



# NZ GUNNER

*Royal New Zealand Artillery Association Newsletter*

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

**BY SHAY BASSETT**

As I write a week has passed since being woken on Sunday morning to hear the sad news that one of our RNZA Association Committee members had passed away, Pete Dawson, of Christchurch.

In his understated way, at our last Committee meeting, Pete had told us about having had a 'bit of a turn'. I wasn't alone in missing just how serious this 'turn' had been. As a result Pete's death was a shock to us.

Regardless of timing, it is a terrible loss to so many. First and foremost though, our collective RNZA Association condolences go to Pete's family during this time.

I feel as if the RNZA Association Committee is no longer complete. That somehow we are missing a key ingredient of the recipe for the glue that binds us together.

Pete did not speak (or write) volumes. So, when he spoke, we listened. Any comment was worth hearing or reading. It could be a humorous story, a historical recollection across decades that hit the point, or a firm pronouncement on a topic under discussion.

For Pete, a spade was always a spade, and never a "Digging; implement for". The Committee always welcomed his good solid down-to-earth input. I respected and valued his contributions immensely. Pete was undoubtedly a 'Gunner's Gunner', and in particular a proud 'Southern Gunner'.

By the end of his TF career, as a Warrant Officer he was proud to be the only Gunner qualified for range safety in the South Island. No gun, RF or TF, went 'bang' south of Wellington without Pete standing behind with his compass.

After retirement from the TF he kept a deep-seated interest and involvement in the RNZA, particularly in relation to 3rd Field Regiment. He was also engaged with the RSA, and was a stalwart of the Club in Christchurch.

The St John was another organisation that attracted Pete's devotion. His contributions being recognised by a number of awards.

From time to time we also heard some of Pete's wisdom from his involvement in the fishing industry. We gained an insight into how much he knew about the industry, the people in it, and its dealings with the Government.

On the Committee, Pete served loyally the interests of our southern RNZA Association membership. He had recently been laboriously putting together a South Island members' contact list. So far it runs to over 170 people, most of whom he knew personally.

Away from the computer, Pete truly loved activities where a crew brought out a 25-pounder or M101A1 from some unofficial gun park somewhere, particularly in the South Island, for a display somewhere. Particularly if firing was involved (blank only, regrettably).

After some cajoling by yours truly, Pete also took on the responsibility for leading Op Ubique activities in the South Island. He recently managed a weekend activity with great success.

As our only member on the Committee from 'The Mainland', Pete's perspective on the RNZA Association will be sorely missed.

Ubique Pete,

**Shay Bassett - President**

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## AGM AND REUNION HAMILTON FRI 18 TO SUN 20 OCT

Your committee has finalised the plan for this years AGM & Reunion to be held in Hamilton over the weekend 18,19,20 October 2024. The total reunion with the Friday evening meet & greet, AGM and Dinner is now being held in the Conservatory function room in the Hamilton Workingmen's Club.

The Hamilton Combined RSA club has closed its doors and along with the Hamilton RSA's office have moved to the Hamilton Workingmen's Club located at 45 Commerce St, Hamilton. [Here](#)

There is ample accommodation in Hamilton which can be viewed via this link to various booking sites via Trivago NZ. [Here](#)

**Block out the weekend now**  
**An Invitation to Register will be sent out shortly**

**Friday 18 October**

Registration - From 5pm

Hamilton Workingmen's Club, 45 Commerce St

Meals and refreshments at the Restaurant (Own cost)

**Saturday 19 October**

Dinner

5.30 - 6pm - Pre-dinner drinks

6.45pm - Buffet Dinner.

9.30pm - Post dinner socialising.

**Saturday 19 October**

AGM

9am - Hamilton Workingmen's Club

Morning Tea provided.

[Waikato Artillery Museum Tour](#) - approx. timings

12.30am - Depart on transport from outside Club

1.15pm - Museum tour

3pm - Return to Hamilton

**Sunday 20 October**

Memorial Service

10am - Memorial Park, 52 Memorial Dr

11am - Depart for home locations .

Lunch before heading home (own cost). TBA

# ANZAC DAY AT TE PUKE - A PHOTO ESSAY

BY JOE HARCOURT



*Merv Brown (my father) was the Parade Marshall, reader of the Ode and MC for the wreath laying and flag operations. He was the only gunner present on the day but it was a great turnout from the community. Joe Harcourt (Merv's grandson) took these photos. - Kylie Harcourt*

# ANZAC DAY PHOTOS

## Katikati



Three gunners at the Katikati dawn service this morning. L to R, Martin Layzell, Mike Subritzky, Chris Morriss, we also still had one WW2 veteran at our parade, Clive Kenyon, an RNZAF veteran of the Solomon islands campaigns, who turned 100 this week and still lives independently in Katikati. - Chris Morriss

## Paraparaumu



Koru Don TeMaipi the kaumatua of the Paraparaumu RSA, blessing the Pounamu & Pohutukawa before presenting it to the USMC Pacific band OC Chief Warrant Officer Andre Navarro. The USMC Pacific band is based in Hawaii. This is the second year on the trot they have honored our RSA with their professional entertainment and presence. They also promised to return next year. Max & Shona Newman

## Mayfield



I was a parade marshall at the Christchurch Dawn Service but didn't have my phone with me so didn't get any photos. Sonny Manuel was Parade Commander and I had the 3rd Division for march on. It was great to Woody Barrett marching with us in Christchurch this morning. Col Craig Ruane also marched so there was a good Gunner presence as I'm certain to have missed a few. A very big turnout at Chch, bigger again than last year. 30 Royal Gurkha Regt on parade who are currently training with 2/1 Bn RNZIR at Burnham and Tekapo.

Following the Dawn Parade I drove 100 km south of Chch to participate in the Mayfield service. Following the service we fired a 6 round blanks salute with Pete Orchard's partially restored Aussie welded carriage 25pdr. There were about 250 at that small rural town service. Two of our Associate members were there with me for the salute, Pete Orchard and Hamish Bruce. - Pete Dawson

With much sadness we publish Pete's last contribution to this newsletter. Thank you for your contributions over the years. Ubique Pete Marty Coomber - ed.

**Dunedin**



*Dunedin Dawn Service & Otago Gunners - Morris Hume*



**Tairua**



*Lt Col (Ret) Wayne Anker, with Guest Speaker Brig (Ret) Paul Southwell (Honorary Colonel of RNZA) at Tairua Cemetery after Dawn Service today.*



*Above: Major Shay Basset, John McNicol and Marty Coomber present wreaths for The Association and 22D Battery.*



*Left: The 22D Battery Team*

# ANZAC DAY DAWN SERVICE CODFORD ST MARY, WILTSHIRE, UK

BY MAJOR (RETD) JOHN TULLOCH MBE LATE RA, RNZA, SOA.

At 0630 hours on 25 April 2024, the ANZAC Day Dawn Service, held at the Commonwealth War Graves Commission (CWGC) Cemetery, Codford St Mary, commenced.

It was a very memorable service. It was an extremely cold day, with bright blue skies and plenty of dawn birdsong. Attending was the 80 strong Kiwi K6 contingent, who are assisting in the training of Ukrainian soldiers in the UK.

With the Kiwi contingent were three Ukrainian military personnel. The OC of Kiwi K6 was Major Matt Blake RNZIR and the CSM WO2 Bill Henderson RNZIR. Within Kiwi K6 were four members of the RNZA. Also attending the service was the piper from 19 Regt RA, a cornet player, three British Legion flag bearers and a large number of locals from all walks of life with plenty of medals on display!

The Service was organised by Col (ret'd) Nick Quarrelle late RA, Chairman of the local Royal British Legion, and Romy Wyeth, a local author and historian.

I had the honour and privilege to read the ANZAC Requiem, which I concluded with 'Kia Kaha.'



After the service we retired to the Village Hall for the famous Codford Full English Breakfast. The OC, CSM and the four RNZA gunners came to the Village Hall, where I had the opportunity to chat to Bdr V Lago Lasso, LBdr Dempsey, Gnr C Hall and Gnr C Sharp. I was asked by LBdr Dempsey whether I knew a gunner called Owen Dance. I replied "Yes, he was an RF Cadet, joined our young officers' course, and rather showed us up with his military knowledge!" I was then informed that Owen Dance was his grandfather! We had served together. Unbelievable and quietly made my day on a very special and memorable morning. We are now in contact with each other.

WO2 Henderson summed up the Dawn Service in a text to me the following morning with the comment 'the contingent were blown away by the Service and there was much talk of it at our (K6) breakfast in Salisbury'.

At 0930 hours, children from the Codford St Mary Primary School held their annual ANZAC Service and then laid a sprig of rosemary on each gravestone in remembrance at the CWGC Cemetery.

A quick history. During WW1, the twin villages of Codford St Mary and Codford St Peter turned almost overnight into vast military encampments. In September 1914, 24,000 men were encamped around Codford in 15 camps. In July 1916, a NZ infantry base was opened in Codford, which then became the NZ Command Depot with 2,500 men. The RAMC hospital, located just north of Codford in the 'punch bowl', was taken over by the NZ Medical Corps and became known as the No 3 NZ General Hospital with 300 beds and expanded to 1,000 beds.

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# BRIG MEHTA WELCOMED ON GUNNERS DAY

**BY MARTY COOMBER**

Brigadier (Ret) Udai Mehta, Regiment of Artillery (India), visited New Zealand in May and the Association was pleased to welcome him at Gunners Day events in Wellington and Auckland.

Brigadier Mehta Commissioned as 2nd Lieutenant in Dec 1970 after four years training at the National Defence Academy, Pune. He joined 16 Field Regiment (25 Pdr) as a GPO and fought in the war against Pakistan on the North-Western Sector in Dec 1971. He completed a Long Gunnery and Staff course in May 1979 with designation of Instructor in Gunnery. A series of promotions then followed leading to command of 284 Medium regiment (130mm guns). Following staff assignments he was promoted to Brigadier Artillery in a Corps HQ in Sep 2001.

He is now retired and lives with his wife Kusum in a Retired Officers complex in Dheli. They both came to New Zealand to visit their daughter Aarti who is a high school teacher in Porirua.



Brigadier Udai Mehta presents an Indian Regiment of Artillery cap to Brigadier Paul Southwell and Tony McLeod.

Top: Brigadier Udai Mehta.  
Middle: Commissioned as 2Lt in 1970  
Bottom: High altitude OP in 1971



Brigadier Udai and family, accompanied by Marty Coomber on a visit to the Wrights Hill Battery. A big thank you to John Innes who took us around.



Steve Wilson, Josh Wineera, Brigadier Udai and Simon Eaton at the Wellington Gunners Day event.



# REGIMENT ANNUAL INSPECTION

**BY BRIGADIER (RET) UDAI UDAI MEHTA, REGIMENT OF ARTILLERY (INDIA)**

The Indian Army has a series of Inspections every year to ensure that the units are fully trained and capable of operating in the designated environment.

The operational commitments vary from High Altitude (over 3000m), Desert Terrain, Riverine terrain and in the forests of NE India. Furthermore, we have areas of Counter Insurgency, and Internal Security, and not to forget disaster management i.e. Flood and Earthquake relief operations.

There is also a system of High Altitude, Field and Peace tenures for all units. Therefore, all units move from one to the other after 3-5 years with full equipment for which special trains are provided. The annual inspections are generally conducted during peace tenures of units and include both technical and administrative inspections which are done by the immediate superior authority.

Units also carry out 1-2-month long Exercises to update tactical and technical aspects including field firing exercises every year during their peace tenures.

In the case of units of the Infantry and Artillery, the Brigade Commanders carry out the inspection. Although the Brigade Commander does the inspection on a single day, his staff officers do a detailed scrutiny of the Regimental documents, all accounts and records of small arms firing and Battle Physical Efficiency Tests (BPET).

The staff officers give their detailed report to the Brigade Commander, who armed with all the feedback proceeds for his thorough grilling of the Commanding Officer (CO) and other unit officers during his day long inspection.

Typically, the day starts with the BPET for officers and Junior Commissioned Officers (JCOs) with the rigorous 5 Km run and Monkey crawl (part of BPET) on a rope tied between two trees. This is done wearing full battle order with service weapon. This is where the weak, overweight fellows are exposed. After a brief recess there would be a full regimental parade and a march past. A military band from one of the Infantry brigades would be organized for this parade. Here the entire regiment to include the RHQ and the three battery personnel, must take part. A strict turnout inspection is done followed by a march past.

The parade is followed by a detailed briefing by the CO in his office attended by the Adjutant. This briefing would entail Operational preparedness, training conducted including annual practice camp and field firing reports during the preceding year. Then the CO must cover administrative points, maintenance problems, any major equipment problems etc. During the briefing a round of tea/coffee with the Commanders favorite snacks would be served.

The CO would then take the Commander around the unit where most of the equipment is laid out. Here, the Battery Commanders and other officers are grilled on their knowledge of equipment and their use and characteristics.

All 18 guns of the regiment and almost 100 Vehicles are lined up for inspection where the detachment commanders (NCOs) need to answer questions raised by the Commander.



*Dhanush, the first indigenous long-range artillery gun*



*The advanced towed artillery gun system (ATAGS) is a towed 155 mm/52 calibre howitzer designed and developed in India*

Obviously, the Commander would ask questions which he himself would prepare beforehand hoping to catch the NCOs or even JCOs off guard. Then tell the concerned battery commander and CO with a smirk that your boys need to brush up their knowledge.

I recall one instance when the Brigade commander asked a question to one of the 25 Pounder gun detachment commanders "How many Rivets are there on the gun?" Everyone present was left perplexed!! My unit 16 Field Regt had 25 Pounder guns till 1982 after which we converted to 105mm Indian Field Gun.

Next, we all proceed to the Jawans (soldier) lines where an immaculate line and kit layout would be presented in the presence of the senior NCOs. The Commander would peep into the lockers to try and find hidden dirty linen or items that need not be there.

Generally, he would ask for a few mosquito nets to be opened to check on their condition. Yes, one favorite place was the Quartermaster (QM) stores where he would question why so many items were not distributed to the soldiers. The QM would steal a glance at the CO and sheepishly give his explanation.

The Commander would also like to taste the food prepared for the jawans and go to the cookhouse to see the standard of hygiene and cleanliness of utensils, gas stoves etc.

One of the batteries would have been forewarned a day earlier to organize small arms firing for all officers, JCOs and most of the battery persons organizing the firing. The aim was to see the quality of organization, and the standard of firing of the officers using their service weapons—mainly 9mm Browning Pistols and 9mm Sten Carbines.

The jawans would be put through their 7.62 SLR and LMG firing. Some targets would be shown to the Commander and sometimes he would also try his hand with the pistols and carbines. However, his targets would not be shown if the rounds were wide off the target.

As the firing is taking place, the other two batteries would be given a warning order to prepare for mobilisation— one for war and the other for disaster relief operations. Time given was two hours during which the Commander would return to his HQs and come back at the appointed time along with his staff officers. After a detailed inspection of the load in each vehicle, the batteries would be ordered to move a few kms and return to the unit with the aim of checking the serviceability of vehicles.

By this time, it would be early evening. The next event would be a formal Dinner Night in the unit officer's mess at 8pm. The officers had to wear the regimental mess uniform and be well conversant with the official mess etiquette. Most of the time a rehearsal would also be carried out to ensure that the officers and mess staff are conversant with the proper procedure. Typically, drinks and snacks would be as per the Commanders choice and the 3/4 course continental dinner served at 9pm sharp. This would be followed by a toast with wine/water (for non-drinkers).

Once it was over, there was a feeling of satisfaction and relief. The unit would be given a day off for rest and some celebrations. It was always felt that such inspections took too much effort on the part of all personnel, however on hindsight we realised that it was essential for the unit's preparedness for all eventualities. 🇮🇳

# END OF YEAR REGIMENTAL PARADE

BY WO2 IAIN SUTTON

16th Field Regiment, RNZA conducted its end of year Regimental Parade on 11 Dec 2023 in order to acknowledge key appointments incoming and outgoing, as well as recognizing some outstanding individual achievements throughout 2023.



WO2 Stephen Pickering, in coming BSM 161 Bty receives the BSM's Rammer from Lt Col Sandra Patterson, CO 16 FD Regt. watching on is outgoing BSM WO2 Patrick Brock and RSM WO1 Richard Bray.



LBDR Jake O'Hara is presented the Gunner of the year award from Maj Shay Basset, Royal Artillery Association President. LBDR O'Hara was also awarded the NZ Army Soldier of the year and NZDF Person of the year.



Maj Geoff Chamberlain, in coming BC 161 Bty receives the Command Mere from Lt Col Sandra Patterson, CO 16 FD Regt. watching on is outgoing BC Maj Michael Doughty.



Newly promoted and incoming Master Gunner WO1 Patrick Brock receives the Master Gunner Pace Stick from Colonel Commandant, 16th Field Regiment, RNZA Brig (Rtd) Paul Southwell.

# OPERATION AINSLE

BY MARTY COOMBER



On 4 September V Company, 2 RAR, and 7 RAR were committed to Operation Ainslie, an operation to clear an area of Route 2 and relocate the inhabitants from three villages under VC influence to a new Australian-built village at Ap Suoi Nghe. An additional phase was added to the operation as a result of intelligence gained and V Company and 7 RAR were deployed in blocking positions in anticipation of elements from VC 274th Regiment to cross Route 2. Several contacts were made with 18 VC killed with one Australian casualty and one wounded. There were no New Zealand casualties. By 21 September the village had been built and the villagers moved in. A total of 1,132 persons, comprising 246 families, were resettled.



*This picture of 161 Bty was taken by Warwick Booker RAA who was working on the survey for the operation. Warwick's map shows Nui Dat and surrounding area.*

Warwick Adds:-

*The buildings and tower in the background of the photo are in an ARVN compound in the Ngai Giao Military area at the top end of Binh Ba. One of our listening posts (31C) was established in the tower for the duration of Operation Ainslie. In the far background is the village of Duc Thanh, which apparently was a relocation establishment for people fleeing from the North.*

*We believe 1/83rd Artillery USA would have been involved in both Ballarat and Ainslie. With their superior firepower, their support would have been from Nui Dat. The US 2/35th mechanised 155s were out on Ainslie.*

# 161 OPERATIONS BALLARAT AND AINSLIE- 1967

**BY WARWICK BROOKE**

The following snippets from our Unit reports (Detachment 131 Divisional Locating Battery RRAA) on Operations Ballarat and Ainslie are pertinent to 161 Bty's activities and I've inserted some comments from those who were there.

## Operation Ballarat (4th – 16th Aug)

Operation Ballarat was a search and destroy operation by 7 RAR in an area 9 km W of Binh Ba.

106 Fd Bty would be in direct support from an FSB YS 434714, 2km S of Binh Ba on the western side of the highway.

In Ballarat, 161 Bty was desperately needed because 106 Bty, which had just received theatre grid, was into action supporting 7 RAR in the Battle of Suoi Chau Pha. The Battle of Suoi Chau Pha had blown up early in the morning just after we'd put 106 Bty on grid and they were straight into action and further support was called for.

The Nui Dat guns flew into action as well, but it was 106 Bty supplying the close support for 7 RAR. We're not sure whether 161 Bty was already on the way, but we believe they were called to get out to the FSB to help 106 Bty in close support and were told to bring mesh plates for themselves and 106 because 106's guns were going offline in the soft ground.

Fortunately, the soft ground problem didn't impact on accuracy, as the guns that were reasonably stable and were able to continue firing while the other gun crews were re-establishing their sunken guns. The firing continued until 161 Bty arrived with the badly needed mesh plates to help with firing stability. 161 Bty arrived at a very tense time at the FSB.

## Operation AINSLIE (31st Aug – 21st Sept)

The photo (previous page) shows one of 161 Bty's guns in action prior to weapon pits and perimeter defence being established. That had to happen later. The battery was still setting up.

The operation was to deny the VC support in the Slope 30 area. 7 RAR and 2 RAR would search and destroy, clear and resettle the residents of the Xa Bang community.

108 Fd Bty YS 4477 and 161 Fd Bty NZ YS 4677 would be in direct support from an FSB just south of Binh Gia on the western side of the highway.

Survey computations were in progress when the forward elements of 108 Fd Bty arrived by road. They immediately set to chopping down rubber trees to clear a landing area for six Chinooks bringing in the howitzers.

Surveyors were required to assist as the 'lift' was on its way. Coordinates and bearings were put on hold in the scramble to unload gear in a whirlwind. Surveyors returned to computations and a sunshot for bearing as 161 Bty flew into their position further east in the FSB.


By the time 108 Bty and 161 Bty NZ guns were positioned, they were on theatre grid.

## Perimeter Defence

The Surveyors' weapon pit with M60 linked the substantial 108 Bty bunker on our left and the sandbagged pit of 161 Bty NZ that edged into the rubber on our right. To our front, once again was the 3-strand cattle fence.

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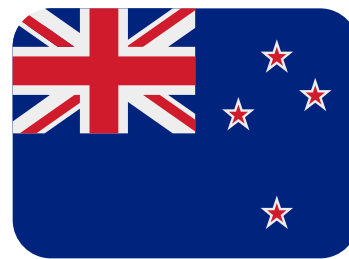
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# LAST POST



- DODD, Jack. 627052, L/Bdr. 161 Bty Vietnam. Malaya/Borneo. Passed away peacefully on 23 Jul 2024 in Whanganui, aged 82.
- GRAY, Lance Phillip (Gov). 161 Bty, RNZA. Passed away on 21 Jul 2024 in Tauranga.
- STENNING, Allan Keith. 925898, Sgt, RNZA, CMT. Passed away peacefully in July 2024.
- DAWSON, Peter (Pete). T855778, WO2, 32(E) and HQ Btys, 3 Fd Regt RNZA. Life Member and current committee member of the RNZA Association. Passed away peacefully in his sleep on 6 July 2024 in Darfield.
- ORMSBY, William Tutawhiao (Tutu) BEM. 4(G) Mdm Bty, RNZA. Passed away on 26 Jun 2024.
- KEREKERE, Henare Lewis (Henry). 41847, 161 Bty Vietnam. Passed away on 24 Jun 2024.
- MORTON, Vicki. Bdr, 1 Loc Trp, RNZA. Passed away suddenly on 5 Jun 2024.
- WILLIAMS, Kenneth D (Chonk). 43491, 161 Bty Vietnam. Passed away on 4 Jun 2024 in Auckland hospital aged 75.
- HERLIHY, Thomas. 161 Bty, RNZA. Passed away in Sydney Australia in June 2024.
- WALES, Anthony James (Tony). 30725, Colonel. 161 Bty Vietnam, NZSAS. Passed away peacefully on 31 May 2024 at his home in Mount Gambier, South Australia.
- FOOTE, John Edmund. 452413, Capt, NZ Arty, WW2 and J Force (Japan). 3 Fd Regt, 5 Fd Regt, 25 Fd Bty. Passed away peacefully on 31 May 2024 in Auckland, aged 102 years.
- BUCHANAN, Byron QSM. 452947, Lance Sergeant, 5 Fd Regt NZ Arty, WW2. Passed away on 25 May 2024 in the Hawkes Bay, aged 101 years.
- DIGGLE, Bruce. 206869, SSgt, 16 Fd Regt, Korea. Passed away on 14th May 2024 in Wellington aged 95 years.
- GIBSON, James Andrew (Jim). 969056, Sgt, 16 Fd Regt RNZA, Korea. Passed away on May 5, 2024 in Invercargill aged 92 years.
- NESHAUSEN, Wilford Stuart. 38841, WO2, RNZAOC, 161 Bty Vietnam. Passed away on 29 Apr 2024 aged 84.
- LYFORD, Donald George. 774485, RNZA, Korea. Passed away on April 29 2024 in Ashburton, aged 90 years.
- MANSON, Mayne W. 41409, 161 Bty Vietnam. Passed away in Vung Tau Vietnam on 28 Apr 2024.
- SHORTT, Roger J. 210666, 161 Bty Vietnam. Passed away on 16 Apr 2024 in Sydney, Australia, aged 82.
- ROBERTS, Alan E. 472849, 161 Bty Vietnam. Passed away on 29 Mar 2024 aged 82 years.
- MCGREGOR, Robin Allan. 208512, Gnr, 16 Fd Regt, Korea. Passed away peacefully on Feb 15 2024 aged 93 years.
- CHRISTIESON, Bruce. RNZA. Passed away on the 17th Jan 2024 in Te Awamutu.
- BROWNE, William Campbell Franklin (Campbell). A208472, WO2, RNZA & RNZEME, 16 Fd Regt Korea and 161 Bty Vietnam. Passed away on 20 Jul 2023 aged 92.
- TOMPKINS, Sir David Lance KNZM, KC. Capt, 1 Fd Regt, RNZA. Former Chancellor of the University of Waikato. Former Judge of the High Court of NZ. Passed away 1 Jul 2023 in Auckland aged 93.
- MASON, Michael L (Mick). 804765, 161 Bty Vietnam. Passed away on 16 Feb 2023 aged 81