Discussion of what is needed in schools

Still waiting for a response from Navy re Anzac Day commemorations 2015.

Field of Remembrance Mt Drury suggested for crosses. Contact to be made with Main Street Tauranga regarding plans Tauranga side. Wood to go to men's shed early next year. Positive response from several shops re pop up displays

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

Social Events

The Halloween party held on 2nd November was a great success. A good time was had by all – even the adults joined in the children's fun and games. Everyone who came along made the effort in fancy dress and there were some interesting and imaginative costumes. Janet Crafts won the best costume of the night with her Corpse Bride. There was plenty of food and the punch seemed to go down a trick or treat! The club was well decorated thanks to the committee members who gave up their time on Saturday for a few hours and the clean up on the Sunday took only an hour. We are hoping to make this an annual event so keep it in mind for next year folks and start planning your costumes ☺





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.

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Maj A.J. Mirrielees

As you have seen from the Presidents report your committee was successful in bidding on the medal of Maj A.J. Mirrielees a former Hauraki. It is our intention to upgrade the exhibit. If you wish to donate to this cause please send your donation to the Treasurer with the reference (Your name and upgrade of museum)



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MADAME COPE-DOWSING'S CONCERT TO-NIGHT.

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AT TRENTHAM.****SOME GOOD MARKSMANSHIP**

Last Saturday's muster of shooting men, at Trentham rifle range, was no up to the average. Some of the companies were holding daylight parades in Wellington, and consequently they held no shooting competitions. The Petone Rifle Club paid a visit to the range as a preparation for the Dominion championship annual matches, to be fired next month. The range officers for the day were Lieutenant Glendinning and Skelley of D Battery. A steady wind blew from the right, but the fact that it was stronger than it seemed to be puzzled some of the marksmen who went down in the early squads. Most of the shooting took place at 800 and 900 yards. The best shoot was that of Private Giver (City Rifles), who got on 48 out of a possible 50, made up of 24 at each distance. Private Hunt (Zealandia Rifles) a young shot, made 59 out of 70 at the same distances (29 and 30), while Rifleman Balford (Karori) achieved a similar total with 31 and 28. A fine single range score was that of Rifleman Thomas (Petone), who notched 44 at 900 yards out of a possible 50. Gunner Watsor (Permanent Forces) made an even better single-range record. He was firing with a new barrel, for the first time, and all seven of his first shots at 800 yards missed the target. Then he went to 900 yards, and in ten consecutive shots he scored 48. The Highland Rifles fired at 500 and 600 yards, where Sergt. Marsden got on 62, his score at the shorter range being 32. Private Eves, of the same company, compiled 61, including 31 at the 600 yards range. A good shoot at 500 was made by Lance-Corporal Shannon, who got on 34 out of 35. A satisfactory feature of the shooting is the continued improvement made by the latest addition to the regularly competing companies: i.e., the Heretaunga Mounted Rifles. The top score on Saturday (a 60 by Trooper Trevethick) was really first-class. Gunner Plimmer (D Battery) made the good shoot of 91 out of a possible 100, his score being made up of 47 at 500 yards and 44 at 600 yards.

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The company belt and other trophies were fired for. Good scoring was made by several of the competitors.

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SERVICE MATCHES AT TRENTHAM.

DOMINION RIFLE ASSOCIATION

SATURDAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

(From the Post's Special Reporters.)

(Per Pigeon Express.)

TRENTHAM, This Day.

Quite properly, the New Council of Defence makes a point of being in accord with the military heads of Great Britain, whether in regard to the defence system as recently declared, or in respect of the alteration in character effected in the annual rifle shooting tests at Bisley. These latter are now made to include a goodly proportion of matches fired under conditions which, to some extent, approach those of actual warfare, and it is satisfactory to notice that the New Zealand Rifle Championship meeting that is now being held at Trentham contains more service matches than any previous programme put on at Trentham has had. This year's matches, too, are of a more exacting nature than those of previous years. There is a good deal of running about to be done in between the shooting; there is necessity to take cover, with provision for deduction of score points from competitors who needlessly expose themselves; and, in short, the programme makes it clear that while the executive of the association recognises the need for grounding men thoroughly in the art of aiming and firing scientifically at fixed targets, it also knows of the great need for carrying the lesson further on, and giving marksmen a chance of acquiring practice in the art of firing at targets that have the knack of disappearing, if not of firing back in the manner that a human target may do.

SERVICE MATCHES.

Four service matches were fired on Saturday afternoon, in the presence of a fairly large muster of the public, which had come out from Wellington by special train. The work proved to be interesting as well as instructive, but the strain of carrying it out, with a heat temperature well over 80 degrees in the shade, proved to be very severe on some of the weaker competitors. Some details of the earlier matches were printed in Saturday's Post; the last.

and chief match, is more fully noted under a separate heading in to-day's issue. Amongst those who witnessed the match were Colonels Robin and Davies, of the Council of Defence; Colonel Bauchop, officer commanding the district; and a number of officers attached to the Wellington Garrison. The prize lists in the various matches are appended:—

COVER MATCH.

The match known as the Cover Match, in which competitors fired from behind temporary shelter at targets which disappeared at given orders, resulted in a good deal of accurate shooting and a lot that was otherwise. The possible of 35 points was made by the following marksmen, and they each received £2 6s:—Private Lowe, Gisborne; Captain Barltrop, Feilding; Private Drummond, Westport; Rifleman Moeslen, Kaseo; Rifleman Franklin, Weber; Private Anderson, Kaitangata, Captain Bent, Taranaki; Private Stephens, Ashburton; Corporal Jackson, Wellington; Rifleman Standish, Tarata; Private Pearson, Timaru; Private Profit, Napier; Rifleman Currie, Riversdale; Sergeant Wickens, Wellington; Rifleman Kitchen, Upper Hutt; Lieut. Irvine, Nelson; Bugler Wayte, Mataura; Bugler Eden, Nelson; Corporal Cameron, Palmerston North; Gunner Watson, Wellington; Private Wing, Marton; Rifleman Nix, Apiti; Lieut. Mirrielee, Johnsonville; Private Frederick, Marton; Sergt.-Major Simpson, Waikato; Rifleman L. Loveday, Hohaia.

NO. 7 SNAP SHOT MATCH

Some "warm" shooting took place in this match, which consisted of seven shots per man, independent and time-limit, at target exposed for three seconds at a time, with varying intervals for the disappearances. "Possibles" (35 points) were scored by each of the competitors named below—well over 100—and they received as each:— Surgeon-Captain M'Knight, Captain Jessop, F. C. Franklin, A. Butler, E. A. Holdgate, Captain Barltrop, F. W. Mackay, Private Gazeley, C. Crow, W. Drummond, Lieut. Duncan, W. H. Moselen, W. H. Boys, Captain Dodds, G. Anderson, Corporal M'ivor, R. Reed, P. A. S. Stephens, W. Banks, J. Riddles, J. Beckingham, S. F. Nelson, F. Standish, S. Sorenson, A. Nielson, Lieut. Bolton, D. Roots, H. Rogers, J. A. Pearson, Sergt. Whitley, Lieut. Shanks, Private Proffit, W. Hurbour, A. R. Wills, M. P. Chapman, J. Carter, E. W. Soper, L. Kitchen, A. Cameron, Q.M.S. Shaw, M. Tobin, J. B. Bairstow, H. R. M'Elrea, J. A. Munroe, W. G. Lane, Private Morrison, T. H. Hall, G. M'Kee, W. G. Tarr, Sergt. Montgomery, Q.M.S. Wells, Private Hill, M. W. Neville, Private Davidson, D. M. M'Intosh, W. T. Clyde, A. McDonald, W. S. Mills, A. Dippie, A. J. Cameron, Rifleman Smith, A. V. Wayne, R. J. King, W. Lineham, R. J. Rennard, W. Kenning, R. M. Harding, T. J. Noonan, A. Eden, T. Whiteman, E. C. O. White, W. Olsen, H. Marshall, T. Jones, E. O. Lewer, J. Porteous, E. S. Vennell, J. G. Wilson, F. W. Ongley, H. Breingan, and G. Tinney.

Following is the prize list in No. 8 Service Match, rapid firing, 10 shots limit, magazine, in 45sec:—

Rifleman J. Turner, Petone, £5	...	46
Captain Dutton, Auckland, £4.		85

Ribberman Chapman, Te Kapu, £3 ...	44
Private Frederick, Marton, £2 6s 8d	43
Rifleman M'Leay, Opaki, £2 6s 8d	43
Rifman. Brenton, Pongaroa, £2 6s 8d	43
Sergt. D. Reid, Gisborne, £1 13s 4d	41
Rifman. M'Calmont, Opaki, £1 13s 4d	41
Rifman. Soper, Tuarua, £1 13s 4d	41

Prizes of £1 each went to Private Fisher, Wellington; Rifleman Winslade, Opaki; Sergt. Clyde, Waikari; Lieut. Pongley, Oamaru; Sergt. Wilson, Caversham; Sergt. Hugo, Wellington; Private Mackay, Dunedin; Corpl. Kells, Palmerston North; Sergt. Leith, Oreti, each 40. Lieut. Neilson, Dannevirke; Private Brown, Dannevirke; Rifleman Mellor, Petone; Private Eden, Waimea; Private Wing, Marton; Lance-Corpl. Purnell, Wanganui; Sergt. Tait, Pahiatua; Gunner Boon, Wellington, each 39. Corpl. Dunmil, Timaru; Private Muiridge, Palmerston North; Private G. B. Preston, Auckland; Q.M.S. Shaw, Auckland; Rifleman Stephenson, Shannon; Private Griffiths, Wanganui; Private Nicolson, Wellington; Rifleman Duthie, Christchurch, each 38. The following got 17s 6d each:—Private Lyford, Newton; Rifleman M'Lachlan, Petone; Rifleman B. J. King, Opaki; Lieut. Collins, Wellington; Rifleman E. Lower, Karori; Private Foasey, Wellington; Lieut. M'Cormick, Hawkes Bay, each 37. Prizes of 8s each went to the following:—Corporal Butcher, Dunedin; Rifleman Dick, Riversdale; Private Olsen, Eketahuna; Rifleman Moslen, Kaeo; Private Harrison, Wanganui; Corporal Small, Kaitangata; Private Riddles, Taranaki; Sergt. Melville, Waikato; Gunner M'Donald, N.Z.G.A.V.; Rifleman Kenning, Tadmor; Private Tong, Hawkes Bay M.R.; Private Murphy, Newton; Gunner Plimmer, Wellington, each 35.

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THE VOLUNTEERS.

ANNUAL MEETING OF JOHNSONVILLE RIFLES.

The second annual meeting of the Johnsonville Rifle Volunteers was held last night. Captain F. T. Moore presided. Lieutenant Mirrieles and thirty members were present.

The annual report said that 47 members had earned capitulation during the past year, out of a total strength of 57. Fairly satisfactory work had been performed, and the squad that competed at the military tournament held at Palmerston North succeeded in tying with the previously unrivalled Wellington City Rifles in musketry exercises. The resignation of Lieutenant Willis from the position of junior subaltern, towards the end of the year, to take a similar post in the Wellington Highland Rifles, had caused a vacancy that yet had to be filled. Considerable changes also took place in the non-commissioned and private ranks of the corps, owing to transfers to Wellington city companies, and removals from the district. Recruits had filled many of these places, but there was room for others to join the ranks of the company, and members were asked to nominate eligible candidates to keep the strength of the company at a satisfactory level. The Government had granted a site for a drillshed on the Hawtrey Estate for the erection of which funds are required. The statement of receipts and expenditure showed £30 7s 3d in hand, in the 28th February, 1909, but accrued liabilities for rent of Drill Hall, armoury, extra uniform, etc., would absorb this balance.

At the conclusion of the annual meeting a "social" was held. Captain Ross, of the Hutt Valley Rifles, handed over the shooting trophies won last year. Following is a list of the donors and winners of trophies:—Private S. Styles (Capt. Moore's trophy for best shot in A Class); Corp. Washington (Lieut. Mirrieles' trophy for best shot in B Class); Col. Sergt. Bould, Corp. H. Morgan, Corp. S. Green, Privates W. M'Indoe, W. London, D. Morgan, and Styles, won trophies presented by Messrs. R. P. Cook, C. Bould, C. Rod, S. Green, J. Jerusalem, and F. C. Liddie.

The evening was concluded with song and dance, interspersed. Messrs. Fred. Twiss, Alex. Moore, W. Bentley, S. Juliff, and others contributed items, while Mrs. Mirrieles, Mrs. C. Bould, and Miss Olive Moore provided music.

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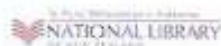
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MINIATURE RIFLE RANGE.

The Johnsonville Rifle Volunteer miniature range was formally opened by Captain P. T. Moore last night. Twenty men competed in a practice match, the best shots being Private Styler (34) and Private Mildenhall (32). The range, which will be also available for the local school cadet corps, is fitted with acetylene gas for night practice, and the firing mound is enclosed in a corrugated iron shed, making practice possible in any weather. Lieut. Mirrieless designed the plans for the range, the safety of which was looked to by officers of the Defence Department and Major McDonald (officer commanding the New Zealand School Cadets). The miniature targets are fixed to travellers on wire ropes, which run from the firing point to the butts, a few turns of a large wheel at the firing point operating the movements of the targets, and enabling the marker to examine every shot, and affix and remove targets without going beyond the firing mound. Col. Sergt. Bould was range officer.

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MORRIS TUBE MATCH.

A team of Guards visited Johnsonville last night, and fired a Morris-tube match with the Johnsonville Rifles. The Guards won by the small margin of seven points. The conditions were eight men aside, seven shots and one sighter. The following are the scores:—

Guards.—Private Smart, 32; Private Casserley, 32; Sergeant Neal, 30; Sergeant Sneddon, 28; Sergeant Tinney, 27; Private Downman, 26; Sergeant Follingham, 25; Private M'Whirter, 21. Total, 221.

Johnsonville Rifles.—Lieutenant Mirrieless, 32; Private Stiles, 30; Private Uden, 27; Corporal Morgan, 26; Corporal W. London, 26; Corporal Stannard, 25; Private Morgan, 24; Sergeant Moore, 24. Total, 214.

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CADETS AT TRENTHAM

A SUCCESSFUL MEETING.

Cadets to the number of about 200 went out to Trentham Rifle Range yesterday to take part in a series of matches arranged for Defence Cadets and the Public School Cadets respectively. The day was beautifully fine, and that the light wind which blew from the rear had no great degree of trickiness was shown by the excellence of the scores made by the most successful competitors. The public schools division fired at 100, 150, and 200 yards, seven shots per lad at the first two ranges, and fourteen per lad at the 200 yards. The scoring, on a "three-two-four" basis, gave a total of 112 points. The foot bull's-eye was used all through these contests. The seven leading aggregate makers all came from Johnsonville and Petone Schools, the highest two being Johnsonville lads, with 100 and 98 points respectively. Excellent shooting (under Bisley score conditions) was done by the Defence Cadets, and notably by those from Wellington College. Their firing was steady enough to prove careful training; also the capacity to reason as to why certain shots were weak, and to apply the remedies. The officer-commanding New Zealand Cadets (Major McDonald) was on the range, and in the course of a congratulatory speech he expressed a hope that this movement would grow until they had at Trentham an annual gathering of boys representative of every company in New Zealand, on lines of the "Boys' Bisley" which has been so successful in England in fostering a desire to excel in this branch of military duty.

The day was excessively hot—too hot, even for pigeon flying—and there were bullets that missed their addresses as well as bullets that missed their billets.

The range officers were Captains Davis, V.D., M'Diarmid, Matheson, Barton, Lieuts. Mirrieles, Willis, and Henderson.

In the Defence Cadets Grand Aggregate, Lieut. W. Fitchett came first, with 65 points out of a possible 70, and Private P. Freeth, a fourteen-year-old lad, second, only one point behind. Freeth topped the totals in B Class by a lead of six points from the second lad, Private D. Mackersey. Matches were won by Lieut. Fitchett, Private Polson, and Private Freeth (two matches) respectively.

The Public Schools winners were Private Rabe (Maranui), Private Ferris (Normal School), Colour-Sergeant M'Crae (Johnsonville), and Sergeant M'Farlane (Johnsonville). The three prize-winners in the Grand Aggregate were Sergeant M'Vicar (Johnsonville), Colour-Sergeant M'Crae (Johnsonville), and Private Marsden (Petone).

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The meeting must be written of as an unqualified success.

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FIELD SHOOTING AT TRENTHAM

QUICK FIRING AND GOOD HITTING.

YESTERDAY'S MATCHES.

(Per Pigeon Express.)

(From The Post's Special Reporters.)

TRENTHAM, Tuesday Evening.

A programme of five service matches was gone through at Trentham to-day, in bright, hot weather, and under conditions otherwise favourable for shooting. The five matches involved a firing off of forty-three rounds of ammunition per man, besides a good deal of moving about; in short, the competitors passed a strenuous day, and there is a tired and weary five hundred disposed for early slumber in the canvas town this evening. The matches are to some extent of an involved nature, and the smoothness with which they were run through was a good testimony to the organisation of the clerical, field, and statistical staffs, and to the manner in which they dovetailed. The Snap Shooting Match was an event which had unexpectedness for its chief feature. Competitors had to crouch and to fire shots in specified numbers at head-and-shoulders targets, of small dimensions, which appeared above the butts for three seconds, at varying intervals of from five to thirty seconds. In another match, known as the Loophole Cover Match, competitors had to take cover in rear of boards representing a wall, and to fire ten rounds per man, through loopholes, at targets which were exposed for only sixty seconds in all. In the Cover Match, fired at 300 yards, there was further need for celerity of movement and quick decision. Only four seconds were allowed for competitors to rise, fire, and get behind cover again. Seven shots per man were fired. At 500 yards a rapid-firing event was got off, consisting of ten shots in forty-five seconds. Notwithstanding the rapidity of shooting, some excellent scoring was recorded. Another match was varied by having the targets exposed at regular intervals, the competitors meanwhile advancing across country from behind the five hundred yards mound, and firing from 400, 300, and 200 yards. There were three shots to be fired at each distance, but in a great many cases the competitors were unable to get off all of their shots, owing to the shortness of the time specified in the conditions. The title of this match was "The Attack Match," and in many respects it resembled the old firing course

known as "The Marksman's Badge." To-day, on account of the roughness of the ground travelled over, and the many mounds and ditches to be crossed, it was humorously nicknamed "The Quartermile Obstacle Race." Generally speaking, these service matches effected their end, in teaching marksmen to be prompt in judgment and to reason without outside guidance. All divisions of the Defence Forces have come to this view during recent years, but there is also a consensus of opinion that there is a great waste of ammunition under the present conditions, in consequence of no indications being given as to whether a marksman has hit high or low, wide or near. Even in war time, a human target gives indication of how the bullets aimed at him are going. Certainly there seems to be need for amendment of the conditions now governing these matches. Their development has been very recent, and it would be well if the association executive reconsidered, with a view to amendment, the hard-and-fast rule which compels competitors in these matches to fire away all their shots speculatively. Following are the lists of prizewinners in the various matches:—

RAPID-FIRING MATCH,
500 yards.

In this match the target is coloured, the upper half brown, the lower half green, having centrally upon it a "head and shoulders" figure coloured khaki. The targets are exposed 45 seconds, during which the competitor may fire as many shots as he is able up to ten. Magazine firing is compulsory.

J. Burns (Karori),	£4 10s ...	45
Sgt. Purnell (Wanganui),	£4 10s ...	45
Sgt. Wickens (D. B. Wel),	£3 ...	44
Pvt. Dickson (Bruce),	£3 ...	44
Pvt. Grover (Taranaki),	£2 ...	43
Cpl. Kells (Palmerston N.),	£2 ...	43
Cpl. Wellsford (Alexandra),	£1 10s ...	42
Harford (Feilding),	£1 10s ...	42
Lieut. Levy (Westport),	£1 10s ...	42
Lieut. Clifton (Wellington),	£1 10s ...	42

The following obtained prizes of £1 each:—Cpl. Clyde (Waikari), J. Perrin (Linton), Bgr. Ballinger (Nelson), Pvt. M'Ivor (Wellington), Lieut. Hood (Masterton), Cpl. Goodall (Greymouth), Pvt. Moore (Timaru), each 41; Sgt. Thomas (Cromwell), A. Caldwell (Karori), Col. S. Peattie (Bruce), C. Williams (Ohura), Sgt. Molloy (Reefton), Cpl. Fisher (Wellington), W. K. Williams (Ohura), Pvt. Barkle (Christchurch), C. Whiteman (Upper Hutt), Lieut. Skeiley (D. Battery, Wellington), each 40; G. Hyde (Opaki), Pvt. Kells (Dennistown), Sgt. Yeo (Auckland), Sgt. Eden (Waimea), Sgt. Hogg (King's Rifles), Sgt. W. Jackson (Linwood), Sgt. W. Crimp (Green Island), W. Kummer (Te Wharua), Sgt. Gasquoine (College Rifles, Wellington), Pvt. Guthrie (Hastings), each 39. 8s 6d each:—Sgt. M'Calley (N.S.W.), Lieut. Mellor (Wellington), Cpl. Cannon (Wanganui), Q.M.S. Cowan (Ohinemuri), W. H. Cutler (N.S.W.), S.-Maj. Bilton (N.S.W.), Pvt. P. Jack (Linwood), Lieut. Clarke (Waikato), Pvt. Biel (Linwood), S.-Maj. Drummond (Nelson), Lieut. Mirrielees (Johnsonville), Sgt. Keilar (No. 2 Engineers), R. Duthie (Christchurch), Pvt. G. Crimp (Green Island), Gnr. F. W. Ching (Lyttelton), Chapman (Te Kapu), Reed (Pongaroa), Monro (Opaki), Mol-

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MORRIS-TUBE SHOOTING.

TRIANGULAR MATCH.

A triangular match was fired last evening at the Zealandia Range, Lower Taranaki-street, between teams representing Messrs. Watkins, Tyer, and Tolan, Ltd., Short Bros., and C. and A. Odlin's, Ltd. A very interesting match was witnessed. C. and A. Odlin's team put up a fine score, averaging just one point short of 32, and winning by 46 points, Watkins, Tyer, and Tolan came second with a score of 241, and Short Bros. 20 points lower down, the following are the detailed scores:—

C. and A. Odlin, Ltd.—A. C. Meissey 34, D. Drummond 33, H. Barnes 33, G. Hodder 32, A. Barnes 32, B. Gawith 32, J. Teo 31, B. Westwood 30, A. Medhurst 30. Total 287.

Watkins, Tyer, and Tolan, Ltd.—White 30, J. Beale 29, H. Nelson 29, A. Fleming 28, A. Roberts 28, W. Olingberg 25, J. Walter 25, W. Molloy 22. Total 241.

Short Bros.—J. Beavis 32, H. Short 27, G. McKinnon 27, A. Hamilton 25, W. Batchelor 23, A. Backhouse 23, J. Deig 22, W. Bradley 21, J. Short 21. Total 221.

AT THE NEW TARGET.

A match was fired at the new Harbottle disappearing target last night in the Drill Shed, Backle-street, by several picked shots. The target is on the "Clustie" principle, a "head-and-shoulders" about 1 inch across the head and 2 inches at the base, exposed for various lengths of time from one second upwards. There were six targets, three to each butt. On the left three were Lieut. Roberts (City Rifles), Major Mathieson (College Cadets), Capt. Gibbs (Engineers); on the right were Lieut. Bolton (P. and T. Rifles), President H. Marshall (Karori R.C.), and Lieut. Mirrielees (Johnsonville Rifles). In the first match Marshall brought his run down and so put Mathieson out of action. He then knocked out the remaining two targets and this, of course, gave the right an easy win. In the second match Marshall and Mirrielees immediately brought down their men, and Gibbs and Mathieson had to retire. In the meanwhile Roberts on the left, brought down his

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JOHNSONVILLE TERRITORIALS.

The third annual meeting of the Johnsonville Rifles was held last week. Captain F. T. Moore presided, and Lieutenants Mirrielees, Cowles, and thirty members were also present. The finance committee's report stated that 52 members had earned capitulation during the past year, and that 100 members had been enrolled since the formation of the company. It also said that the whole of the liability for service uniforms, greatcoats, helmets, etc., purchased by the Government for the corps three years ago, had been discharged. Mention was made that the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. Willis had been filled by the election of Mr. Cowles to the rank of junior subaltern. The shooting report stated that ten local residents, Dr. Robertson, Messrs. W. L. Thompson, R. Bould, Thos. Bowler, Herbert Bowler, J. Rod, J. J. Moore, D. McRae, Otto Jerusalem, and R. P. Cook, had presented a handsome silver-mounted championship belt, which is to remain the property of the company, and only to be held by the winner from year to year. Lieutenant Mirrielees was the winner for the year 1909-1910. The gold medal presented by Captain Moore was won by Private S. Styles, and the silver medal presented by Lieutenant Mirrielees was won by Private Cook. Other prize-winners were: Private Styles and Sergeant Morgan, No. 1 match; Sergeant Morgan and Corporal Washington, No. 2 match; Private Kean and Corporal Green, No. 2 match (junior); Corporal Washington and Corporal Morgan, No. 3 match; Private Swan and Private Kean, No. 3 match (junior). The miniature range had proved most successful, and a number of competitions with city companies were in course of arrangement. The local school cadets also found this range and the corps rifle range useful for their training, and they carried off the public school championship at Trentham last year. The amusement committee reported that several entertainments, including the annual ball, had been provided by the committee for the recreation of members, and that assistance had always been freely given by Mrs. Mirrielees in supplying music. A special vote of thanks was unanimously accorded this lady. In order to encourage fraternity among the members of the corps, it was decided to form a club, towards which boxing gloves, single-sticks, and other useful donations were promised.

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JOHNSONVILLE BOYS' CLUB.

The second annual banquet of the Johnsonville Boys' Club was held this week in the Parish Hall, Johnsonville. There was a crowded attendance. The president of the club, the Rev. A. B. Chappell, M.A., was in the chair, supported by the Mayor of Onslow (Mr. J. G. Harkness) and the Rev. F. H. Petrie, M.A. Mr. D. A. Johnson, one of the vice-presidents, was vice-chairman. Other vice-presidents present were Dr. Robertson, and Messrs. A. J. Mirrielees and A. Kerr. Apologies for absence were received from Mr. J. P. Luke, M.P., Mr. H. N. Holmes (secretary of the Wellington Y.M.C.A.), and Mr. J. W. Braithwaite. In each case hearty wishes were expressed for the club's progress.

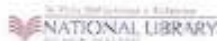
The proceedings were most enthusiastic. The repast prepared had been most tastefully set out by a committee of ladies, and the decoration of the hall provided a gay setting for the animated scene.

After the usual loyal toast, proposed by the chairman, the following list of toasts was honoured:—"The Club," proposed by Mr. O. Jerusalem and responded to by Mr. D. A. Johnson; "Kindred Institutions," Mr. J. G. Harkness and Mr. G. C. Rodda; "Johnsonville, Past, Present, and Future," Mr. A. Chapman and Mr. F. T. Moore; "All-Round Culture," Mr. F. Bethune and the Rev. A. B. Campbell; "Sport," Mr. A. J. Mirrielees and Dr. Robertson; "The Ladies," Mr. A. Kerr and the Rev. F. H. Petrie; and (as an additional toast) "The Vice-Presidents," Rev. A. B. Chappell and Mr. Johnson. The speech-making reached a high level, and was characterised by emphasis of the aim of the club to aid the physical, mental, and moral development of its members.

The toasts were interspersed with items of a most enjoyable programme. Songs were contributed by Mrs. Chappell and Miss Green, who also sang a duet; Miss Eileen Chapman recited, a vocal duet was given by the Rev. Messrs Chappell and Petrie, a pianoforte solo by Mr. L. Fell, and a pianoforte duet by Miss A. Green and Mr. Fell, and Mr. O. Jerusalem played a violin solo.

The club, which is doing an excellent work, was congratulated on the success of the function.

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JOHNSONVILLE TERRITORIALS.

The Johnsonville Territorials (Capt. F. T. Moore) last night entertained Lieutenant Mirrielees, who is leaving the district. The visiting officers were Capt. Esson (City Rifles), Capt. Ross and Lieutenants Slipper and Butler (Hutt Valley Rifles).

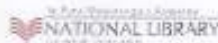
Capt. Esson, the senior officer present, presented Mr. Mirrielees with a sword and scabbard handsomely inscribed, the gift of the local corps, and Mrs. Mirrielees with a pair of solid silver candlesticks. A handsome writing cabinet was also presented to Sergeant John Moore, now a resident of Levin. Capt. Esson spoke in congratulatory terms of the work of Mr. Mirrielees as a volunteer officer, complimenting him upon the goodwill with which he was regarded by all ranks, and upon the fact that he was carrying with him the company's champion belt for the year 1909-10.

Capt. Ross, in a very happy speech, also enumerated the many good achievements of Mr. Mirrielees as a volunteer officer, and Capt. Moore said that the watchfulness, energy, and industry displayed by his senior subaltern was an excellent pattern for his successor to follow.

Mr. Dunbar Sloane, who will fill the vacancy caused by the retirement of Mr. Mirrielees, Surgeon Capt. Robertson, and Capt. Bethune, of the local cadet corps, were present. Songs, interspersed with dances, occupied the remainder of the evening. Mr. Cathart was in excellent voice, and Mr. Len Picken ably supplied the music.

Mr. Mirrielees leaves Johnsonville for his new home at Tauranga on Monday next.

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RAIN AT TRENTHAM.

STEADY DOWNPOUR,

MARKER SLIGHTLY INJURED.

FIRST 'ACCIDENT' FOR TWENTY YEARS.

As marksmen looked skyward at 6 o'clock this morning, they wore expressions of doubt as to the weather prospects, and sure enough rain commenced about breakfast time. Between 8.30 and 9 a.m. a steady downpour occurred, which lasted for perhaps an hour. The rain continued steadily, though not so heavily, and up to the time of writing there is no promise of cessation. Competitors who have been engaged in the service matches found the conditions anything but pleasant, and the observer witnessed the novel sight of umbrellas on the ranges. Real service conditions do not appeal to everyone.

GUNNER WATKINS STRUCK.

Shortly after 10 a.m. an accident occurred, in which Gunner W. Watkins, of the R.N.Z.A., Wellington, and late of Rangiora, Canterbury, was injured in the course of his duties as a marker on the Collins Range, attending targets from 5 to 10. The moving target match, a portion of the service events on the programme, was being proceeded with, when he sustained a flesh wound on the right shoulder. Colonel Collins and Hughes at once went to the scene of the accident, and investigated matters. The sufferer was able to walk, and he was assisted to his tent by a couple of comrades. It was not known at first whether a bullet had struck him or not, all he could say being that something struck the back and he saw a small cloud of dust. He is a tall man, easily over 6ft. Some of the markers expressed the opinion that the trench is dangerous, as it is not covered in.

Captain A. J. Mirrielees, of Tauranga, who is a chemist, quickly came to the gunner's assistance, and dressed the wound. Questioned by the pressmen, he said Watkins had a jagged flesh wound caused by a bullet, which had become torn after ricocheting. The injury is not very serious, but the gunner will not have the use of his arm for a time. Watkins had his shoulder up at the time, as he was holding a target.

Dr. Kemp later reported that he had examined Watkins. There was a wound two inches in length at the back of the

right shoulder joint, accompanied by a number of bruises. There was no evidence that any bullet had lodged in the shoulder. Watkins's removal to barracks was ordered, with instructions to see the medical superintendent on arrival. The wound, though painful, will probably not incapacitate him from performing his duties. A board of enquiry for the purpose of investigating the accident takes place to-day.

Colonel Collins has appointed Captain Sandle, R.N.Z.A., as president, with Captains Finnis and Grant of the Staff Corps as members. This board will take the evidence of the markers who were contiguous to the man.

In a subsequent interview with Colonel Collins, Chief Executive Officer, the pressmen voiced the complaint of the markers as to the dangers of the range. Colonel Collins replied that this was the first he had heard of any objection. The range was attended to by the Public Works Department before the meeting, and it was strictly in accordance with military principles. The partial covering on the trenches was only required for the long ranges, 800, 900, and 1000 yards. Had there been a covering, the accident would not have been prevented as the man, in his anxiety to do his work successfully, to see that there was no complain from competitors, and to keep to time, apparently stood some distance out of his proper position. The butts in question are more safe than those usually provided.

The accident caused some delay in the shooting owing to the uncertainty as to what had really happened. So far as is known this is the first accident that has occurred on the Trentham range, and it is certainly the first for twenty years.

Some comment took place on account of the absence of a doctor. Dr. J. R. Purdy, medical officer to the camp, pays a daily visit, but this morning he had to undertake an operation elsewhere. In the past there has almost always been a doctor among the competitors, but there does not appear to be any this year.

On the same range and about the same kind a second accident occurred. A piece of wood appears to have become dislodged from a target by a bullet and it struck a marker on the head. He was able to continue his duties.

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AT TRENTHAM

YESTERDAY'S SHOOTING

SOME EXTRA MATCHES.

There was ample time yesterday for the usual programme events, and in the afternoon some extra matches were fired.

The Otago Match, ten shots at 800 and 1000 yards, was productive of some good shooting and also some surprising collapses. Deputy-President Shannon, of the Wellington Highland Club, shot consistently, putting on 47 and 46. Sergeant-Major Montgomery, of Dunedin, was unfortunate, though he came fifth. At 800yds he put on 44, and at 1000 started well for a possible. Nine bull's-eyes he put on the target, and then with the tenth missed completely. Captain Mirrieles, of the 6th Regiment, was similarly unfortunate. With 46 at 800yds, he scored seven bulls and two inners and missed the last shot. But there were worse mishaps. For instance, Rifleman Parslow, who made 46 at the first range, added only 12 at the second range. One possible was made—by Rifleman Melville, who came down with such a bump at 1000yds that he bounced out of the prize-list. A tyro, Rifleman Irving, was one off the possible at the shorter range, but made only 28 at the longer distance. Two more sections of the Distance Judging Competition were taken, a fair number of competitors coming near to the exact distance.

One extra match was won by Rifleman Balfour, of Greytown, and the other by Sergeant Sharland, of the 12th Regiment.

OTAGO MATCH.

800 and 900 yards, ten shots at each range, Bisley targets, possible 100. Results:—

	TL
85—S. R. Shannon, Highland R.C., Wellington ...	93
84—Pte. L. Loveday, 9th Regiment	91
84—G. R. Smith, Kaponga R.C. ...	90
83—Capt. Drummond, 59th Cadets, Westport ...	90
80—Sergeant-Major Montgomery, Staff, Dunedin ...	89
83—Capt. Mirrieles, 6th Regiment	89
82—Captain Potter, Auckland M.R.	89
82—W. Cox, Auckland City R.C. ...	88
82—A. Govenlock, Linton R.C. ...	88
82—H. Cuthbertson, Tui Marina R.C. ...	87

Winners of 21 prizes.—A. France, Old Naval Association, 87; R. M. Harding, Blenheim R.C., 87; W. Craw, Linton R.C., 87; A. J. Cameron, Opaki R.C., 86; S. Elliott, Akarana R.C., 85; T. T. Maitland, Tui Marina R.C., 85.

Our Associated Groups

THE PATRIOTS DEFENCE FORCE MOTORCYCLE CLUB - HAURAKI CHAPTER

The Hauraki Chapter of the Patriots Defence Force Motorcycle Club have had a few rides lately.

The annual Passchendaele Run was a great success, this year being to the RSA in Whangamata. The turnout was fantastic with 53 bikes making the run from as far away as Manawatu and Auckland. The weather wasn't too kind with some heavy showers on the Saturday, making for some interesting riding on the road to Whangamata, but the Sunday was clear and fine and the ride home went without any dramas. The RSA made us more than welcome and I'm sure they would like to host us again if we are ever going up that way. Following on from the Passchendaele run we had an impromptu ride over to Okorioro on Labour Day with a good turn out from both Tauranga and the guys from Rotorua. A nice lunch (well a bowl of chips for most of us) was had then a ride back home.

On 10th November, a few of us went over to Cambridge for the Remembrance Sunday service for Armistice. After the service we headed off to Lake Karapiro where there was a military fair.





Mount Maunganui Christmas parade. New Zealand Military Collectors Club Inc (BOP Branch) escorted by members of Western Bay of Plenty Cadet Unit..

Colin was with the Rhodesian Services Association as well as a long standing Hauraki Association Member. Colin was the cook who ran the monthly meal at the Garrison on the Movie night.

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November

1st	Friday	1600 hrs	Garrison Club	Nibbles
8th	Friday	1600 hrs	Garrison Club	
12th	Tuesday	1900 hrs	Garrison Club	Committee Meeting
15th	Friday	1600 hrs	Garrison Club	Nibbles
22nd	Friday	1600 hrs	Garrison Club	Nibbles
28th		Newsletter printed & posted		
29th	Friday	1600 hrs	Garrison Club	Finger Food

December

6th	Friday	1600 hrs	Garrison Club	Nibbles
11th	Sunday	1500hrs	Bob's	Committee Meeting
13th	Friday	1600 hrs	Garrison Club	Nibbles
20th	Friday	1600 hrs	Garrison Club	Nibbles
24th	Tuesday	1600 hrs	Garrison Club	Christmas Eve
27th	Friday	1600 hrs	Garrison Club	Finger Food
31st	Tuesday	1600 hrs	Garrison Club	New Year's Eve

January

3rd	Friday	1800 hrs	Garrison Club	Nibbles
10th	Friday	1600 hrs	Garrison Club	Nibbles
17th	Friday	1600 hrs	Garrison Club	Nibbles
24th	Friday	1600 hrs	Garrison Club	Nibbles
31st	Friday	1600 hrs	Garrison Club	Finger Food

February

7th	Friday	1600 hrs	Garrison Club	Nibbles
11th	Tuesday	1900 hrs	Garrison Club	Committee Meeting
14th	Friday	1600 hrs	Garrison Club	Nibbles
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