

Hauraki News

"Whaka tangata kia kaha"

November 2014 Issue No 77

Official Newsletter of the 6th Battalion (Hauraki) Regimental Association Incorporated Compiled & Edited by Des Anderson Secretary: Mrs M Kareko, 91 Windsor Road, Tauranga Registered with the Charities Commission # CC35879 Website: **6haurakiassoc.org.nz** <u>http://www.facebook.com/pages/6th-Hauraki-Association/230175227024470</u>

tauranga.kete.net.nz/ remembering War

President's Report

This issue is a little late as I have been involved in a number of different projects apart from being the editor of the "Hauraki News" .Mount Maunganui Lions, WBOPCU, CCANZ, TFESC, Hauraki Association ,WW100 Tauranga, Sanford Ltd & Export Cold Storage just to name a few. Of course I forgot to mention FAMILY; fortunately they don't forget me.

I attended all of the lectures run by University of Waikato, Sons of the Empire. A very interesting and educational experience.

I attempt to attend on your behalf, as many Hauraki Funerals as I can, October 2014 was a busy month. If do not have all the information about a soldier please forward to me as I place it on the Website edition. I am waiting for a number of items & photos to arrive??

I have tried and failed to add Mike Halliday's story of the 1914 Albany Convoy to this Edition, so have had to take it off and send under a separate cover.

Thanks to all those has sent articles & photos, but to my time restraint I have not placed them in this issue. I plan for them to be the next issue.

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. 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. 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.

As you are aware this month is the being the 100 years since the start of WW1. I have given you a glimpse of what is happening in Tauranga. Send something what is happening in your area and what is your involve.

Kia Kaha Des Anderson

Outgoing CO 3/6 RNZIR - LTCOL Julian Sewell





Message from the Outgoing Commanding Officer

Two years in command has really gone by fast!

A couple of weeks ago we performed a Charter Parade in Tauranga and I think we did it in a very unique way. We paraded both the 3 Auck North and 6 Hau Regimental Colours – instead of the 6th Hauraki Battalion Queen's and Regimental Colours – and Honorary Colonel 3 Auck North COL Grant Ellis performed the Honorary Colonel's duty on the parade. Both these actions vary from the pre – amalgamation intention to retain the Regimental traditions of the six former Battalion Groups. Some may think differently but I think we did it the right way and showed that amalgamation provides new opportunities that should be taken.

It's been my absolute privilege to command 3/6 RNZIR and I am very proud that we still have fundamentally decent, motivated people who volunteer their time and energy to serve as Reserve Force officers and soldiers. The challenges over the last two years have been many and varied but I am of the firm view that we did all that was asked of us, and more, to raise the overall trained state of Reserve Force infantry and to demonstrate integration with Queen Alexandra's Mounted Rifles during collective training.

Just under two years ago, at my first opportunity to talk to 3/6 as one team, I said that I firmly believe that Reserve Force soldiers are special; special because we give up our own time and make our own sacrifices to serve. I've also said that I think New Zealand can produce the best light infantry in the world and that 3/6 can lead the way– soldiers who think clearly, act appropriately and are physically robust. I have seen that potential grow over the last 24 months; I am encouraged by what I witnessed and I look forward to seeing integration normalise and strengthen.

Yet again the international stage is proving that we don't live in a perfect world and already the possibility of further off-shore operations is upon us again. New Zealand can only commit its defence force when there is depth to its capability. The Reserve is fundamental to providing the firm base for sustainable deployments and as the Commanding Officer of the New Zealand Army Collective Training Centre I hope to see 3/6 RNZIR personnel undergo Pre-deployment Training in my unit some time soon.

The Charter Parade I began this article is where I will finish. I cheekily asked the parade to "smash it" – and that's exactly what happened! On a brilliantly fine day not a foot went wrong and the many watching said it impressive and perfect. Following the march through Tauranga we concluded with a change of command ceremony at the waterfront where, before the 3/6 RNZIR Colour Party, **LTCOL Olly Te Ua** was presented with the CO (6 Hau's) sword and assumed command. I wish Olly and his new Command Team every success leading a unit that will always be very special to me.

Thank you one and thank you all – for your service, your support, your belief in the Army ethos and values and the wairua of Ngati Tumatauenga.

Sisit Prudentia, Whakatangata Kia Kaha

Onward LT COL Julian Sewell

The 6th Battalion Charter Parade went through the streets of Tauranga

A long-standing partnership between Tauranga City and the local territorial force battalion was honoured and celebrated on Saturday with a parade through the city.

More than 70 soldiers and 30 NZ Army Band members marched from the Memorial Gates at Wharepai Domain to Tauranga City Council offices on Willow St.

The 6th Battalion (Hauraki) City of Tauranga Charter Parade was a way to celebrate the relationship between the two organisations and reinforce the defence force's right to carry guns through the city, honorary colonel Grant Ellis said.

A charter was a tradition that dated back to Roman times when a city would award the military unit the right to bear arms in the city walls, he said.

"Tauranga and the Hauraki have had this relationship since 1969 so every few years the unit marches through the streets and the charter is read out to reinforce the right to bear arms in the streets."

The last parade was in July, 2009, Mayor Stuart Crosby said.

Mr Crosby acknowledged the unit for its service to Tauranga City, namely during serious flooding when a number of homes were lost, and the grounding of the Rena.

He also thanked them for their support and service for the city's civil defence.

The parade was timely with the 100th anniversary of the start of World War I and it was significant that it began at the Memorial Gates at the Tauranga Domain, Mr Crosby said.

- Bay of Plenty Times Photo / Andrew Warner



Looking back..... LOCAL TROOPS QUICKLY AWAY

By Dave Blanshard

THIS week a century ago more than 220 young men from the Bay of Plenty region were enduring life aboard troopships somewhere in the Indian Ocean as they headed for Egypt.

They were part of the New Zealand component of what subsequently became known as the ANZAC Force after the Gallipoli landings in 1915.

The NZ force sailed on October 16, within just a few weeks of the declaration of war, aboard 10 ships rapidly repainted in camouflage colours, and comprised a total of 8500 men and 4000 horses.

The Bay of Plenty contingent, most of whom joined up as volunteers in the first few days after war was declared (For example Sergeant Major E. G. Moncrief had the military number 67 and Private J. D Perritt was No. 87) formed part of the 6th Hauraki Company of the Auckland Battalion, Main Body New Zealand Expeditionary Force.

They were recruited in the No. 2 Area of the Auckland Military District, comprising the localities of Coromandel, Thames, Paeroa, Morrinsville, Rotorua, Opotiki, Whakatane, Tauranga, Katikati, and Waihi.

Other battalions came from the Wellington, Canterbury and Otago military districts, and there were also Mounted Rifle units.

The quota of Hauraki's required was 227, exclusive of the Headquarters staff. The Company was divided into four platoons, Nos. 5, 6, 7, and 8, each containing between 50 and 60 men, led by a Lieutenant. Each platoon was made up of four sections, of about 14 men, in charge of a non-commissioned officer. Major F Stuckey was the Company Commander and Captain W. C Sinel his deputy.

The Company Roll was made up using the groups in which the men had associated together in camp life, and in which they was paraded.

It is not known exactly where the various men called home. But it is interesting to note that while Katikati and Waihi had provided sufficient numbers to form complete sections, Tauranga and Opotiki volunteers were formed into a composite section within Number 7 Platoon. This probably reflects the relative strength of the different communities at that time with Tauranga still little more than a village while Katikati was a significant farming district and Waihi had a large population of gold miners.

Te Puke is not mentioned at all, but had closer links to Rotorua back in 1914.

The NZ convoy called briefly at Hobart before continuing to Albany in Western Australia where it linked up with an Australian convoy. The expanded force made further stops at Colombo and Aden before reaching Egypt, by which time the New Zealanders had been 48 days at sea.

ANNEX C TO CDF DIRECTIVE 44/2014 DATED 22 SEP 14

HISTORICAL PRECIS - THE 1914 ALBANY CONVOY

 Following the declaration of war on 4 August 1914 New Zealand quickly began amassing thousands of troops to send overseas to participate in the Allied war effort. The New Zealand Government offered the government in London a New Zealand Expeditionary Force (NZEF) on 7 August, and this offer was accepted on 12 August.

2. The Main Body of the NZEF, commanded by Major-General Sir Alexander Godley, sailed from Wellington for Australia on 16 October 1914. Troops had travelled to Wellington from Port Chalmers in Dunedin, Lyttleton in Christchurch, and from Auckland. The sailing of the complete convoy from Wellington was delayed by the New Zealand Government until a more powerful escort could be provided because of concerns about the threat posed by German warships. The convoy was to briefly stop in Australia on its way to England, before moving to its final destination of France, where it was intended that the NZEF would begin its participation in what is now known as the First World War.

3. The convoy that left New Zealand consisted of 10 merchant ships which, all now painted grey and officially named His Majesty's New Zealand Transports, sailed in convoy with the ships *Psyche* and *Philomel* at the head of the two columns of the convoy. The ships *Maunganui*, *Tahiti*, *Ruapehu*, *Orari*, *Limerick*, *Star of India*, *Hawkes Bay*, *Arawa*, *Athenic*, and *Waimana* together carried a total of 8,568 soldiers and officers and 3,820 horses. This is the largest single group of troops ever to leave New Zealand shores.

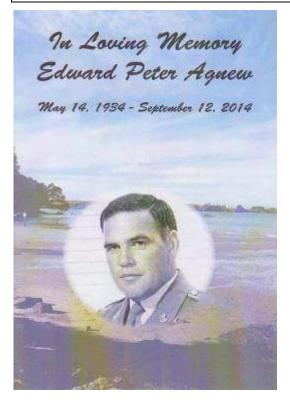
4. The convoy was also joined by two escort ships, the British Minotaur and the Japanese battle-cruiser Ibuki. The merchant marine, later to be known as the merchant navy, played a significant role in the convoy. Although the Admiralty had appointed a navy officer and seven ratings to each troopship, the three ships of the New Zealand-owned Union Steam Ship Company, retained their civilian crews for the journey.

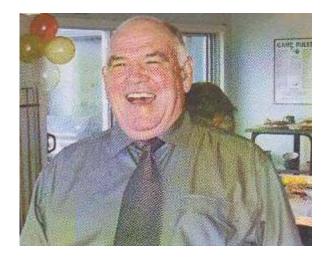
5. On 21 October the convoy reached Tasmania, where it docked for 24 hours before heading towards the western Australian town of Albany to link up with the 1st Australian Imperial Force (AIF). A private of the New Zealand Medical Corps died on board one of the ships on 26 October, and was buried at sea. Although not a combat death, this was the one of the first soldiers of the NZEF to die overseas.

The NZEF at Albany

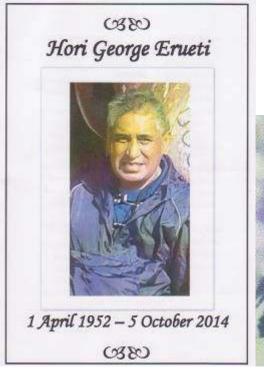
6. On the morning of 27 October the NZEF reached Albany, a small town situated at the southern tip of Western Australia. The AIF was already at Albany, and its transports were docked in King George's Sound. Once the two forces came within hearing distance of each other they greeted one another with "coo-ees" from the Australians, and haka from the Māori members of the NZEF. During the four days the NZEF was at Albany, the majority of the New Zealand transports stayed at

Obituaries





Peter was the Platoon Commander of the Assault Pioneer Platoon



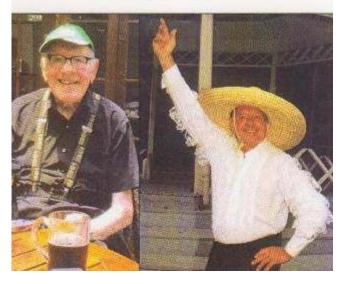


George was a RF Cadre NCO



Paddy was a RF Cadre NCO

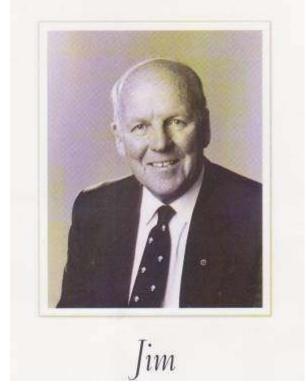
NZ Army, Staff Sergeant E39334, Malaya, Borneo



Celebrating the Life of

Allen Peniston Coster

4 March 1933 - 24 October 2014



My name is Kenneth Brown and like Allen I am a former Commanding Officer of 6 Hauraki Battalion. As an aside, I noted a few years ago we could have around 10 former Co's in a room at the same time but I'm getting increasingly worried as those numbers are dropping rapidly!

Just over a week ago Allen asked me to provide some brief comments about his military career which began with Army Cadets at Tauranga College, as it then was, which a common thread was in those days. In 1952, at age 19, his Territorial Force career began when he attended the 3rd intake of compulsory military training at Papakura and was subsequently posted to Ngaruawhahia as an Armoured Trooper, regimental number 458219. At the time he lived in Morrinsville and when I asked him why he joined armoured he replied "because that was what the local unit was". In 1951 the Waikato Regiment, a pre-war infantry unit had been incorporated into the 1st Armoured Regiment. In 1955, following a recommendation from Major Allan Woolwin, a friend of his father's he was sent on a commissioning course and duly commissioned whereupon he became commander of a tank troop in C Squadron, the Te Awamutu/Otorohanga Squadron. A memory from that time was leading a column of Valentine tanks to a right turn on the mountain side of the Desert Road, telling his drivers "creeper gear – don't touch the controls!" and up the escarpment he went with 13 tanks. He wouldn't do it today he said.

Allen continued with Armoured moving into a staff training unit and Rob Storey, who went on to be Minister of Transport in 1984, was a fellow officer at the time. Another was Ross Wightman, a Waikato All Black of 1951. In 1958 CMT went to a ballot system and as a consequence in 1960 the Waikato Regiment was reduced to a Squadron.

Eventually he moved from Morrinsville to Tauranga and decided to try the Hauraki's. He was initially Quartermaster and then took over command of the Whakatane Company.

Allen assumed command of the Hauraki Battalion on 1 April 1970, I am sure there was no significance in it being April Fools Day! At the time it was a watershed in that he was the first CMT trainee to be appointed CO (his post WW2 predecessors all had war time service). He introduced a high degree of creativity and imagination to exercise planning; such as one exercise where the Battalion found itself facing the "Kaimai Liberation Front" a hotch potch force comprising (and I quote from the Battalion history book, Comrades Brave) ".....small-time farmers who banded together because of pressure by bourgeois landowners, increasing electricity costs and power failures, to oust the capitalistic landowners and incompetent powerhouse engineers." A sound like Allen was fighting himself!

He recalled a Cadre NCO, Keith Storey approaching him advising they had no way to entertain any guests and asked for a Garrison Club. So, Allen established one, advising that if there were any problems then he would immediately shut it down. Des Anderson must have appeared on the scene about then!

At the time the National Service system was coming under pressure. Too many men were leaving the TF once their three year obligation had expired. To ease this, hair standards were relaxed (which was important at the time) and access to better equipment was available. But in December 1972 the government of the day abolished National Service with military service being voluntary ever since. Allen had a difficult job keeping the Battalion together at this time, especially as new Colours were to be presented the next year, 1973. He quickly set about recruiting including some former regular force soldiers. Allen often spoke of the Colours parade that day in March 1973 and of note is the pikes on which the Colours were mounted were carved with Maori motifs, being the first time this had been done in the New Zealand Army. Allen had arranged this in recognition of the Battalion's strong Maori heritage.

During his tenure the decision was made to allow women to join the Battalion. More recruits were needed and women were willing to take over some of the jobs which would free up men for front line tasks, Allen had no difficulty in accepting women into the unit. I think he just liked having women about! 12 years later he was present when one of those early female recruits received her Efficiency Medal.

In 1969 he was awarded the Efficiency Decoration for 12 years efficient service as an Officer and received clasps to that award in 1975 and 1981.

He served 4 years as CO but eventually began looking over his shoulder so in 1974 Allen was succeeded by Lt Col Evan Torrance and he was transferred to Headquarters Field Force Command at Fort Cautley.

Also in 1974 he was awarded an OBE, Order of the British Empire. He served under Rob Williams who was GSO 1 Operations and said if the Field Force was ever deployed, he would have been its Operations Officer. His main role though was umpiring exercises, of which he did several including

American Battalions who came down for winter training in those days. He also umpired when Lt Col Bob Burt was CO and on another occasion, at annual camp 1977, noticed the Hawkes Bay Battalion was having a hard time of it with incidents of hyperthermia and recommended cancellation of the exercise. He subsequently wrote a paper on that incident. I remember it well as I was one of the drivers ferrying soldiers out of the exercise area into Waiouru.

In 1980, while Deputy Commander 1 Task Force, he co-authored with Lt Col Bob Burt, who was CO of the Hauraki's at that time, some detailed notes on the Battle of Gate Pa and these are now easily found on Google and also there are some photographs of him with Ray Craft's model of Gate Pa, completed early this year.

Robin told me that often during the school holidays a number of nieces would come and stay on the farm and help with feeding out hay. They would come back excited saying they had great fun as uncle Allen forgets he is driving a tractor and thinks he is driving a tank up and down the hills! On another occasion he had a sword at home when some rustling was heard. Leave it to me he shouted, unsheathing the sword and chased after an errant possum. I think the possum died of laughter rather than sword strike!

He went on to serve in 1 Brigade, under John Mace who at the time was of equal rank so to avoid any awkwardness he would salute John each morning and call him Sir, then for the rest of the day he was John. He retired from the TF in 1981 and went through a small hiatus until 1983 when he became Honorary Colonel of the Regiment until 1989 when he handed over to Col Bob Burt. He has been a stalwart of the Bay of Plenty Officers Club for many years and served as President in 1989 to 1990 and became a Life Member in 2002. Until a few months ago he was bar manager and had served on the committee for many years. He was also a keen member of the Hauraki Association and a regular visitor to the Garrison Club.

The military was a big part of his life and he enjoyed relating stories at the club, at formal dinners and at many Chinese dinners at Simon and Fong's restaurant in Devonport Road. Some of his stories I had heard several times but I still enjoyed hearing them. He told me the army was an "interesting institution"

Colonel Coster, OBE, ED, JP had an exemplary career in the military and will be sorely missed. Rest in peace sir, your work is done.

Allen humbly declined the right to a full military funeral, to which he was entitled due to his rank and service; on the grounds that he had never served in combat and for him to receive such an honour would denigrate the memory of those who fought and died in service of their country.

PMC Des

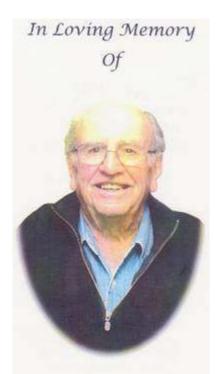
COLONEL ALLEN COSTER OBE ED

In early 1972 I was posted to the appointment of Adjutant, 6 Hauraki Battalion. At that time Lieutenant Colonel Allen Coster was the Commanding Officer. Having never work with and certainly never having been under the command of a Territorial Officer before, I was a little apprehensive. From the time I first met him we struck up an excellent lasting rapport. He was a gentleman, very knowledgeable about military matters, an excellent leader and I fail to recall any occasion where he had to raise his voice, unless it was in song at one of those famous Hauraki happy hours. On arrival at 6 Hauraki we had about 700 over officers and soldiers completing their compulsory military training service commitment. There was an election and with the change of government the manpower of the 6 Hauraki Battalion disappeared overnight. This was an utter tragedy as 6 Hauraki was due to receive its new colours.

I recall the regular force cadre staff (about 7) and the CO sitting around a table, looking a bit like stunned mullets. There was no talk about not being able to meet the Colours Parade deadline, only discussion on how we could get 350 officers and soldiers back signed up and trained in time. The RF Cadre staff and loyal 6 Hauraki members under Colonel Coster's directing hand committed to spending the next few months recruiting from every corner of the Bay of Plenty. The target was achieved, the men were trained and the public was treated to a very special colours parade. The impossible had been achieved. Rightfully, the CO was recognised with the award of an OBE.

Colonel Allen Coster should be remembered warmly by all Hauraki members, current and past. He was dedicated to the unit, its mission and those serving in it. It was a pleasure to have served under his command. Kia Kaha Norman Fry

(Adjutant 6 Hauraki Battalion 1972-1974)



Hugh Harrison 1.5.1921 - 22.12.2014

This is an edited edition of the Obituary I was invited to speak about Hugh's time with the Association

Hugh was the sixth member to join the Association.

Hugh also joined the Committee and became the Co Editor of the "Hauraki News". Due to the illness of his late wife, Hugh resigned off the Committee & co editor.

"I am Hugh Harrison, born in Te Puke and trained as a Hauraki soldier. At the end of last century I wrote several short stories for President Des and the boys before I went to live up the coast at the beach. I am permanently back home in Tauranga now and Des has invited me to contribute some more stories and articles."

"For the three years I was away I kept a diary every day and the stories I write come all from there, so they are essentially true."

Hugh severed as a Hauraki prior to WWII

On return from three years overseas service in WWII, he was discharged.

In 1956: Hugh joins the Hauraki as a Sgt - serving in HQ Coy – Intelligence Platoon. CO was Lt Col Ray Smith

1957: Hugh was promoted to SSgt.

In 1959: CO was Lt Col Aubrey Balzer .Hugh resigned from the Hauraki Regiment, as he moved to the South Island for business purposes

Goggle – Hugh Harrison Tauranga - to find many of his stories.

Vet never forgot lessons of war

Hugh Harrison, May 1 1921-December 22, 2014

World War II veteran Hugh Harrison whole life was influenced by his wartime experiences. The 93-year-old Te Puke-born stalwart Tauranga RSA member floct war fully a December 20

statwart Fauranga KSA member died peacefully on December 22 leaving behind his second wife Melville, 89, sons Paul and John and their partners, his step-children Rex, Andrew, Beryl and two grand-daughters Maree and Melonia. Melonie.

Eldest son Paul Harrison, 67, said his father, who suffered a massive stroke in August, was most unlike many returned servicemen because he was prepared to talk and write about his war-time experiences.

"Dad always told the family things and he said to us war was the most embedded experience of his life and everything he did since

his and everything he did since was very much influenced by those experiences," he said. Mr Harrison, who was a member of the Hauraki Territorial Regiment prior to the start of World War II, saw active service in Polectine Browt North Chice and Palestine, Egypt, North Africa, and Italy between 1942 to 1945 — firstly as a dispatch rider and signaller in North Africa and then as a platoon driver mechanic with a divisional NZ ammunition company of the Second New Zealand Expeditionary Force in Italy. Mr Harrison witnessed mass

bombings at the Battle of Monte Cassino, something he could never forget, and the human toll of war was something he wanted other people to always remember, his son said.

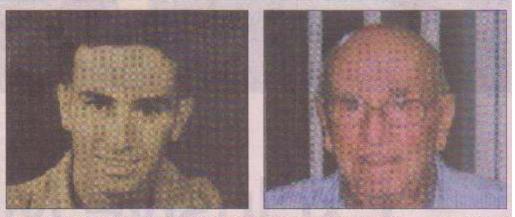
Because of dad's wartime experiences it really steered a lot of interest in making sure people never forget about the sacrifices other people had made, especially those who were killed.

Mr Harrison said one of his father's precious memento brought back from overseas was a small bracelet which had been attached to the arm of a young girl killed at Cassino

Hugh Harrison's father Arthur Charles Harrison, who lived to be 100, was a light machine gunner and mounted rifleman in the Auckland Mounted Rifles and served in the same Middle East region as his son during World War I.

Hugh Harrison was the middle child of a family of four — his eldest sister Edith Merriman is deceased, Margaret, 96, lives in Auckland and Mary, 91, is in a retirement home in Tauranga.

After the war ended Mr Harrison returned to the building



LEFT: Lance Corporal Hugh Harrison, Italy October 15, 1943, RIGHT: Hugh Harrison later in his life.



PRIDE: Hugh Harrison's haul of medals.

trade, a trade he took up after leaving Tauranga High School at age 15, having finished a carpentry apprenticeship.

He and his first wife Venlin who he met in Warkworth in 1942, married in 1946 and the couple settled in Tauranga in a house Mr Harrison built on the corner of 16th Ave and Fraser St — one of the first homes built in the area.

Mr Harrison and a mate Merv Wade went into partnership, establishing Wade and Harrison Builders and helped build a lot of the first homes in the Otumoetai subdivision.

Paul Harrison said his father was a master builder and an A-grade mechanic, and could turn his hand to most things.

In early 1950s his father worked as a building inspector for State Advances — the forerunner to Housing Corporation — responsible for inspecting state houses from Waihi to Te Teko, he said.

"I remember spending many, many hours with dad as he travelled around doing his inspections

In 1957 Mr Harrison transferred to Rotorua and in 1960 was promoted to area building inspector for the whole West Coast region. He transferred back to Tauranga in 1963 to take up a scnior position overseeing all the work of the building inspectors, before establishing Hugh Harrison Registered Valuers in 1964, a business he ran until his retirement in 1974.

That included travelling the country doing property valuations for a number of commercial and residential property developers including Beasley Homes and housing societies.

Mr Harrison said his father was taught to be a perfectionist when doing his training as a chipple and applied that to everything he did. "Dad had beautiful hand skills

and he could craft almost arything

PHOTOS/SUPPLIED

My father was an absolutely practical man, and had a great eye for detail. He firmly believed if you did something, you needed to do it once and do it right.

"My father also kept meticulous business records and kept a daily diary since 1940 and wrote down five things he had done each day. He had an awesome inquisitive mind and if there wasn't much to report in his diary, dad would grab a dictionary and learn a couple of new words and their meanings and write them down in his diary so he didn't forget."

Mr Harrison, a retired NZ Airforce squadron leader and a military historian, said his father, and grandfather had not only influenced him and his 37-year-old daughter Maree in their career choices, but instilled in them the importance of service. Marce had served in East Timor

with the NZ Airforce, he said.

Mr Harrison was a Tauranga Te Papa Rotarian, having received Rotary's top award the Paul Harris Fellow in February 1988. During the 1960s he also served

as president of Tauranga RSA and as a stalwart RSA member he was fully involved in the arrangements for many of the Anzar Day

ecommemorations. He also drove the campaign for memorial plaques to be erected in Memorial Park.

In 2000 Mr Harrison became reacquainted with his second wife and first girlfriend Melville, now aged 89, who he first met in 1940, and the couple married in 2062

A service for Mr Harrison will be held at Hillsdene Chapel, 143 13th Avenue, Tauranga from 1pm on today, followed by a private cremation.

Sandra Couchie

News from the Regiment



Bob and his Boys learning to live in the field













Museum

Projects under construction:

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

Other projects are: upgrade the **former Commanding Officers Photos**; by digital enhancement & framed with ultra light glass.

Create & upgrade the **book/ video library**.

Create & upgrade a digital unit history.

Upgrade the **museum data base computer system.** This now for consideration at the next committee meeting.

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

Harley Couper | Information Librarian | Learning Centre Tutor 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

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".



COMMITTEE 2014-2015

Patron: President: 073 Mobile	Honorary Colonel Graeme Vercoe Des Anderson, tel. 07 571 1951 Home 07 571 7403 Work 0274 764				
Vice President:	Kenneth Brown	des.anderson@actrix.co.nz Kenneth Brown			
Secretary & Treasurer	Marion Kareko, tel. 07-576 0277 Home mkareko@hotmail.com				
Committee:					
	Allen Coster	Bob Mankelow			
	Kevin Hayden	Erik Kristensen			
	Kim Webster Karen Cross	Ray Crafts David Cross			
	Mo Collins	Rueben Kelly			
	Tony Brooke	Mike Halliday			
	Mike Purcell	Malcolm Hinton			
	Lee Morgan	Charlie Harrison			
	Paul Couch	Janet Crafts			
	Penny Burgess (Welfare Representive)				
Area Representatives:					
Auckland:	Paul Couch,				
Coromandel:	Russel Skeet				
Tauranga:	See Committee				

ooronnanaci.	
Tauranga:	See Committee
Whakatane	Bazz Porter
Rotorua:	Te Kei Merito
Rotorua:	Dave Galvin
Rotorua:	Mike Purcell
Hamilton:	Malcolm Hinton
Te Aroha:	Gordon Eagleson, tel. 07-8846675
Gisborne	Dave Greaves
Linton:	Charlie Harrison
Waiouru:	Mike Halliday
	·

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.

If for any reason you would like to be removed from the mailing list, please send an email to <u>des.anderson@actrix.co.nz</u> with the word 'remove' in the subject line or body

Application Form

New Membership Full

Renewal Membership Associate

Regimental Number

Full Name

Partners name (if applicable)

Full Postal Address

Telephone Number (home) Mobile

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

This information is collected for the purpose of the 6 Battalion (Hauraki) Regimental Association Incorporated and is strictly Confidential. It will not be supplied to any other person or organisation in compliance with the Privacy Act.

Post Subscription to	<u>)</u>	Secretary M Kareko		91 Windsor Road Tauranga
	Electronic payment to	6th Battalion Hauraki Regimental	Assn:	
	Westpac: Number: 03	3 0435 0509893 001	Reference: Your name	
	Subscription Rate	New Member	\$20.00	
		Renewal	\$15.00	

Perpetual Member

Email

Membership Number

Business

\$150.00

Date of birth

UPCOMING EVENTS <u>2014</u> <u>2015</u>

November

7th	Friday	1600 hrs	Garrison Club	Nibbles
11th	Tuesday	1900 hrs	Garrison Club	Committee Meeting
14th	Friday	1600 hrs	Garrison Club	
21st	Friday	1600 hrs	Garrison Club	Nibbles
27th		Newsletter p	rinted & posted	
28th	Friday	1600 hrs	Garrison Club	Finger Food

December

5th	Friday	1600 hrs	Garrison Club	Nibbles
9th	Tuesday	1500hrs	Bob's	Committee Meeting
12th	Friday	1600 hrs	Garrison Club	Nibbles
19th	Friday	1600 hrs	Garrison Club	Nibbles
26th	Friday	1600 hrs	Garrison Club	Finger Food

January

2nd	Friday	1800 hrs	Garrison Club	Nibbles
9th	Friday	1600 hrs	Garrison Club	Nibbles
16th	Friday	1600 hrs	Garrison Club	Nibbles
23rd	Friday	1600 hrs	Garrison Club	Nibbles
30th	Friday	1600 hrs	Garrison Club	Finger Food

February

6th	Friday	1600 hrs	Garrison Club	Nibbles
13th	Tuesday	1900 hrs	Garrison Club	Committee Meeting
20th	Friday	1600 hrs	Garrison Club	Nibbles
26th		Newsletter printed & posted		
27th	Friday	1600 hrs	Garrison Club	Finger Food