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1. PRESIDENTS REPORT

The past three months have been very active ones for all gunners; several wreaths were laid on behalf of the Association around the country on ANZAC Day, and the lead role played by gunners in commemorations in Christchurch and the Waikato shows that the Gunners are still an influence in the maintenance of NZ's military heritage. Congratulations to those people who continue to play an active role in their local organisations, it is what gives us our own national identity.

Gunners Day on 26 May was well commemorated (and celebrated) throughout the country. The formal commemorative service in Wellington organised by David Weston, and the Formal/Informal social functions held in Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch and Dunedin show that the 'Gunner Spirit' remains alive throughout the country. The foundations are there, in place, to allow us to pursue our charitable aims; to expand our social networks so that we can identify any of our mates who are in need of assistance but who may have fallen through the cracks of the formal welfare agencies. Our aim is not to replace those formal welfare institutions (WINZ and VANZ) but to help those in need to get what they deserve from these agencies. We can only achieve this through strong local social networks.

It is taking some time to get the new website functioning smoothly, and it has forced one of our stalwarts, Mike Dakin, to come out of retirement and control the 'bedding-in' process. We are all grateful to Mike and the new Secretary Bernie McCort for taking on unpopular duties which are essential to ensure the Association wheels continue to turn.

The Reunion in Palmerston North/Linton in October promises to be a very memorable occasion, and we would love to see wide attendance from around the country. See the Registration Form later in this Newsletter and REGISTER NOW. Don't leave it until later.

Best wishes to you all, Ubique, **Tony McLeod**

Colin Jansen – Letter of Thanks

On behalf of the RNZA Assn, thank you for the amount of effort you put into hosting the 101 Field Battery Assn members on their visit to Auckland over the ANZAC Day period. You did us proud with the attention you paid to the needs of the Aussies. Our banner paled into insignificance in comparison to their banner, but at least we now know where the Australians are coming from in terms of 'marketing' their Associations!.

The WW2 vehicles were an excellent addition to the whole event; they created a unique atmosphere, and were a real point of difference for the commemorations. I know that the WW2 gunners appreciated the ride, and enjoyed the service from the comfort of the vehicles.

Many thanks

Tony McLeod, President, RNZA Assn

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Note



Date for Ex Ben Cat to be confirmed



2. LAST POST

42548 Pte **BARRON** Russell J (SVN V3 68/69), ex President Christchurch RSA, passed away 18 May 2013 in Christchurch.

J Force No 819640/K Force No 206159 Bdr **FITCHETT** Benjamin Gordon Campbell J Force and 16 Fd Regt K Force
Passed at Palmerston North Hospital on 16 April 2013, aged 86 years.

Col R R **HARDING** (RNZASC) (known behind his back) as Raging Ron, passed away Mon 6 May 2013., ex K Force and probably better known when he was Commander ATG. Bill Harding (the farmer) drove his truck through Ruapehu Rd gate and knocked the picket hut partly off its base so RR sent a 2Lt up to see Bill to tell him to fix it. So Bill sent the 2Lt back with the message "Fix it yourself or I will buy your Camp off you!!" God knows what transpired after that. as an aside RR and Bill were really good mates

36157 Sgt **MOORE** Michael Terence who served in the British Army during WWII - 1837097 Sgt 23rd RATR and in the NZ Army, 4th Mdm Regt RNZA, passed away on 1st April 2013.

After Ron Cross, RNZA had delivered The Ode and those there had laid their Poppies on his coffin, his mates raised tots of Guinness to his memory - "What a way to go, once a Gunner, always a Gunner."

3. REPORT FROM COL COMDT

Greetings to all Gunners and members of the Association. It has been a busy period for the Royal Regiment.

The Regimental parade in Linton on 23rd of April saw the changeover of RSMs where RSM Kareko formally handed over duties to RSM McAsey. There were also medal presentations.

Anzac Day followed with the Regiment and Association active throughout New Zealand. 16 Field Regiment participated in Raglan, Hunterville, Palmerston North and Linton, and Paraparaumu. As Colonel Commandant I joined 163 Battery at Paraparaumu for the dawn and civic ceremonies. I then went across to the Wairarapa and spoke at a ceremony at the Anzac Memorial Bridge south of Eketahuna. Association members attended dawn and civic services throughout the country.

Gunners' Day celebrations included functions in Auckland, Linton, Horowhenua, Wellington, Christchurch and Dunedin. I celebrated gunners day with the Dunedin and deep South gunners over dinner on the Saturday night and a spectacular five rounds gunfire from a 105 mm L5 at dawn on the Dunedin waterfront Sunday morning. I then had lunch with a large group of Canterbury gunners at the Papanui RSA in Christchurch, after a short Memorial service and wreathlaying ceremony. I can report that the South Island gunners are in very good heart. Sadly they lost one of their stalwarts, Russ Barron, a few days before

Gunners' Day. Next year my plan is to celebrate Gunners' Day in Wellington, Horowhenua, and Linton.

I also had a few days out on Exercise Brimstone in Waiouru with the School and 163 Battery at the start of June. This was the final live firing testing exercise for gun 2IC's and the young officer section commanders at the end of their courses. The first half of the exercise was on mortars and the second half on guns. The students and Battery worked hard to get through the qualifying processes. Part of the mortar activity included a series of mortar direct fire engagements. Although this sounds like a contradiction in terms, and was a first time for me, it means that the number one engages a target directly rather than taking predicted mortar data from a command post. Personally, I would prefer to engage through the direct firing sight on a gun.

The CO, RSM and I met with the Band management group and trustees early this month to progress the working relationship between the Band and the Regiment. This will become at least an annual event, and focused on the interrelationship and the outcomes required by the heads of agreement signed last year when the band was disestablished as a military unit. The band is in good shape. Recruitment is going well, and playing strengths are satisfactory. The instrument replacement plan remains in place, supported by the Mount Wellington Licensing Trust, who have provided the support for many years. The Band is working hard to develop playing engagements that will provide sufficient cash flow to allow the band to operate efficiently.

It looks like the Band will be a star performer at the Association reunion in Palmerston North and Linton in October.

Finally, in terms of my activities, the CO, RSM and I attended the end of a 11/4 Battery training weekend in mid June where operational and service medals were presented, new Gunners transferring from the Infantry Battalion to the Battery were presented with their berets and stable belts, and a couple of mortar men were farewelled who were transferring back to the infantry.

The Regiment now goes into a period of maintenance and block leave returning in late July for the regimental sports. They have had a busy period with a number of major field exercises, various individuals and groups of gunners away overseas or about to go overseas on a range of attachments and Allied exercises, plenty of support for the school for the range of technical and trade courses, and young officer and GPO training, as well as the normal range of senior NCOs and officers away on their promotion programs. They will deserve the leave.

Finally, the oldest Gunner active in the Association, Graeme Hutcheson, who joined the Regiment in 1935 and served throughout the Egyptian and Italian campaigns in 5 Field Regiment, is off to Malta. Graeme has made contact with the Royal Malta Artillery Association and we have provided him with a letter of fraternal greetings from the Royal Regiment of New Zealand Artillery.

Ubique, Barry Dreyer, Col Comdt. RNZA

4. REPORT FROM CO 16 FD REGT Lt Col Matt WESTON

The Regimental Year to Date

Greetings to all!

The second quarter of 2013 has been a busy one for the Regiment. The Gunners are in the process of completing their 4th live shell practise and many of the soldiers have been in the field from late April with just the odd week off in between. Exercises Hellfire and Brimstone have been conducted in support of the School of Artillery.

These exercises have seen the successful completion of:

- Command Systems Sergeants Course, a new course combining the Operator Command Post and Signals Sergeants Courses
- Gun Position Officers Course
- Young Officers Course and
- Gun Bombardiers Course.

The Young Officers and Gun Bombardier's testing exercise included a challenging period of deploying mortars "on foot" with a night approach march carrying very heavy loads. To increase the challenge a new type of pack had just been issued so the make up of loads was somewhat experimental and many lessons were learnt.

Recently 163 Battery deployed on Exercise Alam Halfa in support of 1 RNZIR. The exercise comprised of a live firing build up phase in Waiouru followed by a counter insurgency operation in the Northern Wairarapa. Much of the Gunner's time was spent conducting civil military cooperation tasks (as well as stitching together the infantry radio nets!). We had US and Canadian Gunners deploy with us as part of the exercise which enabled much sharing of ideas and experiences.

As mentioned above, 16 Fd Regiment is now responsible for civil – military cooperation. As a result we are deploying 3 staff officers and a civil military liaison team with the US Navy into the Pacific to conduct civil aid tasks. The chaps will be deployed in late June and return home in August. The Adjutant of 16 Fd is currently deployed on the USS Pearl Harbour and has just been appointed Civil Military Cooperation Director for the remainder of the exercise.

The Regiment still has a number of Officers and NCOs deployed on operations around the world from Afghanistan to Sinai. They are fulfilling a wide range of roles to a fine standard.

The Regiment is now looking forward to a period of maintenance and leave prior to the Regimental sports competition in Jul, Ex Ben Cat in August and competing for the Cordite Cup with QAMR in September.

This quarter has also seen several changes of key appointment; most importantly the change over of RSM. WO1 Kareko has left to attend the US Sergeant Majors Academy in El Paso, Texas. This is a 12 month course that aims to equip WO for higher appointments.



The new RSM is WO1 Wayne McAsey. He is a very experienced WO whose previous appointment was as RSM 5 Battalion. WO1 McAsey is a great addition to the Regiment.

Ubique. Lt Col **Matt Weston**, RNZA

Exercise Eagle Link Test's Local Gunners

The NZ Army's 11/4 Battery conducted Artillery training in and around Riverhead, North of Auckland earlier this month.

11/4 Battery regularly gathers to conduct exciting and challenging training. The Battery is the Army Reserve component of the Army's 16th Field Regiment Regiment, and provides indirect fire support to forces using artillery guns and mortars. Members of the Battery come from across Auckland and the wider area and hold down a wide variety civilian roles from Monday to Friday.

The aim of the exercise was to train and assess the members of the Battery in the conduct of the defence of the Battery from small scale attacks and also its primary role of firing Artillery missions in support of other troops.

This particular exercise was conducted in the Riverhead Forest area, near Kumeu. It was designed to develop soldiers' technical and tactical skills as a member of a Battery. Tasks continued non-stop over two days and included developing a defensive position, responding to enemy attacks, and the treatment of casualties.

Maj Richard Buchan, CO 11/4 Bty, said "this was a demanding exercise due to the complex tactical scenario, not to mention the rough terrain and weather, but everyone really stepped up and proved they were up to the task".

After two days of intensive activity the battery emerged from the forest, tired as well as extremely wet after a very challenging and exciting weekend.

Article Supplied by Maj R Buchan, BC 11/4 Bty, via Kemp Solomon



Gun coming into action with mortars behind

5. GUNNER ACTIVITIES

A. ANZAC DAY LONG TAN SVN

Greetings All,

The ANZAC Day service started to look very interesting this year about 2 weeks out from the day. First got a request to assist with a visiting party from HMNZS Te Mana, which was going to be in Ho Chi Minh City at that time. They were going to send a group of 10 pers to attend the service, included in the group was the grandson of Graham BIRCH.

I had also received an email from a V. Vet. who was living in Thailand. This was from John GOSNEY, who was with the LAD detachment at Vung Tau and Nui Dat in 1966. Before that, John had travelled to England with the Gunners on "Powerhorn". After retirement from the Army, John had continued to work on the "big outside" before moving to Thailand where he has been for the last 6 years.

For personal reasons, John has only ever attended one ANZAC Day service but after some emails, he decided to come to Vung Tau and attend ANZAC Day 2013, at Long Tan. This was a very big



step forward for John and I think that the end result was more than worth it. We both killed many brain cells as a lead-up to ANZAC Day. I had also offered to lay wreaths at Long Tan on behalf of the EVSA and the Gunners Assn. I had ordered two wreaths/floral displays from my local florist and made up two signs for them, stating they were from the President and members of each Assn. In the end, John laid the EVSA wreath and I laid the Gnr's Assn one.

John has since moved on to Hoi An and Hanoi and is due back in Vung Tau at the end of this week.

The service at Long Tan had a great Kiwi flavour to it as there was a North Island tour group there, local Kiwis from Saigon/Vung Tau and the group from Te Mana. The NZ Ambassador spoke very well but was hidden from our view because of the crowd, which I guess to be around 400 plus. It was good that I was able to hand out Kiwi poppies where I could and have asked the Christchurch RSA to send me over some more for next year.

This is my second year of attending the ANZAC Day service at Long Tan and I have to say

that it is very moving and, as with all ANZAC Day services, a great display of the true ANZAC spirit.

It was a pleasure to lay those wreaths on behalf of the EVSA and NZ Gunners Assn. and would be quite happy to do it again next year. I have since found a printer who will print off for me, a banner to go with each wreath.

I hope ANZAC Day went well for everyone and I hope the year ahead finds everyone healthy and wealthy.

Regards to All, **Mayne MANSON.**

Coming to you from Vung Tau. Find me if you can.



B. THE GUNNER SPIRIT ALIVE AND WELL IN THE WAIKATO

Whilst we didn't have 5 Gunners on parade on ANZAC day in Te Aroha we did have 3 and these 3 ex Gunners held the 3 key positions.

1. Mayor Mr Hugh Vercoe Presiding over the Parade
2. Parade Marshall Mr Phillip Legg ex Sgt 4 medium Battery
3. President Te Aroha RSA Myself Russell Smith ex Sgt 161 battery, 4 mdm battery.

Both in the Mayors speech and mine the proud reputation of the gunners got mentioned, as it did in a radio interview I did on ANZAC morning. So I can assure you all that even though there might only be a few of us in good old Te Aroha we make our mark.

Ubique, **Russell Smith**, President Te Aroha RSA.

C. ANZAC DAY AUCKLAND 2013

A pictorial display of the above follows:

1. Gathered after the parade:



Left to Right: Bill Stewart, Peter Miles, Craig Hewitt and Tony McLeod

2. Joining Others for a Cup of Tea (Yeah Right)



Left to Right: Tony McLeod, Tony Irving, Rei Pita (President Takapuna RSA), Mike Dakin and Bill Stewart

3. Visiting Australian “Gunnery”




101 (Aust) Field Battery Assn

4. World War 2 Veterans sitting in a WW11 Jeep



Back Row L to R: Lloyd Bell-Booth, John Foote
Front Row: Bevan Hayson with their Driver.



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See pages 10 and 11 of this newsletter for all the details.

D. GUNNERS DAY 2013 SINAI EGYPT



Gnr's enjoying a couple of rum and coffee's at 0530hrs before PT are pictured above.

From left: Sgt W Williams, WO1 R McLean, Sgt G Edwardson, SSgt C Andrews and Lt Col R Moody, Absent - Maj Gen W Whiting and Sgt J Tohiariki.

The current NZCON rotation on Op Farad in Sinai has a very Gnr heavy feel to it with six current and former Gnr's included in the twenty eight NZ per's deployed. When you include the current MFO Force Commander Maj Gen Whiting it means members of the RNZA hold some very key roles within the MFO.

Within NZCON Lt Col Moody is SNO, WO1 McLean RSM, SSgt Andrews Op's Instructor, Sgt's Williams and Edwardson hold Driving Instructor positions while Sgt Tohiariki a former Gnr is the FC's Driver. Lt Col Moody and WO1 Mclean also fulfil senior appointments within the MFO.

E. GUNNERS DAY DINNER PAPPURA RSA

This year I attended the first Dinner that was not arranged by Jeff Waters for some 17 years. This year **Peter Anderson** arranged it with help from others.

The preparation, food and everything to do with the Dinner was an outstanding success, par excellence.

Although the band was not there, due to costs, this did not pose any problem for the success of the evening. **PETER**, top marks for a job well done and good fortune for 2014.

Sadly the 2014 Dinner can not be held on Gunner's Day due to the restaurant being closed on a Monday. However, things could change, although the Dinner on a Saturday may attract more people.

To the people who attended the 2013 Dinner on their own, next year bring a partner if you can.

Article Supplied by Graeme Black

A Pictorial View of the Papakura Gunners Day Dinner



Left: LBdr Colin Jansen, Right Ken Davie and partner



Left to Right: Lt Oliver Lynn and Sgt Tolohof of 11/4 Bty



LBdr Shaylesh Ramji of 11/4 Bty and partner



Left to Right: Betty Kerslake, Kitty Simeon and Peter Anderson




Left to Right: Kevin Burnell, Jan Burnell, Tony McLeod and Greg Thwaite



Left to Right: Rod, Gil and Trevor Pilcher



Left to Right: Graeme Black, Bernie McCort and Denis Dwane



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F. A POEM FOR ANZAC DAY

He was getting old and paunchy and his hair was falling fast, he sat around the RSA, telling stories of the past. Of a war that he once fought in and the deeds that he had done, in his exploits with his buddies; they were heroes, every one and 'tho sometimes to his neighbors his tales became a joke, all his mates listened quietly for they knew where of he spoke but we'll hear his tales no longer, for ol' Bob has passed away, and the world's a little poorer for a Soldier died today

He won't be mourned by many, just his children and his wife for he lived an ordinary, very quiet sort of life. He held a job and raised a family, going quietly on his and the world won't note his passing, 'Tho a Soldier died today. When politicians leave this earth, their bodies lie in state, while thousands note their passing, and proclaim that they were great. Papers tell of their life stories from the time that they were young but the passing of a Soldier goes unnoticed, and unsung. Is the greatest contribution to the welfare of our land, some jerk who breaks his promise and cons his fellow man?

Or the ordinary fellow who in times of war and strife, goes off to serve his country and offers up his life? The politician's stipend and the style in which he lives, are often disproportionate, to the service that he gives. While the ordinary Soldier, who offered up his all, is paid off with a medal and perhaps a small pension,

It's so easy to forget them, for it is so many times that our Bobs and Jims and Johnnys, went to battle, but we know, it is not the politicians with their compromise and ploys, who won for us the freedom that our country now enjoys.

Should you find yourself in danger, with your enemies at hand, would you really want some cop-out, with his ever waffling stand? Or would you want a Soldier: his home, his country, his kin, just a common Soldier, who would fight until the end. He was just a common Soldier, and his ranks are growing thin, but his presence should remind us we may need his like again

For when countries are in conflict, we find the Soldier's part is to clean up all the troubles that the politicians start. If we cannot do him honor while he's here to hear the praise, then at least let's give him homage at the ending of his days..

Perhaps just a simple headline in the paper that might say: **"OUR COUNTRY IS IN MOURNING, A SOLDIER DIED TODAY."**

G. 16 FIELD REGIMENT MEMORIAL

16 Fd Regt are planning a Regimental Memorial between RHQ and the Regt parade ground. The Memorial will list those KIA and died whilst on active service for both Korea and Vietnam, and any other active service/warlike operations.

There will also be a list of those who died whilst serving in 16 Fd Regt, but not on active service –

these are training casualties, accidents, sudden deaths and the like. We have established the list below and would like any corrections or omissions please, before we send it to Army Records to get full detail and confirmation of the list.

Please email Barry Dreyer at b.dreyer@clear.net.nz if you can help.

DIED WHILE SERVING IN 16 FD REGT AND NOT ON ACTIVE SERVICE

Lbdr Ian James Chilton
42103 Bdr Warren G Cox *
Barry Mohi
L925438 WO2 Les G Jackson *
X53772 M Wharehinga
Gnr TMMT Puia
D56445 Gnr AG Sorenson
P57671 Sgt Dean Maxwell 1989
Gnr Stephens
Kev Briden
Lbdr White
Gnr Hall – is this 42480 PJ Hall?
P556153 Sgt V Tawhiwhi Brown*
Maj Ian Anderson – some doubt on unit for Ian
42297 Lbdr M Heremaia*
51511 Lbdr Mark A Whittle*
41843 Gnr T Doug Huwyler*
40452 Lbdr Hec Ngahoata*
44403 WO 2 Lyn WS Wynne*
Ray Dossett

*Indicates served with 161 Bty in Vietnam

H. FUND RAISING PROJECT: The Long Tan Cup` - 16 Field Regt Rugby League Trip Australia

16 Fd Regt are currently planning a rugby league trip to Australia in October 2013. They will play 6RAR and 1 Fd Regt- a Long Tan Cup is the prize. The trip is being funded by the players themselves, and we think it would be a nice gesture to the serving soldiers if Association members could help support the trip.

We already have donations from a couple of Members, and if you would like to help out, please send a cheque to the Treasurer, PB 110107, Auckland Hospital, Auckland 1148, or make a Direct Credit by internet Banking to our Bank Account; RNZA Assn Kiwi Bank 38-9007- 0694501-00 (please use Reference `League Trip`).

Be it ever so small, it is the thought of ex-gunners supporting serving gunners which counts. Lots of small donations can become one reasonable size donation. I would like to set a target of \$1000, and hope that with your support we might be able to double that!! Be a part of the `Long Tan Cup` challenge, and share in the glory (or otherwise) of the 16 Field Regt Rugby League Team.

Go the mighty Gunners! (my apologies to the Mad Butcher for stealing his logo).

Ubique, **Tony McLeod**, President, RNZA Assn

6. HONORARY MEMBERSHIP of the RNZA Assn - Pamela (Pam) Jean MILEY-TERRY, RNZNC, QSM

Pam grew up in the small settlement of Te Whaiti, moving towards the end of her high school days to Tokoroa. She began her nursing training in 1956 at the Waikato Hospital, Hamilton, retiring in April 2003 from OSH Rotorua, having given 47 years service to the nursing profession.



In 1962 Pam enlisted in the Royal New Zealand Nursing Corps and from February 1969 to February 1970 she served in South Vietnam, where she was based at Vung Tau, attached to the 1st

Australian Field Hospital. During this period she established a special `caring association` with many soldiers, many of which continue to this day. (Pam was one of nine NZ nurses attached to 1 As Field Hospital).



On return from Vietnam, she was posted to Waiouru, where she saw out her service as Matron of the Waiouru Military Camp Hospital. Pam then took time out to do her OE in England and in 1974 she became a

Public Health Nurse in Nuhaka where she met and later married Dennis Terry, 1 NZSAS, in Singapore. (Dennis later died in a training accident in the Phillipines). From 1989 to 2003 Pam was involved with the Health Department and OSH in the Bay of Plenty area.



Pam has been sought out for advice and assistance to soldiers both from within New Zealand and overseas, on issues relating to Vietnam Vets health issues and general military health issues. She has researched, prepared papers and then handed these over to the local RSA Welfare/Pension representative for many pension claims, most of which have been successful due to her efforts. Seeing a special need, Pam organised a most successful workshop for local vets and their families on post traumatic stress disorder, and as the local EVSA representative has arranged functions to ensure the

ongoing comradeship and sharing of issues by this group. She has attended conferences to keep up to date with Veteran Health issues, and has been the Guest Speaker at ANZAC Day Civil Ceremonies in both Rotorua and Te Awamutu and school services at Nuhaka and Whakatane.

This poem `Sister` was written by Mike Subritsky to commemorate the work of Pam and all the Kiwi nurses.

Sister

*Young man, you ask me who I am,
And why I wear this faded ribbon...
I am the woman, who held your
dying uncle's hand, and wrote a
letter once that broke your
grandma's heart.*



*I am she, who met the `Dust-Off` at the door,
and carried bloodied broken bodied through to
triage.
Then cut through muddied boots and bloody
combat gear, and washed away the blood and
fear and jungle.*

*I kept the faith even when hope was lost,
and cried within as young lives ebbed away
Those hours when death frosted dying eyes,
mine was the last smile many young men saw
I have the voice, that blinded eyes remember,
and the touch of reassurance through the pain
In darkest night when combat would return,
it was my name that many soldiers called*

*I have dressed their wounds and wiped away their
tears, and often read them letters sent from Mum
I hugged them close and willed each one my
strength, and smiled and prayed that each boy
made it home
And here today you ask me who I am...
I am the nurse who served in Vietnam.*

Mike Subritsky

Justice of the Peace

A JP is authorized to witness and sign statutory declarations and affidavits. They also have certain powers to issue search warrants, and (in conjunction with another Justice of the Peace) may try minor criminal trials in the district court and exercise powers to remand defendants in custody, grant bail, and adjourn court hearings. They are nominated for office by local Members of Parliament.

RNZA President Tony McLeod recently swore the judicial oath, **"I will do right to all manner of people after the laws and usages of New Zealand, without fear or favour, affection or ill will."**

We congratulate him on being appointed a Justice of the Peace. (JP).

7. UNIT CITATIONS

A. The USA Meritorious Unit Commendation

About this award

This citation was awarded to the 1st Royal Australian Regiment and its attached units to recognise service with the United States Army 173rd Airborne Brigade in Vietnam. The New Zealand Unit, 161 Battery Royal New Zealand Artillery was attached to the Australian Regiment during this period and as a result its personnel received this award. The Sovereign has approved the wearing of the United States Army Meritorious Unit Commendation by members of 161 Battery Royal New Zealand Artillery.

Personnel who were posted to the unit during the period for which the citation was awarded are entitled to permanently wear the United States Army Meritorious Unit Commendation on the right breast. Personnel subsequently posted to the unit may wear the citation only while they are serving with the unit.

B. The Cross of Gallantry with Palm

Awarded (1971) to 161 Bty RNZA by the President of the Republic of South Vietnam

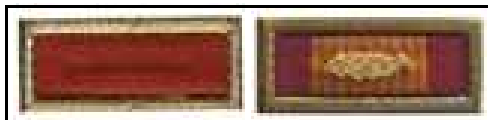
Over six years the Battery has served continuously, with not one day out of action as a unit. While experiencing every change of fortune with the people of South Vietnam by their continued presence, the Battery has also built itself an enviable record for its professionalism and competency.

Initially their sterling efforts at that time were recognised on 12 October 1965 when the Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Silver Star was awarded to the Battery Commander for all ranks.

In their long stay in South Vietnam the Battery soldiers have made many local friends, particularly among the children. Orphanages have been adopted wherever they have served but they also leave village walls and two schools behind them as a mark of concern for, and faith in, the future of the country they have fought for.

Lt. General Cao-Van-Vien
Chief, Joint General Staff, RVNAF

Note: They are worn on the right breast and as facing them from left to right



8. WARNING ORDER Exercise Ben Cat

Note: Date Yet to be Confirmed

The CO 16 Fd Regt, Lt Col Matt Weston, has once again invited members of the RNZA Assn to join the regiment in the field during a Live Firing Field Exercise on Saturday 17 August 2013. (Date to be confirmed)

Logistics:

RV Point: Old WO's and SSgt Mess, Waiouru
RV Time: 10.00am Saturday 17 August 2013
(*date to be confirmed*)

Transport to/from Waiouru: Own responsibility
Dress: Own Responsibility, suitable for cold and wet weather

Accommodation: Officers Mess, Casual Mess
Fees \$5.00 per person.

Evening Meal Saturday: BBQ Officers Mess

Breakfast Sunday: All Ranks Mess

Ear Protection: Take your own to be sure.

Attendees are invited to make a \$20 donation to the 16 Fd Regt League Trip, to be collected at the weekend.

Numbers: The number of attendees will be limited to **30**, accepted on a first in first served basis.

If you would like to attend please email the RNZA Assn Secretary, Bernie McCort, at rnza.association@gmail.com
Or phone her at 07 345 3643

Don't forget, the date is yet to be confirmed

From the Secretary's Desk

A. New Members

Welcome to all our new members of the RNZA Assn. Due to a technical glitch, which has now been remedied, we may not have all your relevant details. It would be appreciated if you could go to our website: www.rnzaa.org.nz click on the "Membership" section the "Join the RNZAA" and fill in all your details. This will ensure that you get all the relevant information. Don't forget to check out our Facebook Page - www.facebook.com/groups/RNZAA to connect with other members.

B. MuzzleFlashes

Muzzle Flashes are now up and running but we need some interesting titbits to add—contact our webmaster on muzzleflashesnz@gmail.com



The Royal NZ Artillery Association Inc -79th Annual Reunion - AGM

18TH-20TH October 2013



To be held at the *Royal NZ Naval Association Clubrooms, 20 Domain Street, Palmerston North*

The closure of the Palmerston North RSA, in December 2012, the venue for many successful Corps and Unit reunions in recent years, was a cause of some initial concern for the Reunion Organisers.

In a spirit of Inter Service cooperation- the Royal NZ Naval Association Inc.(PN Branch), offered their Clubrooms as a venue for our gathering. Not a large facility but appropriate as a central gathering place. The Service environment and the Naval memorabilia will warm the hearts of those who were 'Coastal Gunners'. From the 1880's till 1961, the Artillery had a variety of launches servicing the coastal batteries in the Hauraki Gulf, in Wellington, and in Lyttleton . Launches with such names as – Ellen Balance ; Lady Roberts ; the Bombadier, The Lance Bombadier and the Gunner (later named the Sapper). A fascinating part of our history. We are especially grateful to the Naval Association for their hospitality, and sharing their comraderie.

Programme Outline

Friday 18 October

3.30 - 8pm: Registration. A members informal 'Meet and Greet' time to relax, mix and mingle. An opportunity to purchase some memorabilia etc. No special meal has been arranged, but nibbles and some finger food will be served between 6-8pm.

Saturday 19 October

9am. Registration and reception for the 'Late comers.' Time for a few quick 'warmers' or coffee revivers.

9.45am. A Powhiri from Rangitane, and a welcome from the President of the RNZAA.

10am - 1pm. Members travel to Linton , a field visit courtesy of 16Fd Regt.

10am - 1pm An optional trip to Feilding including a visit to the Coach House Museum and perhaps a look at the shops. You will need to budget a transport cost and an entry fee to the Coach House. (approx. \$10.00 pp) see www.herbfarm.co.nz

Please Note: Lunch own arrangements. The City has many relaxing Café's and a mix of shopping available, all adjacent to the venue.

5pm – 10.45pm. Assemble at the Clubrooms and then transport departs for Linton at **5.45pm**, for the highlight of the weekend, the Formal Dinner.

Dress Formal: Medals /Miniatures.

Sunday 20 October

09.30am. Commemorative Service at the Clubrooms. Followed by morning tea.

10am – 12pm, the Association AGM. Venue to be confirmed. Our hosts will be celebrating 'Trafalgar Day, which may necessitate our meeting being held in an adjacent venue.

Conclusion of the weekend celebrations.

Accommodation

Hotels and Motels are offering a range of discounts for those attending. The Masonic and Café de Paris Inn are older smaller style facilities, but most rooms have ensuite. Masonic also has TAB & Gaming facilities.

Please identify yourself as attending the "Reunion" when booking to secure the appropriate discount.

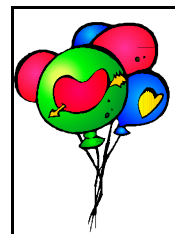
To assist us in planning possible transport needs please tick the name of the facility where you have booked accommodation on the Registration Form

Facilities adjacent to the Clubrooms:

BK'S Motor Lodge:	info@bkspalmerstonnorth.co.nz	06 353 5995
Masonic Hotel:	info@masonichotel.co.nz ;	
Café de Paris Inn :	www.cafedeparisinn.co.nz ;	06 3552130
Travelodge:	palmerstonnorth@travelodge.co.nz :	0800 101 100

Facilities within 10 minutes by car

Kingsgate:	Caitlyn.moore@millenniumhotels.com ;	06 356 8059
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Registration:

We encourage you to Register online using the Registration form on the website – www.rnzaa.org.nz, however, if this is not possible, use the Registration Form over the page and post to:

RNZA Association, P.O. Box 110107, Auckland. **Before Friday 26 August 2013, (note: military catering purposes has determined this date).**

Local Contact: Tom Roach: 06 323 5877, 0274 718 382 tomandbargoodlife@xtra.co.nz

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79th Annual Reunion & AGM: Registration Form

Number Attending: _____

Initials & Name: (1) _____ (2) _____

Contact Address: _____

Email: _____ Ph No: _____ (Mobile preferred)

Service No: _____ Operational Service In : _____

Names for Labels: (1) _____ (2) _____

Accommodation Booked: _____ (for transport)

Registration Fee: **\$95.00 per person** – this will include the following activities, but excludes Optional Trip which will be approx \$10.00

Day	Event	Please indicate attendance	
		Yes	No Attending
Friday 18 Oct	Registration/Meet and Greet/ Hospitality	_____	_____
Saturday 19 Oct	Field Trip to 16 Fd Regt Linton	_____	_____
	Optional tour (Add \$10.00)	_____	_____
	Formal Dinner Linton	_____	_____
Sunday 20 Oct	Commemorative Service/ AGM	_____	_____

Payment: (Tick the preferred Option) – Note there is a non refundable administration fee, which covers the basic cost of the registration documentation including Name tags, venue hire and catering morning teas.

___ *I have paid by Direct Credit to the Association's Kiwibank account 38 9007 0694501 00.*

Ensure your name is recorded with 'Reunion' in reference box and

Fill out the online Registration Form on www.rnzaa.org.nz

___ *My cheque is enclosed. (Mail cheque together with this Form to the Association)*

All Registrations will close on Friday 26 August 2013 (please note: military catering purposes has determined this date)

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Subscription Associate Members: \$20 per annum. Please send cheque to above address.

Donations: All charitable and welfare donations over \$5 are now tax deductible as the Association is a Registered Charity.

Email Addresses: Are you on the Internet? The Secretary may not be aware of your address. If you are not getting messages from the RNZA Association and wish to do so, let him have your address. Have you changed ISPs? Have you updated your Internet address? Some mail is being returned.

Input into The New Zealand Gunner: Short stories, especially with accompanying photographs are always welcome for inclusion. The Editor's email address is **dgroberts@xtra.co.nz**

Member Registration: New members are most welcome. **ALL** Gunners are eligible for Full Membership, it is **FREE**, and automatic once a gunner has served in the Regiment for more than 3 months. Associate Membership is available to anyone who has been attached to an RNZA Unit or has had a close affiliation therewith, and to close family of RNZA Gunners and to Gunners of any nation around the world. Membership application forms are on-line at the new website: rnzaa.org.nz.

Death of a Member: If you know of the passing of someone who was a Gunner or a member please tell the Secretary. Where possible a representative of the Association will attend the funeral.

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